

Peace **†** Grue

God's Country News An ELCA Parish



August 2024

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PEACE/GRUE PARISH WORSHIP-PICNIC a Sunday in August (tba) at 10:45 **PEACE** hosting

Bring your favorite summer to dish share...





Peace Sunday School Starting in October



August 2024



Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue.

In the Northern Hemisphere it's summer: a time of vacation, rest, and renewal, but not necessarily for all of us. The word is out. Americans take less time off and enjoy fewer days of vacation than any other industrialized nation in the West.

Walter Brueggemann, in his book "Journey to the Common Good," speaks about this. He writes, "Sabbath, in the first instance, is not about worship. It is about work stoppage. It is about withdrawal from the anxiety system of Pharaoh, the refusal to let one's life be defined by production and consumption and the endless pursuit of private well-being. It is easy to imagine that in Pharaoh's system there never was a sabbath for anyone. Everyone was 24/7. The slaves never got a day off and perhaps had to multitask to meet their quotas. Pharaoh surely never took a day off; he was too busy writing memos and sending out work orders and quotas. As a result everyone was caught up in an endless process of production and accumulation." (p.26)

We don't mean to, I'm sure, but our busyness, our ceaseless activity gives the impression that we believe that it is up to us to do good or good won't be done. It's up to us to set the world right or the world is lost. Behind our busyness is the blasphemous belief that we are the saviors and the solution to what ails the world.

To stand and say in the Creed, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth," is to say that we believe that it is not up to us to make the world right. God not only created but is still creating and creative. God is not dead, inactive, or ineffective. Thus we can rest and relish times of inactivity, reflection, and the good grace of doing nothing.

Sunday worship gives us a taste of this. Here, while we do much activity-praying, singing, listening, meditating-little of it is useful, productive, or essential, as the world defines these matters. We are relaxing, resting, remembering-hoping, singing, and telling stories-as we simply enjoy being with one another and with God. Christians believe that this is a foretaste of eternity when we rest from our labors and enjoy being in the presence of God forever. Our destiny, in God's hands, is rest. That rest is a great tribute to God, a confession that our destiny is in what God is doing, not in what we do.

The world is not in our hands; the future is not ours to determine. We do God's work as it is entrusted to us. We work and pray and do our best to be light and salt to the world. And then we take sabbath, resting secure in the faith that the most important work is God's. So, if you have not yet taken a vacation, gotten away from it all, experienced a change of scenery, or wandered into the wilderness, I hope you will do so soon. The church stresses other commands of Jesus: to love the poor, to feed the hungry, to bind up another's wound, and to bear one another's burdens. Why not Jesus command to rest?

In Christ,
Pastor Dan

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 4

First Reading
Exodus 16:2-4,
9-15
Psalm
Psalm 78:23-29
Second Reading
Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel

John 6:24-35

August 11

First Reading
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm
Psalm 34:1-8
Second Reading
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Gospel
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18

First Reading
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm
Psalm 34:9-14
Second Reading
Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel
John 6:51-58

August 25

First Reading
Joshua 24:1-2a,
14-18
Psalm
Psalm 34:15-22
Second Reading
Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel
John 6:56-69





August Birthdays

August 1st
Chris Roley
August 3rd
Brad Barry
August 4th
Beth (Odens) Finkelson
Andrew Aamot
Teresa Magnuson
Sharon Nelson
August 5th
Pauline Martinson
August 8th
Annah Evavold
August 9th

Dorothy Albertsen

August 10th

Jill Balgaard

Vicki Dorn

Charlotte Woldahl August 13th Linda Williams Courtney Koefod August 14th Nick Story Gwen Lillemon Jacob Rasmussen Cory Van Santen Justin Anderson August 15th Vickie Ness August 17th Jeannette Evavold Klair Sorenson August 19th Bernice Hohbein

August 11th

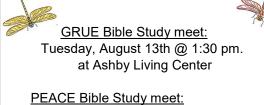
August 20th Virginia Driggins Jonathan Driggins August 22nd Jacob Rein August 24th Courtney Neterval Savanna Melberg Beatrice B. Runningen August 25th Tracton Nelson Ayden Behrens August 26th Erika Heibel August 27th Amelia Barry Christian Miller Greg Lillemon Dennis Evavold

August 28th
Linda Bahnson
Mitchell Griep
Marcia Koefod
Blake Ohren
Dylan Barry
August 29th
Gene Jensen
August 30th
Sunday Johnson
Betty Rustad

If I don't have your birth date or if I have it listed incorrectly please e-mail or call me -747-2273 / Peace@prtel.com Melissa R

God's Country
News Articles
are DUE by the
15th of
each MONTH





Tuesday August 13th @ 9:30





Peace WELCA BAZAAR - Saturday, September 21, 2024

Quilt for Bazaar Raffle this year has been made by Lynette Rohloff. Name of the pattern is Moda Blockheads Sampler in pastel colors and it is a queen size Thank you to Lynette for all the hours put into this beautiful piece of art work.

Our quilt raffle is definitely the largest fund raiser for the Bazaar and funds many projects. Extra books available in church office and from Linda Bahnson.



Baskets for the Bazaar:

The past two years we have had a very successful and fun event at the fall Bazaar. The basket raffle has been one of the top fundraisers for WELCA. Thank you for all who have donated a basket in the past.

Now is the time to start thinking about baskets for the September Bazaar! Here are some examples of past baskets to give you inspiration! Themes include: beach, wine, Italian/pasta, beauty/bath, men's shave/shower, movie night, kitchen, surprise basket, seasonal decor.

Raffle tickets will be sold during the Bazaar and the drawing for each basket will take place at the end of the Bazaar.

Thank you for your creativity and generosity.

Leslie Anderson

GRUE WELCA NEWS



July 18, 2024

The Grue Bible Study met on Tuesday July 16th at the Ashby Living Center. Our friends from the Center joined us, it was great having them with us.

Our lesson was on The Secret of the Vine, (John 15:1-11) to challenge us to seek a deeper level of commitment to spiritual intimacy with the Lord Jesus. He is the True Vine and we are the branches.

Our next lesson is lesson 5, The Cost of Friendship (John 12-16:4) on Aug 20th at the Ashby Living Center.

We are having a booth at the Street Fair at Appreciation Days in the Park in Ashby on Saturday, July 20th where we are selling raffle tickets for a Blue Jean Quilt and baked goods for sale. The proceeds will be used where needed with our regular donations.

We are looking forward to the 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 22 of Grue Church. It has been fun looking into the past and how it grew.

Join us on that day and any Sunday.

You are Welcome.

Smile God Loves You.

Bea Runningen, Sec.



Grue Welca Quilt Raffle Blue Jean & Lumber Jack print, Woven Star Pattern quilt

approx. síze 64 x 88.

Tickets can be purchased from Grue Church members.

Drawing is August 25th after 9 am services. \$1.00 Donation

PEACE WELCA NEWS



God's Work, Our Hands! A huge thank you for the many volunteers this month not only on Sundays but Jason Dahlen's service where we served over 200 and Pie in Park.

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:14-17) reminds us to be God's light. The many ways you served was truly a reflection of His light!

WELCA Co-leaders Val & Janet appreciate each of you saying "yes".

Just a few titbits from the June/July Newsletter

Our Fall Bazaar and Stew Feed is set for Saturday, September 21. We are hoping all of you are thinking about ways you can help make this Bazaar one of the most successful ever.

At this time here are the members we have that have volunteered for areas.

Kitchen - Janet Novak and need 5 or 6 more.

Farmers Market - Brenda Risbrudt

Kitchen - Carmen Odegaard and Teresa Ohren, need a couple more.

Bakery - Carol Koefod and Jody Dahlen, need a couple more.

Treasurer - Cindy Vorland, will need at least one more.

Basket Raffle - Leslie Anderson, Val Fick

Quilts and quilt tickets - Ione Quam, Joyce Langlie, Katie Johnson, and Linda Bahnson Crafts, etc.

One last event to keep in mind is September 22, when Grue Church is celebrating 150 years. Congratulations to Grue Church and all its members.

GRUE Council Minutes

Grue Council Meeting June 12th, 2024

Members in attendance: Randy Koefod, Gwen Lillemon, Bob Torgrimson, Sonia Heibel, June Bjornson, Darlane Miller, Char Woldahl, Melissa Runningen, Sharon Hermanson & Pastor Dan.

President Randy Koefod called the meeting to order.

Devotions and prayer were led by Pastor Dan. New flagpole & flag Additions to Agenda:

Bank Cd's

Clean up around the grave markers. Update on 150th celebration committee.

Special monetary offering at Anniversary celebration.

Secretary's Report: read and approved - M/S/C Treasure's Report: reviewed and approved - M/S/C

Pastor's Report: Pastor requested vacation time July 24th thru the 31st.

Old Business-

Painting has been completed in the kitchen. Touch up will be done after the new floor is laid.

The new church marquee is done and ready to be installed. Looking at an installation date. June will be sending a check to Excel from the memorial fund account.

New Business-

A new flagpole and flag have been purchased.

The Confirmation banquet will be hosted by Grue this year and to be held at Peace church. We will be setting the menu and looking for helpers. The Confirmation banquet is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th.

Bank Cd's are maturing. June will be contacting Viking Bank.

A special monetary offering at the 150th Anniversary service was brought to our attention. Further discussion will be re-visited at July's council meeting.

Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, August 24th. We will be cleaning the church inside and out. Trees need to be trimmed and grave markers to be cleaned up as grass has overgrown some of them. ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!!

Ash Wednesday service - a discussion about holding a joint service was brought forward.

The council decided to address it at a later date.

The celebration committee presented ideas as discussed at their meeting. More details to follow.

Next council meeting is Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Hermanson, council secretary

May this SUMMER give you the CHANCE to dive DEEPER into God's Word.

GRUE Council Minutes

Grue Council Meeting July 10th, 2024

In attendance: Randy Koefod, Bob Torgrimson, June Bjornson, Gwen Lillemon,

Melissa Runningen, Char Woldahl, Sonia Heibel, Sharon Hermanson and Pastor Dan.

Absent: Darlane Miller- attending Youth National Convention

President Randy Koefod called the meeting to order.

Devotions and prayer led by Pastor Dan. Psalm 145 about God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Bless his holy name. Freedom was the key to the people of Israel.

Additions to the Agenda: Adding Booklet Maker /Trifold unit & finisher to the office copier.

Checking with the township to grade the parking lot.

Secretary's Report: read and approved. M/S/C

Treasure's Report: read and approved M/S/C A short discussion about the CD's at Viking bank.

Pastor's Report: the service on July 21st will be at the park in Ashby for Ashby Appreciation days. We will be joining Peace, Our Saviors and First Presbyterian for an outside service starting at 10:30 am. Pastor was contacted by Habitat for Humanity to help with a new house in Dalton.

Old Business:

Kitchen remodel- Madison and Daylin Bitzen have finished painting the dining room and stairway. The kitchen cupboard and drawer fronts were painted, and new hardware will be installed. A special thank you to them and Chad, Kathy, and Patty Van Santen for refreshing items and giving it all a new look. It looks wonderful!!!

Next project will be installing new flooring and floor trim in the kitchen and the downstairs restroom.

Church Marque- Sonia brought a sample of the new sign design from Excel. Thank you to Randy Heibel and Randy Koefod for designing the new sign.

Remember to keep August 24th marked on your calendar for cleanup day!! ALL HANDS-ON DECK!! God's Work Our Hands.

New Business: the Celebration Committee reported on Save the date cards being sent out. Council approved to add a Booklet Maker /Trifold unit & finisher added to the office copier. Cost will be shared by the Parish.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Lord's Prayer prayed in unison.

Next meeting is Parish Council at Peace on August 14th starting at 7:00pm at Peace.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Hermanson, council secretary

This is the Day that the Lord has made; REJOICE and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Education Committee Minutes

Education Committee Minutes and Confirmation Update for May 29, 2024

Present at the meeting: Darlane Miller, Sharon Hermanson, Pastor Dan Hermanson, Linda Bahnson, Heidi Balgaard and Carmen Odegaard.

Sunday School update:

Sunday School was led by Heidi Balgaard and Amber Driggins for Peace Lutheran Church. The year was shortened into Fall and Spring sessions from October 1st, 2023, to the December Christmas Program. January was a month off and Sunday school resumed in February 2024 until the end of April. It was felt that the Sunday School attendance was equal for both the Fall and Spring sessions, and this will likely be the outline for the 2024/2025 school year as well. Heidi Balgaard is planning to purchase a CD player and Bluetooth Speaker to allow expansion of the music program for the Sunday School Children; the Sunday School account has money available for these purchases.

Vacation Sunday School dates are set for July 22,23, 24th with Presbyterian Church in Ashby leading the program. Pastor Dan and Pastor Paul are in communication as to how Peace Lutheran Church can assist the program. More information to follow.

Confirmation update:

We have 3 potential Confirmands for Fall 2024: Becket Johnson, Layne Johnson, and Traeton Nelson. Becket Johnson's requirements are falling short and it is proposed that council sends a letter to Becket and his family of the possibility of not being confirmed this fall. If Becket is unable to fully meet his requirements and if he would like to be confirmed; a full page letter of petition could be submitted to Council before the October Confirmation Banquet as to why he should still be confirmed. Discussion to follow on this topic with Pastor Dan and Council in June 2024.

Layne Johnson has had extenuating circumstances this year and it is purposed that a letter be sent to Layne to invite him to be a part of the October 2024 confirmation. He showed maturity last year by coming to church on his own for confirmation and reaching out to Pastor Dan for numerous visits. Layne was always willing to help with church functions during the 2022/2023 school year. A letter will be sent to both his mother's and father's addresses to make sure that Layne and both parents receive the letter.

Several of the first year confirmands are behind on their sermon notes and activities and a letter of progress will be sent as needed by the confirmation coordinator.

Grue Church will be serving the Confirmation Banquet at Peace Lutheran Church this Fall October 20, 2024. Confirmation will be at Peace on October 27, 2024. To this date there are no Grue Confirmation Students for fall 2024.

Respectfully Submitted by Carmen Odegaard



Quilts that were brought to the
Welca Conference 8 Gathering
on April 27, 2024
were delivered to
Anna Marie's Alliance,
women's shelter in St. Cloud.

Peace Grue Parish at PO Box 157, Ashby MN 56309 or email to peace@prtel.com or put it in the ma slot in the Parish Office Manager's office door.				
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ADDRESS				
PHONE NUMBERS				
EMAIL ADDRESS				

We would like to update our congregations addresses so that they may continue getting "God's Country News" (Peace/Grue Newsletter), please fill out the form, and mail it to

Hi, Ashby lions will be collecting various plastic items for recycling There are recycling barrels at JC's Grocery and Viking Bank and Ashby Equity. Please bring your plastic items there. When a certain poundage is reached we will receive a free park bench.

We appreciate your participation! Please see enclosed brochure! Thanks, Ashby Lions



NexTrex Recycling Challenge

How does the challenge work?

- Register on NexTrex.com to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- · Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals at my.trex.com

- Weigh, record and attached pictures
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer see list) for recycling

Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.

What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

What can I win?



What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper



lce bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

GRUE LUTHERAN CHURCH 1874 - 2024



Grue 150th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for Fellowship - 9 AM Service - 10:45 AM Dinner after service

Help spread the Word

Sept. 22,2024 36608 Grue Church Lane NE Battle Lake MN 56515





Celebrating 150 Years at Grue

Multiple Choice 2012-2024

1.	We replaced our entrance door with the com What did it cost?	amercial grade aluminum door in 2012.
	A. \$3,496	B. \$4,496
	C. \$5,496	D. \$5,996
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2.	When did we hosted our first Free Harvest Me	eal?
	A. 2012	B. 2013
	C. 2014	D. 2015
2	W/L 1:14. W/	
3.	When did the Women organize a morning tea	
	A. 2012	B. 2013
	C. 2014	D. 2015
4.	When did we learn a new version of the Lord'	's Prayer?
	A. 2014	B. 2016
	C. 2018	D. 2020
5.	Who donated the angel window?	
	A. Violet Evavold	B. Ruth Edlund
	C. Joyce Evavold	D. Laurize Ruof
6	Who made & installed the railing up the three	stens to the alter?
υ.	A. Randy Heibel	B. Chad Van Santen
	C. Scott Juven	D. Keith Nichols
7.	When did Pastor Carol retire?	
	A. 2015	B. 2016
	C. 2017	D. 2018
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δ.	The Parish made its first Pastor Call in 16 yea	
	A. December 1, 2016	B. December 31, 2016
	C. January 1, 2017	D. February 1, 2017
9.	Our new steel roof was installed at a cost of \$2.	26.365.21 in what year?
	A. 2018	B. 2019
	C. 2020	D. 2021
10). The Covid-19 Pandemic changed many of or	ar normal practices. Indoor services were
	curtailed from:	D. Marrah 2020 Danambar 2020
	A. March 2019-April 2020	B. March 2020-December 2020
	C. March 2020-December 2021	D. March 2020-February 2021

On April 4, 1929, the Battle Lake *Review* published an article on its front page titled, "ALTAR PAINT-ING FOR GRUE "In Gethsemane" Dedicated with Impressive Ceremonies". This is the same painting and altar we still admire today. The dedication ceremony so appropriately took place on Holy Thursday, the evening of March 28, 1929, beginning at 7:45 p.m. The painting was presented by the Ladies Aid. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Mortensen, Rev. J. G. Swedberg, the Bethel Choir, Dora and Myrtle Torgerson, Clifford Jorud, and K. K. Evavold participated in the dedication service which included communion and three congregational hymns. Many former members of the church from distant towns were in attendance. Both Norwegian and English languages were used during the service.

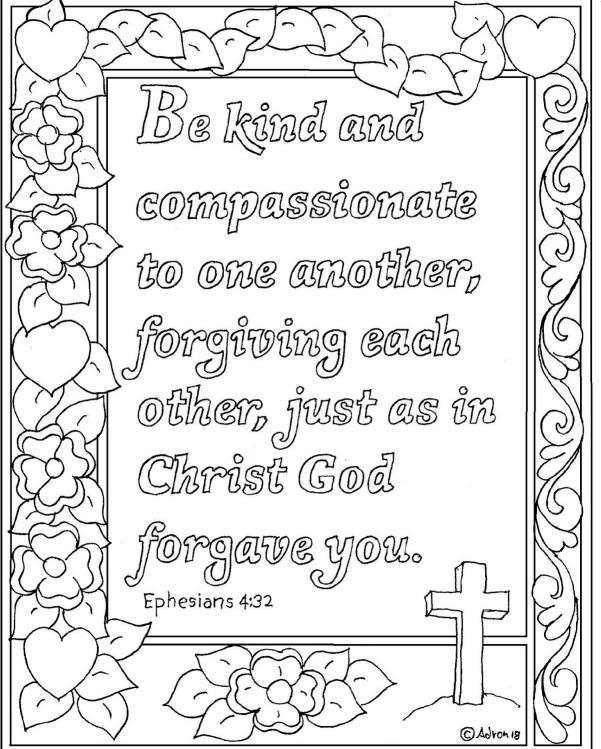
Grue's altar painting was created by August Klagstad (1866-1949) and is signed KRAGSTAD -1929 in the lower lefthand corner. August Klagstad was a well-known Norwegian Lutheran artist who at the time was living in Minneapolis. He created his first altar painting in Manistique, Michigan in 1893. He moved to Minneapolis in 1915 where his career was devoted to creating religious paintings. His works are replicas of compositions by the Masters with his own colors and details. He created over 1,000 altar paintings, primarily for churches in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

This painting is a replica of the famous painting, "Christ in Gethsemane" by Heinrich Hofmann (1824-1911) a German painter best known for his paintings depicting the life of Jesus Christ. It appears that Kragstad created this painting in his Minneapolis studio and sent it by train to Ashby. On March 7, 1929, Eagle Lake's news section in the Battle Lake *Review* stated, "The Grue Church has received its altar painting."

Every Sunday, those who attend Grue are reminded of Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane, the night before his crucifixion, after the Last Supper, and before his betrayal and arrest. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment - "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34).







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Armor of God Ephesians 6:10-20 & Song

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Perfect in God's Eyes God Chose You Salvation Spirit Sword Faith Armor Gospel of Peace God's Grace Gods Word Helmet Bible Shoes Belt Righteousness Breastplate Put on Shield Trust Truth God

God's People in Service

August 2024

Peace † Grue Lutheran

GRUE service	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
9:00 a.m.	Green	Green	Parish Worship/Picnic	Green
Early Service	Holy Communion		at (TBA)	
			Bring your favorite dish PEACE	
			HOSTING 10:45 am	
Janitors/Ushers	Char Woldahl, Bob & Linda Ehlert			
Reader	Ushers	Ushers		Ushers
Music	Denise Juven	Cindy Vorland		Contemporary
PEACE service	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
10:45 a.m.	Green	Green	Parish Worship/Picnic	Green
Late Service	Holy Communion	Coffee Cup Sunday	at (TBA)	
			Bring your favorite dish PEACE	
			HOSTING 10:45 am	
Music	Brenda Risbrudt	Cindy Vorland	Contemporary	Brenda Risbrudt
	Christian & Josey	Craig & Carol Koefod		Craig & Carol
Ushers	Koefod			Koefod
Readers	Carol Koefod	Carol Koefod		Carol Koefod
Psalm's Reader				
Communion Helper	Craig & Carol Koefod			
(set up, serve, clean)				
	David & Donna Grover			
Cookie Servers		Craig & Carol Koefod		Craig & Carol
				Koefod

Peace Lutheran Month of August

Chairperson: Craig & Carol Koefod

*Ushers are reminded to pick up bulletins and trash and replace hymnals in racks prior to leaving the sanctuary.

Make sure ALL the lights are turned off and ALL doors are locked!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GRUE service 9:00 am PEACE service 10:45 a	1	2	3			
4 GRUE service 9:00 am PEACE service 10:45 am Worship Committee meeting after services	5	6 PQ	7	8	9	10
11 GRUE service 9:00 am PEACE service 10:45 am	12	13	14 Parish meeting 7 pm at Peace. Peace & Grue Council meetings to follow.	15	16	17
18 Peace/Grue PARISH WORSHIP- PICNIC TBA at 10:45am Peace hosting Bring your favorite summer dish to share	19	PQ Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m. GRUE Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	Ashby AL Bible Study	22	23	24
25 GRUE service 9:00 am PEACE service 10:45 am	26	27	28	29	30	31