



## Peace Lutheran Church

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Dear Saints of God at Peace Lutheran Church,

The two major celebrations at church in the month of November are All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving. The first is part of our liturgical calendar and the second is an American tradition. Is there any connection between the two of them?

At first glance, there seems to be no connection. All Saints' Day is a day for considering the lives of God's people, especially those who have performed some exemplary service to God and His Church. Thanksgiving Day, on the other hand, is a day for thanking God for material blessings. There doesn't seem to be much connection there.

Then we come across this interesting verse from Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." We normally think of a person's life as being precious. How can someone's death be precious?

While any saint's good deeds and example may be very impressive, the most important aspect of any saint's life is his or her faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. In fact, that is what makes someone a saint – faith in Jesus Christ. It is that faith, rather than the deeds which flow from that faith, which receives everlasting life. And it is everlasting life which is the goal of every saint, not merely a good performance in this life.

Therefore, when someone reaches the goal of their faith – everlasting life – it is indeed something that is good. It may be painful or sorrowful to loved ones left behind but, in the sight of the Lord, it is truly precious to bring His son or daughter home to Him. It is like a runner in a race. He may start the race and that's good. He may run the race magnificently and that's good, too. However, crossing the finish line is the most important thing. When you or I cross the finish line to heaven after running the race of faith, God is pleased and we are eternally blessed.

Someone's arrival in heaven is a reason for giving thanks. We thank God for giving that person faith, for keeping that person in faith, and for fulfilling the promise to which faith clings by bringing that person to the eternal joys of heaven. Sounds like a funeral day for any of God's saints could also be a Thanksgiving Day as well.

Happy All Saints' Day AND Thanksgiving Day!

Pastor Schlund

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**Kathy McIntosh, Gloria Creek and Karen Schaefer** for playing the organ during our worship services.  
**Everyone** who came and helped clean the Lord's house on cleaning day.  
**Elsie Huss** for serving the pastors at the Pastor's Conference.  
**Linda Aguiar and Elsie Huss** for putting up the LWML display on the bulletin board.  
**All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes** on Sundays and Wednesdays.  
**Everyone** who came and participated in the Reformation Pie/Dessert auction.  
**Idell Croskrey** for changing the banners and paraments.  
**Everyone** who has beautified our worship service by placing flowers on the altar.  
**Jerry and Jody Geist** for cleaning the church.  
**Everyone on the Prayer Chain** for their time and prayers.  
**Everyone** who has donated treats for our fellowship time.  
**Everyone** who cleans the kitchen after Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays.  
**All of the men** who volunteer to usher.  
**Everyone** who counts the offering.  
**Cheri Magnuson and Alice Schuman** for cleaning the Communion linens.  
**Cindy Greenwood** for decorating the bulletin boards.  
**John and Karen Birkholz and Kelli Wiseman** for your help in folding bulletins and newsletters.  
 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.

## Finances

The year to date budgeted amount through September 30, 2010 is **\$115,801.53**. What was given through September 30, 2010 is **\$103,396.33**. **We are short \$12,405.20**. Our Mission Commitment to the District is short by \$1,050.00. The amount in **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** as of September 30, 2010 is **\$27,434.96**. **LCEF loan balance as of September 30, 2010 is \$159,921.10**.

### Ladies Bible study schedule

The FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS has a good start on the Gospel of LUKE. They will meet on November 5th and 12th from 1-3pm for their study of Luke at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave So.

Assisted living ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be held on Tuesday, November 9th at 11am at Bee Hive Home #4 at 2320 15th Ave So. On Friday, November 19th the ladies will meet for a no host lunch at 11:45am at Five Loaves Coffee House and Bakery, 4117 2nd Ave N. Afterward the group will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave So, for an hour of hymn singing and a devotion. Take time from your busy schedule to join in with one or as many of these activities as you are able.

## LWML

- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study and a business meeting.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! Don't forget your Mite boxes! Mite giving is down from last year. Please remember to bring any money you have so it can be sent to the Montana District LWML and be counted.
- ♥ **Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Great Falls Children's Receiving Home.** We hope to have a guest speaker from the Receiving Home at our meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ **During the month of November we will be collecting non-perishable food items.** During the Thanksgiving Day Worship Service we will have a food offering brought to the altar and all of the food will be given to FISH. On **Sunday, November 14**, Harold Spilde, from FISH, will be a guest speaker after our worship service and before Bible study.
- ♥ **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.





## November Anniversaries

Nov. 1	Vic and Carol Scheuffele
Nov. 2	John and Nikki Schofield
Nov. 6	Michael and Crystal Lewis
Nov. 8	Robert and Katie Almanza
Nov. 17	Charlie and Angelika Fisher
Nov. 27	Steve and Sharon Mueller

## Baptismal Anniversaries

November	1	Erik Scanlon
	4	Katie Dorr-Almanza
	4	Val Martin
	5	Hazel Merkel
	8	Carla Lux
	9	Brenna Hasbrouck
	9	Andrew Schlund
	10	Diane Steffens
	11	Pastor Steve Schlund
	11	Emily Townsend
	11	Michael Lewis
	12	Scott Schuman
	13	Dan Grove
	14	Breann Bibler
	16	Nathaniel Guderjahn
	16	Eva Lou Knorr
	18	Sharon Mueller
	21	Jill Southard
	21	Amanda Southard
	22	Katherine Onstad
	24	Dylan Ziobro
	25	Scott Arensmeyer
	26	Dorothy Furr
	26	Alan Brown



### 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 **Michael Lewis, and Jacob Meierhoff.**

We give thanks to God for the safe return to the States for **Justin Talley and Kurt Mueller.** We pray for safety for **Justin Mann,** grandson of Bruce and Janet Kempf, who is still in Afghanistan.

## “Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life

“God only has one ‘natural’ child. He adopted all the rest (Galatians 4:4-5).” *Rev. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE

“When we are firmly grounded in Scripture, we will avoid the pain of loss and despair experienced by so many men and women who abort their children. God’s Word will also lead us to love and support those in crisis so they can parent the child in their womb or make an adoption plan for their baby. Parents and partners significantly impact the choice a woman makes between carrying a child to term and abortion.” *Donna Zuehlk, Lutherans For Life of Michigan* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE

## Youth retreat

All youth ages 8 to 18 are invited to attend Youth Group Retreat in Lewistown on November 6 and 7. It is hosted by the youth of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stanford. Cost is \$10 per person. More information and registration forms are in the church office or you may contact Johanna Stinnett at 566-2723 or Brook Gerard at 750-1838.

## Thanksgiving Day worship service

We will have a Thanksgiving Day worship service at 9 a.m. Come and give thanks and praise to God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon you in your lifetime! There will be a food offering of non-perishable food items brought to the altar and later given to the FISH program here in Great Falls.

## Voters meeting set

The next Voters meeting for members of Peace will be **Sunday, November 7.** There will be a potluck beginning at 12 noon followed by the meeting. We will vote on the 2011 budget, updating the constitution and other important issues. Copies of the budget can be picked up from the usher’s stand for your review.

# Wee Disciples



We held our Dinner Theater on October 9<sup>th</sup> and we thank everyone who helped, donated or attended.

Thanksgiving is the theme of our thoughts and activities this month – God’s Blessings are countless! We will have a worship service with participation from Pastor Herman as well as the children on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us at 11:30 for worship and then a potluck meal following. We will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, corn and drinks. You are welcome to bring a favorite dish to share, but it is not necessary.

It would be a great blessing if you could come and share a favorite Bible story with any age group of children – you can pick! We will be going to the Children’s Museum which is a fun and easy place to get to know the children in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Blessings,  
Wee Disciples staff

**Wee Disciples** are collecting **Campbell’s Soup Labels** that are now being collected in a slightly different manner than before. **You only need the UPC Symbol from the label.** Each UPC is worth either 1 or 5 points. Campbell’s soup labels along with specially marked Campbell’s Condensed soups, and SpaghettiO’s, also all Campbell’s microwaveable soups, all Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers, all V8 Splash Beverages and all Campbell’s Supper Bakes Meal Kits. Plastic caps from V8 Splash beverages are also being collected. **A sample of the labels appears below.** You can give these to Shirley Beecher or place them in her box.



## Nursing Home Ministry needs your help!



A ministry providing devotions and hymn singing has been provided weekly over a number of years for residents both at Benefis Skilled Nursing Home and Park Place Nursing Home. Currently, there is a need for volunteers to help with this service. The weekly schedule is as follows:

**Benefis Skilled Nursing Center –  
Tuesday 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.  
Park Place Nursing Home –  
Thursday 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.**

If you would like to help in this ministry of love, please contact Alice Schuman at 761-6657.