

A Brief History of  
**Interfaith Partners for Peace & Justice  
in Palestine/Israel**

In 2000, ELCA Bishop H. George Anderson asked churches to establish a monthly Prayer Vigil for the resolution of the occupational conflict. International church organizations emphasized the need for prayerful resolve, and designated the 24th of each month as the date for this event.

English Lutheran has held a prayer vigil each month for the past 17 years and as a result of a recent ACT Training Session, the group decided to move forward with a commitment to broaden the awareness of this ongoing conflict. Interfaith Partners will continue the monthly prayer vigil as well as implement ideas to encourage congregations and others to join in this worthwhile cause.

*Peace is more important  
than all justice; and  
peace was not made for  
the sake of justice, but  
justice for the sake of  
peace. Martin Luther  
(1530)*



**UPCOMING FAITH  
BASED COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

**WORLD WEEK OF PEACE IN  
PALESTINE & ISRAEL**

(Special Event of the World Council of Churches)  
**September 17-24, 2017**

During the week which includes the  
**International Day of Prayer for Peace  
(Thursday, Sept. 21)**

church organizations, and people of faith are encouraged to participate in worship services, prayer vigils, educational events, and acts of support in favor of peace and justice for Israelis and Palestinians.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/world-week-of-peace-in-palestine-and-israel>

**Places & Suggestions of Opportunity**

Ecumenical Worship Service  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
21 North Hill St, La Crescent, MN  
Wednesday, Sept. 20  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Submit a Prayer to  
Interfaith Partners for Peace & Justice  
in Palestine & Israel at  
[gustafson\\_c@yahoo.com](mailto:gustafson_c@yahoo.com)  
Your prayer will be read at the September  
prayer vigil, or attend the prayer vigil on Thurs.,

Sept. 21, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

English Lutheran Church  
1509 King Street  
La Crosse, WI - Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Focus Suggestions**

Visit [www.mondoweiss.net](http://www.mondoweiss.net)  
and click on Israel/Palestine. There are  
many current subjects & concerns you may  
choose to include in your prayers, such as...

Gaza's Electricity Crisis  
The 50 Year Occupation  
Gaza's Water & Sea Pollution

**LOVING OUR  
INTERFAITH NEIGHBOR**

**Two Study Sessions held in  
September and October**

Sponsored by the

**The La Crosse Interfaith Shoulder to  
Shoulder Network** and partnering with Prince  
of Peace Lutheran Church (La Crescent, MN),  
First Congregational Church (La Crosse, WI) &  
Onalaska United Methodist.

We encourage you to go to the following website  
for detailed information and dates.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DC7bFsCpk1wM9KWu9vwAwEEvF0UXOWPcpm29groKkJE/edit>

**MY NEIGHBOR IS MUSLIM**

**Thurs. Evenings, Oct. 19 & 26, Nov. 2 & 9  
Franciscan Spirituality Center**

The four sessions will be facilitated by  
Vince Hatt

<http://www.fscenter.org/event.php?id=3397>

**BETHLEHEM EVENT**

**English Lutheran Church**

**1509 King Street, La Crosse, WI**

**December 16 & 17, 2017**

**Noon until 6:00 P.M**

Every four years, English Lutheran transforms  
their fellowship hall into Bethlehem at the time  
of Christ's birth. Travel through as Mary and  
Joseph did. Experience the tastes, smells and  
sounds of their journey.

