



Youth News - by Kristi Duensing, Youth Director

Ahhh, Thanksgiving time is coming up before we know it. I'm especially thankful for Peace Lutheran Church, our youth, and all the people who lead, worship, volunteer, and participate. We are blessed!

Sometimes, it seems like we live in a self-absorbed world, doesn't it? How often do we stop to say "Thanks God", even in the little things? We try to help our neighbor when we have the opportunity, but do we think of ourselves first? Do we have an attitude of "Do I have time for this?"

So many of us are too busy. Are we running in rampant individualism? We want our decisions and actions to "be the right thing". But, when we stop and really take time to read what the Bible says, we gain different perspectives!

Do we spend too much time talking, rather than listening? I, for one, am bad at that. Jesus wants us to be good listeners, to hear other people's thoughts, hurts, or stories. So, let's take some time, me included!, to slow down, and listen to the people around us. Let's put our phones down for a day. If it's a real emergency, someone will figure out a way to find us!

In our culture, with all the technical devices, I can see loneliness. We see less groups of people stand around visiting, compared to a few years ago. Why do we rush here and there to complete the next task? We might miss out on a great opportunity to make someone smile. Loneliness is not a desired trait. We'd rather be surrounded with others who spend time talking, laughing, or maybe even pulling a prank on someone else!

The Jesus way is the loving, grace-filled way! Let's continue to be more thankful each day for all the blessings the Lord has given us, and be kind and loving to those we meet along the way. I love the words to this little kid's song. "This is the day that the Lord hath made, I will rejoice, and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord hath made!" So, get ready, let's do a little dance, sing along, take a little twirl around. Can't you just imagine the smile on Jesus' face?

Thanks for reading our Youth newsletters. I always welcome your thoughts and comments.

November 1: Youth night at the YOP House with supper at 6:30 p.m.

November 19: Working on the Christmas program (time to be announced later).

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!!!

Blessings,

---Kristi Duensing, Youth Director

THANK YOU...

Thanks to all of you who helped support our Peace Youth hamburger feed. The proceeds from this meal were \$527.00. We sent \$100.00 to the Texas Hurricane Relief Fund, and the rest will be used for future youth trips, and to other organizations in need. God has blessed us with many things, and we feel honored to give back to those who really need help. ~ Kristi and Youth of Peace



Youth of Peace at Casting Crowns Concert,
Lincoln Berean Church