Peace intends to hold its first in person services Saturday, June 20 at 5:15 p.m. outside at the pavilion. We also intend to hold worship services Sunday June 21 at 8:15am in the fellowship hall and then at 10:15am outside at the pavilion. (We will also be posting worship for Sunday on our YouTube channel at 12:00.) These worship times will be consistent for the summer. All attending the in-person services are asked to wear masks and follow appropriate social distancing procedures. Below is a description of those services and the safety procedures to provide appropriate social distancing.

In a nutshell, we ask that all worshippers to wear masks and upon entering the worship area to use the hand sanitizer available. If worship is downstairs, we will have limited availability of 70 worshippers max, including staff and worship teams. Outside worship will take place at the pavilion with unlimited size potential. Worshippers are invited to bring their lawn chairs, tailgate tents, and umbrellas to worship outside. Worshippers are invited to spread out around the pavilion or even stay in your car and listen to the local FM broadcast. Please note during worship the outside playground is off limits.

Communion at all services will be continual, with five feet distances observed while in line to come forward. Worshippers will receive the body/bread from the presiding minister, who will have recently washed their hands and used sanitizer. After communing, assisting ministers will be handed a silver tray with individual cups spaced every other space and will rotate the tray as people come forward. Worshippers are invited to pick up the cup facing them on the most outer ring. Once communed, please discard the cup in the baskets supplied at the side of the worship space along the wall.

As always, if you would like a gluten-free wafer and/or a grape juice instead of wine please verbally announce your desire. The presider will offer the pix which contains gluten-free wafers. The assisting minister will turn the tray to a grape juice so that no one needs to reach across other plastic cups in the tray.

Note: we as Lutherans believe in “communion of one kind.” This means you may take only the wafer, or only the wine/grape juice and still receive the full benefits of communion. This is an option to consider when coming forward for communion. Communion will be brought to those desiring it and who are unable to come forward. During worship outside, a worshiper in their car in the upper lot, may leave your headlights on signaling for pastors to bring communion to you.

All services will receive an all-inclusive bulletin for that worship service. This means it will contain all the songs and liturgy for that service, as well as announcements. During this time of covid-19, we are asking all in worship to fill out the I-Worshipped-Today card in the bulletin so that we can track everyone’s attendance. You may place this filled out card in the offering baskets when coming forward for communion.

Offering will be brought forward by worshippers and placed in baskets near the front before communing. Because money carries lots of germs, we are asking that all offering be placed in an envelope. Envelopes will be available outside worship areas where sanitizer will be located.

Singing is a big part of our worship expression. We encourage all congregational worshippers to wear masks especially during singing. Passing of the Peace—will consist of a wave and talking with other worshippers from a safe distance.

We ask for volunteers to assist ushers after worship to clean the worship space, by using the spray bottles provided to spray all chairs, bathrooms and surfaces. We must provide time for all areas to be disinfected and dry before others may use the space. This is the reason for the change in worship times from, 5:15 Saturday and 8:15, 9:45 Sunday for summer worship in previous years, to this year 5:15 Saturday, 8:15 and 10:15 Sunday. We will be posting weekend worship on YouTube to premiere at 12:00 noon Sundays.

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RENOWN UPDATE

The “Hall of Servants” was an uplifting tradition from Peace’s past. All who were remembered with the plaques in the basement hall made significant contributions of time, talent and treasure to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. We value honor those saints and their contributions to Peace.

The council has unanimously decided to move the “Hall of Servants” up to the old Sunday school hallway to replace the confirmation class pictures displayed in that hallway. This is in order to provide space to share the current mission and ministries occurring at Peace in the hallway in the basement. The confirmation class pictures displayed in that hallway will be collected, recorded digitally and stored. Our hope is to provide a place on our website where the pictures of all confirmation classes may be viewed.

The reason for relocation, again is to provide space for us to uplift and promote the going ministries at Peace, and to share news with the congregation. For example, during this construction phase we will dedicate at least one of the spaces to sharing pictures of what is happening with construction upstairs with our ReNew campaign. This allows members and visitors alike to see the progress of our exciting renewal plans as well as to learn of activities related to our mission to: Share Christ, Serve Community and Grow Disciples.

PEACE DOVE SOCIETY

Your Name In the Spot Lights!!

The members of Peace’s Endowment Committee would like to put your name on the spot-lighted display in the narthex of the Church. In addition to the Committee, the 28 people whose names already appear on the Peace Dove Society display also would love to have you join them by making a direct gift to Peace’s Endowment fund or including Peace in your estate plans. We understand that estate planning is something many of you don’t consider until you are 30 or 40 something. And that, once you have a basic will or trust filed safely somewhere, you don’t think of it again for a few years. That said, the Committee is simply suggesting that when you turn to the subject of writing or updating your plans, please keep the work of Peace in the greater Community and Grow Disciples.

WORSHIP OPENING UP CONTINUED

During this transitional time, caring for the youngest in our congregation is very challenging. Because it is difficult to assure that our nursery toys and surfaces are clean and that infants and children are social distancing appropriately, we will not offer nursery or child care services for the immediate future. Once we can assure an appropriate policy for cleaning procedures we will once again offer nursery services. Outside worship is also a good opportunity for families to worship together in a relaxed environment.

Finally, I need to thank the worship board, congregational care board, church council members, our staff, the synod and governmental agencies that have been helpful in formulating the above guidelines for worship. This has been an ongoing process for the last two months to consider how to provide a safe environment of worship in the midst of the Covid-19 realities.

I look forward to seeing you in worship soon. And for those who need to stay home in order to stay safe, please stay in contact. All of you are in our prayers.

Peace to all,
Pastor Steve

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As you all know, even as we talk about moving away from sheltering at home, the need to continue to work on social distancing remains a reality. Because our VBS was scheduled for June and we believe we cannot ensure proper social distancing and sanitizing within the classrooms for VBS children, we have chosen to move our VBS this year to an online platform.

We are excited to announce that our VBS online theme this year will be Mystery Museum. We will look at the question “Blessed are Who?” as we study the Beatitudes. In honor of the ELCA’s 50th anniversary of the ordination of women we will focus this year on Women in the Bible.

On Monday we will go in search of Esther the courageous queen as we learn about the beatitude “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” (Esther 1-10)

On Tuesday we will go in search of Mary the blessed believer as we learn about the beatitude “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” (John 20:1-18)

On Wednesday we will go in search of Deborah the heroic judge as we learn about the beatitude “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” (Judges 4-5)

On Thursday we will go in search of Tabitha the beloved servant as we learn about the beatitude “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Acts 9:36-42)

On Friday we will go in search of Miriam the fearless prophet as we learn about the beatitude “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Exodus 2:1-10, 15)

This curriculum was written by our own youth leader Deacon Dan Jacob and we are excited to bring it into the comfort of your own homes. There will be special VBS tab on our website peacebeavercreek.org (https://www.peacebeavercreek.org/2020-vbs) which will have vacation bible school information including each day’s theme and a link to the whole VBS website where you can find all your favorite Vacation Bible School activities including; opening skits, bible studies, crafts, games, science experiments, snacks, service projects, and music. Here is our team of online VBS volunteers who plan to have all 5 days up and running on our website in time for our June 22-26, 2020 VBS week. We will send out another email once VBS is ready! Here is a list of our team, many of whom are volunteers returning from last summer for more VBS fun.

Bible Study – Pastor Carey
Crofts – Amanda McQuade
Games – Pam Hillard
Science – Ed Fix and Mark Denlinger
Snack – Jen Dean
Music – already existing YouTube videos (copyright reasons)

Thank you so much for your future support of our online VBS. If you have any question please reach out to Deacon Dan at DeaconDan@peacebeavercreek.org or Pastor Carey at pastorcarey@peacebeavercreek.org.

And don’t forget to check out our “At Home Resources” https://www.peacebeavercreek.org/ at-home-resources
“Godly Play” at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvC1b7aTFisAOJ0LtvnQ2MgQ

Pastor Carey, Youth and Family Minister

FINANCIAL STANDINGS

APRIL 2019
BUDGET $65,501.00
INCOME $71,432.00
EXPENSES $63,274.00

APRIL 2020
GOAL $65,493.00
INCOME $74,951.00
EXPENSES $66,439.00

BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive at Peace Lutheran Church will be June 1, 2020, from 1 pm to 7 pm. There is an online signup at www.donorlife.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.

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