



**GREET, GATHER,
GROW AND GO
IN GOD'S GRACE**

PEACE † GRUE

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**TO BECOME THE
VOICE AND
HANDS OF JESUS**



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What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it ... Dad

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD'S!!!



COMMUNITY WORSHIP † SERVICE

IN THE CITY PARK,
PEACE Church Hosting

ACROSS FROM PEACE CHURCH

Welcome Grue, Presbyterian

Our Saviors – Dalton

SUNDAY, JULY 17th @ 10:30AM

Ashby lions Hosting Breakfast

Starts at 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Pancake breakfast

Sausage, pancakes,

juice and coffee!

Free will offering!



June/July 2023

Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue,

I don't often focus on more than one passage at a time. But from time to time, the passages and/or context seem to just fit, and this is one of those times. The passages are assigned for the seventh week of Easter (John 17:1-11 and Acts 1:6-14) and the context is Memorial Day weekend (the unofficial beginning of the summer season). Here are my thoughts:

Both passages describe an interlude – a period of waiting and transition. In John, it's the waiting between all Jesus has done up to now and what he is about to do as the supreme actor in all events leading to his glorification by crucifixion. It is an interlude that is both intense and important, spanning nearly 25% of John's Gospel as Jesus prepares his disciples for their lives after his ascension (in John's terms, Jesus' return to the Father), and the adventure ahead of them as cross the threshold from being Jesus' students to being Jesus' emissaries to the world.

Now to Acts and the funny little story that launches Luke's story of the spread of the early church. It's funny because the disciples are just standing there, looking up at Jesus' disappearing form, mesmerized – or is it paralyzed – by what they've just seen. Until two messengers in white clothes show up and ask them what in the world they're staring at, which kick-starts them on their way back down the mountain to Jerusalem where they will live and eat and pray and worship together until Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. This, as it turns out, is also an important interlude, as they are being prepared for life after Jesus' ascension and their changed role from disciples to apostles.

These passages together remind me that in the Bible, people don't just get a "break" or a "vacation" or "time off" for its own sake, but rather these interludes are always times of preparation and refreshment and renewal before they start a new adventure in what is often unfamiliar territory. All of which got me thinking about Memorial Day, which was officially declared a national holiday in 1971, but in practice dated back to shortly after the Civil War as a time to remember and honor those who have died in service to their country. Memorial Day is not be merely a break, a time to get to the lake, or a long weekend. It is an interlude, a time to renew our sense of gratitude for those who have served their country and for the freedoms we enjoy because of that service, even as we dedicate ourselves to peace and the hope that someday others will not have to make that sacrifice.

This being said, it occurred to me that times of rest and relaxation are not simply good in themselves but times when God is preparing us for what comes next. I have no idea what the future will bring. I suspect there will be accomplishments and setbacks, victories and defeats, joys and sorrows, triumphs and tragedies on a personal, communal, national, and global scale. And in all these things, God will be with us, comforting, celebrating, strengthening, and accompanying us in and amid whatever may come. Through it all God is preparing us to be God's emissaries of good news, preparing us to comfort others, preparing us to work for peace, preparing us to live with less fear and more generosity. Interludes, for people of faith, are always times when God prepares us for the next adventure. Blessings on your life and your interludes this summer as God prepares you to share his grace.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dan



June Readings

06-4-2023

First Reading

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Psalm

Psalm 8

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

6-11-2023

First Reading

Hosea 5:15--6:6

Psalm

Psalm 50:7-15

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

6-18-2023

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm

Psalm 100

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

6-22-2023

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39



July Readings

7-2-2023

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

7-9-2023

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7-16-2023

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

7-23-2023

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

7-30-2023

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm

Psalm 119:129-136

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



BIRTHDAYS

June / July BIRTHDAYS

June

June 1st

Christopher Ohren
Alyssa Evavold
Britton Lillemon

June 2nd

Makenna Mickelson

June 3rd

Matthew Propst

June Wahl

June 4th

Terry Hanson
Alexander Hanson

June 5th

Brent Christensen

June 6th

Grady Duenow

June 7th

Dorothy Evavold

June 9th

Donna Grover
John Rohloff

June 10th

Chile Anderson

Betty Lindgren

Ryan Risbrudt

June 11th

Jenna Johnsrud

Taylor Koefod

June 15th

Kim Anderson

June 16th

Scott Juven

June 18th

June Bjornson
Bob Torgrimson

June 19th

Scott Karmrath
Darlane Miller
Missy Johnson

June 25th

Donna Dahlen
Ethan Johnsrud

June 26th

Beckett Johnson
Blaine Barry
Missy Barry

June 27th

Candy Catoe

June 28th

Halle Dahlen
Bonita Evavold

June 29th

Louise Lang

June 30th

Randy Catoe

July

July 3rd

Craig Koefod

July 4th

Charles Anderson

Perry Knutson

July 5th

Amanda Restad

July 6th

James Evavold

Tanner Langlie

July 7th

Timothy Evavold

Gage Olson

July 10th

Erin Sorenson

July 13th

Beverly Runningen

July 15th

Perry Evavold

July 16th

Matthew Ohren

Meg Downer

July 17th

Laura Rasmussen

Peter Runningen

July 18th

Christian Koefod

July 19th

Deanna Aamot

Ruth Edlund

Hannah Johnson

July 20th

Norbert Evavold

Meg Rein

July 25th

Nancy Purdon

July 26th

Evana Fick

Eleanor Fick

July 30th

Wanda Risbudt

Tyler Norenberg

Theron Rein

July 31st

Wayne Risbrudt

*If I don't have your
birth date or if I have it listed
incorrectly please e-mail
or call me - 747-2273*

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June

Vacation

Bible School

Peace Church will be
having VBS with
Presbyterian Church
this year it will be held

July 24th thru 26st

5:30-8:00 p.m.

a program and meal at
5:30 on the 26th

Thank you

JUNE & JULY Circle Time

GRUE women meet:

JUNE: Tuesday, June 20th @ 1:30 p.m.

JULY: Tuesday, July 18h @ 1:30 p.m.

NO RUTH / REBECCA Circle meeting:

JUNE/ JULY

GRUE WELCA NEWS



Grue Bible Study on May 16th,

We met with Peace Bible Study at the "Lady of the Hills "statue to learn about it's history. We learned from an article why it was built and who was involved in creating the statue

It was very interesting on how it came to be. We visited with devotions & prayers. And the group later met for lunch. It was great getting together with friends and neighbors. We had a beautiful day.

We are looking to have our next Bible Study at the Living Center with Ruth, Bev and Marlys and others that may want to join us. Our study will be on John 7: 1-52, (Confused Over Christ) on June 20th.

We will be Quilting a few Wednesday mornings at 10:00 at the church, dates will be announced.

The Sun is shining, enjoy. A smile is happiness you'll find right under your nose.

Bea Runningen, Sec.

Each Day
only
comes Once
in a
Lifetime



JUNE & JULY WELCA MESSAGE

Yes, finally summer!

If you have been in God's House, you know we have been having fun and fellowship!

THANKS TO ALL THAT HAVE SERVED IN SOME CAPACITY! I have mentioned this before but we love seeing the families and generations serving together.

Special appreciation for those helping with Sunday School. This past Sunday was last day of Sunday School and we were entertained by praise band, 2nd year Confirmation students, Sunday school kids and then enjoyed [brunch after worship in community room. It feels so wonderful to be able to gather together again.](#)

Don't forget our 4 church community event Friday evening, June 2nd. Teddy Roosevelt and his wife will be joining us for an evening of fun starting with hotdish. Check details elsewhere in this newsletter. This newsletter covers month of July as well so shout out big thank you to all who made that evening a success.

Looking forward to seeing all of you out and about!

Your Sister in Christ and WELCA Co President
Janet Novak

P.S. As many of you know, I send out the church-wide voice messages. If you see a message from me on your phone, do not call me back. Listen to the voice mail. Thank you.



Parish Council Minutes

Peace/Grue Lutheran Church

Parish Council Minutes

5-10-23

Members present: June Bjornson, Melissa Runnigen, Darlane Miller, Denise Juven, Sharon Hermanson, Pastor Dan Hermanson, Gwen Lillemon, Randy Koefod, Wayne Vorland, Duane Spielman, Louise Lang, and Jody Dahlen

Pastor Dan opened with devotions from John 13.

Secretary's report M/S/C

Treasurer's report M/S/C

Additions to the agenda: Bridal Shower at Peace

Pastor's report: 2 hospital visits, 19 home visits, 4 meetings, and 2 events. Baccalaureate is May 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Ashby School.

Old Business: None

New Business: Synod meeting-Peace needs representatives.

Phonevite updates: Discussion on how the list gets updated. June indicated that she tries to keep track of adding and deleting members.

Presbyterian has invited Peace/Grue to their community bible school. It is scheduled for July 24-26 with a program and meal at 5:30 on the 26th.

Ashby Community worship will take place on July 16th at the Ashby City Park. Peace is in charge of hosting this year.

Parish picnic will be held at Eagle Lake Park on August 20th. Grue to host.

June asked the council for permission to use Peace for a bridal shower she and Patty VanSanten are hosting for their granddaughter on June 3rd. Permission granted.

Motion by Don Hanson, 2nd by Louise Lang to adjourn.

Concluded with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting, August 9th, 2023 7:00 p.m. at Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Dahlen, Council Secretary

Peace Council Minutes

Peace Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

5-10-2023

Members present: Duane Spielman, Gene Jensen, Don Hanson, Wayne Vorland, Pastor Dan, Louise Lang and Jody Dahlen.

Secretary's report: M/S/C

Treasurer's report: M/S/C

Committee Reports:

Education: No report

Christian Growth: No report

Worship: No report

Property and Management: Gutters on church-hope to be installed by next church council meeting. Removal of tree behind church. Duane has been trying to contact a local tree service to come and remove, however they have not called him back. Bottom step coming down from the sanctuary will need to be fixed, as it has presented as a fall hazard.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Wayne and Cindy volunteered to assist with communion the second Sunday of the month. Thank you, Wayne and Cindy!

Youth room: Members of the church are looking to convert the nurse into a youth room for our area youth to come and "hang out". Council is in full support! Furniture and a fresh coat of paint will be added.

Teddy Roosevelt night-Friday, June 2nd. Please contact Val Fick if you can volunteer to help.

Motion to adjourn: Louise 1st, Gene 2nd.

Next meeting: Sunday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jody Dahlen

Grue Council Minutes

Grue Council Meeting May 10th, 2023

In attendance: Denise Juven, Gwen Lillemon, Randy Kofoed, Pastor Dan June Bjornson, Darlane Miller, Melissa Runningen , Sharon Hermanson

Devotions: done at Parish Council

Additions to Agenda: U of Morris Eco Station

Replace vacuum cleaner

Reserve Eagle Lake Pavilion for outdoor service

Secretary's Report: M/S/C

Treasure's Report: approved. M/S/C

Old Business: discussion on CD's at Viking Bank.

New Business:

Education report- discussion on the meeting held on April 19th.

Treasure's records- Melissa has been looking thru past records. She has not been able to locate records before 2006. If you have any idea or suggestions, let her know.

Louvers- need to set a date to be done.

Bug Spraying- Gwen will check with Alex or Greg on doing the spraying.

Bake Sale dates: a list of dates and a price list for goods will be handed out at church. Darlane Miller is the contact person.

Pentecost prayer garden: Denise will be buying or making pinwheels to be handed out to the congregation. You then write prayers on them and we will place outside lining the sidewalk. The small ones can be placed on the seasonal tree in the Narthex.

Vacuum Cleaner: Council voted to replace one of the vacuum cleaners. Sharon and Melissa will be looking into this.

U of Morris Eco System- the church received a letter from Brian Helman, Chancellor at the University about the possible use of the church. The Eco System site is on the adjoining land to the church. He will be bringing students to the site and would like to be able to access the church for restroom use and possible small class discussion.

We will be contacting Brian to attend our next council meeting in June to have a discussion about the possible use.

Next council meeting June 14th @ 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Hermanson, council secretary

**FORMER PRESIDENT TEDDY ROOSEVELT
IS COMING TO ASHBY**

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 2 for the next 4-church even



Larry and Julia Marple from West Charleston, Ohio, travel to Medora, ND each summer to portray and illustrate the life of Teddy Roosevelt, including the time of his life in western North Dakota. They have camped at the Sundowner Campground at Ashby several times on their way to their summer home in Medora and are excited to come into town and share an evening with us.

5:30 pm - Minnesota Hotdish supper hosted at Peace Church (casseroles, breads and beverages provided by Peace, Grue, Presbyterian and OSTML each asked to bring 5 salads (2 quart bowl size)

7:00 pm - Program starting with Boy Scouts, Peace Praise Band and Teddy Roosevelt presentation (open to the community)

8:00 pm - Ice Cream Social and fellowship with friends and the Roosevelts

Any questions call the Peace Church office at 747-2273 or Val Fick at 747-2883

Peace WELCA BAZAAR - 2023

Date for our Bazaar this year is Saturday, September 23rd.

Quilt has been made by Marcie Cawelti. The pattern is Northern Star and is in blues. Tickets are in your mailboxes; if not picked up by July 1, they will be mailed. Our quilt raffle is definitely the largest fund raiser for the Bazaar and funds many projects. Extra books available in church office. Second prize this year is a Viking themed basket including a Viking quilt.



Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU



Thank you to Heidi and Amber for helping with Sunday School and music this year. Carmen led the upper-class students this year in Sunday school. We made 2 new banners and are starting on a youth room. Thank you to Second Hand Thrift store for donating a cool couch for our new youth room.

Prayers for a safe summer.

Sincerely, Carmen Odegaard

Name: _____ Date: _____

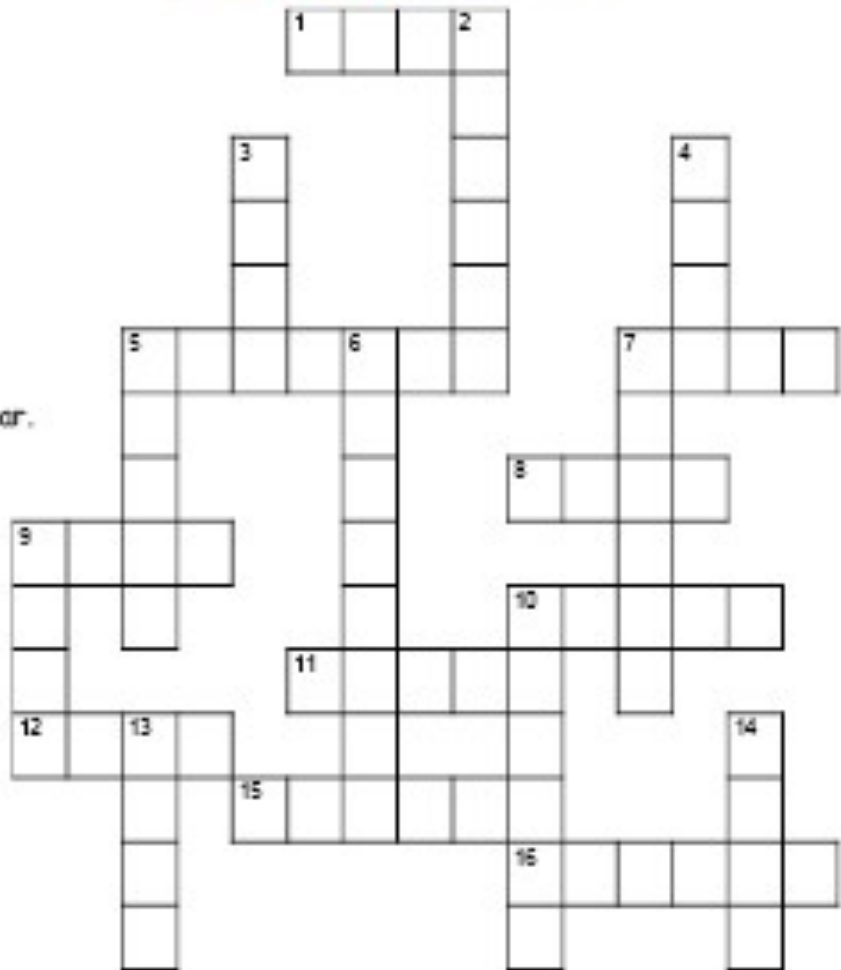


Across

- 1. Grains on the beach.
- 5. Living in a tent.
- 7. It warms you up.
- 8. Two wheeled transportation.
- 9. Comes with a shovel.
- 10. Full of daylight.
- 11. A sandy shore.
- 12. Area of inland water.
- 15. Warmest 3 months of the year.
- 16. Top for warm weather.

Down

- 2. Plunging into the water.
- 3. Move through the water.
- 4. Summer hazard.
- 5. House in the woods.
- 6. Frozen treat.
- 7. Trail walking.
- 9. A place to swim
- 10. Pants for hot weather.
- 13. Toy for a windy day.
- 14. Mildly hot.



Word Bank

BEACH, BIKE, CABIN, CAMPING, DIVING, FIRE, HEAT, HIKING, ICE CREAM, KITE, LAKE, PAIL, POOL, SAND, SHORTS, SUMMER, SUNNY, SWIM, T-SHIRT, WARM