

Announcements for the Week of 8/30 – 9/5

- 8/30: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Coffee Hour after Worship
ACT Benefit Concert at St. Augustine’s Church at 2 pm
(Accompanist **Andrew Woodruff**)
Last Peru Town Concert 6 pm to 8 pm in Heyworth Mason Park
(Rain Location – Peru Community Church Fellowship Center)
- 8/31: AA 7:30 pm
- 9/1: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 9/2: Knit Wits 1:30 pm at Mary Jo Juneau’s home
- 9/3: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Worship Asst.: Margaret Edwards



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Peru Community Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026
Bonnie Black, Certified Lay Minister

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE
(Please fill out a green “Welcome Visitors” card in the pews and place it in the offering plate if you are new or visiting, would like to be added to our mailing list, or need to update your contact information.)

PASTOR’S GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Sometimes God calls us, and we don’t understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.
People: God, help us accept your call on our lives.
Leader: Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.
People: God, help us accept your call on our lives.
Leader: Beloved, God’s call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God’s call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.
People: God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN** *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* #473

OPENING PRAYER
Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Father, I Adore You”

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

RESPONSE

Leader: May we be doers of the Word and not hearers only.
People: Amen. Alleluia.

MESSAGE “**BOLDLY FULFILL OUR SHARED MISSION**”

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us

our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Compassionate God, we often rely on our own strength rather than placing our full trust in you. Remind us of your steadfast love and help us surrender our fears. Bless these offerings and those who give them. May they bring comfort and hope in Christ’s name. Amen.

***HYMN** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (vs. 1-3) #423

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

PRAYER LIST

Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Sarah Connelly; Katie Davis; Eric Duquette; Denise; Nancy Fegan; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Bonnie Mahnk; Howard Newton; Patricia; Roy Perry; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Bonnie St. Clair; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way

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