



August 2020 Newsletter

Selah

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. *Selah*.
Psalm 46:1-3

Psalm 46 is such a powerful reminder of God's faithful presence and strength for our lives, *especially in times of trouble*. The Psalm has three stanzas, and each is separated with the word *Selah*, which is a word of assessment and instruction. *Selah* (pronounced *seh'-lah*) is a Hebrew musical term with a two-fold meaning: *pause, interruption* and *to lift up, exalt*.

The *assessment* is that life has pauses and interruptions of various proportions. Pauses and interruptions are fairly self-evident with the current pandemic and racial tensions. Psalm 46 lists other interruptions including natural disasters (*though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea*), political upheavals (*that nations make uproar, kingdoms totter*), and violence (*wars*). Nothing new in the history of humankind. And yet the Psalmist dares us not to deny such interruption, but instead to acknowledge them and then instructs us on how to respond.

To lift up, exalt... this is the *instruction* of how we respond. The temptation is to lift up and exalt the interruption (the slipping mountains, tottering kingdoms, and violence) which is so readily seen in all the opinions and info wars going on. The instruction to *lift up, exalt* – reminds us that we will deify whatever we magnify. In other words we will turn our hearts (which contain our thoughts and attitudes, our attentions and affections) to the things we dwell on. Here is where *Selah* allows us time to reflect on the interruption and then instructs us to *lift up* the Lord.

“Come, behold the works of the Lord...” (v. 8-9). To *behold* in Hebrew is to see, to look upon and to speak of the works of the Lord. We are to recall all His mighty deeds (creation, salvation, redemption, forgiveness of sins, the death and resurrection of Jesus for starters) and speak of them to one another. To *behold* the Lord is to be unable to keep silent about who He is and what He has done. Or as Peter and John said to those who wanted them to keep silent about Jesus, “...we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” To *behold* is worship – to speak, sing, and proclaim the works of the Lord manifest in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus!

- works wonders | wrought desolations
- makes wars to cease (breaks the bow, cuts the spear, burns the chariots)

“Cease striving... know that I am God” (v. 10).

To cease and know... is all about God’s work and not ours. To *cease* is a command to stop trying to achieve what only God can bestow upon us. To cease grasping for what can only be given, chiefly, His salvation and deliverance from the *trouble* we are currently facing. In beholding the works of the Lord, we are brought to the relief and realization that...

“The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold” (v. 11). The phrase *LORD of Hosts* is more accurately translated the God of angel armies. It is the God of angel armies who is our very present help in trouble, He is abundantly available for help.

Selah is the assessment and instruction we so desperately need to heed for our own lives and share with others. To acknowledge what is happening – the interruption, the pause – for which God promises to remain present and powerfully active in resolving. *Selah* can also be understood as a *sigh* – in that the Holy Spirit with sighs too deep for words to express – cf. Romans 8:26-27. Practically, *Selah* is intentionally taking a deep breath (sigh) or two or three – several times throughout out the day, beholding the work of the God of angel armies, and receiving with thanksgiving the good He will bring about.

Spiritual Habit: For the coming month, make a daily practice of slowly reading Psalm 46 and take the *Selah* between each section – deep breaths, beholding His works and wonders, singing, calling on the name of Jesus, giving thanks for His love and salvation. Share what the Lord of Hosts reveals to you in the sighs in between the interruptions.

Pastor Jon

God is a safe place to hide,
ready to help when we need him.
We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,
courageous in sea storm and earthquake,
Before the rush and roar of oceans,
the tremors that shift mountains.

*Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.*

River fountains splash joy, cooling God’s city,
this sacred haunt of the Most High.
God lives here, the streets are safe,
God at your service from crack of dawn.
Godless nations rant and rave, kings and
kingdoms threaten,
but Earth does anything he says.

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PSALM 46

The Message

Attention, all! See the marvels of God!
He plants flowers and trees all over the earth,
Bans war from pole to pole,
breaks all the weapons across his knee.
“Step out of the traffic! Take a long,
loving look at me, your High God,
above politics, above everything.”

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God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.*

Dear LCMC Pastors and Congregations,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am delighted to announce that we have finished the search process and have asked Mike Bradley to serve as the next Service Coordinator for LCMC. We are grateful for all the candidates who worked with us through this process and for those who have been praying for the Board during this search process. We feel confident that God led us through this process and are so excited to work with Mike as he begins in this role on August 1, 2020.

We hope to have many opportunities for the association to get to know Mike Bradley, but wanted to share some of his bio here:

Mike brings 40 plus years of leadership and ministry experience, having served in Lutheran congregations in Nebraska (Christ Lutheran Church) and South Dakota (Trinity Lutheran Church) as a youth pastor, worship leader, associate pastor, and senior pastor. He also served as President for The Master's Institute Seminary for ten years and most recently, as Director for the Alliance of Renewal Churches (ARC). Mike is passionate about helping leaders and congregations create an atmosphere that is a safe place for developing healthy leaders and disciples in the church, and equipping God's people for lives of effective witness and ministry in the world. He is the author of the book, *Being a Safe Place for the Dangerous Kind*, in which he articulates the essential connection between solid theology and healthy practice in mission and ministry.



Mike enjoys sports of all kinds, having served as a high school basketball and baseball coach while serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Rapid City, South Dakota. He and his wife of forty-two years, Debi, enjoy reading, hiking, and swimming, and Mike enjoys the occasional golf outing. They have five adult children – Andrew Michael, Joseph Ross, Rachel Christine, Stephen Daniel and Benjamin John, and three grandsons – Michael, Isaac, and Lucas. Mike and Debi live in Gilbert, Arizona with their three-year old white Labrador, Maggie Mae.

Again, we are so excited to have Mike begin his ministry with LCMC. Please be in prayer for the association, our staff, and the Board as we begin this next chapter, together.

God's peace to you,

Brodie Taphorn, LCMC Board of Trustees, Chair

(Pastor Jon has been working diligently on this Call since accepting a Trustee position last year!)



August 9 – Liberty Quartet at Worship



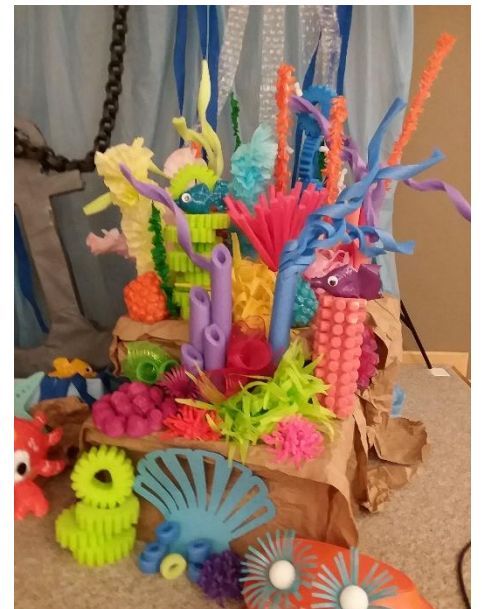
We are pleased to announce the return of this incredible Gospel group for worship on Aug 9. Liberty was founded in Oct of 1995, and although based in the West, they manage a full-time concert schedule and travel all over the country. The guys cherish the opportunity to connect with people and make new friends wherever they go. Their ministry bridges all generations. You will be astounded and enjoy the enthusiasm these men exhibit while serving and singing to the Lord. A free will offering will be available to support Liberty's ministry, and the group will have their merchandise on display afterward in our fellowship hall. *Welcome again to Royce, Will, Paul and Philip!*

(Arrive early for sanctuary seating. Overflow seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall for this event)



After not having VBS for a few years, who knew we would come back so strong, especially during the current situation, and serve 50+ children and their families with **Anchored: Deepening Faith in God** VBS program! We can't say thanks enough to our VBS Crew for their time, talent and dedication. From the awesome decorations provided by the entire Frey family, hardworking Galley Crew of Mary Akers, Becky Elleflood, and Charlotte Newman, program Crew Leaders Pastor

Jon & Chris Anderson, Candy Dyson, Kristin Gorman, Stephanie Hite, Karen Jones, Shelly Matthews, Jennifer Murray, and Lisa Seher. Thanks to our youth helpers Owen DeWitt, Kaylee Hite, Kira Newman, and Keegan & Sam Rangel in the Galley!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR AN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL VBS!

All those who volunteered, and their families are invited to a Thank You party Friday August 14, from 4-8:30 pm at Shelly and Paul Matthews home, 20505 N Pinehurst Street Rathdrum (Twin Lakes). Bring your beachwear and something simple to share food wise. Shelly will provide sandwiches, some beverages, and all paper products. Please RSVP by Wed, August 12, by calling Shelly at 208-661-4321. – Shelly Matthews

Ecumenical Food Kitchen

Thanks to all who provided food and served at our second Ecumenical Food Kitchen event in late June. Marge Freligh, who coordinates this outreach ministry, reported that approximately 24 families were provided with a hardy sack lunch. Our monthly benevolence supported the EFK in July. Peace will serve again on Sep 24!

Family Promise

Thanks to many for supporting our Family Promise families in July. Our two families were lovingly cared for with food donations, delicious evening meals, and restaurant gift cards. Due to the unique virus situation, Family Promise has secured, through a special grant they received, and apartment/hotel room for guests to live as moving weekly from church to church is not viable right now. Peace will serve one more week this year in October.

Orchard Ridge: Due to Covid, in place of the regular Butterfly fundraiser for our charitable care, we will be holding a drive-through event on Thu, Aug 6, 5-6:30 pm There are no ticket sales, just donations as you drive through, and for every donation you will receive a live butterfly for releasing and goodie bag! We hope to get a good turn out and able to raise funds for our residents who benefit from charitable Christian care. Enter the event on Harrison Ave. – Holly Johnson, Orchard Ridge

Security Team News

The Safety and Security Team held its quarterly team meeting in June. Eight members were in attendance. Numerous topics were discussed including: Rick Straub provided a draft copy of "DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM" manual. Members were asked to review and provide feedback. Training focus was discussed. The team felt that some sort of first aid training should be offered as well as usage of the defibrillator (AED). Each team member is expected to obtain an Enhanced Conceal Carry Permit.

Dave Chiappe volunteered to conduct quarterly shooting range training at his home and will provide some basic training quarterly (this is scheduled Aug 8). All members are encouraged to attend this or other range experience at least quarterly. At the next scheduled meeting, some scenario training will be held. Congregational training should also be considered; what a "shelter in place" might entail and how it would be implemented. How the security team members may use walkie talkies and the "panic button" will be further explored. It is planned to present the draft manual to the church council at their August meeting.

Rick Straub, Security Team Member

As mentioned at our last Safety Team meeting, we will be hosting a non-certificate CPR training course here at PLC on Sat, Aug 15, from 1-3 pm. Please RSVP if you are able to attend. Space is limited to 20 people. This is also open to all PLC partners. CPR is a wonderful safety team skill as we minister to one another here.

Pastor Jon Anderson, 208-765-0727

Fellowship Team Update

Due to the rising concern of Covid-19 spiking in our area, Fellowship Team has made the difficult decision to cancel the Ladies' Tea that was scheduled on Sep 26. We look forward to this event again in the future!

Refresh Team: Mary Cockerham, Lee Ely, Suzie English, and JoAnn Solberg

The Team continues to beautify and enhance our church. Several scripture windows were completed and hung. Fabric and other materials have been purchased for the Acoustical Panels and will be crafted in-house by Lee Ely. This will help absorb, tone down, and improve the sound quality in the sanctuary. Shelly Matthews has agreed and been commissioned to create canvas art for over the entry table to soften the echo effect in our narthex. Research is beginning for rockface behind the cross in the sanctuary. How about that sign over the coffee bar? Fantastic! We're looking so.... *refreshed!*

Financial Report for Jun 2020 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Jul 9, 2020

Balance Sheet: 6-30-20

Ministry & Facility Fund	\$ 27,210
All Designated Funds	\$ 80,688
Total US Bank Checking	\$107,898

Thrivent Mortgage Balance \$310,578 \$311,528 (May)

Income & Expense: 6-30-20

Actual Giving	\$ 26,001	(Plan for Giving \$19,707)
Actual Expense	\$ 16,690	

YTD Income & Expense: (Jan-Jun 2020)

Actual Giving	\$ 124,184	(Plan for Giving \$118,241)
Actual Expense	\$ 102,258	



Jun Designated Funds:	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
Memorial Fund	0	0	\$ 369
Emergency Fund	0	0	\$10,000 (Capped at goal)
Property Fund	0	0	\$ 963
Refresh Team	0	1,858	\$14,952
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0	\$ 1,601
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 1,700
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	203	\$ 1,262
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 2,950
Dorcas Fund	0	33	\$ 3,150
Youth Fund	0	0	\$ 3,801
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	550	0	\$29,396
Other Misc Designated	225	125	\$ 2,786
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 1,050
Call Committee	0	0	\$ 6,193

Thank you! \$125 was given for Open Arms Baby Bottle Boomerang (Under Other Misc Designated)



Christian Education

Tue Talks by Pastor Jon continues with new topics. Currently, there's a series on Acts 2. All previous mini-studies can be viewed at any time – just click on the link provided below!

Wed Bible Study at 10 am with Pastor Gail continues with the great journey of God's people in Exodus. The group is meeting at the church in the fellowship hall. Come early at 9:45 am to share prayer concerns.

Thu Thoughts: Log on again with Pastor Jon on our YouTube channel for uplifting tidbits!

Thu Bible Study: Jim Wardlow will lead the study again beginning Sep 10, at 11 am.

PLC's YouTube Channel contain all services & videos and may be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKINKnU8Rdkx3WrJtTNEfRA/>

Dear Ministry Servants,

If you have been assigned below and feel uncomfortable assisting in any way, please email us at office@peace-lutheran.com or call the church office at 208-765-0727.

We'll continue practicing 6' social distancing, personally choosing to wear face masks, and sanitizing for safety. The Sunday announcements will be emailed to all on Thu/Fri to print eliminating our Ushers from handling them, but there are always some available on the cart for your *self-pickup* each Sunday.

Communion is now be directed by the Ushers to help with social distancing. The offering plate is by the font and accessed at your convenience. This month, we are transitioning from wafers back to the baked bread (400-year-old abbey recipe!) and both the bread and wine will continue to be self-serve.

August 10:00 AM Sunday Ministry Servants			
USHERS			
Date	Name		Phone No.
8/02/2020	Karle & Barbara Nimke		
8/09/2020	Jon & Georgiann Davis		
8/16/2020	Glen & Missy Nungesser		
8/23/2020	Heidi, Lance & Lee Ely		
8/30/2020	Rod & Marge Freligh		
COMMUNION SERVERS			
Date	Name		Phone No.
8/02/2020	Pastor Jon & Kristin Gorman		
8/09/2020	Pastor Jon & Chris Anderson		
8/16/2020	Pastor Jon & Connie Arthur		
8/23/2020	Pastor Jon & Jennifer Murray		
8/30/2020	Pastor Jon & JoAnn Solberg		
Communion Setup	Mona Ley Ardella Quaale		
Baking Bread	Maggie Carlisle		
READERS			
8/02/2020	Volunteer	Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)	
8/09/2020	Paul Matthews	Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17	
8/16/2020	Suzie English	Isa 56: 1, 6-8; Rom 11: 1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	
8/23/2020	Steve Hagler	Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8	
8/30/2020	David Pollard	Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21	
ACOLYTES			
Date	Name		Phone No.
8/02/2020	Kira Newman		
8/09/2020	Kaylee Hite		
8/16/2020	Sam Rangel		
8/23/2020	Kira Newman		
8/30/2020	Keegan Rangel		

If you have a conflict with your assigned Sunday, please call someone on the list to switch then inform the church office at office@peace-lutheran.com or call 208-765-0727. **Thank you for serving!** Marge Freligh, Ministry Servant Coordinator



Fellowship List

The Fellowship & Hospitality Team recommends just cookies or bars be served to keep things simple for all. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone on the list to switch, then inform the church office so correct names are listed. *Thank you!* – Becky Elleflood, Coordinator

AUGUST

2-Aug *Our fellowship*

9-Aug *time together*

16-Aug *is on "Pause"*

23-Aug *for the month*

30-Aug *of August...*

SEPTEMBER

6-Sep Joyce Beghtel
Ken & Rita Birge

RALLY DAY! 13-Sep Kit Carey
Bearl & Maggie Carlisle

20-Sep Ken & Bernita Carlson
Darrel & Joann Carlson

27-Sep Donna Cerman
Chris & Ruth Clark

	Greeters	CAR	Nursery	SafetyTeam	Counters
Aug 2	Volunteer	Mike	---	Rod & Brian	Rozanne & Barb
Aug 9	"	Maren	---	Todd & Volunteer	Lee & Debbie
Aug 16	"	Jolene	---	Ron & Rod	Rozanne & Maren
Aug 23	"	Heidi	---	Colby & Rick	Suzie & Amy
Aug 30	"	Becky	---	David & Mike	Valda & Amy

Greeters: Please stand outside to open doors for good social distancing creating a clear pathway into the church. Coordinator, Margaret Nagel, suggests Volunteers at this time. If you would like to fill in one Sunday – great!

Counters: Please let Amy Birge know if you're available on your assigned Sunday – *thank you!*

CAR: Drivers may be needed as assisted living facilities reopen. Please check with Orchard Ridge & Fred! Dot Herting & Joan Schroeder are content to stay home for now.

News & Events

Jul Gifts: Thanks a gazillion for all the incredible VBS decorations, and all those that contributed to our VBS program! Karle Nimke has been busy continuing work in the remodeled closet mudding, sanding, and resurfacing. Thanks to Tanya Frey for the new pictures and Janelle Baker for her pretty labeling! Lee Ely added red bark around our small bushes – the magpies won't leave it alone! Gordon & Rick knocked the weeds down with a second spray.

Join us in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall for worship as you are comfortable. We're broadcasting to our parking lot (front row) on 88.5 FM, and also providing a video of the service uploaded by Sunday afternoon online at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKINKnU8Rdkx3WrJtTNEfRA/>

Try as we may, there just weren't any bidders for the Jon Boat auction! Hmm...so with Nimke's permission, we are going to list online in the PF/CDA classifieds. **Last chance:** If you are interested in the boat and would like to make an offer, see Lynn!

We can't say thank you enough to our faithful food bank servant, Ardella Quale. Not only did Ardella volunteer at the PF Food Bank for many years, she diligently delivered our PLC donations there every other month and even delivered 59.5 in July. Joyce Begtel will continue to deliver food bank donations to CDA. She took 30 lbs in July.

The virus situation seems to be lessening our volunteer base in two vital areas – Altar Guild and Counters. Amy Birge has been pulling double/triple duty in both and needs your help! If you can fill in for communion setup, or volunteer to become a counter (easy to learn and doesn't take long after worship) please let her know!

Fellowship in Aug is on pause. The schedule was made in advance by our coordinator for the *whole year*. If you are unable to serve on your upcoming assigned Sunday, please let Becky Elleflood know as soon as possible!

In the past, an appeal has been put forward for projection volunteers. We really need more than just two people and it's time to give our faithful two a break! If this is something you would like to learn and are interested, please speak with Lee, Gail or Pastor Jon. They can get you onboard. Both Lee & Gail will be gone the same Sunday in August – *help!*

Your half-year giving statement is located in a basket on the entry table. Please pick yours up today!

Kitchen pantry donations of **coffee (Yuban?)** would be awesome! When you donate, the church office can provide a tax-deductible receipt for your much appreciated GIK. Thanks for all your wonderful donations throughout the year!

PLC Calendar

We're hosting the Ministerial Association (local pastors) each Tue in August from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Aug 8: Our Security Team is having range practice at 1 pm – thanks to Chiappes for hosting!

Aug 9: Liberty Quartet is at Peace for morning worship, 10 am; limited sanctuary attendance with fellowship overflow

Aug 14: Thank you party at Matthews for VBS volunteers. Call Shelly for info!

Aug 15: CPR Training session for all with 20 spaces available, from 1-3 pm. RSVP Pastor Jon today!

Sep 13: Save the date for this Rally Day extravaganza with Tailgate, 10th Anniversary party and more!

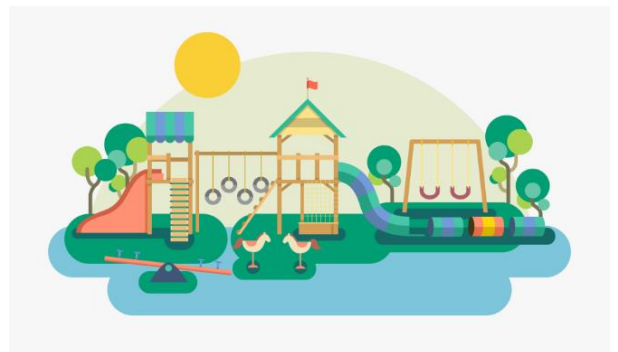
Extra copies of the August newsletter are available in the wall rack.

PLC Contact Directories are also available there and updated – please grab a new one!

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Peace Playground

Is it time for our Playground??? Shelly Mathews and Ken Birge, Youth and Education Team liaisons for council, believe this is a great time! We are working hard to have a Playground Proposal for approval by Council. But first we'll gather some information so an informed, accurate decision can be made. We have already contacted our insurance company, Brotherhood Mutual, and received their important recommendations on "Playground Design" and "Equipment Maintenance." Once we have specific equipment choices made, we will seek bids and provide accurate information to Council for a decision. Please give the project some prayerful thought and consideration. Questions, concerns, or ideas are welcome! Contact Ken Birge or Shelly Mathews



We're Praying for...

Hill Pfundheller, healing, pacemaker procedure; Jan Johnson, healing; Chris Clark, breathing issues; Frank Dailey, home Hospice care; Darrel Carlson, congestive heart; Valda Pfundheller, double vision; Caren Woods, health.

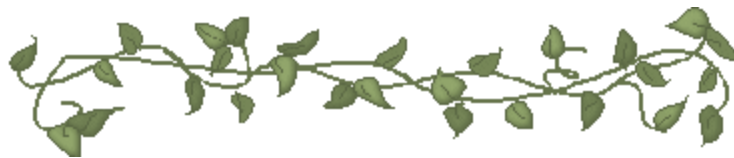
David Brooks, (Friend of Mona Ley) cancer; Lee (Molly Shofner's grandmom) pain, congestive heart; Chrystal Bittner, better health; Myron & Gail's grandson; Mike Rada (Pastor Jon's friend) rehab, recovering; Joey DeYoung (Arthurs' son-in-law) chemo; Jay Kernen (friend of Burges) cancer; Mike Kroetch (Heidi Ely's cousin) chemo & radiation treatments; Tom Spann (Debbie Wardlow's brother) stomach cancer; Dolly Neely (Pam Kirking's friend) metastatic breast cancer; Gloria Coulter (Candy Dyson's daughter) kidney cancer; Wilbert Fueller (Tanya Frey) cancer; Sheila Jones (Andy Anders) lung cancer.

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutherhaven, Summit Christian Academy, Family Promise, Orchard Ridge, Champ's Heart, Food Banks, UGM, Safe Passage, EFK, Open Arms, Uganda Medical Mission, Voice of the Martyrs, Good Samaritan Rehab, OCC Shoebox Gifts, and LCMC.

Prayer requests will be revised periodically. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you.

Have a **Prayer Tree** request? Please email the Church Office at office@peace-lutheran.com



Lutherhaven Ministries News

Guest Camping & Rentals: Summer 2020

Enjoy overnight camping with your family! You can now rent cabins, RV lots, tent spaces, and even yurts or treehouses at Camp Lutherhaven and Shoshone Mountain Retreat. Book now to reserve your summer fun!

Lutherhaven Family Weekend Champ Camp: August 7-9

Join us for a brand-new weekend designed for families who have a child (or children) with developmental or physical needs to spend a fun weekend together on the lake at camp!

Silver Valley Day Camps (Free!) August 10-14

Free Day Camps in the Silver Valley! Open to kids in 1st-6th grade, activities include hands-on science & literacy activities, outdoor fun and free lunch!

Shoshone Mountain Retreat: August 14-16

NEW! Join us for our new family camp up the river at Shoshone Mountain Retreat! Family Ranch Camp is for families of all shapes and sizes, couples, friends, and anyone looking to get away from it all for a weekend of fun! We provide the lodging, meals, and programming, so bring your friends and join in the Shoshone Mountain Retreat and Ranch experience!

Summer Family Fun Days: August 16

For just \$8/person (age 4 and under are free), come to Camp Lutherhaven for the day and enjoy archery, swimming, activities and more! Sign up for Saturday, August 16!

Find more information at www.lutherhaven.com/events!

Camp Lutherhaven

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Sun Worship at 10 AM

Tue Talks / Thu Thoughts Online

Wed Bible Study, 10 AM

Pastor Jon Anderson

Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud