

PRINTS OF PEACE

AUGUST 2024

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Aug. 4 Summer Choir (8:20 AM)
In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- Aug. 6 After-School Program Committee (5:30 PM)
- Aug. 10 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- Aug. 13 Green Team (3:00 PM)
Peace Council (6:30 PM)
- Aug. 15 Mobile Food Pantry (7 AM)
Women in Motion (11:30 AM)
- Aug. 18 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- Aug. 25 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)
Coffee Hour (10 AM)



SCRIPTURE READINGS



August 4

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 11

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 25

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

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Pastor's Message

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

We have been settling in well as a family of three (four, including Benny the dog!) Elyas hit six weeks on the 19th and is growing like a weed. He is spending more time awake and alert, and giving us more grins. Highlights these past few weeks have been going on nightly walks and visiting the farmers' market (he seems to enjoy his car seat/stroller), enjoying bottles of milk and naps with daddy, and joining the wonderful group at Women in Motion this month (including Sandy snuggles as pictured). We are so grateful for all the amazing meals that folks have been delivering (and eating too much!). We look forward to introducing you all to Elyas soon.



Elyas admiring the plant that Lyn Bussian delivered on behalf of the congregation when she came for a visit. He loves looking at it.

Service Mission Team

Council Representatives: Monica Hillmer and Gene Quandt

GREEN TEAM --

Home Energy Usage Tools

By Dwight Eggers

El Paso Electric has been undertaking extensive modernization of their interface to customers in recent years. This has been motivated by their effort to promote energy efficiency and healthy customer relations. They are trying to provide you with the tools to allow greater transparency to your electrical usage and on a timelier basis than is provided by your monthly billing statement.



To take advantage of these services, the first step is to register for online access to your account. This can be done via the “manage my account” link on the EPE home page: <https://epelectric.com> This is a convenient way to access past statements as PDF files.

To take full advantage of the available services, you will need to install the EPE app on your mobile phone. This uses the same login credentials as their website. The app provides a much broader range of tools for accessing your account, and new tools are steadily being added. A lot of the recent enhancements have been made possible by the smart meters that EPE has been swapping out at residential customers over the past year. This process is ongoing in the northern part of the city and more rural areas; if you have not yet received the new meter, it will be coming soon.

There are too many tools available in the app for a comprehensive description here. Most are accessed from the menu button at the top left corner of the app home screen. One that I highlight is the Home Energy Analysis tool -- toward the end of the menu list. Here you can complete a detailed questionnaire on your residence characteristics, household, appliances, usage habits, etc., and the tool will estimate the distribution of your electrical energy usage. It is helpful to see how changing things that you have control over, such as thermostat settings or laundry patterns shifts this distribution.

The smart meters capture your energy consumption at 15-minute intervals and this is available to access from the Data Browser tool. You can view this usage as bar graphs within the tool or export this data to an Excel worksheet for additional analysis on your own. The user interface in this tool is not very intuitive, so it takes some trial and error to get the aggregation that you are looking for. If you have a solar system on your home, you can access the data from both meters.

Another advantage of registering your account with EPE is that you can more readily access the steep discounts for energy efficient devices, such as a smart thermostat or LED lightbulbs, that they offer regularly.

Faith & Fellowship Mission Team

Council Representatives: Diane Powell & Karen Harvey

WOMEN IN MOTION

By Karen Harvey

Last month, Pastor Hannah and Elyas visited us!! A big thank you to Mary Green for taking over the organization duties for the July Gathering. This month, we will gather on Thursday, August 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Peace. Please bring a dish to share, birthday cards for our August birthday gals and your small donation to our growing fund for our end of year gifts. Coffee and tea will be provided. All women in our congregation are welcome as well as guests. We always have plenty to eat and to share, so if you work and are able to spend a few minutes with us, please plan to come.

We have an email list for those who wish to receive updates; if you want to be on it, please contact Karen Harvey at khpollype@gmail.com or call/text to 435.720.2520. You may also contact the church office. Hope to see you there!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT PEACE THIS FALL

By Susan Mitchell

I have been reviewing several possible Bible Studies for our Tuesday morning class, which we hope to start in late September or early October. I discarded the idea of studying the book of Revelation, and I am reviewing an excellent book by N.T. Wright on the book of Romans. As many of you know, Rev. N.T. Wright is an English New Testament scholar, Pauline theologian and Anglican bishop. He writes about theology and Christian life and the relationship between them. His books, on many of the books in the Bible, are very accessible yet contain lots of "meaty" biblical study.

The book I am considering is Romans for Everyone, Part 1, and it comes with a Study Guide. It covers the first 8 chapters of Romans, which would break into 8 sessions as we meet twice a month. Of course there is his book titled Romans for Everyone, Part 2, that we could use in the spring of 2025 to complete the study of Romans (chapters 9-16). Stay tuned for more information in our Sunday bulletin notes and the September newsletter.

Faith & Fellowship Mission Team

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BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Inga Campbell
 8/6 Sharie Behrens
 8/8 Isabella Watson
 8/8 Rhonda Skattum
 8/8 Izayah Grassel-Granado
 8/9 Ed McNair
 8/16 Tim Seibert
 8/19 James Moya Jr.
 8/19 Scarlett Schlehuser
 8/24 Diana Diemer
 8/27 Cindy Kendrick
 8/28 Sarah Walton
 8/30 Wyatt Shepan



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

ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Hannah & Michael DiPasquale
 8/2 Penny & Marv Smith
 8/3 Clare & Robin Scheffer
 8/3 Arlyss & Dave Skari
 8/10 Erika & James Moya
 8/16 Katy & Freddie Winn
 8/22 Peg & Paul Miller
 8/24 Diana & Dean Ayres
 8/31 Debbie & Mark Pendleton

Expanding Vision Mission Team

Council Representatives: Ross Staffeldt and Ellen Young

DEADLINE EXTENDED -- AUGUST 9

MASON S. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

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.

Application forms are available at Peace Lutheran Church and **must be submitted by August 9**. Scholarships will be awarded during a worship service in August.

& YOUR DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

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.

Communal Worship Mission Team

Council Representatives: Ginny Acosta and Carol Eggers

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP in AUGUST

With lots of folks traveling during the summer, we are especially grateful every time we gather on Sundays and can stay connected. We give thanks to God for the gifts of Pastors Lyn and Rick who have been preaching on Sundays during Pastor Hannah's maternity leave. In this final stretch of summer, we have the privilege of hearing from some of our lay members who will be preaching. Jeanne Brown, Lynette Schurdevin, Clark Alves, Kathie Rich will be stepping up to the pulpit and bringing the good news for us this month. Be sure to join us for worship to hear their wonderful messages!

SUMMER CHOIR

This summer the choir meets on the first Sunday of each month, August 4, at 8:20 a.m. 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.**

COMMUNAL WORSHIP - AUGUST 2024

It seems, just like that, the summer is beginning to complete its finish as we find ourselves in August already! Public Schools here have begun classes again. Soon the universities will welcome new and returning students for another term. There is a sense of excitement in the air with the beginnings of school related activities and the newness of it all. Welcome back to all students, teachers and those who work in public and private education! We pray for a safe and productive new year for everyone! Summer vacations for many are ending or winding down. Harvest season begins in many places too.

For us, the chance of be a part of choir this year is also available. Lots of you singers in the congregation may want to join our choir, which always adds a beautiful sense of completeness to the worship experience.

As you continue your faith journey, you no doubt have encountered Scripture that is personally meaningful to you. It probably is not just a few verses. Scripture has a way of capturing our hearts as we continue to grow and walk in faith. Have you heard one of your favorite Scripture verses in the worship service, maybe in one of the readings or even in the Gospel reading prior to the sermon? If you have, it seems to deepen even more your connection to those verses. As we continue our faith walk, you may want to volunteer to do one of the readings sometime. You just might read that favorite Scripture of someone else in our congregation!

To the faithful folks who have helped with worship service in July, thank you! To those planning to volunteer, know your service is of value to others. Maybe you plan to sing in the choir, assist as a communion server or do some occasional altar care or ushering. Your choice(s) really does allow for others to have a meaningful worship experience. Maybe you will make a new friend or maybe you see the beauty of faces in gratitude of those taking communion. Please know your time and talents are always useful and welcome here at church.

Expanding Vision Mission Team

Council Representatives: Ross Staffeldt and Ellen Young

COUNCIL NOTES

Our August Church Council meeting will include all new members elected last May, 2024, as well as the current members. A Zoom link will be provided so that traveling and out-of-town members can attend. We will meet at the home of Karen Harvey, 10017 San Savino Court, on Tuesday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m., for a short time of fellowship before a regular meeting. There are changes in our Mission Team structure that will be presented as well as a discussion of the current covenant.

At our July meeting, 1) Mission Team reports; 2) discussed a list of suggestions for an After-School program; 3) As our custodian will be having surgery during July, discussed how to cover his duties; and 4) Building use requests.

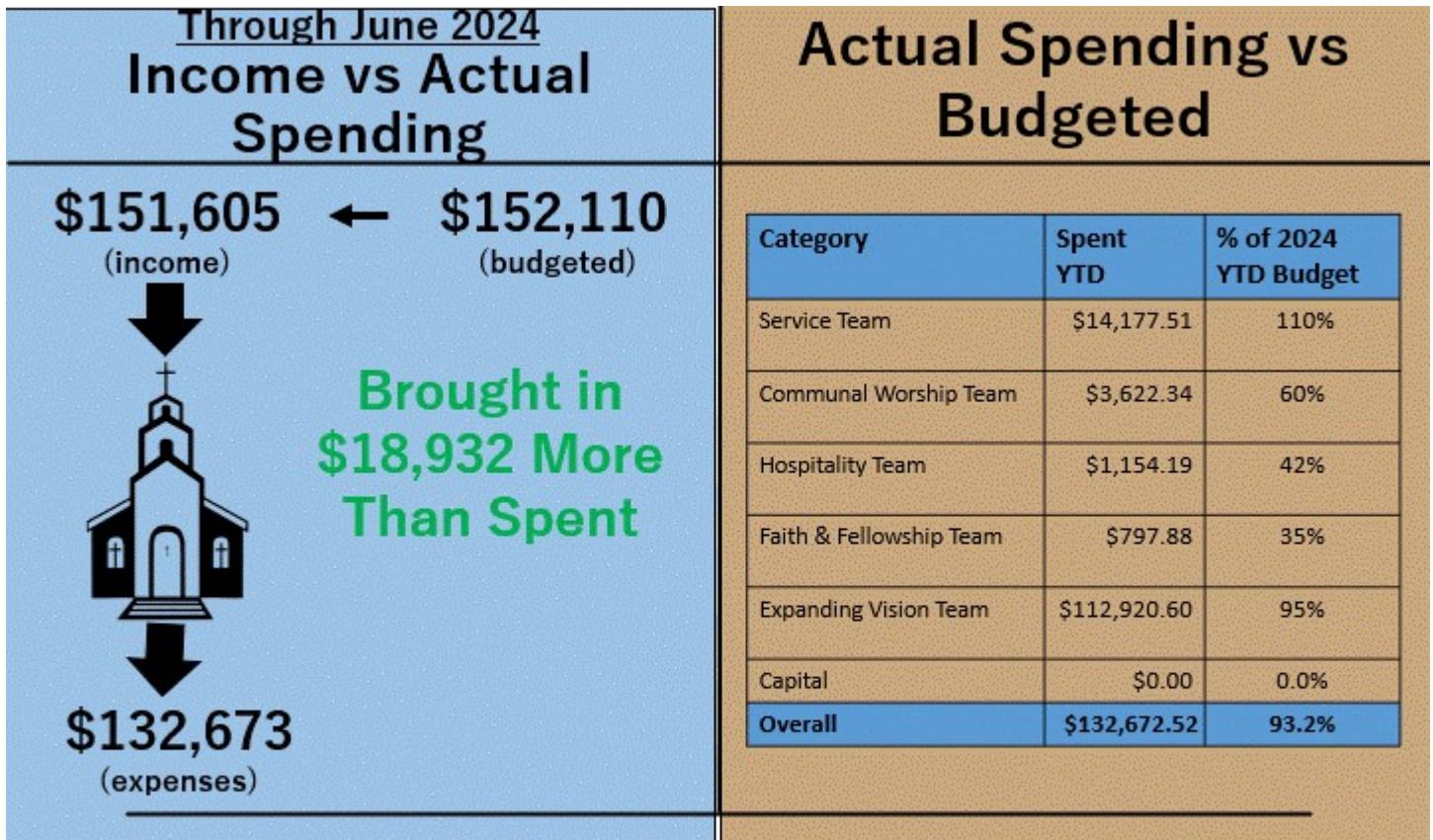
The announcements during worship are: 8/4 - Ross Staffeldt, 8/11 - Kathie Rich, 8/18 - Carol Eggers, 8/25 - Amanda Goodluck.

Karen Harvey, Secretary

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Through June 2024

You will notice a change in this chart.

The last column now is percent of the YTD Budget, not of the entire year as previously shown.



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



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MISSION STATEMENT

**We are called to be an inclusive
community, sharing God's grace
through worship, service, and
hospitality.**

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM

Office Hours

M-T-W-F 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Thursdays 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

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