

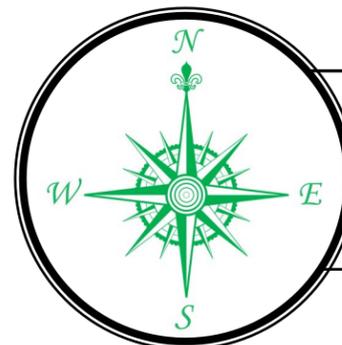


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The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, July 2019

FROM PASTOR CAREY



This past week, I spent every morning with over 85 Voyagers and 50 galactic volunteers at our To Mars and Beyond Vacation Bible School. It has been an amazing week of discovering God's Word through crafts, games, science, snacks, storytelling, and music.

Our theme verse for the week was "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!" – Ephesians 3:20

While out traveling through the Astro Zone, we found new and exciting ways to see God's Power at work in us!

On Monday we went Beyond with **Faith** as we saw Daniel Trust God in the Lions' Den.
(Daniel 6)

On Tuesday we went Beyond with **Boldness** as we saw Queen Esther Take a Stand.
(Esther 4-9)

On Wednesday we went Beyond with **Kindness** as we saw The Good Samaritan Help a Fellow Traveler.
(Luke 10:25-37)

On Thursday we went Beyond with **Thankfulness** as we saw Jesus Heal 10 Lepers.
(Luke 17:11-19)

On Friday we went Beyond with **Hope** as we saw Jesus Comfort Friends on the Way to Emmaus.
(Matthew 24:13-35)

As we went To Mars and Beyond this year, we were able to see the power of God at work both within us and as we go beyond the church out into the community. We learned that we can trust in God and that God is always with us as we **boldly** go into the world and show **kindness** to others, and are **thankful** for what God has given us. We have **hope** as we go with friends out into the world to Share Christ, Serve Community and Grow Disciples.

During the week, we collected school supplies, food, hygiene items and monetary donations to help others in our community see God's power at work through us. We raised \$380.00 and collected a space container full of food, hygiene products and school supplies.

It was an amazing week as we saw the glory of God working in and through us to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!

I would encourage each of you to ask one of our children about VBS and let them tell you all the amazing things they learned, experienced and discovered this week!

Also don't forget to check out all of the VBS Photo's @ www.peacebeavercreek.org – under the photo gallery VBS 2019 - To Mars and Beyond tab.

I can't wait for next summer's VBS! Pastor Carey



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:15 p.m.

Praise Service

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

Heritage Service

9:45 a.m.

Celebration Service

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Senior Pastor:	Stephen Kimm
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Youth Ministry Leader	Deacon Dan Jacob
Parish Administrator	Kevin Pyle
Director of Music	Linda Hill Lally
Administrative Assistant:	Mary Haller
Custodian:	Brad Saunders
Nursery:	Melissa Ellis and Lindsay Hoskins
Wedding Coordinator:	Robin Jones

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a note to all the disciples of our congregation who have been affected by the recent **Memorial Day tornadoes**. This is sort of a form letter so there may be some things that don't apply if you are a renter and vice versa for a homeowner.

In working with John Pyron, the Director of Lutheran Disaster Services and this is what he recommends. I am leading the effort for our Dayton Conference. This is the same information I am giving to anyone affected by the tornadoes—no matter how little or great the damage.

First, you should call the **Red Cross at 844.810.5844**. Register with them and see if there is anything they can assist you with.

Visit a FEMA site and register with them. Even if you have insurance you will have expenses that were not met by insurance. FEMA should have funds to be able to assist you with additional unmet cost after insurance. **You still qualify for FEMA funds even if you have insurance.** FEMA will be at Shaw Elementary School, 3560 Kemp Rd., Beavercreek. They're also at Trotwood High School and Children's Hospital in Dayton. **You can go to any FEMA site.** FEMA is not a give-away. These are your tax dollars at work. If you get money you are not taking it away from anyone else. I encourage you not to leave money on the table. You deserve to be made as financially whole as possible. You must register with FEMA **in the first 60 days** after the federal declaration has been signed. Right now, (unless they extend it) the cut off day to register is **August 18th**. Once you pass that day you can no longer access any FEMA funds or help. Register now.

You should also visit the **Greene County Auditor's** site to see if you qualify for any property tax relief. In Greene County, properties damaged or destroyed in the Memorial Day tornadoes may be eligible for a deduction in taxable property value. Call the Greene County Auditor's Office at 937-562-5065 or visit <https://www.co.greene.oh.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1630> to complete and submit a form. The Greene County Auditor also has an app to help assess property damage. It can be found at <https://www.co.greene.oh.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1637>.

If you live in another county, contact your local county auditor. A list of county auditors can be found at <https://caao.org/auditors-directory/>.

For renters there are funds through Red Cross and FEMA for deposit money, rent assistance and loss of property inside your apartment.

We have a survey form for LSS Disaster posted on our web site. We are working with them to make sure that you don't have any unmet needs down the road.

Please call the church office to check in or if you have a need or a question. All this can be a bit of a maze with hoops to jump through, but we encourage you to register and apply.

Our prayers are with you and we promise, we will do all we can to help you, or find you help.



Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve



Pastor Carey

STORYTELLER AND DOORKEEPER NEEDED

Interested in learning Bible stories and being a story teller during Godly Play this Fall? Then we have the opportunity for you. There is a curriculum to follow word for word and how to move with Montessori Manipulatives. We are also looking for a door keeper to welcome students and help with classroom management. Meetings will be in late July and August for training. If you are interested or want more information, please see Pastor Carey.

GODLY PLAY: A WAY TO WONDER TOGETHER

"Godly play" is a term coined by Jerome Berryman to describe an approach to children's spiritual formation that is based on creating a sacred space in which to present the stories of our faith, wonder about them together, and then allow the children open-ended opportunities, usually with art supplies, to engage the story on their own terms.

The stories are told very simply, with simple props, and without interpretation or moral instruction. After a story is presented, the children and the storyteller wonder together about aspects of the story that draw their interest. For instance, with the parable of the Good Shepherd, they might wonder together how the sheep felt as they followed the shepherd. Or whether the sheep have names. Or how it might feel to be inside the sheepfold.

After a time of exploring the story with wondering, the story is put away, the children choose the art supplies they would like to work with, and they spend some time creating whatever they choose, in response to what they feel is most important in the story, or most interesting.

This is play. It is Godly. It is meeting God along with children rather than teaching them what we adults think they ought to know. Our faith stories are very powerful and offer plenty to think about even without our elaboration on what they "mean." Godly play is often deeply satisfying for the adults who engage the stories along with the children here at church or at home. (Used with permission from Barbara K. Laufersweiler, <http://www.faith-at-home.com/>)

As we begin to journey with our children and youth and even our adults in Godly Play, we are looking for donations (physical items or monetary donation) to help create our Godly Play space filled with storytelling and art response material.

2 small box (jewelry box)	1 8" Pillar Candle	Myrrh
5 ½ feet of Gold Cording	1 pillar candle holder	Gold covered coins
3 pearls	Small Metal box to hold book of matches	Tray
Brown felt	Basket	Small Dove (White)
Tan Felt	candle snuffer	Sand bowl
Green Felt	Tweezers	4 blue/white tapered candles
Glass Pitcher	Frankincense	4 tapered candle holders
Glass Bowl	Purple/white reversible bag (with draw sting closure) (6in X 8in)	

Compete Lessons

Circle of the Holy Eucharist (\$83.95)	Synagogue and the Upper Room (\$320.95)
The Ark and the Tent (\$272.90)	The Ark and the Temple (\$285.90)
The Books of the Bible (\$369.95)	Mary, the Mother of Jesus-Extension (\$108.95)
The Legend of the Easter Eggs (\$79.95)	Model of Bethlehem (\$56.00)
Paul's Travels & Letters (\$110.95)	Symbols of the Holy Eucharist (\$2,214.95)
Good Shepherd and World Communion (\$332.95)	The Church (\$1,349.95)
The Prophet Jonah w/felted whale Introductory(\$181.95)	Saul Changes (\$49.95)

THANK YOU VOLUTEERS

I would like to say thank you to everyone who volunteered this week; all of our puppeteer, teachers, shepherds, AV technicians, photographers, floaters, singers, youth helpers, and all those who helped behind the scene with decorating, packing t-shirts and CD's.



VBS would not be possible without all of your dedication and hard work. Thank you so much.
Pastor Carey

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

We are in ministry together. Ministry is not an individual thing. Although we each receive a calling to do a specific thing in the body of Christ. We become a part of one body. That is the Apostle Paul's analogy in many of his letters. We need each other. We are better TOGETHER.

So often the Pastor is to minister to others... at least that's the way many think. There is truth in this. Nevertheless – you minister and have ministered to me and my family.

Brothers and Sisters, I share my love and appreciation for the way that many of you have rallied around me and my family at the passing of my mother. You have ministered to me. The love shared in your cards, the funeral meal and, especially your presence has ministered to me and my whole family. We are tremendously grateful for this out pouring of love.

I also realize that many of you came to know and appreciate my mother, Edna, and her generous, sweet presence and mild New York accent. Mom had a way of sharing Jesus love through her smile, wisdom, friendship and knowledge. This too has been a blessing as you not only supported me and my family but you also grieved together with us, the person she was in your lives. Again, I am blessed and overflowing with gratitude.

Thank you,
Pastor Steve

TANZANIA MISSION TRIP TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN ZINGA

If you are still interested in joining Pastor Carey on the mission trip to Tanzania and have not yet registered, there is still time! The Trip is scheduled for May 23 – June 6, 2020. We are looking for all skill levels from being able to sweep the floor or paint to more complex projects, typing and administration skills to Medical Dr's who can see patients. There is something for everyone as we help to grow this hospital and the services it provides to the community. If you plan to go, and have not yet talked to Pastor Carey please do so ASAP as we will be booking our tickets this July for next summer trip.

FINANCIAL STANDINGS

APRIL 2018	
BUDGET	\$67,476.00
INCOME	\$51,805.70
EXPENSES	\$52,061.14
APRIL 2019	
GOAL	\$74,361.00
INCOME	\$52,547.33
EXPENSES	\$70,505.38

UPCOMING AT PEACE

July 14, 2019 - Congregation Bowling Event at 2:30 p.m.
August 18, 2019 - Congregation Picnic at 11:00 a.m.
September 7, 2019 - Fall Worship schedule and Faith Formation classes begin
September 15, 2019 - God's Work, Our Hands (service opportunity)
September 28, 2019 - Community Pig Roast