God’s Ultimate Gift of Restoration

“Now this is what the Lord says. He created you, people of Jacob; he formed you, people of Israel. He says, “Don’t be afraid, because I have saved you. I have called you by name, and you are mine.” – Isaiah 43:1 (NCV)

Let us start with a question: What will you be more likely to take greater care of? Something you own? Or something that is not yours?

This might be a slippery slope question type of question, however, as one hears the words of our Lord through the prophet Isaiah, it is a question that does bring a great deal of comfort.

As God plainly states through Isaiah, people that have been created and are being blessed and cared for by God have no reason to fear. Why? Because they belong to God! They are owned fully by Him. With His mighty power, the Lord created them. By His amazing grace, He has brought them back to Himself through the innocent suffering and death of His beloved Son Jesus! You, my friend in Christ, are doubly owned!  

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God, as the Owner of all things by virtue of creation, sees you as a treasured possession. He promises never to hold out on you. He may not make you stupendously wealthy, incredibly intelligent or dashingly beautiful. But you do have the sure and certain promise that God IS with you.

As one contemplates the simple gifts our Lord gives and how we might be called to share them with his Church, we need not fear. We have His promise that He will be with us. For this reason, we can indeed be extravagantly generous! We have the Lord’s promise! He will not abandon us.

The faithful stewardship and generosity to which we are called is to be an acknowledgment of our trust in His promises. It is not always easy. But this is the stewardship to which we have been called. It is not about us. It is all about the One who owns us! In Him we believe. In Him we trust. In Him we have no reason to fear. Because Of Him, we are free to be faithful stewards of all He has. It is for His glory!

A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,

Have a Happy Valentine’s Day! May the love of God shine in your hearts so vividly that you feel His loving and healing presence and that you become a Valentine for everyone you meet!

Jackie Pilan

PS: The deadline for March’s “Peace Lutheran Messenger” is Thursday, February 20.

“A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.”
—Denis Waitley

“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.”
—Anne Lamott

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A Message from Our Principal...

Every February, we celebrate Presidents’ Day on the third Monday. As explained to our students at school, Presidents’ Day helps us honor American history and the presidents who have served the United States, celebrated in the birthday month of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

We remember Presidents Washington and Lincoln as great people for good reason. They were possessed of great skill and directed by great humanity. Their works served our country, and their words offered inspiration. These thoughtful words: “Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected,” (George Washington); and, “I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have,” (Abraham Lincoln), convey beliefs of leaders who led by virtuous principles.

A commitment to being their personal best seems to have guided these remarkable individuals. Their words display an understanding that life should be lived by doing the right thing and by being of true character. That is a high standard to maintain, and it comes, ultimately, not from worthy human examples, but from God, who is Himself truth and light, and who enables those virtues in people.

It must be acknowledged that our sinfulness disrupts our attempts at perfect living. But by God’s mercy and grace, we can start fresh every minute, forgiven by God. We try, again and again, to live according to His commands. In our Christian school, we are devoted to helping the children understand this. Free forgiveness and willing obedience, inseparable, are the godly lessons we hope will guide our boys and girls along their earthly walk. “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4

Important Dates:

February 2     School-led Worship, 10:30am
February 5     Young 5s Information Meeting, 9:00am
February 8     Special Children’s Service, 5:00pm
February 13    Peace Lutheran School Open House, 6:30-8:00pm
February 14    Talent Show, 6:30pm
February 17    No School - Presidents’ Day
February 24-28 Scholastic Book Fair
February 28    Chili Cook-off, 5:30pm, and Knowledge Fair, 6:30pm

Carol Stathakis
Principal
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<td>Seniors Group</td>
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<td>G.A.P. Seminar</td>
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<td>We invite you to join us as we present Pastor Jon and Sue Trinklein in G.A.P. (God Answers Prayers) Seminar on Saturday, February 29, from 8:00am - 12:30pm. We will: gain confidence in praying for others, discover keys to praying with results, deepen our experience with God's presence in life of prayer and expand our understanding of the role and power of prayer. Thank you to a Thrivent Action Team, there is no cost for this seminar, but please preregister at <a href="https://www.peaceshelby.org/gap-seminar">https://www.peaceshelby.org/gap-seminar</a>.</td>
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Peace Auction 2020
March 27, 2020
6:30pm

The Peace Lutheran Church and School Auction Committee would like to formally invite you, our church and school family, and your guests, to our Annual Auction, which takes place on Friday, March 27, 2020, from 6:30pm, at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township.

We look forward to hosting you at our great night of food, fellowship and friendly bidding! Please stop in the office to purchase your tickets, which are $45 per person until February 1. Afterward, tickets will be $50 per person. Cannot join us for the evening? Volunteer and donation opportunities are also available. Please e-mail to inquire!

Haiti Mission Trip
June 24 - July 1

We are planning another Mission trip to Haiti in June of 2020. We will connect with a local Lutheran church and join them in sharing Jesus and God’s love to the Haitian people. We will also participate in a variety of work such as maintenance and repair of buildings, food distribution, support of local orphanages and eyeglasses distribution.

The cost is $1,100.00 per person (not including personal money). The cost includes: airfare, lodging, two meals a day, local transportation

If you would like to be a part of this Mission Team, please contact Pastor Klemm at the Church office: 586-731-4120, or e-mail at pastorklemm@peaceshelby.org.
Junior Youth District Gathering
Frankenmuth
June 5 - June 7
Contact Holly Nelson at 586-731-4120 for more information on this event that is sure to inspire and empower your kids!

Camp Invention
June 22 – June 26
We are excited to be the only location within Shelby Township to host Camp Invention’s NEW 2020 program, Elevate!, June 22 - 26. Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM camp for children entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Please visit https://www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention for more information and to register.

Senior High Anchored in Hope
June 28 – July 1
Today’s youth are searching for HOPE and desperately craving for an anchor in this stressed out, anxiety-stricken culture. Under the theme Anchored in Hope, based on Romans 5:1-8, the Senior High Youth Gathering will address the suffering youth experience and how they can persevere, build character, and rely on the hope they have in Jesus Christ.
Why is the color silver usually associated with old age? Silver hair, Silver Sneakers (the free gym membership offered to seniors through their health insurance), and yes, many of us even drive silver vehicles. Today, however, I saw an unfamiliar silver association.

While leaving Sarasota, Florida, and heading North towards our Michigan home, my husband suddenly exclaims, “There is a Silver Alert.” “What is a Silver Alert?” I ask, amazed that he knew of this seemingly obscure phrase. He explained that a Silver Alert is an important announcement to drivers, posted on a lighted overhead freeway sign. It informs them that an elderly person, whose license has been taken away, is driving somewhere in the vicinity. Dementia is usually the precipitating cause that ended his or her driving career. But for today, our senior in question is having the time of his life. He is making his clandestine escape in a brown KIA SPORTAGE. Nice going, Mr. Silver Alert. I have a number to call the authorities should I happen to see him as he races by.

More Silver Alerts appear as we drove further North, this time in the Gainsville area. The fleeing senior citizen is oblivious to his growing popularity, and I hope that I am not the one to end his freedom. I am usually on the side of the underdog. I am also in Silver Country, and I have sympathy for the elderly as they see their world shrinking. Taking away the car keys in only the beginning of their diminishing independence, decided by family or a physician. A Silver Alert is not only for nearby drivers, but especially for the senior who has decided to regain some of his freedom. I can envision our featured Silver Alert person waiting until the coast was clear and then stole the car keys. He already knew where they were, for he had been planning this moment for days.

I guess we should be thankful for Silver Alerts. I am still driving legally so I am not likely to appear on a Silver Alert sign. But there are other Silver Alert signs for senior citizens not related to driving privileges. Here are a few for consideration:

As we are getting closer to the end of the number of days allotted to us, are we evaluating our relationship with God? Are you in right standing with Him through His Son, Jesus, who forgives all your sins? Are you nurturing that relationship with prayer, studying the Word, and worshipping with others on a regular basis?

Are your children and grandchildren included in the family of God? Have they been taught your faith and are they growing in this relationship also?

Do you have any outstanding debts that should be paid, either financially or socially? Are their broken or strained relationships that should be addressed?

Opportunities to discover new talents and refined old ones do not diminish with age. Do excuses, because of our advancing years, keep us from becoming all that we can be? Are our days of service over because of our age? (Continued on Page 8)
An aging body needs more care than a youthful one. Are you maintaining this Temple of God? Our minds may not be as sharp as they once were, but the entrance to our minds must still be closely guarded. The Enemy still seeks entry, regardless of our age, looking for neglected gates.

These Silver Alerts are meant to make us aware of lurking dangers. Age is no respecter of persons, and Silver Alerts give added protection to the elderly. So, be a Silver Senior who dispenses blessings to those he knows and loves.

II Corinthians 4:16
Therefore, do not lose Heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Isaiah 40:29
He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Isaiah 46:4
Even in your old age and gray hairs, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Job 12:12
I thought, age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.

Psalm 73:26
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
ADULT COED SPORTS SUNDAYS

VOLLEYBALL 4:00PM

BASKETBALL 6:00PM

NOW RE-ENROLLING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Preschool | Elementary | Middle School
Access Peace monthly calendar at https://www.peaceshelby.org/church-calendar

Worship Services

Sundays
8:30am Classic
10:30am Contemporary
10:30am KidZone

Sunday Bible Study
9:45-10:30am

Prayer Group
7:00pm, Mondays

Wednesday Family Night
4:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Dinner
6:45-8:00pm Bible Studies, KidZone and Confirmation

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