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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CURRENT EVENTS

AUGUST 20, 2017

There are many women in the Scriptures who are profoundly connected to God's story but remain unnamed. In this story, we have a person simply called "a Canaanite woman" whose persistence pays off in the healing of her daughter. All kinds of barriers are broken in her encounter with Jesus. As followers of Jesus, we need to consider what barriers are preventing us from doing the work of God in the world.

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)

Mon. 8/21 **Executive Board** meeting at 6:30 p.m. in room 11

Wed. 8/23 **Quilters, Mat Makers, Scrap Bookers, and Card Makers** meet at 10:00 a.m. in room 15

“THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER” GERMANY TOUR IN FALL 2018.

Pastor Steve is investigating the interest of a trip to Germany to visit the homeland of Martin Luther. The tour is put together by Central Holidays Tour agency and includes round trip flight, hotel accommodations for seven (7) nights, seven (7) buffet breakfasts and three (3) dinners. On Sunday, **October 1, at 1:00**, Ben Weintraub of Central Holidays will be here to answer questions for all interested. We will need 20 participants in order to book this trip. If interested, please stop by and pick up a sheet at the welcome desk.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:15 P.M. – PRAISE SERVICE

SUNDAY 8:15 A.M. – HERITAGE SERVICE

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. – FAITH FORMATION HOUR

(4 years old – 5th grade begins in room 10/12)

(middle & high school will meet in the youth room)

SUNDAY 10:45 A.M. – CELEBRATION SERVICE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

NEXT WEEK'S VERSES:**Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138,
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20**

MINISTRY NEWS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION STARTING AUGUST 20:

THE HISTORICAL JESUS: A MIDDLE EASTERN VIEW: Pastor Steve will lead a discussion on the historical reliability of Scripture using the work of internationally acclaimed scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey. Dr. Bailey shares insights regarding the role of oral tradition in Middle Eastern culture—then and now. Bailey draws on over 40 years of living and teaching in the Middle East. His brilliant, well-supported responses and down-to-earth examples make for absorbing viewing and faith-building discussion. This class will be in the fellowship hall.

THE LUTHERAN COURSE taught by Pastor Carey. The subjects that will be taught in this three week class are:

The three most rebellious things Jesus did.

How to read the Bible.

How to share your faith with someone.

Divine Drama Returns! Do not let the title throw you for a loop. We will not be acting or wearing costumes. Rather, the title, “Divine Drama,” is chosen because this Bible study looks at the cosmic action of God across the sweep of time. This study will link Genesis with David, Moses, Jesus, and Paul. Divine Drama will start **Wednesday, August 30**, and end **December 13**. We will meet from **6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** There is a student book and the cost per couple or for singles is \$20 for the manual. For all those interested in attending, please sign up on the “*I Worshiped Today*” sheet, and write “book” if you need a book. For those who are repeating this class, there is no cost: simply sign up. Money will be collected the first day of class.

CARD MAKERS & SCRAP BOOKERS: We invite you to join the quilters and mat makers on **Wednesday, August 23, at 10:00 a.m.**

COMMUNITY DINNER: Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, August 26**, at Christ Lutheran to help set up, serve, and clean up. Arrive after **4:30 p.m.** The meal starts at **5:00 p.m.** Sign the “*I Worshiped Today*” sheet if you can help. For more information, please call Marlene Fosheim at 878-6865.



HERITAGE HYMNS OF OUR FAITH: **Sunday, August 27, at 3:00 p.m.** As we continue to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, come and listen to a piano/organ recital featuring great hymns of our faith. Peace Lutheran Church’s Director of Music, Linda Hill Lally, will be presenting a recital with special guest artist, pianist Barbara Watson. The recital will feature recognizable hymn tunes set in new and unique ways. The program will feature organ solos, piano four-hand duets, as well as piano/organ duets. The concert is free and open to the public.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our next blood drive is coming, up and it is the “Battle of the Badges 2017.” **Monday, August 28, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.** You can sign up at www.donortime.com, sponsor code: 156. Come support your favorite group of Fire Fighters or Police in this annual fun competition. Firehouse chili, cookies, and drinks will

be provided courtesy of the auxiliaries. The gift this month is a "Scouting for Donors" t-shirt. Signup to enter a drawing for an Indian Scout sixty motorcycle.

POPCORN FESTIVAL is **September 9 – 10, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Each year we join the Beaver Creek community celebration with a booth at the festival, handing out lemonade, water, and bracelets for the kids. Please volunteer to share a fun few hours sharing goodwill with our neighbors. If you would like to participate, sign the "*I Worshiped Today*" sheet.

FOOD PANTRY: We are in need of canned fruit, pancake mix, syrup, macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, and boxed potatoes.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS is an ELCA outreach scheduled for September 10. This is the week of the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival, and for us this is a big opportunity to reach out. We will have our own God's Work Our Hands day on **Sunday, September 17**, starting around **11:30 a.m.** We will have opportunity to reach out including making of plastic mats, quilts, and other activities to be shared. **Look for more to come.**

WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Are you looking for a service opportunity in worship? We are looking to add a few more volunteers to our **altar guild, ushers, readers, assisting ministers, and A/V crew.** If you are interested in one of these opportunities, please sign up on the "*I Worshiped Today*" sheet.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: Rehearsals begin at the end of August. If you are interested in playing with the Winds of Peace, ringing hand bells with the Peace Ringers, or singing with the Chancel Choir or Celebration Ensemble, this is the perfect time to join. Please contact Linda Hill Lally if you are interested at linda.lally@peacebeavercreek.org.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED: As we work to fill orders for school supplies with our adopt-a-families and others, we have some specific needs. Here is a list: pointed scissors, notebook dividers, gallon Ziploc bags, dry erase markers and erasers, ear buds, paper, tissues, composition notepads, and red pens. We will be collecting these supplies throughout August at church. Place them in the big black box on the way into the sanctuary. Thank for these items.

FEED THE CREEK is in need of 3 ounce pop-top canned tuna. There is a barrel in the coat closet for this purpose.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

FAITH FORMATION: Please prayerfully consider volunteering for our Faith Formation programming. If you have questions about how you can be a part of our Faith Formation programs, please see Pastor Carey or Pam Hillard.

FALL FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Registration forms for Fall Faith Formation classes can be found in the narthex on the Faith Formation table.

WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION starts September 6.

YOUNG'S DAIRY: Please join us for fun, fellowship, and ice cream on **October 15** at Young's Dairy. Watch for more details on this event as we head into fall.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING: June 27 - July 1, 2018: Watch for a mailing coming to your house soon

PEOPLE NEWS

We thank Susie Dean for her gift of coloring our bulletin cover and theme slide.

God's blessings on Nathan Hendrickson at his baptism on Saturday, August 19. Nathan is the son of Emily and Joshua Hendrickson.

We would like to say thank you to Amanda Roberts and Chris Slone for filling in this weekend while Linda Lally is on vacation.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION ROW

The City of Beavercreek has built the bypass on the south side of Dayton Xenia Road. The north side (west bound) lanes will soon be closed for widening. This phase should last until November 1. Please be careful driving along Dayton Xenia Rd. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL.**

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.