



Words of Peace

November 2010

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From Pastor Brent

A FRESH SET OF EYES



One of advantages and goals of beginning this Interim period is that I should come to Peace with a "fresh set of eyes." Having just celebrated a birthday that takes me closer to 60 than 50, it could be expected that my eyes would be described as anything but fresh...my wearing glasses is testimony to that! What I mean is that by being new here, without involvement in the events preceding my arrival nor predetermined conception of what would or should happen while I'm here, I might be able to see things in a different way and let you know how they appear from my vantage point. Since this is my 10th occasion as Pastor in an interim, I also might have seen the same thing in other places that you are, in this time and place, seeing for the first time.

This does not mean that I've only come to point out that which might be "improved"... procedures and programs with which you've become "too" accustomed that might require modification, behaviorally or otherwise. There will be some of that. But I also promise you that there are other components of Peace that, to the naked eye, are absolutely wonderful... but for one reason or another, you've failed to fully comprehend and need again to be lifted up and recommended as unique and valuable. Both are established ends of the spectrum of this family of faith...we shall together look at those and everything in between. We also hope that a fresh set of eyes will see opportunities for new ways for Peace to be about the Gospel in this special time, a time that is tailor made for the novel...that which is untried yet could come true for us.

Don't forget that you all have a fresh set of eyes as well...and they are all looking at or to me. I welcome your scrutiny...for as new as you are to me, I am also new for you. I desire your feedback on what and how I'm doing. That will assist me in my task, and will surely benefit us together. I am not alone gazing in a mirror...you will help me see myself from your perspective. And because I don't plan for this to be my last interim, your input might very well help another congregation waiting for me in the future. But they will have to wait...we have some time, some work, and some play together before we "get there." And "there," that point in the future that is common in our respective fields of vision, is to be a people that the Holy Spirit agrees is ready, willing, and able to call the next Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church.

You know who else has a fresh set of eyes? God. Every instant that God sees us, God sees a newly forgiven and fully restored creation that is fully capable of accomplishing that to which we are called...serving as eyes, ears, and hands for Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Brent

P.S. Thanks for your warm welcome...I'm feeling a part of the family we love!

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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 Nana

What is the vision?

From our October 3rd 2010 readings: Hab.2:3 For the vision... Will surely come. Christmas is just around the corner the New Year will soon be here, what is the vision for the new year? Fulfilling Life's vision depends on:

1. Having a vision which calls for waiting on God until He reveals His plan for you.
2. Dedicating time and energy to that vision (which calls for patience and discipline).
3. Knowing how to overcome obstacles (which calls for good management).

Proverbs 29:18 says, where there is no vision, the people perish. Remember South Pacific's lyrics, "If you don't have a dream, how you gonna have a dream come true?" A vision gives you direction, creativity, and resilience. Without one you become passive, aimless, and vulnerable to quitting. God can give you a vision instantly but its fulfillment will require learning, practicing, and managing life's daily challenges. Let's look at some vision fulfilling principles:

Visions come with opportunities and obstacles. After decades in America, immigrant Raymond Dawson inherited his English grandparents' estate. Returning home, he found a run-down farm house and barns on land covered with rocks. Disappointed and about to return to America, he decided to walk his worthless inheritance one final time. Pausing on a remote corner, he noticed a stream coming from beneath some rocks. He investigated and uncovered some hot springs and guess, what? Today he's owner of a lucrative resort, right on the site of his former disappointment.

When you ask God for a vision you're likely to be placed in a field of opportunities concealed under acres of obstacles. He will stand back and watch how you engage in the ministry of obstacle management!

Obstacles can't steal your dream without your permission. Winston Churchill rallied blitzed, beleaguered Britain from the edge of defeat with these memorable words: Never give up! Never give up! Never, never, never give up! When you walk in faith and refuse to quit, God guarantees your obstacles won't prevent the vision from being fulfilled. Though they were enslaved Israel received the strength to overcome Egypt's efforts to break them. The story of their survival and success reads, "The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew" (Ex 1:12) Paul's dream of evangelizing the world met roadblocks at every turn. Tightening his grip he declared we are hard pressed on all sides, but never frustrated, we are puzzled but never in despair, we are persecuted but never deserted: we may be knocked down but we are never knocked out (2 Cor. 4:8-9).

Joseph's journey to the throne led him through betrayal, persecution and loneliness. His dream still alive was put on hold for years. Vindicated in the critics' eyes his dream at last realized, he recalls the amazing way in which God accomplished it. For, he said, God has made me fruitful in the midst of my affliction (Gen 41:52). His refusal to surrender his dream is what kept him alive. God made him fruitful not by exempting him from affliction but by promoting him right here in the land of my affliction. Your obstacles can't stop God, so don't let them stop you.

Between your dream and its fulfillment you'll be tested, you will face some of the same things Joseph faced. **(A) The faith test.** He had to maintain his faith in hostile environment and believe in a dream nobody else believed in. He had no dreamer's support network, he had to stand alone. **(B) The patience test.** His dream wouldn't happen quickly. A boy at its conception, he'd be a mature man before its fulfillment. Everyday he'd have to hold on to it or risk losing it. Patience isn't just hoping things work out, it's persevering and believing what God said, "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" (Heb. 10:36). **(C) The strength test.** For a while, Joseph's circumstances made the critics appear to be right. He was after all in a pit, frightened, alone, in a strange land, without family or friends, and then in prison with an undeserved criminal record. He had to remain strong in his conviction that his dream was really from God. **(D) The focus test.** With enough emotional baggage to derail a freight train – sibling resentment, abandonment, false accusation, and compound losses – Joseph had to constantly stay focused, fixating on his salvation. **(E) The readiness test.** When God finally began opening doors he had to be ready for action! Discouragement or negative thinking would blind him to opportunity. So he kept his spirit honed, took every action to use them, and watched as God turned his vision into reality.

Shalom,

Pastor Nana

From Pastor Abebe

Rejoice

"The Joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh. 8:10c)

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." (Phil. 4:4)

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

The Bible presents us things that seem opposite, but that must go together. The Christian, for example, is at once a saint and a sinner. We are 'seated in heaven' and at the same time, we are here, on earth.

Both, rejoicing in the Lord and mourning bring blessing, according to the Word of God.

There are many causes to be mourned. We must mourn for our sins. Paul mourns because he could not do what is good and says "Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from the body of death?" (Rom 7:24) We must also mourn for those who are perishing before they hear the good news, the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We also mourn when there arises misunderstanding in the church which is supposed to be the "light of the world".

My problem is not mourning, it is rejoicing. I told someone, 'I prefer a preacher that makes me cry or weep more than a preacher who makes me laugh'. I meant it. In the world there are more reasons for mourning than rejoicing, unless we are careless.

But, the Bible does not say rejoice in what you possess or in anything that the world gives or presents to you. Rather, rejoice in God, your creator; which means that the joy that the Bible talks about originates from the Divine, "The joy of the Lord."

We Christians must rejoice in God, Himself, His character, His doings, even His commands. "His mercy endures forever." David said, "Your steadfast love, O Lord, is forever and your faithfulness is to all generations." (PS 89) We rejoice because He is Immanuel, God with us.

This joy possesses a deep sense of reconciliation, acceptance 'into the beloved', adoption, etc. which are the fountains of blessing. We also rejoice for the assurance of future Victory and Perfection by reason of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" states that this joy is also a source of strength. The same truth that makes us glad also makes us strong. The life of Christ within us, maintained by the Holy Spirit, will make us strong when we are tempted or afflicted, so it is a present help in time of need. He who is joyous himself will seek the good of others. He serves.

This joy is a gift of God but, it can only come by hearing God's word attentively, worshipping Him devoutly, mourning penitently and obeying earnestly.

Holy Spirit – help us! – Amen!

STEWARDSHIP

GIVE AND GROW



This is our theme for this stewardship season – Give and Grow. It resonates for us both as individuals and as a congregation. When we are personally generous with what is, after all, not ours but God's, we grow in faith and in service to God. When we give as the Family of Peace to God's work through the church, our ministry will prosper and grow.

There is ample biblical support for this proposition.

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. . . . God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

And in the parable of the talents the master rewards those servants who were good stewards of his wealth:

Well done, good and trustworthy slave. You have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master. Matthew 25: 21 and 23

We are in the middle of a two week period in which everyone is invited to participate in an informal gathering at church in which we consider how we can give and grow. At the beginning of November there were three scheduled meetings remaining: Saturday, November 6, 8:00 – 9:30 AM; Saturday, November 6, 5:30 – 7:00 PM; and Sunday, November 7, 4:30 – 6:00 PM. If you did not participate in one of the October meetings, plan to attend one of these. Share in fellowship, some food, a conversation with a Council member about some important issues facing our congregation and in a discussion about how we, individually and collectively, can Give and Grow.

Peace Lutheran Church

2011 Commitment Form

Name: _____

Recognizing God as the giver and sustainer of our lives and all that we are and have; being eternally grateful for God's steadfast love, mercy and abundant provision, it is our intent to give the amount shown below to support the ministries of Peace Lutheran Church.

General Fund: \$ _____ per week \$ _____ per month \$ _____ per _____

Special Gifts: please designate the fund and specify your pledge amount

The _____ Fund at \$ _____ per week/month/year (circle one)

The _____ Fund at \$ _____ per week/month/year (circle one)

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Fellowship News



Two fellowship events were held in October, Movie Night and Decorate a Pumpkin, Build a Scarecrow. Both were well attended and were enjoyable events.

Looking ahead, the always popular Bunko is scheduled for the second Friday of November, the 12th. Bunko Master Elliott Haugen will be in top form, so bring your friends and neighbors and a



Reily made a grand scarecrow!

Don't forget Lunch Bunch, meeting Nov. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Ramparts restaurant. Contact Elaine Peoples, 703-751-8937, for more information.



An Advent Wreath Workshop will be held Sunday, Nov. 21 at 4:00 p.m. Come and create a beautiful Advent wreath, using traditionally colored candles and fresh greens. Enjoy the wreath at home and build a tradition of lighting one candle the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, then an additional candle each Sunday. Share a Bible reading and Advent hymn with your family.

Please note that there is a \$5 charge to cover the cost of materials.

Sign up is required so that the right amount of materials can be purchased.

**AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR
SILLY SONGS FROM LUTHERANS,
THE PART OF THE NEWSLETTER WHERE
LUTHERANS PLAY SILLY SONGS.**

GO TO



[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=GOSOV6QIYCI&FEATURE=RELATED](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOSOV6QIYCI&feature=related)

Thank you for your support!!!

It is easy to be thankful this Thanksgiving season. "God's Work, Our Hands" ministries have been supported in service and financially by generous individuals. Praise the Lord!



Roberta's Trees!

This fall the knitters have made over 100 *Trees* for Christmas ornaments/gifts for a local funeral home. They will be given in December to individuals who have lost a family member this past year.

We continue to pray for Roberta who is battling cancer.



Ling Ling made & models Pastor Brent's shawl



Janet and Mary display shawls, bags and washcloths...TY

September and October continued to be a busy and prayer filled months for the Peace Prayer Shawl Ministry. Now in their 4th year, the ladies have delivered over 500 shawls, 40 chemo hats and 52 disaster washcloths to needy recipients since 2007.

We have filled the display basket in Fellowship Hall with yarn and a couple extra shawls. Praise the Lord we are blessed! Need a shawl? Fill out a card request in the small display basket in Fellowship Hall Should you have questions or prayer shawl requests contact Anne Whitten, Vicki Haugen, Elaine Peoples or Pastor Brent Thalacker. We thank you for your prayers for recipients and ongoing support of this ministry. The ladies meeting time is every Friday 1-3pm at the Barcroft Starbucks.

Project Boomerang



Even though some Scrappy ladies went cruising for 10 days overseas, September and October busy months of receiving donations, sorting and creating cards for Project Boomerang. How thankful we are! Since 2006 (our fifth year) with your help, the Scrappy Ladies have now passed on 14,126 card donations to the deployed overseas, abused children, and Walter Reed Medical Center.

We express our appreciation to the Alexandria Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a \$200 grant for supplies and mailing cards overseas.

We are thankful for Monica, who gives Tom Porter our cards monthly to deliver to Walter Reed. We have been blessed to have Tom make these deliveries since 2006. Appreciation as well to Karen Shilling, who obtains addresses of the deployed overseas to mail cards through Soldiers Angels. We are thankful to Barbara Inge who mails Christmas cards to an Abused Children's Camp in Colorado quarterly.

Peace Blessings and Joy, Vicki Haugen and Helen Walker

WRAP (Women Renewing at Peace) will meet November 18 (a third Thursday) from 7-9 pm in the Peace Fellowship Hall. Mary Marquardt will be hostess and Vicki Haugen our discussion leader.

During share time the ladies will be taking the Spiritual Gifts Inventory by Neil Boese.

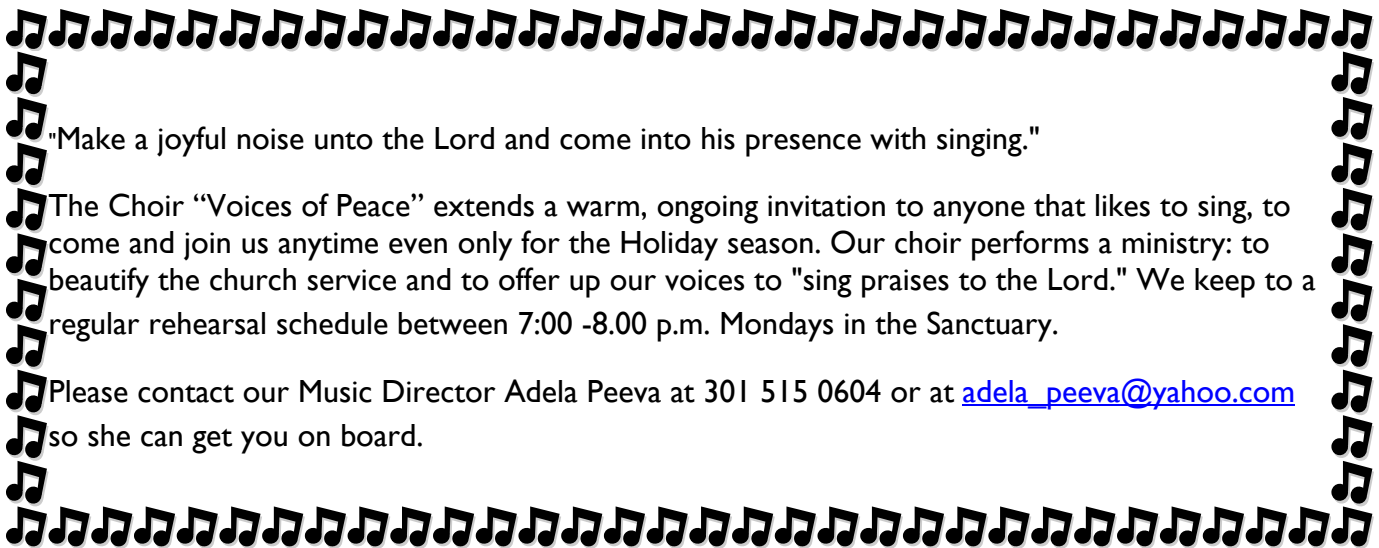


The Revs. Linda & Jensen Seyenkulo

Then the Lutheran Women Today bible study starts with a discussion on "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity" by Linda Seyenkulo and Jensen Seyenkulo. As we study the booklet we note that the Bishop Rev. Mark Hanson writes about how Unity is God's Gift in Christ. Rev Hanson encourages us to become what we are called to be and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be-faithful members of the body of Christ.



Visitors welcome.....Peace, blessings and joy, Vicki Haugen, Jacque Hill and Sue Sticha.



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord and come into his presence with singing."

The Choir "Voices of Peace" extends a warm, ongoing invitation to anyone that likes to sing, to come and join us anytime even only for the Holiday season. Our choir performs a ministry: to beautify the church service and to offer up our voices to "sing praises to the Lord." We keep to a regular rehearsal schedule between 7:00 -8.00 p.m. Mondays in the Sanctuary.

Please contact our Music Director Adela Peeva at 301 515 0604 or at adela_peeva@yahoo.com so she can get you on board.

 Ministry to Others



The **special offering for November is for the Mekanissa congregation** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where Pastor Mitiku served. The Mekanissa congregation has built a new church with a large compound, where orphans and children of very poor families are fed and educated. According to Pastor Abebe, most members cannot afford to put much in the offering plate. The congregation needs another pastor. Moreover, the church building is not complete, and the compound is not tidy enough for the children to play there.

The congregation is part of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), which has 4.6 million members (www.ecmy.org). Pastor Abebe writes:

EECMY grew out of connections with Lutheran churches in Europe and America. It sent out missionaries to other African nations with the help of churches from Europe. Now it is one of the fastest growing churches in the world.

Fifty or forty years ago most pastors in Ethiopia were missionaries from Europe and the United States. When I wanted to become a communicant member, the assistant pastor, an American, taught me what it means to be Lutheran and what Lutherans believe.

The Church is not short of educated, ordained pastors; it is short of funds to support the pastors. Ethiopian per capita income is about \$100 (2005), and a pastor serves an average of 500 people.



ACCA TRANSPORTATION is the week of Nov 8th through the 12th.



The **Advent Carol Service will be held Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** Sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall starting the middle of November for set-up helpers, clean-up helpers, and refreshments such as appetizers, snacks, and desserts, and centerpieces. . If you would like to help organize this year or have any questions, please call Margarete Heber at (H) 703-256-0095 or (C) 202-549-5308.



Peace will be celebrating its 53rd birthday on November 17. On Sunday, November 14, help us celebrate during fellowship hour and consider a special gift in the Anniversary Envelope to be found in the bulletin.

The Lazarus Project ~ Haiti ~

A Ministry of Lutherans to Haiti
in Partnership with Food for the Poor, Inc.



LAZARUS PROJECT, HAITI: On **December 13-18**, Peace members, Ron and Marni Maree, and their son, Paul (now living in Georgia) and Alan Byroade as Santa along with 10 others will deliver the Christmas Gifts to the children at Village of Hope. This will be the only gift many of these children will receive and it is very special to them! Thank you for all of your generous donations and for showing your love for God's children in this way.

When we travel to Haiti, we always take many needed items as requested by Debbie Berquist the Director of Village of Hope. For this trip, Debbie has requested supplies for the teachers to decorate and organize their classrooms. If you are willing and able to donate any of the following items the teachers will really appreciate it. Please place them in the large brown suitcase in Fellowship Hall marked "HAITI".

motivational stickers

large plastic stencils for the Kindergarten and grade 1 teachers (i.e. alphabet, numbers, shapes etc.)

3" ribbon (for decorating... not for hair)all colors

garland for decorating....any colors

balloons

Rolls of string - for hanging decorations in the classrooms

4 legal size hangers for file folders

1 box hanging file folders legal size..multi-colored

4 letter size hangers for filing drawers for hanging file folders

2 boxes hanging file folders - letter size any color

colored chalk for blackboards

white chalk

We will also need 7 more old suitcases. Does anyone have one or two you would like to get rid of? You can leave them near the large brown suitcase or I will pick it up if you prefer.

Please visit www.LazarusProjectHaiti.org or contact Marni Maree for more information: mmaree@cox.net, 703-569-5731.

Announcements

HELP COORDINATE GIFTS OF HOPE AT PEACE Looking to make a difference in people's lives in our area?? Few things have the direct impact on people that Gifts of Hope has. By giving alternative Christmas presents we can buy a gift for a person in need and give a card explaining the gift to friends or relatives. Peace has been a solid supporter of this for many years under the coordination of Christine Howlett and Cathy Kroohs, but they have decided to step back this year. So Peace needs someone who will coordinate or recruit some folks to coordinate the sale of Gifts of Hope cards on Sundays in Advent. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Pat Henkel at 703-370-4944.



Bunko is Back - Elliott Haugen, Bunko master has returned from Greece where he learned about Olympic Bunko. Mark your calendars to join us Friday November 12 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Kay Dameron will return as hostess. We hope you and/or a friend will join us for food, fellowship and fun. Bring a favorite snack/finger food to share. Help us "reuse" by wearing your Peace nametag (TY). Sign up in Fellowship Hall as card tables are needed. Child care will be provided by Abena Opoku.

Announcements



COOKIES FOR WALTER REED HOSPITAL— Bring your cookie offerings 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." With "Thanks" from the patients at Walter Reed.



The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 11:30 am at Ramparts Restaurant located at 1700 Fern St. in Alexandria, 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.

BINGO 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.



**A Bible Study being held on the Wednesdays approaching Advent
At 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Join us and explore!**

Wednesday October 20th *Redemption*

Readings: Exodus 15 and Ephesians 3

What does it mean that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from Sin?

What is Sin?

Where did it come from and where is it going?

Where are you going with your Sin?

What do other religions say about Sin?

Wednesday Oct. 27th *Reconciled*

Samuel 23 & 24 and Ephesians 2

What does it mean that you are reconciled to Christ?

Where did reconciliation come from and where is it going?

Where are you going with your need for reconciliation?

What do other religions say about Reconciliation?

Wednesday November 3rd *Rebirth, Birth and/or [regeneration](#)*

Job 1 and 1 Peter 1

What does it mean to be born again?

What is a conversion experience? [Conversion](#) symbolized by water baptism

Where did the idea of rebirth come from and where is it going?

What do other religions say about Rebirth?

Wednesday Nov. 10th *Resurrection*

Mark 15 & 16 and Luke 24

Resurrection of the body

Resurrection of the soul

Wed. Nov 17th *Revelation*

Genesis 22 and Revelation 21 & 22

How does God reveal Himself and His plan?

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 7pm

Hosted by

*Mount Pleasant Baptist Church*6477 Lincolnia Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22312Let's unite in Worship as we
offer Thanksgiving to God*Participating Churches**Peace Lutheran Church*
6362 Lincolnia Road • Alexandria*John Calvin Presbyterian Church*
6531 Columbia Pike • Annandale*St. Albans Episcopal Church*
6800 Columbia Pike • Annandale*Lincolnia United Methodist Church*
6335 Little River Turnpike • Alexandria*Annandale United Methodist Church*
6935 Columbia Pike • Annandale

Offering will be donated for the Work and Ministry of ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action). For further information call: Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at (703) 256-1268

Plan to Join the Ecumenical Choir Rehearsals

1st Rehearsal will be at Annandale United Methodist Church on November 17, 2010 at 7:30pm. Future dates and times will be announced soon!

The Ecumenical Choir Rehearsals will be under the direction of participating churches Music Coordinators. The Ecumenical Choir is open to all participating churches. No experience required. Persons participating in the choir, please plan to attend both rehearsals.

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue

Fear and Faith in Our Community

Sacred texts as an instrument of peace or hate

Moderated by **Maureen Fiedler**
Host of the NPR radio show **INTERFAITH VOICES**

Sunday, November 14, 2010

2:00 to 4:30 pm (Registration 1:45 pm)

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003

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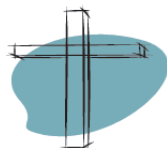
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- Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center
- John Calvin Presbyterian Church
- Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
- Mustafa Islamic Center
- Ravensworth Baptist Church
- St. Albans Episcopal Church
- St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
- Fairfax County, DSMHS-CIL



Maureen Fiedler will serve as Moderator for a panel of local clergy leaders from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths. The panel will be followed by facilitated small group discussions.

For questions, contact the
Community Interfaith Liaison
Office at
CILUSER@fairfaxcounty.gov
or
703-324-3453

Reasonable ADA
Accommodations Made
Upon Request



**Register by email at CILUSER@fairfaxcounty.gov
or call (703) 324-3453 By 11/10/10**

FROM THE SYNOD OFFICE

Chrysalis for Senior High Youth The synod's annual Senior High Youth Retreat will be held Dec. 3-5. Chrysalis 2010 will again be held at the 4G Center in Front Royal, Virginia. This year's theme is "Stir Up," and is open to youth currently in 9th-12th graders and their adult advisors. Cost is \$125/participant; some financial assistance may be available. Registration deadline is Nov. 6 (first come, first serve). Questions? See <http://metrodc.youthgroupstuff.com>.

Camp Invites Kids on Day Schools Close Elementary-age children are invited to a "School's Out Day Program" at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, Md. It will be offered Nov. 1 and Feb. 21 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (extended care available) for \$25/person. Activities include nature hikes, hot lunch, games, and arts and crafts. Register form is online. Call 800-238-9974 or mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org to reserve a place for your child.

LSS/NCA Beneficiary of Help the Homeless Walkathon

The Help the Homeless Walkathon on the National Mall takes place on Saturday, November 20. Some funds raised directly support Lutheran Social Services/National Capital Area (LSS/NCA) programs and are stretched through a matching grant by Fannie Mae. LSS/NCA encourages involvement through mini-walks, client walker sponsorship, virtual walkers and more. Mini-walks by Sunday School groups and others should be booked by September 30. See "Extras" or contact Kati Miller-Holland at 202-723-3000, ext. 200, for more information.

Synod Hunger Team Reforming with Fall Meeting A fall meeting of a redesigned synod Hunger Team is anticipated. *People interested in working in the area of hunger are invited to be part of the team* which will connect congregations and leaders with various hunger resources - educational materials, conferences, advocacy, worship resources, hands-on service opportunities, grants and more. There is no set "framework" for how to do this, but the first team gathering will be centered in prayer, study and experience sharing to see where God leads. If interested in being part of the newly reforming team, please email or call the Rev. Kim Conway at pastorkim44@gmail.com or 703-590-4949.

40th Anniversary of Women's Ordination - A Celebration Honoring the Rev. Elizabeth Platz

All women's ministries throughout the ELCA will be celebrated, at the request of the Rev. Elizabeth Platz, at an event hosted at Hope Lutheran Church and Student Center in College Park on Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m. The occasion is the 40th anniversary of Pr. Platz's ordination - the first of a Lutheran woman in all of North America - and the 45th anniversary of her chaplaincy work. Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at the University of Maryland is co-hosting the celebration. Dr. Robin Steinke of Gettysburg Seminary will preach; Pr. Platz will preside at the Eucharist. Per a notice sent 10/11, clergy are invited to vest and process; the color of the day is green. An offering received that day will go toward the work of LCM. RSVP to anniv40@verizon.net no later than Nov. 10.

Project Connect Young Adult Retreat Young adults (age 18-30) from all over the East coast are invited to [Project Connect's](#) young adult Baltimore retreat on January 2-7, 2011. It will be a fun experience of Christian community, an opportunity to serve and be served, and a time to consider a variety of ways of serving through the vocation of public ministry. The "Two-Way Street Retreat" is timed to take place during winter break. Cost of the retreat including lodging, meals and registration is \$25. Contact Don Johnson at 603-539-7257 or contact@projectconnect.org with questions.

InterFaith Concert in November The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, in which the synod is a partner, will hold its 31st InterFaith Concert on Tuesday, November 16 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (at Catholic University). Tickets are \$15 general admission (\$30 reserved). Sacred song and change from Baha'i, Buddhist, Islamic, Roman Catholic and Zoroastrian traditions will be featured. To reserve a seat, call 202-234-6300 or visit <http://www.ifcmw.org/concert>.



Please double check that all windows and doors are closed and locked and that all lights are off before leaving.

For All the Saints

On this day we will also honor those who have died and are now part of the *Church Triumphant*.

Bill Mitchell & Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell

Walter Mitchell
Father of Bill
 Carmel & Warren Krutzky
Parents of Nadine
 Evelyn DiRuccio
Nadine's Aunt
 Frank Schimmenti
Nadine's Uncle
 Ethel and Raymond Hitchcock
Nadine's Aunt and Uncle
 Nicollette
Family Friend

Bill & Susan Duerre

Family Members

Hilda Dawson & Eunice Wright

Drusila Wright & Virginia Matthias
Sisters

Magarete & Jonna Heber

Margarete S. Heber
Mom & Grandmother
 Elisabetha Heber
Daughter & Sister
 Annette Veydevec
Aunt & Great Aunt
The Guempels, Steigerts, & Sorensens
Great Grandparents

George & Jackie Horn

Helen & John Carney
Parents
 Sarah & Newton Horn
Parents
 Herbert Horn
Brother
 Janet & George Horn
Corinne's Godparents

Helen Schwieder

Bill Schweider
Husband

Dorothea Michelman

Maury Michelman
Husband

Lynette Gates

Marilyn Ohrenberg
Aunt & Godmother

Jennifer Matthey

Baby Boy Grove
Nephew

Grove Family

Gratme Michael Grove
 Bettie & Jack Heintz
 Tom & Marian Grove
 Sister Eugenia
 Sister Kathleen

Alan M. Byroade

Mary R. Byroade
Mother

Bessie Miley-Jones

Curtis Jones
Husband
 Beatrice & Raymond Miley
Parents
 Hazel Fowler
Aunt

Ann Sawyer

Bill Sawyer
Husband

Ray & Debbie Marquardt

Harry Sanders
Friend
 Raymond E. Marquardt
Ray's Dad
 William E. Ludtke
Debbie's Dad

Mary Manby

W.D. Manby, Sr.
Husband
 W.D. Manby, Jr.
Son

Josh & Erin Messner

Audrey Messner
 Grandma Messner
 Janice Warfield
 Janus Warfield
 Jean & Gus Pauls

Sandra & Richard Wargowsky

Vernie & Sam Lynn
Sandra Wargowsky's Parents
 Mamie & Gus Wargowsky
Richard Wargowsky's Parents

Liesa Kirste

Heinz Kirste
Husband

Nada Sah

Jack Sah
Husband

Elaine & Bob Peoples

Elsie & Jim Orgard
Elaine Peoples' Parents
 Helen & Arthur Peoples
Bob Peoples' Parents

Jim & Sue Buchanan

Diane Buchanan
Sister-in-law
 Tom Nye
Cousin

Phyllis Carson

Ruth L. Ranger
Mother
 Jackson L. Carson
Husband
 Rebecca Jewell
Aunt

For All the Saints

On this day we will also honor those who have died and are now part of the *Church Triumphant*.

Jacque & Warren Hill

Zurline & Harold Taylor
Parents of Jacque Hill
Ethel & Whitmal Hill
Parents of Warren Hill
Johnnie Morgan Lowe
Friend

Mary Downs

Charles Downs
Husband
Jeff Downs
Nephew

Jo Ann O'Loughlin

Ruth & Emill Zibart
Parents
Edith Zibart
Aunt

Dan & Mary Dosé

Bernard & Mary Taylor
Parents of Mary T. Dosé
Chritian & Theo Dosé
Parents of Dan Dosé
Wayne B. Taylor
Brother of Mary T. Dosé

Ron & Marni Maree

Clarence Maree
Father of Ron Maree
Betty Maree
Mother of Ron Maree
Florence Fillingame
Grandmother of Ron Maree

Stewart & Susan DeHaven

Mr. & Mrs. Paul DeHaven
Parents of Stewart DeHaven
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Nichols
Parents of Susan DeHaven
Doug Rainsberger
Brother-in-law

Pastor Brent & Susan

Ann, Bob, & Robbie Hummel
Harold Thalacker
Father

Donna & Gary Thiessen

Fred & Virginia Swanson
Donna's Grandparents
Edgar & Melinda Sutton
Donna's Grandparents
Joseph & Ruth Kelly
Gary's Grandparents
Stanley & Helen Thiessen
Gary's Grandparents
Allen Swanson
Donna's Uncle
Kerrin Kelly
Gary's Cousin
Dora Kitchen
Donna's Aunt

Miller Family

Betty & Reed Hongsermeier
Parents
Ginger Lou
Friend
Bill Miller
Brother-in-law
Ida Smyth
Mother of Colleague
Shaun Rudd
Friend

Gene & Judy Gallagher

Susan Gallagher
Daughter

Lucy Gebre-Egziabher & Hanna Kebede

Desta Gabru
Hanna's Mother
Genet Gabru
Hanna's Aunt
Senedu Gabru
Hanna's Aunt
Kebede Gabre
Hanna's Father
Gebre-Egziabher
Lucy's Father
Linda Risalla
Lucy's Mother
Mary Gebre-Egziabher
Lucy's Sister
Naomi
Lucy's & Hanna's Niece

Collin

Perosi Mulando
Grandmother
Asupasa Mulando
Uncle
John Baker
Uncle
Gregory Musoke
Grandfather
Philomela Nalwanga
Grandmother
Rabia Amin
Marco Aguilar
Alex Rivera
Derrick Nguyen
Darwin Melgares
Martelle Thompson
Friend
Thomas Jefferson
Hero
Pope John Paul II
Michael Jackson
Leonardo daVinci
Role Model

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November Worship

Nov 7 All Saints Day

Nov 14 Twenty Fifth Sunday
After Pentecost



Celebrate the
53rd Birthday of Peace

Nov 21 Christ the King
Brass of Peace

Nov 28 First Sunday of Advent

November Events

Voices of Peace

every Mon. at 7:00 p.m.

Bells of Peace

every Mon. at 8:00 p.m.

Bells con Brio

Every Tue. at 7:00 p.m.

Messengers of Peace

every Tue. at 8:15 p.m.

Child Care Provided

Nov 6,7

Stewardship Conversation

Nov 7

Daylight Savings Ends

Nov 7

Intergenerational Sunday

Nov 8-12

ACCA Transportation

Nov 12

Bunko 7pm

Nov 17

Peace Anniversary (celebrated Sunday, 11/14)

Nov 21

Christ the King

Nov 21

Brass of Peace

Nov 21

Wreath Making 4pm

Nov 23

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Celebration

Nov 25

Thanksgiving

Nov 28




First Sunday of Advent

More Peace events can be found at www.sharingpeace.org

For the Month...

	7-Nov	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov
Assisting Ministers	Habtewold Mesfen	Judy Gallagher	Godfred Effisah	Paul Sticha
Lector	Sue Sticha	Mary Marquardt	Meheret Asfaw	Abena Opoku
Communion Assistants	Susan & Stewart DeHaven	Jackie & George Horn	Tammy Heppner Mary Marquardt	
Ushers	Bill Duerre Chris Martin	Bill Duerre Chris Martin	Bill Duerre Chris Martin	Bill Duerre Chris Martin
Altar Care	Jacque Hill Leisa Kirste	Phyllis Carson Bea Simpson	Susan DeHaven Kathleen Wage	Christine Howlett Cathy Kroohs
Early Service Cookies	Erin & Josh Messner	Terry Wallace	Charlie Pearson	Dan & Mary Dose'
Communion Set Up	Dan & Mary Dose'	Dan & Mary Dose'	Dan & Mary Dose'	Dan & Mary Dose'
Serving on Sundays	Susan DeHaven	Jacque Hill	Beth Westerburg	Elaine Peoples
Teller	Ron* & Linda Porten Donna Thiessen Amy Acland	Ray Marquardt* Karen Grubbs Kay Dameron	Ed Axthelm* Tammy Heppner Bill Duerre	Ray Marquardt* Mary Manby Debbie Marquardt

NOVEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 Reformation Sunday 8:00 AM Informal Worship Service 8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service 7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 All Saints Day 7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>2 9:45 AM INOVA Yoga 7:00 PM Bells con Brio 8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM Bible Study, Worship & Praise Midweek Service 7:00 PM Salvation Bible Study</p>	<p>4 9:30 AM Fall Quilting 7:00 PM Council & Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>6 Stewardship Conversation 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>7 Daylight-Saving Time Ends Intergenerational Sunday Packages for Haiti Stewardship Conversation 8:00 AM Informal Worship Service 8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service 7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>9 9:45 AM INOVA Yoga 7:00 PM Bells con Brio 8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM No VA Antique Arts Association in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Bible Study, Worship & Praise Midweek Service 7:00 PM Salvation Bible Study</p>	<p>11 Office Closed for Veterans Day</p>	<p>12  1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks 7:00 PM Bunko 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>13 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>14 8:00 AM Informal Worship Service 8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service 7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>16 9:45 AM INOVA Yoga 11:30 AM The Lunch Bunch 7:00 PM Bells con Brio 8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 Peace Anniversary 6:30 PM Bible Study, Worship & Praise Midweek Service 7:00 PM Salvation Bible Study</p>	<p>18 9:30 AM Fall Quilting 7:00 PM WRAP Women's Renewal at Peace</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM Colonial Dames 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>21 Feast of Christ the King Special Music by Brass of Peace 8:00 AM Informal Worship Service 8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service 4:00 PM Wreath Making 7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p> 	<p>22 7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>23 9:45 AM INOVA Yoga 7:00 PM Annual Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Celebration 7:00 PM Bells con Brio 8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 6:30 PM Bible Study, Worship & Praise Midweek Service</p>	<p>25 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day </p>	<p>26 Office Closed 1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>27 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>28 First Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM Informal Worship Service 8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service 7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>30 9:45 AM INOVA Yoga 7:00 PM Bells con Brio 8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 6:30 PM Bible Study, Worship & Praise Midweek Service</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Fall Quilting 7:00 PM Parklawn Civic Meeting</p>	<p>3 1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>4  7:00 PM Advent Carol Festival 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>

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

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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Informal Worship Service
8:30 a.m. Amharic Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Youth Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
12 Noon Praise & Worship International Service
Nursery & Preschool Care Provided

Weekly Services

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



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