

Peace Notes

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Prayer & Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Worship

Come, You Thankful People come... as we gather to... Sing to the Lord of Harvest ...in a traditional Thanksgiving Day Service. For another year of bounty and harvest... We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer Creator...

This is a good "Witness" event. Invite a friend. Many in our community look for such opportunities to join in ... *Praise and Thanksgiving, Father we Offer...* before feasting on turkey and watching the Packer-Lions game.

Thanksgiving Day Service
 Thursday November 26th
 at 9:00 AM



Just These Lines My Friend...

I hope that you enjoyed marking the map with your “Sacred Spaces and Places.” I heard some great “testimonials” from members of our congregation. Maybe you have a “story” to share too.

Some shared with me how “Home is a sacred space.” They are now having meaningful prayer time together as a family.

Others have shared how the “work place” has become a “place where God wants them.”

We are now ready to move into the “holiday months” with Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching. It’s a time when there is a lot of coming and going through the Open Door of your home... and the Open Door of church as well.

Let’s get this season started off right with a month-long emphasis on “Open the Door-Making Friends.” Over these next few Sundays we will explore the *Qualities of Good Friendship*. We will see how God bestows on us these very same qualities as He invites us into a relationship with Him.

November 1st – “Friendship expressed in Companionship”

November 8th – “Friendship expressed in Encouragement”

November 15th – “Friendship expressed in Trustworthiness”

November 22nd – “Friendship expressed in Truthfulness”

November 29th – “Bring a Friend to Worship”

Do you have a friend, a neighbor, a work colleague or even a family member that you’ve been planning to invite to church? If not, I’m sure that God will place someone before you that He wants you to invite from one of your “sacred spaces and places.”

We’ll join together, each of us, in a step-by-step/ week by week process that will include:

- 1) Praying for our friend
- 2) Placing your friends name on a card and placing it at the Altar
- 3) Giving a written invitation to your friend
- 4) Making that important “follow-up” to the invitation.

What a worship time that will be on November 29th! Can you picture it?

All God asks us to do is “Open Wide the Door.” By the power of His Holy Spirit, He’ll do the rest.

Pastor Schudde



Invite a Friend to Worship

Dear Family and Friends of Peace.

Have you had a chance to check out the “Church Calendar” lately? Believe it or not, *Advent* is just around the corner. In fact, the first Sunday of Advent is November 29th, and on this day, we will begin a new church year. So... “HAPPY NEW YEAR”!!!

But the *season of Advent* not only marks a new year on the church calendar, it also has special meaning in the life of the church. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin word that means an “arrival” or a “coming”. Therefore, *Advent* is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, and of longing.

To celebrate, our new church year, we have something really special planned. Not only will we begin preparations for the coming of our Lord Jesus, but we will prepare for the coming of our friends and neighbors, whom we will invite, as we “Open Wide the Door” of our church for them to come in and worship with us.

That’s right, we are planning a “Bring a Friend Sunday”! This month is your chance to invite all your friends and neighbors to Peace for a special day of worship and fellowship designed just for them. Even now, we are gearing up with special worship plans and gifts for all our guests as we are poised to roll out the red carpet. We want to prepare the way for our friends and neighbors to come and join us, so we can share together the wonderful joy of our coming Savior - Jesus Christ.

For this to happen, however, we first need to share our faith with those we wish to invite. But sharing faith is not always easy, is it? I mean, what do you think of when someone asks you about sharing Christ? “I can’t do that! I’m not qualified to witness; I’m not comfortable talking about my faith.” And the real biggie: “What if they say no?” (nobody likes rejection!)

Therefore, we need to be prepared to share our faith. Scripture reminds us to “*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*” (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

This is why we are offering a series of Sunday Adult Bible Classes starting on November 1st at 9:30 a.m. called “**Sharing your Faith**”. In these classes you will learn how to share your faith boldly and with confidence. The class schedule looks like this:

- November 1 Part I: Overcoming **FEAR!**
- November 8 Part II: Becoming a ***Magnetic Christian!***
- November 15 Part III: Communicating with **CLARITY!**
- November 22 Part IV: **GREAT EXPECTATIONS!**

These classes will coordinate with our Sermon series on friendship during the month of November, which undergirds our “Bring a Friend” initiative.

This is an exciting time, a time where people need to hear some Good News, and you have the **GREAT** news of the Gospel to share.

So let us stretch our comfort zone a bit and really “fill the tent”, as we share our faith in love - reaching out to all our un-churched friends and neighbors as we practice being care-filled, Bible founded and outreach focused for the sake of the gospel.

In Christ,

Pastor Rankin



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

I Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

*Little Lambs Of Peace Preschool
Presents:*

Fall Family Festival
Wednesday, November 18th
5:30 – 7:00pm

Come and join us for a hayride, games, bobbing for apples, gourd decorating, and a special guest appearance from Tom the Turkey! Bring your cameras!

Come and join us for dinner as hot dogs, popcorn, and other concessions will be available for purchase!

Please RSVP via the church office or by email...preschool@peacelutheran.org

LLOP News & Notes

Fours classes

November brings Pumpkins, gourds, and a farmers market to the dramatic play area of the classroom. The fours will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a “feast” complete with Pilgrims and Indians! They will design their own costumes as they learn about the history of the Thanksgiving holiday. The fours are also busy with their continued study of the alphabet, as well as counting, sorting and patterning.

Threes classes

November starts the Family Unit. God made all different types of families, and mine is right for me! Threes will have their Grandparents Day celebration on Thursday, November 19th during class times.

Two Toddlers

The Two-Toddlers will be wrapping up their 10 week session, and they will have a “Birthday Party For Jesus” celebration in December to close out this Session.

Session II will start January 4th with new activities

You can still enroll for this fun and exciting class! Just stop in the church office for more information!

Little Explorers

November begins the study of Native Americans. The Little Explorers will learn about the history of three tribes of Native Americans: the Pueblo, Iroquois, and the Plains Indians. They will try their hands at pottery, weaving, and beadwork.

Sunday School News & Notes

Regarding “Shhhhhh”

Thank you to parents for waiting until 10:30 to come down and get your children from their class rooms.

Keeping voices quiet during pick up has, and will continue to help the kids in the common area to be able to hear and learn and sing!



It is November, which means...
it is almost Thanksgiving!!

God has richly blessed us with so many things. Have you recently stopped to think about what God has given you – your home, car, meals to cook, bed to sleep in... your job? It is because of God all these things are possible.

In keeping with the theme "Open WIDE the Doors" for the month of November, we are going to collect food for the Feeding America Eastern WI (formerly known as Second Harvest of Wisconsin) food pantry.

Our Doors open OUT...

We are going to open our doors OUT and EXTEND God's blessings to those who can not buy their own food supplies. This month, God is calling the Peace Lutheran Church Sunday School children to bring offerings in the form of food!

We are asking for donations of food items or your regular monetary offering. Any monetary donations that will be collected will also go to the Feeding America Eastern WI.

Who will win the "Door" prize?

Competition is on! We are going to have 2 teams, Preschool-2nd Grade and 3rd-6th grade. These 2 teams will compete to collect 250 cans of food per group. For every monetary \$1.00 that is donated, we will count that as 1 can of food.

Total goal for the Sunday School kids is 500 cans of food! Wow!! Just think of all the families that we could help! A food-related prize is involved for the group that brings in the most.

What do we bring through the Door?

Week 1 – November 1st

PROTEIN
Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Tuna,
Canned Chili, Peanut Butter,
Canned & Dried beans

Week 2 – November 8th

FRUITS & VEGETABLES
Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables,
Canned Soup, Fruit Juices, Jelly

Week 3 – November 15th

CARBOHYDRATES
Pasta, Rice, Instant Potatoes, Macaroni
& Cheese, Cereal, Pancake Mix,
Oatmeal, Cake Mixes

Week 4 – November 22nd

DAIRY
Canned Milk, Instant Pudding, Dry
Milk

Week 5 – November 29th

YOUR CHOICE
Must be non perishable food items

Either Monday November 30th or Tuesday, December 1st, we are going to take the food that has been collected to the warehouse. The warehouse is only open Monday - Friday so we will need to go during the week.

Will God call you to be in the line of cars to transport the food to the warehouse? Please pray about that.

May God bless each and every single one of you, today and everyday!

Christine Radloff and Nikki Nelson



COTL News & Notes

November Servant Event

Pizza & College Care Packages

Date: Sunday, November 15th

Time: 12 - 2 PM

Location: Founder's Hall

Let's make sure our college students know they are loved and cared for! The senior high youth will spend some time preparing and assembling care packages to be mailed to our college students. A pizza lunch will be provided.



High School Bible Study

Our Gospel of John series continues downstairs on Sunday Mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 AM!

- November 1st The Truth about Hunger (John 6)
- November 8th The Truth about Freedom (John 7-11)
- November 15th The Truth about Church (John 12-15)
- November 22nd The Truth about Trouble (John 16-21)
- November 29th BIBLE TRIVIA!!!

Important Dates For Your Calendar

Wednesday, November 4th
COTL (Youth Room)

Wednesday, November 11th
COTL (Youth Room)

Sunday, November 15th
Care Packages & Pizza (12 – 2 PM @ Peace)

Wednesday, November 18th
COTL (Youth Room)

Wednesday, November 25th
No COTL – Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 6th
Christmas Caroling (Noon – 4 PM)

Sunday, December 13th
Christmas Party @ Hoelke's (6 – 8 PM)

Stewardship Corner

The leaves are falling and November has come to New Berlin and the surrounding area. The summer schedule is nice but I am so happy to see lots of people at church and Coffee Sip!

Did you miss any Sundays during the summer because you were on vacation? Did you worship wherever you happened to be that weekend? It's interesting to go to different churches and see what other congregations do during worship and fellowship. I have in the past attended a church in downtown Milwaukee on Good Friday. I like to hear a different organist or a different choir on occasion.

Members of the congregation recently received a letter from Vice President Doug Hubert and Treasurer Roy Isakson outlining our financial situation – serious to say the least! I am praying that the congregation will respond with open and generous hearts to increase their offerings where it is possible. God has surely blessed the congregation at Peace, and we have a giving spirit.

If you are a weekly giver, when you go away for a relaxing weekend vacation, please consider putting your normal weekly offering into your envelope and dropping it in the plate the next time you attend church.

We also offer the service of automatic withdrawals from your bank account into the Peace account, known as Simply Giving. This service makes it easy for you to budget and make your offering weekly or monthly, and makes your life easier by giving you one less thing to think about on Sunday morning. There are stickers you can place on your envelope so you can still bring it to place in the plate when the offering is collected.

If you have any questions about the program, please stop and pick up a sheet on Simply Giving at the information booth as you pass by on Sunday.

Sue Slotke

Book of the Month

Title: The Shack
Author: Wm. Paul Young
Publisher: Windblown Media

Mack's struggling after the horrible abduction of his daughter—it will take someone very special to Get him back to any semblance of a happy life. He's going to have to face his demons inside to begin.

The healing process and only God the Father (in the form of a woman!), Jesus, and the Holy Spirit can help.

This is a very popular work of fiction that is tough to put down—so pick it up today!

Allyson Doerflinger

Shop 'Til You Drop and Support the Lutheran Women's Missionary League!!

It is never too early to start thinking about Christmas Shopping!

Come help the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Peace by supporting this mission and the many things that they do within this organization.

A Holiday Open House and Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009, from 9-3 at Peace in Founder's Hall.

Come with family and friends and shop the many craft tables and home based businesses including: SILPADA Designs, Market America/Motives, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Entertaining at Home, Sprinkle Fingers, Painted Glass by Jan, Jewelry Creations by Debbie, Cardz 'n Things, just to name a few.

See you on Saturday, November 21st!

Pam Nievinski

Just Move It!

Join in the fun 30 to 45 minutes of exercise on Tuesday evenings in Founder's Hall. There are two sessions: first one starts at 6:15 p.m. and the second begins after the First Place class at 8:00 p.m.

We'll be learning basic line dancing and basic hip-hop. No experience necessary!

You're welcome to come to one or all three activities.

If you have questions, please see Stephanie Montano.

In Memoriam

John E. Mollwitz

John was born to Edwin and Dorothy Mollwitz on September 3, 1942. He had one sister Nancy, and later John became part of a blended family with the addition of step-mother Elsie and step-sister Shirley and step-brother Melvin Tess.

John was baptized on November 22, 1942 and later confirmed in his faith on March 25, 1956 at Garden Homes Lutheran Church on Roosevelt Street in Milwaukee. Immediately following his confirmation John became an usher at the church. It was a position he took seriously and continued to serve in this way up to the time of his death.

John was a graduate of Rufus King High School in Milwaukee. He went on to the University of Wisconsin where he received his bachelor's degree in 1964 and a master's degree in Journalism in 1968.

John developed a large network of friends in those he worked so closely with at the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison and then the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. He retired as a copy editor of the Journal's national and local news desks.

Much of John's volunteer time was spent at church. He was a strong supporter of Lutheran Campus Ministry and one could find him at Calvary Chapel in Madison, or the Lutheran Campus Ministry Center next to UW-Milwaukee and at Luther Chapel at Michigan State in East Lansing, Michigan.

John was proud of the fact that he served as a delegate to both District and National Conventions of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

God called his servant, John, to heaven on August 26, 2009.

Lloyd Marvin Tollefson

Lloyd was born January 27, 1938 at 9:38 am in South Milwaukee, the youngest of 10 children born to Clifford and Nettie Tollefson. He was baptized on March 27, 1938 at Trinity Church in South Milwaukee. On March 18, 1951 he was confirmed in faith at Our Father's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Lloyd joined the Air Force at an early age where he worked as an airplane mechanic until March 22, 1963. During his enlistment, Lloyd encountered adventures in California, Germany and New Jersey.

Upon his return from service, Lloyd took up the occupation of welding and began a long career at Caterpillar Tractor, then at Appleton Electric.

In 1969, Lloyd successfully courted Janice (nee Soyck). They were married on July 25, 1970 at Hope Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and remained happily married for 39 years. God blessed their marriage with a daughter, Rita, and eventually a son-in-law, Michael.

Lloyd developed a large network of friends who shared in his love of golf and hunting, but as time went on, Lloyd's time transitioned to spending it with his grandchildren, Cassie and Madelyn. Lloyd was proud of both of his granddaughters and carried the photos with him everywhere. Lloyd's true passion was his family and his dogs.

God called his servant, Lloyd, to heaven on October 10, 2009 with his family surrounding him.



Who's Hosting Coffee-Sip?

Those serving coffee sip for the month of November are listed below. Thank you all for your assistance in this fellowship function.

November 1, 2009

Robin Patin	262-679-1310
Matt & Lori Paulus	262-896-9038
Karen Pezzi	262-679-4236
Jon & Sara Pitcel	262-446-2869
*Gary & Carol Plopper	262-646-8006
Jim & Jill Pokorny	262-679-0133
Daun Puetz	414-425-4597
Mark & Chris Radloff	262-682-4130
Matt & Annette Radomski	262-679-9796
Perry & Cathy Radtke	414-422-6290
Don & Dorothy Range	262-679-9289

November 8, 2009

*Ken & Debbie Rankin	262-521-9189
James Rasmussen	262-797-7516
Tim & Kim Rewolinski	262-682-4007
Duane & Christine Rice	262-679-3103
Ross & Melissa Robinson	414-425-8820
John & Sharon Roche	262-679-0509
Scott & Renee Roeske	262-679-8663
Pete & Laurie Sapienza	262-662-5203
Jan Schindhelm	262-679-4498
Don & Marie Schlichting	262-375-8584

November 15, 2009

Matthew & Arlene Schneider	262-662-4747
Sue Schneider	414-801-7874
Glen & Bonnie Schopf	262-679-3235
Chuck & Susan Schroeder	262-244-1329
Mark & Kris Schudde	262-650-9160
Clair Schulz	414-427-3946
Cameron & Amy Sholty	414-526-6165
Greg & Sara Shuler	262-679-2073
Gary & Barb Sievert	262-679-2615
Bob & Joan Simeone	414-858-9570
*Susan Slottke	414-422-0277

November 22, 2009

Heather Slottke-Werther	414-520-3796
Paul Smith	262-662-5262
Jeff & Julie Sobieski	262-682-4446
Todd & Lynn Sprecher	262-679-0764
*Don & Bev Springer	262-679-0386
Don & Bridget Stachewicz	262-349-9198
Deborah Svehlek	262-679-5195
Dave & Barb Swarthout	414-858-2465
Kent & Jill Szalewski	262-784-8353
Ted & Heidi Szczupakiewicz	414-422-1512

November 29, 2009

Susan Taylor-Smith	414-529-9058
Norm & Rita Thays	262-682-4163
Dawn Thomas	262-679-8008
Art & Marilyn Thompson	262-679-0916
Don & Florence Trepel	414-858-2465
Mike & Beth Treptow	262-679-3095
*Mark & Lynda Troeger	262-895-6688
Mert & Stareen Troeger	262-293-9445
Rob Tyler	262-352-2116
Wendy Tyler	262-970-9814
Daniel Vasholz	262-706-3118

December 6, 2009

Bonnie & Bill Vath	262-782-3359
Armin Von Der Linden	262-349-6292
Bernice Weber	414-425-9066
*Bob & Joan Weber	414-425-9066
Rici Welden	262-679-4206
Pam Wendland	262-895-7186
Verl Wolf	414-422-1466
Larry Wright	414-975-9910
Larry & Sarah Wright	262-363-2291
Nick Wright	262-312-8212

The names with the asterisk will be the leader for the respective Sundays.

If you should have any questions, please contact Joan Weber at 414-425-9066.



November Birthdays

Bonnie Schopf	November 1
Jason Boesel Jarrid Hoepner	November 2
Tyler Flaa Caty Lou Kaczmarek	November 3
Jon Pitcel	November 4
Mark Luling Tyler Radtke	November 5
Arlene Dallmann Alexander Hoelke	November 6
Marvin Calewart Tammy Lindenstruth	November 7
Lillian Hardy	November 8
Vicki Kust	November 9
Arlene Schneider	November 10
Ervin Keinert	November 11
Lucas Bedroske Curt Kaczmarek	November 13
Lucas Hubert Jeep Kust Donald Stachewicz	November 14
Erica Werther	November 15
Michael Affolter Paul Hurlbut Arthur Thompson	November 17

Kurt Barry Bernice Weber	November 18
Amy Gillmore Mark Hurlbut Tonya Schlieve	November 19
Karlie Bakovic Carsen Daugherty Arlene Schlieve Cassandra Schneider	November 20
Parker Morrell	November 21
Roman Nowak	November 22
Tyler Hockett Dori Kuchler	November 23
Allie Thomas	November 25
Connor Ford	November 26
Donovan Sullivan	November 29



November 1, 2009

Remembering those who passed before us.