

# October TIDINGS

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*"Peace United Church of Christ is a multigenerational community of faith. We welcome people of all ages, races, and life situations to join with us in service."*

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## From the "Pen" of Pastor Paula

### FOR OCTOBER TIDINGS:

#### INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PARTNERS U.S. & TANZANIA

"Trusting God. Following the teachings of Jesus Christ to one another is what makes life worth living. It is what we are here to do." Paula Lofstrom, RN and Managing Director of IHP, U.S. & Tanzania.  
"Tunashukuru sana!" (We are very grateful!) David West, Board Member & son of Paula Lofstrom.

Paula Lofstrom and David West will be in our midst Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th to share their journeys as part of International Health Partners U.S. & Tanzania.

HOW IT BEGAN: the late Dr. Dennis Lofstrom, his wife, Paula and Mary Kitundu RN answered God's call to bring health care to underserved people in Tanzania in 2002 when Askofu (Bishop) Gideon Maghine asked them to restore Iambi Lutheran Hospital. This is located near Singida where I served a pastoral internship. The late Askofu Maghine was my supervisor and very active in the work of IHP until his death a few years ago. By 2006, the Iambi Hospital was seeing an average of 110 patients a day and 80-90% occupancy in the rehabilitated hospital. It was turned over to the Lutheran church, fully staffed, equipped and self-sustaining.

AND THE WORK CONTINUES: in 2006, IHP began building Nyakato Health Center near Mwanza in the East of Lake Victoria diocese (Lutheran). From 2006-2012, the clinic saw 120 patients a day and 122,000 active charts and is now self-sustaining.

In 2007, IHP founded St. John's University School of Nursing in Dodoma with an average of 130 nurses a year graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a total of 1400 students in various healthcare programs.

Tanzania has 22 million children under 15 years of age. IHP built the first children's hospital in Zinga on the coast of the Indian Ocean, opening in 2016. It is now self-sustaining.

TODAY: the newest project is a new medical facility in Chihoni, 24 miles northwest of Dodoma in central Tanzania. In that area, the greatest underserved need is for women's health services and resources for the elderly.

PEACE UCC CONNECTION: for the past couple of years, the Peace Church Endowment Fund has sent financial support to IHP. Now we, along with the general public, have an opportunity to hear Paula's and David's stories as well as admire and buy Tanzanian handicrafts to support the latest facility at Chihoni. There will be a presentation and potluck following worship on the 26th.

Thank you in advance to the Giffords and Pastors Mark and Margaret for providing housing! More details to follow! KARIBUNI SANA! You are all very welcome!!!

### **YES! THE RUMORS ARE TRUE!**

Pastor Paula is moving to a first floor apartment in a house between Cedar Suites and the Archive. NEEDED & APPRECIATED: help in the move which will happen the last week of October. Will have a more definite date soon (but it won't be during the last weekend due to the sharehe/party for Paula and Denny!)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9am - Worship	29 Office hours 9am - 2:30pm	30 Office hours 9am - 2:30pm	1 Office hours 9am - 2:30pm 3pm - Stephen Ministers 5:30pm - Bells 6:30pm - Choir 6:30pm - Confirmation	2 Pastor in office 9am - noon 2pm - PeaceMakers	3 Office closed	4
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# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2025



Fall is upon us and farmers will be harvesting their crops... so getting a take out to thank those hard working farmers from the Hog Roast is just what they need. October 5 from 4 pm to 7 pm we will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, salads, delicious desserts and beverages. **FREE WILL DONATION.** We are also having a silent auction. Beautiful quilts will be up for silent bidding online now until September 4 at midnight. We will continue the bidding in person at the Hog Roast from 4-6. There will be other great items to bid on at the Hog Roast as well. (No online bidding for those items) We even have a 2011 Chevy Cruise compact car that will be at the Hog Roast for bidding. Please check out our Facebook page for your opportunity to bid on those beautiful quilts!

I appreciate all the support I have received during my health struggles. One day at a time! October 11 there will be a benefit to help offset the cost of my medical expenses. I welcome all of you to attend. UTV ride begins at 10 am. Meal will start at noon. Cornhole (Bags) starts at 1:30pm. Games, music and fun all at St. John's Lutheran Church in Farmersburg.

### **Clothing Center Updates:**

The thrift store is looking amazing. We have transitioned from summer to fall/winter. If you would like to donate, please schedule a day for the drop off. We will not be accepting spring/summer stuff until March.

My volunteers have been a wonderful asset to Shepherd of the Hills. They come not only to work, but we have a blast and laughter fills the room. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me. We are very flexible and appreciate whatever time you are willing to give us.

### **Shepherd Conference News:**

If your church would like to hear more about what Shepherd of the Hills is and what we do, please let me know. I am willing to come and talk during your church service. I love to spread the news of the great things we do for the community, those in need and our youth. We have

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities and our sponsored events throughout the year

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

### **IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:**

**Hog Rost Fundraiser**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-7pm**  
**St. Olaf Auditorium**  
**(In-person dining and take outs available)**

**Christmas for Kids**  
**December 17-18**

\*Any event may be subject to change

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# Prayer Requests

Bob, Cheryl, Greg Anderson, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Deb Dennler, Wayne & Kim Frentress, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Ruth Grau, Penny Jacobson, Dee Koehn, Jerry Koons, Joyce M, Pat M., Ruth Olson, Elaine Radloff, Ruth Grau, Sharon Reichert, Father James, Fred, Elaine Possehl, Roger; Sam; Dalen Moser; Sandra Kramer, Jane I

## Care Center/Assisted Living Residents

Karen Glesne, Joyce Hoth, Ruth Grau, Ruth Olson,

### WORSHIP OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

	Offering	Attend
9/7/25	\$3,470.00	53
9/14/25	\$1,735.00	54
9/21/25	\$525.00	57
9/28/25		

## Bread for the Journey

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22 **GREEN**

Lam 1:1-6 and Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137 or

Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps 37:1-9

2 Tim 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

**Free to Grieve**

Neighbors in Need Offering | World Communion Sunday

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 23 **GREEN**

Jer 29:1, 4-7 and Ps 66:1-12 or

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Ps 111

2 Tim 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

**Planting Life**

Access Sunday | Disabilities Awareness Week

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24 **GREEN**

Jer 31:27-34 and Ps 119:97-104 or

Gen 32:22-31 and Ps 121

2 Tim 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

**Ask Boldly; Live Justly**

Children's Sabbath | Laity Sunday

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25 **GREEN**

Joel 2:23-32 and Ps 65 or

Sirach 35:12-17 or Jer 14:7-10, 19-22 and Ps 84:1-7

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

**Just Worship**

United Church of Christ Higher Education Sunday

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Due to patient privacy laws, pastors are not notified when parishoners are hospitalized unless parishoners or family members ask that the pastor be notified. When contacting Pastor Paula in regard to a person who is hospitalized, please indicate which hospital. If the hospital is some distance away, Pastor Paula will contact chaplaincy services there.

**Contact information:** Church: 563-245-2126  
Landline Home phone: 563-245-8022 Cell phone (flip, not smart phone): 1-618-292-5105 DO NOT TEXT

8 Morgan Jacobson, Aaron Fangman, Ann McCorkindale  
10 Lillian Nold  
12 Fank Phippen  
13 Betty Marmann, Lynn Schaefer  
22 Maury Glesne, Kurt Dennler, and Susan Palas  
24 Chuck Morine  
25 David Kobliska  
26 Lori Bunting  
27 Diane Finley  
28 Becky Olson, Emily Wiedner  
29 29 Karen Glesne, Joe Chapman



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerald & Arlene Reimer 10/2, Brett & Lannette Schutte 10/12, Steve & Ann McCorkindale 10/14, Kenny & Penni Leonard 10/26

# TIME AND TALENT

## Opening/Closing

10/5/25 Bruce Landis  
10/12/25 Dean & Joanne Gray  
10/19/25 Sue Stott  
10/26/25 Gary Kuehl

## Usher/Greeter

10/5/25 Dean & Joanne Gray  
10/12/25 Florence Gifford  
10/19/25 voluneers needed  
10/26/25 Kim Frentress

## Reader

10/5/25 Steve McCorkindale  
10/12/25 Sue Gnagy  
10/19/25 Kristina Bente  
10/26/25 Laura Moser

## Fellowship

10/5/25 McCorkindales  
10/12/25 Volunteer Needed  
10/19/25 Volunteer Needed  
10/26/25 Volunteer Needed

## Communion Prep & Clean Up

10/5/25 Bruce Landis

## Food Shelf Donation Driver

Penni Leonard

If you cannot volunteer for the date, please call or email the office.

Thank you for volunteering!



# FALL FESTIVAL KICKOFF 2025



Meet Diane Finley. She has made 100 stocking hats to sell as our first phase of fundraising.

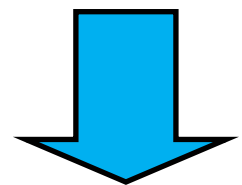


These are some of  
Diane's friends



Two sizes are available:  
baby/toddler or  
children/adult in an  
assortment of colors for  
only \$8 each

Future hats!



Hats will be on display at **Peace Church** from **Sunday, October 5 – Sunday, October 26.**

Consider purchasing a hat—or a bundle—to donate to a charitable group!

For questions, call the church office at **563-245-2126.**

Thank you, Diane, for sharing your time and talent with us!



# Fall Festival 2025

## Silent Auction

**The committee needs your help to make this a success!**

**Donations may be brought to the church office**

**October 5 – October 26.**

**Ideas include:**

- **Give someone a ride to an appointment**
- **Clean a vehicle inside and out**
- **Cook a meal for a couple or group**
- **Organize a kitchen cupboard**
- **Host a ladies' day out**

Use your creativity—unique gifts are welcome!

**Bidding: November 9 – November 23 (ending at 2:00 p.m.)**

**View and bid at Peace Church or on our Facebook page.**

**\*\*\*\*In November, church members will receive a letter from the Fall Festival Planning Committee with more details.**



## Dinner Menu

**Ham, meatballs, cheesy potatoes, salads, desserts, lemonade and milk**

**Join us on Sunday, November 23**

*\*subject to change\**

Committee Members: Pastor Paula Anderson, Diane Dennler, Kim Frentress, Michelle Gifford, Gene Glawe, Sheri Glawe, Marlis Huinker, Susan Johnson, Penni Leonard, Becky Meisner (new church secretary), Sue Stott, Sharon Taylor, Lois Weber, and Jane Wilke

## Council Minutes for 9-11-2025

**Present:** Mike Anderson, Donna Buckman, Steve Mc Corkindale, Pastor Paula Anderson, Marlis Huinker, Elaine Martin, Dean Gray.

Mike called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Pastor Paula provided devotions. Mike asked for approval of the August minutes, Marlis made a motion to approve seconded by Donna, motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Income down \$3500 and expenses up \$1500. Concerned about significant increase in electrical bill, Marlis has been pursuing an explanation from Alliant. Plan to make line item header adjustments to the financial worksheet to include a change in the line for Bell Choir donations to also include Stephen Ministry and Grace Cafe. Also adjusted header in Office expenses to Telephone/Internet/ and Website. In the Finance/ Memorial section adjusting a line item header for Memorial Disbursements. Also received a \$1500 adjustment from Access for an overpayment of the copy machine. Plan to place another ad in INDEED for music director in September. Still waiting for the new Commerce credit card, may consider going with Freedom Bank, Marlis made a motion to move to a Freedom Bank credit card, seconded by Donna, motion carried. Steve moved to approve the financial report, Donna seconded. Motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** In the past month, Pastor Paula has participated 3 clergy text study, prep for 3 Sunday worship (bulletins and sermons), Tidings article, miscellaneous secretarial duties, helping with Becky's orientation, calls, emails and visitations, Elkader Care Center Service, prep for confirmation, Fall Festival meeting, and meeting with those interested in restarting Seekers. Steve moved to approve the pastor's report, Donna seconded.

**Building and Grounds:** Dave Dennler will be here the week of the 9th to install basement windows in the parsonage. The tree by parsonage needs trimming, hitting the church, John Thompson will be contacted. The lawn mower was repaired by Cletus Keppler from Royal Products.

**Worship and Altar:** Outdoor service on the 31st was successful, the sound system worked great, 32 people attended.

**Christian Education:** Confirmation will start 9-10 for Cooper Burns

**Missions:** In August we served 77 meals, We were able to donate \$250 to the Central School Caring Closet. Next Grace Cafe, Sept 18th. Planning for the donations from the September and October meals going to the Central School lunch program. The school office will put money towards students that need lunch for the day or towards student families that have fallen behind. The date for the Fall Festival will be November 23rd, planning to serve ham and meatballs, salad and desserts.

**Memorial:** Christmas light displays have arrived. Proposal for the purchase of Bell Choir music was moved and seconded by Steve and Dean motion was approved. The Council would like the Memorial committee to explore electronic sign options.

**Old Business: Phones:** 2-line phone system purchased and was installed by Becky and Paula, church currently has 1 line which will meet the current need of the office. **Becky's Background check:** waiting for results **INDEED:** plan to place an ad in September for music director.

**New Commerce credit card:** waiting for it to arrive

**New Business: Salary for interim Bell and vocal music director,** will be \$125 monthly for each, starting in June (Sue Gnagy has asked not to be paid) **Review Insurance coverage:** yearly questionnaire needs to be completed, Marlis and Steve will complete. **Pastor relocation:** Pastor's current apartment building has been sold, a downstairs one level apt has been secured for \$800 a month across from old Miller dairy. The planned move will be at the end of October.

The next meeting is October 13th at 5:30.

Dean made the motion to adjourn at 6:43, Donna seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine Martin, Council Secretary



# hello OCTOBER

Sign up for Weekly Volunteer  
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this QR Code



## **AN INVITATION FROM THE SEEKERS:**

***Dr. Carol Grau, Eric's wife and daughter-in-law of Ruth Grau is speaking for the Seekers' group at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Kingston Court in the Elkader Care Center so that Ruth can also attend.***

**Donations over food costs for October GRACE Café Meals will go towards the Central School Lunch Program. Let's feed the kids!**

### ***Kitchen Items needed***

As our cooking in our church kitchen is growing, with our cooking bigger meals monthly, we have found a few things we could use in the kitchen. One of the things is we could use 2 large fry pans/skillets (electric is fine as is stove non-stick). We also could use 2 to 4 more glass 9x13 cake pans. We could also use a few more dish cloths and large bowls (32 cup or bigger). Remember we are cooking for a large group of people. Isn't that wonderful!

## **Grace Café**

At our September Grace Café supper, we served walking tacos to 64 people and we were able to donate \$150 to the Central School Lunch program. Thank you! We are raising money again in October for the school lunch program. A Central meal for a student cost is \$2.70 for elementary students and \$2.90 junior high and high school students. This is a place where parents can and do sometimes fall behind. This is also a place where we can and should help. Our founder of Grace Café, John Cantwell, wanted to feed people who needed help. Let's make him proud.

Our October Grace Café meal will be October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6:30pm. We will be serving pork tenderloin roast, cheesy hashbrown casseroles, green beans (from Dean and Nicole's garden), salad and peach crisp (from Joanne's peach trees). There is no charge for this meal but should you decide to put something in the basket, the proceeds over food costs go towards Peace UCC Mission work. (This month is school lunches). We do provide takeouts and will deliver within city limits. Come and join us!

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## **October 2025**

### **November Tidings Deadline**

***November tidings newsletter deadline will be Monday, October 25***