



# Words of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church

October 2011

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All Hands on Deck

## STEWARDSHIP 2011

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.

# ALL HANDS ON DECK

## STEWARDSHIP 2011

Get on board, mates! Enlist! Select an area of service that interests you and sign up to attend one (or more) of the Wednesday evening dinners (food provided) listed below, each beginning at 6:30 PM and ending no later than 8:00 .

October 26	Worship and Music
November 2	Learning (Sunday school, adult ed., Bible study)
November 9	Caring for Each Other (fellowship, special needs, building and grounds)
November 16	Caring for Others

**ALL HANDS! Sign up!**

**We need an accurate number in order to provide the necessary food.**

**We prepare for the coming of our new pastor. ALL HANDS!  
Join in to help provide for him or her a solid financial foundation  
and a strong commitment to service.**

**Get ready! Get involved!**

**We'll see you on one of the Wednesdays above.**

# Family Meeting October 23



Call Committee Update

2012 Stewardship Kick-off



Plans for Capital Improvements

2011 Financial Report



Meet Katrina Vigen

See Pastor Brent's article  
on next page.

## From Pastor Brent

Peace,

I'm having a problem these days deciding on which one of three good looking hats to wear. The first is red and reads "Wisconsin Badgers." My college football team is one of the top five in the nation... higher if we beat Nebraska on Saturday... which we will (hopefully!) The second is blue, with an "M" on the front, stands for Milwaukee, as in baseball Brewers. We won the division crown this year for the first time in 29 years... on our way to the World Series (hopefully!) The third is green, has a "G" proudly displayed for the currently undefeated Green Bay Packers, and we need no hope... we are Super Bowl champions!



I write this not to brag about this embarrassment of sports riches (oh no not me), rather to relate it to the same problem I had in deciding which of three rich topics to speak about at Peace in this month of October. I realized I could solve this dilemma the same way I solved the other... by wearing all 3!

I am excited about our Stewardship Program this Fall, with the theme "All Hands on Deck!" We'll be exploring inside this nautical theme (putting the ship in stewardship) all the opportunities for ministry that we have (or could offer) at Peace in the context of needing everyone's involvement in utilizing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. When all hands are called, it could only be for one of four possible reasons. Are we under attack and you're being enlisted to fight? Hardly. Is the ship sinking, and we need to get to the lifeboats? Not even close. Are we approaching the port of call, the end of our journey? No, we've only just begun. All hands on deck is the call because we are soon ready to set sail, and that requires us as mates to be working together for that day which is soon coming. We'll be calling a new "skipper" and when we do, we want to be as fit and strong as possible. In the upcoming weeks you'll hear much more about Stewardship's efforts and expectations... we launch the program of 4 Wednesday gatherings on October 26th.



I've also set my cap for the Family Meeting on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have a full agenda to consider, leading with a presentation from our Call Committee. We'll also try to answer any questions about where we are in program, financial strength and challenge for the remainder of 2011 and the forecast for 2012, update about some of the ventures leadership has considered, and consider our itinerary for the near future. This is an important day in the life of our congregation and made more meaningful by the presence of as many members as are able to attend.

Finally, we will determine that day whether we will invite Katrina Vigen to join us on "staff" at Peace. Katrina is a gifted young woman who is the daughter of a Pastor of our synod, who just celebrated with her husband the birth of their first baby, who is of Norwegian descent but born and raised in Africa (I believe this to be more than coincidence when it comes to ministry at Peace!), who has skills and experience in coordination of volunteers for ministries, who will assist in the transition from interim to permanent pastor. Our plan would be to engage her for one year in a "Pilot Program", and funding for that program is in place as part of the rationale for using our assets to build ministry at Peace. Katrina is a delightful person who I look forward to partnering with at Peace (think of me as the tonsillectomy and her as the ice cream). I hope you will be as open to this possibility and as excited as I am at the opportunity... she'll be introduced to you on October 23.



It could be said that being a Pastor means I wear many hats. These three, worn this month here, give me even more joy than the first three I mentioned at the beginning. Any of you who know how much those mean to me will know how thankful I am to be your P@P (Pastor at Peace)!

Anchors Away,  
Pastor Brent

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## A WORD FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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RAMSEY WOODWORTH

### THE AIR CONDITIONING AND MORE –PART II

Well, we are back in the sanctuary and the air conditioning is working fine. The repairs went just as anticipated and only one compressor had to be replaced. But I also have to report that the project –together with the rains from the recent hurricane - unearthed another problem we are now addressing and that finally explains the musty smell problem many have been noticing from time to time in the main building and sanctuary. No, it's not the carpeting or the bathroom drains as some have speculated – it's far more bizarre than that.

In doing the a/c repairs, our repair people discovered the ductwork and insulation in the basement furnace room (the ducts that distribute cold and warm air to the main sanctuary) was quite wet and moldy. The water causing the problem appears to be coming in from the far southern side of the building from overflowing gutters, collecting right next to foundation wall in sufficient quantity to seep under the wall and flow into the floor heating/cooling ducts and into the furnace room ductwork. The run-off from the recent rain knocked out the blower motor which was replaced along with pulling out all of the wet insulation. Hopefully, this solves the immediate moldy smell problem.

For the permanent fix, plans are underway to install a far more substantial gutter system on the south side of the roof with the capacity better able to handle all the water coming off the roof. Also, at ground level, significant re-grading (and perhaps some type of a French drain system) will probably be necessary so that water flows away from the wall and foundation. We are looking into that now to get some expert advice.

In one sense, this is good news. Finally, we have an explanation and path to cure the musty smell problem. And with our recent mortgage re-financing for needed improvement, we have more than enough financial resources readily at hand to pay for the needed repairs. Along these same lines, I should also add that we have just been advised that our organ will probably need substantial maintenance and some refurbishment, roughly estimated to cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000 over the next few years.

While these costs are not insubstantial, they must be measured against the value of our building and facility, our net worth so-to-speak. Our buildings and grounds are worth well in excess of \$2 million (the estimated value of the organ alone is \$400,000), against which our present mortgage debt is somewhat more than \$500,000. From this standpoint, these repair and maintenance costs are well within our means to afford. Nor should they be viewed as surprising for building facility now over 40 years old and needs to be kept in good shape for the future.

Call Committee Update:

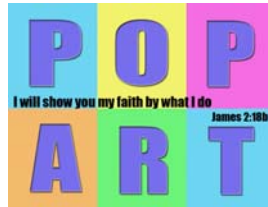
The Ministry Site Profile (the description of our congregation, community, and facilities that was prepared using the information gathered by the profile committee) has been forwarded to the congregational council. The council will review it, and possibly suggest some changes, but the profile committee did such a good job that the changes will probably be minimal. The council will then return the MSP to the call committee, and it will be forwarded to the office of the bishop.

An extract of the MSP will be posted on the ELCA website, and interested pastors will then contact the office of the bishop. The bishop's office will also contact the possible candidates who were suggested by the family. The bishop's office will then prepare a slate of candidates for the call committee to consider. The usual amount of time from the posting of the MSP until a list of candidates is presented to the call committee is 6 to 8 weeks, so we hope to be interviewing

"HEAVENLY PEACE"

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL RAFFLE:

The Ministry of Others fine art festival fundraiser for the Village of Hope Haiti will be selling raffle tickets in the fellowship hall after the 10:30 a.m. service for a variety of fine art pieces, quilts, books and shawls. Photographs of the items will be available and the tickets will cost \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The raffle will be held on the last day of the festival which runs from November 19th to December 4th. Our goal is to raise \$3000 so we can obtain the matching funds of \$1000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SITTERS

sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall

Share a Sunday in Fall and again in Spring.

Assist the teacher, help His children. Small Investment, Big Reward.



The Auxiliary of the National Lutheran Home's Fall Festival



Saturday November 12, 2011  
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

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Silent Auction, Christmas Room, Plants, Grandma's Attic, Jewelry, Baked Goods, Candy, Handwork, Books, Postcards, Stamps, Gift Shop 50% off Sale

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All proceeds benefit the Residents

Lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Tickets sold for \$8.00 or Lighter fare \$4.00

Independent Living Cottage Tours 10:30 am & 1:00 pm  
Home Chorus program at 2:30 pm in the Chapel

9701 Veirs Drive: Rockville, MD  
FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 301-424-9560

We are looking to reinvigorate the Inter-generational Sundays for the coming Sunday School Year. This year those Sundays will be :

October 9, 2011	Columbus Day Weekend	Vicki Haugen & Project Boomerang will lead
November 13, 2011	Veterans Day Weekend	Margarete Heber & Operation Christ Child will lead
November 20, 2011	Christmas is coming	Marni Maree & VOH will lead
January 15, 2012	Martin Luther King Weekend	
February 19, 2012	President's Day Weekend	
March 18, 2012		
April 15, 2012	Earth Day	Sue Clark will lead this effort

Thanks to Margarete, Marni, Vicki and Sue!

We are still looking for volunteers to take an Inter-generational Sunday and plan an activity that will include the Sunday School and other members of the Congregation who would like to participate. If you have an idea and would like to volunteer, (and we would love it if you did) please contact Margarete Heber at [heber.margarete@epa.gov](mailto:heber.margarete@epa.gov), or call 202-380-6808.



Are you interested in private piano lessons?

Our music director Dr. Adela Peeva has been teaching piano for over 20 years now, working extensively with piano beginners of all ages and with more advanced students as well. Dr. Peeva is dedicated to providing the highest quality of music learning experience and you can find some of her testimonials at [www.adelapeeva.com](http://www.adelapeeva.com).

If you are interested in embarking on such a rewarding personal experience or would like to provide the opportunity for a loved one, please, feel free to contact Dr. Peeva and discuss possible lesson plans and schedule.

[adela\\_peeva@yahoo.com](mailto:adela_peeva@yahoo.com)  
Cell: (786) 512- 4503




**VOH Christmas Greeting Cards**



Nwit Silan Nwit Sen  
Silent Night Holy Night



Jezi Pi bon kado nan tout.  
Jesus The Best Gift of All



Blank inside



P'e nan Te Peace on Earth

To order yours contact  
Marni Maree  
571-499-8272  
[mmaree@cox.net](mailto:mmaree@cox.net)

## Synod assembly

The fall portion of Synod Assembly, *To See Ourselves as Others Do*, was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, McLean, VA, Sat. Sept. 24. The church has recently undergone a major renovation and worship services were held in the beautiful wood and brick sanctuary. Pastor Brent, Becca Sticha, Doug Miller, John and Sue Clark attended the Assembly.

The one-day Assembly featured a keynote speaker, Leonard Sweet, and several workshops. Much of what he presented is available by “googling” him.

One of the breakout sessions dealt with **“Seeing Our Building as Others See It.”** To regular worshipers the church building is familiar and friendly, but we have become used to imperfections that could turn off visitors or prospective members. We are encouraged to look at our building as an outsider would. Things to consider include: curb appeal, both from the street and from the Internet; outdoor sign; parking and main entrance easily identifiable; interior spaces up to date, clean and easily navigable (directional signs?). A sample survey for this purpose, to be taken both of members and occasional or first time visitors, is posted on the Synod website.

The **Care in Creation** workshop was led by Pastor Sarah Scherschligt, attended by Becca Sticha and Sue Clark. Pastor Sarah emphasized the relationship between nature and our feelings about God, how we feel about God when we are in nature. She led a group discussion on ways to orient the worship service foster the feelings of awe that we often have in outdoor settings.

A session was devoted to the implications for congregations from DOD’s **BRAC** program – Base Realignment and Closure. Almost 32,000 jobs, both military and civilian, will be relocated as a result of this program. Of these, about 8,000 will involve people moving into the area. Fort Belvoir will receive the largest number of employees – about 15,000 – while the Mark Center, the new building located at Seminary Road and I-395, will receive the second largest, about 6,400. BRAC has obvious implications for Peace, given our proximity to the Mark Center. A half-day workshop on this subject is scheduled for October 29.

The Synod sponsors many interesting and informative workshops. As mentioned above, a workshop on Oct. 29 will focus on the impact of BRAC. Another is aimed at young adults, *I believe in God, now what?* to be held Nov. 5. Keep up to date on synod happenings by signing up for MetroLiner Notes, found on the synod website <http://metrocelca.org/> under the Publications tab.

**Pastor Abebe Tafesse and Pastor Mark Olsen**, among others, were recognized for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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 at 11:30 am on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the Fratelli Restaurant. Fratelli's is an Italian restaurant and is located at 410 S. Van Dorn St. in Alexandria, VA. 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!



**Special offer! Free Crape myrtle, Eastern Red Cedar, and butterfly bushes!**  
 These plants are "volunteers" in the Peace gardens and need new homes. Interested?  
 Come to a work day

Sat., Oct. 8 at 9:00 a.m. or  
 Monday, Oct. 10 at 3:00 p.m.  
 or maybe even both and take home a tree or shrub. First come, first served. While you are there, I invite you to spend an hour or so weeding, trimming, or mulching to help keep our property beautiful.

Not interested in a shrub? Come anyway. Come count the butterflies. Come for the companionship, the exercise, the feeling of service that will inspire you as you grub around in the gardens of Peace. Note that there are two opportunities, Sat. morning, Oct. 8 or Monday afternoon, Oct. 10. Your labor is needed. No experience? No problem. If you have pruners, gloves or other gardening tools, bring them. Otherwise, we will provide.  
 If this sounds as if I'm begging you to come, you have interpreted correctly.

We need your help.



Got more Fall projects than time? Need to Winterize your home? Remodeling? Carpet cleaning? HVAC duct cleaning?



**Do yourself a favor - - - Call Fernando 571-201-0599**

Fernando Saenz has been taking good care of Peace for three years. He'll take good care of your home!



**Peace Prayer Shawl Ministry**

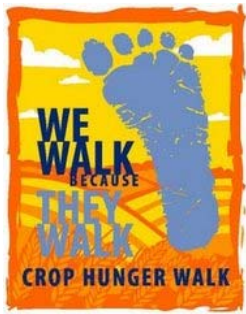
Do you know someone in need of a shawl?  
 Pick one up in Fellowship Hall  
 (please fill out a recipient card)  
 or request one from Anne Whitten,  
 Elaine Peoples or Pastor Brent Thalacker.

*You are invited to join the ladies weekly on Fridays from 1-3pm at Barcroft Starbucks.*

**Joy \* Comfort \* Peace**



**Prayer**



The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk is a fund-raising activity to collect funds for Church World Service hunger and refugee relief and development programs and for ACCA. The walk will be held Saturday, October 15, at Lake Accotink Park. Registration begins at 8 am and the walk begins at 8:30 am.

The CROP Walk Poster contest is open to youth through grade 12. The posters promote the Annandale CROP Hunger Walk and raise awareness about hunger. Please deliver by October 6 to the ACCA CDC, 7200 Columbia Pike, or to Camille Mittelholtz. Posters should be 14 x 22 or smaller. The posters should be about hunger or fighting poverty and should include date/place of the CROP Walk (October 15, 8 am, Lake Accotink Park). Please mark the artist's name, grade and church on the back.

Red Bank CROP Walk



For more information about the CROP Hunger Walk, please contact Camille Mittelholtz by phone at 703 573-0074 or by email at <mailto:kmittelholtz1@cox.net> >[kmittelholtz1@cox.net](mailto:kmittelholtz1@cox.net).

If you are interested in walking or sponsoring see Ron Maree after church in the Fellowship Hall. If you miss him you can sign up using the sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you want to walk come join Ron and Marni on a beautiful fall walk on the trails around Lake Accotink Park.



**OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING:** The special offering for October goes to the House of Faith International at Peace. This ministry lead by Pastor Nana holds its services each Sunday at 12:15 p.m. at Peace. This offering will go for the support and outreach of this ministry.



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*

## FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE FALL – WINTER 2011

Fellowship, Stewardship, and Others Ministries combine to provide many activities for you to attend this fall and winter.

**Lunch Bunch** on **October 18<sup>th</sup>** will be at Fratelli Restaurant, 11:30 a.m., 410 S. Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA



**Stewardship Dinners** are scheduled on four Wednesday evenings: **Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. at 6:30 p.m.** Sign up for one or more in the fellowship hall. Pray, Learn, Serve.



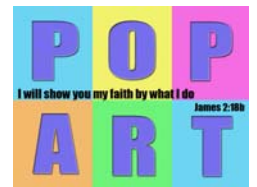
**Bunko is Back** on Friday, **Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m.** Come to the fellowship hall as Bunko Master Elliott Haugen leads this challenging game for all ages. Sign up! Bring a snack to share. Don't miss it.



**Lunch Bunch** will gather on **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** at Ramparts Restaurant, 11:30 a.m., 1700 Fern St., Alexandria, VA



**Fine Arts Festival**, *Heavenly Peace*, begins Sat., **Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.** with a reception and judge's awards. There will be raffles and art to purchase at the conclusion of the event, to be held following the Advent Carol Service (see below). The Fine Arts Festival is a fund raiser for Village of Hope, Haiti.



**Advent Carol Festival**, at **4:00 p.m., Dec. 3**, followed by food, fellowship and raffles of art and other fine goods. Gather in the sanctuary for this well-loved annual event.



**Lunch Bunch** will meet on the second Tues. of Dec., that is, **Dec. 13**. The 11:30 a.m. meeting time remains unchanged, location tba.



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS



God Bless the Cooks!



The September Cook Out was great fun. Over 80 people attended, played games, ate burgers and hot dogs, and enjoyed each other's company. The children bounced on the Love Bounce to their heart's content. A basketball toss turned into a water balloon toss, surprising the players. Contestants tried to *Win it in a Minute*—moving a cookie from their eyes into their mouths, without touching the cookie with their hands. If you don't believe it is possible, check the photos on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Adults mastered word puzzles in the cool indoors. Special thanks to Dan Robinson for the grill and to all who helped make this a joyful afternoon at Peace.

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

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## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Fellowship, Stewardship, and Others Ministries combine to provide many activities for you to attend this fall. Starting off, Lunch Bunch continues with regular third Tuesday gatherings. If you haven't attended one of these, do come. All are welcome.

Stewardship Dinners are scheduled on four Wednesday evenings: Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for one or more in the fellowship hall. Pray, Learn, and Serve.

You have been begging, so here it is! Bunko is back on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:00 p.m. Come to the fellowship hall as Bunko Master Elliott Haugen leads this fun game for all ages. Sign up! Bring a snack to share. Invite your neighbors and friends to this event. They will thank you for it.

If you have suggestions for future activities, please contact Sue Clark, 703-573-2719.

The Advent Carol Festival will be held Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to help organize this year or have any questions, please call Margarete Heber at (H) 703-256-0095 or (C) 202-380-6808.

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It's October, You are thinking Pumpkins, I'm thinking Toys...

It is time to begin planning for Christmas and in those plans, please consider purchasing a Gift of Hope. It may be a toy for a child in Namibia, nutritious meals for a week for an elderly resident of a Fellowship Square residence, a camp scholarship to Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, or any of the other 35 gifts. You will receive a Christmas card with an explanation of the gift which you then give to a friend, relative, teacher, or grandchild.



*Gifts of Hope*

Review the catalog online at [www.GiftsofHopeMetroDC.org](http://www.GiftsofHopeMetroDC.org) or look at a catalog here at Peace, available in fellowship hall and the narthex. Make your purchases beginning Nov. 20 through Dec. 24. These gifts reflect the spirit of Christmas.

If you are willing to help one Sunday at the sales table, please contact Sue Clark 703-573-2719 or [chezclark@verizon.net](mailto:chezclark@verizon.net).

*The commandment that we have from his is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

1 John 4:21

## The Scrappy Ladies behind Project Boomerang



Marlene Einstein, a Scrappy Lady since 2006 recruited Linda Klebe Larsen from the Haymarket area to make cards for Project Boomerang. They will be known as the “Regency Ladies of Haymarket” as they include others in their Scrappy Lady efforts to make cards and deliver them to Haugen’s once a month.



This summer Carla Roberts from Vienna’s Emmanuel Lutheran delivered a trunk load of card donations from a friend at Hallmark. The cards were sorted, enveloped and/or cut up for Scrappy cards thus helping the Scrappy Ladies make September a banner delivery month. Tom Porter delivered 310 cards and 200 pens to Walter Reed and Chris Jensen sent 798 cards and 295 pens overseas to Soldiers Angels Chaplains. That makes this year to date card deliveries at 5008, with a 5 year total of over 20,000 card deliveries spreading joy and love since 2006. Pen donations are from Vicki’s fellow golfer at Pinecrest. How blessed we are to be in community!

Pictured here is Chris Jensen our volunteer postal packer and mailer for cards going overseas to the deployed.



Check out [sharingpeace.org/service.shtml](http://sharingpeace.org/service.shtml) to learn more about Project Boomerang or ask the Scrappy Ladies.



### Intergenerational Sunday Activity

Join the Scrappy Ladies in **Fellowship Hall on October 9 from 9:15 -10:15 am** to make cards for Project Boomerang.



In September we welcomed through Holy Baptism  
Caleb Yohannis

## God's Work, Our Hands



Marcia Dursi

Karen Ager



The **Peace Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues to bag and deliver shawls. They welcomed two new participants to the Prayer shawl Ministry in September; Karen who crochets and Marcia who knits. Praise the Lord all are blessed!

Should you have a need for a shawl please contact Anne Whitten, Elaine Peoples, Vicki Haugen, Pastor Brent or any other member of Peace as to obtaining a special shawl and prayers for a special person. New members are welcome as instruction and supplies are available to start you on your way to supporting a very worthwhile Ministry to Others.

### WRAP (Women Renewing At Peace)

Guest Sheri Swackhamer, board member from the Women of the ELCA Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization, spoke at WRAP in September. Sheri highlighted the yearly fellowship and service activities the area women do together. She shared their newsletter "The Joyful News". More discussion will follow as the ladies look to do future planning. Note that the **Lutheran Woman Today** has changed its name to **Gather** with the September issue. "...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

(subscriptions@augstbergfortress.org)

Study continued around the theme verse "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news" Mark 1:15. Discussion continued on would we recognize Jesus if we met him today? Who were the disciples? How to be a disciple? We pray...Living God, just as you called others to follow and serve Jesus Christ in ancient days, send us out as ones who have been given a new identity as women of faith. Amen\*

Mark your calendars to join the ladies of **WRAP on October 20 from 7-9pm in Peace Fellowship Hall**. The theme of Bible Study is **To Follow and to Serve: the Gospel of Mark** by Patricia Lull, an ELCA Pastor with Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Theme verse is Mark 3:35 "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." We pray God of home and hearth; you bless families all over the world. As we study, remind us of the larger family of sisters and brothers we have been given in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. \*

\*Excerpts from the Gather Magazine September and October Editions

Submitted by Vicki Haugen, WRAP Coordinator

## O Sing unto the Lord a new Song. Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

### Peace Choirs are welcoming new members (and returning members, too):

We want to make sure that we reach everyone who sang with us last year and as many other singers and ringers as possible. Please spread the word and give this announcement page to your friends, neighbors, or colleagues at work.

Where are we meeting:

The Balcony in the Sanctuary Peace Lutheran Church

When we are meeting:

**Mondays**

7.00 p.m. **Voices of Peace**

(Director – Adela Peeva)

8.15 p.m. **Bells of Peace**

(Director – Paul Sticha)

**Tuesdays**

7.00 p.m. **Bells con Brio**

(Director – Paul Sticha)

8.15 p.m. **Messengers of Peace**

(Director – Paul Sticha)



### Vocal Choirs

**Voices of Peace** is a traditional SATB choir of around 20 voices that provides music leadership for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service two or three times a month, September through May. The choir sings an inspiring and exciting repertoire of both classical and contemporary anthems and hymn arrangements.

**Messengers of Peace** is a contemporary choral group that leads the service on the third Sunday of each month and provides music for other special occasions. The music ranges from ancient and folk music to contemporary standards, and includes music from a variety of countries and cultures.

### Bell Choirs

Peace Lutheran Church has two performing handbell choirs that are open to youth and adults and two or more training choirs for children. Performing choirs play once each month, on festival and holiday services, and in a spring concert.

Although we do not audition for the handbell choirs, one choir, the **Bells of Peace**, plays more challenging music, while music for the other choir, **Bells con Brio**, is tailored to the abilities of the ringers. Peace has five octaves of Schulmerich handbells and five octaves of Malmark choir chimes. The number and types of children's choirs depends on the numbers and ages of the children. Training on choir chimes often begins in first grade; children are introduced to handbells in the third or fourth grade. The children's handbell choirs rehearse Sunday mornings.



### *You are welcome to Join Us*

If you're not sure about participating in this year's Choirs, let me make some points that might help you decide to make the commitment. **First**, our choirs are open to inexperienced singers and ringers. We don't have auditions. All we ask is that you are serious about your participation by attending rehearsals and that you have some music sight-reading skills. **Second**, the engagement involves only one hour of your weekly schedule. **Third**, we don't have age limits. **Fourth**, this is an opportunity to join with friends and strangers (who won't be strangers after you sing with them) to present a gift to the community.

### *You are welcome to Join Us*

Please make the commitment to join one or two of the choirs. We know that jobs, travel, illness, and other events in your life may force you to miss one or two rehearsals. However, please remember that the morale of the group and the enjoyment of the process are directly linked to optimum attendance. For many of us, the fellowship and enjoyment of participating comes mainly in the rehearsals. So please give this your most serious consideration.

Please, contact Adela or Paul if you are considering joining us:

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We look forward to having you singing or ringing with us this year!

**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 with Thrivent's Alexandria Associates office, at 571-970-0454 or by email to [sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com](mailto:sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com) , or visit Thrivent.com.

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For the Month...	2-Oct	9-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct
Assisting Ministers	Christine Howlett	Paul Sticha	Habtewold Mesfen	Jim Nice	Judy Gallagher
Lector	Judy Gallagher	Lucy Gebre-Egziabher	Becca Sticha	Sue Sticha	Elliott Haugen
Communion Assistants	Veronica & Bob Boyles	Jackie & George Horn	Tammy Heppner Amy Acland	Jacque Hill Stewart DeHaven	Dick & Sandy Wargowsky
Ushers	Jim Buchanan Tammy Heppner Allian Pratt Helga Recevuto	Jim Buchanan Tammy Heppner Allian Pratt Helga Recevuto	Jim Buchanan Tammy Heppner Allian Pratt Helga Recevuto	Jim Buchanan Tammy Heppner Allian Pratt Helga Recevuto	Jim Buchanan Tammy Heppner Allian Pratt Helga Recevuto
Altar Care	Christine Howlett Cathy Kroohs	Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell Phyllis Carson	Susan DeHaven Susan Duerre	Allian Pratt Jacque Hill	Mary Manby Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell
Early Service Cookies	Carol & Tom Crouse	Karen & Philip Ager	JoAnn O'Loughlin	Phyllis Carson	Diane & Ramsey Woodworth
Serving on Sundays	Sandy Wargowsky	Vicki Haugen	Elaine Peoples	Susan Duerre	Mary Marquardt
Teller	Ron Porten * Linda Porten Donna Thiessen	Ray Marquardt * Kay Dameron Karen Grubbs	Ed Axthelm* Tammy Heppner Bill Duerre	Ray Marquardt * Mary Manby Debbie Marquardt	Ed Axthelm * and The AdHocs

Coming Soon:

- ◆ Reformation Sunday, October 30!
- ◆ Tuesday, Nov. 22 Peace hosts ACCA Community Thanksgiving Service.

Mark Your calendar now!

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

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>8:00 AM Dialog &amp; Holy Communion 8:30 AM Amharic Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM High School Fellowship 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM HOFI 12:00 PM Others Ministry meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Voices of Peace 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bell con Brio 8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Addis Ababa Alumni 1:00 PM Project Boomerang 3:45 PM Yoga Class</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Addis Ababa Alumni 8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Addis Ababa Alumni 1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Addis Ababa Alumni 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>World Communion Sunday 8:00 AM Dialog &amp; Holy Communion 8:30 AM Amharic Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM High School Fellowship 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM HOFI 4:00 PM Brass of Peace Auditions</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM Voices of Peace 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bell con Brio 8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 PM Project Boomerang 3:45 PM Yoga Class</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>12:00 PM Eccumenical Thanksgiving Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Council meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Peace Garden Workday &amp; Plant Giveaway 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p> 
<p>9</p> <p>INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY Silveria Baptisms 8:00 AM Dialog &amp; Holy Communion 8:30 AM Amharic Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM High School Fellowship 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM HOFI 7:00 PM Brass of Peace</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Columbus Day Office Closed 3:00 PM Peace Garden Workday &amp; Plant Giveaway 7:00 PM Voices of Peace 8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p> 	<p>11 12</p> <p>Pastor Brent at Bishop's Convocation - Ocean City</p>		<p>13</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers 10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>8:00 AM CROP WALK 7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
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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)

## Youth of Peace

*High Schoolers Come to the Peace Youth Room  
(no longer to be known as the Robing Room)*

*Each Sunday Morning at 9:15.*

*Plans are afoot to make the room "our own"  
and develop a schedule of learning, sharing (fun), and  
service activities that will be pleasing to us & God.*



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