



Words of Peace

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Peace Lutheran Church

A congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

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Pastor Bill Duffey

Bruce Sorensen,
Council President

Sandra Joubert
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LAWN MOWERS

The church lawn is mowed and trimmed each week by volunteers from our church. Due to liability concerns, only adults 18 years and older can volunteer. If you are able to help, there is a sign-up list on the bulletin board in the foyer next to the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up for a specific weekend or on a general availability list. For further information, contact Bob White.



If you would like to show your thanks for something in the next newsletter, please fill out a "I give thanks to" sheet and place it in the Give Thanks boxes that are located on the counter in the back of the Sanctuary and on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

- To everyone that helped with spring cleaning.
- Whitney Gruss for taking on VBS this year
- To everyone that made VBS possible – volunteers, donations, youth, etc.
- John & Wynn Gillis for the use of their tent for the VBS treats
- Paul Joubert for extending the sprinkler system in the Peace Gardens
- Diane Oddy – ‘Season Quilt’ for the Christikon fund raiser. The quilt brought in \$225 for Christikon Camp.
- “Bob & I wandered out to check the gardens and they look just great. The people that have rented them really did a nice tidy job of planting and they all are growing well. Wish more people wanted to use them--maybe they just don't know but you can't miss the sign!! But the main thing I wanted to tell you (Sandi) and Paul, we could not get over those beautiful plaques. I assumed they would just be a little one but holy cow. All the work that went into them and even framed. They are outstanding. I would bet members haven't even walked out there and checked them and maybe it would give them a heads up. Kudos to you both!” Carol White
- In May 90 pounds of assorted groceries were donated to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.
- “Peace Lutheran Friends, Thank you all so much for thinking of us when we lost our dad and grandpa. It was so special to get a card from you – truly touched our hearts. I miss our time at Peace Lutheran. What a special caring church family. Thanks for your continued prayers.” The family of Arnie Nimmick.
- During the June 9th Blood drive the American Red Cross collected 25 units of blood. 27 people gave blood of those 27, 3 were first time donors.
- Paul Joubert for using his tractor to carrying the soil to top dress the Community Gardens
- Jonathan Sutton for helping spread the soil in the Community Gardens
- WOW – the front entry looks great – thanks to the Wednesday evening group that spread new top soil and planted all the new flowers.
- THANK YOU to all you people who kindly and caringly worked so hard on the Peace Garden and the front lawn area! This area and the Peace Garden look so pretty and well cared for now!

A Word from Pastor Bill



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is June 21st and I am pleased to report that this is the second continuous day of sunny weather, at least so far – the day is still young and the weather may be quite different by this afternoon. I am sure you all know the Montana comment concerning weather, “Don’t like the weather? Just wait, it will change soon.”

Karen and I drove to Melville Lutheran Church yesterday evening to hear Pastor Mark Vander Tuig; Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Service Coordinator speak.

Due to an airplane delay he missed his connecting flight to Bozeman on Sunday, so Pastor Merv Olson and I presented some information about LCMC to those who gathered at the Bozeman Senior Center Sunday evening.

Karen and I wanted to hear Pastor Mark so we made the drive to Melville Lutheran – it was a wonderful drive, the weather was sunny and warm, and the scenery was spectacular!!! If you have not been to Melville Lutheran Church, may I suggest that you make plans to do so soon for the hills are a beautiful green right now and the Crazy Mountains are still laden with vast fields of white snow, they are a Back-drop Scene that no artist could ever paint.

Pastor Mark Vander Tuig mentioned four things that LCMC congregations need to be about:

- 1) People of Prayer
- 2) Mission Minded
- 3) Getting Connected
- 4) Trained and Equipped.

Mark explained those topics as follows:

We need to become more and more **People of Prayer** as we move forward as congregations. We need to realize the power of prayer in the life of the church and that nothing really gets done until we get on our knees and pray. And that we pray for God’s will be done in the world according to God’s WORD.

We need to become **Mission Minded** as we take the Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20 seriously. We need to take seriously the mission Jesus has sent us on, to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and to teach people to OBEY everything God commanded as we remember that God is with us through it all.

Concerning **Getting Connected**, Pastor Mark asked us, “How far do you have to go before you meet someone who does not know Jesus or attend a local church?” For most of us that would not be very far! So how are we doing at connecting people to Jesus and connecting them with a worshipping community that meets their needs?

For the fourth point, **Trained and Equipped**, Mark asked us, “How are congregations doing in their training and equipping the membership in becoming more and more **People of Prayer**, in becoming **Mission Minded**, and in **Getting** others **Connected** to Jesus and to a local congregation that meets their needs?” Mark emphasized that we need to train and equip our members to know their faith story so that they can Not Be Afraid, so that they can Go, and so that they can Tell their faith story to their family, to their children, to their friends, and then to complete strangers who need to hear that witness.

I believe that we can commit ourselves at Peace Lutheran Church in Belgrade, Montana to working on those four things.

Becoming more and more **People of Prayer**, continuing to be **Mission Minded**, **Getting** others **Connected** to Jesus and a local Worshipping Community that meets their needs, and **Training and Equipping** our members to know their faith story so they will Not Be Afraid, so they will Go, and so they will Tell it to those they know and to those they do not know.

God's Grace and Peace be with you.

Pastor Bill




*July
Ministry
Teams*

	9:00 a.m.
July 3	Evangelical Lutheran Service #3
Organ	Karen Duffey
July 10	Evangelical Lutheran Service #10
Piano	Virginia Sorensen
July 17	Evangelical Lutheran Service #10
Piano	Jackie Currey
July 24	Light Into the World (Bluegrass)
July 31	We Bring Our Gifts or Chosen People/Dakota Road
Council for July	Gretchen Carrels, Tom Gruss, & Val Ross
Altar Guild for July	Audrey Vitarius & Nancy Vitarius



July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
3 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Evangelical Lutheran Worship #3 Special Offering for Christian Ministry in The National Parks 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 p.m. Pr. Bill at New Hope Lutheran in Townsend	4  HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA! Pr. Bill & Karen on Vacation	5 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer	6 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Worship Service	7	8	9 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
10 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Evangelical Lutheran Worship #3 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Pr. Bill & Karen on Vacation	11 6:30 p.m. Women's Book Study @ Gretchen's 7:00 p.m. Music Jam	12 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer	13 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Worship Service	14 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	15	16 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
17 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Evangelical Lutheran Worship #10 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 p.m. Bob Coughlin at New Hope Lutheran in Townsend Pr. Bill & Karen on Vacation Habitat for Humanity group from Wisconsin staying	18 6:30 p.m. Women's Book Study @ Gretchen's 7:00 p.m. Music Jam	19 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer	20 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Worship Service	21	22	23 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist Habitat for Humanity group from Wisconsin back
24 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Light Into the World (Bluegrass) 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Pr. Bill & Karen on Vacation Habitat for Humanity group from Wisconsin staying	25 PASTOR'S DAY OFF 6:30 p.m. Women's Book Study @ Gretchen's 7:00 p.m. Music Jam	26 Newsletter Articles Due 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer	27 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Worship Service	28	29	30 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
31 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Chosen People/Dakota Road 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship						



BAPTISMS FOR JULY

Remember your Baptism – whether walking in the rain or in the shower. Members that have been baptized in July are:

- Dianne Coughlin
- 1 Luke Simonson
- 5 Don Bilbrey
Tiffany Bilbrey
Travis Bilbrey
- 12 Amber VanLuchene
- 17 Julie Mattson
Kerry Willger
- 18 Mark Salo
- 22 Theresa Leininger
- 23 Lori Lanzendorf
Matthew Streich
- 27 Marilyn Megaard
- 30 Andrew Erickson

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed or has the wrong date, please contact the church office so that it can be corrected on the church records.
Office email is plchurch1001@qwestoffice.net



July

- 1 Lois Kahler
Christopher & Pauli Ranney
- 2 Don & Patricia Bilbrey
Matthew & Jodi Welch
- 3 Darlene Idland
Wally & Lois Kahler
- 5 Dianne Coughlin
Kelsey Saylor
- 6 Gary & Cindy Gee
Eric & Anissa Leininger
- 9 Bruce & Jinx Sorensen
- 10 Bruce Sorensen
Pauli Ranney
- 12 Karsen Bramlette
Rollin & Kristy Rieger
- 13 Diane Oddy
Brandon Thurston
Terry & Nancy Schievelbein
- 14 Elizabeth Coughlin
Shirley Malby
Steve & Tammi Malby
- 15 Nicholas Sorensen
- 16 Paul & Gayle Clifford
- 17 Kraig Rieger
- 18 Amy Craver
Christine Finkbeiner
Elexis Bray
- 19 Laura Carter
Angela Gruss
- 21 Ross Leake
Christina Moss
- 22 Roy Finkbeiner
Cassandra Garrison
Jordan Ranney
- 25 Amanda Johnson
Nancy Fox
Bill & Linda Miller
- 26 Tom Watson
Ron & Rose Abelin
- 27 Jordyn Adams
- 28 Bobbi Jo Hansen
Gabriell Weber
Steve & Tiina Smith
- 29 Justis Micech
- 30 Veronica Malby
Morgan Mitchell

General Fund Ending 5/31/11	
General Fund Balance 5/1/11	5,309.70
General Fund Income - Envelopes & Plates	16,150.90
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Total Funds Available:	21,460.60
Less Expenses	-13,098.97
Transfer to Building Fund	-1,225.00
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Accrued Benevolence (not paid, but due)	4,261.23
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General Fund Ending Balance 5/31/11	2,875.40

LCMC INTERVIEW

*Congratulations to Bob Coughlin!
Bob was certified for LCMC
Ordination by Rev. Paul Spaulding,
Lutheran Congregations in Mission
for Christ's Pastoral Certification
Coordinator, on Thursday, June 16th
in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bob is
now available for a call to an LCMC
congregation.*

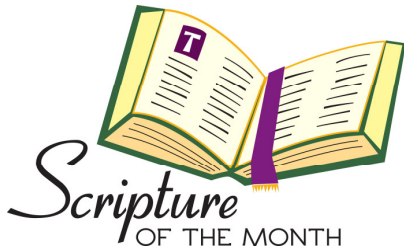
Special Donations Fund Ending 5/31/11	
Special Fund Balance 1/1/11	5,167.43
Special Fund Donations	5,655.00
Special Fund Disbursements	-614.24
Fund Balance 5/31/11	10,208.19
Building Fund Balance Ending 5/31/11	
Building Fund Balance 1/1/11	9,991.87
Transfers from General Fund	4,887.50
Transfers to General Fund	0.00
Building Fund Donations	36,941.97
Building Fund Disbursements	-4,953.00
Building Fund Balance 5/31/11	46,868.34



August Ministry Team

In July a council member will be calling the following August Ministry Team Members:

- Don & Pat Bilbrey
- Mike & Becky Erickson
- Phil & Kate Davis
- Tom & Heidi Jakob
- Eric & Anissa Leininger
- Andy Mitchell & Debra Briggs
- Peter & Judy Noreen
- Craig & Kristi Parker
- Steve & DeAnne Smith
- Mike & Angela Wubben
- Kirk & Michelle Banderob
- Jeff & Kris Bell
- Eric & Connie Holton
- Heather Geiger
- John & Wynne Gillis
- Richard & Robin Lennemann
- Dan & Val Reddick
- Chad & Amber VanLuchene
- Jodi Welch
- Kathryn Jordan
- Tim & Leann Pipinich
- Harvey & Laura Carter
- Lisa McCurley
- Jordan & Cassandra Garrison
- Mike & Joy Spinella



July 3 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
FIRST READING – Zechariah 9:9-12
PSALM – Psalm 145:8-14
SECOND READING – Romans 7:15-25a
GOSPEL – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost
FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:10-13
PSALM – Psalm 65:1-13
SECOND READING – Romans 8:1-11
GOSPEL – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost
FIRST READING – Isaiah 44:6-8
PSALM – Psalm 86:11-17
SECOND READING – Romans 8:12-25
GOSPEL – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost
FIRST READING – 1 Kings 3:5-12
PSALM – Psalm 119:129-136
SECOND READING – Romans 8:26-39
GOSPEL – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost
FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-5
PSALM – Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
SECOND READING – Romans 9:1-5
GOSPEL – Matthew 14:13-21



WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE



Beginning Wednesday, June 8th, we will be holding a Wednesday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m. for the summer months. This will be an abbreviated service, perhaps not more than 45 minutes in length. We are hoping that this mid-week service will be convenient for those who have family commitments on the weekends during the summer months.

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
June 9, 2011



Members present: Bob Coughlin, Debra Briggs, Lisa Duffey, Pastor Bill Duffey, Bruce Sorensen, Gretchen Carrels, Nancy Vitarius, Vickie Streich, Val Ross, and Tom Gruss

Not present: Rick Keller, John Gillis, and Tim Pipinich

Guests: Karla from Zoe Women's Services, Pastor Mervin Olson

Guest: Karla from Zoe Women's Services. Zoe means spiritually renewed life in Greek. They have a website "silent no more" about women speaking out after abortion. The clinic has 5 nurses and they encourage adoption (Lutheran and Catholic Social Services). They are seeing approximately 20 girls per week. September 1 through October 10 they are having 40 days of prayer before their banquet.

Guest: Pastor Mervin Olson talking about Christian Ministry in the National Parks. They have Sunday services for visitors and workers of the individual National Parks. He asked for a \$200.00 donation to go towards this service and is encouraging PLC to host an orientation seminar for the workers of this program. No government money goes in to this program.

Debra Briggs read a devotional related to Proverbs 7 on "Living a Hard Life".

Approval of the May 12, 2011 Council minutes – motion to approve was made by Gretchen Carrels, seconded by Nancy Vitarius, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented. May was the greatest giving month to date. Debra Briggs moved to approve and Gretchen Carrels seconded. Motion carried.

Congregational concerns: the box was empty.

Staff concerns: a reminder that the nursery on Sunday mornings is for children birth to age 5. It was asked by Tom Gruss that the nursery attendants be changed from the High School Youth group to Ben Gruss and Andrew Erickson. They would be paid an hourly wage. Debra Briggs moved to approve the change with it being revisited at the August Council meeting. Bob Coughlin seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's report: July 4-18 will be Pastor Bill's vacation. The congregation in Townsend is asking for pastoral presence each Sunday and would like it to be earlier in the day. Currently, Pastor Bill travels there twice a month and is paid \$160.00 for each visit. He is going to suggest that the service in Townsend be at 11:30 a.m. The Townsend congregation is willing to pay \$800.00 if they could have services weekly. Wednesday evening services began at PLC and there were five people at the first service. Those services will continue through the summer to accommodate people that may not be able to attend on Sunday.

Team reports:

Education: Judi Beagley and Kate Davis will be co-superintendents of Sunday School for the 2011-12 school year.

Youth & Family: A garden plot is being done by the Youth of PLC.

Stewardship: To quote Bruce Sorensen, "ain't it great"!

Worship & Music: The team hasn't yet met in June. When they do, the remainder of the summer will be planned.

Property Care: Trying to find a contractor to do the roof.

Outreach: Kirsten Haas is in Tanzania. \$535 was given from PLC for her mission work. Manic Monday concluded for the school year and all of the volunteers were taken out to lunch.

Congregational Life: The team hasn't yet met in June. Possible speaker for the 3rd Wednesday presentation in September will be a representative from Zoe Women's Services. Still discussing a new church directory.

Old business:

- A \$200.00 gift card to Cabela's was purchased for Marvin Hartze for his donation and installation of the chain link fencing at PLC. The Council signed a thank-you card.
- Bob Coughlin will be meeting in Minneapolis on June 16 for his certification interview to become a LCMC Pastor. After a successful interview/acceptance, he will be eligible to receive a call to a LCMC congregation.

New business:

- Lisa McCurley asked to use the PLC facility on July 29 just for the day. She runs the Bridger Kids Camp throughout the summer. The facility that she uses has a previous commitment for the 29th. The camp has a field trip planned for the day but will need a place to gather and be dismissed from. Gretchen Carrels moved and Tom Gruss seconded the use for the camp. Motion carried.

Next Council meeting – July 14, 2011

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Streich, Church Council secretary



PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY

SUMMER READING is so easy, so inexpensive, so right here for you; plus, what a 'getaway' for you~~~you don't have to plan ahead, buy tickets, pack up the car, secure the place, or such!

Your Peace Library has books waiting for you that will take you to the "fruit of the Holy Spirit".

These are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The series of books on the Library table may be ones that you have not tried yet. So try them out and see how they can take you away!

THANK YOU to Wynne Gillis, Gretchen Carrels, and Anonymous for the just great books that you gave to the Peace Library!

