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NOTEWORTHY DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Jun 9 6:00p Board –Finance
7:00p Board– Elders
7:00p Board- Trustees
- Jun 24 Calling & Caring 2:00pm via Phone
- July 20 6:30p L.W.M.L. SAVE THE DATE! Salad Supper & Quarterly Meeting

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday** 5/31/20 - JUNE 8:00am Divine Service also available on live stream
10:00am Divine Service 11:30am Bible Class (via Zoom)
- Communion** 5:00pm Monday, 11:00am Wednesday, 9:00am Saturday until further notice:
- Tuesday** 9:30a Bible Study - Canceled
- 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

June 2020

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9:00a-12:00p
1:00p-4:00p

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“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named...” Ephesians 3: 14-15

“...this at least all married people should know. They can do no better work and do nothing more valuable either for God, for Christendom, for all the world, for themselves, and for their children than to bring up their children well... Where parents are not conscientious about this, it is as if everything were the wrong way around, like fire that will not burn or water that is not wet.” (Luther’s Works, vol. 44, 12)

“Notice what a great, good, and holy work is here assigned to children. Unfortunately, it is entirely despised and brushed aside, and no one recognizes it as God’s command or as a holy, divine word and teaching. For if we had regarded it in this way, it would have been apparent to everyone that those who live according to these words must also be holy people. Then no one would have needed to institute monasticism or spiritual walks of life. Every child would have kept this commandment and all would have been able to set their consciences right before God and say: ‘If I am to do good and holy works, I know of none better than to give honor and obedience to my parents, for God himself has commanded it. What God commands must be much nobler than anything we ourselves may devise.’” (Large Catechism, 4th Commandment, par. 112-113)

In the interest of focusing on fundamentals and avoiding distraction, I’d like for us to use the month of June to think about God’s word concerning the family. We’re all a part of a family. The images that God often uses to depict our relationship with Him is familial. God instituted the family in the Garden of Eden before the fall. Societies are built on the foundation of families. Governments exist to support the family unit... You get the point. Families matter and God has much to say about it. As restrictions begin to lighten, it is my prayer that families will not “go back to normal”. Rather, may it be that fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters will continue to be present for one another. Especially for the witness of the church to the world, may Christian families grow in faith toward God and love for each other. Please join me in listening to God and praying back to Him for the sake of the family.

Yours in Christ,

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"



Sunday, May 31, 2020 Divine Service—now with two services at 8:00a.m. and 10:00am
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 am on Sundays.

Since Monday, March 23rd we offer Communion Services in groups of 10 - now offered three times weekly: Monday 5:00 pm; Wednesday at 11 am; and Saturday at 9 am. Sign up for these services using [Sign Up Genius](#). Please sign up only once per week. If you are unable to use a computer, please call the church office and we will sign you up.

These services take about 15 minutes. Both individual cups and chalice will be offered. We will, of course, take every precaution available to us to be as clean as possible.

Those who are considered "at risk" are free to make up their minds about whether they will attend these Communion Services. Christians are free to determine the best course of action for themselves. Those "at risk" persons who would like me to bring communion to them should call the office to set up a time.

1. I'm on Facebook now so as to offer devotional thoughts and other information.
2. Feel free to stop by the church and check out a hymnal for devotional use and for following along with the online services. You can also buy one here on-line at:

- July**—Vocation of citizen
- August**—Time management
- September**—Skill enhancement
- October**—personal money management, budgeting skills emphasis
- November**—Special appeals teaching children
- December**—Growing in generosity

Contentment is an attitude that says, "I will be satisfied with what God has given me."

Godliness with Contentment

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it” (1 Timothy 6:6-7). To live a godly life means that we live with a deep reverence for God. This life brings us joy because we know, through faith, that we are giving honor and praise to our Lord. We can rely on God’s grace to keep us from envying or coveting what others have. In the same way, we need to hold onto everything loosely. Knowing that God is in control, we can say along with Paul, **“I Know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength”** (Philippians 4:12-13).

Prayer: Lord, You are the source of everything. Whether You give me much or little, help me to be content with what You entrust to Me. Help me to be a faithful steward of all that You give me. May all I say and do give You honor and praise. In Jesus’ precious name, I pray. Amen. ***Blessings on your stewardship journey!*** (Wordpress.com)



Following Christ’s Example:

The honored place of representing Christ comes with many implications. Fathers should be forgiving like Christ (Mt. 6:12) and loving like Him (Jn. 3:16). They should accept their children (Mt. 9:11-12) and love them even though they have faults (Lk. 5:31-32). They should have patience (Lk. 22:32-34) and even have righteous anger when God’s design is being corrupted (Mt. 21:12-13)

Father’s Day Bottle Collection Begins June 1st change can be put in plastic bags – give to office or Elders bottles to arrive soon.

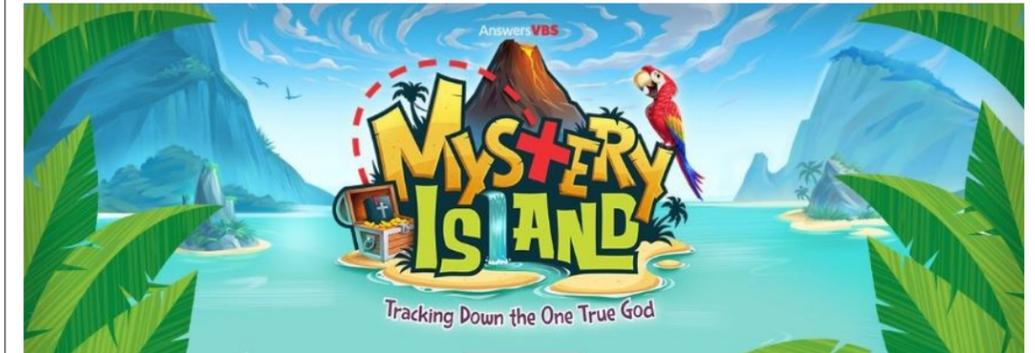
Pregnancy resource centers provide ultrasounds, pregnancy test, option guidance, material support, parenting classes and more all at NO COST to the woman. 78% of women who view an ultrasound

CHOOSE LIFE!



VBS 2020

The decision has been made to put a hold on Vacation Bible School during the month of June 2020. This means we will schedule in July or August if we can freely hold group gatherings by then. We will keep you posted. Board of Education.



a son's first hero
DAD
a daughter's first love

The Importance of a “Father” in a Child’s Life

A father has a huge impact on a son when it comes to showing him how a true man is supposed to act. A father has a huge impact on a daughter when it comes to how a man should treat her and her overall confidence as a woman. These facts can be summarized by Dr. Suzanne Le

Menestrel in the Child Trends Research Brief “What Do Fathers Contribute to Children’s Well-Being?” “Higher levels of father involvement in activities with their children, such as eating meals together, going on outings, and helping with homework, are associated with fewer behavior problems, higher levels of sociability, and a higher level of school performance among children and adolescents.” Fathers, like mothers, are pillars in the development of a child’s emotional well-being. Children look to their fathers to provide a feeling of security, both physical and emotional. Children want to make their fathers proud, and an involved father promotes inner growth and strength. However, the most important thing a parent can do for their child’s eternal well-being is to teach them about the saving grace of Jesus, bring them to church and Sunday School with you to instill and teach these spiritual values while they are still living under your roof. Joan Primrose

Sources: www.pediatricsoffranklin.com and www.powerfulmothering.com

Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Freida Nelson + Larry Hammond + Lee Melvin **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) **Health Issues** + June Rose + Mary Black + Lisa Hoggins + Mary Keogh + Allen Glathar + Nathaniel Reiners + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Viola Melvin + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson



Peace Lutheran Church	
Balance Sheet	
As of April 30, 2020	
Apr 30, 20	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Five Points Checking 6504	
1000 - General Fund	44,171.44
1001 - Benevolence Fund	1,528.37
1002 - Church Bus Fund	4,468.10
1003 - Memorial Funds	14,354.76
1004 - New Organ Fund	1,090.00
1005 - Property Improvement Fund	4,931.83
1006 - Tue Morning Bible Study	121.15
1007 - Junior Youth Ministry	100.00
1008 - Senior Youth Ministry	4,043.58
Total Five Points Checking 6504	74,809.23
1100 - Savings 3753 0.75% (VANCO)	50.00
1150 - Petty Cash	150.00
1160 - LCEF Partners Plus	15,194.98
Total Checking/Savings	90,204.21
Total Current Assets	90,204.21
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	1,822,316.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
PPP Loan	19,700.00
2100 - Payroll Liabilities	4,492.08
Total Other Current Liabilities	24,192.08
Total Current Liabilities	24,192.08
Total Liabilities	24,192.08
Equity	
Asset Value by Insur Unrealized	1,732,356.95
Retained Earnings	80,745.02
Net Income	-14,977.84
Total Equity	1,798,124.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,822,316.21

**LLL ZONE 8
FISH FEED
CANCELLED
FRIDAY,
JUNE 12,
2020
AT
ZION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
HASTINGS,
NE**

Doyle Krueger,
LLL ZONE 8

Dick Troester, GI
OGT MANAGER

Beth Stark
FISH FEED
Coordinator

Reason: Due to corona virus, short time to plan in June, and what the rules would be for large gatherings and safety.



*Dr. Phil
Mr. David
Witt*
"Choir"
On Summer
Break!

*Ingathering
Items for
School Kits*

- 2 notebooks*
 - 8 1/2" X 11in*
 - 1 blunt tip*
 - scissors*
 - 1 ruler inch/
metric*
 - 1 glue stick*
 - 6 pencil w/eraser*
 - unsharpened*
 - 1-2 inch eraser*
 - 1 box crayons*
 - 12 sheets con-*
 - struction paper*
 - 1 cloth bag w/
handles*
 - 14" by 18"*
- Nadeen Debban
LWML Human
Care Chair*

**Start a Tradition
Dad
Fathers, do not
exasperate your
children; in-
stead, bring
them up in the
training and
instruction of
the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4**

The above devotion was written/compiled from multiple sources by Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities and author of WORD Bible Studies. Permission granted to reprint.

NOTE: Please call the Church Office to check on open dates of L.W.M.L. Before you leave your home to be sure event is happening. Nadeen Debban
L.W.M.L. will remain closed for June but will be taking school supplies list is on the left side of this page. Also a reminder of clean and gently used clothing items for Orphan Grain Train are still in great demand and can be brought to church.

Send Greeting Cards-Sue Fintel Altar Flowers-Ronda Johnson

INGATHERING: ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS - TOTES (Fellowship Hall)

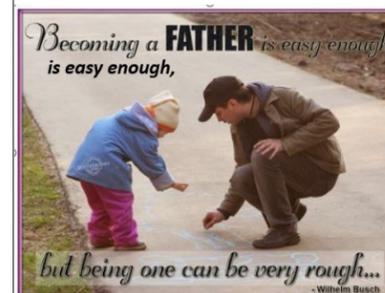
**"SAVE THE DATE" MONDAY, JULY 20TH
"LADIES" SALAD SUPPER &
QUARTERLY MEETING
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE DAYS AHEAD !!
THANK YOU! Janelle Ham
2020 President**

Members! Recorded Services

We only need to know how many to get ready by Sunday's.

1. How many Audio CDs OR Video DVDs.

People who want the most current Sunday Service unless told otherwise, will need to call the Church Office 402-462-9023. No Charge has ever been set in the past, though some Members' have chosen to donate money anyway! **David Witt**



Dad, your children deserve a father who will model the Christian life before them, teach them the truth of God's Word, and show them how to receive the gift of eternal life. And it could be that in your family this beautiful tradition will begin when you surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Author and Bible teacher Gordon MacDonald tells the story of three mediaeval stonemasons who were working on a building project, when a passer-by asked them what they were doing. 'The first replied that he was laying bricks. The second described his work as that of building a wall. But it was the third stonemason who demonstrated genuine esteem for his work when he said, "I'm raising a great Cathedral." Pose that same question to any two fathers concerning their role in the family and you are liable to get the same kind of contrast. The first may say, "I'm supporting a family." But the second may see things differently and say, "I'm raising children." The former looks at his job as putting bread on the table. But the latter sees things from God's perspective: he's participating in the shaping of lives.' R.A. Torrey, the great Bible teacher, once said, 'A man's success as a Christian leader cannot be determined until one sees his grandchildren.' Dad, think about that - you're not just raising sons and daughters, you're raising future fathers and mothers. You're shaping lives today that tomorrow will be shaping the lives of generations to come. And in order to succeed you must take God with one hand and your children with the other.