PRINTS OF PEACE



SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 Sunday mornings in room 203

FROM THE PRESIDENT

WE are the Church

Ever wonder why Pastor Brad began our worship services with the greeting, "Good Morning, Church"? He did this because we, the people of Peace, ARE the church. The church is not a building, it's the people who fill the building. We are the ones who work to fulfill God's mission...sharing the news of salvation through His son, Jesus Christ. The word "church" is a translation of the Greek word ekklesia, which is defined as "an assembly" or "called-out ones." The root meaning of church is not that of a building, but of people. According to the Bible, the church is the body of Christ—all those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13)

That's not to say that the building in which we worship isn't important. Many of us came to know Christ more fully in this building. Baptisms, Sunday school, confirmation, marriages, Bible studies, and funerals are all significant events that have taken place in the building. It provides a place for quiet reflection and joyous celebrations. For these reasons, it is important for us to maintain the building. And that's why we have a Property Mission Team. Working in partnership with church staff, Peace's Property Team helps to ensure that the structure and systems (plumbing, heating, electrical, air conditioning, etc.) work properly. That way, the people and groups who use the building can focus on their tasks. The Property Team also makes recommendations to, and works with, the Leadership Team to address larger projects needed to maintain the integrity of the building, e.g., roof upgrades, elevator maintenance, and stained-glass renovation. When you have the opportunity, let members of the Property Team (Jesse Anderson, Jean Anderson, Dave Nelson, Amy Lee, George Sawall, Kathi Sawall, Heather Miller, and Andy Janke) know how much you appreciate the work that they're doing to maintain our building. At the same time remember, you and I are the church. The building just provides one place for us to do God's work.

Dirk Kagerbauer - Leadership President

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer formally accepted her call to Peace the week of September 12th. She signed the Final Call paperwork and returned copies to both Peace and the synod, who are as excited (almost) to have her coming to Oshkosh as we are.

The week of September 12th, a letter was sent to Pastor Maggie's current congregation informing them that she will be leaving. It was also announced during their Sunday, September 18th worship service. As you can imagine, it's a very emotional time for Pastor Maggie and the congregation.

After talking with Pastor Maggie, the plan for her transition to Peace looks like this:

Pastor Maggie will stay with her current congregation through October 30th, which is their confirmation Sunday. She has been working with the confirmands for several years and would like to participate in their confirmation celebration.

She will then use October 31st thru November 13th to work with her family on their move to Oshkosh. On November 14th and 15th, Pastor Maggie will attend a conference for which she is already registered. Her first day at Peace will be Thursday, November 17th, and her first worship service with us will be Sunday, November 20th.

Heather Miller has already secured supply pastors to lead worship at Peace through Sunday, November 13th. Peace's Executive Team will be working with Pastor Maggie and the synod office to schedule her installation service.

If you have questions about Pastor Maggie's transition to Peace, please contact Dirk Kagerbauer at ddkagerbauer@gmail.com or 920-988-2476.

FROM THE PASTOR

"To all God's beloved in [Peace Lutheran Church], who are called to be saints:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of Jesus Christ, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at least succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you – or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both

yours and mine." – Romans 1:7-12

I'm borrowing from the apostle Paul since he wrote many letters to church communities. I took from his letter to the church in Rome, in particular, because he wrote that letter before he had been there in person.

Paul is often rather wordy, so if the above passage made your eye's gloss over a bit, the short version is "Hi! I'm praying for you. I'm excited to see you so that we can learn from each other and grow in the faith together."

Here's a little bit about me:

I grew up in south central Pennsylvania, the youngest of three siblings. I'm the daughter of a recently retired rostered Deacon and a public health nurse. My parents continue to inspire me through their example of living lives of service to God's world. My leadership experience began in the marching bands during high school and college. I am forever grateful to band for teaching me what it means to belong in community and being a place where I could grow into a leader among my peers.

Growing up, my family's dedication to weekly worship and active participation in our church was the biggest influence in my faith formation, followed closely by all the summers spent as a camper or staff member at our local church camp (shout out to Camp Nawakwa!). Other formative experiences in my life so far have been the years I spent living abroad in Berlin, Germany, Prague, Czech Republic and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as well as my year of service in Milwaukee, WI with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. My life is richer because of all the diverse people and experiences God has brought into my life.

Before going to Seminary, I worked as a researcher in a biochemistry lab at the Federal Environmental Agency in Berlin and as an ESL teacher in Prague. My undergraduate degrees are in Chemistry and German.

I never imagined God was calling me to professional ministry but am so thankful to the people in my life who helped me hear and answer God's call, in particular my brother, who is also a pastor down in Albuquerque, NM and my husband, Alan (who is currently in discernment about his own vocation).

Over the last nearly 6.5 years of ordained ministry, I have served two different churches. A rural congregation in a town of around 700 people and a larger suburban church with several thousand members. Each context has its unique joys and challenges. I enjoy finding creative ways to explore God's story together in worship, planning and leading retreats, and getting to know people of all ages. It is a privilege to preach the gospel and share in Christ's holy supper each week. I wouldn't trade it for anything else.

My hobbies include reading, board games, and spending time outside. My husband Alan and I have two boys, Simon (approximately 4) and Otto (1.5), and two cats, Wilson and Chester. We can't wait to meet you!

Pray for us as we say goodbye to the people we have come to know and love, and go through the unique misery that is simultaneously buying and selling a home, packing and moving with two small children. Once again, I can't wait to be with you all in November!

TRUNK OR TREAT



TRUNK-OR-TREAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH FROM 2:00-4:00PM

- Halloween to parking lots where kids go from car to car and get candy. A safer alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Participants will use their own vehicles, decorated as they please, help guests plan a simple carnival game (provided by the church) and hand out goodies to trick or treaters. There will be a contest for the trunk with the best theme with an awesome prize! Need a theme idea? See Nicki or a simple Google search will open up a world of possibilities. Not excited about going all out to decorate? That's fine too. Simply being there to see the smiles on the kids faces is enough of an incentive to join in on the fun. All you need is a bag of candy and a good attitude. Sign up at church in the office or online at peaceoshkosh.org.
 Not able to make a trunk with your car? No problem! We will also be collecting donations of candy or monetary donations to help make this an exciting event! Questions or for more information, see Nicki McKnight nicki@peaceoshkosh.org
- Trunk or treat is a FREE Family Event that features Car Loads of Candy and Fun! The Trunk-or-treat event brings Halloween to parking lots where kids go from car to car and get candy. A safer alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Walk through our Spooktacular parking lot on 8th street anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 for fun games and lots of candy.

CROSSWAYS FALL COLOR HIKES

Saturday, October 1st, 10am-3pm

The trails and Fall Colors are too beautiful to keep to ourselves. Come enjoy a hike and appreciate another view of camp. RSVPs are appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome. Hikes are independent with trail maps and directions provided. All are welcome! Trails have uneven surfaces and can get muddy with wet conditions. Leashed dogs are welcome outdoors. This event is free with refreshments available. Free will offerings support camp.

Contact Robyn Koehler with questions at robyn@crosswayscamps.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is not too late to register and attend our fabulous Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00 in room 203. Sunday School is open to children in 4K through 5th grade. If you have any questions or would like further information, please see Nicki McKnight, Curator of Youth and Family Ministries. nicki@peaceoshkosh.org

music, and time to share with each other. This month's meeting will be on October 28th at 6:00pm

BRAVE SPACE

Our monthly meet-up on the fourth Friday of each month is open to our youth as well as non-members, LGBTQIA+ and allies come together with Peace and Love. All are welcome. We will have games, snacks,

ROOTS

Not just for confirmation students.

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

October 5th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation*

October 5th 6:30 Confirmation class

October 12th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation*

October 15st 1:00-5:00 Trunk or Treat - volunteers needed

October 15th 5:30 RPM Oct Event: Night Corn Maze

October 19th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation*

October 19th 6:30 Confirmation class

October 26th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation*

October 26th 6:30 Confirmation class

October 28th 6:00 Brave Space

November 4-6, JYG (6th-8th grade only) at Imago Dei Village

November 11-13, SYG (9th -12th grade only) at Imago Dei Village

For the most up-to-date information, be sure to read the weekly Roots Review

*Dinners will not be served if the Winnebago County Health Department numbers for COVID risk assessment in the OASD are rated at "Very High" or "Critical" levels. A weekly report will be sent in our Roots Review email.

CORN MAZE & HAY RIDE

October 15th 5:30PM. Join the youth group as we head over to Polly's Pumpkin Patch in Chilton for a nighttime maze adventure. Please dress appropriately for the weather. If rain is forecasted we will still meet at church for our own Pumpkin Party. Make sure you wear substantial footwear like athletic shoes or hiking boots. The ground is flat but may be uneven or muddy at times. You can expect to be in the maze approximately 1 1/2 hours.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

November 4-6, 2022 @ Imago Dei Village

Friday, November 4th through Sunday, November 6th. Finally, the gathering's first year back after COVID, this is sure to be jam packed and better than EVER! Limited details are available at this time but stay tuned for registration information. Mark your calendars now for this rejuvenating weekend with peers from across our synod.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

November 11-13, 2022 AT Imago Dei Village

Friday, November 11, 2022 5:30 PM through Sunday, November 13, 2022 6:30 PM. Here is an exciting and NEW opportunity for our youth who have already been confirmed. Think of the fun we had at JYG. Now we can go as the Senior youth! Please contact Nicki if you are interested in attending. I am looking for at least two senior high youth to join me on the fun and faith fulfilling weekend. Registration opens in September, I will share more information as soon as more is shared with me.



CEMETERY

- Just a reminder that all summer decorations must be removed from Peace Cemetery gravesites before Sunday, October 16. Fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. Any decorations remaining will be cleared at that time. You may place fall/winter decorations on gravesites beginning Monday, October 24. Please refer all questions regarding Peace's Cemetery to the cemetery Sexton, Bob Reinke, at 920-379-8506.
- We're currently looking for individuals to cut and trim the Peace Cemetery lawn April through October 2023. Hours will vary depending on how the grass grows and the size of the team hired. 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.

Exciting News in the Cemetery

All summer long Michael Fox, Dirk Kagerbauer and Tom Schmude have worked diligently to maintain the cemetery grounds. They have been led by Sexton Bob Reinke. They have been supported by the Cemetery Team members: Dirk Kagerbauer, Paul Schmidt, Matthew Pfluger, Andy Janke, Steve Berholtz and Kim Dawson. The maintenance crew worked through the summer with mowers that were in dire need of complete replacement, an action that seemed daunting due to the financial cost. Through some creative searching, a member of the Cemetery Team was able to secure financing for two new mowers. Due to the generous financial gift from the Rodgers Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation this purchase was made possible. There is much gratitude from the maintenance crew, sexton, and cemetery team for this generous donation. Peace has benefited greatly from this gift. Photos to follow in the November newsletter.

GARDEN TEAM

The Garden Team has continued to meet faithfully all summer long providing Peace with landscaped grounds that our church can be proud of. Led by Kathi Sawall, this summer's active team members include Dawn Heitman, Kim Jungwirth, Centa Schilcher, Patti Fox, Steve Berholtz and Joe Friday. Andy Janke has continued to cut the church lawns. The team has controlled weed growth, replenished landscape mulch and planned for any landscaping needs.

Vegetables from the box gardens have been donated to the community and also brought into the church for others to take home.

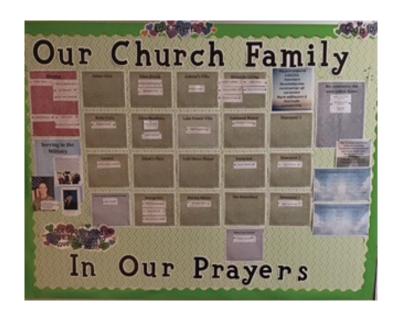


OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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.

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Barbara Sitzberger
Carol Jennerjohn
Don Bartelt
Faye Reinert
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Elsie Kleman

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.

FAMILY TIES'



Family Ties is a group of families that love parenting but find it to be 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. Afterall, 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 see Nicki or contact her at nicki@peaceoshkosh.org

COMMUNTY NEWS

Highlighted in the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation 2022 Impact Report:

Head Start runs two centers in Oshkosh, one of which is housed at the Peace Parish Center. Beginning last year, Head Start was supported with a 3-year \$301,000 grant from the Community Foundation so they would be able to partner with Catalpa mental health professionals to intervene on the social and emotional struggles some children may demonstrate as they develop. One of the Catalpa counselors is Stacey Otto, who grew up attending Peace Lutheran Church. This year the counselors have moved into Room 205 so they would be able to meet with families in a more private setting.



The Teachers' Closet (TTC), which is housed in Room 100 of the Peace Parish Center, was recently highlighted in the OACF 2022 Education Report. TTC has recently opened a fund with the OACF.







CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregation Meeting to Call a Pastor

An amazing day at Peace Lutheran Church! On Sunday September 11, 2022 Peace hosted a congregational meeting to vote on a pastoral call. More than 100 voting members attended. A unanimous decision was reached to call forward a specific new pastor. Many people on the Ministry Site Profile Team, the Call Committee, and the Leadership Team have been working hard to bring Peace to this point. The congregation of Peace turned out in inspirational numbers to hear about the progress and proposal.

Truly there are great things in the works for our community through Peace Lutheran Church!



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE

You all know that energy costs for your homes have risen in the last year. Peace has not been exempt from these costs. To date, we are nearly \$10,000 over what we budgeted for this point in the year. While we cannot alter the rising energy costs, we do believe we can find more ways to be diligent with our energy use and ideally counter some of the expense.

Peace will be putting together a task force composed of members of the Property Team, active building tenants and any members of the congregation or community who may be knowledgeable and helpful in the area of reducing energy use.

If you have service and expertise to offer, we ask that you reach out to Heather Miller in the church office and join this team. We hope to have our first meeting in early October. Date and time to be determined by who joins this Task Force.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 2022

Funds were received from the Estate of Germaine Nelson Funds were received from the Estate of Donald Bartelt and from members of Peace on his behalf.

Funds were received from the Estate of May Ziebell

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

09/04: 54

09/11: 123

09/18:71

09/21:86

OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWERS

10/02:

10/09:

10/16:

10/23:

10/30: Given by Jan Steinert in memory of

her husband Warren Steinert.

OFFERING REVENUES

Annual Target: \$224,000

OFFERINGS TO THE GENERAL FUND

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



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

May God bless our program, teachers, children and their families!









REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Below are verses from October'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 October 2, 2022

2 Timothy 1:11-12 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

Throughout time, Christians, including Timothy, have suffered for proclaiming the gospel. But they persevered, continuing to share the news of Christ's resurrection with others. By comparison, I've got it easy. I will not be persecuted for sharing Christ with others. Still, I hesitate to speak about him. Strengthen my faith, Lord, so that I, too, can speak proudly and boldly about you to others.

Week of October 9, 2022

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage, Elisha cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

How often does pride get in the way of my relationship with God? More often than I'd like to admit. Naaman is angry because his will is blocked. His ego is bruised. But he listens to his servants, humbles himself before God, does what God asks of him, and is cleansed. That's quite an example to follow.

Week of October 16, 2022

2 Timothy 3:16-17, 4:2-4 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

This is another one of those Bible passages that not only lays out God's mission for me, but tells me exactly how to fulfill it, i.e., use the Bible to proclaim the news of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Slowly but surely, I'm starting to get the message.

Week of October 23, 2022

2 Timothy 4: 17 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

Paul's encouragement to Timothy applies just as much to me. God will give me the strength to proclaim the news of His saving grace through Jesus Christ. God tells me what my mission is and promises that he will help me accomplish it. I just need to believe God's promise and act on it.

Week of October 30, 2022

Psalm 32: 5 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.

As far back as the Old Testament, people knew that if they confessed their sins to God, he would forgive them. "Forgive me Lord for sins I have committed, known and unknown, sins of omission and commission, deliberate and unintentional. Help me to be more mindful of the sacrifices you have made on my behalf."

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