

The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, January 2021

LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS REPRISE

Last year we began the year with a sermon series during the season of Epiphany entitled “Lessons from the Wilderness.” It was one that explored the wilderness wanderings of the people of God, while at the same time, it examined the process of change and how we adjust to it. This series was well received and I received numerous emails and comments from many people describing how helpful it was.

In Dec of 2018, I originally thought this would be good to prepare all of us for the change and hassle of a church renovation project. Little did I know these lessons would also be all so helpful for adapting life to the change of a worldwide Pandemic. Many of my personal conversations with you over this past year have referred back to this sermon series and how instructional and helpful it was and that we were able to apply it to the COVID realities of life. Therefore, I plan to do a reprise. The word reprise literally means: “a repeated passage in music *or* to repeat.”

We will therefore review the “Lessons from the Wilderness” this time focusing on change and the transition we all have to make in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. I hope this can be a series of inspiration, healing and comfort as we face life in the midst of global change.

Finally, I have also developed a devotional to go along with this series. I hope that it will be helpful to all who choose to use it as their devotional for the next 4 weeks.

Please plan to join us in worship whether in person or on our Peace Lutheran Beaver Creek YouTube channel.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Pastor Steve

MANY THANKS

Thank you! Please accept my grateful thanks for the gift at Christmas. It has been a crazy year to say the least, nevertheless it is a true pleasure to serve as your pastor. My biggest prayer is for all of us to stay safe yet united as we individually face the realities of this worldwide pandemic. May you all have a blessed new year.

Pastor Steve

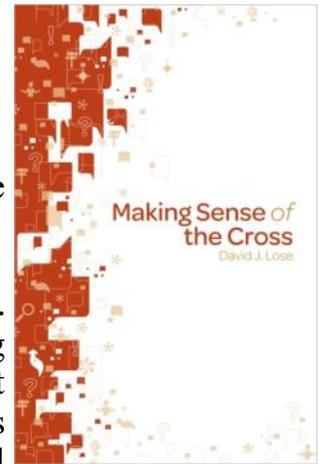
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Resuming Wednesday January 13, 2021

Last year we started a book by David J Lose called "Making Sense of the Cross."

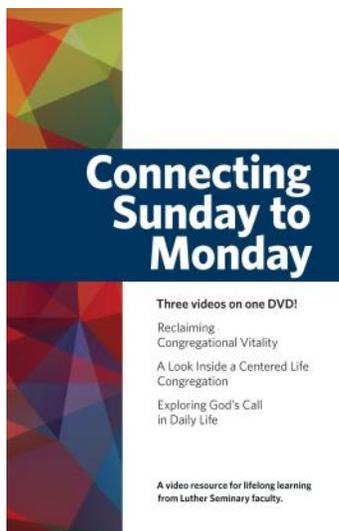
Covid19 pandemic struck and we were unable to finish the last three lessons.

On Wednesday, January 13, 20 and 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pastor Steve will lead the final sessions of that book on a GoToMeeting virtual format. If you do not have a book, we still have a couple for sale at \$10.00, talk with Pastor Steve. Anyone wanting to be included in this study, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office so that you will receive the invitation via email to join the sessions.



Resuming Thursday January 14, 2021

Adult Faith Formation Education with Pastor Carey will resume on Thursday from 2pm-3pm. We be discussion *Connecting Sunday to Monday*. This 5 session DVD will guide our discussions about connecting faith and daily life. How do we live with our faith at the center? Be on the lookout for signups through Flocknote in early January.



BLOOD DRIVE

The results of the blood drive at Peace Lutheran Church on Monday, December 21, 2020, were wonderful. A total of 75 donors registered to donate, 4 were first time donors. The goal was 66 units, we collected 67, achieving 101% of the goal.

The next blood drive for Peace Lutheran Church is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021. Community Blood Center (CBC) will continue providing the COVID-19 antibody test as part of our standard testing throughout February. Your partnership and commitment through 2020 has been invaluable for CBC, we are looking forward to a much brighter future together. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the CBC. Thank you for your continued commitment to saving lives.



FAITH FORMATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As we continue to see cases of COVID-19 rise around the country the Board of Christian Education has decided that we will continue to offer virtual opportunities for faith formation as we head into 2021. We will not have in-person faith formation educational classes or activities for children, youth and adults at this time. We want to help support the health and safety of both young and old within our community. We will re-evaluate our faith formation education plan when our county moves out of Red back into Orange or when there is a vaccine available for community distribution.

Preschool – 5th grade

Resuming January 10, 2021:

Our youngest children **Preschool – 5th grade** will continue receiving weekly lectionary whirl lessons which will be distributed on a monthly basis. These lessons will contain the leader guide from which parents or older sibling can teach, along with the children's leaflets for them to use during the lessons. Please note that these lessons with electronic videos can be used to fit your family's schedules and needs. 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 weekly **preschool-5th grade GoToMeeting fellowship** time for our elementary school children beginning Sunday January 10, 2021 from 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. There will be time to share our joys, junk, and Jesus with each other, as well as, hear a short reading of the week's Bible story.

Middle School Confirmation

Resuming Sunday January 24 2021 & Wednesday January 27, 2021:

Middle School Confirmation – We will resume our Confirmation “CoLaborate” lessons online through our GoToMeeting platform. These lessons will follow the confirmation schedule with our Sunday confirmation lessons taking place on Sunday's from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. 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.

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION AND PIZZA SALE

As we look forward to some exciting events for youth like camp this summer and the 2022 Youth Gathering, we are holding a pandemic-safe fundraiser. This year the youth are selling frozen pizza kits and soft pretzels, but not subs. Pizzas and pretzels will be available for pickup on Super Bowl weekend, February 6-7. Look out for a Flocknote about ordering.

Also in January and February, the youth will be holding an online silent auction. This auction will be conducted online via Facebook with items available for pickup at the church after the auction's conclusion. You will be able to view the items, read a brief description, and place your max bid over Facebook. Bidding will begin the weekend of January 30 — 31 and will conclude the weekend of February 6 — 7. Look out for a Flocknote about the auction and how to bid.



The proceeds for these fundraisers make it possible for our youth to grow and explore faith together in exciting ways. Thank you for all your support.

Below is the paper order form for the pizzas and pretzels.

Proceeds support **Missions, Retreats, and Camperships** that help our youth **Participate** in the wider **Church!!**

**DUE TO THE ONGOING PANDEMIC,
WE WILL NOT BE SELLING SUBS THIS YEAR.
WE ARE STILL SELLING PIZZAS AND PRETZELS!**

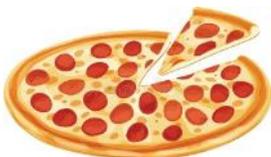
Pizza Packs: \$12 each (2 pack) Qty: _____ Cost:\$ _____
Two 12-inch pepperoni pies in kit form. Just assemble and bake! (Frozen)

Pretzel Bags: \$12 each (12 pack) Qty: _____ Cost:\$ _____
12 pretzels and more salt than you'll need. Microwave & enjoy! (Frozen)

Please Pay at time of Pickup Total Cost:\$ _____

Circle the church service after which you want to pick-up your order:
Saturday 5:15pm Sunday 8:15am Sunday 10:15am

PRINT NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____



**PLEASE FILL OUT & RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE.
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

NOTE: Pick up weekend is February 6-7.
Need more Info or have Questions? Contact Dan Jacob at 440-655-2274.

CAMP NOAH

Once again exciting things are happening with Camp Noah.

FUNDING UPDATE

As you know, with the pandemic hitting last Spring, our Camp Noah program here at Peace Lutheran Church last March was quickly cancelled a week before it was to begin. Due to the ongoing nature of the pandemic, the subsequent Camp Noah programs were also cancelled. Even with the cancellation of camp, and a pandemic, we had a great response to our as we looked for churches, community organizations, and individuals to help us sponsor Camp Noah. We are \$250.00 short of our initial \$75,000 goal for these three camps. We continue to look for partners and donors to help bring this amazing life giving program to the Miami Valley. In addition to the \$250.00 for Camp Noah we are still in need of some supplies not provided by Camp Noah, meals and snacks for children and volunteers, as well as possible transportation needs.

We had originally talked of doing five camps but with COVID and shortened school schedules next summer we feel that three camps at this time is a more realistic goal.

Again Camp Noah will provide elementary school children in our community the amazing opportunity to grow in resiliency skills and heal from the trauma of the Memorial Day Tornadoes, as well as the subsequent trauma from the mass shooting in the Oregon District, COVID-19 and heightened Racial Tensions as was evident over the summer and into the fall.

SCHEDULING UPDATE

Rescheduled in 2021

I am pleased to announce that Camp Noah plans are back in the works. Since the pandemic hit, Camp Noah has been working hard to shift gears and has developed a virtual option for Camp Noah which was launched last fall in the Carolina's. With this new option, **Peace Lutheran has reschedule our Camp Noah for the week of March 22-26, 2021.** This camp will be a virtual camp and open to 50 participants in Beavercreek and throughout the Miami Valley.

Amanda McQuade will be our team lead for this camp and together we are looking for 10 adult volunteers, to join us in this virtual adventure, youth who would be willing to help during the week virtually and others who would be willing to sort and pack participant's Home Kits for distribution the week prior to camp. If you are interested in helping with Camp Noah please email Pastor Carey @ pastorcarey@peacebeavercreek.org

We also rescheduled our Camp Noah program at **Christ Lutheran in Dayton for the week of July 26-30 2021** – We hope this will be an in person camp and we will be working with Camp Noah on safety guidelines based on the Health Department's recommendation to help ensure a safe environment for all participants, volunteers, and staff. We of course are trying to be flexible and the delivery model of this camp may change as we near summer depending of the pandemic, vaccine availability.

We also paid a deposit for a third Camp Noah this summer. The date and place are TBD but we wanted to get this camp paid for so that we can begin working on logistics for this third camp.

"Bringing people together to experience Christ through our natural settings and programs."

Peace Lutheran has encourage children k-12th grade to head off to camp for a week of faith, fellowship and fun. This summer Lutheran Memorial camp will be open and have been developing CDC compliant plans to help provide a safe environment for campers, volunteers, and staff. Each year I had off as the chaplain and encourage our children, youth, and especially our confirmation age youth to come and join me for an amazing week at camp.

Summer camp at Lutheran Memorial Camp with Pastor Carey

June 27 – July 2, 2021
Pioneer (K-2nd grade)
Pathfinder (3-5th grade)
Trailblazer (6-8th grade)
Western Riders (3-8th grade)
Senior High Camp (9-12th grade)

Registration begins January 23 at 12:00 p.m.
Please register online at <https://www.lomocamps.org/>

Camping is an opportunity for our children and youth to join in the fun of hiking through the woods, doing crafts, gaga ball, swimming at the pool, canoeing, conquering the challenge course, circling up around camp fires, eating s'mores, and singing camp songs. They will also have the opportunity to spend time in morning devotions, fun and interactive bible Studies, and evening worship.

But camp is not just about the fun. Jacob Sorenson in his thesis "A Theological Playground: Christian Summer Camp in Theological Perspective" says "The camp experience does not function on its own but rather as part of a complex web of meaning making in the life of each individual participant. Christian camps are a place set apart to facilitate relational encounters between the self, the other, and God. Camps are considered places of ministry and deep theological reflection where participants are free to explore their beliefs in the safety of a nurturing Christian community and are awakened to a hyper-awareness of God's activity in the world."

At camp our children and youth will have fun but they will as join in fellowship opportunities with others and grow both in their character and self-esteem. At camp our children and youth will have the opportunity to encounter God and what that means for us in our everyday lives. They will be with others who are also looking for God moments in their everyday lives and celebrating God's vibrant presence with us. Camp is a place where individual faith formation takes place amidst the fun and activities.

Won't you come and join us!

Blessing Pastor Carey



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE

In Fellowship Hall

Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

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Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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