

In Touch

News of Peace Lutheran
Church, Waldorf, MD 20602

October, 2011



A Letter from Pastor Craig... Spiritual Nutrition

An elder Cherokee was teaching his grandchildren about life. He said to them, "A fight is going on inside me. It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One wolf represents fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other stands for joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too."

The children thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

I suspect you've seen or heard that tale before. So, why do I quote it here? Because we know, instinctively, that the point the tale makes is true... and, because it's a great commentary on Jesus' statement in Matthew 6:

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do

not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Our culture, too often, encourages us to "follow your heart," "go with your gut," and "trust your feelings." Yikes! It seems to me, that is like asking a tiger what it wants to eat. The answer is, "You!" And, the results are the same. You get consumed by desire.

We know, instinctively, that the Cherokee tale is true. The wolf we feed does win. I think we're a little less comfortable accepting the truth of Jesus' promise. [Yes! It is a promise!] If you put your time, talent, and treasure into something, it trains your heart to care for and about that thing. We're tempted to put our efforts into the things we care about. Be careful. The 12-step programs that meet at Peace are designed to do one thing: change what people care about so that they can stop putting their efforts (time, money) into alcohol, drugs, food, sex, etc.

The promise of the Cherokee tale and Jesus' words is the same: Invest your life in the right things and your life will become more righteous. It's not magic. It's common sense. Like training for something (running or practicing an instrument) makes you better prepared for a race or a performance, putting yourself, your time, and your

energy into something good or holy – even if you don't *feel* like it – will move your heart in that direction.

Don't believe me? Watch what happens to young people when they become taxpayers. When their tax dollars (treasure) start going to the IRS, they become more interested in what the government is doing. And, often, the more dollars that go, the more interested they become.

Am I talking about money here? Only in part. There is a reason "Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy," is in the top ten (Ten Commandments). God knows that how we spend our time is where our hearts end up. The Bible does talk about tithing (giving back one-tenth of what has been received from God) but it's nowhere near being in the top ten. Still, that kind of treasure will pull your heart along, too.

So... Is your heart in the right place? You tell me where your "treasure" is, where *you* are on Sunday mornings (including during Sunday School), where time is spent (including the things you say "no" to when asked), where money goes (including the "necessities") and you can tell yourself if your heart is in the right place. No need to ask me.

As for me? Well, to be honest, my heart is *not* in the right place. But it is on the way there. That's Jesus' promise to me. Now, I'm working on keeping mine to him.

Love,
Craig

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- 13 – New Member Class, 5:45 pm
- 16 – Consecration Sunday; continental breakfast after 8:30 am worship, & light lunch after 11:00 am worship
- 25 – Angel's Watch Shelter Meal Day
- 29 – Youth Trick or Treat for Canned Goods for Peace Food Pantry, 10:00 am- 12:30pm
- 30 – Reformation Sunday, Healing Service; Youth Halloween Party, 12:30 pm

COUNCIL NEWS

- Total revenue received in August was \$26,577.80, with an additional \$20,000 insurance payment for re-shingling the roof and \$2,000 designated; total expenses: \$31,989. Hurricane Irene negatively affected attendance the last Sunday in August.
- Judy Rudolf provided the Executive Committee Ministry Evaluation and discussed the strengths, challenges, threats and opportunities for the ministry. The ministry sets the agenda for the Church Council meetings, serves as Personnel and Mutual Ministry committees, and executes items referred by Council. The near-term goal for the committee is to revamp policies and procedures for personnel and service contracts.
- The church bylaws are currently under review, with possible revisions available for congregational review in the near future.
- Re-shingling of our roof (because of hail damage) is anticipated to be completed before the end of September. Total cost covered by insurance.

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ANGEL'S WATCH SHELTER MEAL PROVIDER

OCTOBER: OPEN*

*See p.4 to learn more

- Council is looking for volunteers to lead the Capital Appeal.
- Stewardship is planning for events leading up to Consecration Sunday, Oct. 16, including the recent intergenerational event on Sept. 18 and the leadership dinner planned for Oct. 9.
- Finance is beginning to prepare the church budget for 2012, with assistance from council liaisons for each ministry.
- Mike and Mandy Foster will attend the Fall Synod Assembly on Sept. 24.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

**Mark your calendars:
Consecration Sunday, Oct. 16,
8:30 and 11:00 am services,
and a reception
following each service
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Our Metro DC Synod leader,
Bishop Graham, will be with us
at both services to lead our Worship and
dedication of our Gifts to God
through Peace for 2012.**

**If you cannot be with us on Oct. 16,
please contact a member of the
Stewardship Committee about
your 2012 commitment in advance.**

TAKE A GIANT STEP

This year's Stewardship Program is called "Take A Giant Step." Each Sunday during worship a member of the congregation will present a Temple Talk addressing why we give. Our goal is to inform people that giving doesn't just mean money....it includes *time and talents* as well. On Oct. 2 & 9 we will be handing out invitations to our Consecration celebration, which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16. The Church Council will hold its Leadership Dinner at Prime Street Grill on Sunday, Oct. 9 (12:30 pm -3:00 pm). During this meal we will be asking those in attendance to turn in their Estimate of Giving Cards. The entire congregation is invited to our annual Consecration Sunday Celebration on the following Sunday, Oct. 16. At this time, each of us will be provided with an opportunity to complete an Estimate of Giving Card. Our Fellowship Ministry will provide brunch after 8:30 am worship and light lunch after 11:00 am worship. This will be an opportunity for all congregational members to share in giving, and celebrating the gifts God has given us.

Daryl Faustini, Liaison to Council

REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCT. 30

To learn about Martin Luther and how the Lutheran faith (and Protestant movement) came into being, click on the link to view **Opening the Door to Luther.** <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/History/Opening-the-Door-to-Luther.aspx>

"Join public television host, author and EL\CA member Rick Steves on a journey ... from Eisleben, where Luther was born, to the university town of Wittenberg where Luther taught and preached. After a pilgrimage south to the Vatican in Rome, you'll follow the tumultuous events of the Reformation at Worms, Erfurt, Eisenach, Marburg and Augsburg." The video brings the past to life with new details about life in those times.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, Nov. 6 will be All Saints' Sunday, an opportunity for us to remember all those who have passed since Nov. 1, 2010. Beginning Oct. 2, there will be an insert in the Sunday bulletin which you can use to notify Dan in the church office of names which should be added to the list. If you are unable to obtain one of the forms, please e-mail (admin@myplc.org) or call the church office (301-843-1832) to add a name to the list of Saints.

PLANS FOR OUR NEW BUILDING

Building Committee members met with a Charles County reviewer on Wednesday, Sept. 14, to submit the final version of our storm water management plan for approval. The detailed design of the new building has progressed to 75% complete and is temporarily on hold pending the county's review and approval of the site engineer's submissions. The design phase and permit approval process are on track to support

construction bids in Feb.-Mar., 2012, with a ground-breaking in April 2012, shortly after Easter.

Please review the status of your Capital Appeal commitment and push up your contribution, if possible. This is an exciting time for Peace as we move forward toward the construction of our new facility. We have an opportunity to make a lasting impact on Christ's ministries in Waldorf for years to come. In addition to contributions, the Capital Appeal effort needs some dedicated helpers to keep the fund-raising and loan application process on track to support the planned construction schedule. Please pray for this effort daily that we will be able to meet God's vision for Peace so we can serve His people better in this community. Your Building Committee Chair,
Dean Pedersen

EDUCATION IN ACTION FOR ALL

Our Sunday school program is in full swing! We had a wonderful kick-off with our Rally Day continental breakfast. I am thankful to God for all who helped, from the Fellowship Committee for their help with the food, set-up and clean-up, to the teachers and leaders who so graciously agreed to give of their time to share God's word and love with others, and to those who took the time to attend. And I pray that all those who joined us for the breakfast as well as those who missed it, will be joining us this year between services to continue to help each other grow in faith.

We have now included 3 year-olds in our program and have classes through the adult level. So whether you're 3, 13, 23, 33, 43, 53, 63, 73, 83, 93 or somewhere in between, you are never too young or too old, too lacking in knowledge or too knowledgeable to be part of our Christian Education community. For it is not only about what you might gain from the experience, but what others may gain from your sharing and giving of yourself.

I hope you will contemplate the words in Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV): *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
Sharon Altman, Liaison to Council

SIXTY MINUTE STEWARD RETURNS!

I'm not doing enough to say "Thank you, Lord, for everything you have given--both for me (your life), and to me (your love, my life, friends, faith)." In all honesty, I might say "I should be doing more, but I just haven't made the effort."

The Sixty-Minute Steward is an occasional column intended to let people know about ways they can serve the Lord at Peace in small but important jobs, short-term projects, temporary and/or ongoing tasks

that require regular attention. Since we want our congregation to be well-served, as well as to serve our community, the time comes when we realize that each of us can be part of the solution. Not every need is easily filled, but this column is intended to serve as a matchmaker.

Peace is overflowing with caring people. Some of them are greeters. One Sunday a month, they open the door for you with a smile and a kind word. We need (and coach) greeters, but, great news! If you prefer to work behind the scenes, there's also a spot for you. The greeter coordinator schedules those friendly faces at the door every service, every Sunday. The job is vital, but simple and not too time-consuming: schedule people who can get to church a little early once a month to serve as greeters. If you have just half an hour, one hour, or two hours a month, you could give our members—and our visitors—a huge boost. Talk with Jim Aanestadt to learn more about serving as a greeter or greeter coordinator.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Abused women living at **Angel's Watch Shelter for Women and Children**

are thankful that someone is watching over them. They receive care and protection in a supportive environment. Safe in the shelter, they and their children can focus on healing and planning for the future.



We at Peace consider this ministry so important that we budget funds for it. These funds enable those of us with hearts more generous than our food budgets to purchase and prepare food for the meal that Peace pledges to deliver every month.

Volunteers cook and deliver that monthly meal. Information, including our standard menu, a sign-up sheet, and a shopping list are handy in the narthex (lobby) on the vertical stand beside the bulletin board. Forms to obtain reimbursement for purchasing the food are available in the wall rack to the left of the office door. Rex or Leeanne Ayers can answer your questions.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS October 2011		
1 st Sat	10/1	1. M. Webber 2. E. Draughn 3. L. Jewell 4. <i>Help needed</i>
2 nd Wed	10/12	1. C. Crawford 2. P. Czupryna 3. D. Czupryna 4. <i>Help needed</i>
3 rd Sat	10/15	1. K. Ulbright 2. M. Robinson 3. <i>Help needed</i> 4. <i>Help needed</i>
4 th Wed	10/26	1. J. Allen 2. J. Bryant 3. P. Pedersen 4. <i>Help needed</i>

Letter

Dear Peace Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000. to ELCA World Hunger. Your faithful generosity makes a lifesaving, life-changing difference for people in need around the corner and around the world. Thank you.

In Malawi, a farmer learns to sell her crop for a better price, enough to send her children to school. In South Carolina, a volunteer brings a hot meal and warm friendship to an elderly widower. In Uganda, neighbors come together to maintain their village's well so that all may have a fair share. All this good work is supported by the generosity of people like you.

To neighbors near and far who live with hunger and poverty, gifts like yours bring not only help, but hope. Thank you. Your gifts bring us another step closer to ending hunger in our world.

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director
ELCA World Hunger

P.S. I invite you to visit www.elca.org/hunger/stories to find stories from this ministry to share with your congregation. Your gift is tax-deductible.

**FOR A GOOD TIME,
SEE DEB FOSTER
ABOUT SIGNING UP
FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE
DINNER NOV. 5!**

ELCA, AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION LEADERS GATHER FOR HISTORIC SUMMIT

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church have embarked on a new relationship to engage in mission and ministry together, sharing in one another's traditions, witness and service in the world.

"It is my prayer that congregations of the ELCA and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church will join together in worship, Scripture study and shared commitment to work for justice and reconciliation," said ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson....

Leaders of both churches gathered for a festive worship service Sept. 16, and a daylong summit Sept. 17, to celebrate and explore how congrega-

tions of both denominations can engage in ministry together.

The summit came about as a result of talks that produced a mission statement in which both churches affirm a common call to be "restorative agents of God's redeeming work in the world."...

The summit was "a time for coming together in worship, sharing with one another about who we are and being open to the Holy Spirit's guidance as we look for tangible ways to cooperate in grassroots ministries."...

The Rev. Dennis V. Proctor, bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion's Western District, said that from its beginning, "Zion has been at the forefront of the perpetual march for human freedom, dignity and equality. These talks today, although new to us, follow in the legacy and lifestyle of the people called Zion."...



Peace Singers

You are invited to join the Peace Singers. We rehearse in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. Music Director Will Derr can provide more information.

CHARITY BIKE RIDE

Along with community partners, Grace Lutheran Church and School (301-932-0963) is organizing *The Ride-4-Fun & Fitness* on Oct. 8, 2011 on the

Indian Head Rail Trail in White Plains, with the support of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

A Message of HOPE Cancer Fund, Inc. is teaming with Grace to help defray the expenses of Maddie Major, a six-year-old childhood leukemia patient in our community. The medical bills are piling up for her family. Don't miss this great chance to exercise, enjoy our fine Southern Maryland fall scenery, and contribute to a good cause.

[A Message of HOPE Cancer Fund, Inc.](#) is a 501-(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to offer direct financial assistance to families who face the monetary burdens associated with cancer.

An "Expert Ride" will begin at 7:00 am and cover the entire 26 mile round-trip of the Trail. Following that, at 9:00 am, the "Family Ride" will begin and cover either 4 or 8 miles round-trip as desired. Walkers, skaters, bladders, etc are welcome!

The registration fee is \$22 per individual for the Expert Ride and \$22 per couple for the Family Ride (group discounts apply). Registration fees include the ride, a goody bag, a door prize ticket and an event T-shirt (one per paid registration). A 50/50 raffle event will be offered for additional donations.

Water and snacks will be provided for riders, and concessions will be available for purchase at the trail head. Food vendors, community service groups and commercial sponsors are expected, so it will be an action-packed morning.



- Pinch, the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs mascot, is scheduled to appear.
- Ann LeBarron, Civista Health registered dietitian, will be on hand to share health and nutrition information
- The Charles Co. Sheriff's Dept. will register bicycles to deter theft and give crime prevention tips. McGruff the Crime Dog is also scheduled to appear.
- Professionals from La Plata Physical Therapy will offer free posture assessments and blood pressure screening. Watch for the Model "A" Car Show on site during the Ride event.

Volunteers are needed to help organize riders, direct traffic and staff way-stations on the day of the Ride. Please contact Randy Davis or Dan Stine to volunteer or for more information.

October 2011

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Youth News



Trick or Treat for Canned Goods for Peace Food Pantry

Saturday, Oct. 29, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

We will trick-or-treat for canned goods starting at 10:00 am at Peace on Saturday, Oct. 29. From there, groups will get their maps and materials and head out. Pizza lunch served back at Peace afterwards. We need adults for this activity! Please sign up to help us out. Sign-ups on Facebook and in the narthex.

Halloween Party Sunday, Oct. 30, 2:00-4:00 pm

It's a tradition at Peace that the older youth crowd (middle and high school) put on a Halloween party for the younger crowd. There will be snacks, games, decorations, and age-appropriate haunted house. Have a vehicle? Want to see cute kids in costumes? Stay at Peace after the 11:00 service and decorate your trunk. Then the little ones will go from car to car (instead of door to door) for their own version of trick or treating. The party is 12:00-2:00 pm with Trunk or Treating starting at 1:30 pm.

College Student Addresses

We are in need of address updates for all our college students! Please email, call, or text Becky with addresses so that we can make sure they get a fall semester care package.

2012 Gathering Update

Registration for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering is Oct. 9. Deposit money for all youth attending is due to Becky by that date.

What is our youth director, Becky, up to lately? In addition to our worship, service, and fellowship events and programs ongoing at Peace, Becky now serves in a few capacities on the synod level. They include Shekinah and Chrysalis planning committees, synod retreat curriculum writing team, Gathering Coaching Team, and an adult sponsor of the Council of Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Presidents. Busy, but fun!

Thursday Nights at Peace: Youth Meal, grades 6 and up invited.
No meetings, no parents, dinner provided ☺

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Oct. 2

Oct. 9

Oct. 16

Oct. 23

Oct. 30
Reformation

Altar Care

8:30	M. Wiersma	S. Herrin	J. Diehl	A. Bell	B. VanSickle
11:00	D. Mullaney	J. Bryant	E. Draughn	D. Foster	D. Mullaney

Greeter

8:30	A. Reese	J. Tallman	B. VanSickle	D. Mullaney	L. Fowble
11:00	P. Sparks	M. Morgan	B. Froberg	S. Altman	OPEN

Ushers

8:30	S. Herrin, M. Wiersma	M. Barbella, C. Drew	B. Dewey, M. Barbella	L. Garner, M. Garner	L. Finamore,
11:00	B. McGee, C. Williams	F. Thomas, J. Drew	J. Aanestad, M. Morgan	J. & A. Aanestad	PJ Conrad

Acolytes

8:30	Megan T., Julia T.	M. Wiersma, P. Festa	Ashley S., Sarah S.	P. Festa, M. Wiersma	G. Wolford, Brooke S.
11:00	P. Pedersen, David B.	P. Pedersen, Kinsey P.	Thomas B., Caitlyn B.	Thomas B., Katie P.	David B., Kinsey P.

Assisting Minister/Cantor

8:30	G. Wolford	G. Williams	G. Wolford	G. Williams	P. Pedersen
11:00	G. Wolford	G. Williams	G. Wolford	G. Williams	P. Pedersen

Crucifer

8:30					
11:00					G. Williams

Lector

8:30	L. Finamore	M. Robinson	D. Mullaney	B. Thomas	L. Finamore
11:00	D. Foster	S. Altman	G. Endicott	S. Altman	D. Foster

Children's Sermon

8:30	C. Endicott	G. Williams	K. Gesl	C. Endicott	S. Altman
11:00	C. Endicott	S. Altman	G. Williams	C. Endicott	

Children's Time

8:30	G. Collinson	M. Robinson	N. Welsh	B. Quasius-Dewey	G. Collinson
11:00	G. Williams	J. Jones	J. Boling	J. Fronck	J. Jones

Eucharistic Ministers

8:30	M. Davis, D. Mullaney	S. Herrin, C. Drew	C. Crawford, S. Altman	D. Mullaney, M. Davis	S. Altman, C. Crawford,
11:00	C. Crawford, C. Warren	J. Bryant, E. Draughn	M. Davis, C. Warren	S. Altman, C. Warren	E. Draughn, D. Mullaney D. Foster, D. Pedersen, P. Pedersen, C. Warren

Tellers

J. Stamos, T. Wells	C. & C. Drew	E. & C. Bender	D. Mullaney, E. Layton	OPEN
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Flowers & Flame Donors

Barb Straub, in honor of
Gerhard's birthday;
Charleen Rick, in honor
of Richard Barkdoll's
90th birthday