July 2022 Voice of Peace

Please let the church office know if you are in need of prayers, pastoral visits or anything else. Please call (320) 354-2774 or email (connect@peacenewlondon.com)

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

We have just celebrated Juneteenth, now a national holiday that commemorates the events of June 19, 1865, when Gordon Granger, a Union general, arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved African Americans of their freedom after the Civil War had ended.

This freedom granted them equality of rights in every sense of the constitution. Texas was the first state to commemorate this day, other states followed suit and now it is a national holiday.

In one aspect it saddens me that we need to set aside a "special" day to recognize this freedom – because this freedom is for everyone, no matter who you are, the color of your skin, your sexual identity. And yet, we are not there. We still have too many "isms" that separate us one from another.

I think how long ago Paul wrote to the church in Galatia, and still we are not there yet. Still we divide ourselves, even though we are one in Christ! We continue to have systemic inequities that divide peoples. And this is not how God loves God's people, or God wants us to love.

We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, whomever that neighbor might be! How we live our lives as God's beloved children – matters! How we love one another beyond all divisions – matters! All of God's people, whatever ethnic background, gender, or economic status – matters!

Do not be discouraged however, for every day we have awesome opportunities to love as God loves, to treat people with kindness and respect, to ensure that each one matters. Every day we are encouraged by God's love to love our neighbor.

Thanks be to God, we all matter.

Shalom,

Pastor Linda

REGULAR WEEKLY HAPPENINGS:

SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Worship at Peace 10:00 a.m. Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts 10:30 a.m. Worship at Shores

MONDAYS

Office is closed

TUESDAYS

Office open 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAYS

Office open 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Theology on Fire 7:39 p.m. L.Y.F. (9th - 12th Grade)

THURSDAYS

Office open 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Office open 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.





A few snapshots in June!







SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

(May 29th - September 4th)

9:00 a.m. Worship at Peace
This Service will be available live-streamed

10:30 a.m. Worship at Shores of St Andrew

19080 16th St NE, New London



**On August 7th, We will not have Worship at Shores. Instead, we will host an outdoor service behind Peace in the grassy area followed by a potluck! Please bring a lawn chair and dish to pass!

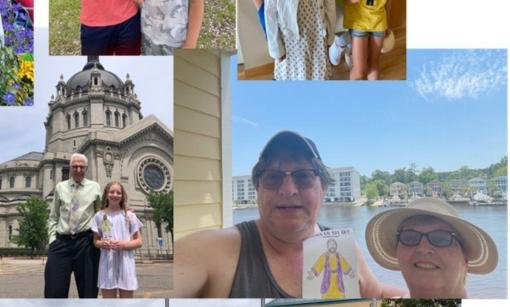
Send Us Your Pictures!

JESUS THE GO!

Take Jesus with you this summer! Supplies available in the Gathering Space.

Email your Jesus on the Go! photos to connect@peacenewlondon.com and we will share them on our bulletin







YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:



K—5th (COMPLETED) 9AM—3pm At Shores of St Andrew

Bussing option to and from Peace: Pick-up 8:45a & Drop-off 3:15p

No before or after child care will be offered this year

\$40/child; Register online at gllm.org. Use code NLS2022

Registration deadline July 11th

Preschool 3—5 y/o 8:30am—11am
At Faith Lutheran Church

Contact us for registration information

SAVE THE



SENIOR HIGH (INCOMING GR. 9-12) VALLEYFAIR TRI

WEDNESDAY JULY 20TH



COST, LEAVE TIME, AND OTHER DETAILS COMING SOON



LYF Valleyfair Trip- Join us for a day trip to Valleyfair in Shapkopee, MN on Wednesday July 20th. All students going into grades 9-12 are welcome, and so are friends! We'll leave early in the morning, and arrive back at Peace late in the evening. Students will be responsible for their own meals. The cost for tickets and registration forms will be shared in the coming days.



Family Movie Night-

Join us at Peace for a Family Movie Night on Wednesday July 27th. For now, save the date! Pop and popcorn concessions will be available. We'll announce the start time and movie soon!

Family Cance Trip August 8-11, 2022 \$125 Cancer, \$60 Camper A COMBINED FUN TRIP FOR ALL AGES, WITH AN OPTION TO CANCE OR JUST CAMP PEACE LUTHERAN DEL PROMITE DE LOCATION TO CANCE OR JUST CAMP

Summer Canoe Trip

It's still not too late to think about joining us for a rustic week in God's creation. Quentin (your favorite Youth Ministry Director AND Wilderness Explorer) is leading a canoe trip on one of the most family-friendly bodies of water in MN. Together we will have two half days and two full days of canoeing, sleeping under the stars, worshipping God around the campfire, and so much more! The river is shallow and calm, perfect for the seasoned adventurers alike. For those that don't want to canoe, all of our stops are vehicle accessible. They can travel by car along with us on our journey and camp with us at night! The cost is \$125 for canoers and \$60 for campers. Please see Quentin for more details!

FAITH FORMATION for Adults...



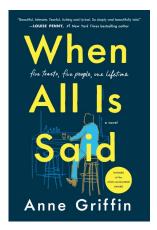
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

at the Boy Scout hut fire pit
(BY THE NE CORNER OF OUR PARKING LOT)



Bring a Lawn Chair & join us for casual campfire conversations about matters of faith, God, & life. "Peep" s'mores available while supplies last!

PEACE BOOK CLUB



Book Club Selection for July <u>When All Is Said</u>

By Anne Griffin
Discussion:
Thursday,
July 28th
10:00 a.m.
Fireside Room

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Book selections can be signed out from the office.

Please contact Jane for further information!

MONTHLY OPPORTUNIES:



JOIN US FOR A FAITH & PEACE MINGLE!

Join a casual, monthly conversation with our friends at Faith Lutheran. Meet us at Goat Ridge Brewery (located at 17 Central Avenue West) downtown New London.

All are welcome!

Give us a call if you have questions.

Wine Women & Word

4th Tuesday
of each month
at 6:30p

Our July 20th Hostess: Jane Hedman 223 Lake Ave, Spicer

Do you need to Relax, Unwind, & Laugh? Come for a casual evening to sit, chill, have casual conversation & a bit of the Word one evening a month.

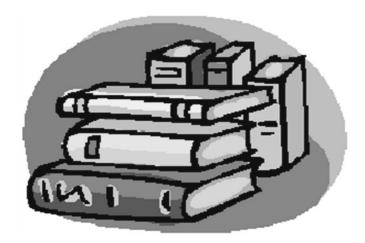
Join us for relaxation, h'ordervers & wine and conversation of the Fruit of the Spirit.

Come as you are!

Mission Committee:

Book Sale

Thursday, July 14, 5:00 – 7:00 PM Friday, July 15, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Saturday, July 16, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Donations of books (paperback, hardcover adults', children's), games and puzzles are appreciated. Items may be left in the entryway of door #1 at Peace at any time.

Proceeds will go to Peace Missions.

Book Sale Details

We are still accepting donations of books for children and adults, puzzles and games for our July book sale. Please leave donations in the entryway of door #1. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed to help set up books on Thursday, July 14 beginning at 9:00 am. It's always fun to see what will be for sale – as well as work with other Peace members. Hope you have time to help out!

The **Book Sale** will take place during New London Water Days. Come visit the sale on:

Thursday, July 14 from 5:00-7:00 pm

Friday, July 15 from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm and on

Saturday, July 16 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

You won't want to miss this great selection of books for children and adults as well as many puzzles and games. Proceeds benefit Peace missions.

MISSIONARY FOR A DAY



Peace's ELCA missionary is the Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson. She serves as a professor at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Cameroon, West Africa. Pastor Elisabeth has visited at Peace on a home visit, and she preached one Sunday at a Sibley Park service. In February, we will begin a new opportunity to support her ministry. A calendar will be available in the church office where you can choose a date to sponsor her in honor of, or in memory of, someone or some event. A gift of \$7.00 per day you choose will help with her support. Checks may be made to "Peace – ELCA Missionary." Please keep her in your prayers.

DATES SPONSORED IN MAY:

12th - In Celebration of Linda's Birthday (Mike & Linda Lagergren)

15th - In Celebration of Karen Voge's Birthday (Jared & Addison Voge)

31st - In Celebration of Sarah Nelson's Birthday (The Nelsons)

Altar

Guild:

Yo and Trudie are looking for others to be an Altar Guild Team Lead for the 10:30 a.m. Smmer services at Shores of St. Andrew. If you are interested in learning more or helping out, please call or text Trudie at 320-905-5204.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:





First Thursday of every Month 9:00 am - 12 noon Peace Members are invited to celebrate

60th Wedding Anniversary Open House Jim and Ann Turnquist

> Saturday July 9th 1-4 PM

Peace Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Burial of Craig Nelson

(Leonard Nelson's brother)

Sunday July 17th 3:00 PM Lebanon Cemetery

Following the burial service, a light lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall

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We Welcomed through Baptism:

Omari Hayes Ashburn (6/26/22)



QUILT AUCTION

Green Lake Bible Camp • Spicer, Minnesota

FRIDAY, JULY 22

- Quilt Review 3:00-8:00 PM
- Silent Auction Opens 3:00 PM
- Hotdish Supper 4:30-7:00 PM
- Beachfront Concert 5:30-7:00 PM
- Fresh Doughnuts and Concessions



SATURDAY, JULY 23

- Quilt Review 9:00-11:00 AM
- Bounce House 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
- Pulled Pork Lunch 11:00 AM 1:00 PM
- Live Auction Begins 12:00 PM
- Silent Auction Closes 4:00 PM
- Online Quilt Auction Closes 5:00 PM
- Fresh Doughnuts and Concessions
- Meals: \$9.00 per person
- Quilt Review: \$3.00 per person

Learn more and bid online at www.gllm.org/quilt-auction



Opportunity to impact young lives!

Young people from the Czech Republic, Germany, Bolivia, Spain, Mexico, Italy, and other countries are in need of host families. These young people will be enrolling in local high schools for the 2022-2023 school year, but are in need of host families willing to open their hearts and homes. It is a great opportunity for families, with or without children, to make a huge impact on a young person's life, experience and learn about another culture, and make life-long international relationships.. All the students are 15-18 years old, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have their own spending money for their personal expenses. Families are asked to provide food, lodging and love!. For more information or to apply call Bryan Blomker at 320-974-3673 or email at bryan.blomker@yfci.org.

JUNE 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Here is my June Church Council report. If you have questions contact me or any other council member.

COMMENT: Because it's summer and with vacations, family activities and work we did not have a quorum present at our June meeting. Only six members were able to attend and we need seven for the quorum. In this situation no business can be conducted, but between those present, a good discussion was held.

FINANCES: The summer giving slump has hit. Our income did not meet expenses this month. I'll give you some rough numbers so you can get the pictures of what is happening. Our income for the year through May was \$276,850 with our expenses being \$279,938 so we show a deficit of \$3,088 for the year. Now our church financial report is complex, and this example is a gross oversimplification, but it gives you the general idea. Summer slumps are not uncommon but they are also worrisome. Please continue to give to Peace Lutheran as your financial situation allows. All contributions are appreciated and the council thanks you for them.

SUMMER STORMS: Our church did sustain some damage during the recent severe thunderstorms. When you drive into the church parking lot from County 40 you probably noticed a tree is missing. We also had roof damage and the cross on the steeple is bent. We are waiting for more information from our insurance carrier. I will pass along information when it becomes known.

KITCHEN REMODEL COMMITTEE: A Kitchen Remodel Committee of Jo Ann Gesellchen, Barb Gjerde, Deb Wessling and Pastor Linda have been meeting and they are working on plans for a kitchen renovation. They gave the council members a walk through of the kitchen and their ideas moving forward. Everything is in the planning stage and we'll pass along information when finalized. The council is aware that for many of our church members this is a very important project that is long over due.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Al Balay and Rick Swenson from the Stewardship Committee were present to discuss with the council a possible Capital Campaign. A couple of months ago I reported that the Property Committee has identified areas around the church that are in dire need of fixing. Brick work, stucco repair, church steeple, plus others and of course the parking lot and a kitchen remodel are examples of areas that are in need of improvement. Again, like written above, everything is still in the planning stage so I have nothing definite to report.

This concludes my report. Because of no quorum it is shorter than usual. Thanks for taking the time to read it.

Cliff Gesellchen, Council President.

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JULY 17 at 8:00 a.m. WORSHIP ON THE POND

In celebration of Waterdays and our community, we join together as a community of faith as area churches unite & lead us in worship!

We will still hold our regular services at 9am at Peace and 10:30am at Shores

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP THIS MONTH!

- 6th 3:00 p.m. Memorial Trust Team Meeting
- 7th 6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Team Meeting
- 9th 1:00 4:00 p.m. 60th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Jim and Ann Turnquist
- 14th 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap at Goat Ridge Brewery
- 14th 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Book Sale
- 15th 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Book Sale
- 16th 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Book Sale
- 17th 8:00 a.m. Community Worship Service on the Pond
- 17th 3:00 p.m. Burial Service for Craig Nelson at Lebanon Cemetery
- 18th Peace Lutheran's 51st Anniversary
- 19th 5:30 p.m. Executive Team Meeting
- 19th 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 20th SAVE THE DATE LYF Valleyfair Trip
- 20th 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
- 27th SAVE THE DATE Outdoor Movie Night

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. at Peace

10:30 a.m. at Shores of St. Andrew 19080 16th St NE, New London

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 2:30pm Friday 9am - 12pm

Please note: the Peace Staff Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

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