



# Words of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church

August 2011



## Calling all Youth at Peace

**Saturday, August 13  
from 5-7 pm**

All Youth, rising 7th grade and above  
Come to Peace for our 2011-12

**Youth Group Kickoff!**

We'll have a  
cookout,  
Games,  
Friendship, and  
Planning for the upcoming year.

Come share your ideas  
with our new Youth Coordinator:  
Becca Sticha!



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2012  
ELCA Youth Gathering

July 18-22, 2012  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Ephesians 2:14-20

WITH THE SAINTS

**CITIZENS**

www.elca.org/gathering

At 7,  
Immediately following  
the youth group  
meeting, you can hear  
some of the news  
about next summer's  
youth gathering in  
New Orleans.

If you might like to go,  
then come.

You are citizens along with  
all of God's holy people. You  
are members of God's family.

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Claimed by God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit, we share the love and peace of Jesus  
Christ with each other, our community and the world. Be at Peace.

From Pastor Brent

My father's birth month was August. He often encouraged his sons to "try to learn something new every day." This might be your time today, as I share

some little known tidbits about the month of August in his honor. Did you know...?

The month of August was named by and for Caesar Augustus. But instead of choosing his birth month, he attached his name to the birth month of a respected and vanquished foe...her name was Cleopatra!

If you've ever heard the expression "dog days of August", it doesn't refer to our meeting the heat by acting like a dog, panting and laying around in the shade. Ancient star gazers noted that in this month Sirius, the "dog star," burned brighter than ever. Since it was in direct alignment with the sun and earth, they thought the reason the temperature increased on our planet was that Sirius absorbed the heat of the sun and then radiated it our way in increased levels... hence, "dog days." They were wrong.

August is the only month on our calendar without a major national or religious holiday.

The last day of August always falls on the same day of the week as the last day of November.

These latter two are of interest to me...since we don't have one in August, and since the last week of this month is always replicated in November, let's jump ahead, insinuate ourselves there, and bring back to the here and now those same holy themes. For one thing, at least in our mind, we can feel a lot cooler!

Let us **now** be **thankful**...we have so much at Peace for which we should be grateful... especially for the folks in this family who in quiet, unsung ways seek to take care of each other, our grounds, the neighborhood, and people literally all over the globe. For the decades of faithfulness this congregation has shown in response to God's grace...for the future that presents opportunities for ministry, and for the creativity, will, and means to meet needs and celebrate the gospel...let us be in "Thanksgiving" mode...even in the dog days of August!

That last week of November, resembling the last days of this month, is also the beginning of the season of Advent...getting us ready for Christmas. Let us even **now** be **preparing**...for the next "big thing" in the history of Peace...the calling and reception of a new pastor. Over these upcoming weeks, let us be about the renewal and reinvigoration of the many ministries that have been and continue to be the hallmarks of Peace, and let us begin to exert new energy in developing those programs that would be an answer to the prayers of others. We are ready to, in many ways, experience a rebirth of Peace...our agenda, even in August, is to smooth the way for what is coming. If we wait until Advent, well, it's with hope and experience that I say if we wait till then to prepare, we might have waited too long!

There. I hope you learned something. If you did, credit my Dad!

See you in September. Better yet, see you next Sunday!

Peace,

*Pastor Brent*



## A WORD FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RAMSEY WOODWORTH

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL AT PEACE

At our July Family Meeting, I reported on several items on the horizon for Council and Family in the coming months. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend, let me repeat myself. All these items are works in progress in the early formative planning stage so it is impossible at this point to say what may ultimately come to pass. But all merit our serious attention at this time.

Day Care Facilities – In response to recent inquiries regarding the possible use of our Sunday School wing and adjoining space for a day care facility, the Council is beginning to explore the feasibility of such a project, consistent of course with Peace's needs to use the space for our educational and other uses. An initial appraisal we have just received indicates that our space may be able to accommodate from 35 to 40 children. If this proves to be feasible, it will make better use of our facilities during the week and respond to a growing need in our surrounding community for quality day care services. Furthermore, the potential rental income as facility of this size is likely to generate makes the project worthy of our further consideration.

Our 8:30 Amharic Service – In the coming months, the Council will be exploring ways in which to support this service in light both of the upcoming retirement of Pastor Abebe and the growing number of service attendees.

Building Improvements – With more than \$196,000 now in the bank from the mortgage refinancing, the Council and Property Ministry have begun to consider the specific projects most needing attention. Our initial priorities now identified are new lighting in the main sanctuary, improvements to the sound system and exterior lighting improvements for security and appearance purposes, the latter to create a more welcoming appearance on the Lincolnia Road side of the building. Please stay tuned for further details on these and other potential projects as this planning goes forward.

Sunday Bulletin – Over the next few months, we will be experimenting with a new and simplified Sunday Bulletin for the 8:00 and 10:30 Services. Presently, we devote an inordinate amount of paper, copying and secretarial costs to the preparation of the Sunday Bulletin which can run anywhere from 16 to 24 pages each Sunday – and which to a large extent simply duplicates our Red Books in every pew. Our goal in undertaking this experiment is both to save a few trees and duplicating costs, as well as to free up the time of our Parish Secretary for other important matters.

As we go forward with these matters, your help and input is most welcomed.

Finally, let me welcome Habtu Mefsen to the Council. For those of you who were not there, we had a rather exciting election this past Sunday with a result that was almost too close to call. We thank both Habtu and Margarete Heber for their willingness to be considered to serve Peace in this important role.



Come join us for Worship  
at 12:15 p.m. each Sunday  
Late Night Prayer on Friday evenings @ 10 p.m.

**For a contemporary expression of our faith which includes  
African tradition  
of lively praise music and heartfelt prayer.**

**HOFI**

## Peace Sunday School 2011/2012 will kick off on Sunday, 18 September 2011.

We've grown in student numbers over the past year and are expanding from three to four classes for our upcoming session. **That's very happy and welcome news!**



Classes will be:  
Age 3 - Kindergarten  
1st & 2nd Grade  
3rd & 4th Grade  
5th & 6th Grade

To move forward and embrace this exciting growth, we must have Sunday School Staff. The extremely small Teacher to Child ratio we worked with last year, while successful, was stressful and sometimes dangerous. It, sadly but emphatically, cannot be repeated.



To move forward with this year's Program, we must have, at an absolute minimum, three teachers per classroom. Four would be even more comfortable especially with our younger learners. Lots of hands to help with cutting, pasting, coloring and Teaching and a significantly reduced and easily managed Teaching Workload.

These Children are a Joy.  
Their observations and opinions prove to be a constant heartwarming and spirit lifting delight.

Come out and work with us.  
You're going to like it.  
These eager and engaged  
Children also teach us things.

Give a call or drop an e-mail to sign yourself up for this fun, sometimes funny and always exhilarating Stewardship event at Peace.



*"Joy is prayer - Joy is strength - Joy is love -  
Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."*

- MOTHER TERESA

# Peace Lutheran Church Sunday School Registration Form 2011-2012

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ BOY or GIRL \_\_\_\_\_  
 (circle one)

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ cell/work \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY NUMBER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS \_\_\_\_\_

Who may drop off and pick up your child?  
 Please list names of all individuals who have permission to pick up your child.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grader to leave at 10:15am on their own.  
 No     Yes    Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? NO YES Date \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES? NO YES If Yes, Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child need medication? NO YES If Yes, Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CHILD TO HELP US:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Peace Lutheran Church 6362 Lincolnia Rd Alexandria, VA 22312 703-354-5233
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## PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I consent that my child may be photographed and that these photos may be used at Peace Lutheran Church, such as on bulletin boards and in Peace Lutheran Church publications, such as the newsletter, and on the Peace Lutheran Church Web site. **Circle one:** YES or NO

**If NO**, I consent that photos of my child may be used on bulletin boards, but not on the web site. **Circle one:** YES or NO

The child's name (**Circle one:**) MAY or MAY NOT be used with the photo.

In giving this consent, I release the photographer from liability for violations of personal or proprietary rights that I may have in connection with the use of the photos.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My child **may not** be photographed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization recognizes the Ladies of Peace

On a sunny day in June the bold Ladies of Peace created and donated a blanket, and 3 baskets for a silent auction to benefit the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization for the Tee Off To Empower (TOTE) event at Pinecrest golf course. A community of golfers enjoyed golf and bidding on prizes solicited by the members of the Pinecrest Women's Golf Association (PWGA).

As of today the total donation from the Pinecrest Women's Golf Association is over \$14,000 raised to benefit this worthy organization (a 501(c)(3) charity). The proceeds from TOTE fund free programs to provide information and support to those touched by breast cancer. If you, or someone you know, needs breast cancer information or support, please call our 24/7 Breast Cancer Support Center at 1-800-221-2141 or 1-800-986-9505 (Spanish only). You can also visit them at [www.y-me.org](http://www.y-me.org).

Vicki Haugen, Others Ministry member, solicited the Peace donations and is currently President of this 98 member organization. Praise the Lord all are blessed with such a fund raising community event!

*On Wednesdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 9 am.*

**We just concluded our study of the King James Version of the Bible on this it's 400th anniversary!**



**For the second part of the series, we will cover** the formation of the Old Testament and New Testament canons and the historical choices of the Church and our Hebrew forbearers. This class on how our Bible came to us will continue to the beginning of September. Suggestions for our next study are always welcome.

Hope everyone comes with an open mind and their thoughts and ideas.

With my very best for you,

*Aavid*

540-915-2272 cell

### *Seminary Send-off for Godfred Effisah*

Meet, greet and bless Godfred in Fellowship Hall after the 10:30am service SUNDAY, *August 7.*

We will be celebrating Godfred's enrollment in Gettysburg Seminary for fall 2011.

Please designate an offering (pew envelopes available from the ushers) to help support him financially.

*Thank you, Diane for all your service.*

**We will be needing a new Treasurer!**

If you think that this is a way that you might share your talents with Peace

Talk with Diane Woodworth, Pastor Brent or Terry Fraser

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**SAVE THE DATE, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> for Fine Arts Festival Fundraiser:**

The Ministry to Others is planning a Fine Arts Festival community outreach event and fundraiser, called *Heavenly Peace*.

The purpose of the Fine Arts festival is to

- raise funds for the Village of Hope Haiti,
- obtain matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans by conducting a community event,
- conduct an event that draws in our neighbors and introduces them to Peace,
- as well as to foster an interest in Christian and other forms of art (painting, music, crafts, quilting, knitting).

**Our goal is to raise \$3000** so we can meet the matching target from Thrivent of a 3 to 1 match.

We have already received approval from the Thrivent Alexandria chapter for \$1000 in matching funds. The total amount of funds to be raised would therefore be \$4000.

Our event will start with a reception and judge's awards on **November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** and the art will be displayed up to the Advent Carol Service on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The fundraiser will include a raffle drawing and we are looking for items to be raffled. We already have commitments of original artwork, prints, quilts, shawls and jewelry but need many more items to meet our fundraising target.

**RAGBRAI**

It is not too late to be part of the good deed doing. Talk to Cathy Kroohs about her bike ride. Cathy Kroohs has been part of Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa. From July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>, she covered 454 miles and raised funds for Jason Cage, an Alexandria Fire Department Medic with tens of thousands of dollars in uncovered medical expenses due to a recent successful lung transplant needed as treatment for his cystic fibrosis. Check out Jason's web site. Just Google: *Second Wind for Jason Cage*.

Donations can be made by the mile, by the day or lump sum.


You can donate online at Jason's web page, the Alexandria Firefighter's web page [www.afdlocal2141.org](http://www.afdlocal2141.org) or by a check made out to "Second Wind for Jason Cage".





The U.S. Army's chief medical facility, **Walter Reed Army Medical Center**, retired its ceremonial flags last month, as it began the closing of its historic facility after more than a century of treating wounded American fighters and presidents.


Tom and El Porter will continue to bring cookies twice a week to our **WOUNDED WARRIORS** who are expected to remain at the facility into September. If you can assist their ministry at this important time, please bring your homemade cookies to the church office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or place them in the freezer in the kitchen with a label indicating "Walter Reed Cookies."






 SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST: ETHIOPIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH MEKANE YESUS

 Due to recent tension between Christians and Muslims in Ethiopia over 59 Churches were destroyed. Leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) offered expressions of concern and prayers for a partner Lutheran church in Africa, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, following a series of attacks and church burnings. "The ELCA has a strong historic partnership in the gospel with the Evangelical Ethiopian Church Mekane Yesus," said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop." As we have accompanied the Mekane Yesus church during times of struggle in the past, so we will stand with our brothers and sisters in Christ as they witness to the Prince of Peace in the face of recent violence. We in the ELCA are strengthened in faith and mission by the Christ-centered, Spirit-filled witness of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus," Hanson said. He added that the ELCA pledges "our prayers and support" as members of the church grieve the loss of life and rebuild churches that were burned. As our way of supporting our Ethiopian brothers and sisters in Christ the special offering for August goes to supporting the rebuilding of the Mekane Yesus Church.





In July we welcomed through Holy Baptism  
**Tommy Crouse Jr.**

## You are invited...



August 16, at 11:30 am the **Lunch Bunch** will meet at the House of Dynasty Restaurant, located in the Hayfield Plaza Shopping Center at 7550 Telegraph Rd. in Alexandria, VA.

Aug. 19, Friday, 7:30 p.m., **Movie Night for young adults** and others who do not wish to disclose that they are over 35. Bring your favorite DVD. BYO Beer, wine or sodas and bring a snack to share.



Aug. 28, Sunday, at 4:00 p.m., **play miniature golf at Burke Lake Park**, Mini-Golf Course, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA. All ages, 3 and above, are invited to play. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 65 and older and for children 12 and under. While there is a fee, discounts for a group are available, the more, the cheaper! Please, please, **PLEASE** sign up in the fellowship hall or contact the office at [info@sharingpeace.org](mailto:info@sharingpeace.org). The park has lots to offer, a train ride for young children, merry-go-round, boat rentals, and ice cream parlor. You may want to come early or stay late!



Sept. 11, Sunday, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a **cook out** on the lawn. Reservations for this event will be required. **Far and Away Bounce** (similar to Moon Bounce) will be on the lawn. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled; everyone will be asked to bring the sides and desserts.



## Announcements



PRIZES NEEDED – Helga Recevuto volunteers at the Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center every Wednesday playing Bingo with the seniors. She is looking for scarves, knick-knacks, stuffed animals, costume jewelry, and other small items that can be used for prizes. Please bring your donations to the church office or see Helga Recevuto or Liesa Kirste.



The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the House of Dynasty Restaurant at 11:30 am.

House of Dynasty is located in the Hayfield Plaza Shopping Center at 7550 Telegraph Rd. in Alexandria, VA. It is a Chinese restaurant recommended by our Peace Quilters. Lunch Bunch is a group of individuals of all ages who meet monthly for food and fellowship. A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call Elaine or Bob Peoples at 703-751-8937. See you there.

## COOKIES FOR WALTER REED HOSPITAL—



Let's send our thanks to our wounded warriors. Tom and El Porter bring dozens of homemade cookies to recovering soldiers twice every week. Tom, a double amputee veteran knows the struggle of rebuilding a life and restructuring dreams. The Porters' commitment to be with our soldiers at difficult times has made an important difference in lives of countless people who have risked everything for us. Please consider being a part of the mission to surround our soldiers with TLC and bring some homemade cookies to the church office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or place them in the freezer in the kitchen with a label indicating "Walter Reed Cookies."

**DC FEST 2011 CHRISTIAN CONCERT**—Saturday, August 20th at the Patriot Center at George Mason University. Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman will headline the concert. Other bands to perform include Kutless, Big Daddy Weave, Matthew West, Sidewalk Prophets and Jonny Diaz. The concert starts at 3pm (doors open at 2pm). Tickets are \$18. You can buy tickets online at <http://www.eventtickets.net/scripts/prodView.asp?idproduct=14>.

## Announcements

## Joy \* Comfort \* Peace

Peace  
Prayer Shawl  
Ministry

Do you know someone in need of a shawl? Pick one up in Fellowship Hall (please fill out a recipient card) or request one from Anne Whitten, Elaine Peoples or Pastor Brent Thalacker. *You are invited to join the ladies weekly on Fridays from 1-3pm at Barcroft Starbucks.*



The veggie garden has begun to produce!

We have already taken tomatoes, beans and zucchini to the ACCA food pantry.

We can use cardboard pint boxes and clean plastic "clam-shells" to transport the vegetables to ACCA. If you have these items, please take them to church and put them in the box in the kitchen marked **FOR the GARDEN**.

Thank you!

Help in the garden is always welcome.



Contact Mike Gates or Sue Sticha if you can spend time weeding, watering or harvesting in the garden.



**UPDATED INFO about the CHRISTMAS KITS:**

It is time to start planning for Christmas gift kits for the Village of Hope School in Haiti.



If you would like to volunteer personally or volunteer a particular group (Bible Study, Children's Sunday School, etc.) to organize this project please let me know soon.

It is a good project with huge rewards that has a significant impact on the children of the Village of Hope.

I would like to package the kits in September which will then be taken by the team going in December.

This year Peace has been asked to provide **24 kits for BOYS Grades 7-13** consisting of the following items all contained in a large zip lock baggie:

**Grade 7-13 Boys**

- 6- #2 pencils
- 3- blue pens
- 1- pencil sharpener
- 1- toothbrush
- 1- 7.2 oz toothpaste
- 1- 3.2 oz soap
- 1- 2 oz deodorant
- 1- calculator
- 1- Activity book / brain Teasers (word search, Crossword, suduko, etc.\*),
- 1-2010/2011 pocket calendar\*\*

\*Can be ordered from Oriental Trading Company Toys/Games/Novelties-Kids Stationary-ActivitBooks IN-4/4946 or purchased at a dollar store

\*\*Can be ordered from the Oriental Trading Company (google this title) ..follow Links to Toys/Games/Novelties-Kids Stationary-Pocket Calendars or available at Dollar stores  
Other items: calculator and compact mirrors are available at Dollar stores.

In September, be watching for your chance to take a ziplock bag to be filled with a few of these items! Let me know ahead of time if you purchase any of these items.

Blessings ,  
Marni Maree  
571-499-8272  
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## Planning and Values

To help people understand the importance of values in planning for their future



### Use your values to guide financial decisions

Your values serve as an important foundation for how you manage your money. They're the things that are most important to you—for example, your faith, family, friends, health, education or giving back. These values give you a rock-solid sense of who you are and what you believe in.

Your values come from experiences in life. They also drive your decisions and actions. For example, if you value your health, you may exercise daily. If you value learning, you may continue your education by attending classes.

Developing a clear and compelling list of your values makes it easier to choose how you want to use your time, talents and treasures.

When it comes to your money, you have three choices:

#### Share Save Spend

As a steward of your resources, having a guideline for how you use your money can be helpful.

What's more, your values can be a clear, consistent guide to who you are and what you want to become. Investing time and energy to define your values and then aligning them with your actions is a powerful way to help you achieve your financial goals and live the life of your dreams.

For more information on how your values can help you achieve your financial goals, contact Sheri Swackhamer, Financial Associate, in Alexandria at 571-970-0454 or by email to [sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com](mailto:sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com) today, or visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com).

## Back-to-School Fun at Cameron Run!

Join us as we celebrate summer.

We'd love to see you there.

Delicious barbecue by Red, Hot and Blue!

Free Great Waves Waterpark admission

A chance to meet other Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members and their guests

You are cordially invited to attend this **free** event hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and your financial representative Sheri Swackhamer.

### Event Details

**Sunday, August 21, Noon – 5 p.m.**

Cameron Run Regional Park

4001 Eisenhower Avenue

Alexandria, VA 22304

Barbecue and cold snacks will be served throughout the afternoon.

**Please bring school supply items that will be donated to local school districts.**



To RSVP to this event, please contact [Sheri Swackhamer](mailto:sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com) at [571-970-0454](tel:571-970-0454) or by email to [sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com](mailto:sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com) with the number of attendees, or visit [www.thrivent.com/findanevent](http://www.thrivent.com/findanevent), click on the state of Virginia, and fill in your information to reserve your spot today!



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT • LASTING PROMISE

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!”

Psalm 130:1-2

Dear Friends in Christ,

The people of East Africa desperately need your help.

The worst drought in 60 years has hit the region. Ten million people in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti are affected. Crops have failed, livestock are dying, and families have no way to feed themselves.

### HELP LWR RESPOND TO THE DROUGHT AND FOOD CRISIS IN EAST AFRICA.

Tens of thousands of people are walking up to 15 days to seek relief at the refugee camps in Dadaab, Kenya. The camps, built to house only 90,000 people, are now home to hundreds of thousands, with over a thousand new arrivals each day. Because the threat of famine is so high, **LWR has pledged \$500,000 to our longtime partner, The Lutheran World Federation**, who is working in Dadaab to help vulnerable refugees get food rations, shelter and other life saving services.

### BUT THE NEEDS ARE STILL SO GREAT. PLEASE HELP LWR INCREASE ITS RESPONSE WITH AN EMERGENCY GIFT.

Please join LWR in prayer for the people of East Africa and please give what you can to extend the compassion of Christ to your brothers and sisters in need.

In Christ's Mercy,

John A. Nunes

President and CEO



### LWR AND PARTNERS ARE RESPONDING

With the danger of widespread famine in the Horn of Africa increasing daily, LWR has committed an initial \$500,000 to longtime partner, Lutheran World Federation, to expand its work in the Dadaab camps to ensure that new arrivals and other vulnerable people — such as unaccompanied children and the elderly — receive food, water, shelter and other critical services.

While people are in dire need of assistance now, we also recognize that projects to safeguard and build up livelihoods — sustainable development — save even more lives in the future. LWR will continue to work with local partners to help impoverished communities become less vulnerable to future droughts.

### PLEASE HELP

The needs in this region are very great. As drought conditions continue, we expect more people to flee their homes in search of humanitarian aid. Help increase LWR's response to this crisis with a gift to the [East Africa Drought](#) fund.

LWR accepts gifts by phone at 800.597.5972, online at [lwr.org/donate](http://lwr.org/donate) or by sending a check or money order to:

Lutheran World Relief  
P.O. Box 17061  
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832  
USA

Your gifts will be used to respond to the East Africa Drought until needs there are met. Gifts received after that time will be used where needs are greatest. Thank you for your compassion. [Please give generously.](#)

Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of U.S. Lutherans serving communities living in poverty overseas. LWR is a member of the ACT Alliance.

I'm with Wreaths Across America a non-profit organization celebrating our 20th Anniversary of placing wreaths on the graves of our fallen soldiers and we need your help!

We hope that you would like to be part of the 20th Anniversary Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony held at Arlington National Cemetery. This year we've been asked to lay 225,000 wreaths to honor our fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery on December 10th and we cannot do that without your support. You may purchase a wreath at \$15.00 in the name of a deceased family member, a fallen soldier, or even a active duty member of the Armed Forces to be placed on a veterans grave site. The deadline for donations is September 10, 2011. Also, you may help place wreaths on the "fallen" at the cemetery as well in December.



Here is a link to a YouTube video that shares with you the heart of why we need your help:

<http://youtu.be/tdPI6NqmEDE>

Please help us honor our fallen heroes this Christmas....

With Best Regards,

Rev. Tom Twining,  
Chaplain

Watch the bulletin for availability of pledge cards.

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## Summer Events

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**Messengers of Peace**  
every Tue. at 8:15 p.m.  
**Child Care Provided**

Aug 1-Aug 5	Vacation Bible School
Aug 8-Aug 12	ACCA Transportation Week
<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>Youth Kickoff</b>
Aug 18	WRAP
Aug 18	Movie Night—Young Adults
Aug 21	Thrivent @ Cameron Run
Aug 28	Miniature Golf
Sept 5	Labor Day ~ Office Closed
Sept 11	Cook Out on the Lawn
Sept 15	WRAP
<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Rally Day</b>
Sept 24	Synod Assembly

# SUMMER EVENTS






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## For the Month...

	7-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	James Nice	Godfred Effisah	Judy Gallagher	Habtewold Mesfen
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Gates	Mary Marquardt		
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Allian Pratt Thomas Gutema	Phyllis Carson	Lucy Gebre Egziabher Hanna Kebede	Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell Bill Mitchell
<b>Ushers</b>	Amy Acland Bill Fraser Terry Fraser Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema	Amy Acland Bill Fraser Terry Fraser Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema	Amy Acland Bill Fraser Terry Fraser Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema	Amy Acland Bill Fraser Terry Fraser Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema
<b>Altar Care</b>	Jacque Hill Tammy Heppner	Leisa Kirste Phyllis Carson	Christine Howlett Cathy Kroohs	Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell Bill Mitchell
<b>Early Service Cookies</b>	Erin & Josh Messner	Kay Dameron	Phyllis Carson	Carol Crouse
<b>Communion Set Up</b>	Kay Dameron	Diane & Ramsey Woodworth	Diane & Ramsey Woodworth	Diane & Ramsey Woodworth
<b>Serving on Sundays</b>	Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell	Elaine Peoples	Susan Duerre	Meheret Asfaw
<b>Teller</b>	Ron Porten * Linda Porten Donna Thiessen	Ray Marquardt * Kay Dameron Karen Grubbs	Ray Marquardt * Tammy Heppner Bill Duerre	Ed Axthelm * Mary Manby

*Claimed by God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit, we share the love and peace of Jesus*

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 <b>Community Gardeners of the Week Hartmann Family</b>                      8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion                      8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service                      9:00 AM KJV 400 Anniversary lecture with Q&amp;A                      9:00 AM Summer Sunday School                      10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)                      12:00 PM House of Faith International</p>	1	<p>2                      9:45 AM INOVA Yoga                      10:00 AM Bible Study                      8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>3                      1:00 PM Project Boomerang                      3:45 PM Yoga Class                      7:00 PM KJV 400th Anniversary Book Study &amp; Discussion</p>	<p>4                      8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>5                      1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers                      3:30 PM Staff Meeting                      10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>6                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
Vacation Bible School						
<p>7  <b>Community Gardener of the Week Richelle Brown</b>  <b>Ramampandrison Baptisms</b>                      8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion                      8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service                      9:00 AM KJV 400 Anniversary lecture with Q&amp;A                      9:00 AM Summer Sunday School                      10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)                      12:00 PM Fellowship will be in honor of Godfred Effisah's Seminary Send Off                      12:00 PM House of Faith International</p>	7	<p>9                      9:30 AM Conference Pastors Meeting                      9:45 AM INOVA Yoga                      10:00 AM Bible Study                      8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>10                      1:00 PM Project Boomerang                      3:45 PM Yoga Class                      7:00 PM KJV 400th Anniversary Book Study &amp; Discussion</p>	<p>11                        Council meeting (tentative)                      Summer Quilting                      8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>12                      1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers                      3:30 PM Staff Meeting                      10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>13                        Youth Kickoff                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
A C C A TRANSPORTAION WEEK FOR PEACE						
<p>14  <b>Community Gardeners of the Week Clark Family</b>                      8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion                      8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service                      9:00 AM KJV 400 Anniversary lecture with Q&amp;A                      9:00 AM Summer Sunday School                      10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)                      12:00 PM House of Faith International</p>	15	<p>16                      9:45 AM INOVA Yoga                      10:00 AM Bible Study                      8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>17                      1:00 PM Project Boomerang                      3:45 PM Yoga Class                      7:00 PM KJV 400th Anniversary Book Study &amp; Discussion</p>	<p>18                      7:00 PM WRAP Women's Renewal at Peace                      8:00 PM AA Meeting</p> 	<p>19                        1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers                      3:30 PM Staff Meeting                      7:30 PM Movie for teens, young adults and others                      10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>20                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>21  <b>Community Gardener of the Week Sue Sticha</b>                      8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion                      8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service                      9:00 AM KJV 400 Anniversary lecture with Q&amp;A                      9:00 AM Summer Sunday School                      10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)                      12:00 PM House of Faith International                      12:00 PM Thrivent Back-to-School Fun at Cameron Run</p>	22	<p>23                      9:45 AM INOVA Yoga                      10:00 AM Bible Study                      8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>24                      1:00 PM Project Boomerang                      3:45 PM Yoga Class                      7:00 PM KJV 400th Anniversary Book Study &amp; Discussion</p>	<p>25                        Summer Quilting                      8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>26                      1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers                      3:30 PM Staff Meeting                      10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>27                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>28  <b>Community Gardeners of the Week Gates Family</b>                      8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion                      8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service                      8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service                      9:00 AM KJV 400 Anniversary lecture with Q&amp;A                      9:00 AM Summer Sunday School                      10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)                      12:00 PM House of Faith International                      4:00 PM Miniature Golf</p>	29	<p>30                      9:45 AM INOVA Yoga                      10:00 AM Bible Study                      8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>31                      1:00 PM Project Boomerang                      3:45 PM Yoga Class                      7:00 PM KJV 400th Anniversary Book Study &amp; Discussion</p>	<p>1                      Council meeting (tentative)                      8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>2                      1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers                      3:30 PM Staff Meeting                      10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>3                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>

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**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR “THE WORDS OF PEACE” ~ SEPTEMBER 15, 2011.**

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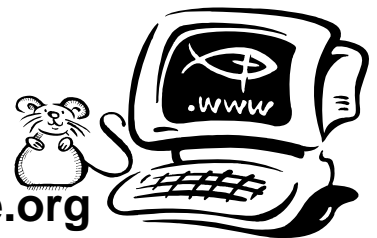
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**Sunday Services**

8:00 a.m. Dialogue on Lessons and Holy Communion  
8:30 a.m. Amharic Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)  
12 Noon Praise & Worship International Service  
Nursery & Preschool Care Provided

**Weekly Services**

Friday Prayer Service 10:00 p.m.  
**Saturday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. ( Amharic)**



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