

PEACE TALKS

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

Finlayson, Minnesota

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People of God raised up by the power of Christ's resurrection:

You often hear people complain in our modern day about the fact that we have so many ways to be connected to one another and yet we are often less connected than we have ever been. Somehow, even though we have phones, texting and instant messaging, video calling, Facebook, and free long distance, many people know their extended family much less than they did when there was only a yearly reunion at which you could talk to them. Friends may know less about each other having all those ways to communicate than they did when they only had a few minutes after school to get to see each other. Church members may feel less connected to one another and be less able to support one another than in days when it took quite a bit of work just to get everything ready to go to church and phones were not cheap to own or use.

A similar thing can be said about studying the Word in our day. Again, pastors have at their disposal all sorts of tools they can use to teach the truths of God. And yet, with all of those tools, we might ask whether people learn more about the Word of God now than in former days. I would think you would be hard-pressed to answer "yes" to that question with any integrity. And yet the fault does not lie with all the many ways that we could learn, but it lies with us ourselves not making use of any of those ways.

Ever since I have been here, we have taken a break from weekday Bible Studies (our Sunday morning classes at Peace continue) at church during the summer months since schedules seem to be all over the place. But that does not mean that we should take a break from studying the Word.

I would like to encourage you to do so in two ways this summer. First, read the Word in your home and talk about it with those God has given to live in your home. Pray together. Memorize the Word together. Sing together. Secondly, I would invite you to participate in our online Bible studies that I will produce over the summer. Unlike in recent years, I am not going to simply pick a book and work our way through that book. This summer, I would like to be able to answer some specific questions you might have about the Scriptures, faith, life and about our Savior Jesus. So, please send me suggestions.

There will be a box in the narthex to place them in or you can email them (pastor@ihoppe.com) to me or text them (320-372-0773) to me. Is there a verse this very hard for you to understand? Write it down and I will seek to explain it. Is there a topic about which you are not sure what the Bible teaches? Write it down and I will collect together God's wisdom on the topic and present it to you. Is there an argument your unbelieving friends like to make the you are not sure how to respond to? Write it down, and I will seek to give you guidance from the Word. These videos will be produced most weeks when I am not on vacation but will only be produced as suggestions from you are received.

Let us make use of all the means that we have available to us to learn the Word since it reveals to us Jesus. Let us learn in the most old-fashioned ways which are opening up the Word in our homes and gathering together in church around that same Word. But let us also be in the Word using the new technologies that exist as well. Make suggestions for topics that should be covered and then come to the church website (<http://plcms.com>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/peacefinlayson/>) to see these online Bible Studies.

In Christ, Pastor Philip Hoppe



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We take this opportunity to congratulate our graduates from Peace – Ethan

Alleman & Adam Bridenstine graduating from Hinckley/Finlayson High School, and our higher education graduate, Alex Fiero, graduated from UMD on May 11th.

We wish them all God's blessings & safety as they pursue their future goals & dreams.

A GRADUATION PRAYER

*Father, I have knowledge,
so will you show me now,
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow
To make the world I live in a little better place,
And make life with its problems
a bit easier to face.*

*Grant me faith and courage,
put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve Thee
in more effective ways.*

*So all my education,
my knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment
as I learn to do Thy will.*

*And may I ever be aware
in everything I do,*

*That knowledge comes from learning,
and wisdom comes from You.*



**** WELCOME ****

We take this opportunity to welcome Jay Larson to our congregation by way of

Affirmation of Faith. Jay is staying with his grandparents, Royce & Carla Larson this summer. He attends Iowa State University. Jay was baptized and confirmed in LCMS congregations. We pray you will be strengthened in your faith by your worship among us. We welcome You!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO—

—Dick Alleman who turned 80 years young on May 25th. The congregation was invited to share in his special day and bring him birthday well wishes with cake and coffee after church services on the 26th.



— and to Cindy Pitts on her retirement as a 31-year nail tech/beautician. Cindy started out at Roffler's in Moose Lake as a nail tech, then began styling hair a few years later. She will now have free time to spend with little Logan, her kids, craft & home projects and traveling with husband, John

~~Congratulations to Dick and Cindy, and we pray for God's continued blessings in the days & years ahead!!

THANK YOU

--Thank you to everyone who overwhelmingly supported the smelt fry on May 10th (our last Smelt Fry was in 2015). 350 people were served – using over 300# of smelt!!! Many hands went in to helping make this a success -- those who came to clean all the smelt, set-up help, the servers, fryers, and dish washers, table clearers and floor scrubbers, and all the kitchen help. Thank you to those who baked and donated cookies as well as the donations of other food items; to Bev Mensing & ladies for making all the potato salad; to Ron Osladil for donating & making all the cole slaw; to Mike Welna and his bakery in Fridley, *Concept 2 Bakery* for donating all the delicious breads. **It is ALL greatly appreciated!** Donations totaled \$2,760

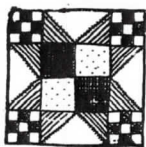
****FATHERHOOD****

One dad to another: "I'm no model father. All I'm trying to do is behave so that when folks tell my son that he reminds them of me, he will stick out his chest instead of his tongue."

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP



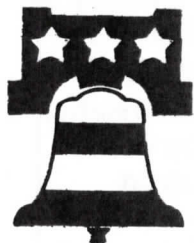
We will have coffee fellowships during the summer months at 10:00 am, following our worship service, and will be held in the church basement. Please sign up for a Sunday to bring donuts, breads, pastries, and/or fruit, prepare coffee, and clean up. Plan to join us for your morning coffee here with your fellow members. Free-will offerings will be taken each Sunday and will be sent to our two Concordia Seminaries. We hope we can count on your support.



-- The *Peace Quilters* have closed up shop for the summer. 261 quilts were made this last year, which were given to Veteran Hospitals, Union Gospel Mission in

Duluth, Red Cross for fire victims, local benefits, WINDOW Victim Services, Options for Women, High School graduates, shut-ins, and people recovering from surgery or illness. A big thank you to all who donated fabric, sheets, blankets, other supplies - it is greatly appreciated!

A special thank you to all the willing workers who have helped with Monday morning quilting this past year. We will resume again in September.

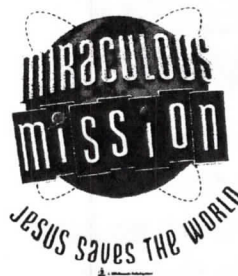


.....JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It sounds like our 4th of July Food Stand is a "go" again this year. Instead of being in a building,

tents & tables will be set up.

Within the next couple of weeks, schedules will be set up, and we pray that all our members will gladly give a couple hours of their time to this endeavor and help to ease the burden of the committee members. We are also asking each family of the congregation to bring 2 pies for the stand. Thank You in advance for all your help.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 5-9

Is it too early to think about VBS? Absolutely not! Much planning has already gone into our program for this year.

Peace VBS is for kids age 4 thru those going into 7th grade. At "*Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World*" kids will discover the truth about Jesus as they meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks! NOW is the time to prayerfully consider how you will be involved in this wonderful ministry opportunity and learn how you too, can be a part of making VBS 2019 the best year yet!

We appreciate your prayers in the planning process. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior, and to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission. Be watching for further information soon and new displays in the narthex. Thank You!

Mary Nelson, director



LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP BROCHURES

We have an ample supply of this summer's Lutheran Island Camp brochures. Give your child the opportunity to attend one of

the camp weeks. LIC combines excellent outdoor activities with spiritual nourishment - all in a safe and beautiful outdoor environment. There are weekend camps for the "Little Lambs," ages 3-6 and a parent/grandparent; "Sheep Camp," ages 6-8 and an adult; several "Trailblazer Camps for ages 6-11; horse camps, science camp, boys survivor camp, fishing camp, Mother/daughter retreat; father/son retreat; and MANY other camping experiences for the teen kids as well as Family weekend Getaways. Please pick up one of the LIC brochures from the table in the narthex to see the many and varied camping opportunities awaiting our children and families. Whatever your child's interest, there is probably a week or weekend camping opportunity for them or your family. If you are interested, I'm sure we still have campership monies available.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP!**

On Sunday, June 9th, we will have a special coffee fellowship for the newly baptized & communicant members we have received into our fellowship in the past year. Those we are recognizing are Roland & Judy Henkel, Erick Nelson and Jay Larson (communicant); John Colsrud, Eric Fredrickson, and Vanessa Meier (newly confirmed); Morgan Torgerson, Christopher Nelson, Barrett Payne, Kristina Rother and children, Maison, Hailey, Kailey, Emily & Dustin (baptized). We hope you will join us.

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"IF"

IF students went to school like some people go to church (when they feel like it), they would fail.

IF an employee went to work like some people go to the task of missions (indifferently), they would be fired.

IF a person ate meals like some partake of the Lord's Supper (irregularly), they would starve.

IF one paid bills like some support the church (occasionally), they would have no credit.

IF one neglected his family like some do the Lord, they would be charged with desertion.

IF one spoke to others as seldom as some pray to God, they would be branded as anti-social.

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JESUS IS LIKE A COMPUTER . . .

He **ENTERS** your life
He **SCANS** your problems
He **EDITS** your tension
He **DOWNLOADS** solutions
He **DELETES** your worries and
He **SAVES YOU!!**

WHAT IS A FATHER?

A father is a person who is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.

A father is a person who growls when he feels good – and laughs very loudly when he's scared to death.

A father never feels entirely worthy of worship in a child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks – never quite the man his son believes him to be – and this worries him, sometimes. So, he works too hard to try to smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father is a person who gets very angry when the first grades in school aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds his son, though he knows it's the teacher's fault.

Fathers grow old faster than other people, because they, in other wars, have to stand at the train station and wave goodbye to the uniformed son that climbs aboard. And while mothers often cry where it shows, fathers stand there and beam outside and die inside.

Fathers have very stout hearts; so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what's inside. Fathers give daughters away to men who aren't nearly good enough – so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons – almost daily. They hurry away from the breakfast table, off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or a shop. There, with calloused, practiced hand, they tackle the dragon with three heads: weariness, work and monotony. They never quite win the fight, but they never give up. Knights in shining armor – fathers in shiny trousers; there's little difference as they march away to each workday.

And when a father dies, I've an idea that he won't be happy unless there's work to do. He won't just sit around and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too – repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets – smoothing the way.

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Sunday, June 2 – Ed Barnick, H.U., Ron Volk, Jacob Thurber, Allen Bennett
 Sunday, June 9 – Bruce Pogatchnik, H.U., LeRoy Thurn, Lowell Pogatchnik, Ethan Alleman
 Sunday, June 16 – Ron Osladil, H.U., Dick Alleman, Steve & Josh Martin
 Sunday, June 23 – John Pitts, H.U., Marcus Pitts, Royce Larson, Dwight Hahn
 Sunday, June 30 – Bill Tvedt, H.U., Leon & Lucas Payne, Wayne Fiero



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Kenny Ziegler
John Colstrud
Eric Fredrickson
Vanessa Meier
Ella Hoppe

Stan & Rita Jensen
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Craig & Diane Howard
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Len & Angie Gangelhoff

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The Women of Peace met on Wednesday, 15, 2019, with 10 members present. Carla led us in our Bible study, "Caring for the Body of Christ," taken from the LWML Quarterly. The June Bible study will be "Running the Race," from the Spring Quarterly.

President Jenny Alleman opened our business meeting by all joining in the LWML Pledge. Mites & donations were collected; correspondence was shared which included a letter from Carol Ann Sander reminding us to let her know what we are planning for the LWML Convention offering. Motion made & carried to send \$100 to Carol Ann for the offering.

Secretary's report was read; Treasurer's balance \$4,955.05 which includes quilting funds.

Kitchen cleaning will be done on May 29th at 8:00 am

The New Members Coffee Fellowship will be held Sunday, June 9th. Jenny will get a list of new members and send invitations. A cake will be ordered from Chris'; Barbara & Carla will be in charge of serving

Coffee Fellowships will be held following church services during the summer months with donations going to the Concordia Seminary food shelves.

July 4th food stand: the committee has met and started planning. Tents will be used. Sign-up sheets are ready. Prices will stay the same except for pie, which will raise from \$2.50 to \$3.00. Another meeting will be held on June 5th. Supplies will be ordered from Chris'.

Carla gave a devotion "Make it as Secure as You Can."

Closed with The Lord's Prayer and table prayer.

Hostess was Elaine. Hostess in June will be Marian.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Steeg, Secretary

A 6-year-old boy presented his father with this homemade greeting card for Father's Day:
"When I grow up, Dad, I want to be just like you
- except younger!"

Peace Lutheran Church
QUARTERLY VOTERS' Meeting
Sunday, April 28, 2018 – 2:00 pm

Present were: Ed Barnick, Quinton Finley, Marge Haefner, Dwight Hahn, Glen Hemphill, Roland Henkel, Pastor Hoppe, Dennis Korpi, Tim Koski, Royce Larson, Rich Mensing, Ron Osladil, John Pitts, Elaine Steeg, LeRoy Thurn, Bill Tvedt, Ron Volk, Don Weiss.

Other attendees: Jan Hahn, Carla Larson, Estelle Martin, Barbara Moen & Anna Maria Weiss

Chairman Tim Koski called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. Pastor Hoppe opened with Psalm 91 and prayer. The **minutes** of the January 20, 2019 Annual Voters' Meeting were approved as read. The **Treasurer's** report was presented by Dennis Korpi which was accepted.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor will attend a Pastor's Conference of the North & South Districts, May 13-15
- Pastor will attend meetings regarding the Young Family Group, July 7-10
- The Youth group will attend their Conference July 16-19
- Pastor has vacation scheduled for the following dates: June 6, June 10-16, August 25
- Joint church service will be on Sunday, August 11, with picnic to follow.
- Pastor needs one more volunteer to head up a committee to place plaques under the stained glass windows around the building.

-The Voters' Assembly welcomed Erick Nelson as a transferred member. The Voters' Assembly also acknowledged the release of Debra Sears and Jodi Carlson Grebinoski.

-Motion by Ron Osladil, second by Marge Haefner and carried to allow the Regnar Relay Minnesota race to use the church parking lot from 1am to 9 am on August 16-17 for a relay station with the understanding that the race group is responsible for all clean up immediately following use of the parking lot. The group can also bring in portable toilets for the approved time period.

-The Joint Council meeting with Bruno will be May 8th.

Elders: At the July Quarterly Voters' Assembly, a list of those who have excluded themselves from church activities will be reviewed and action voted upon at the October Quarterly meeting. The new Constitution which was distributed in January at the Annual Meeting, was approved for passing on to the District for approval. There were 21 voting members at the time of the meeting; 18 of them in attendance.

Trustees: There is a shortage of hot water in the parsonage. The Voters approved the installation of a second electric water heater on off-peak power.

Board of Education: The last day of Sunday School is May 19th.

Old Business: A committee was formed to assess the security of the church building during the week and on Sundays. Offices need to be capable of being locked, egress from the premises was deemed to be adequate. There was discussion regarding lighting, video monitors, and access through windows. There is consideration for posting one person during services to monitor the premises. Anyone who would like to give suggestions to the committee should contact Dwight Hahn or Don Weiss.

The kitchen supt. noted that some who have been using the kitchen have left water in the dishwasher. The operating instruction need to be followed completely.

The Audit committee has found the financial books to be in order.

The Insurance Co. has given approval in writing for frying smelt in the church basement.

New Business: The Voters decided to retain the current method for posting hymns.

We may need to put up a large tent to hold the burger frying, bake sale and eating tables at this year's July 4th celebration in Finlayson.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Royce Larson, Council Secretary


June 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Bible Study 8:00 Peace Comm. 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:0 Bruno Comm. 11:00	3	4 Regional AA Meeting @ Peace 7:00	5 Board of Elders 7:00	6 Pastor taking day off	7 Pastor's day off	8 "Men of Peace" 9:00-noon
9 Bible Study 8:00 (F) Worship 9:00 NEW MEMBER Coffee 10:00 (B) Worship 11:00 Nursing Home 2:30	10	11	12	13	14	15
-----PASTOR ON VACATION THRU THE 16TH -----						
			Church Council 7:00			
16 NO Bible Study 8 Peace Worship 9:00 Coffee 10:00 Bruno Worship 11:00 (Pastor on vacation)	17	18	19 "Women of Peace" 1:00	20 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm	21 Pastor's day off	22
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