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Duncan Rosno

Joan Plummer

Jovce Peterson

Marty Weber Tristan Brandt

Betty Staab

Cynthia Wagner

Kristin Rasmussen

Joselyn Olson

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Cody Myers

Keri Hobza

Sheila Thalken

Stacy Stoklasa

Blake Bergland

Luann Waak

Svlvia Loseke

David Lauridsen

Yaribey Rodriguez

Jean Knapp

Karmen Weber

Amanda Sealock

Mallory Wagoner

Samantha Hernandez

Marlene Olson

Kassandra Rosenthal

Kelsev Thompson

Aug 01 Jolaine Nielsen Jordan Seipel Paige Kay Wanda Sewell

Aug 02 Carson Wesch Cutter Block

Aug 03 Carissa Roth Natalie Hornung

Aug 04

Andrea Hartman Norma Busteed Olivia Brittenham Scout Brown

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Amber Kohl Griffin Micek Nadean Thompson Tammy Kroft

Aug 06 Donna Lindeman

Aug 07 Carlene Mindrup Carter Coleman Hadley Hornung Hudson Hornung

Aug 08

Addison Rosno Anjelica Akins Greg Brahmstedt Joseph Hornung Aug 10 Chad Clayburn James Kramer Jennifer Brown Joshua Kay Kendall Batenhorst Kevin Rinke

Aug 11 Philip Turner

Aug 12 Angela Bubak Denise Schmidt Kurt Magstadt Logan Boyer Thomas Rieckman

Aug 13 Craig Post James Price

Lori Behnken Michael Boulton

Aug 14 Rallie Boyer Aug 15

David Muhle Justin Epley Kimberly Hellbusch

Aug 16 Donna Werner Kassidy Hoover Kennedy Hoover Marshall Lutjens Megan Levos **Aug 23** Brian Micek Deborah Anderson

> Aug 24 Alexandria Freshour

Aug 25 Caleb Voichahoske Jay Kuhl LeAnn Cumming Patricia Bills

Aug 26 Kaden Johnson Steven Trosper

Aug 27 Gordon Steinbrook Jack Zarek Kari Westmeyer LeAnne Emerson

Aug 29 Crystal Maurer Deb Burma Jeff Droge Logan Rasmussen

Aug 31 Chase Houdesheldt Kade Nelson Susan Scott



JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION

How to Be an Everyday Missionary

Connections AUGUST 2021

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NOTES FROM THE STAFF

The One Thing that Matters...

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Racism, violence in our cities, difficulties at the border, the redefining of sexuality and the family, hatred and divisiveness. Turn on the news and you can't miss it. We hear varying opinions on how to 'fix' the problems we have: Critical Race Theory, anti-CRT, more police, fewer police, stiffer penalties, lighter penalties, build the wall, tear down the wall, and on and on and on.

So, how do we Christians respond to these challenges in our society? It begins with an understanding of who we are – sinners corrupted by our sinful human nature. Take racism as an example. Our sinful human nature sees differences and uses it as a reason to treat the other person differently, and in our pride, we sin. In some instances, it leads to sinful behavior of hatred and violence. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

So what's the solution?

Jesus.

I know what you're thinking. "That's his answer to everything."

But it's true. The answer is not simply legislation – you can't legislate morality. Nor is it more education. Nor money. Nor anything else. Except Jesus. Yes, Jesus.

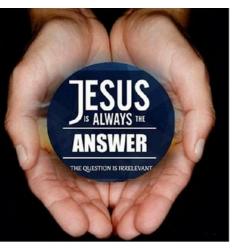
He is the One who can and will change us! He is the One who shattered the racial and cultural barriers when He spoke to the woman at the well (John 4). He is the One who calls us to love one another (John 13:34). He is the One who sends us the Spirit to convict us of our sins of pride and exclusion (John 16:8). He is the One who suffered

and died to forgive us of our sins – even the sin of racism (Romans 5:8)! He is the one who removes all divisions (Colossians 3:11).

And as His follower He calls us to daily live in repentance and His forgiveness, praying that He will soften our hearts hardened by racism and hatred, so we might live loving as He loved us.

He is the One who has made us all one (Galatians 3:28). Jesus IS the solution to these problems. He is the One thing that truly matters.

In His Peace, Paston Cory Burema





We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and kind words of encouragement during my medical journey of getting listed as a double organ transplant recipient and ultimately receiving a new liver and kidney. We would like to thank and praise God for seeing me through a successful surgery and post recovery period. We would also like to personally thank Walt & Joyce Kimmel and Ron & Carolyn Cattau for their cards and phone calls of encouragement. It helped

more than you will ever know. I would also like to thank Pastor Burma for the prayers he offered up during services for my successful recovery and for the phone conversations of encouragement that we had. I am looking forward to, once again, getting involved with the ministry of Peace with all of you. ~ Mark & Sandy Joseph



COMMUNITY

Men's Connect Tuesday, Aug 24th @ 6:30 pm Location To Be Announced.

Location TBA... Look on Facebook and in weekly Bulletin.



We would like to give a special thanks to Peace Lutheran church members Hope Freshour, Mitch Freshour & Nikki Bergland for volunteering to be a TeamMate Mentor. Their investment of time in the life of a student pays big returns in the areas of hope and encouragement! Their short, weekly gettogethers at the school include a variety of fun activities such as scrap booking, shooting hoops, playing games or just talking (no homework please). To learn more about the rewards of mentoring, talk to the volunteers around you (or call Tricia Faust or Tim Hamilton at 402-564-8326). You can also visit www.teammates.org. We are currently recruiting mentors for the new school year! We have many students waiting to be matched with a safe and caring adult friend.



August Everyday Faith Calendar

TWTPS

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

29 30 31

18 19 20 21

Available in the Narthex beginning on July 31st

NOTES FROM THE STAFF

osus is:

my answer to necessity, my refuge in the storm,

my consolation in sadness,

my strength in weakness.

Official Acts – June 2021

Transfers In: Camille Bolte Hamer from Emmanuel Lutheran in York. NE

Worship Attendance

Membership

Conf. Members:

Bapt. Members:

	June 2021		June	2020
	Total	Avg/Wk	Last Yr	Last Yr Avg
In Person:	881	220	756	189
Care Center Worship	: 14			
On-Line Views:	216	54	488	122
YTD Avg Weekly	240			

963

1278

Bible Study Attendance

	June 2021		
	Attend Avg		
Adults:	121	30	



comes at no cost but has so many benefits!

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Lead Pastor: Rev. Cory W. Burma 402-860-0433 • cburma@peacecolumbus.org Business Manager: Linda Schmidt business@peacecolumbus.org	Saturday 6:00 PM Livestreamed
Communications Coordinator: Tracy Buzynski communications@peacecolumbus.org Daycare Director: Lisa Thomas	Sunday 8:00 AM
firststeps@peacecolumbus.org Director of Discipleship: Cami Hamer chamer@peacecolumbus.org	Sunday 10:30 AM Livestreamed
Director of Community Engagement: Joel Ripke jripke@peacecolumbus.org Summer Office Assistant: Michelle Hernandez	Please understand that these are subject to change at any time.

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NOTES FROM THE STAFF

June Financials

Peace Lutheran Church

Income	Actuals	Budget
Offerings	\$45,637	\$54,321
Other	\$223	\$708
Total Income	\$45 <i>,</i> 860	\$55,029
Expenses		
Personnel	\$22 <i>,</i> 853	\$27,210
Ministry	\$16,951	\$18,817
Facil./Adm.	\$10,035	\$5,954
Total Expenses	\$49,839	\$51,981
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$(3,980)	\$3,048

First Steps

	Actuals	Budget
Income	\$21,951	\$20,770
Expenses	\$22,307	\$19,314
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$(356)	\$1,456
Combined Net Gain/(Loss)	\$(4,336)	\$4,504
YTD Church	\$49,693	
YTD Daycare	\$7,588	
Paycheck Protection		
Program Forgiveness	\$60,965	
YTD Overall	\$118,246	_





Relief for Human Need Worldwide

OGT Clothing Drop-Off The Orphan Grain Train trailer will be at Peace on September 10-11, 2021, to pick up clean clothing and used medical equipment. Start going through your closet to support this great ministry.



Help with the LLL Nebraska State Fair Booth on
Wednesday, September 1st! This is a great
opportunity to share your faith and offer valuable
resources on Christian beliefs, resources with
answers to today's problems and challenges, and
visit with fair-goers about faith issues. Shifts are
2 hours long beginning at 9 am and ending at 9 pm.
If you are willing to help, please contact Virg Gellermann, Ron Cattau, or Chopper Sieh. Sign-up sheets
can also be found in the narthex.



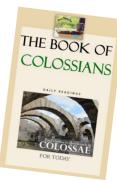




MINISTRIES

These Things Are Written Continues with Colossians

Starting August 2nd, this daily video Bible study will have a short reading as we dive deep into this great book of Christian Freedom. Join in by following Peace on Facebook, or by subscribing to peacecolumbus on YouTube.



"Sínce, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-2

> Myrene Hoge has been putting together Kits to donate to Orphan Grain Train. Would you help her? Please place your donations to the OGT Kit in the collection boxes in the office hallway. Thank you!

> > Layette Kits for August

Diapers Baby Wipes—40 to 60 packs Pacifier—New Bottles—New Sleeper—New or Gently Used Onesie—New or Gently Used Receiving Blanket—New or Gently Used Large Blanket—New or Gently Used

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



People of the Book Lutheran Outreach

POBLO International Ministries is a non-profit, Christian organization that is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with Muslims and other immigrants and refugees living in the United States. Unlike in the past, American Christians do not have to go overseas to do mission work— the mission field is in our own front yard. POBLO International Ministries is responding to this change in demographics and revolutionizing the way the gospel is shared by engaging in cross-cultural missions and grassroots community outreach here in the United States and training and partnering with local churches.

RELATIONSHIP IS KEY TO OUR MINISTRY

First and foremost, before we can share the love of Jesus, we must first bridge the gap between Americans with Muslims, and other immigrants and refugees who came to the United States for a better life. To do this. we reach out in friendship and love and build relationships and trust between our missionaries and volunteers who are sharing the Gospel and Muslims, and other immigrants and refugees who may not know the love of Jesus Christ.



Heartland

In Nebraska & Iowa, the cities with the largest immigrant and refugee population are: Omaha, Lincoln, De Moines, and Sioux City. The foreign-born population is becoming increasingly diverse with immigrants and refugees from the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Europe, encompassing six percent of Nebraska's population.

We currently have two International Friendship Centers based in Omaha, Nebraska, where our volunteers and missionaries share the gospel with the unreached population and help them in areas where they are needed. Whether that be through English classes, citizenship, or sewing classes, cultural and social assimilation, distributing food, clothing, or furniture, or simply providing friendship and hospitality.

> Web Site: https://www.poblo.org 35555 Garfield Rd, Suite • Clinton Township, MI 48035 All Mission Donations in August will go to POBLO.



With GOD's Rainbow in Mind

Do you habitually park in the north parking lot?

For a REAL TREAT, drive around the south side circle drive. The six concrete flower planters are AWE-SOME this summer!

This year they were planted by Steve & Jodi Zaura. With GOD's rainbow in mind, the flowers start with red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. God has supplied lots of great sunshine and a few rain showers.

These planters are cared for DAILY by a wonderful team. Each team is assigned a week and they water daily as needed.

God's waterers this summer are:

Rich & Edie Aerni	Walt & Joyce Kimmel	Joyce Peterson	Jan Zaura
Rachel Braithwait	Dr. Ann Kramer	Shar Rezac	Steve & Jodi Zaura
Lisa Brestel	Lori Magstad	Val Schardt	
The Cattau's	Carolyn & Gayle Meints	Ed & Karen Scriv	en
Adele Fox	Steve & Cammy Otten	Karen Weber	

Many thanks to God for all this beauty, to Jodi & Steve Zaura, to all of God's helpers who said "Yes" when we asked them to help.

The Cattau's

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

August Sermon Series: Community in Christ



Community is more than a word that we use. It has meaning. It describes the Church that Jesus established. It describes our church.

A community is a group of people united around a common focus. Our common focus is our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. He is our foundation, our identity, our mission.

Continuing in August, we will be examining the Book of Ephesians, and what God says to us about what it means to be a **Community in Christ.** July 31-August 1 Ephesians 4:1-16 Gifts for the Community

August 7-8 Ephesians 4:17-5:2 A Community Built-Up

August 14-15 Ephesians 5:6-21 A Community in Worship

August 21-22 Special Missional Community Pastor Greg Finke

August 28-29 Ephesians 5:22-6:4 Community in Our Families



Missionary Barb Rebentisch — Excerpt From Newsletter

Dear Praying Friends,

July 2021

A few of us in our building had a quiet 4th of July gathering, and Ruth Wu, an extremely talented musician and the wife of our Chiayi Salvation Lutheran Church, designed a flag with her fruit tray. I was impressed.

When not working, I have been exercising and reading. I also talk weekly via Skype with my dear 90 -year-old dad. I am preparing to return for three weeks to the States late July to mid-August to help my dad move from his apartment into an assisted living facility in St. Paul, Minnesota. So, I'll be blessed to see some of you in Paullina, Iowa and in Roseville, Minnesota.

Next summer/ fall, I hope to be able to see many,

or even most of you when I go back to visit my support network.

Thank you for your prayers for these friends, and for your partnership with me. You are a wonderful blessing to me, and I pray and praise God for you!

If you have special requests that I can pray for you please email barb.rebentisch@lcms.org

In Christ's Service, Barb Rebentisch



Praise Reports:

• For your prayers, holiday greetings, and contributions from YOU!

- For Dr. Dicke's ministry in Taiwan, and safe return to his home.
- For opportunities to share God's Word online, and the good news of Jesus with those who have yet to know Him.

Prayer Requests:

- For Mary's physical and spiritual healing, for Steve, and for Mrs. Lee that their hearts will be opened to saving faith.
- For God to be known through the Covid outbreak in Taiwan; that He'll use it for His purposes.
- For improved Chinese, so that I can be effective in the work that I am called to do.
- For God to bless all of you a hundredfold for the blessing you are to me!

OUTREACH

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

OUTREACH



Pray for Our PINK Team By Cami Hamer

As our Peace Inspiring Norris Kids or "PINK" Team prepares to go to Norris, SD again this summer, please pray for the group!

Pray that God would open the hearts of all in the Norris area, that the Holy Spirit would be at work in their lives and that they will be receptive to the Gospel. Pray that all attending would remain healthy and have the energy to work with the kids and adults they meet. Pray that God would guide all preparations, giving wisdom

in each step along the way. Pray that the PINK group would be bold to speak the name of Jesus and the Gospel and that it would be done out of gentleness and respect.

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike." Ephesians 6:18-19 NLT



FREE MINI BOOK Resources for Encouragement! Stop in the church office

and pick one up!

NEW Bible Study

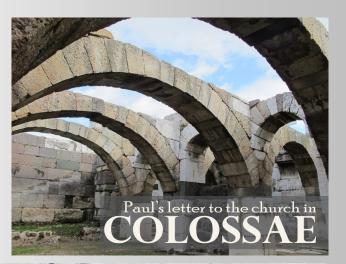
Paul's letter to the church in Colossae is a wonderful blend of theology and practical application, showing us clearly the hope we have in the mystery of Christ's life and work, as well as how we are called to live as His children. Join Pastor Burma as He leads this study Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall beginning August 8th.

Rev. Greg & Susan Finke

Reception with

refreshments

on Saturday.



JOINING JESUS Please Join Us! KICKING THE TIKES WEEKEND Saturday, AUG 21st @ 9:00 am WORKSHOP

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Author Rev. Greg Finke of "Joining Jesus on HIS Mission" will be joining us for a workshop, "Joining Jesus, Kicking the Tires Weekend"

He is the Founder and Executive Director of Dwelling 1:14, a non-profit ministry which seeks to help Jesusfollowers connect in their neighborhoods, workplaces and schools for discipling and missional living (www.dwelling114.org).

He will be our guest pastor on Sunday, August 22nd at both services

EDUCATION

Refuel Teacher and Helper Meeting WED, August 11th 6:00 pm **Peace Chapel**



THE WORD • HIS STRENGTH • YOUR PURPOSE

Refuel Kickoff - August 25th 6:00 pm Open to 3 Year Olds through 6th Grade

Missionary Julie Lutz Serving in Papua New Guinea

"...ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Eph 1:15. So many of the Epistles begin with an acknowledgement of prayer and thanksgiving to God based on the faith and love which is evident among the believers to whom the Apostles are writing. I resonate with that sentiment. Your congregation has been a blessing to me in your continuing support through prayer and with your gifts to LCMS to enable me to serve in Papua New Guinea. What a blessing this is! I do thank God for you ... and I thank you!" ~ Julie Lutz

Excerpt from Julie's Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ.

Around Papua New Guinea ... Sorcery Accusation Related Violence remains a critical, prevalent atrocity in PNG. That is -when someone is ill or dies, there are times another person is accused of having caused the malady through "sanguma" or by being a "sanguma." In SARV, the accused person is then tortured -- at times, tortured to death. The latest affront to Christianity is that so called "prayer warriors" are sometimes the ones who identify the supposed sanguma. Rather than Christians loving and protecting those who have been falsely accused, others usurp and twist the name of God to condemn and kill. We pray the Church rises to stand solidly against these false beliefs and heinous actions.

YOU CAN NEVER GO WRONG IN BEING



EVERYONE IS GOING THROUGH SOME KIND OF BATTLE

Breakfast Bible Study

- Join in the Bible Study in person or on Zoom Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 am in the Chapel. Call the church office at 402-564-8311 for Zoom call information.

Saturday Bible Class Meets Saturdays @ 4:45 pm **Peace Chapel**

STUDY HIS WORD

MINISTRIES





Comfort Dog Ministry What's happening...

New opportunities continue to open up in Columbus for our Comfort Dog Ministry. Eden and her team made visits to the Edgewood Vista memory care unit, the Real Life housing units and to the Pinnacle Bank, Pinn Club membership. This resulted in approximately 150 new contacts in our community.

Multiple visits continued at Brookestone Acres, Prairie Village retirement center and the Peace and Immanuel daycares. Residents and children are always eager to see Eden and her team each week.

Eden and her team traveled to three out-of-town events in the last month. First, we went to Schuyler to meet with 25 middle schoolers and their instructors for the last day of their summer school session. Our next trip was to St. John's in Seward. Eden and four other Comfort Dogs from Nebraska were there for a Celebration of Life event for Gunner Holte, a 9 year old who died last fall in a hunting accident. Our latest event was at Christ Lutheran Church in Cairo, NE. Eden and five team members attended the 100th year anniversary service for their church. Christ Lutheran is the home church of Moses Comfort Dog, the oldest serving dog in Nebraska. Eight Comfort Dogs and their teams from Nebraska and Kansas attended the festivities.

Finally, Eden, Mary and I would like to thank our team and Pastor Burma for all of their dedication and hard work being put into the Comfort Dog Ministry here at Peace. Blessings to you all!

In His Service,

Warren, Mary & Top Dog

Our next Comfort Dog meeting will be **Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 pm** In the Peace Chapel

EDUCATION







Our Mission Statement A FAMILY ENCOURAGED A COMMUNITY EMBRACED EVERYONE SAVED

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PINK Mission Trip Worship 8:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	2 PINK Mission Trip	3 PINK Mission Trip Morning Bible Study 7:00 am Brookstone 3:00 pm	4 PINK Mission Trip Crown Villa Bible Study 2:00 pm	5 PINK Mission Trip Ruth Circle 9:00 am	6 PINK Mission Trip	7 Baby Shower 9:30 am Bible Class 4:45 pm Worship 6:00 pm
8 Worship 8:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm	9 Lydia Circle 6:30 pm Compassionate Friends 7:00 pm	10 Morning Bible Study 7:00 am Comfort Dog Meeting 7:00 pm	1 Crown Villa Bible Study 2:00 pm Refuel Teacher & Helper Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13	14 Bible Class 4:45 pm Worship 6:00 pm
15Worship 8:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Ripke Baptism Baby Shower 12:00 pm	16 LLL Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Morning Bible Study 7:00 am Prairie Village 2:30 pm Church Board Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Crown Villa Bible Study 2:00 pm Confirmation Meeting 7th & 8th Grade 6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting 9th Grade 7:00 pm	19	20 Connections Deadline	21 Joining Jesus "Kicking the Tires Weekend" 9:00 am Bible Class 4:45 pm Worship 6:00 pm
22 Worship 8:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am High School Youth Gathering Information Meeting 11:30 am	23	24 Morning Bible Study 7:00 am Men's Connect 6:30 pm Off Site	25 Crown Villa Bible Study 2:00 pm Refuel Kick Off see schedule below	26	27	28 Bible Class 4:45 pm Worship 6:00 pm
29 Worship 8:00 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Middle School Youth Gathering Information Meeting 11:30 am	1	31 Morning Bible Study 7:00 am			REFUEL Check in 5:45 REFUEL 6:00-7:00 pm 7 th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00-7:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 pm	Communion will be served at all services on the 1st, 3rd & 5th weekends.