



April 2017- by Kristi Duensing, Youth Director

Happy Easter! It is coming up quickly! The month of April is bubbling with joy, as we see tiny new flowers emerge, birds chirping and the longer days of sunlight, beckoning us to be outside, and enjoy all of God's handiwork.

John 10:10 says: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the fullest." When I read that verse, I just think...no way devil, you are not going to destroy my joy. I must admit, some days are battle grounds for me as a Christian, but with verses such as this, it calms fears, and turns our eyes towards Jesus. We all, probably at some time in our lives, have battled with bouts of anxiety and fear. By memorizing and repeating this verse from John 10:10, we can be assured that no matter what is going on around us in this world, all we have to do is reach out to our loving Heavenly Father for peace. The Good Shepherd we have in Jesus, calls us to recognize and listen to His voice, rather than the voices of doubt, discouragement and shame.

John 10:3-5 says "After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow Him because they know His voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him, because they don't know his voice". Isn't God just the best! He's always looking out for us and blessing us. We ask ourselves, "Are my thoughts lining up with what God wants me to do, with what the Bible teaches?"

By reading our Bibles regularly, we can hear the truth about God. His voice and presence gives us hope, and calms our hearts. So say your favorite Bible verses out loud, and know that your Heavenly Father loves you so much! My friend Penny and I like to do a little Hallelujah dance whenever we feel God is blessing us by, spinning around in a circle with our arms held high. Oh what joy we have in Jesus!

Blessings to you this Easter, and may God continue to give you His glorious peace.

UPCOMING YOUTH OF PEACE ACTIVITIES:

March 29: 5:45-6:45 p.m. Youth meal for Lent: Lasagna Meal

April 5: 5:45-6:45 p.m. Youth meal for Lent: Baked Potato Bar, with proceeds going to our youth mission trip to Omaha this summer, July 8-9th. Also, a Bake Sale.

April 9 & April 12: Last Supper Pageant -Chester If you've not been there, GO, it's amazing!

April 16: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:45 AM at the Peace Town Cemetery - SE section / Breakfast following in the Parish Hall hosted and furnished by the Youth of Peace.

April 17: Starting "You've been Splashed Clean through Jesus" fund-raiser

April 29: RFKC (Royal Family Kids Camp) training, Henderson for Counselors & Staff

April 30: Senior Breakfast-Parents & Seniors 9:00 a.m., Peace Lutheran Parish Hall / Graduate Recognition Sunday at the 10:00 AM Worship Service

Sincerely, Kristi Duensing
Peace Lutheran Youth Director

"You've been Splashed Clean
through Jesus!"

Bird Baths Beautify Your
Landscape.....or not??!

The Youth of Peace will be fund-raising with crazy colored bird baths for 2 weeks beginning the day after Easter, Monday, April 17. The bird baths will be placed in someone's yard, at your request, for a small fee, and then that person can choose to help them travel along to another "victim" for a small fee. It's a fun little game, and we think you'll enjoy participating.

There will also be Anti-Splashing Insurance forms you can purchase, or you can opt if you get a bird bath, and don't care to participate, by just making a quick phone call to Kristi.

Thanks for your sense of humor, and watch the bulletin as the details are being worked out.☺