



St. John Lutheran Church

"All God's Children Joyfully Celebrating God's Transforming Grace"

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Grace and Peace to you all,

At last the warm weather has arrived. Who's complaining already? Not me. I have all my windows open and it hasn't gotten to the point where we need air conditioning on to sleep through the night. It is just perfect as far as I'm concerned. People are making plans for vacations, school will be done for another year soon, and our young people will be graduating from High School and College. Life does go on.

God is always so gracious to us, and gives us glimpses through our youth that the CHURCH is in good hands.

Thankfully, Summer Day Camp will also continue this year. Again, we are blessed to have one of our own as the director this year, Gretchen Combs, Sharon and Larry Patterson's granddaughter. Gretchen has been a part of Summer Day Camp for many years. That's one of the joys of having been able to see it continue for all these years. Not only have we made an impact in the neighborhood, but we've been able to watch our own kids grow into leadership positions.

The other day I was talking with Gretchen and she wondered if the staff could pray together this year. We can't always because some of the grantors do not want any prayer or Bible Study included in how their money is spent. But again, this year, we don't have any of that money so I was able to tell her yes. But what makes me even happier is that our Director wants to pray every

morning. Our youth are leading the way. But I still want to ask you to keep Gretchen and her staff in your prayers.

On the first Sunday in June, another of our youth will tell us more of her plans to be an active member of a peace team that will go to Palestine to try to find a way for conversations there to continue. Nancy Keaner will speak during coffee hour and I hope we will raise enough money to ease the mind about the cost. It is just too marvelous that one of our own kids has a heart to work for peace. When she goes we will need to keep praying for her safety and that her work will sow some seeds of peace and reconciliation in that part of the world.

Teen Challenge will once again bring some of their people to share their stories with us. They are always so inspiring. They come on the second Sunday of June, our children's Sunday.

God is always so gracious to us, and gives us glimpses through our youth that the CHURCH is in good hands. We know that because of the work that you all have done in their lives that the youth have heard the story of Jesus and it has gotten into their hearts. We should be praying more for the other children of our city, that someone can plant some seeds of love and mission in them.

Enjoy this season,

Peace!

Pastor Paulette



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