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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Summer is coming – even though the weather doesn't indicate it yet. We will be going many places during the summer months. Will church be one of them?

When talking about worship attendance, we usually focus on two points. First, there is the 3rd Commandment. Gathering together for public worship is something which God commands. To frivolously absent ourselves from church is to disobey God. Secondly, we desperately *need* what worship provides – the forgiveness of sins – through the Holy Absolution, the Word of God preached and read, and Holy Communion. To absent ourselves from worship means missing out on spiritual nourishment.

But there is more to it than that. I found the following quote from Pastor William Weedon of Hamel, IL which I would like to share.

"If I decided one Sunday just to skip Church that week, do you think anyone would notice? Ah, you say, but you're the pastor. Yes, they'd notice. I agree. They would. But it also makes a difference when YOU decide to skip Church this Sunday.

"Each Sunday is a gathering of the family – and when a beloved family member doesn't show up for the family gathering and meal at Christmas or Easter or Thanksgiving, there's a hole, a gap, a pain that everyone feels. We're all the less for that person not being with us to revel in the celebration of that day. Their absence diminishes the joy of the family. So when you choose to skip on Sunday, when you don't come together with your church family to join in offering the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and to receive the gifts your Lord has for you, it's not just you that miss out. Your extended family – the Church – misses out. They are diminished by your decision to absent yourself. The singing is that much quieter. The "amens" that much softer. The spot where you usually sit and stand reminds us all of your absence.

*"Surely old Neuhaus was dead right on this: Christian discipleship should begin with a very simple commitment that any given Lord's Day will find you in the assembly of God's people, singing His praise, offering your prayers, receiving His gifts. The *only* reasons for missing is because you're too sick to be present or because you're away traveling – and even in the latter case, blessed are you if you find the family gathered in that location and join with them."*

Worship, like faith, is personal, but not private. Worship is something done in the context of the people of God. Therefore, missing worship not only affects you, but affects others as well. We attend not only for ourselves but for others as well in order to encourage and support them in their faith. As the writer to the Hebrews puts it, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

See you in church this summer!

Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Everyone who donated items for the rummage sale sponsored by the members of Christ for the Deaf.

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 midweek classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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 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!
- ♥ **During the month of June we will be collecting socks, size large, for the Crow Indian Tribe.** Helen Lewis will organize this event. Thanks, Helen.
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. It will be a planning meeting.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and participate in the planning of the coming year's activities and servant event projects. Many new and exciting ideas will be talked about and planned!
- ♥ **The Central Zone Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul Lutheran in Havre on September 11.** Mark your calendars now!
- ♥ **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 March 31, 2010 is **\$38,601.00**. What was given through March 31, 2010 is **\$34,495.97**. **We are short \$4,105.03**. Our Mission Commitment to the District is still short for March in the amount of \$1,050.00. The amount in **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** as of March 31, 2010 is **\$28,709.90**. **LCEF loan balance as of March 31, 2010 is \$168,980.38**.

Ladies Bible Study Schedule

The LADIES FRIDAY BIBLE CLASS will continue their assisted living ministry this summer. Please consider joining them on the following dates in June and July. Tuesday, June 15th and July 13th they will meet at 11 am at 2300 15th Ave So. This is Bee Hive Home #3 where Candice Schaaf is a resident. On Friday, June 25th the ladies will meet at 11:45 am at Flavors, 1101 Central Ave for a no host lunch before going to Highgate House. On Friday, July 23rd the ladies will meet at Applebee's, 223 River Drive South, for no host lunch before going to Highgate House. At both of these residences the group will lead hymn singing and have a devotion. Bring your summer smile to these beloved children of God!

Vacation Bible School Planned

July 19 thru 23 are the dates for Vacation Bible School this summer. Times and theme have yet to be determined, but it will be in the evening. Mark you calendars now!



June Anniversaries

June 9	Paul and Janet Rubino
June 12	William and Ruth Rozokat
June 14	Tom and Connie Croskrey
June 16	Gerald and Jill Keil
June 16	Gene and Fran Davidson
June 16	Gordon and Barbara Swaby
June 21	Mike and Carol Dawson
June 23	Jeff and Cindy Lindsay

Baptismal Anniversaries

June	2	Cathy Schoenthal
	4	Alice Schuman
	7	Joseph Furr II
	7	Cheri Hirst
	9	Alexis Geist
	11	Jennifer Lewis
	12	Daniel Widenhofer
	12	Linda Aguiar
	14	Angela Fletcher
	16	Alicia Fletcher
	16	Bernie Schaaf
	18	Phyllis Schaaf
	18	Jeremy Davidson
	20	Will Inscore
	21	Jessica Talley
	23	Meagan Croskrey
	24	Dawn Grove
	27	Marge Johnsten
	28	Becky Schlund
	29	Lisa Rubino
	30	Aleshia Arensmeyer



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.

We pray for comfort for the family of **Bill Hering** who died Friday, May 21, 2010.

July Anniversaries

July 2	Jerry and Jodi Geist
July 5	Pat and Helen Lewis
July 7	Karl and Angel Meuller
July 8	Derek and Abbey Wayman
July 12	Bill and Ruth Lowden
July 14	Ken and Lyla Meske
July 16	Dennis and Gloria Creek
July 17	Gary and Cathy Schoenthal
July 18	Rick and Marge Johnsten
July 18	Richard and Darlene Brandt
July 19	Ben and Shirley Coe
July 22	Jason and Ashlee Talley
July 23	Lyle and Tara Onstad
July 31	Steve & Becky Schlund

Baptismal Anniversaries

July	1	Sarah Nelson
	1	Andrew Onstad
	2	Shirley Coe
	3	Mason LaPlante
	4	Kurt Mueller
	5	Jason Talley
	5	Sharon Panasuk
	7	Richard Schottey
	8	Nolan Croskrey
	8	Patty Harrison
	10	Ty Hasbrouck
	11	Helen Lewis
	12	Nathan Ziobro
	16	Darlene Brandt
	16	Matthew Schlund
	17	Donna Hasbrouck
	19	Eric Fletcher
	19	Jan Neiffer
	20	Pat Lewis
	21	Katelyn House
	22	Ann Clutter
	23	Beate Neumann
	24	Shirley Beecher
	25	Faith Guderjahn
	25	Whitney Chesnut
	28	Carol Dawson

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

Wee Disciples



Summer planning is under way! Activity calendars will continue to be updated - the most recent version will be on the computer table downstairs. We will have a daily worship time, we will learn that 'Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him' as we learn more of Jesus power for our lives. We will have a Vacation Bible School program - 'Planet Zoom' and use some activities and music from that throughout the summer. Margarita will come often and do Spanish language activities and we will work hard on sign language.

Fees have been set - the full time monthly cost is \$425, other options include a daily rate of \$23 or \$3.75 per hour. The second child discount would make the rates for the second child \$375 per month, no daily or hourly discounts are available. The School Programs are designed for children age 5 and older who have attended kindergarten or are enrolled in the WD K-1 program. Rates for children age 5 and younger will remain at the monthly rate of \$425 with no reductions for vacations or sick time.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me any time at 799-5881 or childcare@trinity-mt.org.

Blessings,
Ms. Debbie

Installation of New Officers

We installed new officers at the 9:30 AM service on Sunday May 23rd.
Incoming officers for Peace Lutheran Church are

Chairman: Darrell Greenwood
Vice Chairman: A. John Birkholz
Secretary: Valerie Martin
Elders Arnie Gidlow, Bruce Kempf, Mitch Martin and Lyle Onstad
Trustees: Jerry Geist, Lee Henselin, Matt Schlund
Education: Donnalene McPartlin

Thank you to all of these people for their dedication and service to the Lord and the members of Peace Lutheran. May God bless you in your service to Him.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

“The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families...How is it possible that Children can have any just Sense of the sacred Obligations of Morality or Religion if, from their earliest Infancy, they learn their Mothers live in habitual Infidelity to their fathers, and their fathers in as constant Infidelity to their Mothers?” *John Adams, former president of the United States* **Lutherans For Life** –

www.lutheransforlife.org

Pastor On Vacation

Pastor Schlund and his family will be taking the train to visit Becky's brother in Virginia from June 7th through 16. If there are any pastoral emergencies, please contact the church office, your elder or Pastor Kent Stenzel at 452-2121.

Sale of Items in the Church

There has been a change in Peace's policy regarding the sales of items in the church. Students may sell items in the church following some guide lines. This excerpt is taken from the minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting on May 17, 2010.

“Concerning the sale of items in the church there was discussion about the possibility of using a bulletin board for posting of fundraiser items that may be for sale. It was m/s/c that a bulletin board be placed so that youth may put up a notice that they have fundraiser items for sale such as cookies, popcorn, etc. If anyone wishes to purchase said items, there will be contact information available.”

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 Seminarians. If you would prayerfully consider assisting one of our members dedicate his life to serving Our Lord and Savoir, you may mark your designated offering envelopes “Seminarian”.

Darrell Greenwood
Congregation Chairman

Block Party Planned

The Board of Elders of Peace Lutheran Church is planning a congregational “block party” on Sunday, July 11th after church. We want to invite and welcome our new neighbors in the refurbished apartments across the street. We also want to reach out in Christian love and fellowship to all of the people in our immediate neighborhood. And we want to have fun as the family of God in this place. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad or dessert (maybe two so that we have enough for our guests). The LWML will be coordinating this. Save this day on your calendar for a time of fun and fellowship. Pray that this day may be used by God to share the Gospel with the people in our neighborhood.

Western Montana RV Ministry for LCMS Members

Grace Lutheran Church in Hamilton, MT is offering free overnight parking for 2 RV's

From June 1st – Sept 30, with a 3 night limit, no facilities and no reservations.

Thursday evening campfire worship. A free-will offering is welcome.

Call 406 363-1924 or gracelutheran1924@hotmail.com for details.

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.