



The Peace Messenger

Peace Lutheran Church
2090 Commerce Drive
North Mankato MN 56003

Newsletter
August/September 2012

Busy Season is Here

Worship Schedule 5/20/12 – 8/19/12

Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School
in recess until September

Serving Peace

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Church Council

President:

Eric Woller

Vice President:

Chris Harstad

Secretary:

Matt Riehl

Spiritual Leadership:

Orrin Ausen

Christian Education:

Ted Manthe

Property Management:

Jim Howson

Stewardship:

Brian Koch

Gospel Outreach:

Nick Peters

Jesus' Lambs Preschool

Joslyn Moldstad 385-7752

Crossed - Youth Group

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Special Interest Dates

4th Preschool classes begin

5th Women of Peace 5:30p

5th Choir Practice 7:00p

9th Sunday School and

Adult Bible Class begin 9:15a

9th CROSSED 6:15p

11th Solid Grounds BC 9:00a

11th Council Meeting 6:30p

16th Choir sings

Solomon said, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." (*Ecclesiastics 3:1*) If that is true, then we are entering the "busy" season. School registration, school shopping, and scheduling music lessons and sporting activities can be very demanding on our "spare" time. Sometimes, we feel that we don't have enough time, that we are stretched too thin. Quite often that isn't just a feeling; it is true.

How can we determine if we are too busy? Here is a little test to help. Is your schedule so full that daily devotions or scripture reading is not possible? Are you taking time to pray? Does your hectic pace prevent you from regularly gathering to hear God's Word in the worship services and Bible studies? If you are too busy for any of these activities, you are TOO busy.

Martha thought that she didn't have enough time to be taught by Jesus. There was, after all, so much that needed to be done – beds to make, meals to prepare. She couldn't believe that Jesus would let

Mary be so lazy. She probably thought, "Look at Mary sitting there, hanging off His every word, while I get all the work done." When Martha asked Jesus to correct the situation, He replied, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed." (*Luke 10:41-42*)

Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken from her." Jesus told Martha that she was too busy. The frantic pace of her activity had caused her to forgo the one thing needful. Can you empathize with Martha?

Our congregation is also entering the busy season – two services, Bible studies, Sunday

School. These are not more demands on your time. They are so that you and your children can take a break. So come. Sit at Jesus' feet. Hang on His every word. Hear again and again His words of love and forgiveness. Jesus is never too busy for you.

Blessings, Pastor Hartwig



Our Mission

The purpose of our congregation is to worship God, who gives life through Word and Sacrament; to serve one another in love and fellowship; and to proclaim forgiveness and salvation to all through Jesus Christ alone.

Council Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2012

The Mission & Ministry Coordination Council (MMCC) meeting of Peace Lutheran Church was held on **July 10, 2012** at Peace and called to order by President Woller. Council members present were: Pastor Hartwig, Eric Woller – *President*, Chris Harstad – *Vice President*, Ted Manthe – *Christian Education*, Brian Koch – *Stewardship*, Nick Peters – *Gospel Outreach*, Matthew Riehl - *Secretary*. Absent and excused: Jim Howson, Orrin Ausen

- Meeting opened with devotion and prayer.
- Agenda – Agenda was approved as amended.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting – MMSP to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as submitted.
- Pastor's Report (Pastor Hartwig)
 - Attendance remains strong, June averaged 197. Averaged 226 per Sunday for first six months of 2012.
 - Five prospects have started classes and three have indicated that they will soon.
 - Pastor will be on vacation July 23-26.
- Spiritual Leadership (Coordinator ~ Orrin Ausen)
 - No report. VBS has not been planned; a coordinator is needed, the week of August 13-17 would be the best week. An evening time slot has been effective in past years..
- Gospel Outreach (Coordinator ~ Nick Peters)
 - No Report.
- Christian Education (Coordinator ~ Ted Manthe)
 - No Report. Sunday School will begin on September 09 & the Pre-school will begin September 04
- Stewardship (Coordinator ~ Brian Koch)
 - New procedures for employees and new counting procedures were implemented last year.
 - The church loan was refinanced.
- Property Management (Coordinator ~ Jim Howson)
 - No report.
- MMSP to approve the coordinator's reports.
- Old Business
 - None.
- New Business
 - New Copier – Church is in need of a new copier, Keith Wiederhoeft provided a quote for a copier that fulfills the needs of the church. Motion was made to approve the purchase of the new copier. MMSP.
 - August Meeting – Traditionally a picnic meeting. August 7th at the Woller house, 6:00.
 - Think of a theme for the next church year.
 - Pastor Hartwig requests changes to how his retirement funds are withheld and invested. The request is prompted by tax laws and what will best meet his needs both now and in the future. There are no costs or tax implications for the congregation. Motion was made to approve the changes. Motion is tables until August 07, at which time Pastor Hartwig will present a written summary of the changes.
 - Membership Changes: Motion to approve Karl and Rachel Youngblom into membership by transfer. MMSP. Clint and Keri Sadler have requested a transfer to a WELS congregation. MMSP
 - **Announcement:** Officers are asked to introduce themselves to the congregation over the next several weeks. This is also an opportunity for officers to solicit help from the congregation
- Next council meeting – Scheduled for August 7th, 6:00pm at the Woller's.
- Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Matthew Riehl - Secretary

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- Meeting opened with devotion and prayer.
- Agenda – Agenda was approved.
- Minutes of Previous Meeting – MMSP to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as submitted.
- Pastor's Report (Pastor Hartwig)
 - Average attendance in July was 148. .
 - Two adults are completing the adult instruction course, four others have committed to doing the course. Two others are good prospects.
 - Membership is 347, communicants 254 and 117 voting members. Motion to approve changes in membership - MMSP.
- Spiritual Leadership (Coordinator ~ Orrin Ausen)
 - No report.
- Gospel Outreach (Coordinator ~ Nick Peters)
 - No Report.
- Christian Education (Coordinator ~ Ted Manthe)
 - No Report.
- Stewardship (Coordinator ~ Brian Koch)
 - No Report.
- Property Management (Coordinator ~ Jim Howson)
 - No report.
- Old Business
 - Pastors retirement plan: Changing the manner in which Pastor Hartwig's retirement contributions are handled. MMSP.
- Next council meeting – Scheduled for September 11th @ 6:30 pm.
- Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

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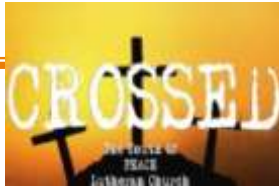


Rev. Paul & Terri Fries, Jessica & Hannah
Erik & Kristen Hermanson, Jakob & Zak
David & Nancy Ring
Daniel Ruiz
Stephen Sielaff
Karl & Rachel Youngblom



*Congratulations to
Daniel Ruiz and
Katie Anderson
who were married
on August 4th.*

Please introduce yourselves and get to know to them.



CROSSED DATES & EVENTS

Times - 6:15 – 8:30PM unless otherwise noted

September 9th – *CROSSED* @ Peace
September 16th – *CROSSED* @ Peace
September 24th – *CROSSED* @ Peace
September 30th – *CROSSED* @ Peace

September 9th – Welcome back to the weekly *CROSSED* Youth Group meetings!

All youth from 7th to 12th grade are invited! Any questions, call Josh Mayer at 402-517-5468 or Anthony Miller at 507-317-2097.



Women of Peace

We hope everyone had a fun and safe summer! Women of Peace will begin meeting monthly again, with our first meeting on **Wednesday, September 5th, from 5:30-7:00PM**. We will be continuing our study on the book of Ruth, have a brief planning meeting, and ?????

Mothers with young children - there will be babysitting available with some planned activities so please come.

Remember – if you or your children haven't eaten, come anyway! Bring bag lunches and the babysitter will take care of helping your child with their meal.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about God's Word, get better acquainted with the other women of our church, plan some fun events for the coming months, and find ways to help our church grow.

*We hope that you will join us on September 5th at 5:30PM,
or whatever time you are able to get here!*



Employment Opportunities

Part Time Help Needed at MVL ~ MVL is looking for an individual to help out in the kitchen on school days. Approximate hours are 10:30 – 2:30. Tasks to be completed would include recording lunches and operating the dishwasher. Interested individuals should contact Tim Plath at 354-6851 or at tplath@mvlhs.org.

Part Time Custodian: The Mt. Olive Board of Trustees is seeking applicants for a Part Time (up to 10 hours a week) custodian to assist the custodial staff with maintaining a clean, safe, and comfortable environment for the Church and School. The duties will include cleaning and coordinating with the current custodian staff. All applicants may apply at the Mt. Olive Church Office, or call 345-4966 for more information.

Fall-Spring Worship Schedule
Begins August 26, 2012

Worship Services
8:00 & 10:30 AM

Begins September 9th
 Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 AM



Prayer Requests

Pastor Hartwig is happy to receive prayer requests. Please contact him at 507-382-6826 or e-mail him at pastorhartwig@gmail.com

Serving the 26th of August and the month of September

Altar/Communion preparation

8/26 Leslee & Orrin Ausen
9th Beka Jordan & Karen Tetzloff
23rd Mary Holbird & Janet Moldstad

Communion Assistants

	8:00am	10:30am
8/26	Orrin Ausen	Phil Lepak
9th	Doyle Holbird	Eric Woller
23rd	Paul Wold	Tom Kuster

Ushers

	8:00am	10:30am
8/26	Keith Wiederhoeft Paul Wold	Steve Matthes Ben Moldstad
2nd	Orrin Ausen	John Moldstad
9th	Joel Brude Jason Loe	Matt Riehl Nick Peters
16th	Tim Loe	Terry Field
23rd	Mark Meyer Christ Merritt	Al Clennon Adie Harstad
30th	Bob Paulsen	Chris Harstad

Counters

8/26/12 Karen Wold & Eric Woller
9/02/12: Brian Koch & Todd Olsen
9/09/12: Danielle Geistfeld/Chris Harstad
9/16/12 Marnie Werner & Brad Wosmek
9/23/12 Brian Koch & Matt Riehl
9/30/12 Karen or Paul Wold & Eric Woller

Happy Birthday!



Ryan Geving	8/02	18 years old
Austin Olsen	8/04	11 years old
Aria Jordan	8/13	10 years old
Leah Simmons	8/17	6 years old
William Brown	8/21	10 years old
Eva Huckaby	8/31	5 years old
Ely Miller	9/03	6 years old
Samantha Kammerer	9/08	18 years old
Madeline Cooney	9/09	6 years old
Abby Merritt	9/09	16 years old
Zoey Loging	9/13	2 years old
Brielle Cooney	9/15	1 year old
Ray Kom	9/15	3 years old
Rylee Woller	9/19	9 years old
Lauren Paulsen	9/20	12 years old
Jade Ohotto	9/21	11 years old
Victoria Ringen	9/23	3 years old
Brooklynn Beadell	9/25	4 years old
Kjerstin Wold	9/27	17 years old

Also – (August) Marilyn Paulsen, Bob Paulsen, Eric Woller, Karina Clennon, Katy Thompson, Walt Beinke, Kirsten Loe, Cody Johnston, Amy Jo Reiner, Kelsie Wagner, Tom Schulz, Abbie Lecy, Carla DeWitt, Ted Manthe, Lois Fenger, Kay Miller, Kathy Petersen, Katie Hartwig, Kristi Ringen, (Sept.) Ruth Olsen, Kate Loging, Keenan Robins, Jon Moldstad, Lori Pival, Triah Meyer, Dale Jaech, Hillary Chopp, Adie Harstad, Jason DeWitt, Rhonda Geving, Heidi Meyer, Julie Ewert, Derick Lyngholm, Carolyn Storlie, Seth Hughes, Gaylin Schmeling, Lynne Kessel.

**May the Lord bless you,
 today and always.**



August & September Anniversaries:

Andy & Margaret Madson	8/02/59	53 years
Ryan & Ruthann Kragh	8/06/01	11 years
Ron & Jeanne Lorensberg	8/06/00	12 years
Chris & Dani Merritt	8/12/89	23 years
Jim & Debra Howson	8/18/95	17 years
Keith & Joni Wiederhoeft	8/22/81	31 years
Scott & Steph Johnston	8/24/96	16 years
Al & Karina Clennon	8/27/11	1 year
George & Brittany Otto	9/03/11	1 year
Joel & Annie Kom	9/07/02	10 years
Dave & Julie Ewert	9/09/78	34 years
Jon & Terri Michaletz	9/10/11	1 year
Brandon & Heidi Miller	9/10/05	7 years
Jeff & Cathy Blaukat	9/12/98	14 years
Luke & Lizz Lowe	9/13/03	9 years
Dustin & Alyssa Baker	9/18/10	2 years
Jim & Karen Holte	9/20/69	43 years
Rob & Lori Pipal	9/22/79	33 years
Mark & Heidi Meyer	9/26/87	25 years

Congratulations! May the Lord continue to bless you and may your Christian marriage serve as an inspiration to others.

Risen Savior Lutheran Grade School will be holding a fundraising Golf Tournament, Sunday, Sept. 23, 4:00 pm at the North Links Golf Course. The funds from this event will be used to support construction of 4 additional classrooms on the St. Marks campus of Risen Savior Lutheran School. The tournament fee of \$60.00 includes 9 holes of golf, golf cart and a meal. Please consider participating in this mission of Risen Savior Lutheran School as it attempts to accommodate the growth in numbers of those parents choosing full time Christian education for their children. Contact Paul Lokken, phlokken@cgintl.com, if you are interested in golfing or providing a sponsorship.



Worship on CD

Along with sermons available on the Peace website, we are able to make CD's of full worship services or multiple sermons. If you miss church due to sickness or travel, and would like a CD, please contact the church office and tell us the date of the service you would like. A CD will be made for you, to be mailed out or picked up in the church office.

Committees or groups wishing to have information printed in the newsletter, please e-mail your detailed information to

karen@peacemankato.org

no later than the 15th of the month.

It is our wish to have an informative newsletter of all the happenings of our church to be shared with all members. Whatever you think the smallest bit interesting and informative, please submit. All submissions will be published upon Pastor Hartwig's approval.



Thank you to the fans that came out to support the softball team & enjoyed the fellowship opportunities



at the ball field this year. There is ONE MORE opportunity to enjoy some softball and a potluck meal! The ELS/WELS tournament was rained out in August and has been rescheduled for **September 9th, beginning around 12PM, at Jaycee Park in Mankato.** Games will be played all afternoon, so come and stay as long as you would like.

We would love to see more members at the ball fields next summer!

Come on, it's a 'ball'!



New New 2 You Family Thrift
338 Commerce Drive, N. Mankato
Phone Number: 385-1455

Monday: 9:30am to 7:00pm
Tuesday through Friday: 9:30am to 5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Donation Drop Off times

Monday through Friday: 9:30am to 4:30pm
Saturday: 10:00am to 2:30pm

Part-time volunteer hours available



Some noteworthy items:

♪ I think we can agree that Peace Lutheran Church overflows with excellent musicians, a blessing that we surely must count over and over again! There are gifted instrumentalists of all ilk—pianists, organists, brass and woodwind players. And the singing—oh, my! I am struck every time the congregation sings The Lord's Prayer a cappella and ends on pitch. And what a thrill it is to hear the congregation continue to sing in four-part harmony when the organ fades out on a favorite hymn. My choir director brain can't help but conclude that there are several people sitting in the pews whose history likely includes having sung in a choir, church or otherwise. And this leads me to invite you to join the Peace choir. Perhaps you sang in a church choir years ago and have been itching to get back to it. Or maybe you're looking for a way to serve your congregation with your talents. Whatever the reason, there's no time like the present to act! Very soon the choir will begin another season. We rehearse Wednesdays at 7:00PM, with our first rehearsal scheduled for Sept. 5. All voices—bass, tenor, alto, soprano—are welcome. All ages high school and older are welcome. All levels of experience are welcome. You are welcome! Contact me for more information: 386-0853 or salepak@hotmail.com.

♪ Last fall, when it became apparent that the church could use a director's stand, member Bob Paulsen's volunteer efforts resulted in a beautiful and serviceable product that has been put to good use. When the request went out this past spring for a mobile choir cabinet, once again a member stepped up. Matt Riehl recently completed the project, a cabinet on wheels configured specifically for the compact and orderly storage of choir folders, music and other paraphernalia. Its mobility and design will make it an invaluable asset for the choir, both at weekly rehearsals and for service singing dates. Many, many thanks to Matt for his labors in creating such a wonderful addition to the music program at Peace. To God be the glory!



*The following was taken from
'Martin Luther's Little Instruction Book':*

SING TO GOD!

The devil should not be allowed to keep all the best tunes for himself.

"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30



St. Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey & Best of Greece Tour – May 20-30, 2013.

Please join us for this exhilarating and elevating experience in Greece as you travel with like-minded travelers on a common spiritual journey into a new dimension of understanding. For more information contact Adie Harstad 351-9333 or email: aharstad@blc.edu. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex with more information.



Preschool News

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRESCHOOL announces its eighth year as a preschool, under God's grace, and prayerfully opens a brand new school year on Tuesday, September 4th. Our theme is NO GREATER LOVE, which emphasizes John 15:13 which reads: *'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.'* Jesus, God's Son, who laid down his life for us on a cross, is speaking about himself. He tells us that we are truly his friends when we keep his commands. His first command is to believe in him as our Savior. God the Holy Spirit supplies us with the faith to put our trust in him alone for salvation.

We are happy to have 40 students enrolled for our 2012-13 school year. Our year was off to a beautiful start for our Back-To-School picnic. Many thanks to Pastor and Katie Hartwig, Marilyn and Bob Paulsen, Amy Reiner, Karen, Kjerstin and Kelci Wold, Matt, Heidi and Kiara Riehl, Keith and Joni Wiederhoeft, Dr. Greg Miller, Ted and Cristen Manthe, Brad and Jen Wosmek, Dani and Sarah Merritt, Stephanie Johnston and John Moldstad. Thanks also to all who tirelessly helped with chairs and tables.



At Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool we make every day special with the word of God in a Bible Story for the children. The children enjoy singing hymns and learning prayers. They look forward to hearing about their favorite Bible characters and we adapt this learning to their personal lives.

Our room is a special place where the children are able to find their own creativity and play, as well as circle times, learning letters and sounds, math fun, group games and outside play. As we enjoy each day, we teach the children to respond to each other with love and kindness.

We are excited about our eighth year teaching children and are happy that Heidi Riehl will again help us full time. Thank you to Heidi and also to Dani Merritt and Stephanie Johnston for subbing.



Dutch Bulb
Preschool Fundraiser

We are also in high gear for our Dutch Mill Bulb/Thrivent Fundraiser. If you would like to purchase bulbs to plant in the fall to bloom in the spring to further beautify your home or around our church grounds the ordering is easy. We will have flyers on the tall cabinet at the side of the Narthex until September 16th. Hand it in to the church office. We are trying to reach our goal of \$1000 to be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The preschool will receive 50% of all purchases. Donations are also welcome for a way to reach our goal. Thanks for your help!

Please keep our preschool in your prayers for a safe and wonderful school year in which many young hearts are turned to Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God. If you have any questions about our Christ-centered curriculum and theme-based preschool, please call Joslyn at 385-7752.

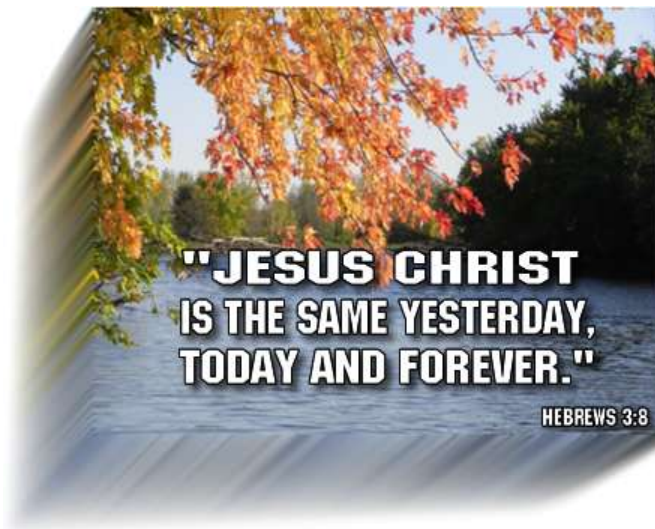
CHANGE!

As the fall season approaches there are signs of change all around us. For those in the northern part of our country the colors of the leaves and the shorter daylight hours are reminders that harvest time is just around the corner and cold winds will soon begin to blow. Big changes are on the way!

The blessings of the changing seasons are signs that our gracious God is in control of all things. After the great flood God said in Genesis 8:22 "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease".

The word "change" also has other meanings such as "substitute for, replace, take the place of." We are also blessed that God, being in control, sent His Son Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus came as our "substitute". He lived a perfect sinless life in our place and then took our place on the cross and died paying the penalty for our sins. He was placed in a tomb and rose three days later showing His victory over the power of sin, death, and the devil. Without the

substitutionary life, death, and resurrection of our Savior we would be lost for eternity as we are unable to change, to turn away from sin on our own. But now for all who come to faith and believe in Jesus' substitutionary death and resurrection they are assured of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting in heaven.



In an ever-changing world we give thanks that Jesus and His Word are unchanging, in Hebrews 13:8 we read "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." No matter what changes occur in the life of God's children – loss of loved ones, health issues, job

changes, we can be strengthened by the sure and unchanging Word of God that shows us His mercy and grace in sending Jesus to be our Savior. No matter how uncertain life here on earth may be, we can look forward to eternity in heaven where we will experience the never changing joy and happiness with Jesus and all believers.

Courtesy of the
ELS Board for Home Outreach