

Speaking to Jesus

Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they spoke to Jesus about her. Mark 1:30



There is a lot of talking going on these days, but very little conversation. So many talking heads, speaking over one another, demanding to be heard but doing very little listening. Too often we find ourselves jockeying for a response to what someone else is saying rather than truly hearing them out, listening to understand the other. Rather than noticing others, we too often are giving them notice.

This passage from Mark is the account of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. Andrew, James, and John upon noticing this woman's condition, *immediately speak to Jesus about her*. Jesus in turn comes and raises her up. It is a beautiful account of what prayer does. Prayer is being alert to the condition and circumstances of others. Prayer is also about speaking to Jesus about others.

<u>Praying Attention</u>. Andrew and company notice her, they see her condition. It happens as we live out the day among others and intentionally have our eyes up. Too often distracted with our eyes on a device whether it be the smartphone in our hands or the computer at our desks or the television in our den, we are gripped by the virtual presence of others, rather than the actual presence of the live person in the room with us. Perhaps the virtual interactions are more enticing or perhaps more preferred because they require so little from us, all the while commanding our attentions away from the real lives and needs before us. Praying attention is the realization that Jesus is among us in the real lives around us, and often in the least of them (Matthew 25:31-40). What if we intentionally took time to look around, praying attention, asking to have Holy Spirit guided vision and conversation with others in the room? At times, it may be a simple greeting, acknowledging another person's existence. At other times, it may be a willingness to be slow to speak and instead giving another person the gift of listening to understand.

<u>Speaking to Jesus</u>. This is where it gets really good. It says, once the trio noticed her condition, immediately they spoke to Jesus about her. We can speak to Jesus about the person we encountered and listened to. Just as Andrew, James, and John had Jesus with them, we too have Him immediately with us, present in us by the Holy Spirit He has given us. We are able to immediately raise the name of the other to Jesus and seek His counsel, comfort, healing, and encouragement on their behalf. We may even become so enamored with speaking to Jesus about them, that we pray *with* them, speaking to them about Jesus.

Praying attention and speaking to Jesus about others is not an obligation or a duty, but a delight and privilege. CS Lewis reminds us about such conversations with others. "There are no *ordinary* people. You have never talked to a mere mortal... Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses." May our lives spend generous amounts of time in conversation with others as we pray attention and speak to Jesus!

Pastor Jon and fellow everyday missionary!

¹ CS Lewis, *The Weight of Glory* (Harper Collins, New York, 1949), p 46.



Reformation Chili Cookoff WINNER!

We had ourselves a grand ole chili tastin' & kickin' good time, and happy to announce the next PLC chili chef extraordinaire and winner of the prestigious Chili Pepper Award – the one and only – Allyson Baney, crafter of chili #7, Sinner's Stew!

Congrats to our all our excellent competing chili chefs for sharing their culinary talents! We also have some superb cornbread bakers in this congregation – *applause to you!!* We couldn't have done it without the help and coordination of our Fellowship Team which sems to make every event here so much fun!

Family Promise News

Thank you to all who donated groceries, made delicious dinners or served in hosting positions during our Family Promise week in October. We are always in awe of how God is working. Pastor Gail and garden group have been steadily working on the Path this season. *Here's Gail's story:*

Decided to run out to the Path last night to show Myron how much we got done out there yesterday. Found drip lines missing and water shooting at both ends of the path. It got dark too quickly for us to fix it. Texted Larry Fagge when we got home and he met me out there just before noon. We got three of them fixed. What a blessing he is. And while we were out there last night, Ray, one of the Family Promise guests, came out to visit. So we sat out there on a bench for a little bit in the dark and had a blessed conversation. He told me he liked the quiet of the Path, so I asked him if he knew the story behind it and he said no. I shared about Jesus' resurrection and the 40 days he walked on Earth before he went back to heaven. Cool, he said. Who knows why those drip lines had to break, or why I felt like I had to drive out there last night?! Amen...

2025 Stewardship & Shoebox!

Each year, Peace intentionally creates an opportunity for all to review their stewardship planning of time, talent and treasure. All are encouraged to fill out the Time & Talent sheet to serve and volunteer in areas of your choice. You may return your pledge envelope anytime between **Now – Nov 10** for a special blessing on the altar during worship that morning.

Shoebox News: A Shoebox Packing Party will be held here on **Sat, Nov 9, from 11am-1 pm**, to fill shoeboxes with items we've collected this year. Feel free to bring other items too! Please return all Shoeboxes between **Now – Nov 17** for blessing and sending that morning during service. The raffle drawing will be held **Nov 17** at fellowship time – Good luck to all and thank you for supporting shipping costs in this way!



Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection... Romans 6:4-5

On **Sunday, November 3rd**, we will remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ this past year (from last November 2023). Those who were members of this congregation will be automatically included. If you would like to have another loved one named at this time, please print their name on the All Saints Day form in the entry area starting on Sunday, October 20th. Their names will be read during the prayers of the congregation, along with a candle lit and placed in the baptism font.

Financial Summary Sep 2024 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Oct 8, 2024

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VTD Income (0, Foreigner (1em Com)			
Actual Expense	\$ 22,054		
Actual Giving	\$ 25,106	(Plan for Giving \$22,438)	
Sep Income & Expense			
Thrivent Mortgage Balance	\$248,352	\$249,726 (Aug)	
Ministry & Facility Fund All Designated Funds Total Mt West Checking	\$ 30,702 <u>\$119,496</u> \$150,198		
Ministry & Facility Fund	¢ 20.702		



YTD Income & Expense (Jan-Sep)

Actual Giving \$206,958 (Plan for Giving \$201,945) Actual Expense \$193,115

Sep Designated Funds	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Memorial Fund	500	0	\$ 3,416
Emergency Fund	0	0	\$ 8,927
Property Fund	0	0	\$ 6,162
Refresh Team	0	0	\$ 276
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0	\$ 4,771
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 6,900
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 1,759
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 1,947
Dorcas Fund	0	60	\$ 1,652
Youth Fund	0	212	\$ 5,326
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	300	0	\$14,475
Other Misc Funds	102	0	\$ 4,876
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 625
Audio/Visual Fund	0	0	\$ 7,708
Snow Plowing Fund	0	0	\$ 5,225
Capital Fund *	0	2,486	\$22,390
Signage	0	0	\$ 7,500
Safety Team	0	0	\$ 1,559
Resurrection Path	0	658	\$ 9,803
Insurance Claim	0	0	\$ 0 (Account closed)
Seminary Fund	0	0	\$ 4,200

^{*}Final adjusted payment to Compass Construction (insurance claim)

Need another Time & Talent sheet? Extras can always be found in the wall rack in the fellowship hall!

Food Bank News: Thank you to Ruth Clark and Joyce Bethel for hauling **177 lbs** of donations to the CDA Food Bank in Oct. The Coeur d'Aleers, that have been rehearsing here each Tue morning, gave most of those donations to our food bank basket – thank you ladies! **Expired/open food** can't be accepted and is thrown away. **PLEASE** check dates before donating – thanks!

Kitchen Donation Needs: Paper towels, tissues, paper bowls, and mini liquid creamers (non-refrigerated kind). Gift-in-kind donation receipts are available in the church office. Thank you always for the extras that keep us going!

Thank you for purchasing God's Creation calendars to support youth ministry at Peace!

Winter Bible Study Groups

Sun Adult Study: Please join us at 8:30 am for the continuing study of Haggai with Karen Robison. Up next is Titus beginning **Nov 10** and throughout the month with Pastor Jon.

Sun KidZone: A special message time for kids during worship, then off to the KidZone room for activities! Mon Men's Group: The guys gather for study and potluck at 6 pm with Pastor Jon each week. Info below!

Tue Matins: Matins continues with Pastor Jon at 7:30 am for quiet and reflective morning prayer time to begin your day. Wed Bible Study: Pastor Gail is leading the Gospel of John at 10 am. You're invited to attend anytime during this in-depth study. Share prayer concerns and pray together at 9:45 am before the study begins.

November Memory Verses

Nov 3: Revelation 7:12, Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Nov 10: Psalm 146:-5, Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation... Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them...

Nov 17: Hebrews 10:23, Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful Nov 24: Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Men's Group

Monday Nights - NOVEMBER 6:00pm - 7:15pm

"QUESTIONING JESUS":

Exploring the questions Jesus asks!



Each Monday night we will continue to gather and share a pot-luck meal and encounter God and His Word with one another. So, come, bring a friend, some food to share, and your Bible (if you don't have one we will find you one). We will continue our journey through the Gospels and consider the questions Jesus asks His followers and us!

NOVEMBER

4	John 8:1-11	Where are they? Did no one condemn you?
11	John 11:1-26	Do you believe this?
18	Luke 8:22-25	Where is your faith?
25	Thanksgiving	(Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday,
		November 27th at 6:00pm)



Mark your calendar NOW for a great **Deck the Halls Event** next month on Sat, Dec 7, 9-11 am. All ages are welcome to come over for a fun morning of decorating God's House for the Advent and Christmas season. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and apple cider will go well with breakfast pastries, donuts and muffins. Help decorate the tree, hang garland, string lights, display our beautiful Nativity by the tree, make crafts, and more. Bring your children, grandchildren, and invite your neighbors as we enter into the season of Light coming into the world.

Greetings Peace Lutheran Family,

We attended the 24th LCMC annual gathering and convention in Marion, Iowa, September 29-October 2, 2024. Being our first experience with an international LCMC event, we were delighted to be in the company of so many dedicated and engaging folks who are making a difference by carrying out the Great Commission.



The speakers helped to empower the people in our churches to be ready to share the gospel with others and to discover resources available to help congregations in their individual communities. Upon registering for the gathering, we began to encounter pastors and others who know our Pastor Jon and heard time after time the appreciation and love they have for him. Every time we sat with new people for meals and at breakout sessions, we became acquainted with amazing people, many who knew our Pastor Jon. He has impacted LCMC more than just on district or national level, but internationally as well.

If we had to choose just one thing to represent what we learned, it would be Don't just GO to church...BE the church. Over the four days we spent together, we had the chance to connect with many people from LCMC for fellowship, networking, prayer, worship, and got to explore what God is doing in our association. Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is alive and well, but needs each of us in our home congregations to impact the lives of people around us by living lives that reflect Jesus. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to attend. It was an honor to be representatives from Peace!

Jim & Nancy Cady LCMC Gathering Delegates

Remembering... Looking Around... Looking Up with Hope

In September, I wrote about the importance emphasized throughout Scripture of remembering God. Consciously recalling what He has done (<u>John 3:16</u>, <u>1 John 4:10</u>) and who He is (<u>Genesis 1:1</u>, <u>Psalm 54:4</u>, <u>1 Timothy 1:17</u>, <u>1 John 1:5</u>, <u>Revelation 22:13</u>) while asking: what *He has done throughout my life?*

Then, in October, we focused on God at work in the present, surrounding us, working in us and through us, here and now (Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 2:13). He has been, currently is, and forever will be, our hope and salvation. Remembering what God has done in our past (knowing what we are saved from), consciously focusing on how He is with us now (knowing who saves us), gives us great confidence for the future... while we ponder: **what are we saved for?**

Romans 6:23 says: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life is Christ Jesus our Lord. We are saved *from* sin and death. We are saved *for* eternal life with Jesus. Until then, we are saved *for* continuing His work, with His Spirit, in His strength here, on earth. Knowing this, knowing Him, gives us **hope**.

<u>1 Peter 1:3</u>: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

This hope is not wishful thinking, but a confident expectation, spoken to a group of Christians who were undergoing persecution. Peter encouraged them with a reminder that their future was secure: because of the resurrection of Jesus!

This hope is anchored in the past (Matthew 28:6 - Jesus rose from the dead).

It continues in the present (Colossians 3:1 - Jesus is alive).

It endures throughout the *future* as Jesus promises eternal life with Him (<u>John 3:16</u>, <u>4:14</u>, <u>5:24</u>, <u>Romans 6:22</u>, <u>1 Corinthians</u> <u>15:23</u>) because He will come again (<u>John 12:1-3</u>, <u>Acts 1:11</u>, <u>Revelation 1:7</u>).

Our hope lives on...Jesus lives on! And so we live with great expectation, knowing we will one day see our Savior. Knowing, we will one day be together with Him (1 Corinthians 13:12)! That He will make all things right, all things new (Isaiah 43:19, Romans 6:4, Revelation 21:5)! So, we will not lose heart (2 Corinthians 4:16-18), even though this world grows gloriously dim, our hope is solid and secure (Hebrews 6:19-20).

Dear believers, do not lose heart! Remember what God has done, look around and reflect on what He is doing now and, look up, with hope, for He is coming again!

With Hope in Him,

Karen



Chorale Coeur d'Alene meets here at Peace every Tue evening to rehearse. The October concert, *Servanthood of Song*, based on Dr. Stan McDaniel's recently published book on the history American church music from the colonial era until present, was just phenomenal. Their upcoming Christmas concert, *Sugar and Spice*, with works from Handel, Bach, Holst plus more will be performed at Trinity Lutheran, CDA, on **Dec 9 & 10**, **both at 7 pm**. You may purchase tickets at https://www.choralecda.com/tickets to enjoy the jubilant sounds of the season by a dynamic choir of 100+ voices!

Saved Youth Retreat Wrap-Up

In a culture that celebrates sin... In a time in which darkness and death are glamorized, even glorified... When the truth is exchanged for lies...which you not only are expected to accept, but believe and adopt... When the self is idolized above all else... when self-care, self-love, self-focused feelings are placed above the need for a Savior... When the talk of that Savior is ridiculed, mocked or twisted... We pause. We go to Him. To the Word. And we remember:

What are we saved from? Who saves? And what are we saved for...now and in the future?

From Washington, Montana, Idaho and Oregon, 48 Junior High and High School Students, with almost 30 adults, gathered at Shoshone Mountain Retreat in mid-October to ask these questions, to pray and study the Word together, to fellowship, serve, sing, laugh and enjoy God's beautiful creation and each other's company, making new friends and together rooting ourselves in the Mighty One who saves.

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are saved from death. We are saved by Jesus. We are saved for eternal life in Christ Jesus, and, until He calls us home, we are saved for joining with Him, sharing His message, hope and love here, where He has purposefully and powerfully placed us.

Those who believe have been saved from the penalty of sin. We have been justified by Jesus.

Those who believe are being saved from the power of sin. We are being sanctified by the Spirit.

And those who believe will be saved from the presence of sin. We will be glorified by God.

Thank you all for your prayers for this event! We are already in the early stages of planning next year's Youth Retreat and are looking forward to sharing more and joining with you again next time!

Please click here to watch a great video of the retreat: https://www.youtube.com/@plcpostfalls8337/featured

With much gratitude,

"Christian Ariel" – Karen's Camp Nickname (given to her by the high school girls group)



Please join us this Thanksgiving Eve on Wed, Nov 27, at 6 pm for worship as we offer praise and thanks for all blessings. Your staff wishes you a joyful holiday with family, friends and neighbors as you enjoy favorite Thanksgiving dishes and memories together.

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving & Friday.

Can you help for a bit? Recently, Karen Johnson vertically broke her knee and is in a straight brace from ankle to above her knee to keep it immobile for 6-8 weeks. She is asking for help to walk her dog, a 40 lb delightful Cavilier Spaniel & Golden Retriever cross missing one eye, and goes by the delightful name of Mr Butters. Karen resides at the Bluegrass Farms apartment complex near 41 & Poleline in a first floor apt. Please reach out to her at 310-613-2185 if you can spare a walk or two – *thanks!*

Community Events

Powerful Tools for Caregivers continues by offering another six-week workshop **each Tue, Oct 15 – Nov 19,** from 1-2:30 pm at the Panhandle Health District, 8500 N Atlas Rd, Hayden. This workshop is free and is an award-winning program that has helped thousands of family caregivers. Class size is limited so registration is mandatory. To register call Carolyn at 208-415-5142 or use the QR code on the flyer hanging on the bulletin board in the hall.

Lutefisk & Lefse Lovers Delight!

Trinity Lutheran is holding their annual **Holiday Bazaar** of baked goods, crafts, soups, pie, and Scandinavian goodies on Nov 2, from 8am-1pm at 5^{th} & Reid, CDA.

The Sons of Norway are putting on a **Lutefisk & Meatball dinner** on Nov 2 from 12-2 pm at St Mark's Lutheran Church, 316 E 24th Ave, Spokane, WA. The dinner comes with all the trimmings with potatoes, veggies, lingonberries, lefse rounds and Norwegian white cake. Reservations & tickets required by Oct 30 at www.sonsofnorwayspokane.com or please scan the QR code on the flyer hanging on our Peace bulletin board in the hall.

A Caregiver's Journey, a free dementia caregiver conference, is Friday, Nov 8 from 9 am – 2 pm at NIC student Union Bldg. Enjoy a free day of learning with the opportunity to connect with community resources and other caregivers. Free parking, a light breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. For help registering or other questions, contact Michelle Larson at mllarson@alz.org or call 208-666-2996.

The Music Conservatory of CDA presents **Handel's Messiah** on Sat, Nov 23, 7 pm and Sun, Nov 24, 3 pm at the Schuler Performing Arts Center on the NIC campus. Tickets available at www.cdaconservatory.org/events or you may scan the QR code on the flyer on our Peace bulletin board. Iain Fisher is also part of this choral group and invites you to come and enjoy!

Orchard Ridge is gearing up again this year with their annual Christmas Gift Baskets for residents. Gifts can be put in a basket, plastic storage tub, gift bag or simply provide loose items from which OR will build baskets. Some ideas include:

Socks with traction on bottom Full-sized lotions, shampoo, conditioner, body wash Toothbrushes & toothpaste Nail polish, larger nail files, tissue packets

Bobby pins, hair clips/ties, men's combs

Store purchased goodies, bread, cookies, buts, chocolates, etc.

OR Salon haircut certificates for men (\$20), women (\$25)

Please have all baskets/items **back to Orchard Ridge by Dec 16.** Any ?s please call Holly Johnson at 208-664-8119 and see the flyer on our Peace bulletin board in the hall – *thank you!*



The Promise of Christmas

It is time again to prepare for the Christmas season with music! The choir has begun practicing for our annual cantata presentation to be sung during worship on December 15, at 10 am.

The cantata is entitled, *Everlasting Light*, and will be sung during the majority portion of the worship service. Beside some of our members, we have four singers from the Coeur d'Aleers joining us this year, along with Randy and Jolene's niece and granddaughter, and Gaynell and Lee Coppess, who have recently been attending services. Because the choir has grown to 27 members, Gaynell has agreed to direct the cantata for us. We sincerely hope to make this a special Christmas worship experience for Peace Lutheran. Blessed Christmas Season! – Ruth Clark, Minister of Music



PLC Weekly Calendar & Events

Mon: Dorcas, 9 am; Staff, 10 am Tue: Matins, 7:30 am; Chorale, 6-9 pm Wed: Bible Study, 10 am; Music, 6 pm Thu: TOPS, 8 am weigh in; 9 am meeting Chorale Board 4th Mon, 6:30 pm | Council 2nd Tue, 6 pm | Button Club 2nd Wed, 12 pm

~ The church office is closed on Friday as Pastor Jon is off and Lynn uses remaining PTO ~

Oct 30: Apostles' Creed, I Believe... 5 pm

Nov 1,8,15,22: Closed on Fridays

Nov 3: All Saints Sunday, A special remembrance

Nov 5: P&M Team, 6 pm | Nov 6: Fellowship Team, 11 am

Nov 9: Shoebox Packing Party, 11am-1 pm Nov 10: Stewardship Sunday; Baptism! Nov 13: Historical Button Club, noon

Nov 17: Shoebox Blessing & Raffle Drawing!

Nov 25: Chorale Board, 6:30 pm

Nov 27: Thanksgiving Eve service, 6 pm Nov 28-29: Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 3: P&M Team, 6 pm | Dec 4: Fellowship Team, 11 am

Dec 6,13,20: Closed on Fridays Dec 7: Deck the Halls Event, 9-11 am Dec 8: Dorcas Quilt Blessing & Sending

Dec 9: Staff Christmas | Dec 11: Button Club, 12-3 pm; TOPS setup

Dec 12: TOPS Christmas Party, 9 am Dec 14: Private Christmas Party, 5 pm

Dec 15: Christmas Cantata – Everlasting Light; The Promise of Christmas

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5 & 7 pm

Dec 25-31: Closed, Merry & Blessed Christmas!



November Ministry Servants

	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Communion
Nov 3	Mike & Margie H	Sam R	Joy B	Darryl & Tanya F, Karen R
Nov 10	Karle & Barb N	Barb N	Gail G	Paul & Shelly M, Barb H
Nov 17	Jon & Georgiann D	Amy B	Woody C	Gordon & Gail S, Lynn A
Nov 24	Glen & Missy N	Colt K	Erin K	Paul & Lisa S, Amy B
Nov 27 6 pm	Rov & Candy Vervair		Bonnie H	Karen R. Marv C. Larry F

Thank you to Lisa F for setting up communion and Ruth C for baking the bread in Nov. Scripture readings are provided to our readers for review on Wednesday for the coming Sunday. Many thanks to Barb Nimke for scheduling assistants. Kindly let the office know of any changes – thank you!

	Counters	Safety Team	KidZone
Nov 3	Barb N & Amy B	Gordon & Jim	Chris A
Nov 10	Barb N & Candy V	Jim & John	Shelly M
Nov 17	Maren S & Chris C	Karle & Colby	Karen R
Nov 24	Maren S & Chris C	Gordon & Ken	Samantha P
Nov 27 6 pm		Rick	

Who would like to serve as a ministry servant in any of the above categories of their own choosing? Would you like to try acolyting? Barb Nimke is looking for more adult acolytes (it's not just for kids!), so please let her know! Your Stewardship Packet contains a Time & Talent sheet. Carefully look it over, circle where you would like to serve your church, and please bring it on blessing Sunday when you return your pledge by **Nov 10** – thank you!

Please let Lynn know if you would like to setup Sunday communion for the congregation in 2025 - thank you!

Sabbatical 2025

In 2025 Pastor Jon will be taking a Sabbatical in accord with PLC's Bylaws. The council initially approved the Sabbatical at their September 2023 meeting. Due to life circumstances, the Sabbatical was re-approved at the October 2024 meeting. In this recurring newsletter article, we will share the ongoing plans and process as we prepare for this gift of time and renewal for Pastor Jon and for the congregation. We will also attempt to address questions and entertain suggestions as we move forward.



This month, we share a portion of PLC's Sabbatical Policy* to begin communicating the general Purpose and Process of the sabbatical.

A pastor is eligible for a three-month Sabbatical after serving a congregation for five consecutive years, three of which must be served at Peace Lutheran Church, and then every fifth year thereafter. Following the end of a Sabbatical, the pastor is required to make a commitment to serve Peace Lutheran Church for an additional two years to ensure that neither the pastor nor congregation uses the Sabbatical time for seeking a change in pastorate.*

PLC's policy reflects the belief that a regular rhythm of sabbatical (every 5 years). As our policy states, this is not a time for seeking a pastoral change. On the contrary, it is intended to provide for the renewal and health of our pastor as well as the ongoing congregational practice of the priesthood of all believers.

PURPOSE

Sabbaticals are intended to allow our own spiritual leaders to recuperate and be renewed. (1 Kings 19 touchingly describes what might be considered the first ministerial Sabbatical.) Pastors can reflect without the day-to-day crush of business, and learn, taking advantage of insights prompted by those very reflections. Sabbaticals also offer the opportunity for the congregation to stop and reflect on their function and mission. Sabbaticals foster an appreciation for the serving pastor, and allow God even more opportunity to bless, renew and refresh the pastor.*

PROCESS

The pastor must determine the course of his/her own Sabbatical. Church Council co-ordination is essential with respect to jointly devising an interim ministry plan with the pastor. While an ordained pastor may be contracted to serve during part of the Sabbatical period, it is also important that the members of the congregation... to use their God-given talents to serve as worship leaders, preachers, and provide visitation to those who are hospitalized or homebound, a practice that Peace already employs during pastor's vacation time, and LCMC encourages as a priesthood of all believers.*

In the coming weeks, a **Sabbatical Team** will be assembled by Pastor Jon in collaboration with the church council liaison, Tammi Jenkins. This team will work to prepare and communicate the dates, plans, process, and prayers for the sabbatical.

NEXT STEPS:

- The Sabbatical Team will create an Interim Ministry Plan. This plan will arrange for pastoral coverage during the sabbatical leave
- Establish timeline for the sabbatical
- Communicate the process, answer questions, and update progress at monthly council meetings
- Present initial plan at Annual meeting in January and continue to communicate regularly with congregation in newsletter articles and information sessions.

*A copy of the complete PLC Sabbatical Policy (CR9.01) is available upon request.

In Our Prayers...

Carter Ovnicek, broken arm, injuries; Karen Johnson, broken knee; Ken Johnston, pneumonia; Jeannine Frisque, fall, foot injury; Dave Pollard, chemo treatments; Kevin Schneidmiller, Lee Wood, and Otis (pneumonia, at rehab) & Helen Burge, healing and recovery for all.

Greyson Villarreal (Joann Carlson) bladder infection; Ethan Bean (Judy Halone) bike accident, injuries; Chorale Director, Joshua Chism, in the passing of his mother, Pam; Harper Booth, 2-yrs old (Ruth Clark) myeloid cancer, chemo, secondary infection; Clifford (Bill & Ervinette Arthur's brother) healing, triple bypass; JeanJean & Kristie Mompremier (Pastor Jon) Haiti missionaries; Rob Dillon (Mary Cockerham) chemo treatments for liver cancer; Trish (Mike & Cindy Wood's SIL) breast cancer; Jim Taylor, cancer, chemo treatments; Raleigh (Troy Turley's son) bile duct cancer; Tammy (Gail Schoonmaker) healing, brain tumor surgery; Bob Quinn (Nimue Frye's grandfather) cancer; John (lain Fisher's cousin); Ron Newman (Charlotte's son) congestive heart; Helen Mitchell (Gail Turley's mom), Jason (Jeannine Frisque's friend) heart issues; Tiffany Kimbrel (Cadys) on kidney transplant list.

Praying for PLC Ministry Partners:

Safe Passage, Family Promise, Orchard Ridge, Open Arms, Helping Captives, Lutherhaven Ministries, Ecumenical Food Kitchen, Champ's Heart, Summit Christian Academy, Samaritan's Purse (Oct & Nov for hurricane relief), Union Gospel Mission, Food Banks, Uganda Medical Mission, OCC Shoebox Gifts, and LCMC. (Benevolence of the month in **bold**)

Prayer requests will be revised periodically for space. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you.



Lutherhaven Ministries

Deck the Halls: Woodland Christmas Camp is an annual tradition for your family or group!

Stunning wintry lake views, hot cocoa, and more... come enjoy all the fun of Lutherhaven Family Camp in the winter! We'll





Christmas crafts, enjoy worship around the campfire, play broom ball, and more. Start your day with a hot cup of coffee in an Adirondack chair overlooking beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene and spend the day making memories to last a lifetime. Two Awesome Dates to Choose From: Dec 13-15 or Dec 20-22. Plan your Christmas retreat now!

Please register for all events at https://www.lutherhaven.com/

Fall on the Coeur d'Alene River



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Phone: (208) 765-0727

Website: www.peace-lutheran.church Email: office@peace-lutheran.church

Sun Adult Study 8:30 AM Sun Worship at 10 AM **Weekly Bible Studies**

Pastor Jon Anderson

Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud

