



# Words of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church

June 2011



The *ONE FAMILY OF PEACE* will gather together to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 12 with *ONE SERVICE* held at 10:30.

- Come join our combined choir for this day. One Rehearsal only at 9:30 am 6/12/11.
- No Sunday School.
- Installation of our Call Committee.
- Followed by the Peace Picnic. Food, Fun and Frolic for all.



Come to the Peace picnic on June 12.

Remember it is pot luck--  
last name **A to M** bring a **main dish**,  
**N to Z** bring an **appetizer and dessert**.

Also please bring items for Namibian children aged 5 to 15 who spend school days living in Lutheran youth hostels.



These rural children live miles from school making daily commuting impossible. They need everything! Toys, books, school supplies, health kits, flip flops. See the poster on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. While you are there, sign up for the picnic. It will be a day of fun for all.

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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.

Did you know that

2011 marks the 202<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the invention of the tin can?

From Pastor Brent

Of course you didn't...it's nuggets of information like this that make this column a "must read" every month. Up until 1809, food preservation techniques were crude and costly...and often not very effective. But the tin can changed all that when Peter Durand applied for his patent. Soon, tin cans became commonplace, replacing glass jars and bottles as the primary mode of keeping food sealed, unspoiled, and safe. Its chief benefit was, of course, that while the can could get dented in transit, it would not shatter. And it hasn't changed or been markedly improved since then.



"We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life." So say the words of this ancient prayer of the Church...and we see that preservation of our blessings is part of God's and our work. Now whether it be in family, community, or congregation, the goodness that has been gathered in practice and tradition over the years is worthy of keeping fresh for future sharing. I hesitate to liken the Church to a tin can, but I believe that while we can occasionally get dented in our efforts, we shall, by God's own promise, never shatter or be broken, the Gospel won't spoil, for we are sealed the Holy Spirit, and marked by the cross of Christ forever.



Here comes the interesting point...when the tin can was first manufactured, it was nearly impenetrable, requiring a chisel and hammer to pry open. It took 50 years...that's right, 50 years! before Ezra Warner patented the first can opener that people could easily use in 1858. And the point is this...what good is preserving the tasty and nutritious aspects of church and life if no one can get to them short of breaking in with chisel and hammer? Let us not wait half a century before we figure out the simpler and easier avenues of ingress (folks getting in) and egress (the gospel getting out). Our preservation efforts are only as good as the welcoming and witnessing tools we hold. The good news is that it isn't up to us to invent them...a couple of sharp turns of hospitality should get the job done.

You should be aware the preservation of the Gospel is the only case where that which is being safeguarded is best maintained and protected through its use. The only way to spoil love is to store it away...the only way to grow love is to give it away...with faith and hope, rather than being a tin can, we might be a people who shout "yes we can" share the gifts of God with all God's people.

Peace has a bright future with a newly called Pastor...either soon or sometime. Then you will serve the Gospel together. Consider this interim to be an excellent time to pre-serve. And know that it is my pleasure and privilege to serve you in the days ahead!

Peace,  
Pastor Brent

A WORD FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RAMSEY WOODWORTH

WELCOME HOUSE OF FAITH INTERNATIONAL

When Pastor Brent arrived last October, one of his first tasks asked of him was responding the needs of our West African community, a part of Peace for many years, following the completion of Pastor Nana's term call. We had committed to do this at our July Family Meeting last year but, frankly, little had been done by the time Pastor Brent took the helm at Peace.

This was not the easiest of tasks, particularly given our budgetary constraints. It has taken several months of planning efforts involving Pastor Nana, the Council and members of the West African community to put the pieces together for a new relationship with Peace. Pastor Brent and all involved are to be thanked for their very hard work and efforts. And while the plan is now in place, it should be appreciated that is still in many respects a work in progress that will continue to develop and mature in the coming months.

The new relationship signified by the name House of Faith International continues Peace's outreach to the West African community while at the same time providing the community with greater independence and freedom of action to chart their own way. Under the new relationship, Peace is providing the building space and facilities, including Pastor Brent's leadership and participation in the service from time to time, necessary to continue House of Faith International's Sunday Noon Service and Friday night Prayer Service. In addition, effective April 1, the collection received at the Noon and Friday evening services are being earmarked to support House of Faith International. These funds will be used to support the pastoral, music and other service needs of the House of Faith International as determined by our West African members who participate in the service.

Through this new relationship, we hope to provide our West African members with the ability to continue and expand the outreach of House of Faith International. It does not mean that House of Faith's Sunday Noon and Friday evening services are no longer a part of Peace. Quite to the contrary, these services continue, albeit now in a different form, as a ministry of Peace and we will continue to come together for common services on a regular basis. Indeed, our next joint service celebration is June 12 at 10:30 so mark it on your calendar now and plan to attend.



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.**


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Peace Lutheran  
Financial Recap  
April 30, 2011

	Month	Year to Date	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Revenue	\$ 28,324	\$ 116,240	\$ 125,129	\$ (8,889)
Expense	24,928	116,768	127,059	10,291
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 3,396	\$ (528)	\$ (1,930)	\$ 1,402

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## Congratulations to the 2011 Graduates!



Sean Maree,  
son of Ron and Marni Maree  
graduates from the New England Conservatory (NEC)  
with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Bassoon Performance

Michelle E. Stumpf  
daughter of Mike & Molly Stumpf  
graduated in March 2011 from Ohio University  
with a Bachelor of Specialized Studies  
in Production Design for Theater and Film

Joy Namulondo  
(who attended Peace about 10 years ago)  
will receive her Masters of Business from UMUC

Collin Sekamatte  
son of Joy Namulondo  
graduates  
from Suitland High School

Matthew T. Peoples  
grandson of Elaine & Bob Peoples  
graduates from high school,  
K International School of Tokyo  
with plans to attend Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Thomas Gutema  
son of Meheret Asfaw & Yoseph Gutema  
graduates from McLean High School  
with plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)

Kelly Sawyer,  
granddaughter of Ann Sawyer  
graduates from Potomac Falls HS, Loudoun  
with plans to attend Lynchburg College, and explore Bio-Medical Science

Kenyon Cory,  
granddaughter of Sandra & Richard Wargowsky  
graduates from Cornell  
with a Bachelors of Science in Labor Relations and Negotiations.  
She will begin her career in a Human Resources position in NYC

## MINISTRY TO OTHERS



VILLAGE of HOPE  
LAZARUS PROJECT  
villageofhopehaiti.org

## Village of Hope 2011 Enrichment Program

(July 19-23, 2011)

Dear Friends,

The annual Enrichment Program (EP) at the Village of Hope (VOH) is in its planning phase. The purpose is to:

- Share the Love of Christ with the desperately poor children of Haiti
- Support the workers who minister at the VOH
- Bring news back to people in the US so that they too might hear the cry of the poor and respond

Teach the children of VOH hands-on skills they do not have the opportunity to learn during the school year

The EP will be held at the VOH Monday-Friday, July 19-23 for grades 5-13. Each teacher (see below) will lead two classes and be assisted in each class by an interpreter. EP Teachers from the US are asked to cover the cost of their airplane ticket (\$600), seven nights room/board (\$280), class supplies (\$100-\$250/class), and tips/incidentals (\$45+). The Haitian EP teachers are paid a salary by VOH, Inc., and their class equipment/supplies are paid by VOH, Inc.

EP teachers from the US will also visit/minister at the Little Children of Jesus (orphanage for handicapped children), Grace Mission Orphanage and School, VOH church services, Food for the Poor, and some local artist markets.

If you are led to help serve the children of Haiti through this program, you can

Make a monetary donation to any teacher or to Peace for "VOH Enrichment Program"

Donate needed supplies

Participate in a trial EP class; see details below (held at Prince of Peace Church, Springfield)

If you are interested in teaching in next year's program, contact Marni Maree at [mmaree@cox.net](mailto:mmaree@cox.net).

For additional information contact Marni Maree 703-569-5731 [mmaree@cox.net](mailto:mmaree@cox.net)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration on how you can help with this wonderful program.

## The Enrichment Program teachers and class skills:

Teacher	Home	Skill	Teacher	Home	Skill
Marni Maree	VA	Watercolor Painting	Stacey Veseling	IL	TBD
Patrice Maree	VA	Paper Bead Making	Lori Consolazio	IL	First Aid
Tom Lambiase	VA	Cross Stitch	Stephani Suwanski	IL	Music
Maria Shields	VA	Pins and Magnets	Lennie Fenton	IL	First Aid
Melinda Reidy	VA	Wire Jewelry	Liz Hyerdall	IL	Music
Cynde Mausolf	VA	Friendship Bracelets	DuVal	Haiti	Metal Art
Jenny Murphy	VA	Weaving, Baskets	Mr. Clerveau	Haiti	Banana Bark Cards
Stefanie Raleigh	VA	Weaving, Baskets	Patrick Meves	IL	Photographer

**Trial EP Class Fundraiser, Wire Jewelry** by Melinda Reidy, 703-599-6216 or [miraclbe-liever@hotmail.com](mailto:miraclbe-liever@hotmail.com)

\* **Cost:** \$10 per session or \$15 for both sessions plus cost of tool kit and childcare (if needed)

\* **Tools Required:** Michael's 4 piece jewelry making tool kit, \$10 at class if not bought in advance

\* **When:** Wednesdays, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>

\* **Time:** 9am – 12 pm

\* **Where:** PoP Room 21

- ♦ **Supplies Needed** (please drop in box under Women of PoP's display table):
  - Michael's, AC Moore, JoAnn's coupons
  - \* Decorative buttons
  - \* Costume jewelry (broken okay)
  - \* Marbles/glass bobbles
  - \* Polished rocks
  - \* 15 boxes of #9 white envelopes, 40/box
  - \* 15 paddles of florist wire, 8 oz. "Brilliant" silver color from Michael's (\$2.99 ea)
  - \* 15 pkgs of craft cord, 10 yd "Needloft", solid black from Michael's #032231550429 (\$1.49 ea)
  - \* Keys
  - \* Misc beads (all sizes)
  - \* Fabric ribbon, 1/4 - 3/4 inch, no wire
  - \* Medium size scissors
  - \* 15 pair of needle nose pliers
  - \* 15 boxes new pencils, must be plain pencils (12/box)

It is time to start planning for Christmas gift kits for the VOH. If you would like to volunteer personally or volunteer a particular group to do this 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. We have to have the kits shipped to arrive at Food for the Poor by September 10.

This year Peace has been asked for 24 kits for girls grades 1-6 consisting of the following all contained into a large zip lock baggie:

- 6 #2 Pencils
- 3 Blue Pens
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Colorful Toothbrush
- 1 7.2 oz Toothpaste
- 1 3.2 oz Bar Soap
- 1 Pkg Sugarless Gum
- 1 Pair Fancy/Fun Socks
- 1 Color Your Own Gods' Greatest Gift Stickers
- 1 Woodland Fun and Games
- 1 Activity Books



Available at Oriental Trading Company - Holidays - Christmas  
12 for \$2.99  
Available at Oriental Trading Company - Holidays - Christmas  
24 for \$4.99



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## MINISTRY TO OTHERS

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June's special offering is for Community Family Life Services.

CFLS, as it is known, was started in 1969 by a sister Lutheran church in Washington DC, First Trinity. The people of First Trinity did not think that there was a good way for people released from prison to get back into society, find work, and rebuild their lives. And, their families had no one to help them

From that start, CFLS has grown and changed as the community changed. CFLS now serves over 5,000 low-income and homeless people every year. About 96% are African-Americans. And, CFLS doesn't spend a lot on fundraising: for every dollar we send, CFLS will spend 91 cents on its clients.

Today, CFLS offers people living in poverty and homelessness:

- training and education so they can take care of themselves;
- transitional housing and counseling;
- job placement help, including transportation help;
- food, clothing, and financial assistance; and
- tutoring for their kids, taking them to camp and on field trips.




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### MINISTRY TO OTHERS: SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE/THANK YOU

The Ministry to Others kicked off the monthly special offering in March and selected the Peace Quilters as our first recipients. To date the campaign has produced great results and I wanted to report on the charities we selected and the results to date. Thank you for supporting these organizations and the great work they do.

March: Peace Quilters \$1050

April: ELCA Disaster Relief \$2038

May: Bailey's Homeless Shelter

June: CFLS

July: Village of Hope Haiti

Aug: Ethiopian Church Addis Ababa

Sept: Northern Virginia Campus Ministry

Oct: Ghanaian focused charity/church (TBD)

In addition to these monthly special offerings free will offerings were taken during Lent to show support for the Metro DC area camps Caroline Furnace, Mar-Lu-Ridge and LSS Kid and Teen Safe Haven. \$750 was collected and will be divided between the 3 camps to be used for operational costs and much needed facility improvements. The ladies of WRAP and Ministry to Others would like to thank the congregation for supporting our 3 Camps.

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### Children in Namibia Need Books & More

The Namibian government provides public schools for children through age 15, but in this sparsely populated country, many rural children live miles from school and cannot commute daily. The Lutheran churches provide hostels where the children can live during the week. Over 1,600 children, ages 5 to 15 live in these hostels, but living conditions are sparse. I visited one of these hostels in 2005. Each child had a bed and one shelf for his or her belongings.



#### Namibian house mother showing children's storage area.

This summer our synod's Global Mission Committee is collecting items for the children in hostels and plans to send a container to Namibia. **You can help fill the container** by bringing gently used toys, books, clothing (warm and hot, but no cold weather clothes), new flip flops, school supplies, antiseptic creams and Band-Aids, soap, tooth brush/tooth paste, etc. to the **picnic on June 12**. Everyone surely can find something at home or can buy an item to help these children. Thank you!

Sue Clark

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## MINISTRY TO OTHERS

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Peace supports Lutheran Social Services. One of the missions of LSS in our area is the teaching of English as a second language. We are being asked to step up and help a young man from Eritrea who has relocated to our neighborhood. Our neighbor is already studying weekly with an LSS volunteer and would like to add a second English lesson to his week. **If you can offer some tutoring time** to help transition to life in Virginia LSS could assist with materials and guidance.

Call the office for information or to become involved.

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### Life events drive financial guidance

#### Has your life changed?

I see it every day. A person who has never felt the need for financial guidance walks through my door right after a significant life event—maybe the birth of a child, a marriage or even an unexpected inheritance. Life events such as these turn financial advice from a nice-to-have into a need-to-have.

**Marriage.** About two-thirds of married people say they disagree with their spouse about money. A good way to lessen the stress is to discuss your values, goals and needs with a financial professional and make decisions together.

**Birth or adoption of a child.** Making room in your budget for the new addition is important. It's also important to evaluate your need for additional disability income and life insurance coverage. Many new parents start looking at college funding options as well.

**Inheritance.** Many people devote time and attention to what will happen if they die, but often overlook the fact that they might receive a loved one's legacy. A financial professional can help you responsibly steward and invest the money in ways that align with your values, goals and needs.

**Retirement.** Both financially preparing for retirement and appropriately tapping one's financial assets in retirement are key needs in our changing society.

For financial guidance, contact Sheri Swackhamer, Financial Associate with the Alexandria Associates office of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans today at 571-970-0454, by email at [sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com](mailto:sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com) or visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com).

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### Dream Green



Our Butterfly Garden is beautiful and is a spectacular spot for contemplative prayer. Come and be at Peace. Help is needed to keep it looking so good. Consider joining the garden work party Tuesday, June 7 from 6:00 pm until dark.



### Green tip for the month of June

Summer is here, a month for picnics (ours is June 12) and increased use of paper napkins. If every household in the United States replaced just one package of virgin fiber napkins (250 count) with 100% recycled ones, we could save one million trees.

The following brands are all 100% recycled materials and use chlorine-free bleaching processes: 365 (Whole Foods brand), Bella, Earth First, Marcal, Seventh Generation.

Bounty, Scott and Kleenex napkins use virgin fibers and should be avoided.

## God's Work, Our Hands

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

The Prayer shawl Ministry is off to an energetic spirit-filled year. **As the Lord lifts all in prayer, we ask you to include all prior prayer shawl recipients and the new fifty shawl recipients, (January through mid-May 2011) in your prayers.** Ask someone in the group if you would you like to present a shawl to someone for an occasion of joy, comfort or peace. Fill out a prayer shawl request card or talk to Anne Whitten, Elaine Peoples, or Pastor Brent.

The Prayer Shawl ladies continue to meet weekly at the Barcroft Starbucks from 1-3pm. Join them for coffee; learn how to make a shawl, prayer and more.....newcomers welcome.

We welcome new member Donna to the group. She crochets beautifully as you can see by this pink shawl.



**Praise the Lord so many talents to share!**

## WRAP

**Women Renewing At Peace** will be meeting at the Haugen's on June 16 from 7-9pm for discussion on the book "The Cutting Stone" by Abraham Verghese and bible study "Getting Unstuck: Renewing Hardness of eartHeart Heart" by Catherine Malotky and David Englestad. The cloud of witnesses surrounding us can teach us much about what it means to bring your best self to the life you've been given. This bible study will invite us into the dynamic web of life anchored by "renew, respond, and rejoice." This is vocation in the richest sense of that term---who are you and how are you called to service in a world full of surprises? There is so much to do. How do we stay spiritually healthy in the face of overwhelming need? \*

\*Lutheran Women Today, June 2011

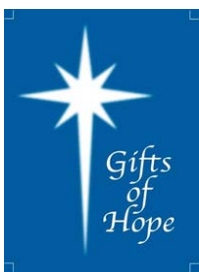
**Join the ladies to reflect on their faith journeys as they realize they have the power to make an impact on the world.**

## Health Kit Donations

The Ladies of WRAP would like to thank you for your generous donations to support their spring project of assembling health kits. **Thirty kits** will be delivered to the New Windsor LWR Distribution Center. Praise the Lord!



## Coordinator for alternative giving program, Gifts of Hope



The Metropolitan Washington DC Synod, ELCA is seeking a Coordinator for an alternative giving program, Gifts of Hope. Applicants must possess positive and effective interpersonal and management skills. Applicants should have experience working with volunteers. Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications and good writing skills are required. Experience in fund raising or marketing is beneficial. The position is ¼ time, activity levels fluctuate during the year. Paid leave or vacation days are not associated with this position. Office space is not provided, but the position requires access to email and attendance at meetings in the Washington metropolitan area.

A detailed position description is available upon request. Contact Sue Clark at [chezclark@verizon.net](mailto:chezclark@verizon.net). Please send a statement of interest and a resume by June 9, 2011 to the same email address.

## Quilting Corner – 2011

Starting January 20<sup>th</sup> and over the next 14 Thursdays, the quilters were hard at work and produced 88 beautiful quilts. They averaged about 10 weekly and together put in about 530 hours including overtime and hours spent shopping for supplies. There are 61 large quilts which will be delivered to the New Windsor L.W.R Warehouse sometime in June. There are 27 cot-size quilts which will be given to the ACCA Daycare Center soon. The quilts were displayed in the Sanctuary May 8<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Many thanks are owed to the following:

**Veronica Boyles**  
**Betty Brown**  
**Nancy Cronin**  
**Sue DeHaven**  
**Donna Delwin\***  
**Mary Downs**

**Vicki Haugen**  
**Jacue Hill**  
**Liesa Kirste**  
**Lori Martin**  
**Elaine Peoples**  
**Helga Recevuto**

**Carla Roberts**  
**Bea Simpson**  
**Sue Sticha**  
**Sandy Wargowsky**

\*Denotes very welcome newcomer.



The following contributed fabrics – Thank You.

**Mary Marquardt**  
**Sue Buchanan**  
**Monica Bland**  
**Kay Frame** (Vicki's neighbor)

**Jackie Horn**  
**Betty Brown**  
**Laura McClean**  
**Becky John** (Liesa's neighbors)

**Judy Gallagher**  
**Bea Simpson**  
**Mary Sylvia**

To others who remained anonymous – thanks.

Although each lady is special to the overall success of this project, I would like to thank **Betty Brown** for going out of her way to buy the many sheets and other fabrics essential to quilting – **Vicki Haugen** for keeping the group connected through email and supplying rides when needed.

A big Thank You goes to the **Congregation** for the March “special offering” of \$1,100. A check for \$50 was given by a friend of one of the ladies. Thank you all.

The Quilters celebrated the end of the Winter/Spring session by having lunch at the House of Dynasty on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Presently they are on a break until June 9<sup>th</sup> at which time they will begin meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

Without the above mentioned who shared their time talent and resources, the quilting project could not have been such a success.

Donations of fabrics (no woolens or shears) are welcome year round. Please label “For Quilting” and your name. Also 4-ply yarn is needed.

Thanks to Sue DeHaven for agreeing to co-ordinate the project, and perhaps take charge in the near future. I could use a break after all these years.

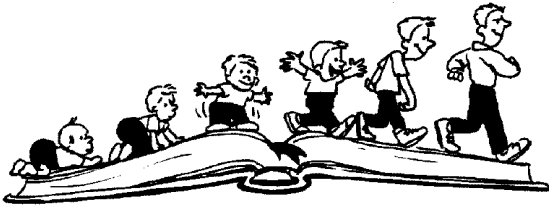
Newcomers are always welcome. Experience is not necessary at all. Once you try it, you could get hooked up on it!

For more information, please call Sue DeHaven at 703-354-2957 or Nada at 703-415-6643.

Nada Sah  
Quilting Coordinator



### Children & Youth



Thank you so much to all who worked throughout the year to show the face of Jesus to the young people of Peace. We acknowledge the special blessings brought to us by Beth Westerborg, Becca Sticha, Abena Opoku, Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell, Lynette Gates, Sue Sticha, Margarete Heber, Anna Leonard, Cathy Kroohs, Kathy Nice, Sue Buchanan, Elaine Peoples, Paul Sticha, Lorie Martin, Donna Thiessen, and Cornelius Sekamatte.



**June 5**      **Sunday School Grand Finale** —  
**Intergenerational Garden Day** —  
**Get your hands into the spring dirt**



In May we welcomed through Holy Baptism  
**Celeste Emanuelle Chela Bailey**

**PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS AND THE DEEPENING OF THEIR FAITH.  
CONFIRMATION CAMP WILL BE JUNE 26TH THROUGH JULY1.**



Child LAST name: _____ FIRST name: _____		Grade in Fall: Pre-K (3) Pre-K (4) Kindergarten 1 <sup>st</sup> grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade 4 <sup>th</sup> grade 5 <sup>th</sup> grade School: _____
Date of birth: _____-_____-_____	Child will be (circle one): Participant      Helper	<b>HELPERS:</b> Where would you prefer to help during VBS? _____ Classroom (any preferred age? _____) _____ Music program      _____ Dance program (with Miss Lisa)
Child LAST name: _____ FIRST name: _____		Grade in Fall: Pre-K (3) Pre-K (4) Kindergarten 1 <sup>st</sup> grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade 4 <sup>th</sup> grade 5 <sup>th</sup> grade School: _____
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Please note any allergies or health concerns (include name/s of child/ren):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything you would like the teachers to know (include name/s of child/ren)?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

For **PARTICIPANTS**: Please give the name and phone number of any persons, other than the parents and emergency contact noted above, who may sign your child/ren out from VBS. Your child/ren will be released only to parents, the emergency contact, or persons named here.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** Helpers are not checked in and out, but are expected to remain at VBS for the full time period each day. Helpers will be asked to arrive a few minutes early each day, in particular on Monday, August 1 (if they have younger siblings who are participants, they may arrive early as well). **Participants and helpers must be picked up by the end of VBS (12 noon) each day.**

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

St. Alban's Office use only	
Database: _____	DATE RECEIVED: _____
Notes: _____	

## FELLOWSHIP

Everyone's favorite, the **Peace Potluck Picnic**, will be held on **Sunday, June 12**, at noon.

If your last name begins with **A through M**,  
**bring a main dish for 8.**

I suggest sandwiches, hearty salads, baked beans or the like.



Last name **N through Z**  
**bring appetizers and a dessert.**

This could be chips, fruit, veggies and dip, cookies, cupcakes and so forth.

**If you aren't happy with your assignment, just trade with someone.**



Wear casual clothes to church that day to be prepared for the water balloon toss. There will be games for old and young, and the picnic goes on rain or shine. A sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall.

Let's help fill the container bound for Namibia!

See the item in the Ministry to Others section.

**June 19 Happy Fathers' Day**  
**Brass of Peace Concert**



There will be a meeting of the Fellowship Committee on **June 5 immediately following the 10:30 service.**

Come share your ideas for some more summer fellowship events.

**June 21 Lunch Bunch - Join the group at the Juke Box Diner**

**July 15 Jazz Pianist, John Eaton in concert at Mason District Park**  
**Let's picnic and enjoy the old standards**

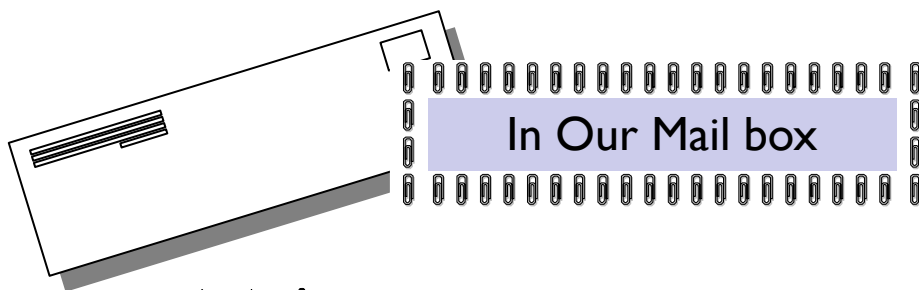
**July 29 Movie Night - Let's watch Harry Potter and get in the mood for VBS**



**Stewart DeHaven celebrates one of his many, many birthdays at Sunday Fellowship Hour.**

See the Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall to sponsor a Sunday Fellowship Hour and celebrate a special event or to just share in fellowship.

You'll also find sign-ups to dedicate the flowers, join the Lunch Bunch, join our Dream Green Team, come to the Peace Picnic, and ... more.



Dear Friends of Peace,

Our Family would like to extend our deepest appreciation for your love and support during the recent death of my mother, Hilda Dawson, sister to Eunice Wright. Thank you for your prayers, for your beautiful cards, and especially for the lunch following the service. Ladies, you blessed us and ministered to our hearts and we are very thankful for you and your service.

We would like to thank Pastor Brent and Pastor Terry for the compassion and love as they ministered to us during a most sad time.

with love and appreciation,  
Eunice Wright, Jackie Radcliffe, and family

May 1, 2011

*Dear Pastor Thalacker,*

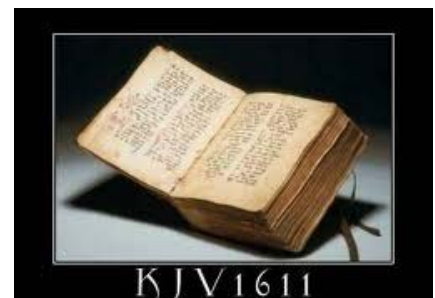
*I've taken much longer than intended to send this note of thanks. I greatly appreciate the pastoral visits you made to my mom, Gladys, during the final weeks of her life. I, and my entire family, were very pleased with the memorial service and reception that you and my mom's friends at Peace made possible. Please make sure all involved are aware of my gratitude.*

*Sincerely,  
Sandra Reed-Bryant*

Our own Arvid Knutsen  
will lead us in a Bible study  
in this  
400th anniversary year.

There will be  
two opportunities  
each week.

KING JAMES BIBLE  
**400 YEAR**  
ANNIVERSARY  
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Wednesday nights  
7:30 pm  
book study and discussion  
Starting June 22

Sunday mornings  
9:00 am  
lecture with Q & A  
Starting June 26

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, June 21, 2011 at 11:30 am at the Juke Box Diner located at 7039 Columbia Pike in Annandale, VA. Lunch Bunch is a group of individuals of all ages who meet monthly for fellowship and food. 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—



Are you wondering what to do for your 4th of July Resolution? What could be more fitting than baking to aid Tom and El Porter's ministry to our veterans? There are patients at Walter Reed who will not be attending barbecues for the upcoming holiday. Please consider bringing 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."

Announcements

Joy \* Comfort \* Peace



Prayer

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.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE RESPONDING TO U.S. SEVERE STORMS

MAY 2011

[www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster)

An outbreak of tornados tore across the Midwest on May 22, 2011, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota. Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled the parts of community, killing at least 89 people. Residents describe the city as "unrecognizable."

reaching out to the survivors of these devastating storms and assessing the needs—working together for as long as it takes.

This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to communities affected by these disasters. Gifts designated to "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used in full—100 percent—to help disaster survivors clean-up, rebuild and recover. Donations given "Where Needed Most" help to respond immediately and effectively where it is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on their long road to recovery. Thank you!

ELCA Disaster Response is supporting communities overwhelmed by tornadoes, rising waters and leveled by destructive winds. Our church is

Yes, I want to help!

- ELCA Disaster Response: U.S. Severe Storms \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0074
- ELCA Disaster Response: Where Needed Most \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to: ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300 write "U.S. Severe Storms" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.



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## Summer Events

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

- June 2 Council Meeting
- June 5 Intergenerational Garden Day
- June 5 Thrivent Meeting
- June 7 Garden Work Party
- June 12 Pentecost—One Service (10:30)  
Commissioning of Call Committee  
Followed by the Peace Picnic
- June 15 Call Committee/Council Meeting  
with Bishop Graham
- June 16 WRAP
- June 19 Brass of Peace Concert
- June 24 Memorial Service for Pat Dozier
- June 25 ACCA Furniture
- June 26 Bittner Baptism
- June 26-July 1 Confirmation Camp
- July 4 Office Closed
- July 7 Council Meeting (tentative)
- July 10 Family Meeting (tentative)
- July 15 Piano & Picnic in the Park
- July 29 Movie Night
- Aug 1-Aug 5 Vacation Bible School








More Peace events  
can be found at  
[www.sharingpeace.org](http://www.sharingpeace.org)

## For the Month...

	5-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun
Assisting Ministers	Habtu Mesfen	Godfred Effisah	Christine Howlett	Judy Gallagher
Lector	Lori Martin	Cathy Kroohs		
Communion Assistants	Elise Bailey Cathy Kroohs	Susan DeHaven Phyllis Carson	Tammy Heppner	Allian Pratt Mary Manby
Ushers	Karen Shilling Elliott Haugen Peter Lynn Thomas Gutema	Karen Shilling Elliott Haugen Peter Lynn Thomas Gutema	Karen Shilling Elliott Haugen Peter Lynn Thomas Gutema	Karen Shilling Elliott Haugen Peter Lynn Thomas Gutema
Altar Care	Susan Duerre Phyllis Carson	Christine Howlett Cathy Kroohs	Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell Allian Pratt	Bea Simpson Tammy Heppner
Early Service Cookies	Ramsey & Diane Woodworth	Charles Pearson	Phyllis Carson	Phil & Karen Ager
Serving on Sundays	Vicki Haugen	Elaine Peoples	Susan Duerre	Jacque Hill
Teller	Ron Porten * Linda Porten Donna Thiessen Amy Acland	Ed Axthelm * Kay Dameron Karen Grubbs	Ray Marquardt* Tammy Heppner Bill Duerre	Ray Marquardt * Mary Manby Debbie Marquardt

## June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)</p> <p>12:00 PM House of Faith International</p> <p>4:30 PM Pastor Nana</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	 <p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Council meeting</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Intergenerational Garden Day</p> <p>10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)</p> <p>11:45 AM Fellowship Planning</p> <p>12:00 PM House of Faith International</p> <p>1:00 PM Thrivent Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Organ Tuning</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Garden Work Day</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Summer Quilting</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
 <p>12</p> <p>Peace Picnic Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)</p> <p>10:30 AM Installation of the Call Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Flag Day</p> <p>9:30 AM Conference Pastors Meeting at Peace</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM Joint Council/ Call Committee Meeting with the Bishop</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM WRAP Women's Renewal at Peace</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:00 PM Piano Recital</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
 <p>19</p> <p>Father's Day Trinity Sunday</p> <p>8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)</p> <p>12:00 PM House of Faith International</p> <p>3:00 PM Brass of Peace Concert</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>First Day of Summer</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Brent</p> <p>11:30 AM Lunch Bunch</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Summer Quilting</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2:00 PM Memorial Service for Pat Dozier</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00 AM ACCA Furniture</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
 <p>26</p> <p>Bittner Baptism</p> <p>8:00 AM Dialog on Lessons and Holy Communion</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 AM Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)</p> <p>11:45 AM Others Ministry</p> <p>12:00 PM House of Faith International</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Brent</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>Confirmation Camp</p>						

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

*(Comments, suggestions, articles, etc should be emailed to:  
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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  
9:15 a.m. Confirmation (in Library)  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)  
12 Noon Praise & Worship International Service  
Nursery & Preschool Care Provided

**Weekly Services**

Wednesday Bible Study and  
Worship & Praise Service 6:30 p.m.  
Friday Prayer Service 10:00 p.m.  
**Saturday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. ( Amharic)**



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