



# Share, Serve, Celebrate

Week of August 9, 2020

## Message from Pastor Spira:

Today's Gospel is an important reminder that God has solutions to our problems that we could never have anticipated or even dreamed of. Feeding thousands of hungry people with no food and in the middle of nowhere? No problemo. The same God who created those people, who knows each one by name, who actually has the number of hairs on everyone's head counted, will not break a sweat to satisfy their needs for earthly food. More importantly, He will also fulfill their need for the heavenly food that brings eternal life and salvation; something many of them didn't even know they needed. That's what today's message is all about.

So do not despair when you see or read or hear about all the troubles going on in our world today. Instead, be assured that God knows all about our situation and has all things in His strong and capable hands. As we wait confidently for His deliverance, let us continue to do the things to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. You know the drill: masks where appropriate, clean hands, keeping distance when feeling ill, treating others with love and compassion (as we want to be treated). These are always good practices but especially when we know that threats are imminent.

Remember also to pray for the call process at Peace, for Pastor Kevin Mann and his congregation in Minnesota, and for our sister congregation at Bethlehem. As with all things, God already knows what is best for us, and we pray for His will to be made known.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Spira

## IN OUR CONGREGATION...

**CHANGE in Peace Annual Voters Assembly** – Better late than never. The Annual Peace Voters Meeting, which is normally held in June, will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2020 following the Worship Service. It, like many other things, has been delayed by steps to control the spread of COVID-19.

At the Annual Meeting, reports from various boards and committees will be received; the Work Plan (aka Budget) for the fiscal year 2020-2021 will be presented and adopted; elections will be held to fill leadership positions; and other appropriate business can be presented.

All communicant members aged fifteen and older are eligible to vote. All voters in good standing aged eighteen or older are eligible to hold elective office, subject to some restrictions.

Please plan to attend this important congregational event. All members are encouraged to follow COVID-19 safety practices. Masks and sanitizing material will be available and social distancing will be encouraged.

## Reminders:

- Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm.
- Rummage Sale: A sale will take place later this fall. We are not able to accept new donations at this time as our storage is full (God be praised!).
- Small Group Bible Study: Currently on hold due to

health and safety concerns. Please contact Elder Dennis Wheeler at 744-0495 with any questions.

**Peace Pantry:** So many people have been impacted by the pandemic yet God continues to bless us daily. However, we recognize this will likely create an increased need for support from the Peace Pantry. Our hope is that you are able to help meet this need in the community and our congregation. In order to do so, we will need to respond in a different yet safe manner. For the near term, we are asking that you support with monetary donations rather than food items. Donations can be made easily through the weekly collections during worship services, by mail or online through your banking institution. Be sure to earmark your check or online donations as "Peace Pantry". God's blessings and thank you for your support!

## IN OUR CAFÉ...

**The Sharing Peace Cafe:** The new Cafe hours are: Monday thru Thursday 9am-1pm. Come on in for a tasty beverage and baked good, while supporting this wonderful outreach to our neighborhood.

The Cafe will not be renting space or holding events at this time. We will revisit the situation again in August.

**Art Gallery:** Paper Girls still have their lovely artwork on display in the cafe. Be sure to come down and check it out. Our own Valerie Nowling is one of the artists!



**Exercise Classes:** Zoom (virtual) exercise classes for yoga, chair yoga, Walk15 and Zumba are being held weekly. Contact Cheryl 260-341-8215.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Sr. High Youth Group:** Sr. High youth are still meeting via Zoom on Tuesdays at 6pm. Contact Rose for details if you would like to join!

**IN OUR SCHOOLS**

**LSUS:** First day of School is Wednesday August 12th. In place of the usual orientation days for new and returning parents, this year the staff is holding orientation meetings with each parent/family individually. While this greatly adds time and workload commitments to our teachers and administrators, it seems the best way to minimize social contacts. Please keep everyone in your prayers for a safe start to this most unusual year.

**Concordia High School Coaching Position:** CLHS is looking for Head Softball Coach. Check out the posting on the bulletin board in Founders' Hall.

S. Anthony Blvd. Registration/Breakfast at 8:30am. Registration fee is \$6.00. The theme is "Sing to the Lord, bless His name" and the speaker will be Natalie Reynolds, Music and art teacher at LSUS. Monetary in-gathering is for the musical instrument purchase and maintenance of the LSUS Music Program. If you plan to attend, please contact WinGS or the church secretary.

**Lutheran Life Villages:** Has a few new opportunities for volunteering. While we are not quite ready to welcome volunteers back into our buildings, for those that are willing and able, we would love your help with the following: cloth masks, outdoor landscaping, outdoor visitations. Check out the posting on the bulletin board in Founders' Hall if you can help out.

**IN OTHER CONGREGATIONS...**

**Fort Wayne LWML Three Zone Rally:** Saturday, September 19, 9:00am. Bethlehem Lutheran Church on

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**This Week at Peace 08/09/20 - 08/16/20**

Sun Aug 9	9:00am	Worship Service with Communion
Mon Aug 10	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Tues Aug 11	6:30pm	Board of Directors <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>
Wed Aug 12	6:30pm	Worship Service with Communion
Thurs Aug 13		
Fri Aug 14	10:00-11:30am	Parish Nurse in IN
Sat Aug 15	9:00am	Men at Peace
Sun Aug 16	9:00am	Worship Service

**Next Sunday Scripture Readings (The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost):**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32  
Matthew 15:21-28