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***The Tidings***  
***June-July 2021***



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## *From the Pastor's Study • June/July 2021*

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I love coming across news stories that open my mind to new ways of seeing something. This morning it was the quick image of a new commode for NASA. The caption underneath it identified the toilet seat and the storage container that would convert urine to potable water... then there was a comment from an astronaut: "Yep, today's coffee is tomorrow's coffee." Eeew! At the same time, it is mind bending to think that technology is moving toward the stuff that I remember reading in science fiction novels in high school (the book *Dune*).

This week also brought stories about China landing a rover on Mars. This happened just shortly after we landed a rover on Mars and even flew a drone in the thin atmosphere of the planet. Researchers keep talking about encountering signs of frozen water that may at some point have supported life. How many of us grew up with stories imagining life on Mars and what it might mean? Then another story really piqued my curiosity, and this one was right here on earth. I was reading about researchers applying computer processing power and language learning software to listen to the communication of whales to try to decode their language. As researchers understand the whales' language, the next step will be to try to communicate with them directly... it's hard to imagine. But the comment that really caught my attention in the interview with the researchers was that they had all discussed the importance of listening to what the whales might have to say to them. They needed to agree that if they learned how to communicate with whales, then they would have to be willing to hear what these largest brained animals on earth might have to tell us, no matter how critical or unexpected. A willingness to hear the perspective from another species is a truly humbling notion. Imagine a 200-year-old bowhead whale being able to offer a perspective on how our world and our planet has changed and how they may perceive our role in those changes. What could we learn? Would we be willing to hear and try to grow as a result of the insights? Or would we simply double down on our own perspective and dismiss anything that was an unwelcome word, or a word that challenged our already defined perspectives?

The story of our faith often casts a vision of what might be, of how God's vision of the world might be very different from ours. I think of that simple line from the book of Revelation 21:1: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth" that echoes the last verses of the book of Isaiah. In each case, the vision is of a world that realigns itself with God's ways instead of the destructive and self-serving ways of the world. That poetry and those visions emerge out of times of weariness and oppression. At their heart, each of them pleaded with the faithful to be open to seeing with new eyes.

I have spoken often in the last year about the experience of living through this pandemic as placing us in a liminal time, a time that exists between the departure from the old normal but before our arrival into the next normal. In that space there is the challenge of naming what has not worked before, and of what we long for in the next space. There is an opportunity to listen for what new and surprising insights or wisdom might emerge. And there is a necessity in the attentiveness for patience to learn how that which is beyond ourselves will unfold and invite us into new possibilities.

For years there have been conversations in The Church about all that has been changing and how it seems that there is another reformation before us. Many in the church see a pattern of the church needing to re-imagine and re-form every 500 years. Whether we were ready for that or not, it seems that this global pandemic has awakened a host of questions of justice, equity, relevance, and vitality for the future of The Church and for our local congregation.

We regularly pray “thy kingdom come.” As we pray, we should be doing so with a longing that we could see our world as God sees it... to imagine that new heaven and new earth. But then again, would we really want to see the world that way if it meant that something would need to change in our lives, in our world, in how we embody the faith as a church?

My prayer is that together we might cultivate the curiosity to imagine beyond what we have always known. Maybe it is in the midst of summertime’s long days, or in some other liminal glimmer of different visions that we hear God's voice leading us forward into tomorrow. Our church and our nation are poised in anticipation of the possibility of reopening to a new or next normal.

As we draw close will we be willing to be bold in our imagining, hungry in our curiosity, and open to see beyond our known past toward tomorrow’s coffee or the insights of a whale?

We are called to look, listen, and discern together where God is calling us.

May God bless us abundantly on our common journey,

*Pastor Eric*

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## *Worship Schedule for June & July 2021*

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### **Updates from the Regathering Committee:**

Last week we were once again reminded that our guidance at church can change in the blink of an eye.

As a committee we agreed that we will continue following the guidelines of the CDC, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, while using the local data generated by the County Health Department. The guidance that we are receiving as churches has not updated following the latest guidance for mask requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated people. We are continuing to follow the published capacity guidance based on our counties Covid burden. This directs us to limit our activities to 25% of capacity (50 worshippers in the sanctuary, the worship leaders are in addition to that number). **We are not requiring sign-ups for services.** If we exceed our capacity, we have overflow capacity with a live stream in the both the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. We are certainly hoping that increased vaccinations and continued care will bring our county’s Covid numbers down to a point where our advised capacities quickly increase.

The new CDC guidance on masks removes all restrictions for those who are vaccinated. As people of faith, we ask that you are mindful of those around you – we encourage small groups to check in with their members to make sure that they are comfortable with vaccinated people unmasking - try to come to a consensus that honors everyone. Vaccinated people are always welcome to wear a mask for further protection of themselves or others, but it will not be required.

**For people who are unvaccinated, per CDC guidelines, masks are required over the mouth and nose at all times, and social distancing of 6 feet remains. We have included below the CDC graphic that lays this out.**

Prior to the updated guidance on masks, we were already trying to reintroduce as many parts of “normal” as we can in our present “new normal”:

- We are inviting people who are in worship to sing quietly or to hum.
  - We will be discussing the resumption of choir in the future.
- We will be resuming in-person Sunday School with our Summer Sunday School! beginning on June 13<sup>th</sup> during our 9:30 service.
- We will be returning to our normal service times of 8:00 and 9:30 beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> we will reintroduce coffee hour in a new way. We will hold Coffee Hour outside on the lawn and gazebo after each service, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, we will not have coffee hour that day/service (we won't be moving our fellowship inside). If you are willing to help with this, please contact the church office.
- We are planning to hold Vacation Bible School in person the last week of July.
- We are inviting the XYZ club to return for their weekly cards and fellowship.
- We will welcome the resumption of any other groups as long as they/we abide by the current limits and guidelines.

There will be TWO SUNDAYS when we will plan to be in Riverhill Park:

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Confirmation will be during the 10:00 a.m. service.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> we are hoping to hold our church Pignic beginning with one worship service at 9:30 a.m.
  - Very sadly our Pignic coordinator, Kevin Lehman, died unexpectedly. If anyone would be willing to step up to help with portions of the Pignic, please contact the Church Office.

**We will continue streaming all worship services** to our YouTube Channel at “Peace UCC Kewaskum” or you can find a link from our website: [www.peace-ucc.org](http://www.peace-ucc.org) or through our Facebook page. We are also now streaming all funeral services and posting those online. And we have had a chance to stream and post our first Baptism! Check it out.

Please pay attention to the Service times as they have changed back to our pre-pandemic normal 8:00 am. and 9:30 am.

We encourage everyone to please continue to act with care and caution. We have been trying to take all practical steps toward mitigation of the pandemic as a Congregation, and now is certainly not the time to stop trying to be a part of the solution. Get vaccinated when you are able, this not only helps to protect yourself but also helps to reduce community spread and slow viral mutations. Please do your part in thinking about how your choices impact all of our community and our world. Our commitment is to continue seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves!

### **Lectionary for June and July 201**

**Sunday, June 6– 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church -**

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) and Psalm 138 ● Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130 ● 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ● Mark 3:20-35

**Sunday, June 13 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church**

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20 ● Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 ● 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 ● Mark 4:26-34

**Sunday, June 20 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 and Psalm 133 ● Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 ● 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 ● Mark 4:35-41

**Sunday, June 27 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 and Psalm 130 ● Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33 and Psalm 30 ● 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 ● Mark 5:21-43

**Sunday, July 4 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48 ● Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123 ● 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 ● Mark 6:1-13

**Sunday, July 11 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24 ● Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13 ● Ephesians 1:3-14 ● Mark 6:14-29

**Sunday, July 19 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37 • Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23 • Ephesians 2:11-22 • Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 25 - 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Peace Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14 • 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18 • Ephesians 3:14-21 • John 6:1-21

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## *Events and Activities*

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### **Church Decorating Committee**

Peace Church is looking for two or more volunteers to help decorate the church during specific seasons of the church year or at special events, please call the church office if you would like to be part of this committee.

### **Canada Canoe Trip**

Peace Church is planning a Canada Canoe Trip. This trip would be dependent on if the Canadian border will be opened to visitors this summer. We are tentatively scheduled with the outfitter (Canoe Canada) to be on the water for the week of Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. The Peace Church group will drive up to Canada (town of Atikokan, Ontario) on Saturday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and return home on Saturday Aug 14. The group would lead the Peace Church worship services on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

All participants will need a valid US passport. Cost will be in the range of \$450-\$550 per person. A \$200 per person down payment is needed by the middle of June, assuming that the border is opened by then. HS youth, college age young people and adults are all welcomed to participate.

### **Peace Church - Camp Scholarship**

\*For camp, workshop, or retreat experiences at Wisconsin United Church of Christ Camps - Moon Beach, St. Germain, WI or - Pilgrim Center, Ripon, WI that have a fee associated with them. \*Any member and/or their children, in good standing, of Peace UCC, Kewaskum, WI. \* One hundred (\$100) dollars per camper for any “full week” camp and fifty (\$50) dollars per camper for “three-day” or “weekend” camps.

\*After completing registration for one of the UCCI church camps, bring/send a copy of your camp registration confirmation to the Peace Church office. The church treasurer will forward a check for the appropriate scholarship amount to the corresponding camp, with funds to be placed into the individual camper’s or family’s account.

For information all the UCCI camps go to: <https://ucci.org/>

Peace Church always welcomes donations to the camp scholarship fund.

**Peace Church Pignic** – the Peace Church Pignic will take place on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at River Hill Park. Mark your calendars. If you are interested in assisting with the Pignic, please contact the church office at 262-626-4011 or [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org). More information will be coming in future Tidings.

**Congratulations Confirmation Students-** Congratulation to the following students who were confirmed on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. service at River Hill Park: Kolton Joel Hauch, Aiden Lyle Polzin, Katelyn Ann Scannell, Madison Mae Strom, Lily Kathryn Van Beek.

**Peace Church Book Group** - The book group will be meeting on June 2 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall to discuss the book "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom. It is a very heartwarming true story. The group does not meet in July or August, but will resume on September 1 to discuss the book "The Pull of the Stars" by Emma Donoghue. For more information, please contact Lynn Rusch via e-mail: [lynnrusch4@gmail.com](mailto:lynnrusch4@gmail.com) or phone: 262-306-4025.

**Open House in Honor of Anna Piittmann** – Please join the Piittmann in celebrating Anna Piittmann's high school graduation on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from noon – 5:00 p.m. Food, games and celebrating will be held at 209 Clinton Street, Kewaskum. Congratulations Anna!

### **Peace United Church of Christ Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to give financial aid and recognition to members of this Church who have shown significant academic and other constructive accomplishment in their school career and church participation.

All members of the Church who, in the opinion of the Committee are qualified and worthy recipients based upon the following criteria are eligible to receive a scholarship:

- Academic achievement
- Service to the Church
- Christian character
- Educational aims

Members may re-apply annually. Applicants may request aid toward the education of their choice beyond High School.

Application forms are available in the Church office or on our website. Applications must be received by **June 1**.

Notification of scholarship awards will be made by July 1. Amounts will vary annually. Applicants selected to receive a scholarship shall be expected to remain in continuous attendance in school for the entire semester. Applicants must submit a transcript of their grades ASAP before February 1, 2022, following the completion of the first semester, in order to receive their scholarship. Applicants must have successfully

completed 12 credits, (full-time student) with no less than a 2.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale).

### **Scholarship Fund Fundraisers!**

In the past, at Peace Church we have all enjoyed coffee from the **Equal Exchange Fair Trade Co-op** at our coffee hour. We have also had some available for purchase at our last cookie sale. We are happy to announce that we will be bringing that coffee back, not only for sipping, but also for sale, with all proceeds to benefit our scholarship fund. We will also be offering a sampling of teas and chocolate bars for sale as well. Those items will be available for purchase during our **scholarship fund car wash on Saturday, July 24th**, as well as at our **cookie sales on September 26th**, and in **December** (TBA), during the Christmas program. Please mark your calendars for these important dates to come support our college students!

Feel free to check out **Equal Exchange's website: <https://equalexchange.coop>** to learn about them and how your purchase supports alternative trade and small farmer cooperatives around the world.

### **Thank you Peace Church!**

Dear Peace UCC, Thank you to all for the nice cards, well wishes, and prayers for a speedy recovery. I am doing much better and am getting stronger every day. A special thanks to Pastor Eric for getting me through my toughest of times and to Kandy for the flowers to brighten my days. I know that without all the support of the good people at Peace Church, I couldn't have done it alone. Sincerely, Kathy Rundquist

Dear Peace UCC, Thank you incredibly for the scholarship. It means so much to me that you decided to invest in my education. Peace Church has been crucial to my upbringing and I cannot express my gratitude for the love and support you all have given me. I hope all is well and everyone is safe and healthy. Sending love and peace from Appleton, WI Lauren Chamberlain

Dear Peace Church, thank you so much for taking the time to send me all the lovely cards. It always gives me a lift to know Peace Church is thinking of me and that all your prayers are with me too. It has been a very difficult year to say the least. I want you to know that the time you take to send these out does make a difference and are so much appreciated. My best! Shirley Ogi

Dear Peace Church, Thank you so much for supporting my higher education goals with the church scholarship. I appreciate all the help in chasing my dreams! Sincerely, Samantha Donath



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## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

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### **Happy Birthday! (Ages 1-18)**

June 3 Ava Polzin  
June 10 Reeve Thull  
June 12 Kylie Van Beek  
June 15 Mackenzie Herbst  
June 17 Zach Augustin  
June 26 Connor Lemke  
July 5 Hunter Loser  
July 20 Elena Chamberlain  
July 27 Watson Manogue  
July 29 Rachel Anderson  
July 29 Austin Rahmer

### **Birthdays (80 years plus)**

June 8 Jackie McCurdy (83)  
June 17 Pauline Jaeger (91)  
June 24 John Hubbell (83)  
June 27 David Domasky (82)  
June 28 Darrel Nonhof (86)  
July 1 Rachel Kluever (83)  
July 1 Tom Schleif (87)  
July 3 Nancy Panzer (84)  
July 5 Idelle Breitbach (82)  
July 8 Joan Schleif (82)  
July 14 Harvey Brodzeller (81)  
July 19 Bunny Scannell (92)  
July 21 Carol Gardner (81)  
July 22 Ruth Schmitt (81)  
July 23 James Meinberg (88)

### **Anniversaries**

June 1 Jason & Kelly Staffin – 19  
June 3 Jerry & Kathy Shoemaker – 49, Jeff & Mary Steger – 43  
June 5 Kim & Cliff Clark – 11, Ralph & Verna Faisst – 67  
June 7 Paul & Shirley Reinders – 63  
June 8 Mike & Sherry McElhatton – 36  
June 9 Mark & Kim Bocher- 31  
June 10 Howard & Connie Zemlicka – 60  
June 11 Joe & Mary Billmann – 55  
June 12 Duane & Vicki Fenrick – 45, Russ & Rose Marie Knoth – 51  
Pat & Al Schnepf-23  
June 18 Art & Donna Schmidt-61  
June 19 Jennifer & Eric Bayer-17  
June 20 Bob & Kay Blackburn-40, Jim & Carol Gardner-62  
Bill & Nancy Wiederanders-26  
June 21 Bill & Diane Stangl-41  
June 22 Becky Manthei & Mathias Dornacker-14, Barb & Wes Westra-58  
June 23 David & Marlene Domasky-20, Roger & Kandy Lindgren-30,  
John & Sara Lemke-20  
June 25 John & Jeanne Wood-61  
July 3 Karen & John Staehler-56  
July 6 Albert & Sue Hembel-47, Joshua & Taylor O'Brien-Flasch-9  
July 7 John & Karen Kletti-42  
July 9 Loran & Rozanne Butzlaff-55  
July 10 Todd & Debra Stern-28  
July 11 Pat & Mugs McFadden-57  
July 12 Gary & Joyce Terlinden-52  
July 14 Tom & Joan Schleif-17  
July 18 Ron & Bonnie Will-41  
July 27 Tom & Kristine Bier-30, Karla & Josh Spaits-2  
July 28 Don & Carol Sedgwick-70

# Summer Sunday School

Peace Church - Kewaskum

June 13 – August 15, 2021

Time: During 9:30 Service

Place: Peace Church

“Taste and See that the Lord is Good!”

Psalm 34:8

Children age 4 through incoming  
3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are invited to participate!

Middle and High School students are invited to assist.

Teacher: Ms. Alexia Polzin

Parents: Please notify Robin in the church office 626-4011 [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)  
(or) Gayle Van Ess 339-0304 [faithformation@peace-ucc.org](mailto:faithformation@peace-ucc.org) to let us know if your  
child(ren) plan to attend some of the Sunday School lessons this year!

## 2021 Peace Church Summer Sunday School

Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

\*\*\*All students who attend our opening Summer Sunday School session will receive a delicious treat!

June 13     Ice Cream Sundaes     Grow Closer to God on Sundays  
2 Chronicles 7:1-20     Solomon dedicates the Temple

June 20     Blizzards and Flurries     Jesus loves EVERYONE  
Acts 10:9-48     Peter and Cornelius

June 27     Banana Splits     Give one hurt from your heart to Jesus  
Mark 9:14-29     Jesus heals a boy with an unclean spirit

July 4     Project for Shut-in Members of Peace Church

July 11     Root Beer Floats     We need to accept Jesus into our hearts  
Romans 10:9-12     Openly declare Jesus as Lord

July 18     Ice Cream Sandwiches     Call on Jesus when you're trapped  
Exodus 14     Parting of the Red Sea

July 25     Frozen Yogurt     Think of ways you can share about Jesus  
Matthew 13:31-35     Parables of Mustard Seed and Yeast

August 1     Project for Shut-in Members of Peace Church

August 8     Ice Cream Cone     Cut out one thing so you can focus more on Jesus  
Philippians 3:7-14     Our Time is Limited

August 15     Klondike Bar     Jesus should be the #1 thing in your life  
Matthew 13:33-46     Parables of Hidden Treasure and Pearl

Teacher: Alexia Polzin     Time: During 9:30 Worhsip     Location: Church (tentative)



Join us for a week of adventure at “TREASURED” VBS!

Ages 3-11

July 26-30, 2021

Registration 8:00 am

Program 8:30-11:30 am

Parents, family members, friends, neighbors, and all teens are invited to participate as leaders and helpers with games, snacks, crafts, music, and lessons.

Kids: Watch for registration forms - Coming soon!



Contact Robin in the Church Office

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for information, or to volunteer!

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# *Financial Reports*

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## Financial Report April 2021

### **General Fund**

Adjusted Beginning Balance as of March 31, 2021	\$ 7157
Receipts	23799
Cemetery Transfer	0
Internal Transfer	0
Incr/Decr from Investments	0
Expenses	(\$36403)
Ending Balance as of 4/30/2021	<u>(5,448)</u>

### **Benevolence Receipts**

One Great Hour of Sharing	35.00
Full Shelf Food Pantry	25.00
Peace Pantry	75.00
Kewaskum Food Pantry	95.00
Dr. Albrecht Free Clinic-Donated Health	25.00
Good Friday	210.00
Easter	707.00
Maundy Thursday	80.00
Lenten Offering	10.00
 Total Benevolence Receipts	<u>1262.00</u>

### Additional Information:

Project Balances as of 4/30/2021	
Church Kitchen Remodeling Project	13,487.00

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# *Consistory Minutes*

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## **Peace UCC Consistory Meeting – April 13, 2021 Virtual Meeting via ZOOM and in-person**

Members present: Paul Behring, Kathy Charland (Vice President), Karen Kletti, Tom Kolb, John A. Lemke (President), John C. Lemke, Becky Manthei, Roger Mertz, Clark Pearson  
Also present: Pastor Eric, Cathy Stern (Treasurer)

A. Call to Order 6:35 p.m.

B. Opening Prayer

C. Approval of Agenda (a) : Add XYZ Club request to resume to Old Business, Add lawn care bid to New Business. Motion to accept agenda as amended by Pearson/Kolb. Carried.

D. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2021 meeting by Charland/Manthei. Carried.

E. Financial Report (c1 – c4)

Treasurer Cathy Stern reported a good first quarter for the general fund this year. She also reported meeting with the Scholarship Committee to explain the scholarship fund report, in order to determine the amount of funds available for distribution.

Motion to accept financial report for March as presented and placed on file for audit by Pearson/Behring. Carried.

F. Pastor's Report (d) – Pastor Eric submitted a fairly long written report. He asked the consistory to consider how to show appreciation for the entire worship team who has provided exceptional services for the past year. He will be meeting the Re-gathering Committee to discuss easing restrictions for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Pastor Eric praised the efforts of all the volunteers who are assisting members needing assistance during this difficult time.

G. President's Report – The new clavino has arrived: It has been donated by Bruce and Donna Steinhart to celebrate the Music Ministry of Peace Church and daughter Katie Evans' participation in it. A special dedication service will be held in the fall.

The President asked the Consistory members to come up with suggestions for the use of memorial funds that will specifically enhance the mission of Peace Church.

H. Old Business- A Memorial Fund task force is to be formed, starting with a meeting by the Deacons on Wednesday, April 28. Ideally a list of wants and wishes will be drawn up and prioritized.

The XYZ Club has requested to resume meeting on Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall. They have promised to follow whatever guidelines given to them. The re-gathering committee will meet to decide what those guidelines will be. The consistory will defer to the re-gathering committee's decision.

I. New Business – Trustees will obtain bids for replacement of carpet in the church office. We are asking Robin, Office Manager, to determine if any changes in office equipment configuration are needed.

Church property and cemetery lawn care contract was awarded to LG Property Management (Dustin Kuehl), who provided that service last year.

J. Committee Reports - Faith Formation and Care & Connection: We are seeking someone to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Gayle Van Ess. Thank you to Gayle for your tireless efforts.

Scholarship Committee: After review and discussion of the Scholarship Committee Policy update, the consistory is asking for clarification of some points.

Kitchen Remodel: Continuing to move forward, the committee will meet next week.

K. Lord's Prayer

L. Adjournment 8:05 P.M.





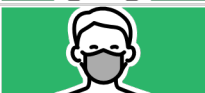





















Next Meeting: May 11 – Deacons' Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Consistory at 6:30 p.m.

*“Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.”*

**Leo Buscaglia**

# Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		<b>Indoor</b>	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

## Get a COVID-19 vaccine



**Prevention measures not needed**



**Take prevention measures**  
Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



Hello Members of Peace Church,

The purpose of this memo is to make it perfectly clear that the operations and policies at Peace United Church, regarding the current Covid-19 situation are being set by the Regathering committee and then approved by the Church Consistory. Please make sure to direct you questions or comments to the members of the Consistory.

On April 20, 2021 the Peace Church Regathering Committee met again and came up with the following church gathering guidelines based on the guidelines from the CDC, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Washington County Health Department. The Regathering Committee forwarded their recommendations on to the Peace Church Consistory, who met on May 11, 2021 and voted to put in place the Regathering Committee's most recent recommendations.

In attendance at the Regathering Committee: John Lemke Jr., Becky Manthei, Bill Stangl, Sherry McElhatton, Pastor Eric, Kathy Charland (Absent from meeting: Clark Pearson)

Process voted in to use for decisions	CDC guidelines DHS levels based on Washington County Covid Burden Levels: Ext high risk...20 people High risk....25 % 50 max/service Moderate risk...50% 100 /service Low risk...75% 150/service Fully open (we have overflow seating in Narthex and basement)
Singing	Quiet singing or humming*
Choir	Tabled until fall discussions
Coffee hour	Will start an outdoor coffee hour. After each service, by gazebo. Will ask for volunteers to host once this summer.*
Summer Sunday school	We are set for summer. It will take place outside or in classrooms with windows open. Will revisit fall Sunday school at next meeting in July*
Funerals	Follows the DHS levels listed above No meals
Outside groups (such as XYZ Club)	Use the church following our current guidelines*
Internal groups	Use the church following our current guidelines*
Where and when will services take place?	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> Service and the August 1 service will take place in the park. Service time in the park is 8:00 and 10:00. Confirmation will take place on May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at the 10 am service. Regular service times will change back to 8:00 and 9:30 starting on May 30 <sup>th</sup> .

\*These items have been updated since the last Regathering Committee meeting.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please feel free to contact a Peace Church Consistory member: John Lemke, Jr., Kathy Charland, John C. Lemke, Martha Wilson, Ken Singer, Elizabeth Bobb, Roger Mertz, Tom Kolb, Paul Behring, Becky Manthei, Karen Kletti, Clark Pearson. Please contact the church office for Consistory contact information.

Thank you! John Lemke, Deacon/Consistory President

## **CONNECTING WITH ELDERLY AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS of PEACE CHURCH**

**Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:00-10:30 AM**  
**Attend in person, via Zoom, or phone!**



At one time or another, each of us is called into circumstances of caring for someone else. It is part of our opportunity as Christians to offer compassionate care to one another.

We have a unique opportunity as a faith community to reach out to those who, in previous times, have been active and vibrant members of our congregation, but who now find themselves unable to attend on Sunday morning or be actively involved in projects of the church. They are no less engaged in mission and ministry, and quite often support current programs and members of the congregation through faithful prayer. They may read bulletins or newsletters instead of hearing announcements in person, but still desire to be included in the fellowship of believers, and genuinely enjoy visits from other church members.



*Peace Church offers a lay visitation ministry program for members who are willing to visit one or more shut-in member on a once-monthly basis (in agreement with COVID protocol), and a vital phone call ministry for those who prefer to make phone calls. Groups meet quarterly to discuss caring relationships and receive education on topics of interest.*

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities of service, or would like to start contacting shut-in members, please attend on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall at church, or notify Gayle Van Ess, (262-339-0304) if you would like the Zoom or phone link. Please join us!!!



Thank You! Peace Church Board of Christian Education members: Jamie Piittmann, Sheri Rehn, Jessica Manogue, Laura Kirkegaard, and Becky Manthei, for awesome faithfulness in navigating a most unusual year of faith formation opportunities for our Sunday School and Confirmation students!

Our programs did NOT come to a complete stop like so many other areas of the world. We continued to offer solid, Bible-based curricula, instructional support for parents, Zoom gatherings with skits, songs, and videos, and lots of engaging activities and fun for students!

Thanks to families for your understanding and grace, and your commitment to the spiritual journeys of your children! Thanks, also to Robin Mock and Diane Stangl for your much-appreciated organization and support!

An enormous Thank You! Pastor Eric Kirkegaard, Eric Walker, and John Lemke, who engaged with 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students in weekly Zoom or in-person classes for the entire school year! What awesome examples of dedication and faithfulness you share with our students!

Finally, THANK YOU to all our students, who will live to tell their children and grandchildren about the 2020-2021 year when God was faithful, families changed priorities, and Peace Church continued to love and support them!

THANKS FOR BEING YOU! EACH OF YOU IS WONDROUSLY MADE!

