

# Sweet Summer Vacation

As we approach the summer season with graduation celebrations, planting season going full ahead, busy schedules becoming a little lighter (or do they), family reunions, and a host of other things that come with the summer season, how often do we, as a family of faith here at Peace Lutheran, think about the importance of worship during the summer?

It is so easy to fall into a mindset that summer is the time we suspend having Sunday School and Adult Bible Study, PACE breaks for the summer, vacations are scheduled, and it seems summer becomes a time of rest and relaxation from many of the church activities. Likewise, Sunday Worship becomes somewhat of a convenience for many because of this idea that we take a break from many of the activities involving the church during the summer.

However, Scriptures speak to us with a very clear understanding that daily and weekly worship is a vital component of our faith community. The Psalms identify what it means to Worship the Lord in Psalm 29: 1: ***“Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.”***

God does not expect His children to suspend their daily and weekly worship because the season of the year grants us a break from it. What God expects is for His children to continue to Worship Him daily and weekly for all that He has given and done for us.

What has God done for us you ask, let’s look to His Word to find out. Genesis 1: 1; *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”* He has created all things for us in order that we may be supplied with whatever we need from day to day. He created you and I in order to worship and glorify Him as Psalm 139: 13 – 18 declares;

*For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with You.*

Not only did God create each and every one of us but He did it because of the love He has for us. In His love for us He determined to save us from the devil, sin, and the world by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ as we hear about this love in John 3: 16 – 17; *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”*

This is how much God loves us. There wasn’t anything going to stop Him from redeeming us because He loves us and how often do we think of the sacrifice God went through seeing His Son, Jesus Christ, die for the world. You see, God does not take a break from loving us nor does He suspend His care for us; so as we approach this summer season, let’s remember what God has done for us and what and who Sunday Worship are about – giving glory and honor to the living God who has done everything and supplied everything for us. God’s blessings to each of you on a great summer and I look forward to worshipping the Lord with you on Sundays.

*In Christ’s Service,*

