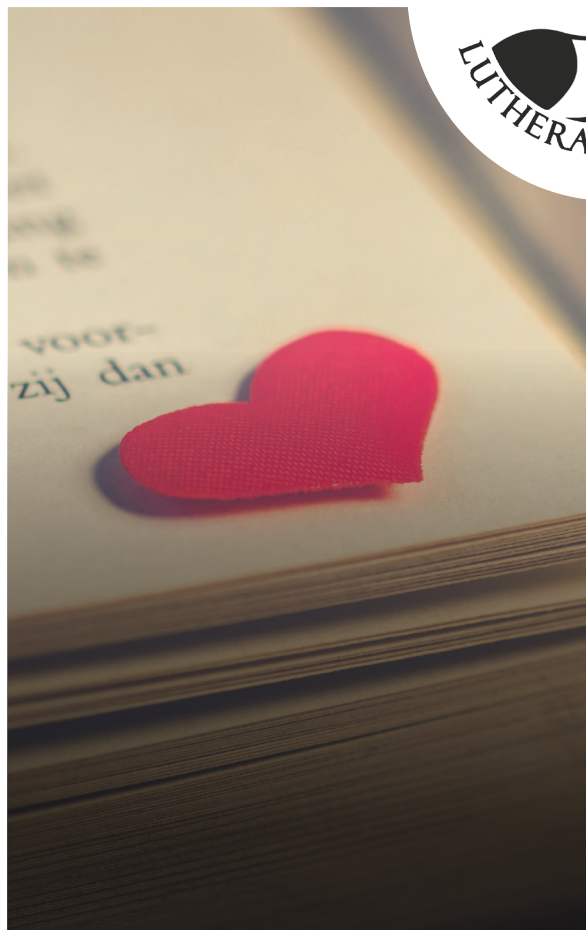
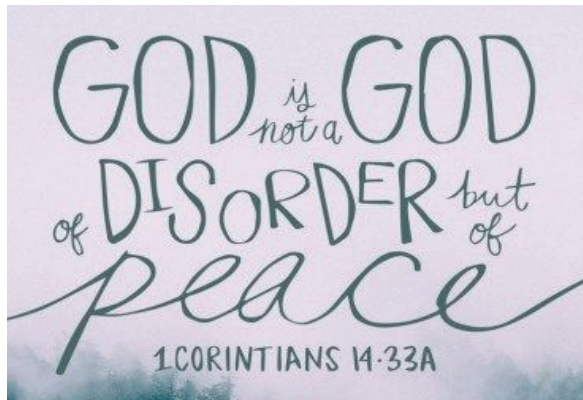
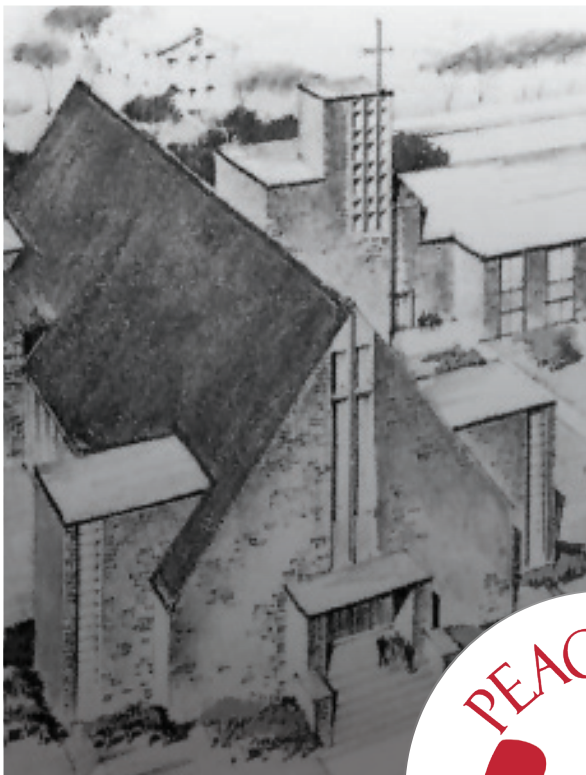


PRINTS OF PEACE

FEBRUARY 2023



ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday Afternoon Group
meets at 2PM

Sunday Morning Group meets
on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of
the month following service

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OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 12 PM Monday through Friday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Service at 9 AM in-person and YouTube Live

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 AM Sunday mornings in room 203

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10 AM



FROM THE PASTOR

Do you ever wish life had a reset button? Perhaps you had goals for the new year that you haven't even begun to work towards, or a relationship that started off on the wrong foot that you wish you could start again. I know I think it would be lovely if I could just unplug myself, wait a couple of minutes, and try again like I can do with my electronics when they start getting overworked and sluggish.

The church year, in a sense, has a built reset button. Lent is the 40 days prior to Good Friday. It started in the church in the 3rd century as a time set aside for people new to the faith to learn about the story of Jesus and prepare for baptism. It was also a time specifically devoted to restoring people to the community. I love that there was intentional time set aside to repair the community through prayer, reflection and extra time together. Not only is there beauty in their commitment to community, it also speaks to the reality that being church is hard! Even the earliest communities of faith struggled with people disappointing one another, or needing a bit of time away.

No matter how you find yourself in terms of your connection to God and your connection to this community of faith, my invitation for you is to use the upcoming season of Lent, which begins on February 22nd this year, to push the reset button. My hope is that as we get together we can help one another unplug from distractions and make room for the restorative work of God in our lives and in our community.

Our Midweek theme will be: **My Well is Dry, Celebrating God's Provision in Dry Seasons.** During each week's evening prayer service, we will hear a scripture story that testifies to God's provision for God's people even in the desert.

More details to come in next month's newsletter.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Maggie

ADULT EDUCATION

Have you ever wondered what makes Lutheran Christians distinct from other flavors of Christianity? Join us for Adult Education as we unpack 12 of the core theological convictions that make up the unique lens through which ELCA Lutherans understand God, the church, and the way we are called to live out our faith using the book *Lutheran Trump Cards: Playing our best hand in the 21st Century* by Dave Daubert.

The chapters are laid out like a deck of cards and include topics like:

Six: Perfection is not the point; Eight: Worship is horizontal; Nine: Life is sacramental;

Queen: Grace for us includes hope for others

We will resume the Wednesday afternoon 2pm group on Wednesday, January 25th and offer a Sunday morning group on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month (opposite hospitality hour) beginning Sunday, February 5th. Led by Pastor Maggie.

You do not need to read anything ahead. Come when you can! Books will be provided to follow along on site.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Did you know that Peace has a Promotion Team? Well, it's actually a Promotion Person, and she could use more help. Lucinda Porter, with the help of Matt Crowe, has taken on the very important task of generating ideas for letting the surrounding community know Peace is here for them, and that we'd welcome their participation in what Peace does. If you look at the six blocks to the north and east of Peace, you'll find a number of recently built or under-construction housing. This new housing, along with the existing homes in the neighborhoods to our south and west present bountiful opportunities for us to pursue our mission: **Called to make disciples. Sent to share Christ.** If you or someone you know, would like to participate in identifying and reaching out to people in our community, connect with Lucinda. She'd love your help and would certainly welcome additional ideas.

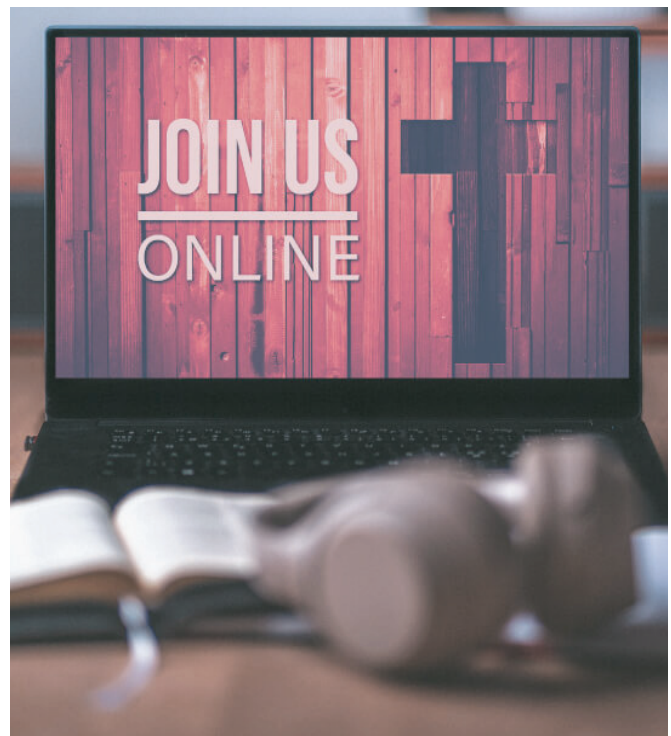
Making people feel welcome when they come to Peace is key to encouraging them to return. One of the ways we do that is through our Hospitality Sundays. Following our 9:00 a.m. worship services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, volunteers from the congregation host a hospitality hour in the Fireside Lounge. These informal gatherings provide an opportunity for participants to engage in conversation with family, friends, visitors, and other members of the congregation while enjoying simple refreshments. Kim Blake-Jungwirth coordinates the volunteers who make our Hospitality Sundays possible and is always looking for additional hosts. If you're interested in hosting one (or more) of our Hospitality Sundays, find Kim (it's not hard to do) and let her know.

Dirk Kagerbauer
Leadership President

WATCHING US ONLINE

For those who like to follow us online and have stuck with us as we experience a few technical issues, we hope we have found a solution. Starting in mid-January we began experimenting using our Youtube channel again. The link to our Youtube channel will be posted on our Facebook page each Sunday morning or you can find it on our website. Our YouTube channel name is Peace Oshkosh Creative.

We hear your frustrations and we are trying to find solutions. Please continue to give us your constructive feedback as we try a new platform.



MUSIC NEWS

We're off and running with the choir and bell choir. Thanks to all who are participating in our music groups.

Coming up for the choir we will prepare and lead a Choral Tenebrae Service on Good Friday at 6:30 p.m. 'Tenebrae' is the Latin word meaning 'shadows'. This musical service is an adaptation of an ancient worship service and is distinguished by the fact that the sanctuary is progressively darkened as the candles are extinguished.

The passion story of Jesus is read from the gospel of Matthew while choral anthems and congregational hymns are interspersed to comment on the story. You will notice that Maundy Thursday through Easter acts as one continuous worship service. There will be no prelude/greeting or benediction/postlude for this Tenebrae service. We will gather and leave in silence on this most solemn occasion.

We hope you can join us in worship.

The choir rehearses two times per month and provides musical leadership one time per month on the second Sunday. They rehearse on one Wednesday evening and on the Sunday morning before they sing on the second Sunday of each month. The exception is during Lent (March) when they will rehearse each Wednesday for 30 minutes.

The bell choir rehearses two times per month and provides musical leadership one time per month on the fourth Sunday. They rehearse on one Wednesday evening and on the Sunday morning before they perform on the fourth Sunday of each month. The exception is during Lent (March) when they will rehearse each Wednesday for 30 minutes.

Interested persons may join at any time. The schedule will be posted in our weekly email blast. For the vocal choir you can just show up. For the bell choir please let me know you're coming in order that we can have a bell position ready for you!

Yours in Christ's service,
Dave Berndt
Curator of Music



SOUP SUPPERS

We welcome you to join us during the Lenten Season to enjoy fellowship through midweek soup suppers. Meals will be hosted by members of our Mission Teams starting with the Leadership Team hosting on Ash Wednesday. There will be an opportunity for church members not on a Mission Team to participate through service and soup as well. Watch for additional details in the weekly email blast.

Meals will be served on Wednesdays in the Social Center beginning at 5:30 PM.



FAMILY TIES



Family Ties is a group of families that love parenting but find it to be even more rewarding with faith, friends, fun, and of course food. The group is open to families young and old, big and small, many or just one. After all, we are all family at Peace. If you are interested in being included in our events and want to join our mailing list, please sign up with Nicki. If you have any questions or would like further information, please email nicki@peaceoshkosh.org

Family Ties has been dormant for far too long! Starting in February, let's change that and get back together. There are several opportunities for you to engage with your church family. Additionally, all are welcome to reach out and plan a game night, a meal, movie or anything else that serves as a good reason to get involved with your Peace family. Reach out to Nicki to see if the church is available as a hosting site.

Family Ties Lent Journey 2023.

Our Family Ties Lent activity for 2023 will walk us through the six Sundays of Lent using a devotional book from Saltproject.org called Love Builds Up. Spend some time online with me each Sunday night at 6pm while we read the chosen Bible passage together. Then we will talk as a church family about that week's topic. I will be asking everyone who can, to commit to taking on an action or practice for that week. Finally, we watch as the Realm of God fills, strengthens, and beautifies our families, our church and the world.

Lent Kickoff Sunday February 19th at 4:00

To start the Love Builds Up project we will meet together for some food and fellowship the Sunday before Lent so families can get their materials and we can go through the process. We will also have some entertaining family games in the gym after our meal. Please RSVP to Nicki by Friday February 17th.

ROOTS

Not just for confirmation students.

We invite and welcome any youth grades 6th through 12th

February 1st 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

February 1st 6:30 Confirmation class

February 3rd-5th Crossways youth winter camp, Pine Lake

February 8th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

February 8th 6:30 Confirmation class

February 15th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

February 15th 6:30 Confirmation class

February 17th-19th JYG & SYG conference weekend

February 19th 4:00-6:30 Lent Kick off family dinner and open gym

February 22nd 5:30 Soup Supper

February 22nd 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

February 22nd 7:00 Confirmation class

February 26th 10:30 Chili Cook Off and Raffle for youth





CROSSWAYS

CAMPING MINISTRIES

CROSSWAYS Youth Winter Camp February 3-5, 2023

Kids in grades 3-8 can sign up for a weekend of exciting winter fun. We'll balance our time between outdoor activities and time to warm up inside. Come experience all that camp has to offer during a completely different season than Summer Camp! The cost of camp will be 100% covered for all Peace members thanks to our Endowment Funds.

CROSSWAYS FAMILY CAMP March 3-5, 2023

Get away as a family and enjoy all that camp has to offer this time of year. Their energetic staff will lead programming to engage all ages. There will be a time of worship and faith building to spark wonder and conversation along with the other fun camp activities that will be sure to make many memories for your family. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome at camp! The cost of camp will be 100% covered for all Peace members thanks to our Endowment Funds. Please see Nicki for registration. The McKnights are already signed up, won't you please join us?

CROSSWAYS Summer Camp

Fun times are in our future! It seems early to talk about summer, but the best way to make sure you can register for your first-choice camp week is to sign up early! Summer camp registration is now open! With Crossways, there is a camp for everyone both young and old.

- **Pioneer Camp for 1st-3rd graders** which offers three days and two nights of immersion fun.
- **Pathfinders camp for 3rd-5th grade** has both ½ week and full week options.
- **Maverick Camp for 6th-8th graders** a week of outdoor adventures and fun.
- **Settlers Camp for 9th -12th graders** even the older kids can be a part of the fun.
- **LIT (Leaders in Training) for 10th-12th grade** leaders at camp and beyond.

They didn't forget the moms, dads and even grandparents with options like Family Camp and Grandcamp.

In addition to all your favorite camp experiences, this year Crossways has added:

- **Mission Camp**, a week for campers and congregations that may not be able to organize a traditional mission trip experience.
- **Onsite Day Camp**, a week for younger campers to experience camp without staying away from home overnight.
- **Wilderness Backpacking Trip**, a week to get far out into the wilderness of the Porcupine Mountains with experienced leaders.

There are multiple camp locations to choose from. Find the group, dates and locations that best fit your family's adventurous dreams at crosswayscamps.org/summer-camp.

Reminder: Thanks to our Mission Endowment Fund balance, all camp fees are 100% covered for Peace members and Peace will offset the cost for your friends who are not members at Peace. Please see Nicki for details before registration.



CHILI COOK OFF



February 26th following the 9:00 service

It's back! Youth and Family is so excited to announce the return of our fabulous and highly competitive Chili Cookoff! Now is the time to dust off that cooking pot and fine tune your secret sauce for the battle of the Golden Spoon. We will have a signup sheet in the narthex or you can email nicki@peaceoshkosh.org to register. Not one for cooking for a crowd? No worries, you can still join in on the fun by filling bowl after bowl of the finest chili in the land as well as sign up to win some fabulous raffle basket prizes. One way or another, you are going to want to be part of this hot, hot day. Mark your calendars, bring your pocket books and come hungry. This year we are raising funds for various youth trips, missions, gatherings and service projects.

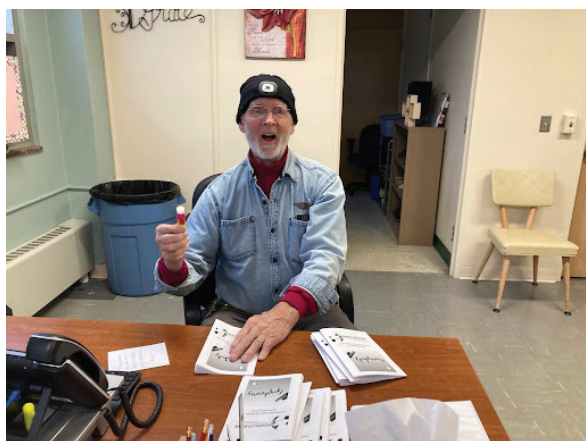
CORRECTION

In the January newsletter a family name was misspelled. A Christmas poinsettia was given in memory of Mrs. Hilda Rank from Karen & Al Neubauer, and Reg Jennerjohn.

CEMETERY POSITION AVAILABLE

The cemetery is currently looking for one person to work as part of a 3-person team, one day a week (7 – 9 hrs.), maintaining the cemetery lawn during the summer of 2023. The day of the week will vary depending on how the grass grows. Pay is \$15.00/hr. Must be able to operate a zero-turn mower and gas trimmer. For more information, call or text Dirk Kagerbauer at 920-988-2476.

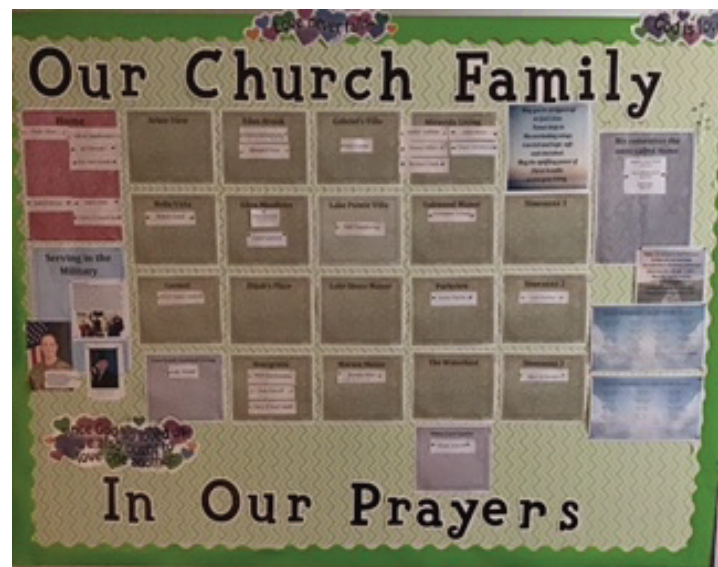
We are grateful for all staff who serve at Peace. Enjoy a couple photos of how we keep George Sawall, our Building and Maintenance Man busy!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In the hallway between the church sanctuary and the church office is a lovely bulletin board called Our Church Family, created by the Care of Congregation Team. This bulletin board reminds us to keep in our prayers the members of our Church Family who may not be able to worship with us each week. Some have moved to different home arrangements, some are serving in the military, and some have passed away. We do our best to keep the board up to date so we can all remember these members in our prayers.

If you are able to help us with any updates, please reach out to Heather Miller.
heather.miller@peaceoshkosh.org | 920.231.4730



ASPIRE Kathleen Achterberg	EDEN BROOK Dawn Springborn Margaret Voss	MIRAVIDA LIVING Donna Miller Bernice Clark Ellen Bruce	AT HOME OR WITH FAMILY Paula Albee Arlene Augsburger Jan Kornder Jeri Ann Kunde Doris Otto Annette Rice Don Patt Elmer Hielsberg
BELLA VISTA Carol Hintz	EDEN MEADOWS Carol Schrock Suzanne Lannbrecht	OMRO COUNTRY VILLA Rev Ralph & Doris Hanusa	
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	GABRIEL'S VILLA Marillyn Campbell	SIMEANNA 3 Mary Jo Becker	SERVING IN THE MILITARY Captain Andrew Duwell Sr. Airman Samantha Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or someone you know (with their permission) would like to be on the prayer list, contact the office by phone (231-4730) or email office@peaceoshkosh.org.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS HOSPITALIZED.

MEALS THAT HEAL

Our Care of Congregation Team is trying to reach you! You can help us by connecting with us when you need help with Meals that Heal or to be a recipient of a Sunshine Bag. Meals may be helpful when you are ill, have been hospitalized or other events have made life challenging. Self-reporting is not selfish, it is helpful to our team!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Food donations can be put by the altar. Food donations can also be brought anytime the church is open. Those donations should be put in the gray cabinet next to the elevator at the Ninth Avenue entry by the Circle Drive.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Donations can be put by the altar. Nonperishable food, personal care items and gift cards may be left in the Pantry at any time. Overflow donations can be placed on the shelves near the elevator at Ninth Avenue entry of the Circle Drive anytime the church is open. Cash donations should be dropped off or sent to the church office.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have additional information for the Newsletter, please contact communications@paeaceoshkosh.org by the 18th of each month.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED IN JANUARY

From the family of Germaine Nelson.

DEC/JAN ATTENDANCE

12/21 (Blue Christmas): 10
12/24 2 PM: 81
12/24 5 PM: 102
12/24 7 PM: 67
12/25: 44
01/01: 65
01/08: 125
01/15: 92
01/22: 91

FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

You can sign up for Altar Flowers on the calendar located in the Peace narthex or by calling the church office.

The cost of sponsoring altar flowers is \$30. If you opt to pick up the flowers from our florist and deliver them to the church on the Friday before your selected Sunday, the cost is \$25.

02/19: Given in honor of the Xue/Elijah Wedding by Kim and Rock Blake-Jungwirth

OFFERING REVENUES

Annual Target: \$224,000

OFFERINGS TO THE GENERAL FUND IN 2022

January: \$21,649.00
February: \$22,032.50
March: \$23,897.00
April: \$27,487.00
May: \$20,461.00
June: \$16,653.00
July: \$20,208.00
August: \$18,601.05
September: \$27,769.50
October: \$17,411.69
November: \$19,592.1
December \$34,111.871



“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”



3K children work independently at the table with play-doh



Ms Nicki reads to the 3K children from the Spark Bible during their chapel time. In December each 3K child was given a Spark Bible of their own purchased by a generous Peace member.



A “Mystery Reader” reads to Ms Heidi’s 3K children

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Below are verses from February's Bible readings that made me stop and ask, "What is this telling me about my relationship with God and other people?" When time allows, re-visit the Sunday Bible readings. Look for verses that help answer that question for you.

Dirk Kagerbauer, Leadership Team

Week of February 5, 2023

Isaiah 58:9b-11 9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

There's give and take in our relationship with God. If we care for others as He asks, He will take care of us. The challenge is putting others needs before our own. The more we do this, and trust that God will take care of our needs, the easier it is to focus more on others than ourselves.

Week of February 12, 2023

Sirach 15:15-17 15 If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. 16 He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. 17 Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given.

Life is a series of choices. So is our relationship with God. In this passage from Sirach (a book in the Old Testament Apocrypha), Sirach explains that keeping God's commandments and acting faithfully are things we are all capable of doing. It's our choice whether we choose to or not. If we truly love God, we will choose to act faithfully out of gratitude for the sacrifices He and His son, Jesus Christ, have made on our behalf.

Week of February 19, 2023

2 Peter 1:16-18 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

Being a Christian isn't easy. It never has been. The world holds many temptations and challenges to God's expectations for us. That's why a statement like this one from Peter is so important. It verifies that what we believe, and the way we choose to act as children of God, is based on the life and death of a real person, witnessed by men and women who chose to share the news of what they witnessed with others, including us.

Week of February 26, 2023

Psalms 32:3-5 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

When we are not honest with God (and ourselves) by acknowledging our sins, those sins weigh us down. Once we confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness, God lifts the weight of our guilt, freeing us to live our lives in ways that bring joy to God and to us.

LIFE AT PEACE



Photos are from the Youth Pancake Breakfast, which sponsored the Youth Team Building Event at Nordic Mountain in January.

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