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The Gift of Community

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What is Ordinary Time?

Back in the day, maybe even yet still, one's first year of seminary involved serving several hours a week in a Ministry in Context (MIC) congregation. The goal was to provide students with a shot at having some practical congregational experiences before their internship two years later. (They might still be green at that point, but at least less spring green than they would have been otherwise.)

There were several takeaways from my MIC time, one of which happened well into the latter days of Pentecost. It was merely a subheading on an ordinary bulletin.

Rather than announce that this particular Sunday was "The 21st Sunday in Pentecost," the pastor instead opted to write: "The Umpteenth Sunday in Pentecost!"

That one line alone taught me two things. First, you can have a sense of humor as a pastor. Second, you can acknowledge that Pentecost seems to go on and on and on.

"Ordinary" can also have a more neutral-to-positive bent, such as "standard" or "routine." In fact, that's very much the original meaning of its Latin root word "ordo"—"row" or "pattern."

In a similar vein, Pentecost belongs to a period in the church year called Ordinary Time. I've always chortled at the phrase because when one thinks of "ordinary," the words "boring," "blah," "average" and "unexceptional" come to mind. (Were "energized," "exuberant" or, most obviously, "extraordinary" somehow taken when this season was named?)

While “ordinary” comes by those beige words honestly, it can also have a more neutral-to-positive bent, such as “standard” or “routine.” In fact, that’s very much the original meaning of its Latin root word ordo—“row” or “pattern.”

Over time, then, “ordinary” was understood to mean something established and familiar.

Never one to let an easy connection to regular life go to waste, the church adapted the word to apply to the time in the liturgical year that stands outside high feast days and special liturgical seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter.

And with that, we got not only Ordinary Time but a one-two meaning punch as well.

HABIT-MAKING TIME

First, even those of us not inclined to anything mathematical have at least heard the term “ordinal number.”

An ordinal number is any number that comes in a sequence. Again, the root word here is ordo—a row, a pattern, a series. So the minute you see “first,” as you just did above, you know that you’re about to encounter some ordinal numbers, because you can’t have a first without a second, and so on—even until you get to umpteenth.

The numbered weeks of Pentecost are called ordinary in part because they are numbered: First Sunday after Pentecost, Second Sunday after Pentecost and so forth.

Second—and this definition is more interesting and significant—the periods of church life in Ordinary Time are not dullsville, snore-worthy or vanilla. They are known. They are habit. They are the accessible norms in the life of a Christian.

In the season of Pentecost, then, we have a stretch of time where we both steward the highlights of the feasts and set-aside seasons of the liturgical year while routinely hearing the words of Scripture and the word preached from the pulpit. It’s the opportunity to settle into, to embody, to incarnate, to live out, to make a matter of course that which we say we believe.

Think, for example, of married life: ordinary, day-to-day interactions are what make a marriage thrive or not. Or think of the way one treats one’s own body: ordinary, day-to-day decisions, over the course of time, impact one’s level of well-being. Or think of the messages that one hears from others and from oneself: the ordinary, day-to-day signals about one’s worth shape one’s sense of self.

Ordinary Time is habit-making time.

It's the opportunity to make a matter of course that which we say we believe.

There are indeed habits of the Christian life, ones that take intentionality and practice and reminders. In fact, we even have some related words to make that point.

First, "ordinances." Take a look at Psalm 19, for example, in which we read that "the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether" (9). Anyone who has had to apply for a special permit via their friendly neighborhood local planning and zoning board knows that we need to be aware of county ordinances. These are the laws, the norms, the rules that govern day-to-day life.

We also have "ordination," which is rooted in the practice of belonging to a holy order and committing to a way of being aligned with certain ordinances that shape who one is and how one lives.

Ordinary Time, then, is anything but boring.

It's a full and rich time, a rhythmic time, a welcome time to be all the more dedicated to the extraordinary life of a Christian.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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CROP Walk Fundraiser at Applebee's: June 30th (Page 7)

Articles Due for July Tidings: June 18th

Noisy Bucket Offering: June 28st

Men's Breakfast

We will meet at the Eaton Place for breakfast and fellowship on… **Thursday, June 11th at 8:30am.**
Hope to see you there!

Men's Night Out

We will meet for dinner and fellowship on **Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm** at the Thirsty Bird.

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday, June 17th
11:30 am at Evelyn Bay

Night Out!

Come out for an evening of adult fellowship at Auxo Winery (19 E 5 Point Hwy) on **June 5th beginning at 6:30 pm**.

The Pregnancy Center

The center has a specific need for size 4 and 5 diapers. Please place your donation in the basket in the Gathering Area.

Helping Hands Ministry

For the month of April, we are collecting **Mac and Cheese**. A basket has been placed in the gathering area in front of the Helping Hands Ministry bulletin board to place donations. Thank you for your support!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). After receiving approval from council, the MSP was submitted to the synod for review. Once the synod completes its review, we will continue with the next steps in the call process. Thank you for the prayers, support, and encouragement you have shown during this time of transition. Please continue to keep the Call Committee, church leadership, and the future pastor of Peace in your prayers as we move forward together.

Congratulations Graduate!

Congratulations to Harrison Levi for his graduation with honors from Potterville High School! We celebrated Harrison's accomplishment at Worship on May 31st! Harrison plans to pursue a career welding through either LCC or union trades.

CHURCH CLEANING SERVICE - UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that a new cleaning service has been hired and started the week of April 27th. **Her name is Jen** and she will be doing the basic cleaning of the church on a weekly basis. As we have done in the past, **we are looking for volunteers to pay for her services on a bi-weekly basis.** There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering area for you to use.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Crigier of the Property Team.

CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW REPORT

The first PLC Craft/Vendor Show held on May 1 and 2 was everything we had hoped for and more. It generated $1,132 of which $100 is being sent to Helping Hands and the balance used to pay down on the PLC mortgage. The booth rental generated $490 and $642 was from sale of baked goods and plants.

A Thrivent grant was received and was used for advertising. Here are some of the statistics that are included in the final report to Thrivent that you also might find interesting:

- 17 Volunteers – includes set-up, day of shows, and tear down
- 43 hours preparation time – volunteer time on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday getting ready for the vendors
- 146 total hours – includes the 43 hours of preparation time
- 100+ attendees

The above does not include all the hours the 15 bakers and candy makers spent making the fantastic items for the bake sale that was a crucial part of the fundraising.

We had a greeters table and polled the guests to see how they heard about the show. The majority was by word-of-mouth, then the sign/flag in yard, and then the County Journal. Only 4 individuals saw it on web or Facebook.

We handed out survey sheets to each vendor and asked for comments or suggestion on ways we could improve future shows. We have some really good suggestions that the committee will take into consideration for future shows.

The Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers that participated in making this event a huge success! It could have not happened without you.

Join us to help raise funds for our CROP Hunger Walk. You can dine in or order take out and they will donate 20% to our walk! Just let them know it's for the CROP Walk!

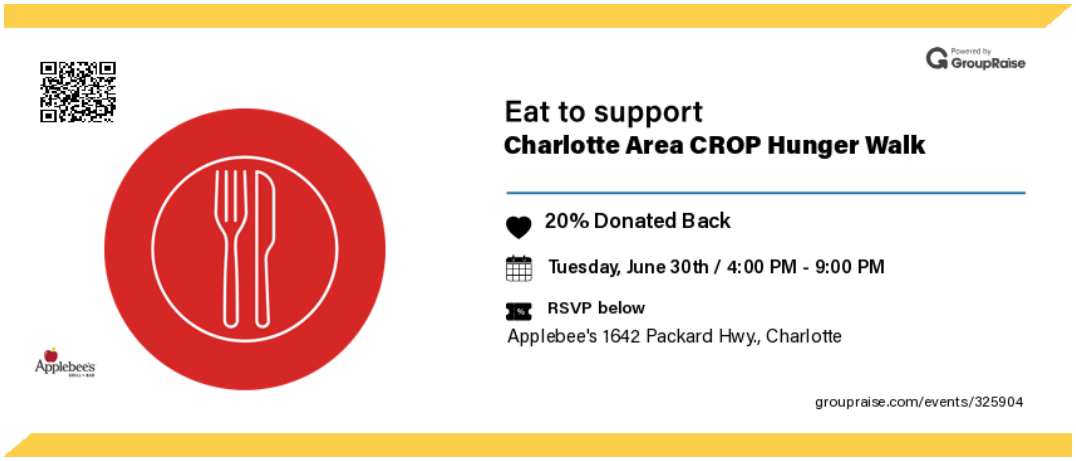
This is a GroupRaise Fundraiser with Applebee's

Date: Tuesday, June 30th

Time: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Applebee's, 1642 Packard Hwy.

Talk to Barb Myckowiak if you have questions! Thanks for your support!!



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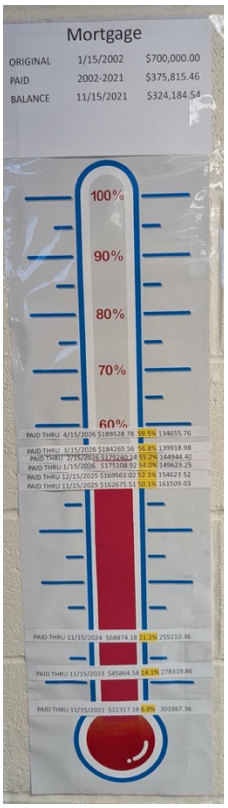
Staples

When buying ink from Staples for you or your family please consider using Peace's phone number when checking out. Your purchase of ink can apply to Peace's Rewards program. The office uses the rewards dollars for supplies for our church.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS??



This thermometer is a visual look at the church mortgage. The original mortgage was in January of 2002 for the construction of the new sanctuary, pastor's office, narthex and bathrooms as an addition to the existing building. The mortgage was for $700,000. It took almost 20 years to pay the first half of the mortgage. In November of 2021 the remaining balance of $324,000 was refinanced for 15 years with a 5 year balloon payment due in November of 2026.

The balance as of April 2026 is $135,000. This huge reduction in the balance was accomplished by several large one-time payments on the principal along with some members of the congregation also making monthly or annual donations toward the principal. With the current vacancy of a pastor, it was decided to use some of the funds which would be used to pay a pastor to help reduce the balance even further. The mortgage will be reviewed with the bank in the second half of 2026 for any changes needed for the remaining 10 years on the mortgage. The more we can reduce the balance before this review the better position we will be in.

Serve God and Others in Worship

Each week it takes many of God's people working together to make worship happen-and there is a place for you! Join the ministry of worship by serving as an usher, reader, worship assistant or serve on the altar guild. You may want to be a Gathering Host. **Sign up sheets are located in the Gathering Area.** You are welcome to join any of the teams at Peace. The teams are the Caring Team, Community in Action Team, Finance Team, Growing in Faith Team, Personnel/IT Team, Property Team and the Worship Team. Please contact the office if you are interested in this ministry.

Did you know that we recycle pull tabs here at Peace?

Pull tabs are taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing They turn these tabs in to cash to help support the House. The House provides care, comfort, and a free place to stay for families to heal together while their child receives medical treatment. This is a simple way to help support the House, just pull those tabs off the cans and **place them in the container at church** and Dar will see that they get over to Ronald McDonald House.

Property Team Update

During the summer, the Property Team will be working on several projects and will be looking to you for help. Some of the projects will be filling the cracks in the parking lot, trimming bushes and painting the wood exterior of the church.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to mow the lawn this spring and summer. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the gathering area. The mowing takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours. If you are interested but want more information contact Steve Clark, Terry Jorgensen, Harry Moore or Joe Crigier.

I know this sounds like a lot, but as the old saying goes "Many hands makes light work." This is your church and how it looks reflects on us. So, please help us make the best impression.

Thank you in advance for YOUR help in Sprucing-up our church!

VISITATION MINISTRY

The Caring Team is asking for help with a Visitation Ministry in reaching out to our members. We need volunteers to visit people in the congregation that have difficulty in getting to church on a regular basis. Visitors would go out in teams of two and would be making one visit per month. Each month you would be visiting a different member, and your visiting partner might change. You will receive a schedule of who and what week to visit and who is your visiting partner. Your responsibility is to get with your visiting partner and contacting the member to set up a visitation time. Then to go and enjoy learning more about one of our members.

After making a visit you will realize that you are the one that have been blessed. This is a ministry where you receive more than you give.

Please contact Char Ehlers if you are interested in this ministry.

WANTED: ITEMS FOR PEACE GARAGE SALE

When:

Thursday	**September 10th**
Friday	**September 11th**
Saturday	**September 12th**

Please NO clothing.

Donated items can be priced in advance if desired, but not necessary.
10% of the proceeds will be tithed.

See Karen Jorgensen or Lorene Crigier for questions.

We welcome anyone who is able to volunteer their time to help set up or help the days of the sale.

Thank you in advance for donations of items and/or time!!

Worship Ministry
June 2026

Date	Sunday 6/7	Sunday 6/14	Sunday 6/21	Sunday 6/28
Altar Guild	Nancy Holtz	Nancy Holtz	Nancy Holtz	Nancy Holtz
Audio/ Visual	Scott and Connie Lumbert	Scott and Connie Lumbert	Scott and Connie Lumbert	Scott and Connie Lumbert
Choir Director/ Musician	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio
Fellowship	The Moore's	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**
Flowers	The Hueter's	**Volunteer Needed**	Beverly Leffler	Dian Leckrone
Lector	Phyllis Augenstein	Phyllis Augenstein	Stacy Leiby	Stacy Leiby
Pastor	Pastor Tom Pederson	Pastor Dave Augenstein	Pastor Frank Rothfus	Pastor Dave Augenstein
Ushers	Doug and Char Ehlers	Doug and Char Ehlers	Doug and Char Ehlers	Doug and Char Ehlers
Worship Assistant	Bruce Hassen	Bruce Hassen	Cathey Levi	Cathey Levi

Church Calendar – June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 pm CAT Team Meeting	3 11:30 am Caring Team Meeting 6:00 pm AA Meeting	4	5 6:30 pm Night out at Auxo Winery	6
7 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering Pastor Tom Pederson	8	9 7:00 pm Council Meeting	10 6:00 pm AA Meeting	11 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Golf Outing at Meadow Brook	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering Pastor Dave Augenstein	15	16	17 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon at Evelyn Bay 6:00 pm AA Meeting	18 Articles Due for the July Tidings	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Gathering Pastor Frank Rothfuss	22	23 6:00 pm Men's Night Out@ The Thirsty Bird	24 6:00 pm AA Meeting	25	26	27
28 NOISY BUCKET OFFERING 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering Pastor Dave Augenstein	29	30 4:00-6:00 CROP Walk Fundraiser at Applebee's				

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for the Tidings to the editor, Kristin Shannon gore.kristin88@gmail.com

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