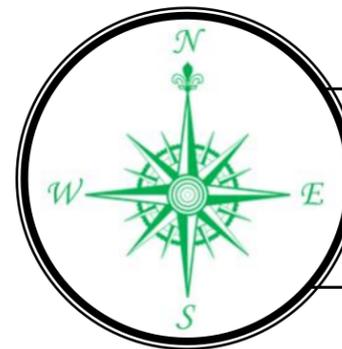




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The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, August 2020

UPDATED WORSHIP OPTIONS WITH COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

Greetings!

It is August, plans are being made for school in light of covid19-realities. Sports teams are trying to figure out how to have fall sports, if at all. We are undoubtedly in unrepresented times within our lifetimes.

As a church we are continuing, as well, to roll with the times, adjusting as we need to. At this point, I want to thank all the hard working volunteers that have given time and effort to enable us to worship each weekend. Without your participation we would be unable to have worship, face to face as well as virtually on YouTube. Thank you.

Secondly, I have included, later in the article, our new policy for determining feasibility for face to face worship based on the Ohio Covid website. It was approved by council July 21.

Third, it is looking like we will be dealing with these Covid realities for months to come. The education board has determined there will be no face to face learning opportunities for the remainder of the year. However, Pastor Carey and I will be offering a virtual class called "Faith out loud" for adults, three times a week. We hope we have covered times that are possible for people to connect. Pastor Carey will offer the class on Monday at noon, I will offer it on Wednesdays at 6:30 and on Thursdays at 2:00.

Summer and Early-Fall Policy for Covid 19 pandemic Worship Options.

Ohio has developed a warning system on this website from the Ohio public health advisory system: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/>. For the sake of this policy we will use the information for Greene County. The key factor in determining what services are offered is airflow.

****When the public health chart for Greene County is at a level 1 or 2, Peace will hold worship****

- 5:15pm Saturday outside
- 8:15am Sunday inside fellowship hall
- 10:15am Sunday outside
- YouTube 12:00pm Sunday

****When the public health chart for Greene County is at a level 3, Peace will hold worship****

- 5:15pm Saturday outside
- 10:15am Sunday outside
- YouTube 12:00pm Sunday

****When the public health chart for Greene County is at a level 4, Peace will hold worship****

- YouTube 10:00 am Sunday only

This policy will be acted on and implemented as early as possible to give time for information to be conveyed to the congregation and regular visitors. We will send information by NewsBits and mail (for those without email) as well as use the TV broadcast methods available.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE At Pavilion

Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

In Fellowship Hall

Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

YOU TUBE CHANNEL

PEACE LUTHERAN BEAVERCREEK

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=peace+lutheran+beavercreek

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Administrative Assistant:	Mary Haller
Custodian:	Brad Saunders
Nursery:	Melissa Ellis and Lindsay Hoskins
Wedding Coordinator:	Robin Jones

STEWARDSHIP - AUTOMATIC GIVING

Many people have memories of seeing the offering envelope on the kitchen table every Sunday morning before coming to church. The envelope contained a check that was handwritten and sealed up to be handed in when the offering plate passed through the pew. To them it is a metaphor of service to God, giving back to God what he gave to us.

Times have changed and today most Americans pay at least some of their bills automatically. This happens in a variety of ways: Some payments are automatically charged to a credit card, while others are debited against a bank account.

Some advantages to the person making payments this way are:

- * Reduced worry of missing a payment
- * Help in managing cash flow
- * Less bookkeeping work
- * Time savings of not having to write a check

During the current Covid-19 pandemic, a new reason someone might make automatic payments is that they are contact free for both the giver and the recipient. The church is able to help you with setting up automatic payments if you desire. Some suggestions on how you can set up automatic giving to Peace Lutheran Church.

1. You can simply tell your bank to send the church a check either weekly or monthly (or whatever timing you desire). Normally this comes at no fee to you.
2. Use an automatic payment system. Please contact Kevin Pyle @ kevin.pyle@peacebeavercreek.org to get the form to authorize. Once we receive the form and a voided check, we can set it up for you
3. On our website (<https://www.peacebeavercreek.org/>), you can click on the Simply Giving picture or tab to set up an automatic payment.

In all of these scenarios, the terms can be changed at any time.

"I am one of those who prefers to physically put my offering into the basket each week. It's a form of worship, giving back to God. With the recent events, we have started to give via the Simply Giving at Peace. It has allowed us to continue to give as we pledged, without having to mail a check each week." - Mark Foringer

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Starting August 24, 2020 - "Faith Out Loud: Talking about What Matters Most."

The Board of Christian Education has formulated a plan for Faith formation this fall through the end of 2020. ALL faith formation educational classes and activities for children, youth and adults will continue to take place virtually or at home with printed material because of the continued uncertainty in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We do not believe at this time that gathering in person will be the best choice in the face of reports which indicate that we could see additional increases in Covid-19 cases this fall.

We will be offering Adult Faith Formation education classes on Mondays from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. All three sessions will be using the same bible study top "Faith Out Loud: Talking about What Matters Most." This series is designed to help people name, claim and speak their own unique experience of God. We often look for the powerful, transcendent experiences where God's power and presence is evident. This series will also help us to recognize and talk about God's activity even in the mundane and simple experiences of our lives. This faith formation education class will run from August 24, 2020 through the Nov 5, 2020. Please fill out your "I Worshipped Today" or contact the church office to get signed up.

BLOOD DRIVE



The next blood drive at Peace Lutheran Church will be **August 17, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.** There is an online signup at www.donortime.com; our sponsor code is 156.

The Community Blood Center is providing single wrapped refreshments during the pandemic; therefore, no baked goods are needed.

The CBC is taking all of the precautions that are required to insure a safe donation process.

MANY THANKS

Pastor Carey wants to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and support for her family during her father's recent hospitalization. She feels blessed knowing so many took the time to think of her family during this time of need.



COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY

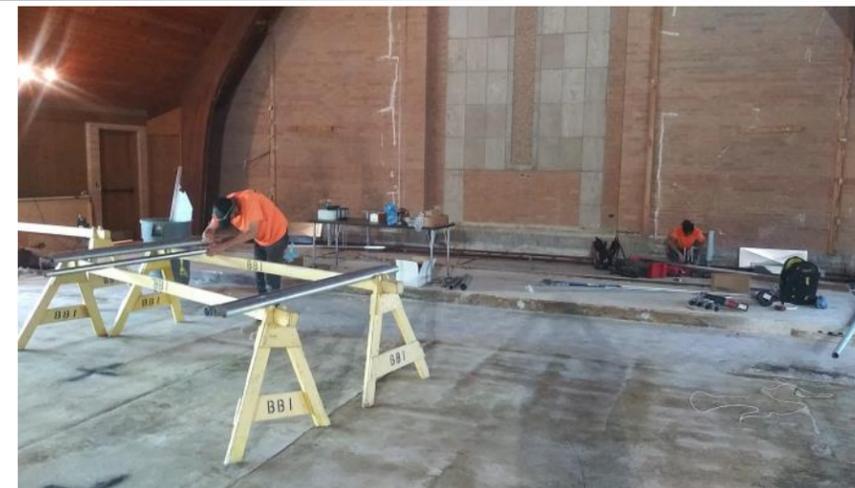


As school opening is scheduled for August 24, we will be collecting donations of school supplies for Parkwood elementary school. We will collect these at the lower entrance by the awning, and will have a box out during worship. We will be collecting Clorox wipes, colored pencils, composition notebooks, notebook paper, crayons, pencils, pens, glue (sticks and liquid), scissors, expo dry erase markers, highlighters, index cards, erasers, Post-It notes, tissues, markers, and pencil pouches. We have 70 masks going to Parkwood but are continuing to collect child size masks. already giving Parkwood 70 masks as we anticipate face-to-face school opening.

IHN HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Peace's IHN week is coming up August 23 - 29. We will provide meals during this week for the guest of Schneider House of Hope, Xenia, OH. If you would like to help please call Pam Gale 937 367 8802. The shelter also needs paper towels, toilet paper, Lysol spray and wipes, 20 gallon trash bags, and HE laundry soap. There will be a box by the basement door mark IHN for donations.

IHN has had to cancel many fund raisers this year because of COVID 19 if you would like to help please check out face book Schneider House of Hope/IHN Greene. ihnofgreeneco.org



FINANCIAL STANDINGS

<u>JUNE 2019</u>	
BUDGET	\$57,193.97
INCOME	\$74,061.21
EXPENSES	\$47,177.15
<u>JUNE 2020</u>	
GOAL	\$63,347.72
INCOME	\$62,698.09
EXPENSES	\$75,550.76

FIRST COMMUNION

We are excited to celebrate with our children as they take their first communion on **Sunday, August 16, 2020** during the **10:15 a.m.** outdoor worship service.

CONFIRMATION FALL 2020

Confirmation continues in the fall with classes starting on September 13. Since we already have a successful model for online classes from last spring, and as a precaution in order to keep everyone safe, we'll have class online via GoToMeeting. We will be continuing with our "CoLaborate" lessons which cover the Catechism, Old and New Testaments, as well as Lutheran Theology. Classes will be held on Sunday's from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will no longer be holding any Saturday classes. The lesson schedule remains consistent with the schedule that families have already received and can always be found on the church website or youth google calendar (goo.gl/GX7FzR). Pastor Carey and Deacon Dan are excited to continue exploring Scripture and faith with the youth and are eager to welcome a few new faces to class this year. We are also excited to be confirming several youth this October.

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education has formulated a plan for Faith formation this fall through the end of 2020. ALL faith formation educational classes and activities for children, youth and adults will continue to take place virtually or at home with printed material because of the continued uncertainty in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We know that with school beginning again in the fall there will be an increase in face to face contact and we want to help support the health and safety of both young and old. We do not at this time believe that gathering in person will be the best choice in the face of reports which indicate that we could see additional increases in Covid-19 cases this fall. Please note this means that we will not have a Children's Christmas Program in December. We will re-evaluate our faith formation education plan in November for winter/spring of 2021. Be on the lookout for more emails in August to get you registered for our Faith Formation Activities this fall.

Starting September 13, 2020:

Our youngest children **Preschool – 5th grade** will be receiving weekly lectionary whirl lessons which will be distributed on a monthly basis. These lessons will be sent electronically and/or printed and brought to your home. These lessons will contain the leader guide for which parents or older sibling can reference and teach from, along with the children's leaflets for them to use during the lessons. If you need additional crafting supplies please feel free to let Pastor Carey know and she will help arrange craft items to assist you in your lessons. We will also have a biweekly GoToMeeting fellowship time for our elementary school children on Sunday from 4:15pm-4:45pm and Wednesday evening from 6:00pm-6:30pm. There will be a short reading of the week's Bible story and time to go around and have share and tell time or another fellowship based activity.

Middle School Confirmation lessons – We will be continuing with our "CoLaborate" lessons online through our GoToMeeting platform. These lessons will follow the confirmation schedule you should have received earlier this year with our Sunday confirmation lessons taking place on Sunday's from 3:00pm – 4:00pm and Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm. The Saturday confirmation sessions listed on the calendar will no longer be offered, but please note that those lessons are being offered at another time during the year.

High Schoolers are invited to participate a "Heroes of Scripture and Screen" series in which Deacon Dan will led on the GoToMeeting platform. There will be faith discussions of favorite superhero, Disney, Harry Potter, and Star Wars movies compared with Biblical stories. We'd encourage families to watch the movies together and discuss (discussion guide will be available) on their own and join us as our youth discuss together online. High Schoolers are also invited to participate in our adult faith formation offering, see above, and they are always welcome to participate in our confirmation lessons because we can always continue to learn more about the bible, our Lutheran faith and our life together.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Our Summer 2020 Vacation Bible School has gone viral this summer!

Families from our congregation, previous Vacation Bible School participants and churches from around the Southern Ohio Synod have been checking out our online VBS.

We have had **46 families** from Peace Lutheran and **206 families** from around the Synod visit our Mystery Museum Vacation Bible School website. With over **460 visits to our VBS website** we know that families from our congregation and around the synod are filling their days with art projects, science experiments, games, songs, whodunnit episodes, and most importantly Bible stories and service projects.



We are excited our website offers families the opportunity to watch videos or print lessons to participate in VBS at home.

Our online Mystery Museum VBS was written by our very own youth leader - Deacon Dan. It investigated *The Case of the Vanishing Portraits* and answered the question **Blessed Are Who? 'with the help of Jesus' beatitudes.** Families from our church and around our synod have been discovering this summer that **They are blessed by God.**

On **day one** we went in search of **Esther the courageous queen** as we learned about the beatitude "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." (Esther 1-10)

On **day two** we went in search of **Mary the blessed believer** as we learned about the beatitude "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." (John 20:1-18)

On **day three** we went in search of **Deborah the heroic judge** as we learned about the beatitude "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." (Judges 4-5)

On **day four** we will in search of **Tabitha the beloved servant** as we learned about the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Acts 9:36-42)

On **day five** we went in search of **Miriam the fearless prophet** as we learned about the beatitude "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Exodus 2:1-10, 15)

If you would like to check out our VBS it continues to be available on our website www.peacebeavercreek.org or click on the link <https://www.peacebeavercreek.org/2020-vbs>.

You are more than welcome to share the Mystery Museum VBS with families, friends, and even strangers but please use the site that has been created for that purpose: bannerblue.org/mysterymuseum

SOCIALLY DISTANCED FAMILY PICNIC

Youth and their families are invited to a picnic on Sunday, August 23rd, at the Owens Place Shelter in Beavercreek. The picnic begins at 5:30P.M. and ends promptly by 6:30. We have a few creative challenges to help make this a fun and safe event:

- * Masks are required, and (sanitized) prizes will be given for the most inventively decorated masks.
- * At least one parent must attend per family, and that parent will receive a special treat.
- * Families will need to bring their own food, and youth are highly encouraged to be the cooks.
- * Families must be spaced six feet apart, and we'll play some fun games like pandemic bingo.

The Owens Place Shelter is located at Rotary Park (2260 Dayton Xenia Rd, Dayton, OH 45434). Please note that the church has reserved extra time in order to carefully sanitize and secure the space well ahead of the event. Bathrooms will be available and cleaned but using the bathroom at home before you leave for the event is recommended. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Deacon Dan (deacondan@peacebeavercreek.org) with any questions or concerns.