



Sunday School News

October 22, 2017

Christmas program news (& RSVP please)

The Christmas programs are now in the hands of the teachers. The kids will be learning the songs and various parts in the program. It sure helps us if you will let us know if your children will be attending the programs (and the dress rehearsals, for that matter, which are during Sunday School.) The program for kids in pre-school through 2nd Grade will be Dec. 2 at the 5:00 p.m. service (with a rehearsal on Nov. 19), and the program for kids in 3rd – 6th Grades will be Dec. 10 at the 11:00 worship (with a rehearsal on Dec. 3.)

Your friends are welcome here

Whether it is for youth events or Sunday School or worship, your friends are welcome at Peace. We want people to know what a great God we have!!! You probably know kids who do not go to church—be sure to bring them with you! (We'll even give them a prize for coming.)

First Communion class – 10/21 or 10/28

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and beyond) for receiving their first communion. We do it in a one-hour concentrated class. A parent/other adult (or two) should attend along with the child. The class will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 3:00 p.m. or if you prefer, on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10:00 a.m. You need only attend one class.

5th & 6th gr. Feed My Starving Children Event – 11/04

We will be participating in a service event for Feed My Starving Children on Nov. 4 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Joliet. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin if you will be coming.

7th & 8th gr. SkyZone Event – 11/18

We will meet at church at 6:00 on Nov. 18 to get to SkyZone for our 6:30 p.m. jump time. The cost is \$16 or \$19 if you need Sky Socks. Your friends are always welcome! **Parents, we will need drivers too.** Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin.

Baptism orientation – 11/11

November 11, at 3:30 p.m. marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have a child baptized at Peace in the next few months.

Adult Education Hour

Oct. 29 - *What Exactly Is Grace?*

Wear a name tag

Especially for the next few weeks, it would help everyone if children wore name tags to Sunday School!

Children's choir rehearsals

Everyone from grades 2-8, is welcome to join. The younger choir members will learn basic singing skills and some music reading skills. Older choir members will assist younger members and have a variety of solo and small group opportunities. Everyone will have a great time! The children's choir rehearses on Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and sings approximately twice a month at either 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. For more information, please contact Leslie Walton at (815) 462-4544.

T-Shirt Sundays

On the first Sunday of each month we would like everyone to wear their new Peace Kids – Sharing the Spirit t-shirt. Also on that day during the 11:00 service we will invite the students to sing a Sunday School song. Watch the Sunday School News for more details.



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500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

A German professor, priest and monk named Martin Luther saw the church that he loved increasingly turning to the sale of indulgences. Supposedly they were to free people from spending more time in purgatory by trading the “excess” goodness of the saints for the sins of the person in question. Luther saw that as a contradiction to the message of God’s grace, undeserved but freely given by God to all people. He posted 95 debating points (theses) in order to get scholars and religious leaders to debate the topic. But the posting struck a nerve across the continent and the Reformation was born. The date of that posting was Oct. 31, 1517.

Luther is considered one of the top three most influential people in the last millennium. Opportunities to learn more about him and the Reformation will be coming fast and furious these next months. We’ll try to keep you informed of as many of them as we can. If you hear of something, let us know.



- Oct. 22 - Joint worship service with St. Jude (at St. Jude) to celebrate our common life together and the progress that has been made in Catholic-Lutheran understandings. The service will be at 3:00 p.m., and will include a joint choir piece!
- Oct. 14 - 22 - The publishing house of the ELCA is giving Peace an opportunity to host a two-week bookstore of all kinds of books about the Reformation and Martin Luther. The books will be at half price! You select the ones you want, we order them, and hooray!!
- Oct. 29 – during opening exercises of Sunday School, we will have a guest appearance by “Martin Luther”

to help us learn more about him and what he was all about!

- Nov. 12 - Pastor Dave will lead a discussion on the book, *October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day That Changed the World*, by Martin E. Marty (book will be made available after the class).

Questions Kids Ask About God Update

Whom do you know who has children who don’t go to church? Whom do you know who has children who like to read and/or color? Looking for gifts for someone that make a difference? Remember our Questions Kids Ask About God book (\$14) and coloring book (\$1). All the proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief and Feed My Starving Children.

Permission to use photos

We might on occasion use photos in our newsletters that include your child(ren). These newsletters may also get posted to the Peace website. Unless we hear from you that this is NOT acceptable, we will figure that it is okay to include your child(ren) in these photos.

Be sure to be here on Oct. 29 for opening exercises (9:45) – all classes