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Peace With Christ Staff & Leadership

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Does Going to Church Make You Christian?”

In a late-2017 article entitled “Meet the ‘Spiritual But Not Religious”, the Barna Group described a growing segment of our population that identify themselves as ones who “love Jesus but not the church.” These people strongly identify with their faith (they say their religious faith is very important in my life today), they just don’t attend church. Which brings up a question: Does going to church *make* you Christian? Since we are not given the privilege of looking into the heart and discerning the faith as only God can do, what are we left with? Words? Well, yes. Words count; your confession of faith counts.

But even more than words count, worship *does* count. Your regular hearing of the Word of God and you’re eating the Supper of Jesus counts. Jesus’ own example shows the importance of Temple and synagogue. As was His habit, He went to church. There is not much disagreement in this. And so did His disciples. Luther certainly picked up on this by tying the failure and refusal to worship (The Third Commandment) to the act of despising the Word of God.

The Book of Hebrews (chapter 10, verse 25) gives us a hint that although the expectation was always there in the beginning, Christians did need encouragement to go to church. Does going to church make you a Christian? Can’t we just “love Jesus but not the church” and call it good?

Certainly, simply walking into a church building on a Sunday morning will not make you a Christian, but it puts you where the Word and Spirit of the Lord are at work to make you Christian and *keep* you one.

Going to church may not make you a Christian but I would say that it is a good indicator that you seek to be one (by God’s grace and favor and not of works). And this is a truth that we can share with our “Spiritual but not Religious” friends and family. God gives us many blessed opportunities to speak the truth in love to those who seek life apart from the gathering of the faithful around Jesus’ Word and Sacraments. We can remind them that it is the greatest gift of God to love Jesus AND the church. Invite them to join you and all the other broken yet forgiven sinners at Peace with Christ. Invite them to come and hear the Words of Jesus proclaimed on a Sunday morning rejoice that they are loved by Jesus *and* His Church!

Your Servant for Jesus’ sake,
Pastor David B Magruder

In September 2017 LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry, in conjunction with Concordia Publishing House, announced the release of the core module kit of the *Every One His Witness™ (E1HW)* program, a new evangelism resource aimed at helping Lutherans share the Gospel with those whom God has placed in their everyday lives.

Witnessing. What's it all about? The *Every One His Witness* Lutheran evangelism program puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with people in our everyday lives.

Participants learn: What is witnessing? Why do we witness? And the “how-to” of witnessing using the LASSIE approach — Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage.

LASSIE means listening to those who are unsure about Christianity. It means asking questions that aren't accusatory. It means sharing the Good News about Jesus. **Notice how there's no bashing, no judgment, and no forced imposition of beliefs.** Instead, there's understanding, communication, and honesty between friends. And *Every One His Witness* teaches you how.

The program takes place in two parts: First, an on-site core module training led by a local leader. Second, attendees are invited to join the context module training website to dive deeper into specific contexts.

This fall at Peace with Christ, the Board of Evangelism will be offering a 6 week evangelism program, *Every One His Witness* led by Rev. Magruder. Invitations have gone out to individuals for our first session but if this interests you, please get in contact with a member of the Evangelism board; Rhonda Kaiser, Wes Nierman, Paul Rubel, Dan Cerman, myself or Rev. Magruder.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, **we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen**, but you do not receive our testimony . . . As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son in to the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3:11, 14-17).

Marilyn's Memo

Dear PWC Family,

It is autumn and all the activities which happen during this time of year are going full blast! School activities, harvest, weed raking, football and many others are taking place this month. Our Youth members are settling into school routines and working to balance the demands of school, school activities, homework, work and church! Please pray for our young people as they strive to remain faithful and active here at church. They have many different things vying for their attention and time. If you see our Youth member, please greet them and let them know they are valued here at PWC because they are our future! Just a simple, "Hello, it is nice to see you" is sufficient; further conversation is a blessing!

Thank you once again for all the support you give to our youth through your prayers, providing a space for them to gather, encouraging them and continuing to support activities through the budget and your generous donations. You are a blessing to them and me!

Have a wonderful, blessed October.

Marilyn

Here are more thank you notes from the Youth: For LVR Catechism Retreat (June)

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for helping send me to the Lutheran Valley Retreat. It was a great experience. It was so fun to go bouldering, hiking and explore the mountains. I learned so much about the Ten Commandments and how they apply to our everyday lives.

Thank you. Sincerely, Kai Olsen

At LVR, I learned more about the 10 Commandments and the way they break into two parts; love God and love your neighbor. I really enjoyed the fresh air and getting to rock climb. I thank you so much for your support of our fundraisers that helped pay for part of my cost to go to LVR.

Thank you, Emma Magruder

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Dear Peace With Christ,

I want to say thank you for helping with the cost of LVR. I personally had a great time. I learned a lot and would like to go next year.

Thank You, **Lydia Pennington**

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for the support and fundraising that went to paying for part of our trip to LVR, I learned about how you never just break one commandment and how they are all interconnected. One of my favorite memories is of finding Pastor Wolfmueller during Catechism Commando.

THANKS FOR AN AWESOME TRIP! **^Rylie DuRant =)**

To Peace With Christ,

Thank You for helping cover part of my cost to go to LVR camp. I learned to trust my neighbor whenever I need them. My favorite part is getting to know my cabin mates. I had so much fun, Thanks.

James Pennington

To: Marilyn Lasich and PWC Congregation,

Thank you so much Marilyn and all the people that helped with LVR. It was so much fun to be in the mountains with my friends from church and from my home. One good memory I have from LVR was the catechism commando I thought that was a lot of fun.

Thank you again,

From: Ryan DuRant

For Higher Things (July)

I would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful opportunity to learn at Higher Things. I enjoyed learning about how the Mormon religion was built by a story marker who disliked Christians and I learned how to witness to Mormons in love during a Breakout session. I loved having fun at the pool on evenings during the conference. **Aidan Magruder**

Dear Congregation,

This was my first trip to Higher Things. I learned so much other religions and how ours is different in both our attitude toward God and our lifestyle that is founded in our beliefs. My favorite part was going to different Pastors for their presentation and learning how to put God in the forefront of my everyday life. Thank you so much for the support that went towards such an awesome trip! ^ Rylie DuRant =)

Youth Activities



October 13 – Youth Work Day! 9 am – 4 pm, Wear working clothes, bring a pair of gloves, a water bottle and dress for the weather. We will be helping out at some member's homes readying them for winter! Sign-up and come for the entire day or for morning or afternoon! Spend some of your time giving back to others by participating! Food and fellowship will be provided.

October 14 – Middle School and Family Outing to Bartels's Corn Maze. Cost is \$5 per person for the maze, hay ride and a small pumpkin! We will eat lunch after late service and then head to Bartel's. Friends and family are welcome. Sign-up so I can plan the food!!

October 26 – High School Fritzler's Corn Maze, 5 pm – 8 pm; dinner, drinks and snacks will be provided. Cost is \$20. Meet at PWC by 5 pm, dress for the weather and we will head to Fritzler's! We should be back at PWC by 11 pm.

Scrip Gift Card program – Parents! Please sign up to assist with this important fundraiser! Also, purchase a reloadable King Soopers' card for \$2.50 and begin using it to help raise funds while you purchase groceries! Check out the many different cards we have on hand or to order and learn how to sign-up to purchase SCRIPNOW and re-load many cards online!

Church Council

The Council Minutes *Minute* gives you the opportunity to see highlights of the Council Meetings several weeks before the approval of the actual Minutes.

These minutes reflect business conducted at the Council Meeting on September 17, 2018.

- Council is continuing to develop a recommended Budget to bring before the Congregation. The Council will meet again on Monday, Oct 1 to continue working on the Budget.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- **Sunday, October 14 at 9:30am.** Congregation Forum during Bible Study to provide information about the 2019 Recommended Budget.
- **Sunday, November 11 at 1:00pm.** Congregational Voters Meeting for elections and approval of the 2019 Budget.
- Paul Rubel received a draft of the Financial Review/Audit report. Council voted to authorize Paul to approve the draft and finalize the process to receive the final report. Council will review the final report at a future meeting.
- Council briefly discussed the open positions for the 2019 Church Council; President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Youth, Education, Hands-in-Harmony, Fellowship, three Elders and two Trustees. Anyone interested in learning more about these positions can contact Dan Prevedel.
- The Evangelism Committee is going to be offering a group of members the opportunity to participate in the initial classes this fall for the “Every One His Witness” program. It is anticipated that additional classes will be held in the future.
- Council Members will be working with Scott French to install Servant Keeper (the membership database) on their personal computers which can assist in improving communications with members.
- The clean-up and inventory of the various storage areas is scheduled for

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Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm. All committees and groups who have items in any storage area are encouraged to participate and assist with the inventory and clean-up of items belonging to them.

- The Financial Reports are provided in the Council Broadcast article instead of the weekly Greensheet to give Council members the opportunity to review and approve the monthly Financial Reports prior to providing the information to PWC members.

The Financial Report for August 31, 2018 was not approved by Council as there were questions on a variety of items. Treasurer Sara Buchleiter was unable to attend the Council meeting and the report will be brought before Council for approval at the next meeting after the questions have been answered.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Carlson
Council Secretary



Lutheran Women in Mission

Program: A Mighty Fortress! Monday, October 8th @ 6:30 pm
Join us for dessert and fellowship at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. At 7 pm, we'll color Luther's Seal with Sarah K. while Julie Ward leads our study of hymn favorite, "A Mighty Fortress".
Christie Peebles will have devotions. Connie Jurischk and Christie will hostess.
ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

- **Mites are Mighty!** LWML's mite box for World Missions will be in the Narthex EVERY SUNDAY in October's Mission Month! For a comprehensive listing, including links to each, visit www.lwml.org & www.lwmlrmd.org.
- **October's Mission: Pastor Tim and Lisa Beckendorf**, missionaries with *Lutheran Bible Translators* in Botswana, Africa. We've supported this amazing family for years and will be collecting donations on LWML Sunday, October 14th, to further their mission of bringing God's Word to the people of Botswana. Stay tuned to future bulletin articles for more details!
- **LWML Sunday themed "Our Rest in a Changing World" is October 14th:** Sign-up sheets are posted on the LWML bulletin board for women willing to serve as coffee makers, ushers, greeters, guest book or nursery attendants at either service.
- **LWML's Christmas Themed Holiday Craft Fair will be Friday, November 9th from 4-7 pm & Saturday, November 10th from 9 am-2 pm. Our homemade soup & pie luncheon will be served from 11 am-1 pm.** Sign up for soup, pies, baked goods, kitchen help & craft items are posted on the LWML bulletin board. Congregation-wide support makes this an amazing community event! 100% of proceeds from the Craft Fair & Luncheon will support the educational pursuits of four future LCMS Pastors; Benjamin Vanderhyde, Paul Horstmeyer, Charles Ridley & Luke Elowsky & one future Lutheran musician; Liam Harms.
- **WANTED: Christmas Mugs.** Free up valuable cabinet space! Linda Siegfried is collecting your underutilized, underappreciated Christmas mugs for November's Craft Fair. If you have 1, 2, or a dozen, please label them for Linda and place in PWC's kitchen under the window.
- **LWML's Executive Board** meets Monday, October 29th at 6:30 pm in the home of Bev Russman. All ladies are welcome to attend this business meeting.

The Missions of Missions & Ministry

In the spirit of keeping the congregation informed and engaged with outreach projects for Peace with Christ, the Missions and Ministry committee will have updates in the Broadcast each month, highlighting programs we support as a congregation and upcoming projects.

For October, we are highlighting Lutheran Family Services (LFS). Lutheran Family Services is a human services agency responding to the diverse needs of individuals, families, and communities with bold and proactive solutions at every stage of life. Our local Lutheran Family Services is part of LFS Rocky Mountain serving the communities of Fort Collins, Greeley, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Fort Morgan (in Colorado) as well as Albuquerque, NM.

Regionally, LFS programs and services include adoption; foster care; older adults and caregiver services; prevention services; pregnancy counseling; refugee and asylee; and disaster response. Each community, listed above, offers support in some or all of the listed areas. For specifics on what each program entails please visit the Lutheran Family Services website at <https://www.lfsrm.org>. At the bottom of the home page lists the programs offered (listed above), and you may click on the program icon for details on each program.

Currently, the congregation has been supporting LFS annually with a \$83.33 a month contribution for working costs and overhead. We are also sponsoring a table at the Oktoberfest, Friday the 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Big Red Barn in Windsor, CO. This banquet and fundraiser celebrating Lutheran Family Services 70th anniversary of service to the Rocky Mountain region. If you are interested in joining in and/or supporting the celebration, please contact Teri Frerichs at 970-689-2315 (text or message) or e-mail at terilynnern@gmail.com.

Thank you, members, for your support and contributions to Mission and Ministry outreach and projects. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions and/or give feedback to myself or Jerry Buchleiter.

Sincerely,
Teri Frerichs
Missions & Ministry Chairperson

News and Announcements

Tuesday, October 2nd at Noon –

TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group)

Please bring a favorite dish to share. Pastor Magruder will lead a Bible study titled “Get out of Jail Free” at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and check this out and enjoy the fellowship.

Joy Circle

Thursday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m. Joy Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be led by Sharon Wiesner and hostesses are Joanne Dahmer and Pat Stegner. All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend. We will have a Bible Study led by Cheryl Harsen. Please join us.

October is LWML Mission Month!

We celebrate the work of missionaries and their amazing work to bring God's Word to ALL people, here and around the world. On October 14th, LWML Sunday, a special collection will be taken for Pastor Tim and Lisa Beckendorf, missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana, Africa who have ties to PWC. Stay tuned to future bulletins for more information!

Storage Areas Inventory and Cleanup

Our storage areas (basement, including the boiler room, and chair closet) have accumulated a lot of inventory over the years. Church Council has set the date of Saturday, October 20th for the cleanout of these areas. All committees and groups who have items in any storage area are encouraged to inventory these areas prior to Oct. 20th and review your inventory with your group and decide what is no longer necessary. On Oct. 20th, your group is requested to have a representative present to participate in and assist with the reduction of inventory and cleanout of items belonging to them. Remember the date: Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Congregational Forum to Review the Proposed 2019 Budget

Church Council will review and answer questions concerning the proposed budget for 2019 during the Bible Class hour on October 14th. Your suggestions will be reviewed and considered by the Church Council on Oct 15th. The approved budget will be voted on at the next Voters meeting on Sunday, Nov. 11th at 1:00 pm.

Looking for Leaders!

Do you have skills or gifts that might benefit our congregation? Maybe you are willing to learn something new? Do you have a heart to serve your neighbor and our congregational family?

*Each year our congregation elects half of the PWC Church Council officers. At the upcoming November congregational meeting, we will be electing members to the following positions:

1-year term: President, Vice-President

2-year terms: Treasurer, Education Choir, Hands in Harmony Chair, Youth Ministry Chair, Fellowship Chair, two Trustee positions and three Elder positions.

Please consider whether you would be willing to serve our congregation by filling one of these roles. For more information, please call and leave a message for Dan Prevedel at 970-231-0314.

Scrip Gift Cards – Fundraiser for the Youth Activities

Remember the days of fundraising when kids would ask you to purchase gift wrap, candles, candy, cookie dough, pizza kits, and Christmas wreaths?? The PWC Youth group has a simpler and dollar for dollar fundraiser for you!

Purchase gift cards from the Youth and you will receive the full dollar amount to purchase groceries, clothing, gas, home improvement items, coffee and dining out! Simple and easy – stop by the Youth table on Sunday morning to learn more about this program.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joshua & Darci Johnson	October 11, 2003
Mark & Kirsten Olsen	October 19, 1996
Jerry & Barbara Holder	October 25, 1969
Wes & Eunice Nierman	October 28, 1961



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Paul Rubel	October 4
John Jesser	October 5
Fran Watson	October 5
Ken Keeney	October 6
Lisa Bernhardt	October 8
Jill Jesser	October 8
Rick Lane	October 11
Mackenzie Chevront	October 15
Mark Olsen	October 15
Stacie Yeldell	October 16
Charity Dowdell	October 17
Rhonda Carmichael	October 18
Carolyn Barnett	October 20
Karen Groves	October 20
Nicole Smith	October 20
Elenore Lund	October 23
Jerry Buchleiter	October 24
Ashley Chernak	October 24
Sarah Walters	October 26
Dana Spanjer	October 28
Bridger Boehnke	October 30
Ashley Fischer	October 31
Molly Krueckeberg	October 31
Scott Yeldell	October 31

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