



## Peace Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

What about camping?

Last month I wrote about the importance of public worship for the sake of obedience to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment, receiving the gifts which God gives us in Divine Worship, and being supportive of other Christians by our presence at worship, whether at our home congregation or at a sister congregation when we travel. Some may have concluded that this excluded camping (something near and dear to many members) from being a God pleasing activity since the weekend is the only time when most people can go. But this is not necessarily true.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment says, *Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy*. Two things are important here. First, as Christians, we are under no obligation to worship on any specific day as the Jews did who were commanded to worship on the Sabbath (Saturday). The Bible says, “Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.” (Col. 2:16-17) The Christian Church gathers together on Sunday for Divine Service in honor of Christ’s resurrection from the dead by choice, not by divine command.

Secondly, the commandment does not tell us to remember the Sabbath day “*by going to church*.” Rather, proper obedience to this commandment is summed up in the words, *by keeping it holy*. What does this mean? This is a very Lutheran question and Martin Luther gives us an excellent answer in his explanation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment in the Small Catechism. He says, *We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it*. Proper obedience to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment depends less on where you are but what you are doing and how you are doing it.

Some people can “despise preaching and His Word” while being in church every Sunday if they don’t listen to the Word or don’t take the Word to heart. On the other hand, people can *hold [the Word of God] sacred and gladly hear and learn it* no matter where they are – a camper or tent included.

If we look at camping (or any other travel) as a way to get away from worship or we neglect worship simply because we are not close to a church building, then we sin. We are despising preaching and his Word. However, we can also be obedient to this Commandment by holding God’s Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it wherever we might be.

How can you do that on a camping trip? There are many helps for you. Take along your *Portrals of Prayer* and Bible. Not only are there devotions, Bible Readings and prayers for every day, but there is an Order of Family Worship. *Lutheran Service Book* and *Treasury of Daily Prayer* offer resources for singing, praying, and reading the Word. Sermons can be downloaded from our church’s website and taken along.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment can be kept no matter where you are. Being with God’s people and receiving God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament in the church is always the preferable way. However, when you can’t come to “church”, you can bring “church” to wherever you are because the Word of God can always be wherever you are. Make it a priority. Plan ahead. Gather resources. You can do it!

Happy worshiping!

Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Everyone who helped with VBS this year.

**Donnalene McPartlin** for organizing VBS this year.

**All of th4e ladies** who go to Benefis Skilled Nursing Center, Park Place Nursing Home, Bee Hive Home #3 and Highgate House for hymn singing and devotions every month.

Everyone who donated socks for the Crow Indian tribe.

**John Birkholz** for your help with folding bulletins and newsletters.

**Gloria Creek and Kathy McIntosh** for playing the organ during our worship services.

**All those who volunteer** to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and VBS classes.

**Idell Croskrey** for changing the banners and paraments.

**Everyone on the Prayer Chain** for their time and prayers.

Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.

**All of the men** who volunteer to usher.

**Jerry and Jody Geist and Angelika Fisher** for cleaning the church.

**All of the ladies** who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.

**Alice Schuman and Cheri Magnuson** for cleaning the Communion linens.

**Cindy Greenwood** for decorating the bulletin boards.

**John Birkholz** for editing our worship service tapes each week for the service to air on Cable 7.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

## LWML

- ♥ **Thank you to Val Martin, Janet Kempf, Laura Brandt, and Elsie Huss for agreeing to continue in your roles as leaders of Peace's LWML.** Your time, talent and energy are very much appreciated! Thank you also to all of the ladies who came and helped us plan the coming year's events.
- ♥ **During the months of June, July and August we are collecting socks, size large, for the Crow Indian Tribe.** Thank you, Helen Lewis, for organizing this project.
- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study will be Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come.
- ♥ **The Central Zone Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul Lutheran in Havre on September 11.** Barb Going will be speaking about her trip to Germany and seeing the Martin Luther sites and the Oberamergau Passion Play, and Rev. Justin Herman will be speaking about his trip to Africa. Plan now to attend!
- ♥ **The Fall LWML Retreat will be at Cane Ridge West in Lincoln on September 24 and 25.**
- ♥ **Remember to bring your new soap for Soap Sunday on the second Sunday of each month.** Soap collected will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks for your continued support.

## Finances

The year to date budgeted amount through June 30, 2010 is **\$77,201.02**. What was given through June 30, 2010 is **\$72,538.84**. **We are short \$4,662.02**. Our Mission Commitment to the District has been met thru June in the amount of \$6,300.00. The amount in **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** as of June 30, 2010 is **\$27,793.55**. **LCEF loan balance as of June 30, 2010 is \$164,490.26**.

## Ladies Bible Study Schedule

Ladies Bible Class is in summer recess. However, we have these assisted living ministry dates: Tuesday, August 10th at 11am at the Bee Hive Home #3 and Friday, August 27 at 11:45 no host lunch at JB's Restaurant, 1322 10th Av So, followed by Highgate House, with singing and devotions at both residences.

**A Biblical Tour of Israel - A Biblical Tour of Israel:** (March 2-11, 2011) Starting with Beersheba, where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob received the promise and on to Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and many other places where Jesus traveled and ministered. The price is very reasonable at \$3370 which includes all flights, all lodging, 2 meals a day, all entrance fees, guide and daily Bible Study leader. Rev Darold Reiner (LCMS) is leading this tour from Kalispell, MT. Contact him at 406-752-1205 or [reiner@centurytel.net](mailto:reiner@centurytel.net) for full brochure.



## August Anniversaries

- August 5 Michel and Nancy Wayman
- August 6 Jim and Jeanette Talley
- August 6 John and Karen Birkholz
- August 7 Ken and Laura Brandt
- August 9 Aaron and Megan (Grove) Brien
- August 13 Tom and Diann Stevens
- August 15 Karl and Amy Dorr
- August 15 Shannon and Tara Birkholz
- August 17 Kevin and Linda Aguiar
- August 17 Don and Deloris Brown
- August 18 Kirk and Debbie Davey
- August 18 Kevin and Jennifer VanVleet
- August 30 Scott and Ann Schuman
- August 31 Scott and Aleshia Arensmeyer

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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| August | 1  | Joe Marten        |
|        | 2  | Kelly Wright      |
|        | 9  | Diane Stevens     |
|        | 10 | Daniel Schaaf     |
|        | 11 | Kevin Jacobsen    |
|        | 12 | Brayden Jensen    |
|        | 12 | Janet Kempf       |
|        | 12 | Ed Ostlund        |
|        | 13 | Ron Steffens      |
|        | 14 | Susan Knoll       |
|        | 16 | Ken Brandt        |
|        | 17 | Zachary Greenwood |
|        | 19 | Eunice Brown      |
|        | 19 | Tina Brown        |
|        | 22 | Cody Erickson     |
|        | 24 | Don Meierhoff     |
|        | 24 | Brett Meierhoff   |
|        | 25 | Loretta Walker    |
|        | 28 | Jason Scanlon     |
|        | 29 | Charlene Schottey |
|        | 29 | Brook Gerard      |

## Rev. Wade Harr Installation

You are invited to the installation service of Rev. Wade Harr who will be installed as the pastor of First Lutheran Church in Fort Benton on Sunday, August 15 at 5 p.m. The members of Peace are asked to bring salads for the potluck meal following the service.



**INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
The following people are experiencing health problems:

- John Birkholz**
- Colleen Carr**
- Jo Flom**
- Eva Lou Knorr**
- Patsy Zvara**

Our members who are away serving in the military are **Brandon Anderson, Michael Lewis, and Jacob Meierhoff.**

**Justin Talley** is in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. **Kurt Mueller** is redeployed to Iraq, near Baghdad. **Justin Mann**, grandson of Bruce and Janet Kempf, who is also in Afghanistan.

We pray for comfort for the family of **Else Teichert** who died Monday, July 5, 2010.

## Worship Service DVDs Available

If you have missed church for some reason and would like to watch the DVD copy of the service at home, please contact John Birkholz. He has the master copy of each Sunday's service on file for people to borrow. It is the service in its entirety. If you want a copy of just the sermon, they are available on our new web site

[www.peacelutherangreatfalls.org](http://www.peacelutherangreatfalls.org).

## Dr. Paul Maier Seminar in Laurel

The LCMS congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church in Laurel invite you to a seminar entitled "Islam and Christianity" with guest speaker Dr. Paul L. Maier on Saturday, August 28 from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$20 if you register by July 15 and includes refreshments during coffee breaks and your noon lunch. Registration forms are in the church office.

## VBS Update

It seems our block party was effective because we had quite a few kids from the new apartments across the street join us for VBS. We had 17+ kids attend this year. I thank these individuals for their help during VBS. I appreciate everything they did to make it a success.

Thank you so much to **Rebecca Higgins and John Birkholz** for helping prepare and serve food before VBS and for serving refreshments during snack time; **Becky Schlund, Brook Gerard, Jodi Geist, Cindy Heidrich, Kandace Faller, Andy Schlund** for teaching the different classes; **Angie Fletcher** for teaching Becky Schlund's class in her absence; **Natalie Gerard** for helping me out with the kids during craft time; **Val Martin** for playing the piano for VBS; **Rebecca Higgins, Loretta Walker, and Angie Fletcher** for donating food and beverages; **Ruth Denning** for taking care of the registrations and printing all the materials we used; **Pastor Schlund** for all that he did and continues to do for us.

It always takes a team to make a project work or in this case a village to raise a child or children. I appreciate everyone so much. Again thank you very much for your support.

*Donnalene McPartlin*

(If I have forgotten anyone, I sincerely apologize and thank you as well)

## “Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

“[L]et your children hear the basic teachings of the Christian faith from your lips. Field the questions regarding their relationship with Jesus Christ as they surface. Give them biblical answers. Who knows, these children you love may walk away from the faith, and this will be heartbreaking for you. Just remember God's promise: ‘My Word will not return void.’ It is not that you have failed if you have witnessed in your home by word and action that Jesus is your Lord. Where there is great concern is when our children venture out into a world filled with temptation and have not been taught what the Word of God has to say.” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## Pastor On Vacation

Pastor Schlund and his family will be taking Andrew to St Louis to begin his studies at the Seminary. They will be gone from August 26 thru 31. Because Ruth and her family will be on vacation August 26 and 27 also, the **office will be closed those 2 days**. If there are any pastoral emergencies, please contact your elder or Pastor Kent Stenzel at 452-2121.

## Seminarian Account Set Up

It is with great joy to announce that one of our members, Andrew Schlund, has been admitted to Concordia Seminar for the 2010-2011 academic year to begin his preparation to serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry! This is an exciting time for Andy, and we all share in his joy. We all played an integral role in his decision to serve the Lord of the Harvest as a pastor in The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod. With the cost of tuition, room and board, and books, the annual cost of the seminary is around \$40,000.

With this in mind, the Board of Directors has set up a designated fund for Seminarrians. If you would prayerfully consider assisting one of our members dedicate his life to serving Our Lord and Savior, you may mark your designated offering envelopes “Seminarrian”. We will also have a “send-off” potluck meal on **Sunday, August 22** followed by a dessert auction to raise funds to be added to this account. Schlund's will be leaving on Thursday, August 26 to take Andrew to St. Louis to the Seminary.

Darrell Greenwood  
Congregation Chairman

# *Wee Disciples*

