

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA
August 2015

Last year in my article for the August newsletter, I wrote that plans were coming together on a multi-generational mission trip to one of three locations. And now while Brenda compiles this newsletter and prepares it for mailing, I (and 19 others) find ourselves in Sault STE Marie, Michigan on a mission trip. Soon you will hear reports of this trip, but perhaps for now it would be good to consider why mission trips and mission in general are good and important for the church.

First and foremost is, of course, the command of Christ. We are given this command from Christ in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." We are commanded to proclaim Christ. The Lord chooses to work through those he has redeemed when it comes to proclaiming salvation in his name. It doesn't always seem like a good plan, but hopefully in our weaknesses God will be shown to be full of power and mercy.

Christ showed mercy to many throughout the Gospels. He healed people and fed them simply because he is merciful and caring. The miracles he did displayed God's care for the world (not to mention the power and authority of Christ.) Often in mission work, we show God's care for the world by serving others. At the time I am writing this, I don't yet know what we will do in Michigan, but my guess is that most of what will be done will be service to those in need. My prayer is that our good deeds will represent Christ to those we serve.

The proclamation of Christ and the call to serve our neighbors is the call of the church. This is our mission. But one reason mission *trips* are good for the local church is that they do a lot of good for those who do the serving and proclaiming. My experience is that when a group like ours goes out to serve others, the group often returns with a better sense of who they are and what the rest of the world looks like. They return more cohesive and the common purpose of the church is strengthened. In serving others, the group and the individual who does the serving benefits greatly.

Because of both our call and the benefit it is for our own souls, I hope to have many more mission trips in our future.

Blessings,
Pastor Sean

✠ **Memorials** ✠

During July donations were given in memory of Fred Kunz to the Baptism Box Fund by Mike & Lil Kunz; in memory of Jake Tschritter to the Prayer Shawl Fund by Arne & Helen Garnaas; in memory of Joyce Labender to the Parsonage Fund by Bob & Linda Tschritter, and an undesignated memorial from Leona Gaukler; and in memory of Mildred Vernon to the Celebrate Fund by Jim & Sylvia Weisser.✠

✿ *Honor Someone With Chancel Flowers!* ✿

The Flower Committee listed below along with the Linton Floral N' More has set up a system for members to provide flowers for Sunday worship services. For \$30, the Linton Floral N' More will provide 2 arrangements of flowers for the 2 vases behind the altar or a larger single arrangement for \$25 for the top of the piano. This includes tax.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday:

1) make sure that Sunday is not taken. 2) give your money to one of the ladies on the Flower Committee. 3) tell her the date you want. 4) let her know if it is for a special occasion. The ladies will make sure the flowers are there and the information will be listed in the bulletin on that Sunday. **We do ask that you pay the appropriate amount when making your request even if it is several weeks or months in advance.**

Flower Committee members are: Leola Dietz and Janice Baer. ☩



CARILLON "SPECIAL" MUSIC

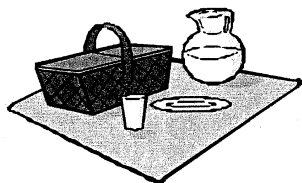


Would you like to honor or remember someone or some event with a song played on the carillons? If so, let the church office know the date and song (if available) you would like played. It will be played on that date at 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (your choice) and it will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Cost is a donation. ☩

The Church Council, July 8th, 2015:

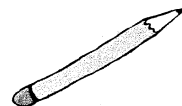
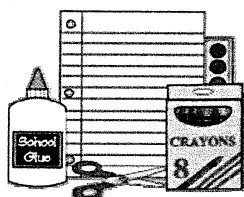
- Pastor reported on 14 visits in June, a graveside service for Sandy Kay Hoff, and his part in Vacation Bible School (about 30 kids attended.) Pastor also reported that Lisa Ptacek is putting a plan in place for the youth to attend the first LCMC National Youth Gathering in Des Moines, IA next year.
- Property reported that a sink was replaced in the church kitchen. A small repair was made in the parsonage kitchen sink. As a matter of precaution, it was suggested that an adjuster come to inspect the parsonage and church roof for possible hail damage.
- Church picnic will be August 23rd. Church service at 10:00 AM. Picnic will be at the church. Elwin and Laura will handle the details with Duane's guidance.
- The Council motioned to send Pastor Sean and Anne to Dallas, TX in October for the LCMC National Gathering.
- Discussion was had concerning the Supreme Court's ruling on Gay Marriage and what it means for the church. The council is waiting for information from the LCMC.

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member... Tad Larson, Duane Baer, Mark Fisher, Laura Hirvela, Bob Tschritter, Jon Ptacek, Elwin Nieuwsma, Edgar Ohlhauser, and Larry Umber Jr.. ☩



Church Picnic – August 23rd

Worship Services will be at 10 AM, and our picnic will follow in the church basement. Meat and buns will be provided.



Lutheran World Relief School Kit Drive

Beginning in July, PLC will be holding an 8-week drive to gather the items needed for LWR's School Kits. Our donations help families living in poverty to send their children to school. Education can break the cycle of poverty so let's do our best to gather the listed items. There is a shopping list in the narthex of the church. Items listed for August include #2 pencils, ballpoint pens, crayons, and 2½ inch erasers.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible School.... VBS was well attended with 37 children. Their teachers, helpers and snack preparers for the session were Lisa Hendrickson, Dez Kiefer, Heather Rossow, Debbie Jahner, Lisa Ptacek, Julie Umber, Pastor Sean & Anne Barnhart, Julie Tveito, Janice Baer, Makayla Ptacek, Erica Hoff- Wald, Erica Umber and Josi Schwab. Thank you for making it such a meaningful and fun time for the kids! The children all grew in friendship with each other and with Jesus.✝

We need a couple more teachers and substitutes for Sunday School this fall. Please let Lisa H. or Lisa P. know if you would be willing to help in any way. There will be a meeting for **all** Sunday School teachers, substitutes and music teacher sometime later in August. You will be contacted with the date, time and location of the meeting.

The first day of Sunday School is **Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m.** in the church basement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lisa Hendrickson (254-5855) or Lisa Ptacek (254-4179).

We are looking forward to a blessed Sunday School year.

Sunday School Co-Superintendents,
Lisa Hendrickson & Lisa Ptacek

✝ AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

August 2 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.

August 9 - Worship 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.

August 16 - Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.

August 23 - Worship 10:00 a.m.

Church picnic to follow

August 30 - Worship 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation meeting to follow at 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: There will be no Adult Bible Study August 23rd, or 30th.
There will be Adult Bible Study on August 2nd. It was omitted from the August calendar.

! 🚌 *Need a Ride??*

If you need a ride to church.....please call:
Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167

Ushers and Acolytes for Aug.

Marvin Heyne Alex Craigmile
Scott McCulley Donavin Grenz

Josie Schwab & Sierra Bosch

Aug. Greeter Schedule

9:30 a.m. Service
Aug. 2 Tim & Rhonda Dockter
Aug. 9 Lester & Leola Dietz
Aug. 16 Bob & Linda Tschritter
Aug. 23 Picnic
Aug. 30
Sept. 6 (10:45 a.m.)

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Aug. 2 - Tim Dockter
Aug. 9 - Keith Petrick
Aug. 16 - Elise Larson
Aug. 23 -
Aug. 30 - Laura Hirvela
Sept. 6 - Laura Hirvela (10:45 a.m.)

*We need **Greeters** for most Sundays between August 23rd and the end of the year. The signup sheet is on the Refreshment Table in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way. ☺



For the month of August, offering designated "Missions" on your offering envelope goes to **Children's HopeChest and Bismarck Community Church's Sister Church, the Jemo Congregation**. Our money will be sent to Bismarck Community Church towards their partnership with their sister church in Jemo, Ethiopia. Please see information on the project on a full page later in this newsletter. For more information go to bismarckcc.org and click on Missions.

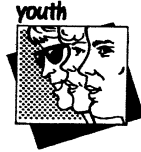
Our July "Missions"

Our offerings for "Missions" in July totaled \$376.00, and were sent to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Bible Study



Pastor Sean will be rekindling the Parents of Peace fellowship and Bible study group. The tentative plan is to have one session a month beginning mid-late September and ending in December. The four sessions will be from a study put together by Concordia Publishing House titled "Marriage by God's Design." The hope is for each session to include fellowship, a meal, and the study. All couples regardless of parental status are welcome. If interested contact Pastor Sean.



Lisa Ptacek, Youth Director

See you in September!



....PLCW....

Several ladies went to the Strasburg Care Center on July 29th and provided entertainment and lunch for the residents. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

The PLCW Board invites our younger women to come to the board meetings so we can get some new ideas. If interested, please contact Marilyn Malmedal at 254-4580.

August Schedule: Wednesday, August 5th – 2:30 pm PLCW Board

Wednesday August 19th – 7:00 pm Women of Peace

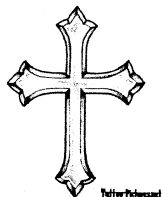
Hostess: Lynn McCulley

Bible Study: Laura Hirvela

Thrivent Financial News

Over the last 5 years, eligible members have recommended that Thrivent Financial distribute more than \$225 million in charitable grant funds to more than 25,600 enrolled churches and organizations through Thrivent Choice®.

Peace Lutheran Church has received \$24,640 in Choice Dollars® grant funds since enrolling in the program.



August Baptismal Dates

Baptismal dates for **August** according to church records are:

4 – Josi Conroy

12 – Terence Serr

23 – Leslie Kautz

5 – Lillian Kunz

15 – Albert Weber

27 – Janice Wolfer

Acacia Stuckle

Sylvia Weisser

29 – Chrissy Hochhalter

Jerry Thornton

16 – Arlo Ohlhauser

31 – James Plenis

9 – JoAnn Humann

17 – Alex Craigmile

Olivia Craigmile

Larry Umber, Jr.

If your baptism date is missing and you know the date, please call the church office (254-5395) so it can be included. ✝

These birthdates of our members are according to the church records. Some birthdates were not on record. If your birthdate is missed, or if there is a mistake, please contact the church office.



August birthdays are:

2 - Noah Alderin	14 - Matthew Ferderer	23 - Josie Schwab
Jacob Rossow	15 - Kayla Hendrickson	24 - Arthur (Rick) Rudy
Janice Wolfer	Paxton Randle	Libby Wohl
3 - Jeffrey Erickson	16 - Gert Rau	26 - Jennifer LeFrancois
4 - Travis Humann	17 - John Ohlhauser	Skyler Hoff-Wald
Lois Van Beek	18 - Trinity Bodvig	27 - Irene Ohlhauser
6 - Elaine Streyle	20 - Harold Hirvela	28 - Joshua Schlosser
8 - Bryan Schatz	21 - Travis Dockter	29 - Michael Haas
11 - Carol Huber	Erma Wohl	Jacob Ohlhauser
	22 - Gerald Tveito	30 - Dennis Ferderer
		31 - Erin Schmidt

May each of you have a very **Happy Birthday** and may we keep you in our prayers for the day of your birth, praying that you shall remain faithful followers of Jesus until He comes again!†



Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Welcome people in

Help them grow

Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care



Peace Lutheran Church... August "Mission" Support

PLC's August Mission of the Month

Children's HopeChest and Bismarck Community Church's Sister Church

Children's HopeChest exists to glorify God by releasing the potential of orphaned and vulnerable children and their communities through partnerships that cultivate holistic transformation and sustainability.

Children's HopeChest helps to meet medical, physical, educational, emotional, and spiritual needs of orphaned children and youth, in Russia, Swaziland, Ethiopia, Uganda, Haiti, Guatemala, Moldova, India, and the United States.



Bismarck Community Church has partnered with HopeChest by adopting the congregation in Jemo, Ethiopia. **Our giving will help support BCC's partnership with the Jemo Congregation.** Jemo Mekane Yesus Congregation was established in 2000 and has grown to nearly 500 members that consist of two ordained ministers and over 50 volunteers who serve the church and the surrounding community. The church congregation and leadership have a good standing relationship the local government and other authorities who are involved in both developmental and community matters in the vicinity.

Jemo is located in an overpopulated slum where most of the houses are not conducive to for living. The environment surrounding the Jemo CarePoint is very damaged and corroded due to practices related to mining natural resources. The techniques used to mine these resources include detonating explosives and other harmful methods.

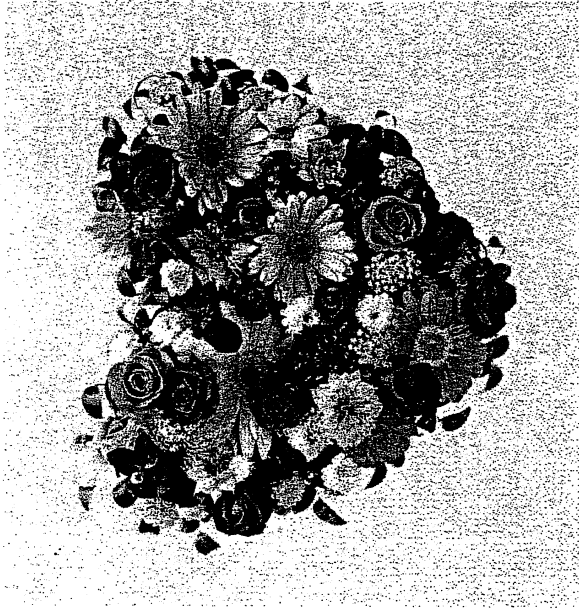
Many of the inhabitants in the area are uneducated and impoverished daily laborers who have no reliable income to support their families. Currently, there are over 200 destitute children in the community. Among these, 60 percent of the children are attending classes at a nearby government school; however many parents and caregivers are unable to afford to send all of their children to school, and as result the cycle of poverty continues. Jemo Church operates as a drop-in center, a safe place where needy children can come for care and support. With your support, the children at Jemo will have the opportunity to grow physically, medically, educationally, spiritually, and emotionally.

Bismarck Community Church has partnered with Jemo in multiple ways. They are currently sponsoring 200 children with \$38/month to fund things like education, nutrition, and health care. Their funding also helps to provide needed infrastructure and income generating opportunities for the adults in the community.

Thank you

Thank you for the recent donation
from Peggy Luthrow at Kenton.
We very much appreciate
your help with our Museum
to assist those who are abused.

Sharon

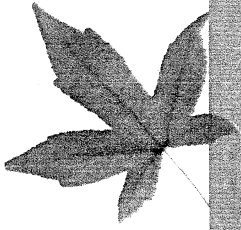


Thank you so much
for your donation
to Kedish House.
It is very much
needed
and appreciated.

Sharon Brady,
Director

August 2015

Ushers: Marvin Heyne, Alex Craigmile,
Scott McCulley, & Donavin Grenz
Acolytes: Sierra Bosch & Josi Schwab



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2015 Mission Trip Participants return
2 10th Sunday After Pentecost 9:30 AM Worship/Holy Communion	3	4	5 2:30 pm PLCW Board	6	7	8
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study	10	11	12 7 pm Church Council	13	14	15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord
16 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 Adult Bible Study	17	18	19 7 pm Women of Peace	20	21	22
23 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship - Church picnic to follow	24 Bartholomew, Apostle	25 School Resumes	26	27	28	29
30 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Worship Confirmation Meeting following	31	