

# PRINTS OF PEACE

JUNE 2024

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WORSHIP & SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 2 Summer Choir (8:20 AM)  
In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- June 4 OFFICE CLOSED - ELECTION DAY
- June 9 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- June 12 Pastoral Care Committee (11:00 AM)
- June 14 Pop-Up Produce Grab & Go (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)  
-- sponsors: PFLAG & Casa de Peregrinos
- June 16 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- June 18 Green Team (3:00 PM)
- June 19 After-School Program Meeting (5:00 PM)
- June 20 Mobile Food Pantry (7 AM)  
Women in Motion (11:30 AM)
- June 23 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- June 30 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS



### June 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23—3:6

### June 9

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

### June 16

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13]  
14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

### June 23

Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### June 30

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

*'Baby' DiPasquale*

arriving soon

## PLC STAFF

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# Pastor's Message

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

Summertime is usually marked with what's often called 'ordinary time' for churches that follow the same liturgical calendar that we do. This time, the Season after Pentecost, kicks off with Holy Trinity Sunday, the week after Pentecost Sunday, both which we marked in May. I didn't write the calendar or come up with the lectionary myself (nor did I specifically 'plan' to have a baby right as the church enters its 'down' season...), but what a great way to launch this time—on the heels of the gifting of the Holy Spirit, recognizing God as Triune, the Three-in-One leading us into the ordinary time of summer Sabbath (or, just much more traveling?) Just like summer break schedules tend to fill up with trips and activities, not always leaving much time for real REST...*paradox* fills this 'ordinary' time of the Church.

Part of the paradox is that naming God as Trinity: Three-in-One, is perhaps anything BUT ordinary—it's an *extraordinary* way to understand and experience the Divine. The Trinity is extraordinary because it reveals that within God's *own identity* is a celebration of COMMUNITY. Not just one, but three... three expressions *connecting and communing* as One God, One source of Life. No matter how confusing or muddled our minds get when trying to 'explain' the Trinity, the presence of relationship and community cannot be denied.

Godself (God's own self) is community. Is relationship. Is connection. And we experience God not only in three expressions but in a multitude of ways, a multitude that goes even beyond our comprehension. There is beauty in this—knowing that God cannot be contained into one box, one way of thinking... although we do cling to God as expressed in Jesus Christ: God-with-us who went all the way to death to reveal life and to reveal God's deep solidarity with us; and the Holy Spirit as spoken in a myriad of ways throughout scripture.

As we ponder and respond to who God is and what God has done for us (for you), we too are challenged to live out the Triune-God Community in our own lives. Living into God's own self, through *connecting and communing* as God's community here on earth. We do this by celebrating and committing to community, with and among one another and God's creation (perhaps especially in these summer months!)

What does this connection and communion look like? The Triune God shows up in every card that is sent. Every handshake and hug and 'hello' that is shared on Sunday morning. Every phone call made, prayer lifted, hand outstretched to receive Christ's body. Every food box placed in someone's trunk, every meal shared, every dollar given. Every conversation over tres leches cake and coffee. The Triune God shows up through YOU—your important place in our community—and beyond our congregation into the lives that you touch even beyond the people at Peace.

The Triune God continues to be revealed in community. As we connect and commune with one another. For those of us who walk in the name of Christ, not only is this call to community part of our responsibility as Christians—just as community dwells within God's very identity, community is *who we are*.

So this summer, this 'ordinary' time... take the time to reach out. To make someone's day a little less ordinary and a little more full of connection and community.

# Communal Worship Mission Team

**Council Representatives:** Ginny Acosta and Carol Eggers

## SUMMER CHOIR

This summer the choir will meet on the first Sunday of each month in June, July, and August at 8:20 a.m. when we will quickly rehearse an anthem to provide special music during worship. If you haven't sung with the choir before, now is your opportunity to join in and add your voice to this (probably small during summer) group. We welcome new voices.

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## COMMUNAL WORSHIP - JUNE 2024

June is here and it is also in the Time after Pentecost, which began May 20, 2024 and continues until November 30, 2024. Summer begins officially in June too, marked by the summer solstice on June 20, 2024 at approximately 4:51 p.m. EDT. We already feel the warmth of the summer sun, as the days heat up and the nights are pleasantly cool. Many people start summer vacation plans and church attendance everywhere seems to lessen. The need and opportunity, though, continues for us to worship our Loving Lord and so we worship together, whenever we might be here this summer season.

There are several dates in the Lutheran church calendar to note in June. **June 24** is considered the day to remember John the Baptist. This cousin of our Lord Jesus agreed to baptize Jesus so the event would be in accordance with the Scriptures. We also note the date of June 29 to remember the Apostles Peter and Paul. Paul, of course, being a highly qualified Jew, who eventually took the Good News of the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Thanks to the volunteers at church who stepped up in May to help make our worship time so meaningful to us all! You did wonderful, thank you! We continue to need volunteers in our worship service, especially as ushers, altar care set up and take down, and greeters. Sometimes visitors come, as guests with family members or as travelers seeking to have worship as they continue in their travel plans, or as neighbors from our community.

In June, ask yourself....is it time now for me to serve as a volunteer? What can I do to help and what is going to be required of me? How difficult is it? If you ever become a bit intimidated to learn something new, please know you will have people to train, guide, and support you. See if you can explore what just might work for you as a volunteer! Many of you have beautiful voices. Maybe being part of our choir appeals to you. There is always the hand bell choir to join too. You may encounter your hidden gifts or talents just waiting to be shared with others!

From all involved in Communal Worship, we wish each of you a wonderful and safe summer!

# Expanding Vision Mission Team

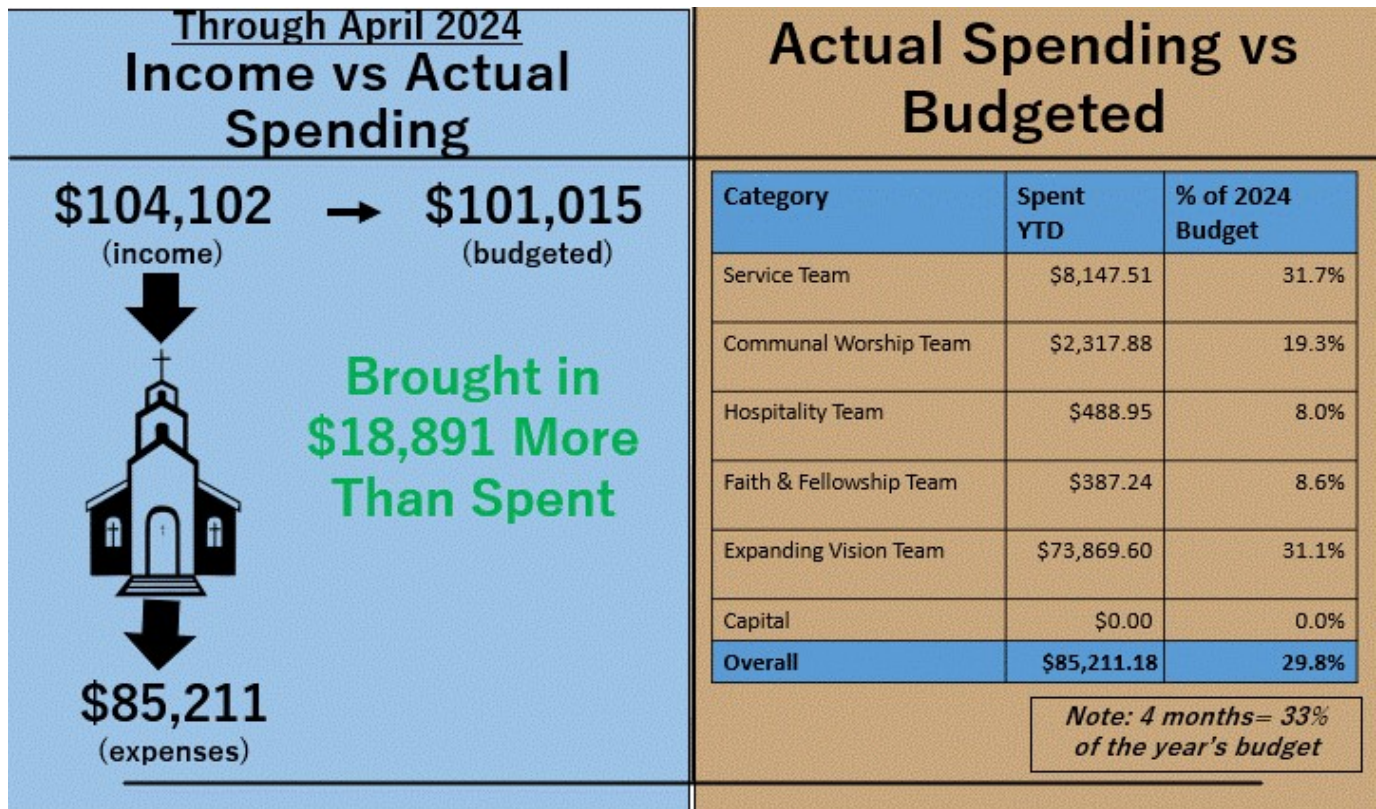
Council Representatives: Ross Staffeldt and Ellen Young

## COUNCIL NOTES

1. Discussed Congregational Meeting and assigned duties for presentations, voting procedures.
2. Council approved the following individuals as new members of Peace: Michael DiPasquale, Mark & Martha Hallamore & Jordan & Megan Hallamore, Mark Lusk, Julie Phillips & Steve Ruwoldt, Dale & Rhonda Skattum, and Clare Scheffer. Reinstated former members Jeanne Marie Brown and Lynette Schurdevin.
3. Approved a request from the Memorials Committee to update the Columbarium Documents.
4. Approved a building use request from an outside group.
5. Re-scheduled the June council meeting to July; voted to have the August council meeting with the new and old council members as less formal, delaying the election of officers and choice of focus areas until the September council meeting.

Karen Harvey, Secretary

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Through April 2024



Finance Committee Members: Dwight Eggers, Penny Smith, Al Harvey, Elaine Stover, David Owens, Joel Peterson, Ellen Young, Sandy Johnson.

# Expanding Vision Mission Team

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## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE & YOUR DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

The Mason S Brown Scholarship has been made available through the generosity of Mike and Jennifer Brown more than 19 years ago after the death of their infant daughter, Mason. In spite of their grief, God inspired the Brown family to consider the needs of others, and this scholarship is a witness to their love.



Peace Lutheran hopes to award the Mason S. Brown Scholarship to a graduating high school senior or person who is attending a college, university, community college, or vocational-technical school on a full-time or part-time basis, and is an active member/participant in good standing at Peace Lutheran Church.

Application forms are available at Peace Lutheran Church and must be submitted by July 10. Scholarships will be awarded during a worship service in August.

If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please place your donation in the offering plate or send it to the church office. We can continue to help students with this scholarship through your generosity.

## ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

**The Endowment Committee is soliciting applications for grants from the PLC Mission Endowment Fund.** These grants are available for local community partners, organizations where people from our congregation are involved, internal projects of the church not provided for in our budget, or other synod/ELCA ministry projects. Up to \$1,000 can be requested; the form is available in the narthex or the church office. Return applications to the office by July 31.

# Service Mission Team

**Council Representatives:** Monica Hillmer and Gene Quandt

## TOWEL AWARDS

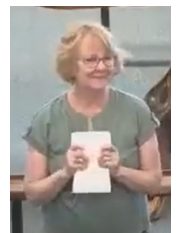
### ELLEN YOUNG

On May 12, the Towel Award was awarded to Ellen Young for her decades of service to this congregation and the community. We also sent her with our prayers as she begins a new chapter in California. Thank you, Ellen -- we will miss you!



### CAROL WINKLES

On May 26, the Towel Award was awarded to Carol Winkles for her many ways of serving through parish nursing, altar care, and food pantry. We also sent her with our prayers as she begins a new chapter in Iowa. Thank you, Carol -- we will miss you!



# Service Mission Team

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## GREEN TEAM --

Peace Lutheran's Green Team is working with a national group called "Interfaith Power and Light." They are a nonprofit organization that inspires and supports a religious response to global warming. The local chapter is called Interfaith Power and Light New Mexico and El Paso Region. The website is (nmipl.org).



The local group meets once a month and are looking to expand their board. Amanda Goodluck from the Green Team is interested in becoming a board member and will be in contact with them. One action item for the group is to write a letter to El Paso Electric and the Public Regulation Commission. The board will decide what advocacy issues will be stated in the letter.

Dwight Eggers, a member of the Green Team, has put in his application to become a community volunteer on the Las Cruces Utility Board. It is a body of 5 community members and two city council representatives that meet monthly to oversee all utilities provided by the city: natural gas, water, solid waste, and sewage treatment. There were 5 applicants for the position, and these have been passed onto the mayor to make the appointment by the end of the month of May. Dwight is also participating in an ad hoc group from Las Cruces that will be pushing for decarbonization in the 2025 Integrated Resource Plan for El Paso Electric.

Dwight also reported on the Renewable Energy Act – the act is originally from 1979 and last amended in 2023. The act sets a target for investor-owned utilities to be generating 40% of their sales with renewable energy by 2025. El Paso Electric (EPE) is struggling to meet the target. They are asking to reallocate some of the Texas renewable capacity to New Mexico. EPE's service area straddles the border, with the Texas' share being dominant. Dwight is also hopeful that the Public Regulation Commission will add pressure for EPE to lower resistance to community and customer-installed solar capacity in the 2025 Integrated Resource Plan.

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## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

### Susanna Odegaard

A couple of years ago, I took two of my nieces to the mall to look at dresses for an upcoming dance at school. As we were walking from one store to the next, surrounded by masses of people, many of them around high school age, my older niece looked around thoughtfully and commented, "You know, Auntie, this is one of the only places kids our age can exist for free." To say I was shocked would be an understatement, but as I considered her words and what I knew of our city, I realized she was right.

With the recent renovation and rededication of the Bethlehem Room comes a great deal of opportunity for Peace to reach out to and serve our surrounding community. I believe one of the best ways we could do this is by implementing a safe after school youth program for grades six through twelve. I would love to build a safe third space environment (outside home and school) within Peace for children who often have nowhere to go in the afternoons or any place to safely exist with others of their own age.

We can continue this tradition of Peace's open heart for our community by building an after school program for youth in grades 6-12, regardless of church membership, religion, faith, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, where they would feel welcome, safe, and unpressured, and can spend their time productively at no cost to them or their families.

As the first steps toward creating this after school youth program, I am gathering a small team of people to begin planning and gathering resources. If you are interested in working toward this goal and would like to help build the program from the ground up, please contact me, Susanna Odegaard, either after church at coffee hour or at [saoirse9009@gmail.com](mailto:saoirse9009@gmail.com).

# Faith & Fellowship Mission Team

Council Representatives: Diane Powell & Karen Harvey

## DIRECTORY UPDATE DEADLINE

We're working hard to complete a new directory of our membership.

If you have changed an address, phone number, or email address, PLEASE send the updated information to the office.

If you didn't get your picture taken and want to insert one, please send that to the office.

All pictures will need to be in by MONDAY, JUNE 17, in order to have time to alphabetize that section of the directory.

## WOMEN IN MOTION

By Karen Harvey

Women in Motion - WIM - is a group open for any women in our congregation focused on fellowship and fun. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Peace at 11:30 a.m.; this month on June 16. We celebrate any birthdays that occur during the month with cards and a lovely rendition of "Happy Birthday!" Bring a dish to share; coffee and tea are provided. We also take a collection for gifts at the end of the year...or whenever there is a need. If you work and wish to drop in, please do so; there is always enough food! If you are new to Peace, we'd love to get to know you. To receive emails, contact Karen Harvey at [khpollype@gmail.com](mailto:khpollype@gmail.com) or 435.720.2520. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

## BIRTHDAYS



## ANNIVERSARIES

6/5	Judy Tofte	6/18	Lynette Schurdevin
6/6	Skipper Botsford	6/21	Kathie Rich
6/6	Aurelia Motz	6/21	Steve Ruwoldt
6/7	Samantha Watson	6/22	Geri Ayers
6/8	Lindsay Roberts	6/24	Karen Harvey
6/8	Shirley Stotz	6/25	Ann Baumgarn
6/10	Julie Phillips	6/26	Tristan Tuthill
6/12	Wayne Treers	6/27	Piper Shepan
6/14	Carol Eggers	6/28	Bill Steinmetz
6/16	Dennis Morin	6/29	Kris Sarabia
6/16	Summer Moya	6/30	David Owens

6/10	Clarice & Dick Irons
6/12	Donna & Glenn Kuehn
6/17	Carol & Dwight Eggers
6/19	Ann & Steve Baumgarn
6/20	Nancy & Rick Redshaw
6/21	Jean & Bryan Carter
6/22	Elaine & Gary Rude
6/25	Mary Anne & Ross Staffeldt
6/28	Grace & Phil Yost
6/29	Monica & Tom Hillmer

*Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect.*