

# Prints of Peace

Congregational Newsletter  
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## Special Sundays & Other Church Events

- September 5**      **BSC Community Night, 6 PM**
- September 7**      **Community Forum on Alzheimer's, 6 PM**
- September 10**     **God's Work. Our Hands., 10:30 AM**
- September 12**     **Council, 6 PM**
- September 15-16** **Mini-Border Immersion**
- September 17**     **Women in Motion, 6 PM Potluck at Carol Peterson's**
- September 29-30** **Youth Lock-in, 6 PM**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

**September 3**  
Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

**September 10**  
Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**September 17**  
Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**September 24**  
Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16



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## Pastor's Message

### Caring for Others – It takes a Village

Maya Angelou is quoted as having said, "I've learned that **people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.**"

In my pastoral ministry to people who are grieving, hospitalized, and homebound, I have found this quote to be spot on. During one particular visit with a woman in my previous congregation, named Sheri, I asked her what keeps her participating in the life of faith and in the congregation. She proceeded to share with me how the caring relationships, sympathy cards, phone calls, and meaningful conversation with others in the church made her *feel* loved, following the death of her husband Bob. She couldn't remember the specific words that people said to her, but she had a deep sense of connectedness to the people in the congregation. She and a few other women started going to lunch together after adult Sunday school. God, working through the community of faith, was building new bonds of relationship.



I am sure that there are many similar stories here at Peace Lutheran. Perhaps even your own life of faith has been touched by the caring relationships of others and how they have made you feel. St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians writes, "*So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.*" (Galatians 6:10 NRSV) This caring and compassionate witness of the Body of Christ is most assuredly for those inside the community of faith, but it is not exclusively for those inside the "family of faith."

It takes a village, or more pointedly – the Body of Christ, to respond to the pains and hurts in the lives of others. Following Christ doesn't mean that suffering and hardships end. So, it takes clergy and lay people to be engaged in the pastoral care ministries of a congregation. Pastoral care should not be understood as something reserved for those called "pastor." Webster's Dictionary offers this definition of pastoral, "of or relating to spiritual care or guidance especially of a congregation." Clergy and lay people can be *pastoral*. Our congregation expresses pastoral care through a variety of ministries. Visit the church's website to learn more at, <http://peacelutheranlc.com/ministries/healthy-congregations/pastoral-care/>

- **Pastoral Care Team** – clergy and lay people who make regular contact and visits to those who are hospitalized and homebound.
- **Parish Nurses** – trained nurses who can be called upon to give referrals and recommendations about health related concerns of church members
- **Prayer Chains** – A network of people who can be notified by text messages and email about prayer needs of others and who have committed to pray for the needs of others.
- **Card Ministry Team** – This small group ministry meets monthly to makes handmade card and sends them out to members of the church.
- **Prayer List and Healing Prayer** - Our congregation expresses love and care each time we speak the needs and names from the prayer list during the intercessory prayers in worship and by inviting people to pray with the healing prayer minister who is stationed near the font each Sunday during communion.

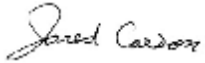
I invite you to consider being more intentional and involved in pastoral care ministries offered by Peace Lutheran Church. We particularly need more Pastoral Care Team members to make monthly contacts with the sick, homebound, and hospitalized. I recognize that visitation, prayer, and

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caring for others can be difficult for some people. Clergy go through extensive pastoral care training and clinical pastoral education (CPE) training. For this reason, I am offering a **Lay Pastoral Care Training on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-12noon**. This training uses the best practices and learnings for pastoral care classes. I give thanks to God for the loving care that each of you is able to contribute as the Body of Christ. Christ, through us, is bringing healing and comfort to the world. I believe people *feel* it. Thanks be to God.

Faithfully Yours,



Pr. Jared Carson

### **Vicar's Corner**

I have twice had the delight and privilege of living in Lincoln, NE, my adopted home town. My first stint living there was as a college student at Nebraska Wesleyan University, and the second was after I returned home from the Peace Corps. The first time around, if you had asked me to tell you about Lincoln, I would have described it to you as a fairly mono-cultural, whitebread, middle-America kind of place. Living in University Place, most of the people I knew were other white kids like me from small towns and cities around Nebraska and western Iowa. When I returned to Lincoln from the Dominican Republic, I used my Peace Corps experience to find employment in multicultural education and teaching English to immigrants and refugees. Immersed in a completely different community of people, I found myself learning my beloved city anew, astonished by just how staggeringly diverse it could be. As a sheltered college student, it had never occurred to me to wonder why Lincoln was lousy with deliciously authentic Mexican and Central American restaurants, or to question the ease with which you could find a good Arabic market or a bánh mì shop or even an African tailor. In truth, Lincoln is home to a multitude of people from all over the world: it has been a major refugee resettlement site since at least the 70s; the world-class agriculture program at the University of Nebraska draws students from all over the globe; and the low cost of living and abundance of agriculture and construction jobs attract many immigrants (documented and otherwise) seeking a new life. This veritable rainbow of human experience had existed all around me, but I had to get bumped out of my comfort zone a little bit before I could see it.

Just as Lincoln is many things to many people – university town, agricultural town, home town, refugee resettlement site, semi-sanctuary city – I am beginning to see some of the many dynamics in play here in Las Cruces: university town, border town, retirement community, agricultural town, and so on. As people of God, we are called to be in relationship with all our various kinds of neighbors, to emulate the radical hospitality that was first shown to us. And so it makes me wonder how well our community here at Peace Lutheran reflects and relates to the community we serve. Who are the people sitting next to us in the pews, and who might be missing from our table?

Many of you know that my degree emphasis is in bilingual/Latinx ministry. And it is no secret that our 96% white church, the ELCA, struggles to relate meaningfully and broadly to communities of color, including majority Hispanic borderlands communities like Las Cruces. My hunch is that you all here at Peace Lutheran know that struggle well. It can be frustrating to find, even after carefully building up outreach ministries like the Border Servant Corps, even after sincerely proclaiming “all are welcome” until we’re blue in the face, that the composition of our congregations doesn’t always noticeably change.

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*Please let us know if we missed your birthday!*

| <b>September Birthdays</b> |                     |      |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| 9/2                        | Trevor Tuthill      | 9/18 | Eugene Dirk         |
| 9/3                        | Carol Winkles       | 9/19 | Delores Raveling    |
| 9/4                        | Dave Skari          | 9/20 | Arlyss Skari        |
| 9/5                        | Steve Helmreich     | 9/21 | Judy Finch          |
| 9/10                       | Arista Dozier       | 9/22 | Eden Winkles        |
| 9/10                       | Sharon Hartford     | 9/22 | Mary Winkles        |
| 9/10                       | Andrew Smith        | 9/23 | Jim Bentley         |
| 9/11                       | Connie McKinley     | 9/24 | Nancy Apodaca       |
| 9/12                       | Elizabeth Cleveland | 9/25 | Amber Chavez        |
| 9/12                       | Mark Sanders        | 9/26 | Grant Stockberger   |
| 9/12                       | Kendra Sarabia      | 9/26 | Elliot Stuve        |
| 9/12                       | Cory Shepan         | 9/26 | Luca Stuve          |
| 9/12                       | Julie Treers        | 9/27 | Jay Benusa          |
| 9/13                       | Nancy Greene        | 9/27 | Mary Anne Staffeldt |
| 9/13                       | MaKayla Ridley      | 9/29 | John Behrens        |
| 9/13                       | Travis Shepan       | 9/29 | Wanda Hansen        |
| 9/15                       | Ron Odegaard        | 9/30 | Penny Stuve         |

**Church Directory Updates**

*Please notify the office if you have any address, email or phone number changes.*

Please call the office for this information.

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Reflecting on my own experience of being transformed by exposure to and relationship with people whose backgrounds were wildly different from my own, I think that this is the kind of change that simply has to begin from within. It begins by stepping (or by being bumped!) out of our comfort zones into contact with something new, and allowing ourselves to be shaped by that experience. I plan to bring some new things into our congregational life together this year, including Spanish language elements in our communal worship, in the hopes of bumping us out of our comfort zone a little. I hope that you will join me in this opportunity for us to step out of our predominantly Anglo-Lutheran comfort zone together, and to be challenged and transformed by living more and more into God's call to love our neighbors.

*Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
 To love all people, ev'ry race;  
 And in each person may I see  
 My kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.  
 Break down the wall that would divide  
 Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
 My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
 Let Christian love bind warm and true.*

ELW 716

Vicar Day

# Faith Formation News

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**Upcoming Events:**

- 9/5—Confirmation
- 9/7—NMSU Outdoor Office Hours (11:15am)
- 9/7—Community Forum on Alzheimer's
- 9/7—Confirmation
- 9/10—"God's Work, Our Hands" (10:30am)
- 9/14—NMSU Outdoor Office Hours (11:15am)
- 9/15-16—Mini Border Immersion (El Paso, TX)
- 9/28—NMSU Outdoor Office Hours (11:15am)
- 9/29-30—Youth Lock-In
- 10/1—Confirmation
- 10/5—NMSU Outdoor Office Hours (11:15am)
- 10/5--Community Forum



**SPARK**  
**Sunday School**  
(3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Sept. Bible Story**  
***The Good Samaritan***  
Luke 10:25-37

## 5 Milestones Celebrated in August

Two milestone packed weeks in August allowed us to celebrate with people of all ages various milestones in their lives. Students, school staff, and teachers were blessed upon a new academic year during our Blessing of the Backpacks (pictured below) on

August 13. The following Sunday, August 20, we celebrated the baptism of little Amelia, gifted some of our children new age-appropriate Bibles, blessed a new year of Sunday School for children and youth, and commissioned our 2017-

18 Border Servant Corps Volunteers.  
  
*Milestones ministry at Peace Lutheran brings an awareness to the presence of God in our lives and provides opportunities to celebrate these milestones in our community of faith.*



## Adult Faith Formation - What's Coming Up?

**True Confessions: A Lutheran Witness to the Christian Faith**  
Sundays at 10:30am  
(Aug. 27; Sept. 3, 17, & 24)

Come explore the Lutheran confessional documents to understand their historical significance and application for a life of faith in a post-modern world. Pastor Jared

will be leading this class.

**Community Forum September 7 at 6pm**  
*The Alzheimer's Association: The Brains Behind Saving Yours*

Hear how this organization supports, educates, and assists the Las Cruces community.

**The Cost of Discipleship**  
Wed. at 10am OR 7pm  
(Oct. 4—Nov. 8)

Explore this book about discipleship, written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran theologian who was involved in resisting the Nazis. This book reflects on Matthew's Sermon on the Mount.

## Mini-Border Immersion: September 15-16

Spend 26 hours immersed in the life of the border and the life of the Cristo Rey community. Participants will come face to face with the immigration system in our country and be able to see and hear first-hand how that system and the border itself

shape the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ in sometimes tragic, cruel, and inhumane ways.

Our host for this experience is Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas. The cost for

is \$75 per person and will include one overnight and all meals. The retreat begins at 6:00pm on Friday and will finish by 8:00pm on Saturday. Sign-up by September 10<sup>th</sup> to guarantee your spot.

Contact Deacon Laura Carson with any questions.



Meet Sarah Sánchez  
Española, New Mexico ■ St. Louis University

Hello! My name is Sarah and I'm from Northern New Mexico. While attending the University of New Mexico as an undergraduate I had two unique opportunities to visit Latin America through courses that focused on sustainable development. In preparation for the course in Nicaragua, we were given a thorough understanding of the historical context of U.S. interests and actions in the country in the 20th century and their continued effects to the present day. This foundation allowed me to go through the rest of my education with a more informed view and critical eye of U.S. policy on the region and its people. Last summer I got to see how some of that policy extended stateside while interning in the Las Cruces border region and meeting with programs that sought to address and resolve the unique problems that those in the border region faced. My short time in the border region allowed me to come in contact with a variety of people who embraced diversity, language and culture in a way that I had never seen before and it really made me want to return to the border region and become more involved. I am excited for the opportunity to do just that with Border Servant Corps. I can't wait to learn from both my BSC cohort and the surrounding community.



Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc. (DMRS), an incorporated ministry of the Diocese of El Paso, is an immigration law clinic providing free or low cost legal services to eligible immigrants who wish to immigrate to or become citizens of the United States. BSC provides a Removal Defense/Trial Unit Caseworker to DMRS.



Join us for BSC Events in September!

- **Service Site Community Night.** Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30-8:30 pm at Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services, Inc. (2400 E Yandell Dr, El Paso, TX 79902). POTLUCK—RSVP [Sophia@borderservantcorps.org](mailto:Sophia@borderservantcorps.org).
- **Issues Night.** Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30-8:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM. POTLUCK—RSVP [Sophia@borderservantcorps.org](mailto:Sophia@borderservantcorps.org).



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**Welcome to the new 2017-2018 BSCers!**



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### Consider this 'TIP' to help you save for college

If you're trying to save for a child's college education, here are some college funding options you may not be aware of. An easy way to remember them is with the acronym "TIP."

- **Trusts:** Trusts can be used for education and other purposes.
  - While contributions to a trust have no minimum or maximum amount, exceeding the annual gifting limit could reduce the donor's lifetime gift and estate tax exclusion amounts.
  - When a family creates or uses a trust for any purpose, it can affect a student's eligibility for need-based financial aid.
  - Contact an attorney to see if a trust could be right for you.
- **IRAs:** While primarily used for retirement savings, traditional and Roth IRAs allow you to withdraw funds penalty-free if used for qualified education expenses.
  - Your contributions can grow tax-deferred until withdrawal. And with a traditional IRA, they may also be tax-deductible.
  - Using IRAs for college funding can affect your retirement strategy and need-based financial aid eligibility, so be sure to contact a financial representative about this option.
- **Permanent life insurance:**
  - If something should happen to you, a permanent life insurance contract can help ensure that financial goals like education funding can still be met.
  - Permanent life insurance contracts may accumulate cash value that can be used during your lifetime and also provide additional flexibility for other funding avenues as well.

### Make wise decisions about your money

The TIPs here may or may not apply to you, so if you want help figuring out what you should do, contact your Thrivent Financial representative, who can help you make smart college funding choices. Your representative can also team up with other financial representatives who are Certified College Planning Specialists to help you with your overall college planning challenge. Visit [Thrivent.com/uplan](http://Thrivent.com/uplan) for more information.

To learn more about saving and paying for college, contact Joann Rodriguez, FIC, at 575-523-1879 or [joann.rodriquez@thrivent.com](mailto:joann.rodriquez@thrivent.com) today.

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## **Flowers**

First, I would like to thank every one who has so generously contributed to our flower ministry. Most Sundays in 2017 have been filled and we have had many beautiful arrangements, some from the florist and some from local gardens. Thank you, all.

The poinsettias for Christmas are being ordered and I know that through your generosity we will have a beautiful display of white and red poinsettias around our sanctuary in December.

For some who don't know of my plans, I will be moving in 2018 to be closer to my daughter in Dallas. It will be a difficult move in many ways. I love Peace Lutheran and all of its members who have become friends in the short time of my membership. And I love Las Cruces, but I love my daughter, too, and it is time to be closer to family. So with both excitement, anticipation and regret I will be leaving sometime in May of 2018.

In the meantime, I am hoping someone can take over my job as flower co-coordinator. It isn't very demanding and takes very little time. I think with our plan to have Easter plants brought in by our members and not ordering from the greenhouse Easter flowers have become easier. Christmas is not a big problem as there are always enough poinsettias to be found locally.

For whomever volunteers, I am available to work with you through the end of the year. Please let me know or call the church office and tell them of your interest in being flower co-coordinator.

Thank you,

Carol Peterson  
523-2926  
[ctp.highlandsprings@gmail.com](mailto:ctp.highlandsprings@gmail.com)

## **Alzheimer's Walk**

JOIN the team Peace Lutheran Friends for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk). WALK on Saturday, October 7, in Young Park. DONATE to the team or its members. Info in narthex and from Sandy Johnson. Your help in raising both money and awareness will benefit the over 38,000 New Mexicans currently suffering from Alzheimer's as well as their family members and caregivers.



## **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**

On Sunday, September 10th, our "God's Work, Our Hands" service project will be helping 3-4 neighbors clean and maintain their front yards. Participants will gather at 10:30am to prepare for our service projects and make sack lunches (back of Fellowship Hall). We will be out working from 11am-2pm (bring water, sunscreen, gloves, and a hat). Come join in fellowship and service to meet some of our neighbors and help beautify their homes. Please sign-up at the volunteer station in the narthex.





**Thank You**

Peace Lutheran Church,

Thanks for being awesome! You helped make a big impact in our community. Thanks for the headphones! We appreciate your thinking about the students at Sunrise Elementary.

Jennifer Coon and Dawn Sotes

Barbara Powers and Family sends a thank you for the many cards, care and support given to them after Tom passed away.

Dear Rev. Carson and Congregation,

Thank you so much for your donation of school supplies! Many of our student have needed them! Your thoughtfulness means so much, more than words can ever say.

Sincerely,

Beverly Tevoio  
Conlee Elementary Counselor

### **2017 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM Advocacy Conference**

Saturday, October 14

8:30 am - 1 pm

\$15 per person

(materials & lunch included)

St. Luke Lutheran Church

9100 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Craig Nesson, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Breakout session topics will include advocacy basics, the state budget and more. The conference is open to everyone interested in learning more about advocating on public policies impacting our many neighbors living in poverty and experiencing hunger.

To register: send an email with your name, contact information  
and congregation/organization  
to [ruth@lutheranadvocacynm.org](mailto:ruth@lutheranadvocacynm.org)

### ***Women of the ELCA Monthly Bible Study***

Interested in studying and discussing the Bible with women at Peace? Come join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, beginning September 25th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We meet in Room 107, and we use the Gather Magazine lessons. You don't have to have a subscription for the first month, so come and see if you would like to participate.

We will begin the fall study with a 3-part session about the Apostles' Creed, written by Julia Seymour. The September study is titled "We Believe in God..." Last year the Peace Women's Bible Study was twelve women strong, and some of the best discussions came when we broke into small groups, then returned to the main room to share with everyone.

If you want more information, contact Susan Mitchell, study leader, 521-4146 or e-mail: [shm@artguidesource.com](mailto:shm@artguidesource.com). This year we also have an assistant study leader-- LaVerne Kaufman, who would be glad to answer your questions. Call her at 382-7430 or e-mail: [lrkaufman24@gmail.com](mailto:lrkaufman24@gmail.com)

### **Council Meeting Notes**

August 8, 2017

We elected council officers: President Ryan Steinmetz, Vice-President John Starich, and Secretary Sandy Johnson. We voted to appoint Velma Jesser for another year as treasurer.

Pastor Jared drew our attention to several items in his report: Stewardship for all Seasons has selected Fearless Generosity for the 2018 theme. Pastor Jared and Kari Lenander continue to work on a \$50,000 Grant Application to the ELCA Disability Ministry; we may have an on-site visit as it is moving forward. We hosted 54 families for the Roadrunner Mobile Food Pantry distribution in July.

Vicar Day talked about her Learning Contract, laying out her learning goals covering all aspects of ministry; her Internship Project, which will focus on accessibility as it relates to language and offering bi-lingual opportunities within the congregation; and working on Lay Leadership with her project so it will continue after she leaves.

Deacon Laura's report included how intergenerational VBS was, with many youth and adults able to help. Five youth attended Rainbow Trail South at Cloudcroft in July. She makes consistent Facebook and Website posts and is busy with fall planning, including a Mini-Border Immersion for Adults September 15-16.

New Business included discussing how to provide transportation to worship for elders; approving using challenge grants for improving lighting and putting a sign on Missouri; adding our approval to the BSC Board's approval for BSC to add its signature with others to a petition to proclaim Las Cruces a Welcoming Community and Freedom City; and holding an Oktoberfest fundraiser.

Sandy Johnson  
Council Secretary

### **Spiritually Healthy Divorce**

Peace Lutheran Church is offering this supportive group for those who are facing divorce or have recently been in the process and are still making sense of it.

Sunday afternoons from 2 pm - 3:30 pm, September 17 to November 12, in the Conference Room. Childcare is provided. Please share this information with friends or family; it's open to the community.

Please call the office for more information.

### **Peace Lutheran E-Letter: Crossroads of Peace**

On September 7th, Peace Lutheran will launch a weekly E-Letter titled "Crossroads of Peace: Where Faith and Daily Life Meet." If you are already on our email distribution list, you will automatically be subscribed to the E-Letter. If you would like to be added to the email list, call or email us, [office@peacelutheranlc.com](mailto:office@peacelutheranlc.com), with your name and email address.



**Women in Motion**

All women are invited to the next potluck gathering on Thursday, September 21, at 6:00 pm at Carol Peterson's home, 6828 Camino Blanco. Please call Carol with questions, to RSVP, and/or to get directions, 523-2926.

**New Organ Console**

Thank you to all who donated funds to purchase a new organ console! It was installed Wednesday, August 24, and Steve Helmreich and Monte Coleman played it during worship on August 27.



**Stewardship Appeal**

Peace Lutheran Church is preparing for the Fearless Generosity Stewardship appeal. You will be hearing more about this appeal in October. The Stewardship Team has selected the theme of 'Fearless Generosity' during this 500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation, as we thought about the courage and conviction that Martin Luther showed by posting the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg church.



The appeal is also guided by the scripture from 2 Corinthians 9:7, *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

The new mission goals will focus on three areas: Community Outreach, Safety and Access, and Facility Upgrades.

Together we are on a mission we can fulfill...as we all pull together and give with fearless generosity in support of the Lord's work at Peace Lutheran Church.

You will be invited to consider increasing your offering for the coming year. If you do not have a history of giving, this is your chance to begin supporting the mission of Peace Lutheran Church. Please pray about this request and do your best to respond generously as the Lord leads you.

Sunday, October 29, we will share with others in Fearless Generosity our commitments (we call them a *Statement of Intent*) during the worship service. You are also welcome to mail your *Statement of Intent* to the church office if you are not able to be present on Commitment Sunday.

**Congratulations!**

Tanya Watson completed her Master of Arts in Education from NMSU!



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### Mission Statement

We of Peace Lutheran Church,  
as an ELCA missional congregation, are called  
*By God's grace, to grow and share our faith,  
welcoming all and striving to live in the spirit  
and love of Christ.*

**Sunday Worship**

**9:00 AM**

**Sunday Morning**

**Learning**

**10:30 AM**

**August—May**

**Coffee Hour**

**Following Worship**

**Every Sunday**

***September 2017***



# September 2017

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
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|  |   |  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>Office Closed<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>7:00 pm AA  | <b>2</b><br>9:00 am Centering Prayer<br>9:30 am OA<br>1:00 pm SNM Church of God  |
| <b>3</b><br>9:00 am Sunday Worship<br>Coffee Hour<br>10:30 am Sunday Morning Learning            | <b>4</b><br>Office Closed<br>9:00 am Piano<br>11:00 am Piano<br>1:30 pm Card Ministry<br>4:00 pm Piano<br>5:30 pm Yoga<br>7:00 pm Celestial Sounds<br>7:00 CODA                                 | <b>5</b><br>10:15 am Staff Meeting<br>11:00 am Piano<br>6:30 pm Hearing Voices Group<br>6:30 pm Singing Out  | <b>6</b><br>5:30 pm Choir<br>6:00 pm PFLAG<br>7:00 pm AA   | <b>7</b><br>1:00 pm LC AER<br>2:30 pm Piano<br>3:30 pm Piano<br>5:30 pm Singing Out Board<br>6:00 pm Adult Forum                    | <b>8</b><br>Office Closed<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>6:00 pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00 pm AA                 | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am Centering Prayer<br>9:30 am OA<br>10:00 am AAUW<br>1:00 pm SNM Church of God   |
| <b>10</b><br>9:00 am Sunday Worship<br>Coffee Hour, Bake Sale<br>10:30 am God's Work. Our Hands. | <b>11</b><br>9:00 am Piano<br>11:00 am Piano<br>2:30 pm Finance Committee<br>4:00 pm Piano<br>5:30 pm Yoga<br>6:00 pm BSC Board<br>6:30 pm Calligraphy<br>7:00 pm Celestial Sounds<br>7:00 CODA | <b>12</b><br>10:15 am Staff Meeting<br>11:00 am Piano<br>6:00 pm Council<br>6:30 pm Hearing Voices Group<br>6:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:30 pm Singing Out  | <b>13</b><br>10:00 am Spanish (AAUW)<br>1:00 pm Spanish (AAUW)<br>5:30 pm Choir<br>5:30 pm NMSU PreK<br>6:30 pm NAMI Support Group<br>7:00 pm AA | <b>14</b><br>11:00 am Calligraphy<br>2:30 pm Piano<br>3:30 pm Piano<br>6:00 pm Girl Scouts<br>6:30 am Confirmation<br>7:00 pm NA    | <b>15</b><br>Office Closed<br>8:00 am BSC Mental Health Training<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>7:00 pm AA | <b>16</b><br>9:00 am Centering Prayer<br>9:30 am OA<br>1:00 pm SNM Church of God   |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 am Sunday Worship<br>Coffee Hour<br>10:30 am Sunday Morning Learning           | <b>18</b><br>9:00 am Piano<br>11:00 am Piano<br>4:00 pm Piano<br>5:30 pm Yoga<br>7:00 pm Celestial Sounds<br>7:00 CODA  | <b>19</b><br>10:15 am Staff Meeting<br>11:00 am Piano<br>3:30 pm Bible Study at Good Sam<br>6:00 pm BSC Issues Night<br>6:30 pm Hearing Voices Group<br>6:30 pm Art Class<br>6:30 pm Singing Out | <b>20</b><br>9:30 am Art Class<br>10:00 am Spanish (AAUW)<br>1:00 pm Spanish (AAUW)<br>5:30 pm Choir<br>7:00 pm AA                               | <b>21</b><br>2:30 pm Piano<br>3:30 pm Piano<br>6:00 pm Women in Motion<br>6:00 pm Girl Scouts<br>6:30 pm Confirmation<br>7:00 pm NA | <b>22</b><br>Office Closed<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>7:00 pm AA                                       | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am Centering Prayer<br>9:30 am OA<br>1:00 pm SNM Church of God   |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00 am Sunday Worship<br>Coffee Hour<br>10:30 am Sunday Morning Learning           | <b>25</b><br>9:00 am Piano<br>9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>11:00 am Piano<br>4:00 pm Piano<br>5:30 pm Yoga<br>7:00 pm Celestial Sounds<br>7:00 CODA   | <b>26</b><br>10:15 am Staff Meeting<br>11:00 am Piano<br>6:30 pm Hearing Voices Group<br>6:30 pm Art Class<br>6:30 pm Singing Out  | <b>27</b><br>9:30 am Art Class<br>10:00 am Spanish (AAUW)<br>1:00 pm Spanish (AAUW)<br>5:30 pm Choir<br>6:30 pm NAMI Support Group<br>7:00 pm AA | <b>28</b><br>11:00 am Calligraphy<br>2:30 pm Piano<br>3:30 pm Piano<br>6:00 pm Girl Scouts<br>7:00 pm NA                            | <b>29</b><br>Office Closed<br>12:00 pm Yoga<br>6:00 pm Youth Group<br>Lock-in<br>7:00 pm AA     | <b>30</b><br>9:00 am Centering Prayer<br>9:00 am Lay Pastoral Care Training<br>9:30 am OA<br>1:00 pm SNM Church of God<br>2:00 pm Birthday Party |

# SAVE THE DATE



**Friday, October 6th  
5:30pm**

**Dinner and Live Entertainment**

**Tickets: \$20 per person**

**Location: Peace Lutheran Church**

Come and join us for this Fundraiser to support the ministries of Peace Lutheran Church.

Live entertainment will be provided by Veronika Barnes. She comes from a European immigrant family and, thanks to the kindness of sponsoring relatives, arrived in Cleveland, Ohio in 1960. Growing up, she was exposed to people of various ethnic backgrounds, along with their customs, foods, and —of course—music! She was always musically inclined and studied piano for a few years in her youth and sang in school, church, and community choirs over the years.

She and her family had a tradition of watching The Lawrence Welk Show every Saturday night - as many here probably did as well! The incredibly talented Myron Floren had a lasting impact on her, and at age 30, Veronika first picked up a small Hohner accordion and began noodling around on it, with lessons soon to follow. It wasn't long before she joined a German band (in Boise, Idaho), and later began doing solo programs when she moved to Washington State, then Phoenix, Arizona, and now, in New Mexico.

**Roster Changes**

**MARCH 2017**

The Rev. Todd Hawkins from On Leave from Call to Pastor Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Denver, CO 3/1/2017  
 The Rev. Paula Stecker from Metropolitan Chicago Synod to Pastor Christ the King Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO 3/1/2017  
 The Rev. Daniel(DJ) Dent from Associate Pastor Christ Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, CO to Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod 3/1/2017  
 The Rev. Christopher Heller from Pastor Messiah Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM to On Leave from Call 3/20/2017

**APRIL 2017**

The Rev. Patricia Mohr-Kelly from Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod to Interim Pastor Lutheran Church of the Servant, Santa Fe, NM 4/1/2017  
 Deacon Richard Mohr-Kelly On Leave From Call from Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod to Rocky Mountain Synod 4/1/2017  
 The Rev. Frank Philipp from Interim Pastor First Lutheran Church, Longmont, CO to Pastor On Leave from Call 4/1/2017  
 The Rev. Garrett Stuessel from South-Central Synod of Wisconsin to Pastor First Lutheran Church, Longmont, CO 4/5/2017  
 The Rev. Donald Zundel Pastor retired from Southwest Pennsylvania Synod 4/7/2017  
 The Rev. Donald Zundel Pastor retired deceased 4/8/2017

**MAY 2017**

The Rev. Cynthia Josephson from Pastor On Leave from Call to Pastor retired 5/1/2017  
 The Rev. Elwood Carlson from Interim Pastor Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO to On Leave from Call 5/1/2017  
 The Rev. Barbara Johnson from Pastor American Lutheran, Grand Junction, CO to Minneapolis Area Synod 5/16/2017  
 The Rev. Armando Rangel from On Leave from Call to resigned from Word & Sacrament roster 5/31/2017

**JUNE 2017**

The Rev. Michael Ross Pastor Retired from Northwest Washington Synod to Rocky Mountain Synod 6/7/2017

**Equipping Young Leaders-  
 How Do We Do That?**

Hellol! My name is Kaari, and I just finished serving as the Synodical Life Summer Intern at the Office of the Bishop. I am 20 years old, a student at Colorado State University, and have just started the Candidacy Entrance process to become a pastor. I'd like to tell you why my faith and the church have always been a central part of my life.

I grew up at First Lutheran Church in Longmont, Colorado. The things that made me want to continue to be active in the church weren't necessarily youth activities, but rather the way that the congregation involved me in church life. Growing up, I wasn't just another teenager who was really only seen in the youth room; I was given an abundance of opportunities to be a leader in the church, and was treated as a peer by adult parishioners.

Throughout my time in middle and high school, youth were always integrated into the worship services, serving as readers, communion assistants, worship assistants, and more, and it made me feel like I was valued in the congregation because I served in "adult jobs." The high school youth also got to plan and lead a non-traditional Good Friday service every year. We spent months planning it, and we always tried to find new perspectives to view the cross. Each year was different, new, and engaging, and it was always well attended. My senior year of high school, my Pastor invited me to preach on Easter Sunday at all four of the Easter services.

Being involved in worship made me passionate about the church, and excited to go to church.

Because First Lutheran has a full voting high school youth member on Council, I was elected to serve a three year term. I was able to interact with other members of the congregation, and the adults on Council quickly became my friends. I had a say in the workings of the church, was an advocate for the youth, and gave a younger perspective to church decisions. My voice mattered in a unique way.

I am where I am today because of my congregation. I am here because of adult friends I made at my church who still treated me as a peer. I am here because growing up I had the opportunities to lead in the church, and it has become a part of my identity. So, I challenge you, how can you let youth lead in your congregation?



Youth Lead Good Friday Service

**RMS in the Neighborhood**

In this edition of Connection, we hear 3 stories of how youth and young adults are engaging in Church around our Synod.

## Equipping Young Leaders- Campus Ministry

Meet Patrick, a junior at the University of Colorado, Boulder studying Business Administration. Every week during the school year, Patrick attends B+B and El Camino at CU's Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry!

B+B (Bread and Belonging) is CU LECM's main programming event. Every Tuesday, students share a meal while having discussions about a multitude of relevant topics. Patrick, has found Boulder to have a much different culture and demographic than he's familiar with in his hometown, Nashville, Tennessee. He misses the diversity of Nashville, and Bread and Belonging is where he goes to find a piece of that diversity again. B&B challenges him to ponder how he can be engaged and present in the "real world", outside of the college bubble.

El Camino, the other main program at LECM, pairs students mentors from the community who partner with students and help them discern where their passions and purpose align with their career goals. Students and mentors meet individually at

least once a month, in addition to a large group gathering once a month where mentors and mentees gather and hear from different speakers from the "real world" about how those people made their passions coincide with and their careers.

For Patrick, El Camino has been an essential part of his college experience. He describes it as being the really piece that classes lack, especially in the business school. Patrick expressed interest in working for NGOs or Non-Profits. While he is still learning valuable skills and information, unfortunately, the culture of the business school is very money oriented, focusing on how to maximize personal profit. It's a very "me" oriented program, and is disheartening for a student like Patrick who has an outward focused career goal. This is where El Camino comes in! Patrick is again able to center himself and pull back from the negativity he feels sometimes in his studies by talking with his mentors.



Some of the students and mentors in El Camino

Discussing how he can use the concepts he's learning while still pursuing non-profit business helps him put passion back into his studies, thanks to the help of El Camino!

## Equipping Young Leaders- Outdoor Ministry

Kevin Beebe has always sought "the real." It was this pursuit of authenticity that took him to Israel/Palestine through Young Adults in Global Missions; it was the pursuit of authenticity that took him to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and it was the pursuit of authenticity that brought him to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp.

2016 was Kevin's first summer at Sky Ranch, where he served as the summer chaplain and worked on worship planning and support for both staff and campers. His chaplaincy was arranged through PLTS, so he really didn't know anything about Sky Ranch before arriving at the camp at the start of the summer.

But after seeing the summer and daily themes, and he was excited. Sky Ranch's 2016 summer theme was "Come As You Are". On Wednesday, the theme of the day was "Called", which specifically focused on doubting God's call, which we all do at some point. Kevin was surprised and excited that Sky Ranch devoted a day to doubting faith.



Worship at Sky Ranch 2016

The workshops for Wednesday highlighted examples of biblical figures who had doubted their call: elderly Abraham who was promised a child, Jonah running away from God, Saul turned Paul, and Moses doubting his leadership ability.

As Kevin reflected back on this exploration of doubt, he appreciated that Sky Ranch's focus wasn't "faith is always stronger than that doubt." Instead, campers and staff alike were allowed a space to doubt, and to know that doubt doesn't make you a bad or unfaithful person. Sky Ranch (and outdoor ministry) allow for this authentic form of emotion.

Kevin saw this authenticity throughout the summer. At camp, kids are willing to ask questions that others are too scared to ask. They're willing to delve into the word and respond in unfiltered and wise ways, whereas adults are sometimes stymied.

Authenticity is necessary for faith formation, and camp is an easy place to find that. Every summer, camps attract youth campers as well as young adult counselors who come to experience an authentic faith. Young people, like Kevin, who are passionate about God, are in the church, but perhaps not where we always think to look.



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