



MAY 2024

ONE FAITH, ONE FLOCK

ONE SHEPHERD!

BY UNDER-SHEPHERD MIKE

Recently, our Gospel readings have drawn our attention to Jesus, our Good Shepherd. As the Good Shepherd, He will lead His flock to feed on satisfying, green pastures (not on the dead, prickly weeds growing in the wild!). He will lead His flock beside the refreshing, still waters that they may freely drink with no fear of falling into perilous rapids. He is also careful to avoid stagnate waters that might poison His sheep or compromise their vitality. Indeed, even if a life-threatening wolf comes to devour the sheep, with His rod and His staff He will protect His sheep - even to the point of laying down His life for them. In this Good Shepherd we can, truly, rejoice and extol His worthy Name:

*The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.*

Even though our Good Shepherd came first to the House of Israel, we “outsiders” with faith in Him need not fret over our own bloodline. The baptized believer can absolutely assert with all confidence, He *IS* mine forever, for it is the one who has faith in the Good Shepherd that is the true child of Abraham. Abraham is the father of all who *believe* (Romans 4¹¹). *Whosoever believes* has eternal life! (Jn 3¹⁶)

In John 10¹⁶, the Good Shepherd, Himself, disclosed to His disciples, “I have sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

There you have it! In a war-torn world, weary with hate and suspicion, strife and division, only Jesus can truly create genuine peace and bring true unity - because that unity is centered in Him who is the Good Shepherd, the Lord our God. Foretold by the prophets and claimed by Jesus, Himself. He sheds His own blood for the sheep and creates His own new bloodline in the New Covenant in His Name. The Easter blessing in this is that He can die defending His sheep, and yet in the power of His resurrection still live to protect us evermore! Instead of us being devoured in the end by Death’s wolfish appetite, His sheep have in store for them a very blessed end - or should we call it a “never-end,” as we will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever!

So, we might as well get used to dwelling in God’s house together in the here and now. The “here” is Peace Lutheran Church, and the “now” is 10AM Sundays. One time, one flock, one Divine Service. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Ps 133). For that unity, Jesus our Chief Shepherd died, rose again and ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He “always lives to make intercession for us” (Heb 7²⁵). In John 17, we overhear a few words of our Lord’s intercessory prayer for us: “Holy Father, I pray... that they may be one, even as we are one.” Wow! In view of such a lofty prayer, St Paul said it best, “Let us make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Eph 4³). On this side of heaven, this opportunity won’t last forever. So, in this time, in this place, may God grant us a good and pleasant experience - one to be cherished! Amen.

Words of Peace

From your Elders

Pastor Nelson, his wife and two sons will join us for a casserole/salad potluck Saturday, May 11th at 11:30. This will give us an opportunity to hear about his mission work for the past two years. Please bring either a casserole or salad to share. The church will provide desserts. A door offering will be taken after the potluck.

A paragraph from Pastor Nelson's year in review. " Through your prayers and contributions and correspondence we have been kept safe and more than that, enabled to thrive being transplanted across the planet. God has used you to see to our needs and provide us with great joy and perseverance. You have sped me on my way over countless miles of ocean and mountains and jungle canopies and the geometrical symmetry of palm oil plantations. Thank you for the privilege of serving with you, as an extension of your personal, family, and congregational ministries and outreaches. Together God uses us to accomplish things none of us could have individually." His year in review is posted on the Peace Happenings board.

The Memorial Service for Carol Yung has been scheduled for 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 8th in the Sanctuary. There will be a luncheon and a time of fellowship following the service. Carol's brother, John Scheve, niece Kristin Eckart and her two sons will be in town for the service,

Happy Anniversary

Ray & Carol Linaweaver 5/13

Gary & Karen Taylor 5/14

David & Sue Zinger 5/15

Phil & Melissa Hamilton 5/18

John & Cheryl Menzie 5/22

Happy Birthday

Stacy Hunter 5/1

Donna Schedler 5/2

Roy Poehler 5/7

Ibsen Lourenco 5/9

David Hudnell 5/9

Charlo Stuart 5/11

Linda Young 5/11

Cathleen Miller 5/11

Eleanore Zorkocy 5/13

Gayle Waddell 5/15

Todd Harter 5/16

Leslie Stenke 5/16

Lydia Miller 5/21

Noah Ylizaliturri 5/23

Mike Schultze 5/24

DON'T FORGET

REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The SPRING BLOOD DRIVE is coming on Saturday, May 18th from 9:30 to 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join in donating blood. To schedule your appointment, Linda Young will be outside the sanctuary following the service on Sunday, May 12th, or you may contact her throughout the week at 805 236-4820 or by email at nephronurse@verizon.net. Please join in this opportunity to help your neighbor! Thank you for your participation.



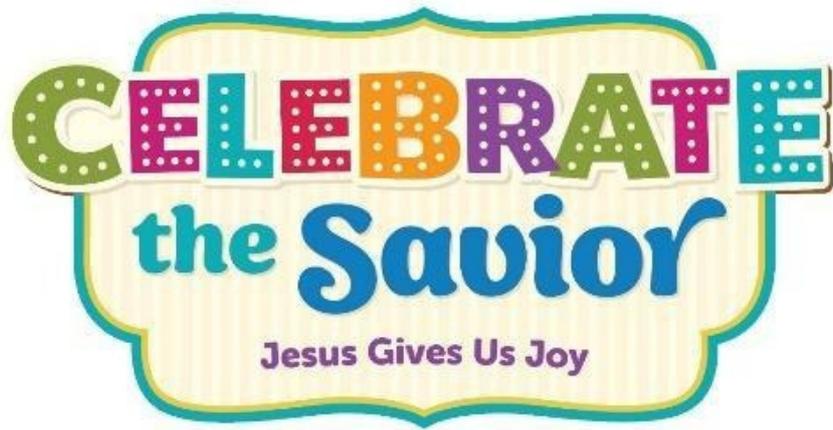
UPDATE YOUR CPR - AED SKILLS - SAVE THE DATE

A Congregational American Heart Association CPR / AED Class has been scheduled for Saturday morning, June 1, 2024 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If your CPR card is expired or expires soon, or if you have always wanted to learn CPR "just in case of a family emergency," then this is your chance.

The cost of the class is \$50.00 per attendee which includes your CPR card and all training materials and supplies, payable by cash, check or credit card at the door.

Your card is available online at the end of the class.

To ensure adequate training materials, please register with Linda Young by Thursday, May 30, 2024. You may call her at 805 236-4820 or send her an email at nephronurse@verizon.net.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- 2024

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 17-21st- 9am-noon

Registration begins 5/26/24

\$20 per child \$40 max per family

Children pre-k thru 6th grade

WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AS SOMETHING DONE FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN, KNOWING THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE REWARD OF INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD-YOU SERVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

(COLOSSIANS 3:23-24)

We could use your help...

- Join our staff for a rewarding week of spiritual growth through challenging experiences. Volunteer Staff meetings on: June 2nd and June 16th prior to set-up/decorating. Both meetings will be after service about 11:30am.

- Bakedgoods(muffins,cookiesandfruitbowls)neededformorningstaff meetings.

- Work behind the scenes and invite a child to attend, prayer and donations.

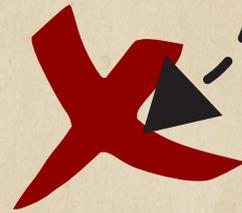
GOD'S PLAN IS FOR US TO BE A PART OF A TEAM-A FAMILY AND A CHURCH. EACH CHURCH MEMBER HAS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE. WE ARE CALLED TO USE OUR GIFTS TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

FOR MORE VBS INFORMATION CALL: LINDA LA JEUNESSE (805) 443-3527.

PEACE PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP!

SET SAIL FOR SUMMER CAMP!

July 2- July 31 (no School July
4th) Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday 3 days a week
8:30AM- 11:30 AM



Captain Miller will lead a crew of able-bodied preschoolers on a pirate themed adventure.

Some of the special activities included are:

- * digging for buried treasure
- * deep blue sea-water day /swimsuits
- * island obstacle course
- * pirate dress-up day / last day pizza party

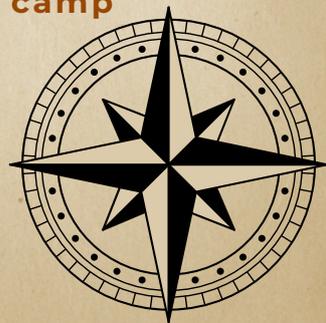


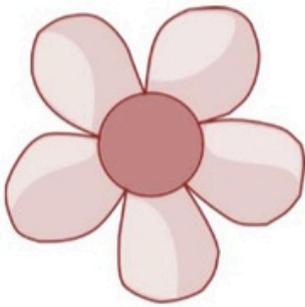
Summer camp will be held Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-
11:30am.

Join us for a swashbuckling good time!!

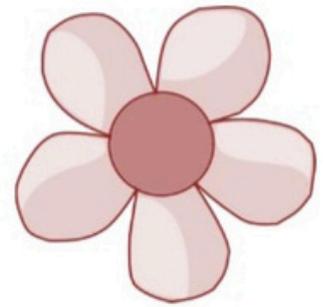
Registration Opens April 15th \$50 Registration fee
(non refundable)

The cost is \$450 for the whole month of JULY summer camp
session





May Servers



Date	Elder	Ushers	Altar	Readers	Greeters	Acolytes
May 5 Communion	Tom Waddell/ Dave Hutter	Blaine Wanke Henry Andermann Todd Harter	Irene Hutchison & Marsha Larson	Lori Schultze	Luci Pommers	Gavin Nava
May 12	Tom Waddell/ Dave Hutter	Dave Schimdt Roy Poehler Jim DeVries	Irene Hutchison & Marsha Larson	Todd Harter	Cindy Klittich	Blake Denninger
May 19 Communion	Tom Waddell/ Dave Hutter	Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers Steve Rusch	Irene Hutchison & Marsha Larson	Tom Waddell	Charlo Stuart	Gavin Nava
May 26	Tom Waddell/ Dave Hutter	Mike McCracken Tom La Jeunesse Rick Poore	Irene Hutchison & Marsha Larson	Brian Nomi	Connie Morris	Sam Williamson

11:00 Service

5 - 7
5 - 14 Communion
5 - 21
5 - 28 Communion

Elder

Dave Hutter & Phil Hamilton
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Reader

Richard Bongiorno
Tom Waddell
Brian Nomi
Susan Weaver