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# Tidings of Peace



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*Our Mission is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## Music Sunday June 9th During Worship

As Summer dawns upon us some things slow down, but before we do that it is time to celebrate the ministry of music here at Peace. The Senior Choir will share at least a couple of numbers. Lane Johnson and Kinley Johnson will present instrumental pieces. Of course, most of the service is a hymn sing as we blend the beautiful range of voices together as we unite together to praise God. Thank you to all who bless us with their musical gifts each Sunday including Meredith Farson and Eileen Chappell.



## Vote on Preschool Proposal Sunday, June 2nd after Worship

Three years or so ago, Tracy Johnson asked to visit with me to talk about a vision she had. Teaching and directing in different preschools has been her life's work. After Covid, a number of the private centers did not open up again. She had been thinking. She had been praying. This church has been her spiritual home since she was a child. Our mission statement which is at the top of the page was on her heart. If we take a step in faith, we could make and nurture young kids and their families by starting a preschool. Along with the alphabet and numbers, they could learn about and experience Jesus. That alone would be enough, but what if this church built a relationship with these families? Some might come to claim this place as their spiritual home. Tracy continued to pray. I prayed. We prayed together. A few others saw the possibilities. That started a journey that led to some exploration.

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- Sponsorships for the Luke Fox Run and the Waldo Community Pool.
- Junior High Youth Group "Mini-Camp"
- Upcoming worship themes and June activities.

**Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.**

**Psalm 25:5**

**Dear God, mold me into your image and likeness. Please cover me with your protection and fill me with your strength as I go about my days.**

## Worship Themes

Date	Scripture	Theme
6-2	Mark 2:23-3:6	Sabbath Keeping
6-9	Mark 3:20-35	Who is on the Lord's Side?
6-16	Mark 4:26-34	Just A Little Will Do (Mustard Seed)
6-23	Mark 5:35-41	Jesus Calms the Storm
6-30	Mark 5:21-43 *Fifth Sunday Mission	Jesus Heals

## "Mission Moment" Sunday, June 9th



The "Run for Luke Fox" is quickly approaching on Saturday, July 20th. This year the donations raised will go to a special organization called "My DMD Hero." It is a non-profit group that was started by Pastor Chris Andrews. Like the Fox family, this disease is a personal issue for the Andrews family. They have 2 boys of their own, Brock (*bottom right*) and Graham (*top left*) who have Duchenne and require wheelchairs to navigate each day. They are on Medicare/Medicaid because of their condition, but sadly were denied coverage for this basic medical equipment. This is when Chris, a devoted father realized his family was not alone. This lead him to begin a non-profit organization named "My DMD Hero" (after his own boys). Through this group and funds raised at runs like the one for Luke, families receive financial assistance from "My DMD Hero" as they also raise their own funds to equip their children with the medical equipment they so desperately need. Pastor Chris will be with on June 9th to give a 5-10 minute presentation about the work of "My DMD Hero."



For more information go to: <https://www.mydmdhero.com/>



- **Fresh Produce Giveaway on Friday, June 7th from 9-11 a.m.** at All Occasions.
- **Community Drive Thru Dinner on Tuesday, June 25th** at St. Paul's Lutheran, Waldo.

## June Events

Wednesday, June 5th  
**Coffee and Conversations with Pastor Joel @ 10:30 a.m.**

Saturday, June 15th  
**Men's Breakfast** from 9-11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19th  
**Lunch Bunch** will travel to **Der Dutchman in Plain City**. For those who would like to car pool from the church, meet here by 10:30 a.m. Otherwise, meet us at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m..

### Items for St. Paul's Free Food Distribution

June- Toothpaste/Toothbrush Combo

July- Laundry Detergent

*Please bring to our church by the last Sunday of the month.*

### Prayer Chain

Call the Church Office  
Text or Call Pastor Joel  
(740) 225-8472

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Prayers continued and we began to take some initial first steps to discover if this space was even feasible to house a preschool. We got in contact with a local architect who did a walk through and helped Tracy and I understand what the standards were and multiple ways of gaining approval. He measured and drew an electronic version from our original blue prints. The consistory also approved the installation of a new fire system that would be compliant with the use of our building. The one in the office had not functional for over 20 years and could no longer be serviced.

Over the last couple of months, we were able to get some more complete information and a good faith estimate regarding the cost of such a project. **This allows us to bring that information to you on Sunday, June 9th at a congregational meeting following worship.** Tracy will give a presentation and the congregation will have the opportunity to decide whether or not the preschool proposal continues.

*The insert in this newsletter answers frequently asked questions and a budget. This is a somewhat abridged version. A 2 page information sheet is also available via e-mail or at the Communication Center.*



## Jr. High Mini-Camp



Pastor Joel will join 3 of our youth (Lane Johnson, Kinley Johnson and Tristan Fetter) along with Pastor Jennifer and 3 youth from St. Paul's Lutheran.

In our busy world, rest can feel like one more thing that there is no time for, but in Hebrews 4, we are reminded that God intended rest as a gift for all people. This mini-camp will provide space to lean into practices of rest, during this formative period in their faith development. Our focus during this retreat will be to learn about active rest through play, explore spiritual practices, enjoy fellowship, and worship together. There will also be opportunities for swimming, kayaking, low ropes, archery, climbing wall, hiking, ziplining, campfires and much more.

*The funding for this trip was graciously provided by the Mission Trip Endowment Fund.*

## Helping Beyond Our Walls

One of the opportunities we have is to be a good community partner. This is one way that we put the love of Jesus into action and live out our mission *to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ*. Within the last month or so we have been able to respond to a couple financial requests from our community. In both cases, we were able to donate \$500. This first is to be a proud sponsor of the **Luke Fox Run**, which is part of the Waldo Summer Festival. This raises money for My DND Hero (*see page 2 for more details*). The other is to be a supporter of the **Waldo Community Pool**. This provides a safe, fun place for people of all ages to enjoy the summer weather and the cool, refreshing water.