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NOTEWORTHY DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Aug. 2	9:30 –10:15a	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Aug. 10	7:00p	Right to Life Board
Aug. 11	6:00p	Board of Finance
	7:00p -7:45pm	all Boards, Committees, Bible Study and Information
Aug. 18	6:00p	Board of Elders
Aug. 26	2:00p	Calling & Caring

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	August	8:00am Divine Service also available on live stream 10:00am Divine Service - exception 10:30a.m. day of Voters' Meeting only 11:30am Bible Class (via Zoom)
Tuesday		9:30a Bible Study - Cancelled
Wednesday		Choir & Midweek Classes Summer Break



Lamplighter

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7 ESV



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – HASTINGS, NE

August 2020

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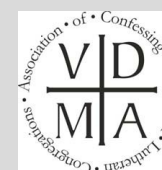
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God has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. Ecclesiastes 3: 11

My college professor once set a culminating question before me and my classmates in his Shakespeare course: "What was the most important theme in Shakespeare?" We all spent the weekend looking but, I don't think any of us got the answer right. "Time," he said. Time is the most important theme in Shakespeare. Indeed, our professor walked us through all the plays we had studied and unpacked for us this simple yet profound theme. As I read "the Bard", the following quote from Sonnet 60 seems to be illustrative of the whole:

Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,

So do our minutes hasten to their end;

Each changing place with that which goes before,

In sequent toil all forwards do contend.

Shakespeare creatively wrestles with what we all strain against – the swift passage of time. The apostle Paul, himself, is mindful of the state of things: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, *making the best use of the time*, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5: 15-16). What we do with the time we're given matters. The poets know it. The inspired writers of Holy Scripture know it.

So it is that, while what I wish to share with you is practical, this is not a time management hack to make us more productive. Actually, in one sense, I'm suggesting that we become less productive. The hallmark of 21st century living is packing every moment of every day with as much information, communication, and productivity that we can muster. We live from moment to moment. We live in soundbites. What's more, anytime we do take time for quiet and reflection, some gadget intrudes with a bell, and like Pavlov's dog we are conditioned to respond. I wonder if as we increase in a capacity to attend to people and information, we actually *decrease* in an ability to be useful and to understand life in any depth. Simply put, I'm suggesting that we lack the opportunity for personal reflection for any sustained amount of time. This is unfortunate for God has put eternity in our hearts. He has revealed eternity to us in His Son; and He has bestowed on us His eternal Spirit who bears witness to our spirit. Taking time to ponder what God has given is important. You might say it is of eternal substance.


2020 Theme "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5: 15-16)

"All In -

Being Present in Age of Distraction"

For the month of August, I'd like you to think about taking something OFF your schedule. (You read me right). If you need help identifying what this might be, consider the order of your relationships – God – family – church – community. What is most necessary in these relationships? What are you actually called to do and what's extra? First thing to go could be anything that you're not passionate about or proficient at, you're not called to do and you can omit with sinning. What are you doing because the world says you should do it, but it doesn't really contribute in any meaningful way to the people to whom you've been called? Likely, you already have a sense of what this might be. If not, pray and see if the Holy Spirit doesn't make it plain to you.

If you feel like your time is already divided well, congratulations! You're one of the few. Write a book and make a lot of money. For the rest of us, let's challenge ourselves to free up some time for deliberate and prayerful reflection on the life God has given and to which we've been called.



I'm on Facebook now so as to offer devotional thoughts and other information.

SERVICE AND COMMUNION Reminders: Service of the Word with readings and preaching made available live stream on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. on our website or on demand see also our You Tube Channel. They are also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING AUGUST 2, 2020 FROM 9:30AM-10:15AM
DIVINE SERVICE 10:30 AM
(regular time Aug. 9th)

Praying a Blessing Over Your Child
(gathered from DaySpring Cards website: dayspring.com)

Have you ever prayed a blessing over your child? It's ok if you haven't, or if you don't know any specific blessings. I am grateful to have grown up with my parents speaking a blessing over me each night before I went to bed, and this is a special tradition that I now continue with my own children.

Praying blessings over your children is an important activity that we can do as parents, and they are easy to learn. These blessings serve many purposes. They model the significance and meaning of prayer to our children in their everyday life. Blessings can also serve as a balm and an encouragement at the end of a long and difficult day. They remind our children of our love for them and, more importantly, God the Father's love and good plans for them as well.

I love the idea of my child falling sleep with the knowledge of God's promises being the last thing he's heard. It's a wonderful way to remind him of his inherent worth, value and dignity as God's child, and it helps to refute the hurts, lies and pains that he has experienced throughout his day.

In this regard, praying blessings over our children is a form of encouragement and protection. Ever since I started saying the following blessings over my son, he has looked forward to this part of his bedtime routine. He eagerly lies down in his bed, so that I can lay my hand on his head and sing over him. I catch him smiling as I bless him, and sometimes he even likes to say the blessing back to me.

Here are the 3 blessings that I speak over my children each night:

"May God bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon your face. May He be gracious to you. May you find favor in His eyes. May you have peace all of your days." [Numbers 6:24-26](#)

"May the Lord keep you from all harm as you trust in Him. May He watch over your life, your coming and your going, both now and forevermore." [Psalm 121:7-8](#)

"May God make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." [2 Corinthians 9:8](#)

Article courtesy of Joan Primrose

Sewing Circle Ladies of Peace

Please consider becoming a helper in our monthly sewing group as we were Ladies strong prior to the pandemic. We really do get a lot of quilts completed and the church members are very generous in their giving supplies, materials and ingathering items.

Our Ladies group will really need a few more ladies added for the work needing to be done. Lots of materials to sew quilts for Orphan Grain Train and to clean out our stock piles and abundant overflowing cupboards.

We ask that you prayerfully consider gathering in Christian fellowship, sewing of all kinds and joy in doing the Lord's work! Ladies gather for a sack lunch at noon for those leaving and for those Ladies staying until 2:00 p.m.

Glad to Welcome All of You!

Sincerely LWML Sewing Circle Chair Nadeen Debban

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.
Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you.
Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.
Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.
--Mother Teresa



INGATHERINGS:
Each month the LWML chooses to support a worthwhile local project within our Synod or a Mission project.
Upcoming in September through November we have decided to help the Seminary Students in St Louis and Fort Wayne again this year.
Nadeen Debban Calling Chairman

Thank you, Peace Lutheran Church, for your generous support of Wellspring Pregnancy & Health Center. The total received from Peace was \$520.43 in cash, four crocheted baby blankets (made by

Vicci Willmon) and ten knitted baby sweaters (made by Liza Grotelueschen). We are so thankful for everyone's generosity!

Mary Hall
Wellspring Director



WELLSPRING
— PREGNANCY + HEALTH CENTER —

Summer Catechism
Memory Challenge

Calling all kids! Recite a portion of the Small Catechism each month and get a gift certificate to Dairy Queen. Just have your parents record you speaking the catechism from memory and send it to Pastor Gaunt. We'll be working on the Lord's Prayer during the month of August. It doesn't have to be perfect. Just agree with your parents that you did the best you can. Send Pastor your recording by September 1st. You can find the catechism online at catechism.cph.org

Children up to 6 years old recite the Lord's Prayer without explanation.

Children 7-9 years old say the explanation to the Introduction and the 1st and 2nd petitions.

Children 10-11 years old say the explanation to the introduction, and the 1st-4th petitions.

Children 12 and older say the explanation to the introduction and all the petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

Portals of Prayer & Higher Things Devotions available in the Narthex, copies July 12th thru August 22, 2020.



Mourning + Family of Richard Perdew **Health Issues** + John Parsons + Lee Melvin + Dianna Uhrich + Chad Rajdl + Lisa Hoggins + Allen Glathar + Dorothy Staub + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Glen Krueger + Ruth Hagemeyer + Viola Melvin + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

Peace Lutheran Church Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2020		Jun 30, 20
1:40 PM 07/21/20 Cash Basis		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Five Points Checking 6504		
1000 - General Fund		47,000.83
1001 - Benevolence Fund		2,850.37
1002 - Church Bus Fund		4,553.10
1003 - Memorial Funds		14,374.76
1004 - New Organ Fund		1,630.00
1005 - Property Improvement Fund		5,156.83
1006 - Tue Morning Bible Study		121.15
1007 - Junior Youth Ministry		100.00
1008 - Senior Youth Ministry		7,138.58
Total Five Points Checking 6504		82,925.62
1100 - Savings 3753 0.75% (VANCO)		50.00
1150 - Petty Cash		150.00
1160 - LCEF Partners Plus		16,129.59
Total Checking/Savings		99,255.21
Total Current Assets		99,255.21
Fixed Assets		
1500 - 906 N California		
Church		1,000,246.00
Church Furn & Equip		392,000.00
Church Garage		29,000.00
Garage - Personal Property		1,300.00
Total 1500 - 906 N California		1,422,546.00
1600 - 306 Forest Blvd		
Parsonage		266,766.00
Parsonage - Personal Property		3,800.00
Total 1600 - 306 Forest Blvd		270,566.00
1700 - Passenger Bus		39,000.00
Total Fixed Assets		1,732,112.00
TOTAL ASSETS		1,831,367.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		19,700.00
PPP Loan		6,813.05
2100 - Payroll Liabilities		
Total Other Current Liabilities		26,513.05
Total Current Liabilities		26,513.05
Total Liabilities		26,513.05
Equity		
Asset Value by Insur Unrealized		1,732,356.95
Retained Earnings		80,745.02
Net Income		-8,247.81
Total Equity		1,804,854.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		1,831,367.21

50th
Wedding
Anniversary

Card Shower:

Dale & Karen
Bauman

Their family
invites you to
honor this
occasion with
a card shower.
Their address

PO Box # 1
Fairfield NE
68938

Orphan Grain
Train
NEEDED:
clean and
gently used
clothing items
(all sizes) are
still in great
demand and
may be
brought to
Peace.

Thank You !!

“Blessings”
on your
steward-
ship
journey!



L.W.M.L. will remain closed for August -taking school supplies- listed below.

Sewing- will be per a phone call from Nadeen Debban if it would become possible.

Send Greeting Cards-Sue Fintel Altar Flowers Carol Hansel

INGATHERING: ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS - TOTES (Narthex) School Items will be sorted and sent after packaging on Monday, September 14, 2020

Altar Flowers: 50th Wedding Anniversary - Dale & Karen Bauman August 1, 2020

Choir:

July 14, 2020

The choir was preparing seven selections for the Lent and Easter season but was only able to sing one on Ash Wednesday due to the pandemic. The choir continues to be small but we are working to expand our 2-part music library. This music is much easier to balance when members are missing than SAB (Soprano, Alto, Bass) or four part music. We still sing some SAB music when we have four or more women in regular attendance, but we are concentrating on 2-part. The choir folders are worn to the point that most of them are falling apart. We are looking to replace them and have a \$100 donations toward their purchase. The process of selecting new folders was interrupted by the shutdown. David Witt Music Director

L.W.M.L. Ingathering Items
for Orphan Grain Train
School Kits now until August 31st
2 notebooks 8 1/2" X 11in ruled paper
1 blunt tip scissors
1 ruler inch/metric 1 glue stick
6 pencils w/eraser unsharpened
1 pencil sharpener
1-2 inch eraser 1 box crayons
12 sheets construction paper
1 cloth bag w/handles 14" by 18"

Nadeen Debban
Human Care Chair



Minutes may be short, but they can add up to a significant amount of time.

Stewardship Moment: Don't Waste Time

Time is so precious, yet nothing is as greatly wasted. Time is neutral until we make it a friend or an enemy. All of us have our own ways of wasting time. At the top of the list could be watching too much television, telephone abuse, playing computer games to excess, surfing the internet, scanning through Facebook posts, or shopping as an escape. In the process of wasting time, we are wasting talents, lives, and opportunities to serve our Lord. When we are careful with time, we will properly use our small time fragments. If we add up the spare moments in each day, we may have more time for worthwhile endeavors. To take care of the days, weeks, and months, we need to take care of the minutes.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I come to You as a humble grateful servant who gives You praise and thanks for all of Your blessings especially for the blessings that we all receive through Your Son Who died and suffered for us so that we can live as forgiven and redeemed people who will spend eternity with You. Help me to live a life that gives You honor and praise. Grant me the wisdom to use the time that You have given me wisely. In Christ's name I pray. Amen