



The Peace Messenger

Peace Lutheran Church
2090 Commerce Drive
North Mankato MN 56003

Newsletter
September 2020

Worship Schedule

Sunday morning

Indoor - 8:30 Outdoor - 10:00

Wednesday Evening

Indoor - 6:30

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Special Interest Dates

1st Gospel Outreach 6p

8th Preschool starts

Solid Grounds Bible Study starts 9a

Council Meeting 6:30p

9th Bd. of Education Meeting 7:30p

11th Men's Bible Study starts 6:30a

19th Peace Writers' Group 10a

"I'll take the cockpit... you take the tail."



During the morning of September 11, 2001, passenger planes were flown into the twin towers in Manhattan, and the Pentagon, as the world watched in horror. United Airlines Flight 93 had also been hijacked and was speeding toward Washington DC.

Pilots of the 121st Fighter Squadron of the D.C. Air National Guard got the order to scramble jets and intercept the hijacked aircraft. Cmdr. Mark Sasseville and Lieut. Heather Penney were the first to scramble their jets. Knowing that there was not enough time to have their fighter jets armed with weapons to shoot down the remaining hijacked plane, Cmdr. Sasseville looked at Lieut. Penney and said, "I'll take the cockpit...you take the tail!"

It was virtually a suicide mission, but with the hope that they could successfully ram Flight 93, which they knew would result in the death of the passengers, along with themselves, but would possibly save hundreds more. To make matters worse, Lieut. Penney's father was a United Airlines pilot and she had no idea if she would be ramming her own father's plane.

They chose those impact spots hoping that it would minimize the debris field. A plane with no nose or tail would lose its forward momentum and likely fall straight out of the sky. Lieut. Penney later recalled: "My concern was how do we minimize collateral damage on the ground."

As it turned out, they never intercepted Flight 93 because the heroes on that doomed plane made sure they didn't have to... and the rest is history.

When we hear of heroic stories like that, we marvel at the willingness to make such a sacrifice for the benefit of others.

However, the sobering truth is, even if the passengers had been successful in gaining control from the terrorists and landing safely at a nearby airfield, still ... they all would've died . . . eventually . . . as all must do.

Sadly, death strikes all people, of all ages, of every nationality, because that's what sin brings into our world.

Paul made this abundantly clear that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and, "the wages of sin is death." (Rom. 3:23, 6:23) - And no amount of good deeds, good intentions, or even a fleet of heavily armed fighter jets can save us from our doomed situation.

But seeing that we had no hope of ever saving ourselves, our gracious God scrambled His only Son into action that would bring salvation to mankind.

The plan included Jesus willingly taking His sinless life to the Cross, to shed His blood, in order to cover all our sins. He became sin for us and sacrificed Himself so that He could pay the price that our sins demanded, and gift to us His life-saving forgiveness!



With Christ's resurrection victory, comes the promise: All who call upon His Name, in faith, receive the full forgiveness of all their sins, a new life now, and a heavenly life that lasts forever!

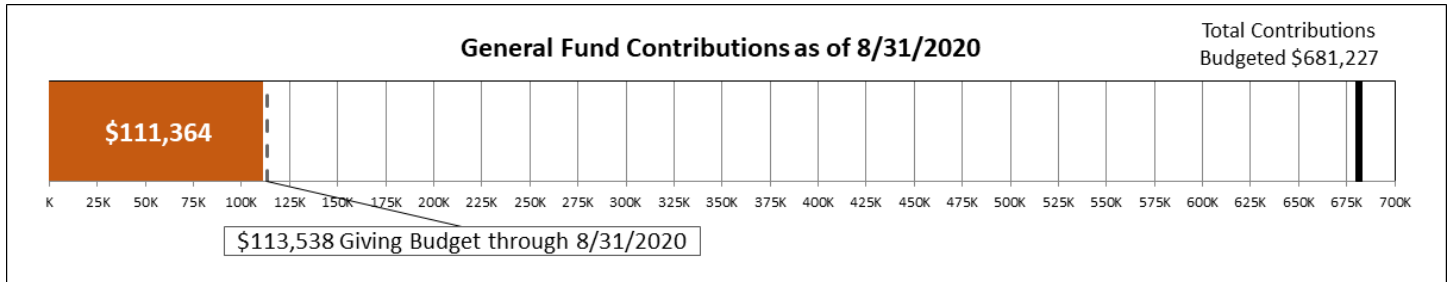
Repent of your sins, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and receive all the life He has to give!

- Board for Home Outreach

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.

Peace General Fund Contribution Update



Dear members of Peace,

We were so close, so close to making our budget for this past month. We fell short of our goal by just over \$2,000. Though we might be sad that we didn't make this goal, we always have reason to rejoice. We rejoice that we still have a God who loves us, and we still have a Savior who has forgiven our sins. This same God still is taking care of our needs, great and small. We especially rejoice that he doesn't base his gifts on our response, but he gives them full and free. What a reason we have, then, to respond with thanksgiving and to continue to bring our prayers, praise, and offerings to him!

Pastor Moldstad



Just a reminder of the option you have of using "electronic giving" for making your regular church offerings or special fund offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your debit or credit card (*Peace is charged a larger percentage (up to 3.5%) of your donation for card usage*). The electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue in an uninterrupted basis.

You can set it up yourself by going to our website, www.peacemankato.com, click the "Online Giving" box and put in your information. You choose how often you donate (weekly, monthly, certain date(s), etc.).



To watch our service live, go to:
www.peacemankato.com/livestreaming or
our Facebook page. The service will start
automatically when it is live (8:30AM regular service).

For recorded services, go to:
www.vimeo.com/peacemankato and you can choose
which service you wish to watch.



Foot Care

Are you unable to care for your feet?

Your church home is offering a service to help you care for your feet and toenails.

By appointment, a registered nurse, using sanitary equipment, will soak and wash your feet, trim toenails, and finish with a lotion foot massage. If the nurse feels further medical attention is needed, she may suggest an appointment with your health care provider. This service is free; however, donations will be accepted to go to a church cause.

For more information, or to set up an appointment, please call Amy Jo Reiner at 507-340-2061.

Serving the month of September:

Altar/Communion preparation

13th Elsa & Teresa Ferkenstad & Rachel Moldstad
 27th Elsa & Teresa Ferkenstad & Rachel Moldstad

Ushers

	8:30am	10:00am
6 th	Tim Paulsen Rob Paulsen	Devin Krienke Rob Pipal
13 th	Nick Peters Phil Wels	Rick Brennhofner Will Brueske
20 th	Keith Wiederhoeft Eric Woller	Terry Field Lucas Fricke
27 th	Paul Bunkowske Brandon Evers	Seth Grabow Adie Harstad

Counters

1st Sunday: Mike Madson & Todd Olsen
 2nd Sunday: Phil Novak & Marilyn Paulsen
 3rd Sunday: Chris Harstad & Brian Koch
 4th Sunday: Jon Stadler & **NEEDED**
 5th Sunday: Ernie Geistfeld & Karen Wold



Wedding Anniversaries:

Kyle & Abbie Smith	9/05/04	16 years
Adam & Angela Bruns	9/07/13	7 years
Dave & Julie Ewert	9/09/78	42 years
Jon & Terri Michaletz	9/10/11	9 years
Josiah & Serena Dueck	9/11/11	9 years
Matt & Joanna Bindert	9/22/12	8 years
Rob & Lori Pipal	9/22/79	41 years
Blake & Kenzie Lindstrom	9/28/19	1 years
Josh & Ali Wierschke	9/28/12	8 years
Warren & Megan Kassuelke	9/29/90	30 years

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

Happy Birthday!



Sophie Quist	4 years old
Austin Nommensen	14 years old
Emma Hinkel	3 years old
Annika Lowrey	13 years old
Havana Agenten	2 years old
Ray Kom	11 years old
Brevinn Vandermause	12 years old
Jaylin Bruns	2 years old
Rylee Woller	17 years old
Victoria Ringen	11 years old
Savannah Klockziem	14 years old

Also – Ruth Olsen, Virginie Pithan, Jesse Hinkel, Jeremy Blackwell, Samantha Kammerer, Jerrid Michels, Jon Moldstad, Abby Merritt, Lori Pipal, Karen Brennhofner, Hillary Chopp, Destiny Meyers, Rachel Hermanson, Adie Harstad, Jason DeWitt, Rhonda Geving, Julie Ewert, Peter Londgren, Lauren Paulsen, Jade Ohotto, Eric Harstad, Carolyn Storlie, Rick Brennhofner, Cody Pithan, Larry Wentzlaff, Laura Smith, Gaylin Schmeling Matt Lukasek, Logan Howe, Tara Meyers.

May the Lord bless you, today and always.



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

A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP

“God loves and hates temptations. He loves them when they provoke us to pray to Him and trust in Him; He hates them when we despair because of them.”



“The testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

James 1:3,4



Preschool News



Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschoolers are beginning school on Tuesday, September 8th, under God's grace. This is exactly how we begin every year, but during Covid-19, we are reminded, even more, how much we need God's protection in this life. We are reminded, even more, how much we need to hear the word of God daily in Bible readings, devotions and in church on Sunday, to prepare us for this life and the eternal life that is to come.

Pastor Hartwig, in our school board meeting, reminded us that even more important than trying to protect ourselves from the virus, our children need to be taught God's word in preschool and Sunday School. If our spiritual selves are not protected with Jesus, it doesn't really matter that our bodies are protected from this virus. With our sins forgiven, we know we will go to heaven and have eternal protection through our Savior forever.

This is exactly why Dani Merritt and I are eager to once again begin our new school year! With each Bible story, we not only remind children of their sin, but we give them the comfort of knowing Jesus has forgiven their sin through His perfect life, death and resurrection.

How happy and thankful we are to be beginning our school year after a 5 ½ month break! How happy and thankful we are, that so many volunteers helped us with our Back-To-School Night, giving our families the welcome they deserve! We thank our Pastors, Marilyn and Bob Paulsen, Kris and Marc Flygare, Joni and Keith Wiederhoeft, Elisa and James Londgren, Hilary Lien, Dani and Sarah Merritt, Cari Kelly, Adam and Nicole Saidler, John and Rachel Moldstad, Karen Wold and Brandon Evers. Many thanks also to Thrivent Financial!

We ask each of our Peace members to pray for each of our preschoolers, not only for their physical protection, but especially for their spiritual protection in Jesus, our Savior. Indeed it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8, 9.

We also pray that these little preschoolers will be like Jesus' disciples, who after the lame man was healed by God, was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:31)

Will this year look different? Maybe. However, it will be the same in that children will continue to hear the wonderful words of God in the Bible stories, chapel and hymns, as we prepare them for Kindergarten and for life. A blessed 2020-21 school year to all!



Preschool picnic and playground fun!



What's happening . . .

Mid-week Bible Studies beginning again:

Bible Study September 8th @ 9:00 AM – Solid Grounds Bible Study, at Peace and online
September 11th @ 6:30 AM – Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, at Peace



Junior Youth Canoe Trip – Our 7th & 8th grade youth are invited on a canoe trip down the Le Seuer & Blue Earth Rivers on Sunday, September 20th. We will meet up at Peace at 2pm and head out to put in near the Rapidan Dam. We plan to stop for a devotion along the river as well as explore Devil's Gulch & Triple Falls. Please bring a supper. We are also needing a chaperone. Sign-up at peacemankato.com/canoetrip. If you have any questions email: pastormoldstad@gmail.com.



Peace Custodian Position Open – We are thankful to Jen Stadler for her years of service as our part-time custodian here at Peace. Sadly, she is stepping down from her position, and so we are looking for candidates to fill it. If you are interested in the position, please contact our Maintenance Board chairman, Jesse Wolff, for more details: Jesse.Wolff@nutrien.com



WELS & ELS Singles Facebook Group – If you're single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 260 members with ages ranging from 18-65+. We're an active group who loves sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and tacos. Our page is full of discussion posts and we typically have a weekly video hangout on Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles>

Continued Pastoral Care – While we continue to follow the guidance of our government to stay safe during this time, both pastors will continue to be available to offer spiritual encouragement and care. We are available to meet with you over the phone, the internet, in the office, or in-person at your home, if the need arises.

Pastor Hartwig – 507-382-6826, pastorhartwig@gmail.com

Pastor Moldstad – 507-382-0045, pastormoldstad@gmail.com

amazon.com **Do you shop on Amazon?** An easy way to generate donations to Peace year-round is to go to smile.amazon.com and choose to support Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Mankato Inc. Always shop through smile.amazon.com (same website and prices as amazon). You will have a running tally of how much you have generated in donations to Peace! Donations are deposited in our account quarterly. **Thank you!!**



Job Posting – Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is looking for classroom assistant teachers and aides who have enthusiasm and passion for children, patience and a sense of humor, good communication skills, and are flexible. Please pick up an application from the St. Paul's church office or the Jesus Loves Me office. You may also email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or call 507-345-7707 for an application.



New 2 You Family Thrift in Upper North Mankato has an opening for Store Manager at 32 hours per week. We are looking for someone that has worked in retail/customer service and has leadership skills. Profits from New2You sales help support Christian Education in our community for all the schools and preschools of the five member association churches and MVL. If you would like an application, please contact Donna Prah at 507-382-317 or at pdprahl@hickorytech.net. End date is Tuesday, September 15th. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Steve Persons at 507-340-6710 or persons@1791.com



New 2 You is up and running. Hours are 9:30am to 1:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday for now. Donations are taken at the front door of the former Curves space (near New 2 You front door); however, it would be wise to call first to see if FULL for the day. Again, thanks for your support of New 2 You through your donations, volunteering and shopping!

Digital resources at Peace – The Gospel Outreach Board wants to let you know of the different types of digital resources that Peace is using. These resources provide multiple opportunities for outreach, as well as spiritual encouragement for members. We pray that these resources will be beneficial to you and to people to whom you reach out with the Gospel in the new year.

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/peacemankato>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNk3WgwmGT67SHFOCIPeJdQ>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/peacemankato>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/peacelutherannorthmankato/>

Sermon Podcast: <http://www.anchor.fm/peace-mankato-sermons>

(Sermon podcast is available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Overcast, PocketCasts, Podbean and other services.)

Access to the Peace App through the Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/peace-lutheran-north-mankato/id1485749962?ls=1>

Access to the Peace App through the Google App Store:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=io.pushpay.peacemankato>



“Moms supporting Moms in raising godly children”

Moms On a Mission Bible study (MOMs) begins the week of September 6th! We are excited to offer **three** different opportunities to meet! All three groups will begin an 8-week study titled, Women of the Bible. Each week will focus on a different woman from Scripture, learning about her life and faith, and then applying those lessons to our own lives. Study materials will be provided. Please see the table below to identify which study works best for you!

When meeting indoors, masks will be required, except when eating. Some groups may try to meet outside as long as the weather permits. Facilitators will either wear a face shield, mask, or stand 12ft from the group. Children age 5 and under will not be required to wear masks, nor will the childcare workers in order to best care for them.

Moms On a Mission Bible Study exists to create a support group of Christian moms that meet together to grow in their relationships with the Lord, discuss parenting from a biblical perspective, and provide opportunity for fellowship with others in the same stage of life. M.O.M.s is for any mother, any age.

New and returning moms, please register by emailing Heidi Graham (heidijennifergraham@gmail.com) with which study you plan to most regularly attend by Monday, September 7. If planning to attend the morning session, please indicate which of your children (and their ages) will be in childcare. Thank you!

	Tuesday Evening M.O.M.s	Thursday Morning M.O.M.s	Thursday Afternoon M.O.M.s
When:	Begins September 8, 7-8:30pm, NO CHILDCARE	Begins September 10, 8:30-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10) CHILDCARE PROVIDED	Begins September 10, 1-2:30pm, NO CHILDCARE
Where:	Mt. Olive Library	Peace Lutheran Church	Mt. Olive Social Hall
Study:	<u>Women of the Bible</u>	<u>Women of the Bible</u>	<u>Women of the Bible</u>
Facilitator:	Rachel Ulrich	Thalia Londgren	Kristen Lukasek

Mt. Olive Lutheran School



Charger Challenge 2020, it's a "Giving Back" year! The past four years Mt. Olive School has been blessed by your support of our Charger Challenge fundraiser! Due to Covid-19, we are changing our event to be one of service! With the help of Thrivent Action teams, each classroom will complete a service project on September 25, 2020 in order to give thanks to God for His love and faithfulness! Some groups/organizations we are sharing encouragement with include our shut-in members, members of the armed forces, college students, Echo Food Shelf, Options for Women, the foster care system, and MORE! We appreciate your prayers and support of our students and faculty at Mt. Olive Lutheran School and pray that, God-willing, we can do our tradition Charger Challenge Fundraiser/Walk/Picnic in September 2021.

- **SEEKING ADDRESSES OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Is there a college student in your family? Are you a college student? Mt. Olive students want to send college students from our congregation some encouragement as part of a service project on our Charger Challenge Giving Back Day, September 25, 2020. Please email your college student's name and address to Bethany Ferkenstad at bethany.ferkenstad@blc.edu by Friday, September 11, 2020. Even if your college student lives at home, we still would like his/her information. Thank you!
- **CALLING ALL VETERANS!** Mt. Olive students would like to write thank-you's to veterans of the armed forces as part of our Charger Challenge Servant Event on September 25, 2020. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran that would like some mail, please email the veteran's name, current address, and branch he/she served to Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com or you can call 507-382-7963. Please send by Friday, September 11, 2020. Thank you!

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVLHS Position Open – Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

MVL International Student Housing – MVL is seeking housing for one of our international students. This young man will be a sophomore and has remained in the area for the summer. Host families are compensated for housing international students. If you are interested in serving as a host family for the school year, please contact the school office at 507-354-6851 or email Dr. Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org.