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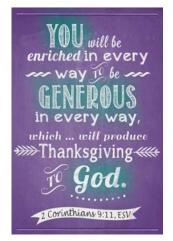
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Peacefully Yours

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By Pastor Kevin Mann





He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:10-11 ESV).

Dear friends in Christ:

In these words of 2 Corinthians 9, Paul is connecting generosity and thanksgiving. Specifically, Paul states that generosity leads to thanksgiving. Paul speaks here of a specific situation, yet the implications of that statement extend beyond that specific instance of generosity.

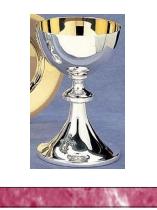
In chapters 8 and 9, Paul is speaking in direct response to the specific event in Corinth: the church in Corinth gathering an offering to be sent to the povertystricken believers in Jerusalem. The offering had initially gone well but had begun to flounder. Paul writes to encourage the Corinthian Christians in this endeavor and to offer assistance in bringing it to completion.

Paul, in 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, uses a farming metaphor, indicating that the generosity of the saints in Corinth leads to the increased harvest of righteous-

ness. Paul is encouraging the Corinthians in one aspect of the Christian's life of sanctification. That is, Paul is encouraging them to continue in Christ-like holiness as they more fully live as Jesus would have them (and all Christians) live. We have been declared righteous in the sight of God by faith in Jesus. We are righteous in God's sight because of Jesus. Yet, by the work and power of the Holy Spirit, we work on our "outward" righteousness – living as God's children in a sinful, fallen world. One aspect of this new, godly, righteous life is a godly attitude toward giving.

Thus, Paul assures us that God will give us what we need in order to be able to give generously. Not only that, God will continue to strengthen us in our lives of sanctification so that we have an attitude that produces cheerful giving, rather than giving out of reluctance or coercion.

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DONOR SOUGHT FOR NEW COMMUNION CHALICE

Our communion chalice is showing its age, and there are places where the plating has pitted. Estimates for restoration replating are high, and there is some doubt that it could even be done successfully. So, the Elders would like to proceed with purchasing a new chalice, silver plated with a gold plated interior, like the one we have. We are seeking a donor to cover the expense, which may make a nice memorial gift. Please contact Marty Blessing or Pastor if you interested in donating for this important item for our worship services. *(Estimated cost is \$600-\$1,000.)*



Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mike Nowling, President

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Dear Members of Peace,

From the founding of our wonderful church, Peace Lutheran Church, God has truly blessed us all in many ways. Our congregation has gone through many changes throughout our rich history and yet by the grace of God, we still continue to have a faithful Pastor and a dedicated church staff. This past October, we celebrated Pastor Appreciation Sunday for Pastor Mann and his Christ-centered leadership and faithful service. Members of Peace showed their appreciation with cards and gifts. We are very blessed to have Pastor Mann as our Pastor and spiritual leader.

In this Peacefully Yours message, we also need to remember and thank the many valuable workers among us that perform many tasks in the office and in our various ministries. We greatly appreciate and are very thankful for the services provided by the following office workers and paid staff in the church:

• Church Secretary, Heather Sovine, who continues to do a great job in the office greeting visitors, answering the phone, making contacts, organizing and printing the Sunday worship bulletins, and many more tasks (like serving as a Sharista in the Sharing Peace Café). We are thankful for her many skills and abilities.

Church Financial Recorder, Faith Harless, who works with our Church Treasurer and takes care of writing checks for our payroll, building expenses, and mortgage payments. She also monitors our checking accounts and tax information; and reporting. She has done a great job of keeping us informed and recording financial records. We appreciate the many tasks she performs.

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PEACE FIELDWORKER



Tanner Sawall , born and raised in the Dallas Fort Worth area in the great nation of Texas, went to college in a variety of places, from Concordia in Austin, to Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN (a WELS college that had an excellent biblical linguistics program). Because

he had debts to pay off, he took a handful of years off to work. He moved to Milwaukee, WI and worked as an HVAC warranty claim analyst at Johnson Controls until his debt was paid off and then finished up his bachelors degree at Saint Francis University. His home church is Trinity Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI under the auspices of Pastor Brandon Koble. Right after the COVID emergency started to fade, he applied for the seminary and is now up to the gills in studies! He has an older brother, Blake and a younger sister, Natalie. His father is named Paul and his mother, who won the crown of glory this past December due to cancer, was named Christine.



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

By Dennis Wheeler, Elder

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy (love) endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16: 34

We are at that time of the year when crops have been harvested and plans are being made to bring families together for a feast of Thanksgiving. This is also the time of year where we praise God by proclaiming what He has done in the past year.

Then, just a few days prior to the New Year we celebrate the birth of Christ. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that who-so-ever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Through God and of Jesus our Lord come all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him. In 2 Peter 1: 5-7, Peter encouraged his readers to build upon their foundation of faith with the following: virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love.

So as the New Year starts up, we encourage you to get involved with others in a small group Bible study. As it is written in 2 Peter 3:18, "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

If you would like to start up a small group, join an existing group or just want more information contact Pastor Mann, Dennis Wheeler-Elder or the church office at 744-3869 or <u>secretary@peacelutheranfw.org</u>.

POINSETTIAS and CHURCH DECORATING



Each year we beautify our chancel with poinsettias. Watch the weekly announcements and congregation emails for the information concerning donating these plants. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex at a later date.

Saturday, December 3 will be the day for church decorating, 9-11:30am.

ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to donate altar flowers for any week(s) in 2023, add your name to the flower chart for the appropriate date(s). In November, the new calendar will appear on the bulletin board across from the office.

Cost of the flowers is \$30 and you can take them home after the Sunday service. Payment envelopes are under the chart and can be put in the collection plate.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from page 2)

• Director of Youth, Family, and Sharing Peace Café Ministry, Rose Murphy, who works very hard organizing events and activities for the Sharing Peace Café that include the youth, family, and the neighborhood. Rose does a great job reaching out to our community with events to get them involved in the Café. She also keeps in contact with young individuals who are in college or have moved away. We are very grateful for her faithful service.

• Preschool Director, Barbara Bradtmueller, along with her loving Staff, have led our Preschool to become a very successful mission in the Peace neighborhood. Barb has developed an excellent Christ-centered preschool program. We appreciate her faithful leadership and service.

• Choir Director and Musicians, Gary Gerke, Krista Koch, Kasey Hapner, and Tammy Schaaf, all who participate in providing beautiful sacred music for our worship services. We are grateful for their many talents and abilities.

Please keep our Pastor and our paid staff in your prayers and continue your support and encouragement for them. They complete many tasks that help our church be successful in fulfilling our mission statement, which is:

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to reach the lost and to provide for spiritual growth and nurture of our family of believers through education and the ministry of Word and Sacraments.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

By Barbara Bradtmueller, Preschool Director

"Let the little children come to me for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



The preschool is off to a wonderful start! We have a full Pre-K and the 3's/4's class is almost full. We have the great opportunity to reach out with the love of Jesus to these sweet children and their families.

One of the favorite activities in the 3's/4's class is dressing up like super heroes. The children don their capes and masks and pretend to save their friends, or baby dolls, stuffed animals, and even the teacher. This reminds us of our real super hero, Jesus, and how He is here to save us every single day, every single hour, every single minute! It is our intent to help the children learn about the real super hero, Jesus, through Bible stories, chapel, songs and prayer. We are encouraged as we watch them sharing the love with each other and their families too!

Please continue to pray for and support our preschool as we encourage these children to walk with Jesus every day and keep Him in their hearts.

Thank you to all who have chosen to be a Prayer Angel for a preschooler. We encourage you to reach out to the child you have chosen not only with prayer but with notes of encouragement so that maybe you can form a relationship of love for Jesus together. There will be opportunities throughout the school year for you to be able to meet your prayer angel and their families starting with the Trunk-or-Treat event and the preschool Christmas service. Let your love for Jesus shine!

This Little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine! This Little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine! This Little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine! Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

Don't forget to support the preschool fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A on Tuesday, November 1st from 5:00-7:00 at the Coliseum location. Use the mobile app to be able to donate 15% of the proceeds to the preschool.

Mission Statement

Peace Lutheran Preschool exists to reach out with the Gospel and love of Jesus to young children and families in our congregation and community by providing excellence in early childhood education.



YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS

By Rose Murphy, Youth Ministry

Youth Group

Youth Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 6-8pm. We spend time in God's word, share highs and lows, plan activities & get some game time in! We will plan some special events for the upcoming holidays, including the Youth Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 20! Watch for more information coming soon.

Young Adult Ministry on Zoom (YAMz) – Staying Connected

Those young adults (age 18 and out of high school) meet up on Zoom once a month, usually on the 3rd Sunday at 7pm. If you are a young adult and would like to get connected, contact Rose for Zoom info at 260-402-1679 or youth@peacelutheranfw.org.

JH Youth Rally: There were two young men who attended the Jr. High Youth Rally at Camp Lutherhaven on October 15 & 16. They learned so much about refugees from speakers who were refugees (Soe Moe from Southwest Lutheran Church) and from those who work with refugees, including Pastor Jim Keller from New Life Lutheran Church. They also learned how Jesus can relate so well to refugees, as he was a refugee himself in the beginnings of his life, fleeing from those who wanted to kill him. We are all fleeing from something or someone in this world, and what a blessing it is to know that God provides a place of refuge for us through the cross of Jesus.



Senior Highlights

Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth Come knowledge and understanding.

Keep our high school seniors in your prayers as they finish their last year of high school. Each has different skills and knowledge. They are all working very hard in their studies as they also contemplate and discern what their future holds after high school. If you would like to send a card of encouragement, you can find addresses in the directory or contact the church office.



Jacob Mann is a senior at Concordia Lutheran High School. He has received recognition as a National Merit Scholar for academic success on the PSAT/NMSQT. He was also inducted into the CLHS chapter of the National Honor Society.

Kendrick Marcum, a senior who is being homeschooled, is achieving good grades in his studies. Kendrick has a kind, humble and compassionate heart, and he looks out for his elderly neighbors by volunteering his services to help them keep their yards maintained.





Payton Sells is a senior who attends Wayne High School. She just received her 2nd gold pin for high academic honors. Payton is working toward graduation with her high school degree, as well as an Associate Technical Degree in Business from Ivy Tech.

SHARING PEACE CAFÉ

By Rose Murphy, Café Ministry

Election Day Polls: The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8 and Peace is a polling location. We need several people to serve as hosts on this day. You will need to direct people from the café to the polling station in the Fellowship Hall or assist those who have extra needs to enter through narthex doors and lead to the elevator. Please sign-up to host a shift on the form located in the narthex.

Cards in the Café: It's always a great time playing Euchre in the Café on the 2nd & 4th Mondays each month! We gather for a few rounds from 1-3pm with friends from Peace and friends from the neighborhood! Come early if you want to purchase a beverage from the Café before it closes. Bring a snack to share if you like and enjoy some great camaraderie with old and new friends alike!

Sharing Peace Art Gallery: Enjoy taking in the sweet fall art created by our preschool children, and displayed in the Café Art Gallery. After Thanksgiving, we will take pleasure in the Christmas & winter creations crafted by the students from LSUS, under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Reynolds. If you or someone you know is interested in displaying art in our gallery, please contact Rose Murphy at <u>cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org</u> or 260-744-3869.

Sharista Opportunity: Are you a people person? Do you love Jesus? Those are the two most important qualities of a great Sharista! The rest comes along with training. And know this...Drinking Coffee or even liking Coffee is NOT a PREREQUISITE! The Café has an opening for a Sharista on Tuesdays (at this time) 8am-1pm (plus time to open & close). There are opportunities to work Café and private events as well. Contact Rose at 260-744-3869, by email at <u>cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org</u>, or stop in the Café to pick up an application. Spread the word!

Café Volunteers: Do you have and hour or so to serve at the Café on Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings at 9am? The café is much busier nowadays and we could use a little extra help during our busy times. All you need to do is take orders and payments. And....you don't even have to do math! If interested, let Rose know at 260-744-3869 or <u>cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org</u>, and she will set up a time to train you. Another positive and fun way to serve at Peace!

Café Mission Moment: On the morning of August 3, I walked into the Café to find a circle of women holding hands while one of the young women was praying aloud. Afterward, there were tears and hugs all around.

This all came about when a regular friend of the café overheard a woman talking to the Sharista about her son-in-law who had been in a serious accident, and the outcome was uncertain. These women did not know one another, but the one woman's heart was so full of love and compassion, she asked the other if she could pray for her and her family. As these women (along with 2 or 3 others in café) were praying, a young man, new to the café walked in and witnessed this outpouring of love. He was in a hurry and couldn't stay, but I know that seeds were planted in those five minutes he was here that day.



Sharing Peace Café Hours Moday - Thursday 8:00am to 1:00pm

Friday - Saturday CLOSED

Sunday 8:30am to 11:00am

> CLOSED Nov 24-27 Thanksgiving

CLOSED Dec 23-Jan 2



OUR MISSION OUR MINISTRY

SHARING PEACE CAFÉ (Continued from page 6)

Prayers

Update: The son-in-law has made great strides in his recovery, but is still dealing with some lasting effects of brain trauma. Miraculously, he is now recovering at home, but still has a long road to complete recovery. There is a prayer card on the bulletin board in the Café for him. P.S. Please take a moment to pray for those on our prayer board.

Acts 12:12many were gathered together and were praying. Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Romans 10:17 So faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances...

FINANCIAL SECRETARY NOTES

By Dick Rutkowski

Your Third Quarter Contributions Statement will be available soon and will be placed in your Peace mailbox. The statement details your financial contributions to the missions of Peace. It shows your giving from January 1 through September 30 of this year, to each of the Peace contribution categories.

As we enter the last two months of 2022, this is a good time to do four things:

- Review your contribution records for accuracy and report any errors so that they can be corrected. If you have any questions about your statement or to report an error, please contact the Financial Secretary by phone at 760-8529 or by email at <u>rarutko@msn.com</u>. Or you can contact the church office.
- Review how your contributions compare to your own 2022 commitment to the financial support of Peace. God has blessed Peace congregation with loyal contributors and benefactors. As we finish the year, let's all remember our gifts from God and continue (or perhaps increase) our offerings back to Him, through His church.
- **Consider tax-advantageous ways to contribute to the work of the church.** Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) and direct gifts of stock may save you taxes as you contribute to God's work. Contact your financial or tax advisor for full details. Or contact the Financial Secretary for general information.
- Watch your mailbox and email for updates on the Warm & Dry Campaign. And look for information on Warm & Dry Phase 2.
- Zelle is now available to contribute to Peace on-line. As we approach winter, if weather, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from bringing your offerings to church, "Zelle" can help. Contact the church office or the Financial Secretary for 6 easy steps to sign-up and use this free service.

WINGS RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE



By Elaine King

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the rummage sale a big success.

In the end, we were able to ship a large truckload of goods to Cross Borders LLC. The bake sale, the largest ever, raised \$512. Total receipts of \$2400 include the bake sale.

An extra big thanks to MAP (Men at Peace) for setting up tables and loading the truck!

WinGS will be gathering soon to discuss disposition of funds. Watch for more information in the bulletin announcements and your mailbox.



OFFICE HOURS

November 11 12-1:30pm

November 17 10-11:30am

December 2 10-11:30am

For immediate assistance with health-related questions, call Cheryl at 260-341-8215

Parish Nurse Email is <u>Parishnurse@</u> peacelutheranfw.org

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS Second Wednesday & Third Sunday each month before and after Church



PARISH HEALTH and WELLNESS

By Cheryl Erickson, RN, FNP-BC

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Mont Over 2.2 million people worldwide will get lung cancer annually.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in both men and women in the U.S. It kills more people each year than any other cancer. Smoking poses the greatest risk, but there are others such as exposure to radon and air pollution. There are multiple types of lung cancer. Knowing this information can help inform treatment options. Screening high risk individuals has the potential to dramatically improve lung cancer survival rates. Lung cancer screening saves lives.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends annual screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) in adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. Screening should be discontinued once a person has not smoked for 15 years or develops a health problem that substantially limits life expectancy or the ability or willingness to have curative lung surgery.

The early detection of lung cancer allows for patients to have more treatment options and a far greater chance of survival. As a result, the 5-year survival rate for those diagnosed before the cancer has spread rises from 18 out of every 100 people to 55 out of every 100. But, the key is being tested for lung cancer early.

November 13th will be Purple Sunday



Purple Sunday is designed to educate members of a faith community about Alzheimer's and other dementias. Put on your purple and join us on November 13th for Purple Sunday to discuss the impact of Alzheimer's disease in our community. Together, we'll learn how to recognize the signs of Alzheimer's, the importance of early detection, and how to access care and support resources offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

Exercise classes are held in the Wellness Room below the stairs. Enter via doorway #3 off the parking lot. No previous experience necessary. \$5 per class session.

Chair Yoga Yoga CardioTone Zumba

Monday/Friday 11am–12pm Tuesday 6-7pm *(Bring a yoga mat if you can.)* Monday 5-5:45pm, Thursday 6-6:45pm Friday not meeting at this time

No Cardio Tone on October 31 No Chair Yoga on November 25 No classes on December 26



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Concordia's Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction

Concordia Lutheran High School's Cadets in Cadence USO Big Band Christmas Gala is December 3 at 5:30pm. Check out www.CadetsInCadence.com for more information and to buy your tickets and for sponsorships!

Concordia Day and Discover Concordia Night

Concordia Day is Nov. 11. This is High School Preview Day, and it's a great way for 8th graders to experience high school for a day. Students will tour classes, see the various programs, and get a good taste of high school life. Students need to arrive at the high school by 8:50 a.m. The day will end by 12:30 PM. A free lunch is provided or you may bring your lunch. Casual dress attire. If your student is not already attending with their school, please register. Any 8th grader from any school is welcome! Register now at <u>www.CometoConcordiaDay.com</u>. This is for students only.

On Nov. 16 is the annual Discover Concordia Night at 6:30 PM. This night is open to any parent and student who would like to learn more about attending Concordia Lutheran High School. The evening includes a program and a tour of the high school. Please register at <u>www.CometoConcordiaDay.com</u> and arrive a few minutes early for check-in.

Christmas at the Embassy

The annual Christmas at the Embassy concert is at 4 PM on Sunday, December 11 at the Historic Embassy Theatre. Kick off the Christmas season with sounds from bands, choirs and orchestra students. It's a tradition that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$12 for students/ seniors and \$18 for general admission. They will available for sale at the Embassy Box Office around mid-November.

LUTHERAN SOUTH UNITY SCHOOL



LSUS School Board Members Needed!

At this time, Peace has only one member of our congregation serving as a member of the LSUS School Board. We need more members from Peace to serve as volunteer LSUS Board members. If you are interested in serving or would like more information about how the board members serve the needs of LSUS, please talk to Pastor Mann, Mike Nowling, or Marty Blessing.



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Cathy Gastineau

Becky Rutkowski

Brian Blessing

Kasey Hapner

Philip Gastineau

Danielle Ramsey

Christian White

Sharon Weaver

Noelle Whitt-Harris

Chris Michael

Karen Bercot

Ralph Beeks

James Trzynka

Kelsey Gatchell

Kristi Hollman

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Have Good News to Share?

Email your news to: Newsletter@peacelutheranfw.org by the 15th of the month

If your birthday, anniversary or change of address is not listed, kindly contact the church office with your information.



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LSSI GIVING TREE By Becky Rutkowski

WinGS is again participating in the Christmas Family Project through Lutheran Social Services of Indiana. The program will work the same as last year. You have a choice to donate Walmart Gift Cards directly to LSSI (collected at Peace) or you can order gifts on the Amazon website (www.lssin.org/christmas) and have them shipped directly to LSSI. If you order on Amazon, LSSI has suggested that you include your first name(s) and Peace Church in the gift receipt section which gives a more personal feel for the gift recipient.

A Christmas tree will be set up in the narthex with tags suggesting the gift items to purchase. Cost of gift items should be no more than \$25.

Deadline for online purchases is December 6. Gift cards purchased at local Walmarts should be dropped off at the church office by that same date.

PARISH CHOIR COOKIE WALK

By Gary Gerke, Choir Director

The Parish Choir will once again be having their Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 4th immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Cookies will be sold by the pound for this choir fundraiser. Coffee, hot chocolate, and snack breads will also be available during the walk. As much as we want all to come out and join us that morning, we

are also in need of home baked cookies for the walk. We are asking for a donation of 5 dozen cookies. Decorated Christmas cookies are requested along with any other delicious tried and true recipes. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex through Wednesday, November 30th. Cookies may be dropped off between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3, and Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. before the worship service. Please help the Parish Choir out with our fundraiser by donating cookies and bringing a friend to enjoy them on December 4th.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE (Continued from page 1)

Such cheerful giving produces thanksgiving to God. Specifically in Paul's situation, the offering of the Corinthians and to the believers in Jerusalem will result first in their thanksgiving toward the Corinthians and also to God who has instilled hearts of love and generosity in their brothers and sisters. The same is true of our generosity. As we make use of the resources God has given us and respond generously in our support of Christ's Church throughout the world, those who make use of our gifts rejoice with thanksgiving: thanksgiving toward those who gave the gift and toward our gracious and loving God who has instilled hearts of love and generosity in his people.

May God continue to build us up in every aspect of righteousness and faith, including generosity.

In Christ,

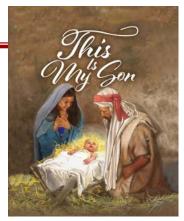
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ADVENT SERVICES

When I meet with a couple for premarriage counseling, we talk about what expectations for marriage are realistic or unrealistic. I also let them know that their spouse will inevitably let them down— sometimes multiple times a day!

Marriage is not the only source of disappointment and unmet expectations. Every human relationship will deal with these issues. Have you been happy with *every* decision an elected official has made, even one for whom you voted? Does your boss ever let you down? Have your employees always done their job well? Do your friends always come through for you? Do your children always make good and wise decisions based on what you have taught them?



Human beings *will* disappoint by failing to meet expectations. No wonder the psalmist tells us in Psalm 146:3–4, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish."

Parents have hopes and expectations for their children. Sometimes these are healthy expectations. Other times parents place unfair or unrealistic expectations on their children. This upcoming Advent season, during our midweek services, we will take a look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers.

- In the first week, we will be introduced to Cain, the son of Adam. No doubt Adam had higher hopes for Cain than for him to be known as the first murderer in history. But his murder of his brother reveals the murder lurking in all of our hearts.
- In the second week, we will be introduced to Ishmael, the son of Abraham. Though it was not his fault, Ishmael was a disappointment to Abraham because he was not the child of the promise. Abraham's efforts to take things into his own hands highlight our own tendency to do the same in our relationship with God.
- In the third week, we will be introduced to Absalom, the son of David. This rebellious son broke David's heart and exposes the rebellion we display against our heavenly Father.

But each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son. This Son is the true Son of Adam. He is the true Son of Abraham. He is the true Son of David. He is the Son who never disappointed His Father. He is the Son who never did any wrong. He is the Son of whom the Father spoke: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). This true Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, is also the Son of God, the very Son of God now living in our flesh and blood. This Son is Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, who fulfills the hope of salvation "that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:5). He is the One whom the psalmist spoke of in Psalm 146:5: "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God."

During this series, entitled *This Is My Son*, you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased.



FOR THE RECORD

Directory

Changes

Please contact the

church office with

any changes of

address, phone numbers and email

addresses

Directory Changes

Nancy Becker Nancy.N.Becker@gmail.com 260-312-5106

Soul Accounting



Mary Lou Brown October 6, 2022

Memorials

(not previously reported) Nancy Thieme for Millye Hunter

Kroger Earnings

Kroger encourages our members to link their rewards card to Peace. "Community Rewards" is easy to use and the more we shop with Kroger, the more money we will earn!

Our earnings from 7/1/22-9/30/22 were \$47.67

SHUT-INS

This is a list of our members who are homebound or in residential care centers. Please keep them in your prayers and close to your hearts. The addresses where these dear friends can receive cards are included for your convenience.

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Giving & Attendance

August 24 through October 19, 2022 contributions and attendance were as follows:

Aug 21/24	\$4,709.00	\$4,734.00	63/20
Aug 28/31	\$8,286.00	\$8,311.00	61/18
Sept 4/7	\$4,432.79	\$4,432.79	60/21
Sept 11/14	\$3,929.00	\$3,929.00	65/16
Sept 18/21	\$6,888.00	\$6,888.00	67/21
Sept 25/28	\$3,888.00	\$3,888.00	64/13
Oct 2/5	\$4,947.00	\$4,947.00	69/13
Oct 9/12	\$4,509.00	\$4,509.00	64/11
Oct 16/19	\$5,431.78	\$5,431.78	61/13

Budget		
Yearly 2021-2022:	\$3	33,897.96
Weekly 2021-2022:	\$	6,421 11

Nancy Zollinger 260-623-6440

Adams Heritage 12011 Whittern Rd. Monroeville, IN 46773



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2*	3	4	5
		1:00pm Bible Study in the Café 3:30pm Board of Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Yoga	6:30pm Worship with Communion	6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	11:00am Chair Yoga	7:00pm CLHS Trivia Night
6*	7	8	9*	10	11	12
All Saints Day End of Daylight Savings 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour	11:00am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Cardio Tone	Bulletin Items Due 6am-6pm Election Voting Location 6:00pm Yoga	6:30pm Worship with Communion BP Screenings	6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	Concordia Day 11:00am Chair Yoga 12-1:30pm Parish Nurse is In	5:30pm LSUS Let the Children Come
13*	14	15	16*	17	18	19
9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour	11:00am Chair Yoga 1:00-3:00pm Cards in the Café 5:00pm Cardio Tone	Bulletin Items Due 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Yoga 6:30pm Board of Directors	6:30pm Discover Concordia Night 6:30pm Worship with Communion	10:00-11:30am Parish Nurse Is In 6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	11:00am Chair Yoga	9:00am Men at Peace
20	21	22	23*	24	25	26
10:00am Worship Service BP Screenings 10:30am Education Hour 7:00pm YAMz	11:00am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Cardio Tone	Bulletin Items Due 6:00pm Yoga	Thanksgiving Eve 6:30pm Worship with Communion	Thanksgiving Day	No Chair Yoga	
27*	28	29	30*			
9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour	11:00am Chair Yoga 1:00-3:00pm Cards in the Cafe 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed	Bulletin Items Due 6:00pm Yoga	6:30pm Worship with Communion			

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00-11:30am Parish Nurse Is In 11:00am Chair Yoga	3 9:00am-Noon Church Decorating 5:30pm Cadets in Cadence Gala
4* 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour Choir Cookie Walk	5 11:00am Chair Yoga 3:30pm Board of Elders 5pm Cardio Tone	6 Bulletin Items Due 1:00pm Small Group Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group Items/gift cards due for LSSI Family Christmas	7* 6:30pm Worship with Communion	8 6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 11:00am Chair Yoga	10
11* Christmas Choral Service 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour 4:00pm CLHS Christ- mas at the Embassy	12 11:00am Chair Yoga 1:00-3:00pm Cards in the Café 5pm Cardio Tone	13 Bulletin Items Due 6:30pm Board of Directors NO Youth Group 7pm LSUS Christ- mas Program at Bethlehem	14* 6:30pm Worship with Communion BP Screenings	15 PY Articles due for Jan/Feb 6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16 11:00am Chair Yoga	17 9:00am Men at Peace
18 10:00am Worship Service with the Preschool BP Screenings Reception/Edu Hour 7:00pm YAMz	19 11:00am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Cardio Tone	20 Bulletin Items Due 6:00pm Youth Christmas Party	21 No Worship Service	22 6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	23 11:00am Chair Yoga	24 Christmas Eve 6:30pm Wor- ship with Com- munion
25* Christmas Day 9:00am Worship with Communion	26 Office and Cafe Closed	27 Café closed Bulletin Items Due 6:00 pm SH Youth Group	28* Café closed No Worship Service	29 Café closed 6:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	30 11:00am Chair Yoga	31 New Years Eve 6:30pm Wor- ship with Com- munion

* = Communion Service SH = Sr. High JH = Jr. High YAMz = Young Adult Ministry on





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Thanksgiving Eve Service—Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30pm

Advent Services—Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, & 14, at 6:30pm (There will be no mid-week service on December 21.)

Advent/Christmas Choral Service—Sunday, December 11 at 9:00am

Preschool Christmas Service—Sunday, December 18 at 10:00am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Saturday December 24 at 6:30pm

Christmas Morning Service—Sunday, December 25 at 9:00am

New Year's Eve Service—Saturday, December 31 at 6:30pm