



Tidings of Peace

come grow with us

From the Pastor's Desk...

November 2024

One of my favorite books to sit and read, and hopefully relax is titled, “*To Bless the Space Between Us*,” by Anam Cara and Eternal Echoes. It was a gift from a former member of the church I served in Ohio. In times of stress, I like to take it out and read it – this past week was one of those times.

One of the readings hit home for me, and instead of a letter, I thought I would share it with you. It's called *The Eyes of Jesus*.

I imagine the eyes of Jesus
Were harvest brown,
The light of their gazing
Suffused with the seasons.

The shadow of winter,
The mind of spring,
The blues of summer,
And amber of harvest.

A gaze that is perfect sister
To the kindness that dwells
In his beautiful hands.

The eyes of Jesus gaze on us,
Stirring in the heart's clay
The confidence of seasons
That never lose their way to harvest.

This gaze knows the signature

Of our heartbeat, the first glimmer
From the dawn that dreamed our minds,

The crevices where thoughts grow
Long before the longing in the bone
Sends them toward the mind's eye,

The artistry of the emptiness
That knows to slow the hunger
Of outside things until they weave
Into the twilight side of the heart,

A gaze full of all that is still future
Looking out for us to glimpse
The jeweled light in winter stone,

Quickening the eyes that look at us
To see through to where words
Are blind to say what we would love,

Forever falling softly on our faces,
His gaze plies the soul with light,
Laying down a luminous layer

Beneath our brief and brittle days
Until the appointed dawn comes
Assured and harvest deft

To unravel the last black knot
And we are back home in the house
That we have never left.

May we see the eyes of Jesus in those we meet, those we love, and in everything that surrounds us. Until next month...

God's Blessings and Peace

Pastor Neil



Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm & Wednesday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

All Saints Day: November 3rd

Newsletter Articles Due: November 18th

Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, & Craft Show: November 8th & 9th

Loads of Love: November 16th

Tree Decorating: November 24th

Thanksgiving Dinner: November 28th



Thank you from the Pastor...

I'd like to say thank you for the "Pastor's Recognition" this past Sunday. I appreciate all of you who made a point to offer your thanks and support. A special thanks to Kathy Cook for everything she does for me.



Men's Breakfast – October



NOTE the CHANGE IN LOCATION....

We will meet at the **Big Boy on Lansing Road in Charlotte** for breakfast and fellowship on **Thursday, November 14th at 8:30am.**

... Hope to see you there!

Men's Night Out

This month the men will meet at on Tuesday, November 26th beginning at 6:00pm. We will meet at the **Olive Garden** in Delta Township. Let's get together again... it's always a great time to catch up with one another and share some stories and laughs. Hope to see you there!



Bible Study – today and tomorrow

Adult Study:

Our Fall study continues Sunday mornings through **November 17th** (it was decided to postpone a week due to the Reformation Sunday potluck). **We meet around 11:00am in the big classroom.** All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't signed up or attended before. Each week is a new topic, so please join us



Confirmation:

We are off for our final year together. **Next class will be on Sunday, November 10, 2024 beginning at 6:00pm.**

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

The churches of Peace and First Lutheran, along with Thrivent Financial and Meijer will come together to offer a free Thanksgiving Dinner for the 23rd year.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Doors Open at 11:00 am
While Supplies Last

Thursday, November 28th
Eaton Area Senior Center
804 S Cochran, Charlotte

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetable, rolls, and pie



Peace Celebrated Pastor Neil on Sunday, October 20th for Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you Pastor Neil for all you do for Peace. You are very much appreciated!

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

Pull for Ronald McDonald House!



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.



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.



Our annual cookie walk is fast approaching! The dates and times are:

Friday, November 8th 9 am to 2 pm
Saturday, November 9th 9 am to noon

Sign up sheets for cookies, baked goods and crafts are in the Gathering Space on Sunday, as well as cookie containers to take home for cookie storage. We also need people to sign up for a shift to work the event; the days and times are:

Friday, Nov, 8th – 9 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 2:00
Saturday Nov. 9th – 9:30 to 11:00 and 11:00 to 12:00

If you are supplying baked goods or craft items, please bring them to the Gathering area on Thursday, November 7th.

There will be 5 items in the raffle this year; when you purchase raffle tickets, you put them in the box next to the item you'd like to win. This year's items are:

Hand Woven Doll Cradle	Kitchen Assortment — \$50. Value
Hand Carved Swan	Spa Product Assortment — \$75 Value
Christmas Wall Hanging	

Raffle Ticket Donation --

1 ticket - \$2	6 tickets - \$5	13 tickets - \$10	25 tickets - \$20.
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Proceeds from this event will be tithed to a local charity; the remaining 90% will go into our Capital Fund to be used for projects at Peace. Thank you for creating, baking and shopping — all that you do benefits our community and our congregation.

It's time for a lot of PEACE...

It is time... for PEACE! In this year, may we all come together in our prayer lives – as we pray for so many things in our lives -the good and the not so good. But let us add another prayer to our time with God – and ask him to bless our world with peace – throughout the world, in our country, in our state and communities, in our families and among our friends.

It is time for PEACE! It is time to put our differences aside and learn to live in harmony with one another; it's time to name society's injustices for what they are; it's time to relabel our political party affiliations, and agree that we are first and foremost, Americans.

It is time for PEACE! It is time for goodwill among all people; it is time for making God a priority in our lives and spend a part of our every day in his presence.

It is time... for PEACE! Let this be the focus of our prayer lives – and our time together.

Christmas Collection for Siren Shelters



Can you believe it? We are planning for Christmas already. It will be here before we know it. This year the Community Action Team has once again selected Siren Shelters as the recipient of our Christmas giving.

We will be collecting underwear, socks and Pjs. We will be in need of all sizes from the very small size 2 for the little ones all the way up to the XXlg for the adults and every size in between.

Watch for the Angel tree to go up around Thanksgiving it will have suggested items and sizes. **We will collect items through December 15.** We are giving you the heads up so if you run across a good sale you can take advantage of it.

Any questions feel free to contact any Community Action Team member.

Have Yourself a Jazzy Little Christmas!



Free concert on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Peace!

Come enjoy some great Christmas music followed by a cookie and coffee reception, all for a good cause. Donations will gratefully be accepted to benefit **SIREN/Eaton Shelter and Crosswalk Teen Center.**

Please invite all of your family, friends and neighbors for this fun afternoon of jazzy Christmas music!

Clique Vocals: Dan Templin and Kelly Sandula-Gruner met as members of Singers on the Grand, and their similar approach to performing and a shared love of singing jazz led to the formation of Clique in 2016. The duo performs the classic jazz ballads of the 1920s–50s, plus a mix of pop and contemporary arranged in a unique style with tight harmonies. Clique has appeared at mid-Michigan events, eateries, senior centers, and outdoor park concerts, as well as out in front of Lansing Concert Band’s Jazz Big Band as their featured vocalists. Recent venues include Michigan JazzFest, BluesFest, The Capital Area Humane Society Fur Ball, UrbanBeat, Turner-Dodge House (Lansing Old Town), BrickHaven Brewery (Grand Ledge), The Port craft wine bar (Portland), and various outdoor concert series.

Kelly Sandula-Gruner’s music career began at age 4 with piano lessons, and at age 11, she fell in love with the French horn. An obsession with singing came much later! Kelly holds degrees in both music and commercial art, and currently works as a graphic designer. She is a long-time member of the Lansing Concert Band horn section, and featured vocalist with the LCB Big Band. She also performs with the vocal duo Clique, Singers on the Grand, and with local community theatres.

Dan Templin loves to entertain! He sings, acts and plays piano with several mid-Michigan performing arts organizations including the vocal duo Clique, Singers on the Grand, the LCB Big Band, and local community theaters. A fan of many musical genres, he’s done it all from bar-room piano man to barbershop quartets. By day, Dan is an attorney and serves as counsel for HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

Did you know... from *The Lutheran Handbook...*

The Top 10 BIBLE HEROES

The Bible is filled with typical examples of heroism, but another kind of hero inhabits the pages of the Bible – those people who, against all odds, follow God no matter the outcome. There are heroes of faith.

1. Noah

In the face of ridicule from others, Noah trusted God when God chose him to build an ark to save a remnant of humanity from destruction. Noah's trust became part of a covenant with God.

2. Abraham and Sarah

In extreme old age, Abraham and Sarah answered God's call to leave their home and travel to a strange land, where they became the parents of God's people.

3. Moses

Moses, a man with a speech impediment, challenged the Egyptian powers to deliver God's people from bondage. He led a rebellious and contrary people for 40 years through the wilderness and gave them God's law.

4. Rahab

A prostitute who helped Israel conquer the promised land, Rahab was the great-grandmother of King David, and this a part of the family of Jesus himself.

5. David

Great King David, the youngest and smallest member of his family, defeated great enemies, turning Israel into a world power. He wrote psalms, led armies, and confessed his sins to the Lord.

6. Mary and Joseph

These humble peasants responded to God's call to be the parents of the Messiah, although the call came through a pregnancy that was not the result of marriage.

7. The Canaanite Woman

Desperate for her daughter's health, the Canaanite woman challenged Jesus regarding women and race by claiming God's love for all people (Matthew 15:21-28). Because of this, Jesus praised her faith.

8. Peter

Peter was a man quick to speak but slow to think. At Jesus' trial, Peter denied ever having known him. But in the power of forgiveness and through Christ's appointment, Peter became the leader in the early church.

9. Saul/Paul

Originally an enemy and persecutor of Christians, Paul experienced a powerful vision of Jesus, converted, and became the greatest missionary the church has ever known.

10. Phoebe

A contemporary of Paul's Phoebe is believed to have delivered the book of Romans after traveling some 800 miles for Cenchrea near Corinth to Rome. A wealthy woman, she used her influence to travel, protect other believers, and to host worship services in her home.

Luther's Small Catechism **(a refresher course)**

Many have asked about reviewing Luther's Small Catechism – especially the information covered in our confirmation classes. Continuing with each month, we will review in our newsletters things our confirmation students are required to know and understand in and from Luther's catechism.

This month, we continue with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is listed, along with Martin Luther's explanation – taken directly from the Small Catechism.

1. What is the Sacrament of the Altar

Answer: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink.

2. What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

Answer: The words “given for you” and “shed for you... for the forgiveness of sin” show us that forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words, because there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.

3. How can bodily eating and drinking do such a thing?

Eating and drinking certainly do not do it, but rather the words that are recorded: “given for you” and “shed for you... for the forgiveness of sin.” These words, when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking, are the essential thing in the sacrament, and whoever believes in these very words has what they declare and state, namely, “forgiveness of sin.”

4. Who, then, receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are in fact a fine external discipline, but a person who has faith in these words, “given for you” and “shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin,” is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words “for you” require truly believing hearts.

Bible reading for you: Matthew 26:26-28

Worship Ministry November 2024

Date	Sunday 11/3	Sunday 11/10	Sunday 11/17	Sunday 11/24
Acolyte	Logan Levi	Kendall Jobson	Volunteer Needed	Logan Levi
Altar Guild	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris
Audio/ Visual	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert
Choir Director/ Musician	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio
Fellowship	The Jorgensen's	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Flowers	Bill and Bev Cahill	Dave and Phyllis Augenstein	Dian Leckrone	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Cathey Levi	Cathey Levi	Cathey Levi	Cathey Levi
Pastor	Pastor Neil Brady	Pastor Neil Brady	Pastor Neil Brady	Pastor Neil Brady
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Worship Assistant	Barb Myckowiak	Barb Myckowiak	Barb Myckowiak	Barb Myckowiak

Church Calendar – November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 All Saints Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Gathering 10:45-Noon Sunday School 11:00 am Adult Bible Study	4	5 7:00 pm CAT Team Meeting	6 11:30 am Caring Team Meeting 6:00 pm AA Meeting	7 Cookie and Craft Event	8 9:00 am-2:00 pm Cookie and Craft Event 6:00 pm AA Meeting	9 9:00 am-Noon Cookie and Craft Event
10 Veteran's Day Recognition 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm Confirmation Class	11	12 10:00 am Worship and Music Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	13 6:00 pm AA Meeting	14 8:30 am Men's Breakfast	15 6:00 pm AA Meeting	16 8-Noon Loads of Love at Quality Dairy 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
17 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering 11:00 am Adult Bible Study	18 Articles for the Tidings Due	19 7:00 pm GFS Team Meeting	20 11:30 am Ladies' Luncheon@Evelyn Bay 6:00 pm AA Meeting	21	22 6:00 pm AA Meeting	23
24 NOISY BUCKET OFFERING 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering Tree Decorating	25	26 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	27 6:00 pm AA Meeting	28 11:30-1:00 Thanksgiving Dinner at Eaton Senior Center	29 6:00 pm AA Meeting	30

Pastor's Office Hours Tuesday 10:00-2:00 Wednesday 10:00-1:00
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and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your
neighbor as yourself.*



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