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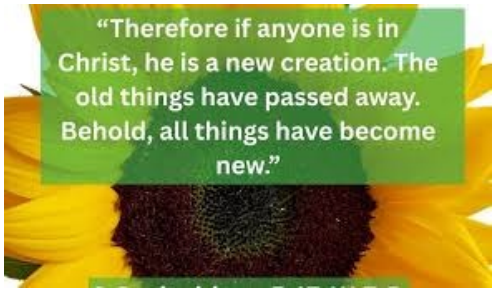
MISSION STATEMENT:

Celebrating and Sharing God's Love for All

VISION STATEMENT:

Peace Lutheran Church is a welcoming, worshipping and witnessing community in Jesus Christ through whom healing, wellness, love and peace are offered unconditionally to all.

Food For Thought



I want to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers, who have stepped up to the plate and done so much to help the worship services go smoothly, and to the many that have helped with the general administration, cleaning and fixing the church building and property, especially during the past year and a half. Thank you to Pastors Dennis, Lowell and Rasma for your wonderful and meaningful sermons and services during this time of transition.

Speaking of transition, our church is slowly transitioning into a new church year and a new beginning with Pastor Nic. Pastor Nic will do his first service with us at Peace on November 8th! Please come and welcome him! Our church Year A will conclude on Christ the King Sunday, November 22nd and Year B will begin on Sunday, November 29th, which is the 1st of Advent! Pastor Nic will be installed on November 29th at 3 pm with a reception following the service. You are all invited to attend.

A new pastor brings a fresh season of leadership, vision, and relational dynamics to the congregation. Different preaching styles, leadership priorities, and approaches to ministry will naturally emerge after the "Honeymoon" phase. This initial period provides a window of goodwill and openness where the church congregants and the pastor build trust with each other. It is an opportunity to re-engage -- where members can renew their commitment to serving, praying, and participating in church life. **Let us welcome Pastor Nic and try to make it easier for him to remember our names by wearing our name tags, not just on the first Sunday of each month, but at least during the month of November.** Let our gestures of goodwill offer Pastor Nic a period of grace and support during his adjustment to his new church family, a new home, learning a new community culture and living in a new province!

The best way to start a new beginning, though, and truly transform your life is by turning to God and the Bible. As we enter the new church season of Advent, we can make Christian-focused Resolutions that, with the use of prayer and scripture, we can make sure they stick. Need some ideas for your resolutions?

What does the Bible say about new beginnings?

God's word is filled with wonderful advice about how to change your life. In fact, the New Testament is a treasure trove when it comes to Bible verses about new beginnings, with Jesus' sacrifice on the cross saving humanity from sin — and opening the door for personal change.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

As a community in Christ, we gather together in service and fellowship to discern the call of our Christian faith. Strengthened by Word and Sacrament, we are always seeking creative ways to enrich our community, both locally and globally.

Our congregation is defined largely by its warm and friendly people, a vibrant intergenerational mix of young families, youth and adults. Come as you are!

We invite you to be part of our community. We hope that you will find your time here nourishing and energizing. We look forward to learning from you as well. We listen! We care!

Our church is open! We are offering in-person worship services, livestream worship services at 10:30 a.m. or you can watch the services anytime through YouTube. Please join us! Coffee Hour is available after our worship services.

May the love of God and the Peace of Christ find you here and wherever you are! May the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in your heart always!

Office Hours:

Someone will answer the phone on a part time basis through the week to assist with calls and drop-in's. Please leave a message or email and someone will respond:

Office Tel: (905) 839-3521, or: peacelutheran.plc@gmail.com

There is a Care Team visiting shut-in's along with Pastor Nic. Please contact the office if you would like to receive a visit from the team.

Welcome to Peace—Pastor Nic

Food for Thought (cont)

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV) tells us that accepting Christ allows us to push away our "former way of life" and to push aside our "old self." This includes the negative attitudes and "deceitful desires" that sometimes creep into the human conscience. Accepting Jesus and embarking on a quest to live like Him helps to transform each individual into a better person. This is a time of reflection, renewal, and setting intentions rooted in faith.

There are many bible verses about new beginnings offering hope, inspiration, and guidance as we step into a fresh season with God's promises in mind.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) *"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"*

This is one of the most powerful Bible verses about new beginnings. This verse reminds us that God's plans for us are full of hope and promise. As we set our "New Year" goals, trust that His guidance will lead us toward prosperity and peace.

As we start the new year, this Bible verse about new beginnings reminds us of the importance of giving thanks to God and praising Christ in all circumstances. Gratitude and worship are powerful ways to align our hearts with God's will as we step into a fresh season. We can look toward the new year with joy in our hearts, renewed faith, and excited anticipation of God's plans for our lives. It all starts with praising Him for all we have, for who He is, and for the new opportunities He places before us to grow spiritually and deepen our relationship with Him.

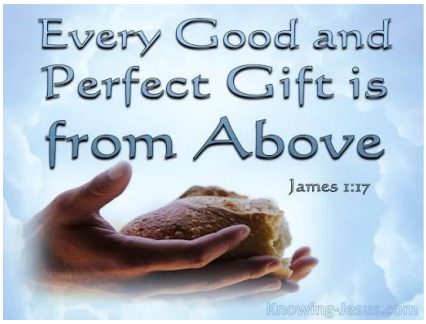
Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV) *"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."*

We are "made new" in Christ. Even if we have fallen into negative patterns, the new year is the time for new beginnings, a new change and a new season of resolutions. Rather than obsessing over trivial resolutions that may fade as life gets busy again, make a concerted effort to follow Jesus more closely each and every day. This is the best way to move forward with hope and on the best path forward.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

The Bible features key passages that focus on fresh starts, inner renewal, and God's promise to make all things new. You are a new creation in Jesus, with your old self being replaced with a new self

Food for Thought (cont.)



— one that is forgiven and, by embracing Christ's sacrifice, can live a totally fulfilled life in line with the Almighty.

James 1:17 (NIV) *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

Life often changes; chaos sometimes rages. But with God we have consistency. The Lord never changes — something to keep in mind as you seek a new beginning. This Bible verse tells us that God is good and that He has a plan for our lives. Let's remember that as we seek to move forward in a positive light in the advent of a new year. Seek permanence only in the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

This encouraging Bible verse offers comfort and reassurance as we face the unknown, reminding us to rely on God's unchanging love and guidance. Each day brings uncertainty, but this scripture urges us to place our trust in the Lord and His perfect plan for our lives. As we step into our new church season with our new Pastor, let this verse inspire you to surrender your fears, lean on God's promises, and embrace a new beginning filled with faith and hope.

Peace and blessings to you this season of new beginnings,

Your Sister in Christ, Rosie

Footnote: Parts taken from Great American Journal Pure Flix, "17 Inspiring Bible Verses about new beginnings for the new year" by Billy Hallowell dated December 17, 2024

Upcoming Events

Sun., November 1, 2026, 10:30 am	**-**	**Pastor Rasma (Communion)** **All Saints and Name Tag Sunday**
Sun., Nov. 8, 2026, 10:30 am	**-**	**Pastor Nic's first service at Peace (Communion)** **Name Tag Sunday**
Sun., Nov. 15, 2026, 10:30 am	**-**	**Pastor Nic (Communion)** **Name Tag Sunday**
Sun., Nov. 22, 2026, 10:30 am	**-**	**Pastor Nic (Communion)** **Christ The King & Name Tag Sunday**
Wed., Nov. 25, 2026, 12 noon	**-**	**Congregational Lunch**
Sun., Nov. 29, 2026, 10:30 am	**-**	**Pastor Nic (Communion & Holden services)** **1st Advent (Holden) & Name Tag Sunday**
Sun., Nov. 29, 2026, 3:00 pm	**-**	**Pastor David Tin presiding for Pastor Nic's Installation Service (Communion)** **Reception immediately to follow (Fellowship Hall)**
Sun., Dec. 6, 2026, 10:30 am	**-**	**Pastor Nic (Communion & Holden services)** **2nd Advent (Holden) & Name Tag Sunday** **Advent Potluck Lunch—Fellowship Hall**

PLC Sept. Financials (Not Approved)

Peace Lutheran Church of Bay Ridges

Statement of Activity

January-September, 2026

	Total
Revenue	
General Donations	$71,377.43
Rental Income	$58,528.03
Total for Revenue	**$129,905.46**
Gross Profit	**$129,905.46**
Expenditures	
5010 Benevolence	6,750.00
5100 Pastor's Remuneration	$6,671.45
5400 Pastor & Council Expenses	$874.20
5450 Office/General Administrative Expenses	$6,120.88
5500 Committee Expenses	$2,397.96
5600 Finance	$4,534.49
5700 Utilities	$7,660.61
5800 Property Expenses	$31,611.82
Bursary	1,600.00
Total for Expenditures	**$68,221.41**
PROFIT	**$61,684.05**

Reminder: Lena's Official Title

Follow Up and clarification: Last year in August, Lena Sievers was hired by PLC to be our "**Religious Worker"**. Her official title is "Discipleship Co-ordinator/Pastoral Assistant! Now that Pastor Nic is starting on November 2nd, please be informed that she will be working extensively with him as his assistant. Her current religious roles will continue in preparing services and the overhead slides, writing and producing the Children's Messages, being an integral part of the Care Team and Outreach Lunch and other numerous responsibilities in the office to ensure the ministry work can be performed.

We just want to clarify Lena's position is "Religious Worker" which implies a broader ministry and entails discipleship responsibilities above and beyond an Administrative Assistant. It would be inaccurate to say that Lena's role is Church Secretary. As a religious worker, Lena's responsibilities are much broader and diverse, but she is willing to take on whatever tasks are needed at a given time to support the church and its ministry.

Installation Service & Reception!



Worship Assistants List - November

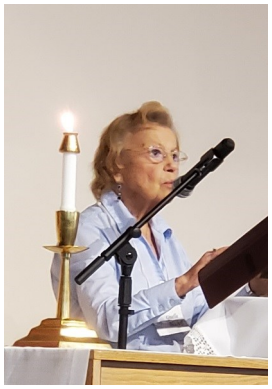
NOV 2026	A/M	READER	GREETERS & USHER	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	SERVERS	SERMON/ SERVICE	COFFEE HOUR
1	Sirkka	Fiona	Tapio	Janet/Claire	--	Sirkka & Janet	Pastor Rasma	Jemina
8	Karen L	Karen B	Gene	Lynne/Fiona	Tapio & Rosie	Karen/Janet	Pastor Nic	Lena & Sirkka
15	Giselle	Shari N	Lynne	Sirkka/Claire	--	Sirkka & Shakura	Pastor Nic	Colleen & Rainer
22	Elizabeth	Jemina	Rosie	Janet/Lynne	Rainer & Sirkka	Elizabeth & Janet	Pastor Nic	Joan & Wayne
29 AM	1st Advent Holden prayers	Shari N	Tapio	Rosie/Fiona	--	Fiona & Sirkka	Pastor Nic	No Coffee Hour
29 PM	Karen L	Ruth	Wayne	Joan/Claire	Janet & Rosie (do on Monday)	Karen L & Shakura	Pastors David & Nic	Installation Reception (Cong. Life)

ATTENTION: We need help! It is not hard to do! Please be a volunteer!

Worship Services - October





























Oct. Worship Services (cont.)






























PLC Volunteers

WE ARE BLESSED! Peace has many members that "don't have to be asked"! We collectively are "stepping up to the plate" and volunteer time and talents in our worship services and in maintaining and fixing up our church home. We have shared common values and purpose and we have people willing to be involved. Thanks to all volunteers who take pride in the church's upkeep and do things on their own or in consultation with others. Bless you, thank you!

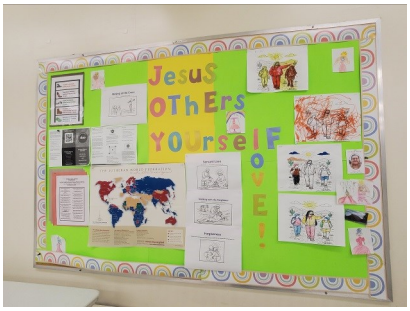














Thank you, Lena, for doing such a wonderful job in putting together the November Bulletin Board in the Narthex and to you and Sirkka for a wonderful Thanksgiving display! Thank you Elizabeth & Lena for doing a wonderful bulletin board display in the Fellowship Hall and the fall flower arrangement. Thank you Rosie for the TOBFC jigsaw puzzle display. Thank you to the "boys" for fixing the pavement and to Lucy & Tony for helping with the Outreach donation table! You are all amazing!

Bible Fun Time







Thank you Joel, for putting the "FUN" in Bible Fun Time for our children and youth!

You do such a wonderful job reading to them Bible stories, playing the guitar and singing songs, doing fun activities and more..

You are a blessing to all of us!

October Outreach Lunches including Thanksgiving









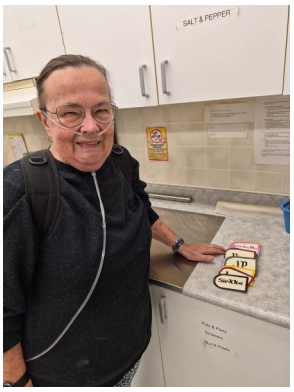
Above: Thanksgiving Outreach Lunch volunteers busy serving

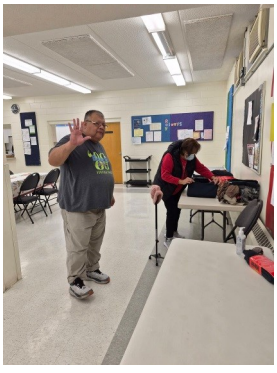
Below: Outreach Lunch & fall cleanup volunteers

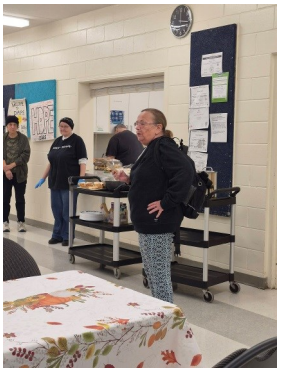
Well done everyone!











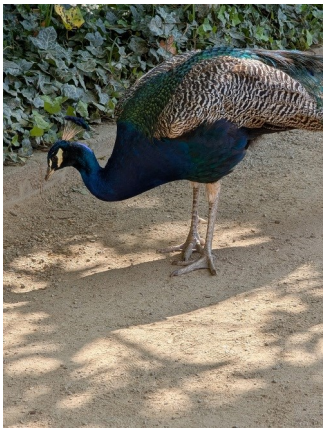




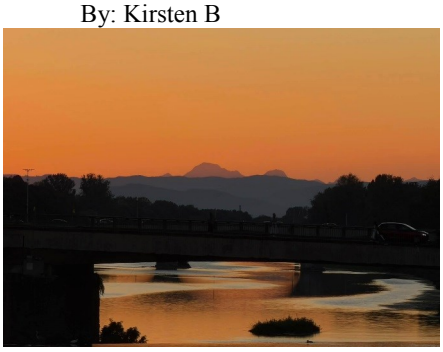
God's Creation


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By: Fiona H Sandhill Crane


By: Carol W

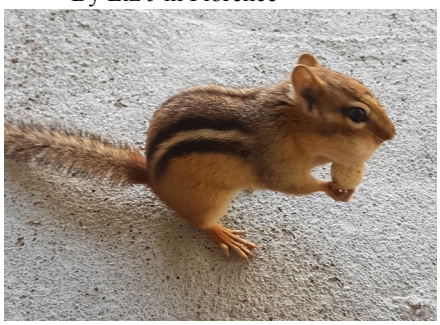

By: Kirsten B


By Liz J in Florence

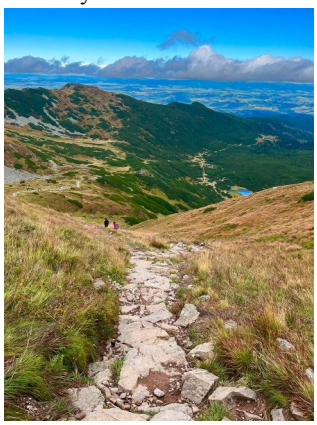

By: Janet V

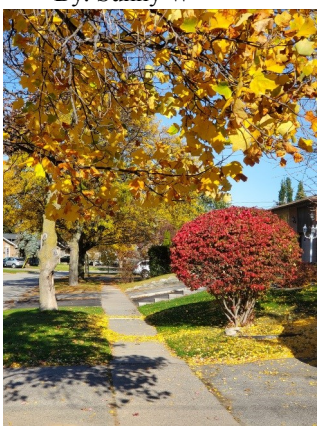

By Hilde W

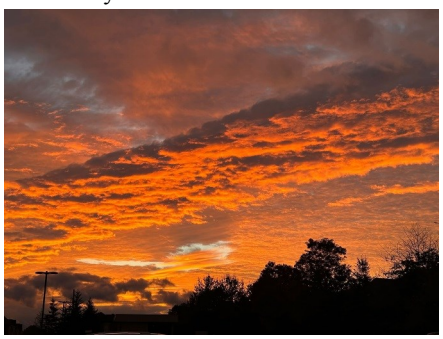

By: Sunny W


By Rosie L


By: Janet V


By: Kirsten (Poland)


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By: Steven K.


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By: Rosie FB friend

Workshop—Lead With Joy



A Morning of Learning and Fellowship

On Saturday, October 17, I had the pleasure of attending *Lead With Joy*, a workshop for assistant ministers held at Redeemer Lutheran Church and led by Pastor Ralph-Karl.

The morning offered a welcome opportunity for learning, reflection, and fellowship with others who participate in worship ministry. One thought that particularly stayed with me was Pastor Ralph-Karl's reminder, drawn from a resource for worship assistants, that those who serve in this role bring **strength, wisdom, and love** to worship. Assistant ministers serve alongside the pastor and congregation, helping to support the shared work of worship.



Another beautiful image, also shared from a worship resource, described worship as a bridge over which Christians carry their burdens to God each week. I found this a moving reminder of the importance of our gathering together, and of the many different ways we support one another in worship.

The morning also brought a wonderful and quite unexpected personal reunion. For me! Among those attending was Deaconess Janice Drew, whom I had not seen since 2008. That May, at Camp Lutherlyn, Janice and her husband, Pastor Michael Drew, had prayed with me as I considered an uncertain future career path. The very next day, I learned that I had been shortlisted for a teaching position in China.

That opportunity led not only to many years of teaching abroad, but also to an unexpected journey of faith, witness, and evangelism, encouraged and mentored by Pastor Mark Van House and Pastor Henry Fischer.

To meet Janice again, eighteen years later, in the little church at Redeemer, gathered around the ministry of worship, felt like a lovely coming full circle.

I am grateful to Pastor Ralph-Karl, Pastor Mike, and the people of Redeemer for their hospitality, and for a morning that reminded us of the joy of serving together.

Respectfully submitted by: Elizabeth Johns













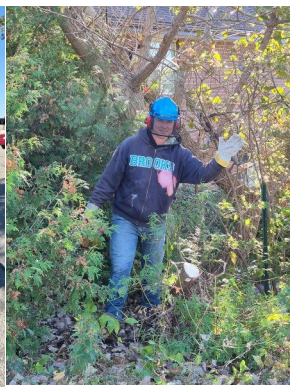
PLC Fall Cleanup—Oct. 24th!







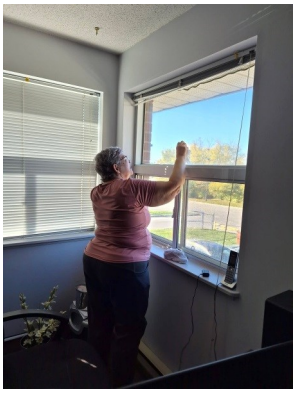










Thank you to all volunteers who helped with the fall clean up on October 24th! What an amazing job you all did!




Congregational Lunch



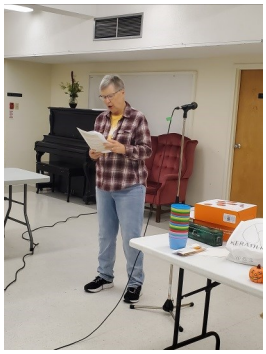




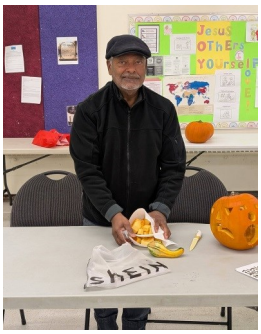












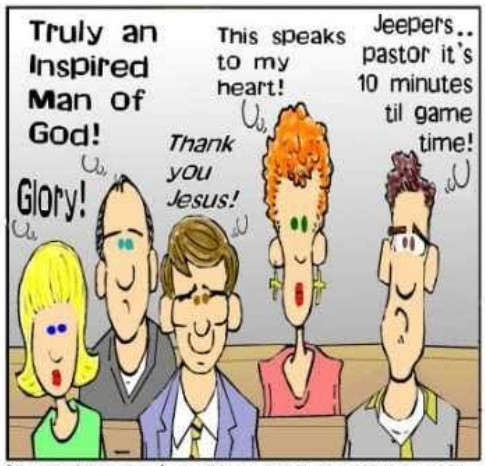








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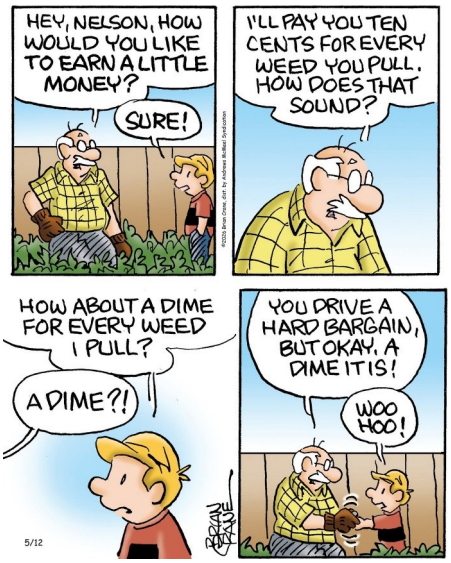


Pastor Johnson is a gifted speaker reaching each member of his congregation in a way that made you feel each sermon was just for you.

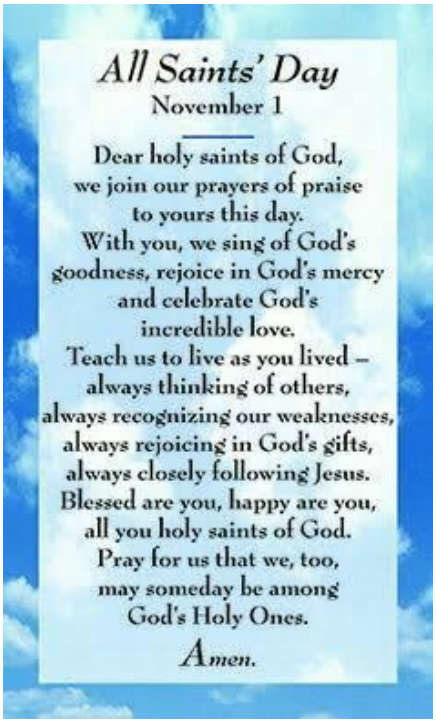


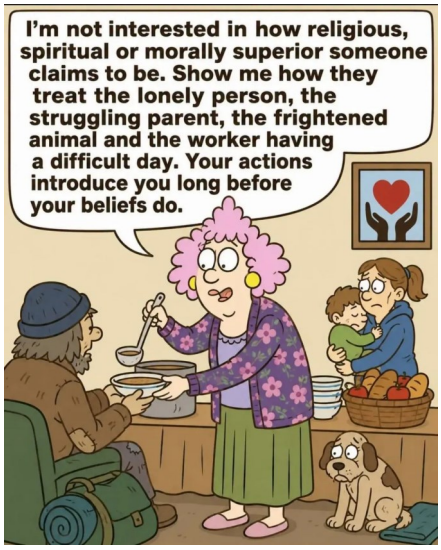






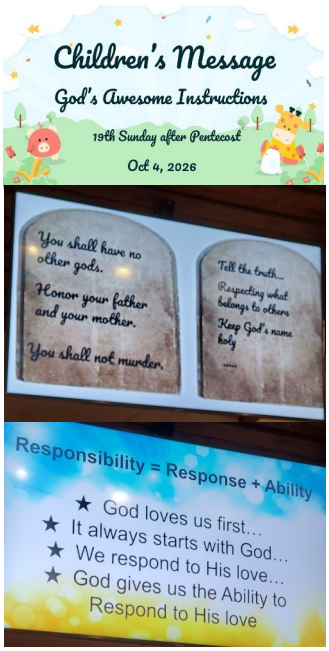
Inspirational Quotes

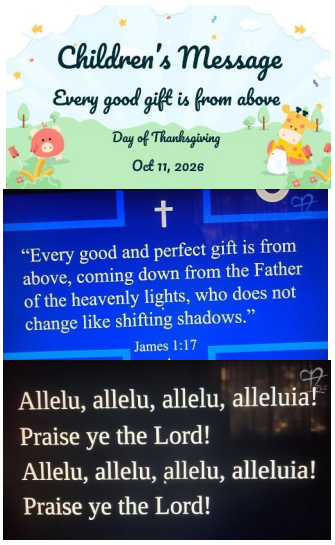




A Boy asked his Father:- Dad what is the size of GOD?
Then the Father looked up at the Sky and saw a Plane and asked his Son:- What is the size of this Plane?
The Boy replied:- it is very small. I can hardly see it. Then, the father took him to the airport and as they approached a plane, he asked: - Now, my Son, how big is this Plane?
The boy replied:- Wow dad, it's huge!
Then the father told him:- GOD's size depends on how close or far you are to him. The closer you are to him, the Greater and Greater he will be in your life!

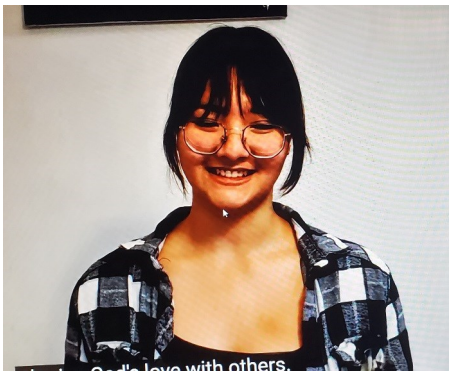
Children's Message













Coffee Hour



Thank you to all who volunteer to make coffee after service on Sundays. Just a reminder, please come at 10 am to set up, make the coffee and set out your "treats". Remember to bring the cream and milk.

Again, thank you for your faithful service!

Lena, Sirkka and Colleen

Next Month:

If you have any articles, upcoming church events, pictures, jokes, poems, inspirational messages, Peace History, special events or a personal celebration that you would like included in our PLC newsletter for the month of **December, 2026**, please submit them to Rosie (rosielanch@hotmail.com) by **Nov. 24th.**

Peace and blessings, Rosie

