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The Tidings

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a just world for all

From the Pastor's Study

There is an origin story for our congregation which always humbles me. On June 2nd, 1898, a group of nine men gathered and began planning for the establishment of what would become Peace Church. I've heard over the years that they may have broken away from the Lutheran church in town because that church frowned on the farmers stopping for a beer after their trek into church on Sundays. And I've heard that they were motivated by a desire to start an Evangelical Church in the area. Whatever the reason, those nine families dreamed a vision way beyond themselves. On August 20th that same year (124 years ago) they laid the original cornerstone for our church building. By November 4th a few months later they were dedicating the church and worshipping in their new church building. That timeline stuns, and humbles, me every time that I read it. Of course, I'm also stunned when I hear that they built the whole enterprise for \$3,900 thanks to lots of the work being done by the members.

There are parts of the story that, like most histories of the period, lack much mention of the contributions of all the strong women who I'm certain were at least as responsible for the success. I often think of that verse from 2nd Timothy: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you." We are often reminded that behind every dream there are so many people who are faithfully working to bring it to fruition. We are given the remarkable opportunity to look back through the last 124 years and see and name so many faithful stewards of the life of our congregation. We have come a long, long way as a witness to the extravagant love of God in our world.

These days we continue in an interesting moment within the life of the Church. We are still emerging from a period of significant disruption that was thrust upon us by both the pandemic and a moment in our nation's history which has pulled at the fabric of our unity. The story is still unfolding, the conclusion yet unwritten. But there is a vision and a witness which is rooted in our past that we would do well to remember. Great things are possible when we share a vision and a dream. We have named a vision, that we "exist to feed souls, grow in God's extravagant love, and together serve all of God's children and creation." We've articulated a mission that we are to "Love like Jesus... welcoming all, loving all, growing in faith together, and seeking justice for all." The dream is vast and deep, and not unfamiliar. As we think about how we navigate reclaiming our momentum forward I hope that we can all put our shoulder to the dream that God is inviting us into as a community. It will take all of us, and it will take reclaiming the faithfulness of the generations before us and those yet to come.

In concrete ways, we are busy revamping Sunday School to try to make it more engaging for the students, and also to have it deepen their understanding of our sacred story and their faith. In this Tidings you will find a description of the rotation model that we will be implementing this fall. It should be fun, and it should offer new opportunities for members of the congregation to share the faith formation of the next generation. Confirmation is also shifting to include all our middle school students, 6th-8th in the Sunday morning confirmation curriculum. We will continue working to energize our Middle School youth group and seek to rekindle energy among our High School youth. We are hoping that we can also renew our energy and commitment to our missions with Habitat for Humanity after a time without mission trips. We are already planning a trip for the beginning of the New Year for our college-aged/young adult group. And we're excited as we dream how our soon-to-be-finished kitchen might become a hub for a host of mission and ministry opportunities. There is yet more inspiration to break forth from among us. It will take all of us. What a year to consider how we reclaim our mission and vision as we work toward 125 years of Peace Church proclaiming God's love in the world. Blessings,

Pastor Eric

Worship Schedule for September 2022

Sunday, September 4 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 ● Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1
● Philemon 1:1-21 ● Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 11 – 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Day of Sunday School

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14 ● Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10
● 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ● Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 18 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 ● Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113
● 1 Timothy 2:1-7 ● Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 18 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 ● Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113
● 1 Timothy 2:1-7 ● Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 25 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 ● Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146
● 1 Timothy 6:6-19 ● Luke 16:19-31

Events and Activities

Peace UCC Grief Group - Led by Chris Rode, this group meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room. For more information, please contact the Peace Church office.

Book Club - September is the beginning of the Peach Church Book Group year. We will be reading and discussing "Home Front" by Kristen Hannah on Wednesday, September 7, at 9:30 a.m. The group meets in the music room across from the church office on the second floor. Karen Grundahl is the discussion leader. Please contact Lynn Rusch, 262-306-4025 or lynnrusch@yahoo.com, for more information on the book group. The book for the October 5 meeting is "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult.

9th Grade Confirmation Classes – start on Wednesday, September 14th from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-629-4011.

Sunday School Classes – start on Sunday, September 11th from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining, please just show up on the 11th! Kids will be divided into two broadly graded groups: 4K – 2nd grade and grade 3 – 5. 6th-8th graders will gather in the Youth Room each week for their pre-confirmation focus on the Old and New Testaments and Foundations of Faith. See more information regarding the Sunday School program – see below in this issue of the Tidings.

Scholarship Fund Fundraisers!

In the past, at Peace Church we have all enjoyed coffee from the Equal Exchange Fair Trade Co-op at our coffee hour. We have also had some available for purchase at our cookie sales. We are happy to announce that we will be bringing that coffee back, not only for sipping, but also for sale, with all proceeds to benefit our scholarship fund. Those items will be available for purchase at our **cookie sales** on September 25th, and in December (TBA), during the Christmas program. Please mark your calendars for these important dates to come support our college students!

Feel free to check out Equal Exchange's website: <https://equalexchange.coop> to learn about them and how your purchase supports alternative trade and small farmer cooperatives around the world.

Peace Church Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly – Peace Church will be hosting a brat fry at the Kewaskum Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, September 3rd. Brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be served from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **We need volunteers to help with this event. Start-up time is 9:00 a.m. and clean-up should be done by 3:00 p.m.** Proceeds will go to the Peace Food Pantry. Please call the church office to sign-up.



In Search of....Peace Church is looking for a donation of new or gentle used bean bag chairs! Drop off at church! Thanks!

Peace Church Fall Clean-Up Day – the Peace Church Trustees will be holding a Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, September 10th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sign-up now to help in one of many ways in beautifying our church – pruning shrubs, painting the gazebo, washing external windows, misc. outside clean-up of the church grounds. Call the office at 262-626-4011 to volunteer!

Prayer Shawl Group – will meet the first Thursday of every month starting September 1, 2023. The group will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

Bulletin and The Tidings - The Peace Church Sunday bulletin is printed on **Thursdays**. If there are any notices that you need in the bulletin, please email the church office at office@peace-ucc.org. The deadline for the monthly Tidings newsletter is the **15th of each month**. Please direct those articles to the office as well.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)

Sept 1 James Manthei (7)
 Sept 3 Charles Ogi (10)
 Sept 10 Spencer Volm (1)
 Sept 14 Knox Gitter (4)
 Sept 18 Ellie O'Brien-Flasch (8)
 Sept 23 Grace Loser (15)

Anniversaries

Sept 1 Greg & Julaine Ogi (44)
 Sept 2 Julia & Christopher Beasley (4)
 Sept 2 Heidi & Matt Leithold (33)
 Sept 2 Greg & Val Vorpahl (22)
 Sept 4 Fred & Kathy Krieser (51)
 Sept 5 Tom & Michelle Ogi (12)
 Sept 8 Eric & Shrestha Ogi (3)
 Sept 11 William & Carol Butzlaff (57)

Birthdays (80 years plus)

Sept 4 Clark Pearson (84)
 Sept 5 Janet Kuehn (88)
 Sept 8 Lynn Rusch (82)
 Sept 16 Loren Butzlaff (83)

Sept 11 Dennis & Cheryl Novotny (57)
 Sept 13 Marilyn & David McIntosh (64)
 Sept 21 Roger & Kathy Mertz (48)
 Sept 21 Janine & Kevin Lemke (36)
 Sept 22 Bill & Lori Becker (16)
 Sept 24 Herman & Nancy Panzer (24)
 Sept 29 Nicholas & Brittany Luther (10)

Financial Report

Financial Report July 2022

General Fund

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ (38,541)
Receipts	16,362
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	0
Expenses	(\$25,005)
Ending Balance as of 7/31/2022	<u>(\$47,185)</u>

Benevolence Receipts

Peace Pantry	80.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	145.00
Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>225.00</u>
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project	\$58,065.01

August 9, 2022
Peace United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kathy Charland, Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson, Marnie Winninghoff, Ken Singer, Brad Preder, Vance Reif, John Lemke, Melissa Polzin, Tom Kolb, Mark Bocher, Lisa Atwater and Becky Manthei
Members Absent: Paul Behring

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm, and began with an opening prayer from Pastor.

Approval of Agenda (a) Motion Clark Pearson: Second: Vance Reif. Motion approved.

Approval of July minutes: Motion made by Karen Kletti with a second by Lisa Atwater. Motion approved.

Financial report was presented by Tom Kolb. Giving fell short again this past month by \$9,000, now giving us a general fund deficit of \$47,000.

Motion to place the financial report on file for audit by Ken Singer with a second by Clark Pearson. Motion approved.

- Building use safe sanctuary & fees policy presented by Clark Pearson. Motion made out of committee to approve the policy. Motion approved.
- Cemetery project has been moving along nicely. More of an update coming next month.
- Kitchen update provided by Karen Kletti. Cabinets in the hallway are being installed.
- Picnic update provided by Becky Manthei. Thanks to Texas Roadhouse for donating the buns and our generous congregation underwriting items and donating prizes and time. Approximately 130 tickets sold, which is just shy of past years' numbers. Overall lots of positive comments. Others who have a passion for leading the picnic should see Becky Manthei.
- Associate Pastor Search will be moving along with the first piece being completion of the Church profile.
- Marnie Winninghoff agreed to be the Consistory rep for the Scholarship committee.
- Constitution: Karen Kletti advised that the work on updating this is being worked on to adopt the new titles.
- Christian Ed : new model presented by Kathy Charland in collaboration with Rev Sharon Stier. It is a 7-year cycle with the kids of several ages being together.
- Ceiling update provided by Vance Reif. Made contact with several companies, with a struggle in getting the companies to call back. Meeting with a company tomorrow at Church.
- Kathy presented a thank you card initiative with many being interested in pursuing this further.
- Stewardship retreat being planned by Kathy Charland. Aug. 21 at the Blue Lotus. Signups are currently taking place now. Feel free to invite further members.

Moving Peace Church forward initiative presented by Kathy Charland. Want to ensure that the monthly Consistory meetings address how to move the Church forward. Brainstorming session took place with a listing of issues/concerns.

Some examples discussed: Financials, lack of youth and young adults, groups meeting during the day and not at night, cultural change in how we worship-more action, lack of attendance, ways to increase income, hard for newcomers to fit in, lack of volunteers, updating music, change in how we worship, lack of community involvement, more mission and outreach, community, looking at 40-50 year olds who have income, kids and grandkids.

Next meeting we are charged with coming to next month's meeting with solutions. Example brought up to put up posters at Cedar Ridge.

Pastor's report was submitted.

Friday the Church is hosting a blood drive. Sept 3rd we have a brat fry scheduled at Piggly Wiggly.

Special thanks to Jake Lemke in handling the videography. Jake is headed to college, and Pastor has recommended high schoolers be paid \$25 per Sunday

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Upcoming dates: Aug. 21 Blue Lotus- stewardship work Next Consistory Meeting: Sept. 13 : 6:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry at Peace Church

Become a dreamer! Please join us in dreaming what we believe is God's dream for Children's Ministry at Peace Church. It's a dream of children who cannot wait for Sunday morning to arrive because Sunday morning is the highlight of their week. It's a dream where kids embrace Jesus because his story is written on their hearts. It's a dream where adults are excited to be part of Children's' Ministry because they love God and children and are committed to the future of Christ's church. It's a dream where parents and congregation members work in concert to share the amazing story of the Christian faith in a way that finds children falling hopelessly in love with Jesus.

Chasing this dream means doing Sunday School in a different way. The new model for ministry is called the Workshop Rotation Model. Ministry within the framework of the model promises to be filled with fun surprises for the kids, encouraging them to engage the Good News in unique ways. The new ministry is dubbed "Jam! Jesus and Me".

Here's how the model works:

Kids will be divided into two broadly graded groups: K4-2nd Grade; 3rd Grade-5th Grade. 6th-8th Grade will gather in the Youth Room each week for their pre-confirmation focus on the Old and New Testaments and Foundations of Faith.

During the course of the year, children K4-5th Grade will focus on seven key scripture lessons:

The Great Commandment	The 10 Commandments
Advent/Christmas: Magi	The Good Samaritan
The Prodigal Son	The Last Supper
Psalm 23	

The students will dive deep into the stories, visiting a workshop each week, and discovering Gospel truths through the use of drama, videos, games, arts, drama, cooking or science. By each unit's end, each class will explore the Bible lesson from four or five different vantage points.

Why the new model?

- It's fun! Each week holds new surprises for the kids. They can wonder what crazy dish they'll concoct to help them learn an important lesson of faith. They can anticipate moving around as they play games designed to help them remember the Gospel, they can let their imagination soar as they pretend they're a Bible character or they can visually express their interpretation of a scripture lesson through the creation of artwork.
- It helps kids remember foundational lessons of faith. Kids learn through repetition, remembering as main concepts and ideas are regularly repeated. The model helps kids recall God's word.

- It takes into account kids' learning styles. Some kids learn best if they have the chance to read, while others learn best if they can move. For some children, interaction with others paves the way for their learning. This educational model allows us to cover more learning-style bases, and will give our kids the chance to really grasp the depth and breadth of God's love.
- It's volunteer friendly. The workshop rotation model allows leadership participation based on the interests and giftedness of the adults of the congregation. So, someone who loves cooking can lead or assist with that lesson. Budding artists can help the students sculpt, draw or paint their way to expressing a Bible truth they've discovered in class. Because all the children will learn essentially the same lesson, he/she will only need to prepare one lesson plan for the two weeks during which the two groups attend the workshop.

If someone can't get enough of hanging out with the kids, then they might jump at the chance to be a shepherd—a person who attends and participates in lessons with them and talks with them about the story and how it impacts their lives. Others who enjoy administrative tasks can engage in ministry on a more flexible and behind-the-scenes basis.

If you have more questions, you're invited to speak with Kathy Charland or Sharon Stier.

Is God Calling? Here's how you can help JAM! Jesus And Me

Children's Ministry is taking on a whole new, fabulously faithful look this fall.

Kids will explore, probe, pray, create, act, cook, sing and play their way through seven major Bible lessons this year. They'll be immersed in Bible stories like the 10 Commandments, The Good Samaritan, Psalm we, spending several weeks examining each story through the visual arts, storytelling, videos, games, and cooking. It should be an absolutely wonderful time as the kids look at each story in depth, from a number of perspectives.

You can join the JAM "Jesus And Me" Team. Team members are needed in a wide range of ministries. If you've got a gift or interest, you're almost assured that there is a way for you to lend a hand passing along Jesus' Good News to the children. Below is a listing of all the ways you can participate in this ministry. Please consider and pray about the roles on the list and the ways God might be calling you to proclaim the story of Jesus and his love by joining the Team.

Ready to answer the call? Please fill out the form on the next page and place it in the box near the parking lot entrance. Additional volunteer forms will be located there, too. Need more information: Please contact Kathy Charland or Sharon Stier. They'll be happy to answer your questions.

Please check any and all roles that are of interest to you!

- Shepherds Teams of 2-4 adults work with classes by unit throughout the year. Shepherds are responsible for “Hanging out” with the kids—getting to know them, praying for them, participating in the various workshops the children attend each week. Minimal prep time required.
- Site Leaders Interested/ gifted/talented in one or more of these four workshop areas: Cooking/science/etc.; Games; Drama/Video/Storytelling; Arts. Site Leaders teach the same lesson two weeks during the course of the unit. Curriculum provided.
- Arts prep Like to cut things? Mix things? Organize all of the ooey and goey things that go along with visual arts projects? Then join this team. Team members are called as needed. Most work can be done according to your own time frame, often from home.
- Kitchen prep Dicing—Slicing—Measuring—Set-Up. These are the duties that go along with being a member of the Kitchen Prep Team. Team members are called as needed. Most of the Kitchen teamwork can be done according to your own time frame.
- Builders If you’re someone who likes to build or paint, join the team that builds props, game pieces, scenery pieces for various units. Most work can be done according to your own time frame.
- Drama Team Have a flair for the dramatic? Possess a vivid imagination? Like pretending? Then plan on participating in Children’s Drama Ministry. Team members will assist with drama on a number of fronts occasionally throughout the year.
- Puppeteers Gifted in drama, but a little stage shy? Try presenting drama through the use of puppets. Puppeteers will have a chance to share their knowledge with the kids—teaching them the art form. Team members are called as needed.
- Purchasers Bargain hunters! This is your ministry. We need people who know a good deal when they see one. Purchasers will be responsible for working with Robin in the office, to order and buy supplies as needed/requested. Will work closely with inventory people. Purchasers work as needed.
- Inventory Keeping an eye on supplies and equipment is the job of the Inventory Gang. Inventory Group members will help with keeping the ship in shape by ordering the Resource Room and Christian Education Equipment/Storage. They’ll work closely with the Church’s office manager. Inventory people work as needed.
- Authors Got a knack for putting ideas to paper? Units of rotation model curriculum are written by local church members who love to invent nifty way to tell the Gospel to kids. Authors will work as needed and in advance of any unit presentations.
- Communications: People are needed to: contact others, asking them to become involved in ministry, notify folks of upcoming special events; be in touch with folks to share any JAM news or needs. Team members will work as needed and in advance of any deadlines for recruitment or events.
- Sewers: Needle & thread aficionados, here’s the job for you. Occasionally a puppet might need to be constructed. Other times, a costume might need to be designed or sewn. When any job presents itself, we’d like a group of folks to be ready to create cool things from fabric.
- A/V operators: Be a part of the crew that’s available to run the audio-visual equipment on Sunday mornings, and to make sure the equipment is working. A/V operators work as needed.
- Photographers. If the shutter bug’s bit and you just can’t get enough of snapping photos, please join the photography team. Photographers will simply take shots of Children’s ministry-related events and activities. Photographers work as needed and as events dictate.
- Decorators The more visual interested created in Children’s Ministry areas, the better. Folks interested in working on bulletin boards or painting or decorations. All are invited to join the Decorating Crew. Decorators work as needed.
- Bubbly, kid-friendly people are needed to greet families as they arrive for Children’s Ministry-related events. Greeter schedules will rotate based on the team member’s schedules. This is primarily a Sunday morning commitment.

Name _____
Phone Number _____

email address _____
Do you check email & texts frequently? (1 x per day)
 Yes No

As students, teachers, and staff return
to school, please join us for a



Blessing of TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS & BACKPACKS

Rally Day – First Day of Sunday School
Grades PreK – 8th Grade



Sunday, September 11, 2022
During 9:30 Worship
Peace Church - Kewaskum
(Bring your backpack!)

Come Sing With Us!



The Chancel Choir and men's choir will be starting rehearsals soon, and they need you! Music has always been an important part of the ministry of Peace Church, and we need you to help keep this program alive. All voices and singing abilities are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Chancel choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 13th, at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Men's rehearsal will also start on the 13th at 6:00 pm, followed by the Chancel rehearsal.

Choir practice is held weekly, usually for an hour. Depending on our numbers and availability, we will sing twice a month, and the men will sing once.

Please consider singing with us. There are a lot of nice voices in our congregation. Let's all come together to make beautiful music unto the Lord!

If you have any questions,
please see Bill Stangl or text him
at 262-483-0699.

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Prayer Shawl Group – 1 PM		Peace Church Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Communion	Labor Day – Office Closed	LECTIONARY 10 AM	XYZ CLUB BOOK CLUB	GRIEF GROUP 1 PM		Fall Clean-Up @ Peace 8 am – 1 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 8 & 9:30 am First Day of Sunday School -Rally Day Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation		LECTIONARY 10 AM CONSISTORY 6:30 PM Men's Choir 6 pm Chancel 6:30 pm	XYZ CLUB 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30	TIDIINGS DEADLINE		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Sunday School Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation		LECTIONARY 10 AM Men's Choir 6 pm Chancel 6:30 pm	XYZ CLUB 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30	GRIEF GROUP 1 PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 8 & 9:30 am Sunday School Pre-K- 5 th grade 6- 8 th Grade Confirmation SCHOLARSHIP COOKIE SALE		LECTIONARY 10 AM Men's Choir 6 pm Chancel 6:30 pm	XYZ CLUB CARE & CONNECTION MTG 1 PM 9 th Grade Confirmation 4-5:30			