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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Friends of Peace,

I hope your summer is a great one. We have some exciting events planned for our family including a Fourth of July celebration, the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo and extra time with family. What do you have planned?

Whatever you do, consider thinking of this summer as one extended Sabbath—a rest. God knew that this was a healthy and good way for us to live, so He gave us the commandment: “For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a Sabbath of rest to the Lord” (Ex. 35:2).

In the Hebrew, Sabbath, literally means “stop or cease”. In Old Testament times it required God’s people to cease from any kind of work or regular activity. Yes, believe it or not, the markets were shut down! Yes, normal daily activities like washing and cleaning were put on hold. And yes, running errands, collecting food supplies for the week were stopped. Jewish culture developed strict boundaries so that these activities ceased.

Times have changed—I get it. Work schedules are more frenetic and unpredictable. Most

people are supposed to be available for communication even on their days off. In many families both parents work and the weekend is an important part of catching up with all the other things that must be done. Many children and youth activities are now intentionally planned for the weekend. We have totally lost, at least in North America, one of the original intentions of the third commandment. I do think that we are suffering because of it. What can you do this summer to bring back the idea of cessation? Maybe it is no TV after dinner—instead, you enjoy conversation with an old friend? Maybe it is carving out one afternoon a week to journal? I strongly encourage you to think intentionally about this—I know that I am for our family.

The idea of Sabbath really took on a whole other meaning when Jesus came. Jesus became the point of the Sabbath. Jesus himself once proclaimed, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (Matt. 12:8).” What Jesus was saying was that the stopping and ceasing of Old Testament ritual now had a more defined purpose. The stopping and ceasing should be done in order to reflect upon God’s work through His Son—Jesus.

Consider the Sabbath as a marriage date with God. People in growing marriages continue to

date just as they did before they got married. They take time in conversation to explore their partner’s joys and challenges. They find recreational activities that they each will enjoy. Sometimes it requires nothing more than just hanging out.

Jesus is the great Lover of our souls. Jesus yearns to have fun with us, just hang out with us, to enjoy conversation through prayer. The Pharisees wanted a Sabbath that was about obligation, a burden, nothing more than duty. Jesus wanted the Sabbath to be about an encounter with the Lover of our souls.

How can you transform Sabbath from an obligation to an impactful encounter with Jesus? I understand that this is a loaded question, but when answered, it has the power to transform us for our whole lives.

Let your rest be meaningful this summer! It is a great privilege to be serving you as pastor. Thank you for sharing your life with me (I Thessalonians 2:8).

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Lucke





Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for July:

July 5:

Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12:

Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19:

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44

July 26:

Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

Guidelines for Sharing Control Through Choices

By Jim Fay

- Never give a choice on an issue that might cause a problem for you or for anyone else.
- For each choice, give only two options, each of which will be OK with you.
- If the child doesn't decide in ten seconds, decide for him or her.
- Only give choices that fit with your value system.

Some Love and Logic Examples of Little Choices

1. Would you like to wear your coat or carry it?
2. Are you going to clean the garage or mow the lawn this week?
3. Will you have these chores done tomorrow? Or do you need an extra day to get them finished?
4. Are you having peas or carrots as your vegetable tonight?
5. Are you going to bed now? Or would you like to wait 15 minutes?
6. Can you stay with us and stop that, or do you need to leave for a while and come back when you are sweet?
7. Are you going to put your pajamas on first or brush your teeth first?
8. Will you be home at 10:00? Or do you need an extra half hour with your friends?
9. Are you guys going to stop bickering? Or would you rather pay me for having to hear it?

Pictorial Directory

"Who is that person sitting over there?" "Is that person visiting new here?" "I think I've seen that person before, but I just can't come up with their name!" I have at different times heard these exact statements and questions made at Peace in recent months. It is wonderful to be adding people into our church family.

To put it simply, we need a new Peace Lutheran pictorial directory. With all of the new people, a new pictorial directory would go far in uniting us as a church family. If you would like to serve on the pictorial directory committee please contact Todd Muhly or Pastor Lucke. If you have software and/or expertise in taking pictures let us know as we would like to keep this project in-house. Our desire is to have the pictures taken in September!

Sometimes you make your choices, but sometimes, it's your choices that make you.

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
05/24/2015	91	Offering	\$1,561.00
05/31/2015	96	Offering	\$1,699.00
06/07/2015	105	Offering	\$5,425.00
06/14/2015	86	Offering	\$2,154.00