

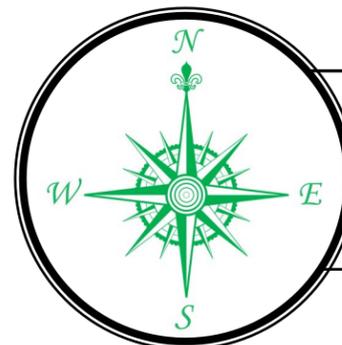


Peace Lutheran Church

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The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, May 2018

Summer Schedule 2018

From May 27 until September 2, 2018

5:15 p.m. Saturday - Praise

8:15 a.m. Sunday - Heritage

9:45 a.m. Sunday - Celebration

FROM PASTOR STEVE

The 2018 ELCA youth gathering is in Houston, June 27-July 1. We will have group of 10 youth and four advisers attending. I am excited to participate this year as a male advisor. The theme of the gathering is **"This Changes Everything!"** based on Ephesians 2:8, *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."* Over the course of the Gathering, we hope to explore the gift of grace, how it changes perspectives, and how it calls us to serve and share the good news.

Events for Gathering participants are scheduled in NRG Park, in hotels, as well as throughout the city of Houston with our service learning projects. Throughout the daily schedule of the Gathering, participants will have opportunities to engage in Interactive learning. This is where Lutherans, colleges and other service agencies have the opportunity to interact with youth and adults in a hands-on learning experience designed to introduce participants to your ministry.

We thank the members of Peace for the support that has been given with all the fund raisers held at the church. The big fundraiser still left is the **Golf Scramble at Beavercreek Gold Club on May 12**. Please continue to support our youth ministry by attending or making a donation on the website.

I truly look forward to participating with our youth as we serve, worship, and grow together in Grace at the gathering.

Peace,
Pastor Steve

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:15 p.m.

Praise Service

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

Heritage Service

9:30 a.m.

Faith Formation Education
Hour

10:45 a.m.

Celebration Service

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Our Ministers:	Every Member
Senior Pastor:	Stephen Kimm
Associate Pastor:	Carey Hovland
Youth Ministry Leader	Deacon Dan Jacob
Parish Administrator	Kevin Pyle
Director of Music	Linda Hill Lally
Administrative Assistant:	Christa Clelan
Custodian:	Brad Saunders
Nursery:	Melissa Ellis and Lindsay Hoskins
Wedding Coordinator:	Robin Jones

FROM DEACON DAN

The Youth Gathering in Their Own Words

Why would our youth and adults want to spend a week of their summer doing service projects and going to church with 30,000 other Lutherans? Well, here's what the group from Peace heading to the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston this June had to say:

"Throughout your life you have been to many events but how many do you remember or make a difference? I can guarantee you that you will remember and make a difference with this event. 30,000 people in 5 days will do a year's worth of community service. All the while connecting with others and God. The Lutheran Youth Gathering will change the lives of thousands of people, it's a week full of fun that will create life-long memories."

"This gathering will help the youth learn more about their religion and help their faith grow. This gathering can help the youth learn how not to be selfish and help others."

"We are part of the ELCA Youth Gathering and part of the collection of people who are reflecting God in the world. We do this through serving and connecting with communities outside of our hometown, growing our faith, and connecting with other youth groups from around the country. We will be aiding and building the community as a whole."

"It's the trip of a lifetime and the things you learn will stick with you for a lifetime. It strengthens roots in your faith. It helps you to grow into a better person. It teaches you to share what is best about yourself and most needed in the world."

Why go to Houston for the Youth Gathering? As our youth themselves have said, the gathering changes lives as it reshapes communities into a greater reflection of what God has intended. As 30,000 Lutherans seek to serve in the example of Jesus and embody God's grace, they'll enter into a discipleship that will carry them far beyond the city limits of Houston. The gathering theme, "This Changes Everything," could not be truer.

FROM LINDA LALLY

Please join us in Worship on Sunday May 20 at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. as we celebrate music here at Peace. Worship will feature music from Faith Formation singers, Chancel Choir, Peace Ringers, and Winds of Peace.

Calling all musicians! Are you interested in sharing your gifts of music in worship this summer? We are looking for soloists, duets, and small ensembles to share their gifts this summer during weekend worship. If you are interested, please contact Linda Hill Lally, Director of Music.

FROM KEVIN PYLE

GIVING CARDS

You've probably seen the blue cards in the pew pockets. These are our new "Giving Cards". Many people asked if there was a way to give to Peace via their cell phones. The "QR" code on these blue cards allows you to do just that.

All you need to do is scan the QR code, that square with all the funny marks on it, with your cell phone. You can download a QR reader from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Once you've scanned the QR code, your cell phone will automatically open our Simply Giving page hosted by Vanco. Fill in the information requested and your generous donation is made.

In addition to using the QR code, you can also use PayPal. Our web site has complete instructions.

We thank you for supporting our Mission of Peace.

Simply Giving QR Code



FROM PASTOR CAREY

Making Disciples through our Vacation Bible School Ministry

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 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: 18-20 NRSV

We are called through God's Word, our Baptismal covenant, and in our mission statement to Go and Make Disciples! Part of making disciples is teaching God's Word and helping others see the relevance of God's Word in their lives. One way that Peace chooses to engage in the ministry of making disciples is through our Vacation Bible School Program.

Vacation Bible School offers you an opportunity to disciple children within our congregation. VBS also gives you an opportunity to invite children 4 years old - 5th grade to come and join us on a week-long adventure where faith and God's Word are seen through Bible Storytelling, crafts, recreation, science, and snack as we build relationships with one another. It is a great opportunity for youth from Peace and the community to learn leadership skills as they work alongside our adult volunteers and help shepherd, teach, and build relationships with the children. But Vacation Bible School is not just for children and youth, it is a great opportunity for adults to continue to grow in discipleship. We model faith through our teaching and shepherding.

This year our theme is Rolling River Rampage, "Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God." We will be learning that when we pass through the waters, God will be with us (Isaiah 43:2). We will see God's presence as

- ❖ Jesus Calls the Disciples (Matthew 4:18-25);
- ❖ Jesus Accepts Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42);
- ❖ Jesus Walks with Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10);
- ❖ Jesus Shares a special meal (Luke 22:14-20);
- ❖ Jesus Makes a Promise (Matthew 28:16-20)

Vacation Bible School gives us all a space and time to care for our youngest disciples, help foster leadership in our youth, and become visible models of faith.

If you would like to participate or volunteer, please fill out a VBS registration form, which will be available May 14 online or at the youth and family table, and return it to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Pam Hillard or Pastor Carey at pastorcarey@peacebeavercreek.org.

WHERE YOUR HEART IS

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. John 1:12

It came rolled up like a treasure map, and indeed it was a great treasure to the young mother who knew the cost of her daughter's gift. The giver, not quite five, attended preschool in the afternoons. A wonderful place that provided many enriching opportunities for the little ones to "do their work."

All the children loved the freedom of going from center to center. They could spend as much time at a project doing it over and over if they wanted. It was play at its best.

The young mother knew about this specific work. Other children had tried to complete it, but it took a long time, many days to finish. She "oohed" and "ahhed" over the large paper as she unrolled it.

"A map of the who-o-o-o-le world," the little one said.

Each of the seven continents had to be traced, cut out, and colored. Lots of extra glue stick had gone into cementing the pieces to the paper in their right locations. Finally, each continent was labeled in her best printing. Days and days of work went into this moment when she would offer the gift, watch its unrolling, and wait for the response she knew would come. "Oh, Jill. You must have spent hours!" "I did," she said. Imagine a God who promises us that if we receive and believe, we will have the power to become children—over and over again. Children who spend hours and hours working for the kingdom, and are happy about it. No obligation. No guile. Just wanting to love in the best way we can. Come on, children, there's work to be done.

FINANCIAL STANDINGS

<u>March 2017</u>	
GOAL	\$83,730
INCOME	\$67,650
EXPENSES	\$67,166
<u>March 2018</u>	
GOAL	\$81,164
INCOME	\$50,385
EXPENSES	\$62,916