

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – AUGUST 6, 2023

10:00AM

MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

TODAY'S WORSHIP

The Christian Trusts God to Provide. Does that statement define you? Aren't there times when you have worried or trusted only yourself to take care of your needs? Sadly, we don't always act as Christians should. However, knowing the power of God and how he has provided for us in greatest way by giving his Son for our sin, God helps us to trust He will provide all that we need.

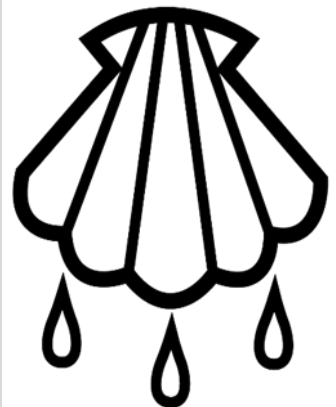
VISITOR INFORMATION

Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

Parent Room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

For the hearing impaired, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

For other special needs or questions, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.



DIVINE SERVICE

RITE 4 w/BAPTISM¹
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WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

HYMN

Baptized in Water | Seward

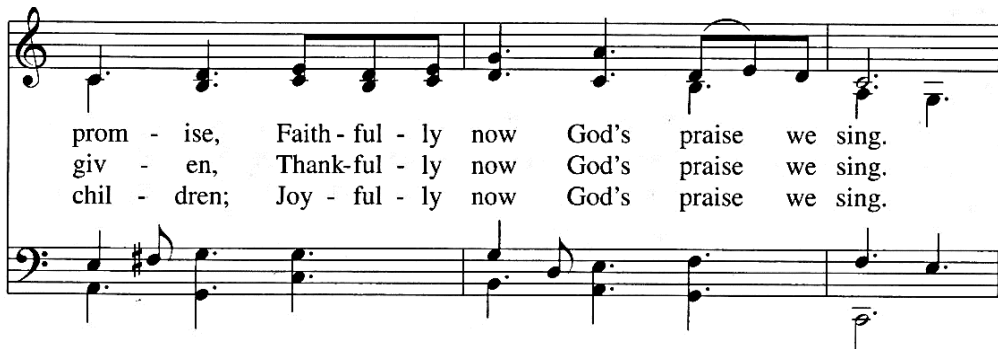


1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his

¹ This order, from *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*, incorporates Holy Baptism into congregational worship by combining the Sacrament of Baptism with the Confession of Sins. Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of Baptism. Thus this order provides opportunity not only to baptize but also to recall the lasting blessings of Baptism.



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INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when He said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving His life on the cross. At our baptisms, He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life by creating faith in Him. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what such baptizing with water means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

Such baptizing with water means, that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts; and that a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

HYMN (Congregation)

Confession of Sin | M. Madson

1. I have been wandering from your will.
There's a void in my heart only you can fill.
Forgive me, Lord, for all my evil wandering.
2. With shame I confess. I'm crushed by my guilt,
And trapped in the prison my sin has built.
Forgive me, Lord, for all my evil wandering.
3. Chief of sinners and utterly lost,
I plead for Your mercy before the cross.
Forgive me, Lord, for all my evil wandering.
4. Our good deeds can never suffice.
So once and for all Jesus paid the price.
Forgive me, Lord, for all my evil wandering.
5. I pray to You, Father, by this humble song:
Forgive me through Jesus all I have done wrong.
Forgive me, Lord, for all my evil wandering.

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in His promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, creates faith in Jesus Christ and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Eden, receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the one presented for Baptism as he says:

Eden Chuol Gach, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS AND CONGREGATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach His precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Eden may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

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BAPTISM PRAYER

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank You for the blessing of Baptism by which You offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptisms as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our lives. Look with special favor on Eden and grant her a rich measure of Your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Congregation)

Te Deum Laudamus | M. Madson

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| <p>1. To You, O God, we raise Our voices rich with praise. Our Father, who in heaven above, Now freely grants us grace.</p> <p>2. With angels 'round Your throne, And those who've been called home, Along with prophets priests and kings We pray your will be done.</p> | <p>3. O, Christ, true God and man, The sinner's one true friend, Proclaim to us. Your Word is true. And take us all to heav'n.</p> |
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PRAYER

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

EPISTLE READING Our Predestination Assures Us of God's Providence | Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. ⁴He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, ⁶and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves. ⁷In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. ⁹He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. ¹⁰This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

HYMN (Congregation)

Apostles' Creed | Kingsfold

1. I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'n and earth,
An in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son of human birth.
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate, whom the Spirit did conceive;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate's — the God whom I believe
2. Crucified, was dead and buried; down to hell in victory;
From the dead He rose the third day; up to heav'n triumphantly.
There at God's right hand He's ruling, by His will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nations; both the living and the dead.
3. I believe in God the Spirit; in His Church, His chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion, holy in His sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven, I believe I'll rise again;
I believe in life eternal, Amen! Amen! Amen!

GOSPEL READING Jesus Graciously Provides For the People's Needs | Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷They told him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he replied. ¹⁹ Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. ²¹ Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

SERMON HYMN (Congregation)

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem | Kingsfold

1. O sing a song of Bethlehem,
Of Shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air; The light that
shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus’ birth and peace on earth
The angels sing always.

3. O sing a song of Galilee,
Of lake and woods and hill,
Of Him who walked upon the sea
And bade the waves be still;
For though, like waves on Galilee,
Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master’s word.
Falls peace upon the soul.

2. O sing a song of Nazareth,
Of sunny days of joy,
Sing of fragrant flowers’ breath,
And of the sinless boy:
For now the flow’rs of Nazareth
In every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of His dear name
On all the winds that blow.

4. O sing a song of Calvary,
Its glory and dismay;
Of Him who hug upon the tree,
And took our sins away;
For He who died on Calvary
Is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heav’n adored,
Is mighty now to save.

SERMON

Define Christian - The Christian Trusts God to Provide | 1 Kings 17:1-6

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word.” ² Then the word of the LORD came to him: ³ “Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there.” ⁵ So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

OFFERING HYMN (Kingsfold)

He Loves Me Too | Kingsfold

1. Our Heav'nly Father made the flowers,
He paints them with perfume.
If God so loves the little flow'rs,
I know He loves me too,
I know He loves me too.
2. Our Heav'nly Father made the birds,
He shows them what to do.
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too,
I know He loves me too.
3. God made the little birds and flowers
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones;
I know He loves them all,
I know He loves them all.

ADULT CONFIRMATION²

EXHORTATION

Dear sisters in Christ, in obedience to our Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

I do.

² These individuals are being confirmed today in the Christian Faith: Kayla Hall, Mary Kuan, and Martha Kuoth.

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

I do.

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism as summarized in our Adult Instruction Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

I do.

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

I do, and I ask God to help me.

Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

I do, and I ask God to help me.

Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these daughters of yours to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both hearts to believe and mouths to confess his saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CONFIRMATION BLESSING

Sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

*The minister lays his hand on the head of each of the confirmands.
He speaks a blessing for each and their confirmation verse.*

_____, may God the Father who created you, may God the Son who redeemed you, may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you keep you faithful unto life everlasting.

Kayla Hall – 1 John 4:19, We love because he first loved us.

Martha Kuoth – Matthew 11:28, Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Mary Kuan – John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

After all the confirmands have received the blessing, the minister dismisses them, saying:

Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS³

At this time the other new members are invited to come forward and join the confirmands.

Dear members of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, these individuals having been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Word of God, desire to become a members of this congregation.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus Christ promises to confess before his Father in heaven those who faithfully confess him on earth. You have come before this Christian congregation to declare your faith and to unite with us in Christian love and fellowship.

Therefore, lift up your heart(s) to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If, so answer: I do.

I do.

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism or Adult Instruction Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

I do.

Do you intend to continue steadfast in the true Christian faith, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life even to death? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

I do, and I ask God to help me.

Will you support with your prayers, time, talents, and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

I will, and I ask God to help me.

³ Today we welcome into membership: Lynn Freyburg, Jason & Kayla Hall (Drayden), Mary Kuan (Eden), Martha Kuoth, and Elizabeth Jiech.

Having heard your promises, we, the members of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor greets each new member.

Go in peace.

SUDANESE CHOIR

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | Luther & Grundtvig

1 Ganke kōn ε Guandan ni Kuoth,
ε lääť mi bum mi /ci bi thiel,
ε luääkdan jen a ni däär nyac
Cān liewne ke juey, jen tēē ke luān
Ŋot guan-tēeran ēē wal,
Goore yōō be kōn moc riēk,
Jen pēle ŋote dit,
Jen tēē ke buōm tiilā,
Wii muōon thiele ram mi päär ke je.

2 /Cie luāndan kārōa en yōō banε ŋath,
Bi luāndan εme rō dhil ni thiel.
Kā ram mi guan cuñni tēē peekdan,
ε jen raan Kuoth ēē ce mek.
/Cu thiec i “Kā εŋa ”
ε jen Kuray Jitheth pany.
Kuäär, a ciōtdu puanyke,
A päär rey runi diaal,
Kā jen be kōori dhil tiam.

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Congregation sings in unison:

5. God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations.

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER

We thank you, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN (Congregation)

Amen | Kingsfold

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

1. See the baby, lyin' in a manger
On that bright morning! *Chorus*
2. In the temple, talking with the elders
Who marveled at His wisdom. *Chorus*
3. See Him at the seaside, talking with the fishermen
And makin' them disciples. *Chorus*
4. Marching in Jerusalem!
Over palm branches In pomp and splendor! *Chorus*
5. Led before Pilate, then they crucified Him
But He rose on Easter! *Chorus*
6. Hallelujah! He died to save us,
And He's my Savior! Amen, amen, amen. *Chorus*

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Kingsfold

Mike Madson | Guitar & Harmonica

Dr. Eric Harstad | Bass Guitar

Prof. Adie Harstad | Guitar

Alison Wierschke | Vocalist

Ushers

Josh and Caleb Moldstad & Cory Olsen | 8:15

Todd Olsen & Alex Barnett | 10:00

Refreshments

Group 2

\$50K
FOR 50
STALLS

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Number of Donations to Date
78 donations
\$30,059.50 total

A promotional banner for a pickleball event. The background is dark blue with a yellow border. On the left, a red pickleball paddle is shown hitting a yellow pickleball, with a bright starburst effect. On the right, another yellow pickleball is shown. The text is centered and reads: "Peace Adult Group", "PICKLEBALL" in a white box, "Friday, August 11th at the Picklebarn", "6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.", "\$10 per person", and "Go to peacemankato.com/pickleball to register."/>

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Outdoor Service 8:15am
Outdoor Service 10:00am

TUESDAY

Solid Grounds Study 9:00am

SUNDAY

Divine Service w/HC 8:15am
Divine Service w/HC 10:00am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Group Aug. 10
Pickleball Aug. 11
Peace Parents Mtg. Aug. 15
Jesus Lambs' Picnic Aug. 22
Peace Swim Day Aug. 26
Singles Event Aug. 26

NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit peacemankato.com/new

BAPTIZED THIS MORNING

Eden Gach, daughter of Mary Kuan & Chuol Tuol. May God keep Eden in his baptismal grace all her life.

SECOND SERVICE TIME CHANGE AUG 20

Beginning August 20, Sunday services will be at 8:15 and 10:30am. Sunday School resumes September 10.

PEACE PARENTS OF CDS STUDENTS AUG 15 | 6PM

The CDS parent meeting is Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00pm for students attending Mt. Olive & Risen Savior Schools. Please plan to attend.

PRESCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC AUG 22 | 6PM

All are invited. We are in need of volunteers to serve and bring sides. Sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin board or email joslynmoldstad@gmail.com.

PEACE SENIORS GROUP AUG 10 | 11:30AM

We'll be talking about current and past gardens, family and ancestral farms, canning, and family recipes. For lunch, we'll dine on salads. Tell Judy (507-338-4711) if you can bring a favorite salad. She will bring a few favorites, also.

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

AUG 29 | 9:15AM

The Stewardship Board is planning a Volunteer Sunday at Peace on August 20th. The purpose is to bring awareness to the congregation of our various volunteer needs, to provide a way for members to get more information about ways to volunteer, and to help volunteers sign-up. We invite you to check out our volunteer tables that set up in the fellowship hall between services that day.

ELS SINGLES EVENT AUG 26 | 10AM

We will visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN. Meet at the entrance at 10am. For more info or to RSVP, email rmoldstad@gmail.com.

PEACE SWIM DAY AUG 26 | 10AM

Join Peace for a private pool party at the Lake Crystal Rec Center. Cost is \$2/person, please give to Joni Moldstad. Sign up at peacemankato.com/pool by August 20.

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5
Director: Joslyn Moldstad 507-385-7752
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