



May 11/12, 2024

Welcome to Peace Church – We are glad you are here. We would love to connect with you. Be sure to fill out a Connect Card located in the pews or the Gathering Place.

Happy Mother's Day to all the special women out there. Whether this is a happy day or a hard day, Peace wishes you blessings. All moms are invited to have a Polaroid photo taken with their family at the photo booth in the Gathering Place.

We Love Seeing Children in Church! For small children, there are worship bags located next to the water wall. We also provide a staffed Nursery for children under 4 years old.

This weekend's donut sponsor is Audrey Mueller in memory of her husband, Bill. If you would like to sponsor donuts in honor of someone, a birthday, or a special occasion, please contact the church office to secure a date. The cost is \$100.



Extreme Faithfulness

Week of May 12 – Eyes Opened

From humanity's fall into sin, there has always been much spiritual darkness in the world. People are by nature blind to God's presence, love, and truth and need to have their eyes opened. In this week's story from 2 Kings, God opens the eyes of the prophet Elisha's servant so that he can see that God fights for Elisha and that God will prevail. Likewise, it is the Holy Spirit who gives us clarity of

vision regarding who God is and what he has done for us. How has God opened your eyes of faith?

Monday | 2 Kings 6:8-23

In this story, the king of Aram seeks to trap the prophet Elisha but the forces of God surround him bringing protection. Elisha asks God to open his servant's eyes to this supernatural reality. Describe an experience in which God opened your eyes of faith to an aspect of his goodness and truth. What tends to make us skeptical of any supernatural visions from God? What are spiritual practices through which the Holy Spirit will open our eyes?

Tuesday | Isaiah 42:5-9

This section from the prophet Isaiah anticipates both the coming of the Messiah and describes the calling of God's people. Jesus came to open the eyes of the blind and his followers are to be a light to the world. What false beliefs and sinful bondage blind people today? In addition to physical healing, how did Jesus open blinded eyes during his earthly ministry? What is the role of God's people today in bringing light to the darkness?

Wednesday | 9:1-9, 18-25

Here the Apostle John describes in detail Jesus' healing of a blind man and its aftermath. What was the immediate reaction of the blind man's neighbors to his healing? What about the religious leaders? Beyond the healing of the man and the blessing it would be for his family, what were the greater purposes for such miracles of Jesus? In what way is an individual receiving faith in Jesus always a miracle? Describe how that came about in your life.

Thursday | Acts 9:1-9, 17-19

This is the story of the Apostle Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus. What made such a turnaround in Paul's life so unlikely? Describe the total change of Paul's perspective regarding Jesus of Nazareth. What is the spiritual and symbolic importance of Paul's blindness following his encounter with Jesus and then having his sight restored? What do you think was the role of the Holy Spirit in Paul's conversion?

Friday | 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

In this section of his letter, Paul speaks to the resistance that many people of his day had to the Gospel of Jesus. Who is "the god of this age" that Paul speaks of? What does Satan especially use today to blind people to Jesus' Good News? What

does the Holy Spirit especially use today to open eyes to the joy of Jesus' Good News? What is the church's role in shining the light of Jesus? What is your role?

DISCOVER

My Faith Journey Plan: Have you filled out your plan? Paper copies are available in the Gathering Place and office. The online form can be found at www.mypeacechurch.com/faith-journey. Our goal is to have 150 plans submitted. Currently, we have 104 - help us reach our goal. If we reach our goal, Peace will host a Pie & Ice Cream Social!

Discover Right Now Media which is a free gift to you from Peace Church. RightNow Media is a faith-based on-demand streaming service that provides access to thousands of video teachings from renowned teachers and pastors, as well as Christian entertainment options for kids. Visit this link for an invite:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/mypeace>.

GROW

Peace Men's River Trip - May 30-June 1.

Join the men of Peace for fun and community on the Namekagon River between Hayward and Trego. We will be on the river on Friday and Saturday and camping at the Earl Landing campsite. For more details, contact Pastor David at Davidf@mypeacechurch.com.

Summer Youth Ministry: There is a ton of fun scheduled for students entering 6th-12th grade this summer! Here's the tentative schedule: Fairfax Pool Days (June 30, Aug. 11); Fire at Urberg's house (June 26, July 24, Aug. 7); Valley Fair (July 12), Cosmic Bowling Night (Aug. 2); Summer Lock-In (Aug. 29-30).

GO

Scott DeWitt, Vice President of Mexico Operations, from Casas por Cristo is here in the Gathering Place today to answer any questions about their mission. Stop by the table to say "Hi"

and find out what is involved in attending a mission trip to Juarez or Dominican Republic.

AROUND PEACE

If you or a family member are hospitalized or would like a pastoral visit, please reach out to the church office. With the drastic changes in the Eau Claire area medical system, we don't have as much access to hospitalizations and we don't want anyone to fall through the cracks of not getting prayers.

Peace Deacon Vacancies for 2024-2025:

Peace has six deacon terms ending June 30, 2024. We will also be electing a Treasurer and a Chair-elect. According to our Bylaws Article V, Section E: Four deacons will be elected for a three-year term, one deacon will be elected for a two-year term, and one deacon will be elected for a one-year term. The term length for each Deacon will be finalized at the first Board meeting after the annual meeting. A candidate can be a man or woman, eighteen years or older, who has been a member of Peace for at least one year. If you would like to be considered or nominate someone to be a deacon nominee, submit the name and contact info to Sue Gumz at sueg@mypeacechurch.com by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 15. Thank you, The Peace Nominating Committee

Summer Schedule: Starting Memorial Day weekend, Saturday evening services will be put on pause through Labor Day weekend. In addition, the 9 am worship service will have a children's message and there will not be summer Sunday school.

Kid's Carnival: We are wrapping up the program year with our annual kid's carnival. All students in 3K-5th grade are invited to join in the fun on Wednesday, May 15, from 5:45-7:45 pm. The cost is \$5 per child and includes a hot dog meal, inflatables, face painting, carnival games, and prizes. Questions can be directed to marleef@mypeacechurch.com.

Register Now: Vacation Bible School already has over 100 kids registered. It will be June 17-21 for children who turned 3 before January through

those who have completed 5th grade are eligible. Register at www.mypeacechurch.com/vbs.

Women's Book Club: The book for May is *River of Faith* by Larry (and Jan) Winnes. The discussion times are May 14 at 2 pm or May 22 at 6:15 pm. Questions can be directed to amykalmon@gmail.com.

The Peace Church Green Team will be collecting new or gently used shoes through May 19 to promote recycling and to help those in need. Look for the table in the Gathering Place for shoe drop-off or more information. Check out the Peace Church Green Team Facebook page for current initiatives!

On-Going Clothes Drive: Rescue and Redeemed is a local organization providing support to survivors of sex trafficking. Peace has partnered with them to be a drop-off site. Bins are located in the coat rooms on both ends of the building. They are seeking clothes and soft home goods. Please place your donations in a plastic bag. For more information, check out their website, www.rescuedandredeemed.org/clothing-drive.

Do You Need Prayer? New to our website is a link to request a prayer. There is a button toward the bottom of the home page or go directly to the prayer page at www.mypeacechurch.com/prayer.

Prayer Warriors: Would you like to help pray for confidential prayer requests that come in through our church? Contact Deb Genskow at debgenskow@gmail.com to be added to this powerful list of prayer warriors.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry at Peace that offers emotional and spiritual care when going through a tough time. Stephen Ministers are equipped to walk alongside you in whatever journey you are on. Contact Lynette to get connected at lynettes@mypeacechurch.com.

Consider Becoming a Stephen Minister: When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about the undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. Stephen Ministry serves God by bringing Christ's healing love to hurting people. If this sounds like something you might consider, reach out to Lynette

and she would love to have a conversation with you. A new training class will be starting in August. Lynette's contact information is 715-579-6710 or lynettes@mypeacechurch.com.

Thank you! My sincerest thank you to everyone who sent cards and well wishes after my recent surgery – I appreciate all your prayers! Blessings to all – Maureen Raskin



Feed My People is Hosting Empty Bowls on Thursday, May 16, from 11 am-7 pm at their food bank at 2610 Alpine Road. This event features a meal, auction, live music, and the opportunity to purchase a handcrafted bowl made by local artists and is their largest annual fundraiser. Tickets can be ordered at give.fmpfoodbank.org/event/empty-bowls/e567497.

Foster Care: Eau Claire County has a huge need for foster parents. If you feel you're being called to this, please contact Christa Dutter with the county at christa.dutter@eauclairecounty.gov.

My Faith Journey Plans Completed: 104 of 150

Attendance Last Weekend: 371

Bulletin Announcement Requests:

Submission requests for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday. Please send it to kristinb@mypeacechurch.com.

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Ushers:

5:30 Kathy Foster, Dave Vollmer
8:00 Chuck & Dianne Falch
9:00 Bill Westerlund
10:15 David & Eileen Cattau

Scripture Reader:

8:00 Ruth Collis
10:15 TBD

Worship Leaders:

Auditorium Abbi Meyer
Sanctuary Lynette Schulz

Sound Engineers:

Auditorium Adam Urberg
Sanctuary Carson Juliot

Livestream Broadcast: Christy Sasiela

Slide Operators:

Auditorium Cam Kalmon
Sanctuary Eva Martin
Traditional Jeff Shearier

Coffee & Donut Servers: John & Julie Borgwardt



SUNDAY – May 12, 2024

8:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
9:00 am Modern Worship – Auditorium
Sunday School & Childcare Available
10:15 am Blended Worship – Sanctuary
Childcare Available
6:15 pm Winkler Life Group

MONDAY – May 13, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
9:30 am Staff Operations Team
1:00 pm Staff Devotions
1:30 pm Staff Lead Team
6:00 pm Yoga

TUESDAY – May 14, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
Community Table Team B
10:00 am Lynette’s Women’s Study
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
6:30 pm Lynette’s Bible Study
7:00 pm Falch Men’s Life Group

WEDNESDAY – May 15, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
11:00 am Men’s Dementia Care Givers Group
12:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Men’s Group
5:45 pm Parent Connect
5:45 pm Kids Carnival
6:00 pm Adult Study
6:15 pm Confirmation Celebration

THURSDAY – May 16, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
11:30 am Pastor David’s Men’s Group
1:30 pm New Life Bible Study
6:00 pm Mismatched Life Group
6:00 pm Modern Worship Rehearsal

FRIDAY – May 17, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 3 pm

SATURDAY – May 18, 2024

4:00 pm Blended Worship Rehearsal
5:30 pm Blended Worship

SUNDAY – May 19, 2024

8:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
9:00 am Modern Worship – Auditorium
Sunday School & Childcare Available
10:15 am Blended Worship – Sanctuary
Childcare Available
2:00 pm Wankler Piano Recital
6:15 pm Winkler Life Group