



# The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, July 2021

## DISCERNING THE FUTURE

As the pandemic fades, and we emerge from the global experience of lockdown from Covid19, the call on our church remains the same: Share Christ, Serve Community, Grow Disciples. Just as we are very different people from our experience over the last year and a half, our world has changed in many ways too.

Just as we might use zoom now to visit with relatives far-away, which we wouldn't have done so before the pandemic, the way we do church and live out our mission to Share Christ, Serve Community and Grow Disciples will change as well.

Throughout the pandemic, the staff and leadership of Peace had many decisions to make just to hit the massive learning curve thrown at us by the pandemic. We had to produce worship on line, do Bible-study on line, hold parking lot meetings to empower a Renew renovation, and develop programming to meet the needs caused by the Ohio Lockdown orders. All of this was to: Share Christ, Serve Community and Grow Disciples.

The future will be different for us. We will not be able to go back and pick up where we were in 2019. No one will. We have journeyed too far and are now at a different place as a society. So the question before us is: How is God calling us now to: Share Christ, Serve Community and Grow Disciples? Many futurists (historians that study the future (I know this sounds like an oxymoron)) believe we will have a hybrid future. In other words, parts of the pandemic-cultural-experience (things like Zoom and GoToMeeting) will have a bigger role in how we live in this "new normal". For example, we have to plan for hybrid meetings at Peace: both people in the room and those on line in one meeting. We are already doing this with staff meetings. Worship will need to be this way. Will education and fellowship events? I don't know. All I know is we need to discern what God is calling us to and how God leads us to do it.

At this point, I am asking you to dream about the future with me and all at Peace. How can we accomplish our mission in a new or hybrid way. This is a question for discernment. Discernment is a time to think, to pray, to listen for God's whisperings. A time to listen to culture. A time to listen to each other ...to pray some more. As we listen, what themes ring true? What things sound like God is speaking to us?

I invite you to share with me how you think God is calling us to: Share Christ, Serve Community and Grow Disciples. Email me. Vision with me. Let me know. I will collect your comments and share them with leadership.

Peace,  
Pastor Steve

## **IHN NEWS SOON TO BE FAMILY PROMISE OF GREENE COUNTY, OH**

IHN will be changing names to reflect changes with parent organization. After August the new name will be Family Promise of Greene county, OH. Look for new information in the weeks to follow.

Save the dates for the following events supporting IHN

Peace Meals week July 11-17, 2021

Empty Bowl Dinner and Silent auction Oct 14, 2021

Got Chocolate Run/Walk Nov. 6, 2021

The shelter also needs HE laundry soap, Paper Towels, and paper plates

Any question please call Pam Gale 937 367 8802.

Thank you again for supporting me with the Golf Marathon!! I was able to raise over\$3000.00 with your support.

## **YOUTH AND FAMILIES MOVIE NIGHT**

The Youth Board has rented out an auditorium for a special Movie Night! On July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm, we are heading to the Cinemark at the Greene for our very own showing of Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway. This is a fun movie suitable for all ages with a runtime of 95 minutes. We would love for whole families to attend. All participants must reserve their spots online. Look out for the Flocknote with the sign-up link.

## **ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**

Our youth are heading to Minneapolis in 2022 for the ELCA Youth Gathering. The gathering is the largest event in the Lutheran church with 30,000 plus attendees from around the world. The music, activities, and speakers represent the best and brightest in the church—and our youth get front-row seats. The 2022 event will be held July 24-28<sup>th</sup>.

All youth who are entering 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade this coming Fall are eligible to attend the Youth Gathering. Over the coming months, Peace Lutheran Church will be putting together a group of youth and adult leaders who will go to Minneapolis for the gathering. They'll also start working on getting ready for the trip through special learning events and fundraisers.

At the Youth Gathering, participants spend their time in amazing ways. One day is spent in service to the people and city of Minneapolis through service learning projects that range from environmentalism, to literacy, to hunger, to health. One day is spent with the Southern Ohio Synod and the nearly 1,000 youth and adults who will attend from our region as we worship and grow together. One day is spent in exploration of the Interactive Center—hundreds of thousands of square feet worth of activities in sports, advocacy, gaming, multiculturalism, service, and the arts.

Every evening of the Youth Gathering is spent in the superdome as popular bands and world-renowned speakers guide all participants together into greater understanding of God's love. Each day follows one of these themes: Boundless Love, Boundless Creation, Boundless Forgiveness, Boundless Invitation, Boundless Promise. Everyday is centered on Paul's words in Ephesians 3:14-21 (CEV), "I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is."

The Youth Gathering is a powerful experience. It is not unusual for a youth to return from the gathering truly changed and committed to faith at an entirely new level. It is guaranteed for a church youth group to return from the gathering inspired and energized to share the Good News of Jesus and to make a difference out in the world

## VBS 2021



This past week, we spent time virtually every morning with our VBS children and volunteers. We had great week learning about compassion through music, movement, crafts, science projects, and bible Study.

Our theme verse for the week was “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.!” – Mark 12:30-31

While learning about compassion we learned how to be love, be kind and be you!

On Monday we learned that compassion helps us to see and welcome others as we heard the parable of the Father and his prodigal son and older brother from Luke 15:11-32.

On Tuesday compassion helps us be brave as we heard the story of friends bringing a paralytic on a mat to see Jesus from Mark 2:1-12.

On Wednesday we learned that compassion helps us love ourselves as we over heard the discussion of Jesus telling the disciples about the greatest commandments from Mark 12:28-31 and Deuteronomy 6.

On Thursday we learned that compassion helps us be present with each other as we heard about Ruth and Orpah following Naomi from Ruth 1.

On Friday we learned that compassion gives us a fresh start as we heard about God’s Jubilee from Leviticus 25.

It was an amazing week as learned of God’s compassion and how compassion helps us to be God’s love in the world as we are kind to our neighbors and ourselves.

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

BE LOVED.  
BE KIND.  
BE YOU.



A big thank you to our VBS planning team and volunteers: Kristen Dowlen, Jen Dean, Deacon Dan, Ed Fix, Amanda McQuade, Natalie McQuade, Milo McQuade, Bob Ritzi, Jeremiah Mtui, Michael Weaks, Sandra Heitzman and our office staff. VBS would not be possible without all of your dedication and hard work. Thank you so much. Pastor Carey



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**In Sanctuary**

Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

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