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### OFFICE HOURS

8:00am—3:00pm Monday—Thursday  
8:00am—12:00pm Fridays

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE—*Sunday Service at 9:00am*

*What is happening now because of the COVID-19 crisis? Some precautions/restrictions are in place*

### JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL SERVICES—8AM & 9:00AM SUNDAYS & 5:30PM WEDNESDAYS

LIVE on our FACEBOOK page

Available on our website, [www.peaceoshkosh.com](http://www.peaceoshkosh.com).

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## Roots/Youth Groups



Open House  
with Refreshments  
September 12th

# THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BRAD

*15 He (Christ) has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

*Ephesians 2:15-18*

I am a big believer in the idea that we have more in common than we have differences. What often happens, though, is we tend to focus on the differences rather than the commonality. You see it everywhere.

When was the last time you stopped a manager in a restaurant to tell them about the excellent service you had? When was the last time you thanked someone for their positive attitude? How often do we ask questions to understand a different viewpoint rather than to argue? The reality is not very often. We like to think that we are more forgiving and gracious than we truly are. I am not criticizing anyone; it's simply an observation about the world we live in. We tend to focus on what divides us rather than what unites us.

Throughout the month of August we have been taking a deeper look into Paul's letter to the Ephesians during worship. We've been doing this with the idea that not only is Paul laying a blueprint for how to be good Christians, but it's also a good foundation for being good humans. Paul reminds us that instead of focusing on our differences, we should focus on our similarities, which are grounded through God's work in Jesus Christ. Over and over again, we are reminded that we are a part of the family, no exceptions.

Sometimes that can be hard for us to believe but it's absolutely true. Through Christ's death on the cross we have been brought together in a bond that cannot be broken, despite our best efforts to do so. We are truly in this together.

As you are reading this, we are beginning the month of September and, normally, that means for us at Peace a return to fall activities and a return to two services. I will explain elsewhere in the newsletter as to why, but I will say it here that we will not be returning to life as normal this fall. We are going to, for the time being, keep our worship schedule the same as it has been for the past year. Which means we will have worship online through Facebook Live at 8:00am and in-person worship at 9:00am which is also live-streamed. Every other week we will continue to have coffee hour in-person right after worship and coffee hour via zoom the other weeks.

Starting Sept 12th, we will offer Sunday School for our young people at 10am. It is not the return that we had all hoped for but it is what makes the most sense given the reality of our world right now.

I am certain that not all of you will be happy with this decision; I know I'm not happy with it because I, along with many of you, want nothing more than to have our familiar experiences back. We want to gather like we are used to and to be the community that many of us love. We will get there. Honest. For now, though, we need to do what is best for the collective group and recognize that we've come a long way from March of 2020.

As we enter into the month of September I want you to focus on the idea that our differences are far less than what unites us. We each have a choice as to what we will allow ourselves to focus on. I look forward to the day when we all feel comfortable being together again.

Until then, keep focusing on the positive moments, take the stumbles with grace and don't forget to pray with thanksgiving for how God continues to bless us.

Remember that you are loved by God and by me.

Shalom,

*Pastor Brad Dill*



## 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 see Nicki. [nicki@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:nicki@peaceoshkosh.org)



HAVE YOU HEARD OF OUR AWESOME CROSS GENERATIONAL GROUP CALLED **PRAYER PARTNERS AT PEACE?**

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FOR CURRENT PRAYER PARTNERS, please mark your calendars, our meet and greet event will take place on **SEPTEMBER 29TH FROM 6:00-8:00PM** in the circle drive parking lot, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather we will relocate indoors.



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**BIBLE SPONSOR DRIVE**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
NICKI@PEACEOSHOSH.ORG

SEE BOARD IN NARTHEX FOR MORE FULL DETAILS

# CURATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

PEACE CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING BRUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 12TH AS PART OF OUR RALLY SUNDAY.

Join us following church for fellowship, food and fantastic entertainment.

Thank you to MISSION AND OUTREACH for sponsoring this event and to LEADERSHIP for hosting and manning the fun and food.

You will be delightfully entertained and filled with food and the spirit of the Lord. There will also be opportunity to learn more about the teams at Peace, so that you might sign up to match your time and talents with volunteer opportunities.



Families will also have a chance to sign up for our return to in-person Sunday School starting on

**SEPTEMBER 19TH.**

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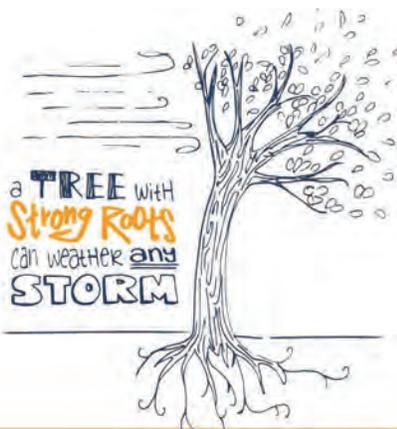
- **September 19th 5:30** RPM Game Night
- **September 22nd 5:30** NYG information and registration meeting
- **September 22nd 6:30** Parent meeting and orientation for confirmation 2021-2022
- **September 29th 6:00** Prayer Partner Meet and Greet

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

### ATTENTION:

**All Youth 6th-8th grade  
during the 2021-2022 school year.  
Classes will be starting in September.  
Please let the office know if you have a child that  
you would like to be confirmed.**

**REGISTER NOW**



**PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION  
will be on September 22nd AT 6:30.**

See Nicki McKnight or Pastor Brad for further details.

**Confirmation Classes: Classes will be held each Wednesday starting at 6:30.** All the information you will need, including the schedule, will be available on September 22nd at the orientation meeting. We will meet for our first week on September 29th and gather along with our Prayer Partners for a get-to-know you mixer and dinner.

**Please note: This class will be held a little early, starting at 6:00,** to accommodate our special event. Please consider this part of the class and attendance is required for the event. **Regular lesson classes will begin on October 6th.**

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**RPM (Roots @ Peace Mixers) GROUP KICK OFF!**  
**SEPTEMBER 19TH 5:30PM.**

As summer comes to a close and school starts up again, be sure to keep a spot on your calendar for some time with your Peers at Peace. Peace has an amazing group of young adults, and if you are entering 6th grade up through 12th grade, that includes YOU! We are hoping to meet at least once a month for a fun social gathering free of commitment, judgement and or worry.

This year some of the fun things we are planning include game nights, retreats, ski/snowboarding trips, sledding, movies, dinners, bowling and so much more!

Wanting to give back we will also plan community service projects which offer a way for you to get in your "required volunteer" hours. Join us for nursing home visits, neighborhood clean up, Day by Day warming shelter help, babysitting service, United Way, and so much more. Whether you can come once or can make it to every event, feel free to join us whenever you can. When you give, you find you get so much more. Transportation will always be provided as needed.



Our first event will be **Sunday September 19th at 5:30pm in Room 302.**

**PIZZA DINNER** will be served and games will be played. Bring a friend (or two or more) for a chance to win a prize. Be there from the start for a great year of fun, faith, and friends. See Nicki McKnight to RSVP, with any questions and/or further details. [nicki@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:nicki@peaceoshkosh.org) (949)690-4177.

**YOUTH SUMMER NIGHTS FUN!** One humid summer evening, a group of our youth (and young at heart) got together to try Escape Oshkosh. Our mission to find our inheritance was sadly unsuccessful. However, our mission for fun was a HUGE Success! Don't miss out on more youth fun. Join us for our September RPM event for a night of pizza and games.



Peace will be offering **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** in September. These classes will be open to anyone who wishes to begin taking communion. The class is designed for 2nd grade and up but Pastor is willing to talk with families if they feel their child is ready at an earlier age.

There are two learning sessions, a third meeting to prepare the bread and a **special service on Sunday October 3rd.**

The learning sessions are either Saturday or Sunday from **11:00-12:00**. You can sign up for **Saturday September 18 or 19 and again on September 25 or 26.**

**Bread making will be on Saturday October 2nd at 11:00 as well.**

Please contact Nicki for arrangements and registration.



# CURATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
KICKOFF SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12TH  
10:00AM**



This year, we are excited to once again offer Spark: Activate Faith Sunday School for all kids grades Pre-K to 5th. Each week we'll explore a new Bible story using the Spark Bibles. Parents, each week we'll send home a Family Page for you to explore that week's Bible story together as a family. We're excited to try a new Sparks program, **Spark All Kidds**. Kids will learn a new Bible story each week starting with the creation story through Paul's letters by reading the Bible, engaging in fun activities, and praising God through our music. We will also incorporate mini lessons on how to use their Bibles, common prayers, Ten Commandments, and much more.

In addition to our weekly Sunday School and Bible Study, there will also be service projects to involve kids in church services, caring for the congregation, and helping our local and global

community. We are so excited for a filled and fulfilling year. Join us on Rally Sunday, **September 12th**, for our open house. Families are encouraged to stay and see what this new curriculum and school year has to offer. There will be games, contests, refreshments and a chance to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

The fun starts at **10:00am in the social center**. **Sunday School and Youth Bible study is open to all children from Pre-K through 5th grade. Kids do not have to be members of Peace to be part of our program.** We encourage kids to bring a friend, or two whenever available.

Enrollment forms are available onsite day of **OR** in the PLC office, at the Family Table in the Narthex **OR** for download on the PLC website.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please see Nicki McKnight, Curator of Youth and Family Ministries.

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## BRAVE SPACE



Hello Peace Family! Sommer Loar and the Curator of Youth and Family are excited to announce the **Peace Brave Space!** This is a once a month meet up for our 6th - 12th grade LGBTQIA+ youth to gather in a judgement-free environment, and a brave space. This meet-up is open to our youth as well as non-members and allies! All are welcome!

We will be having a fun meet-up once a month in a judgement free space for all who come. Stay tuned for details on September's meeting date and time. We would love to have our LGBTQIA+ youth involved in shaping this idea with us. We will have games, snacks, music, and time to share with each other.

Parents- there is also space for you to meet with other parents of our LGBTQIA+ youth! We will share some resources with you as well as provide a place to chat and support each other.

If you don't want to come alone, that's okay! Bring some friends along. You can e-mail Sommer at [sommer.l.loar@gmail.com](mailto:sommer.l.loar@gmail.com) or Nicki at [nicki@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:nicki@peaceoshkosh.org) if you have questions or want to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you. Remember, God loves you just as you are, and we do too.

# CURATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



**When Are We Going?** The gathering takes place from *July 24th - July 28th*. We will travel early for some extra fun and adventures in and around the twin cities.

Mark your calendars for July 22nd - July 28th for a whole week of fun!

**Who Can Attend?** Any youth entering 8th grade through entering his/her Senior year of high school in the fall of 2021.

**How Much Will It Cost Me?** The cost per child for a family is ESTIMATED at \$350. Total cost per child is ESTIMATED at \$1050; the church pays 1/3, fundraising should cover 1/3 and families are asked to contribute 1/3. This estimate includes the following:

- Gathering registration
- Hotel accommodations
- Food
- Pre-gathering fun and adventures

*Money should never be a determining factor for whether or not you can attend a church event. Further assistance is always available and discreet.*

**More Questions? Great!**

We are having an information and registration meeting on Wednesday September 22nd at 5:30pm in room 201. You can reach me anytime via email or phone. [nicki@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:nicki@peaceoshkosh.org)(949)690-4177 I will also have an informational meeting coming in September. Stay Tuned! In the meantime, please fill out a quick survey letting me know your level of interest. To pre-register please go to [peaceoshkosh.com/NYG](https://peaceoshkosh.com/NYG)



## BIBLE DEDICATION

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If your child is ready for a new Bible, please contact Nicki McKnight to make sure he/she/they are on the dedication list. If you have any questions or would like more information: [nicki@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:nicki@peaceoshkosh.org)

COVID kept us all away from camp for too long. We want to welcome you back to visit the sacred place that means so much. details coming later~ activities may include tours and hiking, a meal, a silent auction. Watch this newsletter for updates!

CROSSWAYS  
**HOMECOMING**

# Save the Date

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 16, 2021

# CURATOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



## PEACE VOLUNTEERS AT WATERFEST 2021

A great big thank you to the 31 members and friends of members who volunteered to sell food and beverages, direct cars for parking, sell tickets and put on wristbands for Waterfest.

The church brought in \$750 from food and beverage tips that evening.

An additional check will come from the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce which will reflect 3% of profits from the beverage sales.

Waterfest is a great time to serve within the community and have fun while doing it.



This is from the ECSW newsletter:



## IS IT TIME TO GROW DEEPER? LAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is open for the Lay School of Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The school meets monthly on Friday evenings and/or Saturday mornings in both Wausau and Appleton and offers courses to dive deeper in faith and knowledge of scripture and is a chance to worship, learn, and engage with people from all across our regional church. Taught by local pastors, synod staff, and seminary faculty, students can take classes a la carte, or commit to a two year certificate program. Classes begin **September 17-18, 2021**.

To learn more, talk to your pastor or visit [www.ecswlayschool.org](http://www.ecswlayschool.org).

### **TIME TO REGISTER FOR ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE**

The Center of Addiction & Faith will hold its third Addiction & Faith Conference, **October 7-9** in **Bloomington, Minnesota**, to give faith communities tools for responding to the addiction crisis. Registration is open for in-person and virtual attendance at [www.addictionandfaithconference.com](http://www.addictionandfaithconference.com). **REGISTER BY JULY 31 FOR EARLY-BIRD PRICING.**

The center grew out of the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy. The Rev. Ed Treat was an active Lutheran pastor in 2018, when he held the first Addiction & Faith Conference. The success encouraged him to leave parish ministry after 25 years and dedicate himself full-time to the Center of Addiction & Faith, which became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2020.

## MEMORIAL/CELEBRATION FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2021 Memorial and Celebration Flower Calendar is available in the church narthex. Please remember, you have the option to purchase real flowers OR you can donate your funds to the Garden Team and a beautiful silk arrangement will be put on display.

Either option will honor your memorial and celebration in the church's newsletter, announcement slides, and email blast.

If you are not able to sign up in person, please call the church office and let Kim know which Sunday you would like.

2021  
Memorial  
Flower  
Calendar &  
Sign up

# CURATOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## PROPERTY TEAM: 2021 PROJECTS AND THEIR UPDATES

### Current Members of the Property Team:

Jesse Andersen (Team Chair), Jean Andersen, George Sawall (Building & Grounds Maintenance Staff), Andy Janke, Dave Nelson, Heather Miller (Congregational Life Staff), Amy Lee (Leadership Team Liaison) and Kathi Sawall (Garden Team Lead)

The Property Team works continually to pinpoint the property needs of the church building and grounds. Aside from routine work, the team has pulled forward projects that will be worked on this year.

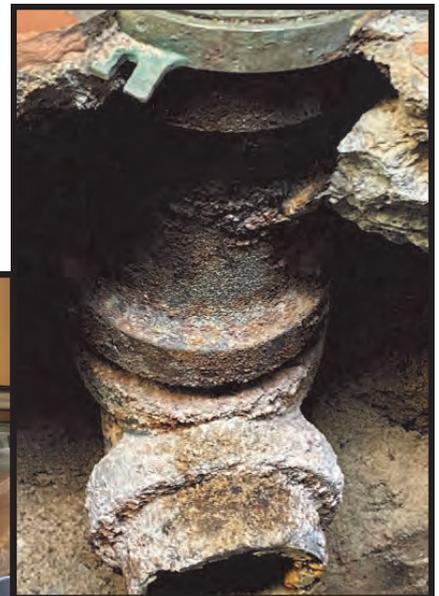
### Updates on this year's projects:

#### Completed

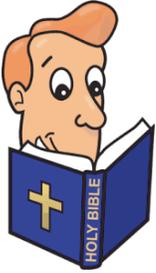
- Install a window/door on the bell tower landing for easier access to the Parish Center roof.
- Add a molding at the top of the panels behind the chancel choir to hide audio-video cords and cables.
- Paint the sanctuary an appealing neutral color consistent with the rest of the building.
- Refinish entrance doors.

#### In-Progress

- Replace the hallway flooring on the upper level as it has become worn out and dated.
- Update lighting throughout the building to more energy and cost efficient fixtures.  
**UPDATE:** Rooms 101, 103 & 105 are now complete.
- Tree maintenance--remove the Ash tree that has sustained damage.
- Parking Lot--Sealcoat and stripe the parking lot.  
**UPDATE:** Member donations have made this project possible. Thank you.  
Work is scheduled for August 24th and 25th.
- Relocate the dumpsters to allow the parsonage property to be parceled off.
- Repair, replace or update the kitchen's grease trap. The grease trap is a required element of food service kitchens which collects FOG--fat, oil and grease, and prevents it from entering the pipes that lead to the sewer. Currently, the PLC grease trap does not function.  
**UPDATE:** This work is complete. Head Start has pledged to pay 50% of the project.  
The property team is still welcoming additional contributions.



# REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD



I often forget the Bible readings shortly after a church service...unless I take time during the week to revisit those readings. Fortunately, the Wednesday and Sunday services are available to listen to again online. When I re-listen to the Bible readings, I always discover additional insight into how I should be living my life.

Below are verses from September's Bible readings that made me stop and think. If time allows, take a few moments to re-listen to each week's Bible readings. When you find a verse that speaks to you, ask yourself, "What could this look like in my life?" *Dirk Kagerbauer, Leadership Team*

## Week of September 5, 2021

James 2:14-17

**<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.**

*Faith or good works? Which will get me to heaven? Neither by themselves. Both are needed. If I truly have faith, good works will come naturally...something I'll want to do to thank God for everything that He has done for me.*

## Week of September 12, 2021

Mark 8:38

**<sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."**

*Am I ashamed of Jesus? Ashamed to be a Christian? Absolutely not! Or am I? Do I eagerly share the good news of Jesus's death and resurrection with others? Do I use his name in vain? Do my actions always reflect what the Bible teaches? Inwardly I'm not ashamed. But outwardly...am I?*

## Week of September 19, 2021

James 3:17

**<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.**

*There's a lot in this verse about living my life as a Christian. And it's going to take me a while to unpack it all. I started by looking this verse up in my study bible. It offered this definition of wisdom: "Wisdom is not just acquired information, but practical insight with spiritual implications." Solomon asked God for wisdom rather than power or wealth. This definition begins to explain why, and why I should as well. More thoughts on this verse next month.*

## Week of September 26, 2021

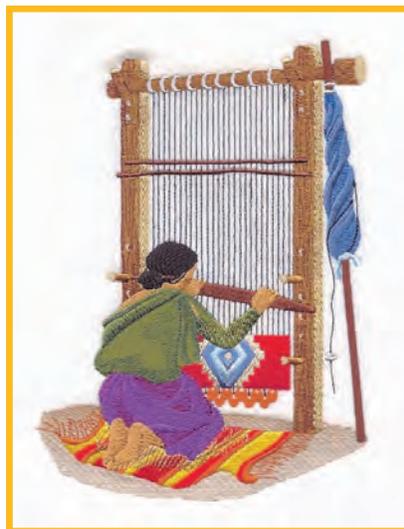
Psalms 19:14

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*There are a number of things I ask for when I pray. This needs to be the first...always.*

## THIS MY LIFE IS BUT A WEAVING HOLY CARD

My life is but a weaving  
Between my Lord and me;  
I cannot choose the colors,  
He worketh steadily.  
Oft times He weaveth sorrow,  
And I, in foolish pride,  
Forget He sees the upper,  
And I the under side.



Not 'til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful in  
the Weaver's skillful hand.  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.  
He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives His very best to those  
Who leave the choice with Him.

# MEMBER INFORMATION

## 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](mailto:office@peaceoshkosh.org). Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals will not give this information to churches anymore.

**PRAYER**  
"Prayer is the most important conversation of your day."  
UNKNOWN

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Military Deployment:** Andy Duwell, Samantha Hall, Max Klein

**Health/Healing:** Jens Andersen (Jesse's brother), Arlene Augsburg, Kathi Berholtz, Patti Daugherty, Bev Dokken, Chet and Diane Eiden, Tom Filsinger, Andrew Fox, Carol Frederick, Darlene Gehrke, Les Hall, Pastor Ralph and Doris Hanusa, Bill Hesser's brother John, Judy Hesser, Jim Kragenbrink, Doris Martin, Joyce Nikolaus, Pauline Paulsen, Eugene Rice, Nancy Schettl, Ruth Vorpahl, Sally Wilde

**Encouragement:** Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, Pastor Brad Dokken, PLC Leadership Team, PLC Office Staff

**PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS HOSPITALIZED.** We don't know someone is hospitalized unless we receive a call. HIPAA regulations have made it difficult for us to get that information.

## SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



Please notify the office if members of your family are in the armed forces along with their addresses. We want them to know we care.

## 9AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 25	53	August 8	56
August 1	62	August 15	58

## ALTAR FLOWERS/GARDEN DONATIONS



Sept 5	Available
Sept 12	Available
Sept 19	Available
Sept 26	In honor of Roger & Joanne Stecker's 71st wedding anniversary

The above available dates are open to honor/remember a loved one. Please see page 9 for more information.



## COMMUNION OPTIONS

In addition to drive-up communion, we offer weekly communion over Zoom on **Wednesday nights at 6:00** (except when we offer drive-up communion) and for those who are comfortable we are beginning to offer home communion as well. To schedule a home communion visit you would need to call the church office and talk with Kim or Pastor Brad.

We also offer communion weekly in-person and if you tune in to the livestream of our in-person service you could participate in holy communion that way.

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

In addition to our Sunday morning offerings we also offer worship on **Wednesday nights at 5:30pm** on Facebook Live. The service, including the message, is different from Sunday mornings. If you are looking for an opportunity to worship during the week this might be a great option for you!

## 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. Non-perishable 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. For more information about the Little Free Pantry, visit <https://www.facebook.com/littlefreepantryatpeace/>.

## SUMMER HARVEST TIP

Peeling uncooked corn can be a pain, and there's a great reason not to do it: The husks on those fresh ears help keep nutrients intact. Instead, keep the ears in their jackets and steam, grill or microwave, then shuck.



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**FELLOWSHIP, FOOD  
ENTERTAINMENT**

Thank you to **MISSION AND OUTREACH** for sponsoring this event and to **LEADERSHIP** for hosting and manning the fun and food.



# MEMBER INFORMATION

## FALL UPDATE

After discussion with the other ELCA churches in Oshkosh and throughout the Fox Valley about their plans for the fall, we have made the decision to keep our current worship schedule through at least October. This is not a decision that was made lightly and not one that didn't come with great discussion. I have heard, as have your entire Leadership Team, opinions about what we should and need to do. We have taken all the feedback into consideration and have determined this is the best approach for now. It is not a perfect solution but, honestly, one does not exist.

Our attendance is steady between 50-70 people each Sunday and, while we are grateful for that, we also recognize that it does make sense to have two services. We currently have one musician, Sommer Loar, who is willing to play almost every Sunday but after that our options become a bit more limited. We are grateful for the other musicians who have stepped up and offered their services when they can. We are going to do our best to alternate music styles every other week; while many of us enjoy hymns on the organ, there are also many of us who miss the Instruments of Peace and how they lead worship. I am grateful that we have folks who will help us find a balance.

Sunday School will start again and that is important. The current plan is to meet on Sundays at 10:00am for an hour. We have told Nicki, our Curator for Youth and Family Ministry, that for the sake of the families participating in Sunday School, we will keep in-person worship at 9am through October so there is some consistency.

We will continue to offer coffee hour in-person every other week and a virtual option the other times. We know that for many of you this is an important time to gather as a community and we want to honor that the best that we can.

We ask for your patience as we figure out a rhythm that works for the community here at Peace. Your Leadership Team is committed to re-evaluating all of this on a regular basis and, when it seems right, they will implement the changes that make sense. Until then, I encourage you to find the positives in a situation that we all wish was different. We are in this together and that is the most important piece to remember. Together we will continue to be Peace Lutheran Church, where we are called to make disciples and sent to share Christ. Remember, Peace exists for you.

- Pastor Brad



## PEACE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

### Conscious Discipline Workshop

It certainly is hard to give up the last few days of a beautiful summer, but the staff of Peace Christian Preschool did just that so they could join all of the Oshkosh Area School District pre-K through 5th grade staff in a three-day training for Conscious Discipline.

Conscious Discipline offers solutions for social-emotional learning, discipline and self-regulation. Conscious Discipline is based on mindfulness research and consists of Seven Powers for conscious adults that empower self-regulation.

While this training is primarily meant for teachers to use while working with students, it most definitely has its applications for all places and all ages. A wonderful training!



## Getting Back into the Swing of Things

I tell people all the time that working for the preschool is a true pleasure of mine. Our program staff is an amazing group of women working together to do some amazing work with our communities' families.

The hardest part of the job is getting "the machine" started back up after summer vacation. Getting the rooms back in to order after clearing them out for subleasing, is a lot of work!

You may not see it hidden behind those masks, but these ladies do many hours of preparation with a big smile.



# YOUR LEADERSHIP



Remember that you can follow along with the work of your Leadership Team.

Go to [www.peaceoshkosh.org](http://www.peaceoshkosh.org)

Click on "News", and then "Leadership"

You will find many hyperlinks within the minutes that will take you to additional meeting notes from the church's mission teams.

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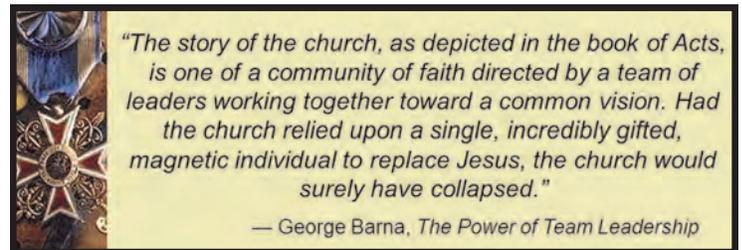
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