

November 2020 Newsletter

*Western Edge Parish (Peace Lutheran, Dickinson & St. John's Lutheran, Richardton)
Serving the community in partnership.*

From the Pastor, November 2020

If you are a Peace Lutheran member, perhaps you noticed or will soon read a startling figure in the church council meeting minutes from October. In the stewardship section of the minutes at financial report it says, “giving is down approximately 45% below budget.” Yikes! That is a pretty scary number, 45% below budget! The reality of the pandemic and its consequences are now showing their effects on Peace Lutheran’s financial status. So many of Peace Lutheran’s members have been sending in their regular offering support and many are doing electronic giving, for that we are extremely grateful! But the time when the church wasn’t worshipping in person from March to May, our lack of attendance by our regular members and limited visitors coming to check us out has taken its toll on our projected income for the year.



Thankfully, the church did receive a small PPP Loan which has carried us through the summer months, but that number- 45% below budget - still looms largely in my mind. I’m also grateful to all who supported the summer rummage sale fundraisers which were a great help to our budget. And the church is still planning to do its annual lefse fund raiser this month. With the help of volunteers to mix lefse, roll it, package and sell it, the church will get another boost of income to the budget. You can help with this fund raiser by donating supplies and spending time at the church making lefse. See the information about this project in the rest of the newsletter.



So here’s my plea: please continue your support and generosity to the church so that there is still a place to return to when this pandemic is over. This is an uncertain and challenging time. The church can still be a place of refuge and strength, prayer and peace to help us get through this storm to the other side. But to be this place, and to do this ministry, it needs resources and your faithful offerings. Thank you for doing what you can! As I like to say, everybody’s little bit adds up to a lot! Thank you for supporting the ministry of Peace Lutheran!

With Peace,

Pastor Mike Pretzer

Caring Hands for October

March, July, & November

Marge & Duane Gulbrandson

Amanda & Allen Hecker

Jeff & Peggy Anderson

Ryan & Rena Zimmerman

Melody & Jerry Buresch

Jeff Merchant

Angela & Jason Ott

Brianna Hahne

Cassie Blotske

Candy Haagenson

Bob Thompson

Butch Wax

During your month, sign up (or email or call the church) to help with the following worship/fellowship needs. You can sign up in pairs to help each other out with worship and fellowship duties, if desired. Sign up sheets are located at the church along with a signup sheet for mowing.

-Worship hosts

-Greet people and hand them a bulletin

-Make sure the candles are lit

-Collect offering

-Fellowship hosts

-Make a pot of coffee/heat the water kettle for tea

-Provide some kind of snacks (bars, fruit, toast, meat/cheese, cookies, etc)

Peace Lutheran's focus for November: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



Kool Gang and Confirmation students next service project is the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This project fills shoe boxes with toys and other fun items and delivers them to children in need around the world. The congregation is invited to join the youth in collecting gift items for the shoe boxes. The pickle jars will also be passed around in November to collect change to help cover the shipping expense of the shoe boxes. (Each shoe box costs \$9.00 to ship.) On Wednesday November 20th the shoe boxes will be packed and delivered to a collection site in Dickinson.

The following is a list of appropriate items that you can donate for the shoeboxes.

A "WOW" Item such as a doll, stuffed, animal, soccer ball with a pump, shoes, musical instruments

Toys such as cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Non-liquid Hygiene items such as toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, combs

School Supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, markers, sharpeners, coloring books, solar calculators

Accessories such as socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights with batteries, hair clips

Please Do Not Include candy, toothpaste, gum, war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, or aerosol cans.

Lefse Season is Upon Us!!!

Its coming up fast and we could use all the help we can get.

Thursday Nov. 20 set up 5pm – 8pm

Youth encouraged to come!!

Friday 9am to 8pm

Sat 9am to 6pm

Sun 8am to 9:30pm

Cleanup after church.



Here is a list of the supplies needed by November 20th.

25 packages of the Blue Bonnet or Imperial margarine sticks– not the light kind! (4/pack)

1 10# bag of sugar

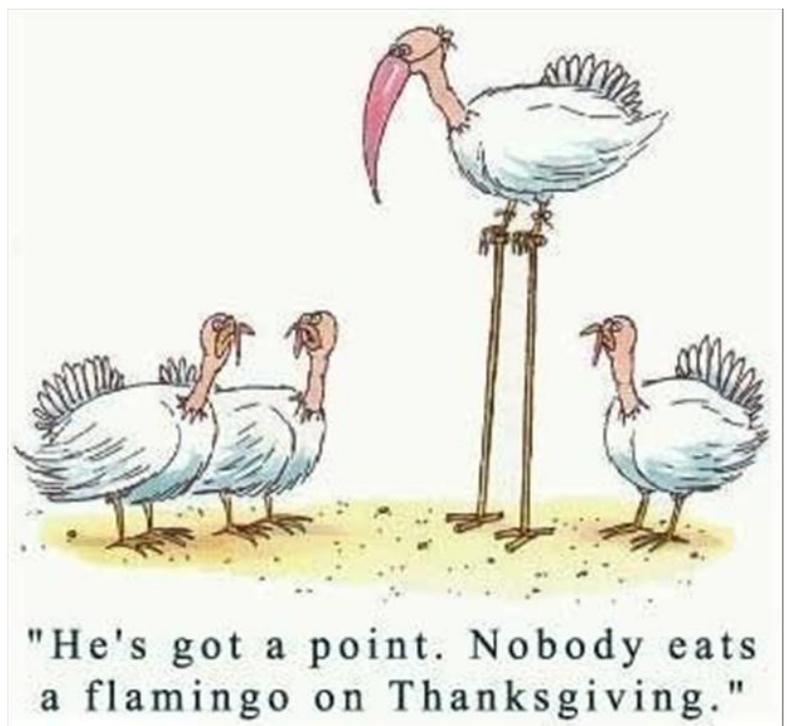
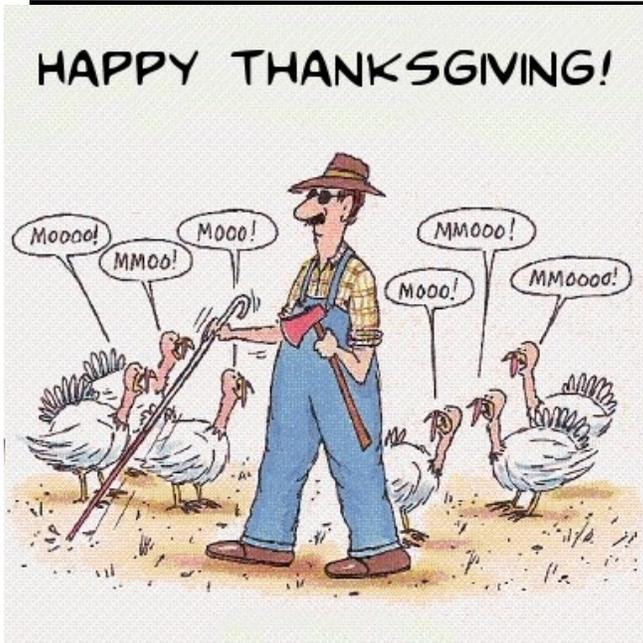
4 containers of salt

7 gallons of 2% milk (HAS TO BE 2%)

15 10# bags of flour (No Bread Flour)

60 boxes of Idaho Spuds potato flakes

Anyone willing to donate time and the equipment needed to make lefse is greatly appreciated!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING,

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)
Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)
Navah DenHerder

Ervin & Florence Heidecker

Eric Sellers (Cancer)

Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)

Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)

Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)

Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)

Beth Fugle (Candy H. Sister- Cancer)

Dan (Coyote) Feragen

Holly (Cancer)

Family of Jean Miller

Sharon Meissel (cancer)

Lakin Dvorak

Marge Gulbranson

Jackson Portra & his Parents Jared & Mandy Portra

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

All those serving in the military & their families. Our

WNW Schedule

November 11– We will be packing Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

November 18– We will be getting ready for Lefse starting at 5pm!

partner congregation, St. John's Lutheran in Richardton, Lutheran Social Services, Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.

ST. JOHN'S IN RICHARDTON

H Kristin Johnson

James Hauter (Lynn Johnson's Father)

Wellde Heinle- Recurrence of cancer

Arlyne Magstad

Shirley Kitzan

Dee Homelvig -Chemotherapy

Emmalou Lavine (Armin's Sister)

Duane Rakness (Heart Surgery)

Holly (Cancer)

Pam (Cancer)

Family of Gaitte Gebhardt

Family of Ray Fettig

Steve and Kayla Olson and unborn son Luke

Lakin Dvorak

Other Events In November

Nov. 18– Set up Lefse 5pm

Nov. 19– Make Lefse 5-8 PM

Nov. 20– Make Lefse 9am-8pm

Nov. 21– Sell Lefse 9am– 5pm

Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving



Mark Your Calendar

»» UPCOMING EVENTS



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Our lives and our world were turned upside down this year due to COVID-19. It seems we could wake up every day with something new to fear. There are serious challenges facing our world: a pandemic, politics, economic hardships, fires, and hurricanes. It is no wonder that our nerves are frayed.

Is there an opportunity hidden in this crisis? Reading in Matthew 5:14-16, the disciples do not just carry the light – they *are* the light of the world in the same way as Jesus' life and salvation. As members of Christ's body, we too are meant to shine the light of the gospel in a darkened world.

How can we *Be the Light*, as we reach out and engage with people – to be the light and bring out the God-colors in the world?

Peter Soli, trainer, and coach at Dialogue Works, suggests three areas for opportunity:

- Congregations will focus on what is most important in their life together,
- New leaders will show up, established leaders will do new things and responsibilities will be clarified,
- The question of how we are Church together grows in importance.

Starting in March of this year, the methods your synod staff adopted to approach ministry were unlike anything we experienced before. We had to adapt and adopt new digital tools and resources for ministry. Gathering face-to-face with lively interactions or deep discussions has been disrupted.

The Western North Dakota Synod Annual Appeal effort will focus on funding the staffing resources necessary to adopt new methods of seeking, identifying, and inviting future leaders for the church during this time of using creative ways and technology to meet people

Thank you for trusting us, for trusting God to lead us forward to new places and new people in the coming year. Knowing God's promise to us, we pray that God will help you bring people to His Table.

To make your gift to the annual appeal you may give online at wndsynod.org. You may also send checks payable to WND Synod, with "Annual Appeal" in the memo line, to: WND Synod, PO BOX 370, Bismarck, ND 58502

Thank you, too, for your continued generosity to Mission Support, we appreciate all that you do for the sake of the Gospel always and especially during this time. Every gift makes a difference to ministry, as an individual or as a congregation.

If your congregation has not contributed Mission Support for a year or longer, or maybe you have not been consistent with sharing Mission Support with the synod each month, now is a great time to start with even \$25 or \$35 a month. That \$300 or \$400 will make a difference and will allow the Western North Dakota Synod staff to sustain the resources we provide.

Please reach out to me by phone at 701-226-5865 or via email at faith@wndsynod.org. God called me to serve on the synod staff as a resource on stewardship, so I would love to talk with you!

Peace be with you,

Faith Simonieg,

Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity

Council Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Present: Bev Holdahl, Lola Huschka, Marilyn Huschka, Travis Kupper, Pastor Mike Pretzer, Tammy Sadowsky, and Kim Jones. Absent: Heather Fagerberg, Jeff Anderson, and Derek Jilek.

1) Bev called the meeting to order. 2) Pastor Mike shared devotion and prayer. 3-4) Minutes/Agenda no action

5) Leadership Reports –

Pastor's Report – Pastor Mike attended an Internship Supervisor Retreat via zoom. He will be leading services at New England on 10/25/20 and on 11/22/20 for their confirmation. Diane Melby will be Gifts person leading worship in Richardton and at Peace on 10/25/20. Pastor may take a few days' vacation week of 10/27.

Heather would like to resign her financial position on the church board. Church will need to check into Quick Books and a working lap top.

6) Stewardship

Small Business Administration PPP- No paperwork to complete at the moment.

Financial report-giving is down approximately 45% below budget. Report was reviewed and discussed.

MSC Marilyn/Travis

Lefse weekend is November 18-21. Wednesday, youth will set up at 5 PM. Lefse rolling will be Thursday 5pm-8pm, Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday morning before church if needed. Lefse will be sold Saturday 9-5pm. Lanie to print off signup sheets for supplies.

7) Worship

Devotion from the Badlands – Pastor continues to contribute devotional on Facebook each week.

Communion was celebrated on 10/18. Pastor put a communion cup and cube of bread in a zip lock bag.

Communicants came to the altar and Pastor filled cup with wine. Communion will be celebrated first and third Sundays of each month.

Pastors from the Badlands area will join together for a prayer service on Election Night and also Thanksgiving Eve, both on Facebook. This will be broadcast from St Johns, Dickinson.

Parish Council met. Schedules set up for Christmas, Lent, and Picnic in July. Pastor's compensation was discussed. Pastor would like to keep his medical benefit plan and because of the increase in premium would take no raise in salary to help keep us within budget. Motion to accept recommendation from Parish meeting was made. MSC Travis/Lola.

8) Faith Formation

A. Kool Gang schedule moving along. Operation Christmas Child will be a service project again this year. Needing donations of gifts and also money to help with shipping cost. Boxes will be packed 11/11/20

B. Confirmation has been meeting, they have been exploring the Bible and the Old Testament.

9) Community Partnerships

Community Garden- Sign was put up during our Sunday work day. Kool Gang cleaned up the garden on a Wednesday service night.

Preschools – no report

AA meetings – Saturday group is meeting again.

10) Building and Property

Parking Lot – no report

Painting/repairs – Work day was held after services 10/13. Group cleaned up storage shed, put up No Parking and Garden signs, and leaky bathroom sink was checked out and repaired.

Snow removal – Tormaschy has retired. Bev to try to get quotes of possible replacement

11) Communication

A. Newsletter – November newsletter in the works. Needs to include lefse fundraiser details

B. Constant Contact – needs to include details on lefse fundraiser

C. Facebook

12) Next Meeting Date – November 17, 7 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Jones

SJR— St. John's in Richardton KA— Kid Academy Preschool (Monday-Thursday)

R2B— Room to Bloom Preschool (Tuesday/Thursday) AA-Alcoholics Anonymous

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 WNNW 6:30PM	5	6	7 AA 8-12
8 Peace Worship-10AM SJR— 8 AM	9	10	11 WNNW 6:30PM Operation Christmas Child Box Packing	12	13	14 AA 8-12
15 Peace Worship-10AM SJR— 8 AM	16	17 Council Meeting @ 7 PM	18 Lefse Set Up 5PM WNNW 6:30 PM	19 Lefse Rolling 5pm-8 pm	20 Lefse Rolling 9am-8pm	21 Lefse Sale 9am-5pm
22 Peace Worship-10AM SJR— 8AM	23	24	25 WNNW 6:30 PM	26 Thanksgiving	27	28 AA 8-12
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