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BEST DAY EVER!

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

FINALLY!!! That was the singular exclamation from a dyed-in-the-wool Minnesotan. Within seven short days we went from eighteen inches of snow and blizzard-like conditions to sixty-five degrees, sunny and spring-like conditions. FINALLY!

I'm standing in line at the grocery store – examining all the magazines while I wait to check out. In bold-headline type across the cover "Best of Twin Cities" - best restaurants, best microbrew, best dentist, etc. The people voted, and you, too, could share in the best of the Twin Cities.

I raise my head and gaze out the grocery store window at a grand and glorious spring day and think to myself "BEST DAY EVER!" In that crazy little moment which was no more than a pause . . .

I felt a sense of gratitude for a gift given and not deserved. As the first line of the old time Lutheran hymn says, "Oh day full of grace that now we see," we are indeed blessed. Our busyness, our schedules, the demands of the day should not prevent us from pausing to savor the moment and say "Thank you, God!"

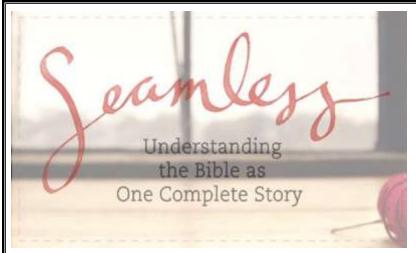
As the years begin to accumulate behind me more than ahead, I realize that the Psalmist captured the moment when he wrote, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." In my imagination I can see him, sitting on a hillside, pen and paper in hand, gazing at a beautiful spring day, blue skies and sixty-five degrees!

Over the years, Steph and I have shared a conversational game of sorts. We ask each other what was the "Best!" Our best vacation together? The best movie we saw? The best song we heard? We laugh at how many times we agree on our "Best" memory together.

Best days ever, are days that are meant to be shared with others. If truly they are a gift from God, then we offer not only our thankfulness but an invitation to those around us to share the "Best Day EVER!" My prayer for you is that you will enjoy these spring days, relish them, pause in your busyness and give thanks, inviting others to share them with you.

BLESSED SPRING!





Women's Bible Study

When: 5 PM on Sundays -

(May 6, 20, June 3, 17, July 8, 22, and August 5)

Books: Can be purchased online or at Lifeway in Maple Grove

Questions: Contact Nicole at (612) 799-5099

Nicole@TCHomeTeam.com

Seamless by Angela Smith

Seamless covers the people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. We will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word. Each week features key information that ties all of scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message.

From the author: I wanted to create a resource for women to sit down and do over 7 sessions and develop a great understanding of the entire story of Scripture. I'm praying that you will have a great sense of who God is and that you'll be able to see His handwriting in every single story.

Join us as we learn from Angie and each other how the Bible weaves together into one seamless message of love.

2018 VBS - GAMF ON!

Peace Lutheran VBS invites your kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Get in the spirit today with Game On! VBS.

The cost is \$25 per child with a \$65 family cap (scholarships are available). What will your child receive for that fee? A solid faith based curriculum, caring teachers and guides, music, arts, snacks, a t-shirt, and a week of wonderful memories! Check out our website at come2peace.com for more information & to register!

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3

Our mission this year is the local Watertown Royals Special Olympics, we will be raising monetary donations to help out our local team! We have chosen the Royals Special Olympics to go along with our theme for the week, Game On! It also worked out well to celebrate



this year of the Olympics! The monetary donations we raise during the week will go toward the team's transportation, equipment and facility rentals.

This is going to be another wonderful year for VBS at Peace. Each and every year we increase the number of kids attending VBS and the number of those wanting to help. We are looking for volunteers to help out the week of our event! Talk to Tracy Hulley or Ben Simon if you're available. Along with help the week of, we are also looking for donations to help fund our week. Talk to Tracy (612) 221-2466 if you're willing to sponsor a craft, youth leader apparel, or scholarship for a child.



Mission Opportunity

OGT Layettes

Rummage Sale / Garage Sale season is starting again and is a great opportunity to collect new or gently used items for PLC to assemble layettes for Orphan Grain Train. Children in need benefit from your generosity here in the USA and internationally.

Items needed:

- ◆ Sleeper (NB to 6 months)
- ◆ Onesies (NB to 6 months)
- ◆ Receiving Blankets
- ◆ Large Baby Blankets
- ◆ Pacifiers (new)
- ◆ Diaper Pins
- ◆ Ribbon/cord for tying bundles
- ◆ Clean White T-Shirts (any condition) to be used for making diapers

Items can be dropped off by the mission board display. Please consider being a blessing to others.



For all the Mothers

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This is for all the mothers who froze their buns off on metal bleachers, so when their kids asked, "Did you see my goal?" They could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night with sick children in their arms, saying, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here."

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see and for the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes and for all the mothers who don't.

What makes a good mother? Patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time? Or is it heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the first time?

The jolt that takes you from sleeping to dread, from bed to crib at 2 a.m. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby?

Is it the need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a school shooting, a fire, a car accident, a baby dying?

I think so.

This is for reading "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then reading it again, "Just one more time".

This is for all the mothers who mess up.

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school and for the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

For all the mothers who bite their lips (sometimes until they bleed) when their 14 year old dyed their hair green.

This is for all the mothers who lock themselves in the bathroom when babies keep crying and won't stop.

This is for all mothers who show up to work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse.

This is for mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for all mothers whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know theirs are at home or are grown.

This is for mothers who put pinwheels and teddy bears on their child's graves.

This is for all the mothers whose children have gone astray and who can't find words to reach them.

This is for all the mothers who sent their child to school with a stomach ache, assuring that they would be FINE once they got there, only to get a call from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up right away.

This is for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation. And mature mothers learning to let go.

For working moms & stay-at-home moms. Single moms & married moms.

Mothers with money and mothers without.

This is for you, so hang in there. The world would be a terrible place without the love of mothers everywhere. You make it a more civil, caring and safe place for the precious children in our world.



Join us on May 13, as we praise God for our Christian Education Volunteers and the wonderful gift they are to our church.

We want to thank our Sunday School Teachers for shining the light of Christ and showing each child God loves them just as they are. What a wonderful blessing you all are to our church.

High School - Joseph Perez & Ben Simon Middle School - Meghan Weaver Third-Fifth Grade - Nicole Johnsrud First & Second Grade - Stephanie Hanson Preschool & Kindergarten - Shawn Perez Confirmation - Colette Thorson, Ben Simon & Pastor David

Women's Bible Study - Linda Boyadjis



Our church is amazing! We not only met our goal, we flew past it. To date we have raised \$1,970.74.

There is still one more Noisy Offering to go (May 13th). We are going to continue to work hard because every penny we raise, helps bring clean water to a community in Tanzania.

We are partnering with Saint Paul Partners. For more information, visit their website at stpaulpartners.org/

"Yea God" for Nicole Johnsrud

Even if you don't know Nicole personally, chances are you have seen her around. She is always very busy working with our children and vouth. Nicole is the chair of Christian Education. She teaches Sunday School after worship. On the second Sunday of the month, she leads the Children's Choir and helps organize Noisy Offering. She is one of a two-person team that works with the SPARK Kids on Wednesdays. And if that isn't enough, she also helps plan and implement special events such as the Christmas Program, VBS, and more. Her warm smile and gracious personality endear not only the children and youth, but all who meet her.

I recently asked her about her involvement with the children's programs and the importance of them. Here is what she said.

Why do you think it is so important to have a strong youth and children's program at Peace?

Nicole: Our children are faced with and will be facing things as they get older (no matter what age) that we as adults, never had to face or even considered contemplating at their ages. Setting these kids up on a firm foundation of God and His love for them is critically important for their faith and ultimately their eternity. If we don't set these kids up early with a strong unwavering belief foundation to build on, then we are not doing our job. It saddens me to think of what sort of things they will face and the strength they will need to withstand the storms, pressures and evils of this world.

Why do you choose to personally work with Sunday School and SPARK?

Nicole: My personal reason is probably obvious but it is that my kids are this age, so it's an easy fit. But along with that, it all goes back to why, as a church, we have an obligation to these kids to bring them up in this faith walk. I truly feel like been placed here for that

I've been placed here for that reason and I want to do the best job possible. I need to be able to say to God at some point, I hope I did what you needed me to do and I hope I did it well. I need to look back and be able to look in the mirror and say, I did my best and I hope the kids learn and feel the same. I need them and want them to know God is real, He loves you and so do I and everyone in this Church. I suppose at the end of the day, all I can do is plant the seed and then water it and love it and pray for it to take root.

What is the most important thing you hope the kids are learning?

Nicole: My hope is that the kids learn that God is good and even in trials and hard times; God is Good and He loves them unconditionally. As they get older I hope they know that they will make mistakes (as we all do) but that's not where it ends. We all will fall and stumble, but God is there to help us up and to walk with us every step. other hope is they learn the power of prayer and that being with God is not just on Sunday I hope mornings. understand the importance of being with God every day and always and that there is a peace that comes with that.

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There are many things that Nicole does here at Peace - both seen and unseen. Take a moment this month to thank her for the love and commitment she shows to God, our children & youth, and us.



The Minnesota Twins will host Faith Day at Target Field presented by Praise FM on Sunday, June 10th, when the Twins take on the LA Angels of Anaheim. The event will feature a postgame program with live worship music by the Eagle Brook Church worship team and testimonies by Brian Dozier, Kyle Gibson, and other Twins players.

Shortly after the conclusion of the game, the post-game program will take place in the lower level along the third base line in Sections 124-127. Your ticket to the game includes admission to the post-game program.

Peace Lutheran will be taking a bus to the event (driven by Glen Hulley). We will leave the church at 11:30 for the 1:10 PM game. There are two ticket options - \$20 and \$36. Make checks payable to "Peace Lutheran Church" and put "Faith Day" in the memo. Sign up at the Connect Counter. Payment is due by May 13 to reserve your spot. If you have questions, see Shawn Perez.

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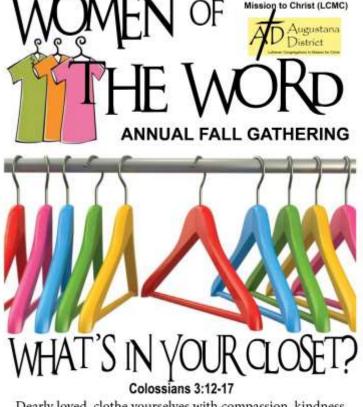


It was Good Friday, we had once again listened to Jesus' seven last words, the had been altar stripped, and as we left the darkened sanctuary in silence, many of us had tears

in our eyes. But what a difference a day and a half can bring! On Sunday, April 1, our sanctuary and fellowship areas had been transformed into God's Easter Garden and it was uplifting, beautiful, and glorious! And so we say 'thank you' for all of your contributions which made this beautiful garden possible and 'thank you' to Coty from Bayside for her donations as well. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



For a prayer event near you, visit nationaldayofprayer.org



Dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,

humility, gentleness and patience.

Register Online: www.augustanadistrict.org

600 Kristi Lane P.O. Box 817 Watertown, Minnesota 55388

Congratulations!

2018 Graduates



Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from high school. What an exciting time for you. On behalf of your church and all your sisters and brothers in Christ, we want to offer our joyful, "Yea God!" for this important

achievement. Our prayers are with you as you begin this next part of your life's journey.



Conor Berg

Connor will be attending Alexandria Technical College for the Diesel Mechanics program. He would like to open a diesel mechanics shop and continue farming.



Renee Ely

Renee will be attending the University of Minnesota Morris. Her field of study will be Elementary Education.



Jack Heun

Jack will be attending the University of St. Thomas in the fall for the Electrical Engineer program. After college he would like to work for a company that helps create clean electricity.



Carter Mittelstaedt

Carter will be attending North Dakota State University in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering. After college, he will be looking for a job in this field.



Wyatt Tesch

Wyatt will be attending the University of Wisconsin River Falls pursuing an Animal Science degree.



Be Strong & Courageous!

Do not be Afraid Or Discouraged

For the Lord your God is with you

Wherever you Go

-Joshua 1:9







April 14th and 15th brought record-breaking weather, with snow totals coming in just under 18 inches.

While many churches canceled services, Peace Lutheran members showed everyone what it means to be Minnesotan. There were 60 people at Worship on Sunday morning. Emily Hanson shows us how tall the snow drifts where in front of the church.

Thank you to everyone who helped clear the side-walks and to Kris Hanson for plowing out the parking lot.



On April 22nd, the youth packed 19 College Care packages. See the next page for two thank yous for those care packages.



On April 19 several members of Peace went to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to pack meals for children in Haiti. All the volunteers packing that day packed 146 boxes (1,536 meals). That will feed 86 children for one year.

Volunteers from Peace go to FMSC quarterly to pack meals. We would love to have you join us. Save the date-our next packing date is July 19th.

FMSC provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. For more information, visit their website at fmsc.org.











On April 21, the youth had a church lock-in. Ten students attended. They played games, had a bon fire, and watched movies. Everyone had a blast (and then went home on Saturday to nap).



Do have picture, you announcement, or article to share? submitted Thev can be office@come2peace.com.

Dear Youth of Peace Lutheran Church of Watertown,

I wanted to fully extend my thanks for the wonderful finals care package that you have sent me! (Currently munching on the goodies as I write this). I love it and it will definitely fulfill my snacking needs as I study. God's love is evident in this package that you have sent me and I am very grateful for the time you all put into making this packages. These packages have definitely gotten me through many finals weeks over the years. I wish you all a lovely summer full of family, friends and sunny days.

Thanks, Kali Reinhardt Granddaughter of Butch and Sherry Essig

Thank you so much for the care package, I really liked all the fruit snacks so I can bring them to the library with me and study longer for my finales!

Jack Reinhardt Butch Essig's grandson

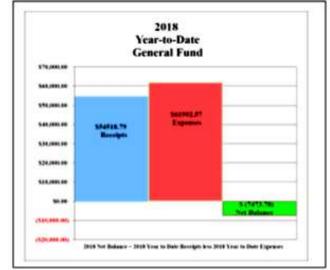






PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT







Rylan McClurg

Zachary Potter Adam Seefeldt

Jonathan Hanson

Bob Rieckenberg

Austin Seefeldt

Amiah Motzko

Jacob Tesch

Mackenzie Erickson May 11 Brianna Hoese Gavin Hoese

Rebecca Lotito May 12

May 13 Mary Hausladen Jerry Hendricks

Bob Carlson May 17

May 19 Jacob Beulke

May 20 Jered Berg

May 21 Brayden Weaver

May 25 Wayne Kuehne

May 29 Cathy Rieckenberg

May 30 Beth Seefeldt

May 9 Diane Dunlap

May 3

May 4

May 7

May 8

Happy Anniversary

May 9 Kevin & RaKel Schroeder May 17 Frederick & Christine Clifford

Duane & Doris Swenson May 18

May 19 Larry & Jackie Cramb

May 31 Jim & Jill Lindgren

May Birthdays & Anniversaries celebration is May 13

If you have a birthday or anniversary in May and did not get recognized, email the church office: office@come2peace.com. We will gladly include you on our list.

Worship Service Volunteer Schedule

Please review the schedule. If you are unable to serve on the date(s) listed above, please contact one of the other volunteers and see if they can switch dates with you. If you do reschedule, send an email to the church office with the updated information to ensure the bulletin gets updated office@come2peace.com

May 2018 Christian Ed. Appreciation Mother's Day **Confirmation Sunday** Memorial Day Wknd Day of Pentecost 5/13/18 5/06/18 5/20/18 5/27/18 Adult Choir **Combined Choirs** Special Music Adult Choir Children's Choir A. Hausladen & M. Heun M. Juncewski & None Mikayla Thorson Acolytes D. Schroeder Greeters Perezs Carlsons Malmins Seals JAM Session N. Johnsrud Pastor David J. Perez E. Hanson Peace Youth Reader B. Seefeldt M. Hoese B. Rieckenberg Johnsruds & Barfnechts Beulkes Lotitos; B. Erickson & Clarks Ushers W. Kuehn Leif Pederson & Girls Essigs & P. Knutson Mullaneys & TBD Peace Youth Peace Café Jack Heun Edie Hanson Edie Hanson Edie Hanson Slide Presenter Bill Hoernemann **Ezekiel Cartland** Erik Strand Sound System Phil Schansberg Erik & Bob Communion/MB on Duty Altar Care Jackie and helpers May 13th Noisy Offering Helpers: Tristan Johnsrud, Dash Miller, Sloan Miller, Aaron Seefeldt, Austin Seefeldt, and Addison Weaver

June 2018 6/3/18 6/10/18 6/17/18 **TBD TBD TBD** TBD Special Music Greeters Adam Seefeldt Family Ashley Seefeldt Family Sundblads Swensons **VBS** JAM Session Josh Peterson Heather Heun Glen Hulley Reader Maris Heun **VBS** Stephanie Hanson Tracy Hulley Nesvolds Lotitos & Petersons Ushers Perezs & Duane Swenson Schroeders Dan & Cindy Juncewski Peace Café Barfnechts and Carlsons Lotitos All Seefeldts and McLays Louie & Sandy Juncewski Slide Presenter Edie Hanson Jack Heun **VBS** Edie Hanson Sound System Bill Hoernemann Erik Strand Phil Schansberg **Ezekiel Cartland** Ben & Erik Communion/MB on Duty Altar Care Cathy Rieckenberg & Jan Carlson

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5:00 Women's Bible Study - Seamless 13 Mother's Day Chris. Ed. Appr. Love INC Sunday	14 AM 6:30 Men's Coffee 8:00 Cleaning Crew	6:30 Outreach Mtg 15 AM 6:30 Men's Coffee	6:30 IGNITE Confir 16 AM 6:30 Men's Coffee (Mario's in Watertown)	6:30 Missions Mtg 17 AM 6:30 Men's Coffee 9:00 Men's Coffee (St. Boni Mocha Monkey) 10:00 Ladies Coffee	18 AM 6:30 Men's Coffee	19 6:30 Men's Coffee
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Newsletter and Worship Bulletin Cutoff

Newsletters: Pictures, reports, announcements, calendar additions, and worship volunteer schedule updates for the next newsletter are due May 23 to the church office: office@come2peace.com to ensure they make the next newsletter.

Worship Bulletins: Announcement requests and changes for Sunday worship bulletins are due noon Wednesdays to office@come2peace.com or by calling the church office at (952) 955-3434.

^{*}All activities are at Peace unless otherwise indicated.





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Every week people tell us...Peace is worth the drive!

Sign up for email updates from Peace

Stay up to date with what is going on at Peace by signing up to receive monthly newsletters and other church - wide announcements. Contact the church office at office@come2peace.com to have your name added to our electronic mailing list.



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