



The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, October 2017

FROM PASTOR CAREY

Confirmation Day

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Confirmation students who have completed our two-year confirmation program will have the opportunity to affirm their baptism on **October 29**, at the 10:45 a.m. service.

In baptism, their parents were entrusted with the responsibility to help them live among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Confirmation has prepared 6 of our 9th grade youth to live out these baptismal promises and into our mission statement, Share Christ, Serve Community, and Grow Disciples. Confirmation Day is when each one of them has the opportunity to publically profess their faith in the rite of Affirmation of Baptism. This is the time when they will be renewed in the blessings of baptism and with the help of the Holy Spirit, commit themselves again to the mission into which baptism sends you.

It is a festive day as we celebrate with our confirmands especially this year as we also celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation.

It is also a day in which we as the congregation have the opportunity to reflect on:

- How it is we are "walking wet?" How are we as individuals and as a community of faith living into our covenant of baptism? What draws you into worship? How does your faith bless others? Are you loving, serving your neighbor? How do you work for justice or peace in the world? How do you share your faith others?
- How are we living out our mission statement to Share Christ, Serve Community, and Grow Disciples?
- How are we living out the great commission in Matthew 28:19-20?

Let us continue to be a church living out our baptismal covenant "walking wet" each day.

Pastor Carey

FROM ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Brothers and Sisters,

As we are moving through the change of seasons. Saying goodbye to summer and looking forward to fall and winter, we find ourselves preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanksgiving is a time family and friends gather together to share a meal and give thanks for all the blessings we have received then Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Every year our congregation is given the opportunity to serve others in the name of Jesus by supporting the Adopt-A-Family program. This program provides Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner and gifts for local families in need.

We are in need of volunteers to become coordinators to help out with this ministry. As a coordinator you will work directly with a family to determine the needs of each family member. You will then write each of their requests on an ornament and place them on our church Giving Tree. The congregation then removes tags and purchases the gifts and brings them back wrapped by the date indicated. The coordinator will then deliver the gifts to your assigned family.

Our congregation has been so generous and supportive in the past and with your continual support we will be able to meet the needs of our community this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sims at 478-5602 (nmsims74@gmail.com) or Karin Getschow at 272-0986 (kgetschow@ameritech.net).

Regards, Nancy Sims

FROM DAN JACOB (YOUTH GATHERING)

Youth Calendar:
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@peacewithyouth

If you are currently in 8th-12th grade, **you are being called to the Youth Gathering.** This coming summer 30,000+ youth will be travelling to Houston, Texas for faith, fellowship, and service. That's right, the ELCA is sending huge crowds of teenagers to serve in Houston where Hurricane Harvey left years' worth of recovery work. Our Lutheran youth are going to set an example for the church, for the country, and for the world by doing a year's worth of that work in just a few days. We did it in New Orleans after Katrina and now we're doing it in Houston after Harvey. In addition to the record-breaking amounts of service, the Gathering includes nightly speakers and concert performers representing the best of Christian thought and music. We'll also worship alongside thousands of our peers and take part in interactive learning and faith formation experiences from all over the world. Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions that you might have about the Gathering. This is truly one of the most important events in a young person's faith journey and I want to do whatever I can to connect the youth of Peace with that level of Jesus-loving experience. The Gathering registration forms are due on November 1st.

If you're not in 8th-12th grade, **you are being called to support the youth who will be travelling to Houston.** The youth need your help getting ready for this life-reorienting event and need your help collecting funds to make the trip possible. Thank you for everyone who took part in the servant auction and please keep an eye out for future fundraising efforts. Most importantly, pray for Houston and the youth travelling there to serve.

In God's Peace, Dan

REFORMATION CORNER

A presentation by Fr. David Endres, PhD, Dean of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and the Athenaeum of Ohio, and Dr. David Mengel, Xavier University Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and History Professor. Dr. Mengel will highlight the historical roots of the reform. Fr. Endres will speak about the reforming movement's impact on the Catholic Church leading up to the Council of Trent. Both will also speak to our hopes for a future of greater reconciliation and unity. This presentation will be at Peace on **Thursday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m.**

FROM PASTOR STEVE

Join us for the "Footsteps of Luther Tour" on November 6-14, 2018. On October 1, 2017, Ben Weintraub, our travel agent, informed us that there are many people who are interested in going on this tour next year. We will flying from Dayton, with at least one connection, to Berlin. In the seven days of our trip, we will be visiting Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Marburg, Worms, and Frankfurt. Included in the price is seven buffet breakfasts, and three dinners. We will have our own professional tour director and travel in a deluxe motor coach. All baggage handling and transfers are covered. We will be able to see every sight listed in itinerary. None of the sights mentioned in the brochure are just drive by tours. There is the possibility of an extending the trip for another three days in which travelers will visit Munich and tour the Neushwanstien Castle (inspiration for Disney Castle).

The agency we are using is called Central Holidays West, and has been in existence since 1972, with thousands of people traveling with them every year. Currently, it is in the process of changing its name to Aventura World. They have headquarters in New York, London, and Delhi and around the world. They only use four star or better accommodations for their trips and travel. Travel insurance is offered and encouraged.

One of the biggest advantages is that we are traveling with one another. We have a number of members who are going that are inviting other family members and friends. I look forward to experiencing this land of Luther together. If you are interested, please stop by the welcome desk to pick up a brochure and/or feel free to talk with me. To get the early bird price you will need to register before March, 2018.

Peace, Pastor Steve

WHERE OUR HEART IS...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Brother Lawrence was a lay brother who lived among the barefooted Carmelites in Paris around 1660. He did not hold any office of leadership. He did not keep the books or make great contributions to the poor. He worked in the kitchen and did the dishes. Within the confines of pots and pans, he worshiped. He practiced the presence of God within his daily work, and it changed him.

The Practice of the Presence of God, a book based on letters and conversations of Brother Lawrence, has since become a Christian classic. A humble monk who did KP duty, Brother Lawrence lived the steward's life. He loved Jesus. He tried to be more like him. He read his Bible and practiced prayer. He carried his treasure with him in his heart.

"I know that for the right practice of it, the heart must be empty of all other things; because God will possess the heart alone; and as He cannot possess it alone, without emptying it of all besides, so neither can He act there, and do in it what He pleases, unless it be left vacant to Him." (From Letter 5 of Brother Lawrence, as published on the Christian Classics Ethereal Library, Calvin College. See www.ccel.org.)

Such a little book of letters. Such a simple man. Pots and pans and prayer. It is the "stuff" of which we can do God's work, if our hearts are "emptied" enough to make room for God.

This year our congregation's stewardship theme is "Where Your Heart Is." We will be taking a look at what it means to be God's stewards close to home and throughout the world. And we will focus on the theme verse: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Like Brother Lawrence, we need to consider what it is that we treasure in our hearts. Will our hearts cling to earthly treasures that will eventually disappear, or will they cling to the treasure of God's kingdom that will last forever?

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FINANCIAL STANDINGS

September 2016

GOAL	\$66,785
INCOME	\$49,999
EXPENSES	\$57,822

September 2017

GOAL	\$53,294
INCOME	\$48,240
EXPENSES	\$55,215



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:15 p.m.

Praise Service

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

Heritage Service

9:30 a.m.

Faith Formation Hour

10:45 a.m.

Celebration Service

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