



# Parables

A monthly publication of Peace Lutheran Church

August 2017



## A Message from Pastor Keith

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year – 2017 – much of the western world is celebrating as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. For a variety of reasons, Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg isn't the only (or even necessarily the best!) date for it. Even so, this is the year the world celebrates it, and as we move into the fall you will see more and more about it.

I hope this leads to a renewal in an interest in what it means to be Lutheran – especially for those of us who claim the name! Being Lutheran is more than coffee or potlucks. We have a rich theological heritage upon which to draw. In this month's newsletter I want to focus on vocation.

Vocation is a calling you have been given by God in service to your neighbor. Being a daughter or son is an example of vocation, as well as the other roles one plays as a family member. Your vocation also may include volunteer work, career, mentoring, and all of the different ways God gifts you and calls you to serve your neighbor.

You are fulfilling your vocation when you do well that to which you have been called –and the calling is in service to the neighbor. “Christian work” certainly may include doing things in and around the church building, but “Christian work” is also doing a good job working the cash register at McDonald’s, because people need help getting their food, and you can also brighten a day while being friendly. “Christian work” is serving as a police officer or social worker, being a garbage collector or surgeon, or any of the ways in which you serve your neighbor.

We make a mistake when we think the only God-pleasing work is done in or through Peace Lutheran Church (or any other congregation). So many people serve their neighbors throughout the week, and that service is just as vital and Christian as ushering on Sunday morning or teaching Sunday

## August Worship Services

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| <b>August 6</b>  | <b>Pentecost 9</b><br>8:15 & 10:45am Organ-led   |
| <b>August 13</b> | <b>Pentecost 10</b><br>8:15am Organ-led<br>10:45am Revive Praise Band  |
| <b>August 20</b> | <b>Pentecost 11</b><br>8:15 & 10:45am Organ-led<br><b>Rally Day Backpack Blessing Sunday School Teacher Installation</b> |
| <b>August 27</b> | <b>Pentecost 12</b><br>8:15am Organ-led<br>10:45am Revive Praise Band  |

Sunday, August 20th

Rally Day

Backpack Blessing

Sunday School Teacher Installation

School. We love and serve God by loving and serving our neighbor – in whatever vocation has God called us. In His name,  
Pastor Keith

### OUR MISSION:

“CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST”

### OUR VISION:

TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES WHO ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING CHRIST'S MISSION FOR THE CHURCH. Matt. 28: 19-20



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### Worship Schedule

Worship: 8:15 and 10:45 am  
Christian Education Classes (all ages): 9:30 am

### Office Phone Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

### Staff

Pastor.....Keith M. Falk  
Director of Youth & Family Ministries.....Scott Saxton  
Director of Music/Organist.....Tony Carrillo  
Director of Preschool .....Sonya Easley  
Church Secretary .....Elena Falk  
Facilities Manager.....Al Reml  
Bookkeeper.....Donna Pflaum

### Executive Board

Pastor.....Keith M. Falk  
Chair.....Joe Spahr  
Vice Chair.....Steve Wackerly  
Past President.....Susan Bedwell  
Financial Coordinator.....Kevin Clark  
HR Coordinator.....Kevin Richter  
Volunteer Coordinator.....Beverly Funderburk  
Secretary .....Cindy Houghton

### Ministry Team Leaders

Finance and Planning.....Kevin Clark  
Discipleship.....Courtney Coghill  
Evangelism .....Mary Kay Schroeder  
Missions .....  
Worship & Music .....Phil Coghill  
Facilities.....Al Reml  
Preschool.....Lori Clark

### Peace Health Ministry

Carolyn Smith, LouAnn Gallion, Jean Kidd

**Cooks' Night Out ~**  
**Friday, August 18**  
**5pm**



A record 116 guests were served a meal of spaghetti and meatballs at Cooks Night Out on July 21. We are grateful for the response of Thrivent members who are providing Seed Money to help fund this ministry. Also, a big shout-out of thanks to Gay Cocherell for all the cakes she baked for us to serve. Please consider putting the 3rd Friday night of the month on your calendar as a time to volunteer.

Thrivent members have the opportunity to help a ministry of choice in a unique way! You can apply for a \$250 "seed money" gift card which can be used to buy needed supplies for the ministry. This is a great help for any ministry because they do not have to use their own funds. Please talk to Mel or Sherry Stensrud, our Thrivent Action Team coordinators, to find out more information. They will help bring awareness to the program and try to help you arrange best use of the money.

**Ladies BUNCO**  
**Friday, August 11**  
**6:30pm ~ Parish Hall**



Join the ladies for some fast dice action and fellowship. Bring along \$5.00, a dish to share potluck supper and an attitude for gaming! And of course, bring along a friend.

**LUTHERAN CORE**

*Connecting People to Christ  
....through discipleship*

**NALC**  
North American Lutheran Church

## Donate School Supplies and Backpacks

While you are picking up school supplies and items for your kids or grandkids, please consider picking up some extras. There are a ton of "back to school" sales going on right now, so let's put them to good use!



We have a lot of teachers here at Peace (and a preschool) that will be able to help us distribute these items where they are most needed. It can even help our teachers to not have to spend their own money on classroom supplies.

There are two decorated boxes in the narthex for you to put your donations of school supplies and backpacks. Let's help live out our mission of "Connecting People to Christ" by sharing His love at a time of new beginnings!

## Cooks Night Out

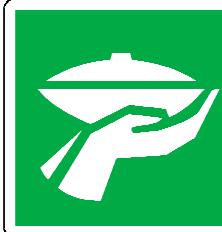
### Have you wondered how you can be involved in Cooks Night Out?

Here is sort of a brief outline:

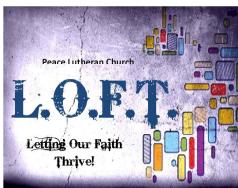
- ⇒ at 2 p.m., we start cooking and setting up. The main entree is prepared, salad prepared and the DONATED desserts plated. We also make PB&J sandwiches and start dipping ice cream. Tables are set up and drinks prepared. A huge need exists for volunteers willing to wash dishes and assist with keeping the kitchen clean while all this work is proceeding. As guests start arriving, volunteers greet and assist those who need help.
- ⇒ At 5 p.m., after prayer and announcements, volunteers serve the food and drinks and assist those who need help getting their meal to the table.
- ⇒ At approximately 5:30, as guests are finishing their meals, volunteers begin serving the desserts that have been plated while other volunteers may begin picking up trash and taking it to the dumpster.
- ⇒ At approximately 6 p.m., we start the clean up process which includes picking up salt, pepper and other items from tables, wiping down and stacking tables and chairs. And now, with Al out of commission, we will need to sweep the floor.

\*\*\*If you are not sure what you can do, just come when you can and let us train you.

This ministry is great for all ages. There are opportunities for both children and adults to serve!

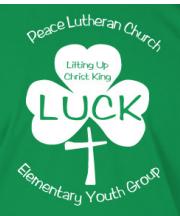


**Need more information? Please feel free to call Velta Johnston at 234-6665.**



LUFF and LOFT continue to meet every Wednesday 6-8pm throughout the summer.

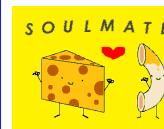
LUCK will begin again 5:30-7pm the first Wednesday in September (the 6th).



## Join us in August for two very special events!

### **Wednesday, August 9th @ 6:30pm is the LUFF/LOFT Macaroni Cook-Off!**

The secret ingredient is....Macaroni! Do you think you have a killer macaroni dish? Now is the time to test out your Macaroni makin' skills!



Your dish must incorporate at least 1 box of macaroni and cheese, but must also include at least 1 other "special ingredient."

See Hannah Bedwell and Scott Saxton for more details and a list of the rules.

### **Wednesday, August 30th @ 5:30pm LUCK Family Movie Night**

All elementary aged youth (grades K-5) are invited to kickoff our LUCK year with a movie night!



We will be in the KMotion room enjoying pizza and popcorn with our feature film, Horton Hears A Who!

All family members are invited to join us and have a fun-filled family evening.

Feel free to bring pillows or other comfy items to make viewing more comfortable.

### **LOFT-Letting Our Faith Thrive..**

is the High School (9-12 grade) youth group that meets Wednesday nights for food, Fun, Fellowship and Faith Formation. We look forward to seeing all of you high school youth at LOFT!!

### **LUFF-Letting Us Find Faith...**

is the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth group that also meets on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm. See you there, in the Yellow Room!!.

### **LUCK-Lifting Up Christ King...**

is the K-5th grade youth group that meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7pm September—May in the KMotion Room. Join us for dinner and fun!

### **Can you Sponsor pizza for LOFT???**

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the LOFT Wednesday night pizza meals, please see Scott Saxton.

### **Can you Sponsor a LUCK dinner?**

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the Wednesday evening meals for newest youth group, please see Scott Saxton or Elena Falk.

# Rally Day

## Sunday, August 20th

**Sunday, August 20th is Rally Day!** We will be kicking off another awesome year in Sunday School! Come and celebrate the start of another great year of growing in your faith!

### Backpack Blessing



We are sending our Peace Lutheran students and school staff back to school with prayers and blessings. We will have a special time of prayer and a special gift for all the students during worship on Sunday, August 20th. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks, laptops, or other bags to worship with them that Sunday.



### Sunday School Teacher Installation

Kids come and meet your Sunday School teachers for the upcoming school year! Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin August 27th so this is your chance to see who will be teaching Sunday School for the year. We would like to start the Sunday School year off right by commissioning and installing all teachers for service. If you will be teaching or assisting with Sunday School during the 2017-2018 year, please be sure to be at one of the worship services this day to be commissioned.



### Confirmation Parent Meeting

Parents of confirmation students are being asked to join us for a meeting during the Sunday School hour on August 20th. So if you have a child who is in the 6-8th grade and will be in confirmation, please make plans to attend this beginning informational meeting.

Peace Lutheran Youth Mission Trip 2017  
Covington, Tennessee June 25th-July 1st

Those who attended the 2017 PLC Youth Mission Trip are:

**Youth-** Macie Cohlma, Haley Clark, Sarah Saxton, Addison Allen, Jackson Watts, Ethan Pflaum, Luke Ratke, Jacob Saxton

**Adults-** Kevin Kamphuis, Courtney Coghill, Scott Saxton, Kathy Saxton, Brian Cohlma, Elena Falk, Al Reml

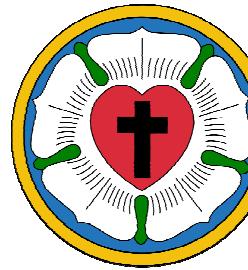




## Camp Lutherhoma Summer 2017

These youth attended camp this summer:

Christopher Falk, Kylie Chutek, Angelica Cooper, Della Wehrenberg,  
Vivi Pflaum, Annabelle Watts, Rachel White, Eva Cole, Rena Cole



## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 31, 2017

At Peace Lutheran Church we are celebrating the upcoming anniversary of the Reformation by highlighting vocation and how we make change in the world. Each of the 95 days before Reformation we will be sharing a member of Peace Lutheran Church and one of the ways they work to share the love of Christ in the world. Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to church doors to try to make a change for good in the world. We know we have people at Peace who are using the gifts and talents given to them by God in both big and small ways. Check out our Facebook page and webpage each day as we hear about each one.

If you would like to submit a name and way that someone (doesn't matter their age!) makes a difference out in the world or in a behind-the-scenes way in the church, please send it to [elena@peace-lutheran.net](mailto:elena@peace-lutheran.net) or put a short note in Elena's (secretary) mailbox.

### 95 Days Before Reformation:

Today we highlight Paul Ratke and a ministry he does outside of Peace Lutheran - he is a volunteer soccer coach for the YMCA. He has coached for 13 years; many of those years had 3 different seasons in them. He estimates he has coached over 500 games. He likes working with the kids and wants them to feel successful and a part of the team. He noticed that it is rare today to be a part of a tight-knit group that is focused on a single goal.

(Pastor Keith note: Christopher has played the last several years on Paul's teams, and I have always appreciated how he makes a point to pray with the team)

### 94 Days Before Reformation:

Leon Collins comes in every Thursday morning to make copies of the bulletins and inserts. He also helps collate bulletins on Fridays, and he is an active part of the Faith Builders Bible study, which is a group that does handiwork around the building.

### 93 Days Before Reformation:

David Ezersky writes, "I have been helping with the youth for three years since we returned to Edmond, and for a small time before we left in 2012. I have a couple of reasons for volunteering with the youth. They are at a point in life where one bad decision can change their lives, they need to learn that every action has consequences, good or bad. In high school, and more so in college they have a lot of things vying for their time and focus. Keeping Christ as the center point of their lives is most important.

I feel obligated to be involved in a church, not just attend. Even if it means doing manual labor and not being directly involved in a ministry. Additionally, on a selfish note, I can be having a horrible day and be extremely tired and the kids will re-energize and pump life back into me!"

## *Stewardship Notes*

If you would like to enroll in the electronic donation program, forms can be found in the Narthex next to Elena's office! Or you can visit with Donna Pflaum about your enrollment.

Thank you for sharing your gifts to help support our ministries!

*Sincerely, Donna Pflaum*

The following is from the article titled, [10 Financial Principles that are Biblical](#) by the Barnabas Foundation.

### **Saving Prevents Pitfalls**

**Did you know that the average person in our country is three weeks away from bankruptcy?** He/she has little or no money saved, regular, fixed obligations to support a relatively "high" lifestyle, significant monthly credit obligations and a total dependence on next week's paycheck to keep the budget afloat.

#### **Principle #4 BIBLE BACKS SAVINGS**

The major reason most people are poor savers is because we live in a culture that does not practice self-denial. When we want something, we want it now!

However, Scripture encourages us to save. "*The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.*" (Proverbs 21:20 LB) By contrast, society says, "Spend all you make."

Regular saving makes provision for tomorrow. It builds a financial safety cushion for emergencies. A good rule of thumb is to save the equivalent of two to three months' salary, in case you are unable to work due to illness or injury.

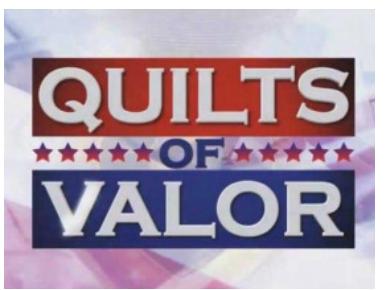
When saving, we must also keep balance in mind. If we concentrate solely on saving, our focus and affection will gravitate there. We must be careful to balance our saving and investing by giving generously to the Lord. When we receive income, the first check we write should be to the Lord, the second check for our savings.

***Remember, the most effective way to save is to start early and be consistent.***

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*Meditate on this principle for the month of August and check back here in September to find out about principle #5!*

Please join us in November at the congregational meeting where Quilts of Valor will be awarded to those veterans who served in a war zone. Cathy McVay and Janie Drake have been diligently making enough quilts with help from friends. There will be someone from the Paine County Quilt of Valor organization making the presentation. If we have missed anyone, please let Cathy or Janie know and we will try to make arrangements to present one in the future.



### **Farewell to Keifer McMullin**

There was a small reception to say "farewell" and "Godspeed" to Keifer on July 16th following the 10:45am service. We wish him well as he joins the US Marine Corps. Thank you to those who helped provide the reception. We hope he knows that he is always welcome back to his church home. If you would like to send him mail, please write to:

REC McMullin, Keifer F.  
1ST BN Delta Co. PLT 1066  
40000 Midway Ave.  
San Diego, CA  
92140



  
**WE'RE BACK.**



We look forward to starting back at several ministries again as we head into August and September. Edmond Public Schools' first day of school for students is Friday, August 18th. This is always a good indication that regular rehearsals, meetings, and groups will be meeting again. So be sure to keep your eyes and ears open for when your group or ministry starts back. Be on the lookout for groups that you might be interested in joining. We have so many opportunities to get involved and be an active part of Peace Lutheran Church. Also now is a good time to try a new worship role and serve during worship. See Elena if you would like to be added to the worship volunteer list.

# August Birthdays



Lottie Coghill	8/1
Walter White	8/1
Ian Cole	8/6
Karen White	8/6
Andrea Bahr	8/9
Drew Umbro	8/10
Gwen Burkhardt	8/11
Kayla Jones	8/11
Ella Easley	8/14
Kyler Higgins	8/15
Erin Jones	8/15
Gabriel Ross	8/15
Louie Schwan	8/16
Kristy Bradley	8/17
Jerry Beranek	8/19
John Klinka Jr	8/19
Rachel White	8/19
Larry Guthrie	8/21
Angeli Cooper	8/23
Kay Bradford	8/25
Jeff Collins	8/27
Kirke Kickingbird	8/29
Siera Freeman	8/30
Tony Chutek	8/31

If your birthday or anniversary has been left out, please notify the church office of the dates. elena@peace-lutheran.net or 405-341-3205

ANNIVERSARIES	
Paul & Jane Ratke	8/35 21 years
Brent & Jennifer White	8/6 23 years
Keeton & Kayla Jones	8/10 4 years
John & Karen Klinka	8/24 54 years
Brent & Connie Weis	8/31 43 years

## Small Groups and Classes

### MONDAYS

**Faith Builders Christ Care** ~ 2nd & 4th Monday, 9:00 am, Parish Hall at Peace (Arlen Rewerts - 282-3774). Study: *Lectionary*; (repair, maintenance, cleanup projects on the 3rd Monday, 8:30 am at Peace).

### TUESDAYS

**Prime Time (for Senior Adults)** ~ 1st Tuesday of the month (Sept.—May) at Noon, Parish Hall. Education, fellowship and activities for seniors, but all are welcome. Mission: support senior ministries and outreach in the community.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Women Growing in Grace** ~ 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings (Cynthia Baim 348-2925). Mission: Edmond Mobile Meals, Citizens Caring for Children, and school supplies.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Women Exploring the Bible (WEB)**~ Wednesdays, 9:15am, Parish Hall at Peace (Jane Ratke 478-8524). Childcare is provided.

### THURSDAYS

**Men's Fellowship & Study** ~ Thursdays, 6:00 am at Denny's on 2nd Street in Edmond. (Paul Ratke 359-9267). Join in at any time!

**Women of Peace** ~ 1st Thursday of the month, 9:30 am, conference room at Peace (Jan Collins 341-9390).

### SATURDAYS

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** ~ First Saturday of each month, 7:00 am in the Parish Hall at Peace. Breakfast, fellowship in one hour or less! (Paul Ratke 359-9267).

## Wall of Crosses

Please remember to bring a cross to hang on our Wall of Crosses that represents your family. Submit your cross to the front office with your name on it so that it can be hung with the other crosses. We would like a cross to represent each household in our church.

## PEACE PIECES

### Interested in joining Peace?

Interested in learning more about Peace Lutheran Church or even joining? Please contact Pastor Keith at [pastorkeith@peace-lutheran.net](mailto:pastorkeith@peace-lutheran.net) or 405-341-3205.

### Peace Lutheran Core Values

The Core Values have been put into a booklet form and placed in the bookcase in the Narthex. Please use them to show visitors who we are at Peace Lutheran Church and what we are about. Feel free to take them home to show neighbors, family, and friends.

### Prayer Chains Link us to God

#### PRAYER IS POWERFUL

The Peace WEB Group (Women Exploring the Bible) maintains a prayer chain ministry (via e-mail) for those having special needs. If you would like to join the chain or add someone to the Prayer List, contact Mary Hendrickson at [mhend@cox.net](mailto:mhend@cox.net).

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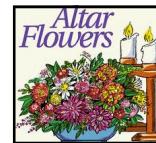


Please continue to bring in a cross to represent your family to add to our Wall of Crosses display. Bring your cross with name on it to the front office.

### Flowers for the Altar

The **2017 Flower Chart** is posted on the bulletin board across from the Parish Hall. To donate flowers, write your name on a date line of the chart. The office will send a reminder postcard and to ask if your flowers will honor an event or celebration. Check the bulletin board for the Guidelines for Altar Flowers.

*Let's make 2017 a year of beautiful flowers for our Sanctuary!*



### Check your mailbox in the Parish Hall!

### Wear your nametags!

### Parables Deadline: 20th of the month

**Bulletin insert deadline: Tuesday by noon**  
(very brief information for the Sunday Insert)

Please forward your article to [elena@peace-lutheran.net](mailto:elena@peace-lutheran.net) or drop off a copy at the front office by the appropriate date. Include your photos or graphics for the *Parables*.

### Peace Calendar

A copy of the church calendar for the next 2 months can be found outside the office workroom for your reference.

### TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT AT PEACE

Please contact the church office during work hours to schedule an event or request a room. A Calendar Event Request form must be completed. If you wish to reschedule or cancel an event, please remember to contact the church office.

### A Simple and Convenient Way to Give

Consider signing up for electronic giving. Peace relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Contact Donna Pflaum for details.



### Check Request Policy

All check requests for reimbursement must be approved before a check can be cut. Checks take about 7-10 days to be processed. Please see Donna Pflaum, bookkeeper if you have any questions.

### Security at Peace

Security is everyone's concern and responsibility. If you have a meeting or event at Peace and are the last one to leave, please be sure that all doors are locked when you depart the premises. **Keep the doors locked while inside.** Encourage your meeting participants to use the doorbell instead of keeping the door unlocked.