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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

CURRENT EVENTS

NOVEMBER 19, 2017



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

Worship Notes

We welcome all to worship at Peace.

To make your worship more enjoyable please note:

- ❖ A nursery is available for all of our services. We have busy bags located at the back of the sanctuary for small children.
- ❖ We invite all to come forward for communion. Children who have not had first communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing.
- ❖ Our ushers and Welcome Center people would love to answer any of your questions and are here to serve.
- ❖ We have gluten-free wafers available for those with a gluten-free diet. Simply articulate your desire for a gluten-free wafer to the pastor or communion assistant and they will honor your request.
- ❖ Audio versions of current and past sermons are now available on our website www.peacebeavercreek.org in the media tab.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE

(Board Meetings, Catechism, Bible Studies, and Rehearsals)

Sun. 11/19 Congregation Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall

Tue: 11/21 Youth Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. in room 11

CONGREGATION MEETING: The **Congregation Meeting** will be held **Sunday, November 19**, at **9:30** in the Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER 12 -26 during the Heritage service will be using “Now the Feast and Celebration” liturgy.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 - Worship service at 5:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. – No Faith Formation Education Hour

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
(HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SERVICES)

4:00 p.m. – Family worship – nursery available

5:30 p.m. – Praise and worship service – nursery available

8:00 p.m. – Festival worship – nursery available

10:00 p.m. – Traditional worship – no nursery

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 - Worship service at 5:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. – No Faith Formation Education Hour

FIRST READING**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

SECOND READING**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 25:14-30**

¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, '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.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, '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.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

NEXT WEEK’S VERSES:

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46**

MINISTRY NEWS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EDUCATION: Sunday at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

STARTING NOVEMBER 26: The Light Will Shine: A Study for Advent. See Beyond the Hustle and Glitter of Commercial Christmas to Discover New Light in Traditional Texts and Seasonal Themes. Find fresh perspectives on the journey through Advent to Christmas and beyond. The books for this class will cost \$10.00.

- Watchful expectancy
- The Fulfillment of All Promises
- John the Baptizer

NOVEMBER 26 FOR THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE IN ENGLISH: Have you ever wondered which translation of the Bible to use? Have you ever wondered where all these versions came from? Join us for this one session.

DECEMBER 3 AND 10 we will use the Bible study sent out by the ELCA as we examine the name of the rite for The Word and Sacrament roster (deacons.) Ordination is the rite that is used for the Word and Sacrament roster (pastors.) The Word and Service roster (deacons) does not have an official rite.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be **Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m.** We invite you to stay after the service for the pie reception. If you would like to bring a pie to share, please sign on the "*I Worshipped Today*" sheet.

PEACEMAKERS: Save-the-date for our Christmas Gathering on **Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m.** We will provide more details later.

LACOMEDIA DINNER THEATER WITH THE PEACE MAKERS: We invite all Peace members to celebrate the New Year by attending the musical show "***Smoke on the Mountain***" matinee/luncheon at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26, at the LaComedia Theatre.** The ticket price is \$35. The ticket purchase is your reservation (cash or check). Make your checks payable to "***Peacemakers***". The deadline for purchasing tickets is December 3. For information, contact Marilyn Elliott (848-8397), Robin Jones (429-2997), or Bonnie Gunderson (426-5883).

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: There will be an Intergenerational Christmas Party in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, December 3, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.** starting with a potluck dinner. There will be an opportunity for individuals and families to make an advent wreath for their homes. (Come with \$10.00, and you will receive an Advent wreath base, greenery, candles and an Advent devotional for your family or \$4.00 for new candles if you already have a base.) The evening will end with a few Christmas carols and a Christmas blessing. Please sign-up at the welcome desk.

QUILT MINISTRY is in need of flat sheets, twin size or larger. We always accept all cotton fabric and there are kits available to sew at home. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Fix at 431-8571.

TABLES OF FELLOWSHIP: This is a three-month-long dinner group/fellowship beginning in January that involves a hosted dinner once a month. There is a host family and scheduled guest families. Each month, a different family hosts a dinner and prepares the main entrée. The guests bring side items to the dinner. We are looking to form two groups: one for adults only and one with families. If interested, please sign up on the "*I Worshipped Today*" sheet and indicate which group you would like to join. For more

information, please contact Sharon Hagedorn at 848-8705. (Suggested dates are the 4th Saturday of the month for three months: January 27, February 24, and March 24.)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is on **December 17** during the **10:45 a.m.** Celebration Worship Service. **We will be rehearsing during the Sunday Faith Formation Education Hour with an additional dress rehearsal on December 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (G.I.F.T.) our fellowship group for families with young children (4/5 years olds – 5th grade and siblings) will gather at Peace in the Narthex/Nursery on **November 19, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** We will begin with a short lesson on thankfulness and then have a pot luck dinner followed by board games. Come and join in the fun and fellowship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MiX: January 12-14 for 6th – 8th graders. Get out of the building and into the mix during this high energy middle school retreat. We will have time for worship, discovery Bible Study, prayer, engaging discussions, and camp fun. The MiX is a great way for 6th graders to join in the fun and a transformative experience for our confirmation students. High school student leaders are welcome to join in on the fun. The cost of the retreat is \$106.00 and the registration deadline is December 20. Please see Pastor Carey or Deacon Dan for registration materials or if you have any questions.

SCHOOL'S OUT, CAMP'S IN! MLK RETREAT January 14-15, at Lutheran Memorial Camp, Sunday-Monday for grades K-5. Don't waste this wonderful day off school in the house; spend it in the woods and open your Bibles, and give praise and worship to God. This is a retreat for all of our children grades K-5th. Student leaders (9-12 grade youth) are encouraged to attend and help lead and engage the younger students. The cost of the retreat is \$81.00 and the registration deadline is December 20. Please see Pastor Carey for registration material or if you have any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL CONNECT RETREAT AT CAMP KERN: March 2-4. Join us for a weekend full of friends, fun, and faith for high school youth from around the area. Over a dozen college leaders from Ohio State will provide speakers, a band, small group discussion, etc. for a great weekend retreat. The cost is **\$90 and is due February 4.** Please indicate if you, or your high school student are interested in attending the retreat on the *"I Worshiped Today"* sheet by **Sunday, November 12.** Additional details and information will be communicated by email in early December to those interested.

FUN-IN-FAITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETREAT February 23-24, at Lutheran Memorial Camp, Friday – Saturday. Come and experience a great introduction to camp through fun activities, while learning about your faith. This is a retreat for all of our children grades 2-5. Student Leaders (9-12 grade youth) are encouraged to attend and help lead and engage the younger students. The cost of the retreat is \$71.00 and the registration deadline is February 4. Please see Pastor Carey for registration material or if you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DISCIPLESHIP REDEFINED: **February 16-18, at Lutheran Memorial Camp for all confirmation students.** Transform your confirmation experience by getting out of church and into the camp setting where we will explore the

theme “Discipleship Redefined” with hands on Bible study activates that will engage our youth. The cost of the retreat is \$106.00 and the registration deadline is January 28. Please see Pastor Carey or Deacon Dan for registration materials or if you have any questions.



PEOPLE NEWS

God’s blessings on Evelyn Savannah Frances Ruch, Braden Mark Jackson, Colby Matthew Todd, and Blake Todd who are being baptized at the 10:45 a.m. service. These are the children of Brittney Rice and Greg Ruch.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

PEACE WALKERS meet every **Monday at 7:00 p.m.** in room 10/12, **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** in room 10/12, and **Saturday at 9:30 a.m.** in room 16. Join us for about an hour with Peace members and friends. Pick up your information sheet at the Welcome Desk.

PEACE PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS: There are three (3) ways you can communicate prayer chain requests:

- (1) Call the church office 426-1441,
- (2) Email your prayer requests to Bonnie Botschner at prayers@peacebeavercreek.org, or
- (3) call Laura Kronz 912-5949.

Please be sure you have the person’s consent to the prayer request and release of their personal information.

* If you would like to receive the prayer requests via email, please send an email indicating your desire to Bonnie Botschner.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Do you know someone who would enjoy the gift of a prayer shawl? Our prayer shawls are prayerfully hand-crafted by members of Peace Lutheran Church who enjoy sharing this gift and their comforting prayers with others. If you know someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, stop by the church office to choose one.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HYGIENE PANTRY at Christ Lutheran assists 30-35 families each month. Because of the generosity of the Peace congregation, we are able to help supply families with things like laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, disposable razors, etc. Please consider donating items in the bin marked Hygiene Pantry in the coat closet or making a monetary donation in a yellow pew envelope marked Hygiene Pantry. There is a list of items we

can use in the coat closet on the Hygiene Pantry bin.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

DONATION OPPORTUNITY: Are you cleaning out your closets? Have your children grown out of their clothes, coats, or boots from last year? Peace has opportunities for you to easily donate items to charities when you come to the church. There are collection bins down by the fellowship hall for **Hannah's Treasure Chest** (gently used children's clothing and toys) and **The Jeremiah Tree** (men's clothing, coats, and shoes) for homeless men in Xenia.

The Jeremiah Tree, in Xenia, Ohio, is a new partner with Peace. The organization seeks to empower, educate, and help men in need by linking them to ministries and agencies to gain appropriate assistance. As a gateway for benevolence services, Jeremiah's Tree, connects those in need to Christ, Community and Counsel, as well as clothing, food, and emergency services. You can help by bringing in used men's clothing, shoes/boots, and coats to assist our new partner agency.

Hannah's Treasure Chest, a respected children's charity in Centerville, OH, enriches the lives of children in need by providing clothing, books, toys, and other essential items through a network of partner agencies in four counties. Additional programs include Brighter Smiles dental kits, Beds for Babies, Backpack Bonanza, and Giving Angels. Since 2001, Hannah's Treasure Chest has maintained a warehouse of donated clothing, infant/toddler, equipment and other items to respond quickly to client requests. When a partner agency, like Peace, identifies a child in need, Hannah's provides essential items to the agency, which in turn delivers them to the child. Each year Hannah's Treasure Chest enriches the lives of over 7,000 local children in need through all programs and services. Peace has been blessed to be a partner with this organization. We have been able to help many families in our community through this program.

To learn more about these partner agencies, please check out their Facebook pages. Volunteers are always welcome. Specific questions can be directed to Cindy Howley chkhsbehmh@aol.com or 776-2834.

FOOD/HYGIENE PANTRY REQUEST: Homestyle bakes, jelly, syrup, pancake mix, toilet paper, trash bags, Kleenex, pine sol, laundry detergent, shampoo/conditioner.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL HOMELESS SHELTER is currently housing over 100 children. They are desperately in need of towels, twin sheets, blankets, and children's shoes of all sizes. You may either drop off your donation in the coat room and mark it St Vincent DePaul or take to the homeless shelter at 120 W. Apple St., Dayton, Ohio.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION / BOX TOPS: The members of Peace collect items, which are normally thrown out, but are useful to someone else. Two of these are Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education. The collection box for both of these is outside the library.

HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST: The following items are in need for local families right now: baby bathtubs, infant car seats, strollers (full or umbrella), high chairs, toddler gates, crib sheets and blankets, toddler blankets, twin sheets and blankets, infant towels & washcloths, regular towels & washcloths, boys socks sizes toddler, small, medium, & large, boys underwear, boys pants sizes 5T, 6T, 7 and 8, boys long-sleeve shirts sizes 5T, 6T, 7 & 8, boys gym shoes and boots - all sizes needed, girls socks sizes toddler, small, medium, and large, girls underwear sizes 2T, 3T, 6, 16, 18, girls gym shoes & boots - all sizes needed. The drop off is located downstairs, outside the fellowship hall, near the restrooms.