

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA
SEAN BARNHART, PASTOR
Office...254-5395
March 2015

Why do we go to church? I remember asking my mother that question growing up and it was usually asked because I was hoping she wouldn't have an answer. I confess. I was looking for a way out.

We have all sorts of answers to that question. One answer I often hear is to learn about God. Another might be to give God our worship. In small towns like ours we might come to church, "because that is what we do on Sunday mornings." But really, why *do* we go to church?

Certainly learning takes place and hopefully it is about God. Knowing Scripture and the history of God's activity in the world is beneficial. This is why we have Sunday school and Confirmation and Bible Studies. We can also learn about God in the Sunday service, but that isn't its primary purpose.

Of course, worship takes place on Sunday mornings. We sing songs and give our morning offering because a healthy relationship (or even an unhealthy one for that matter) with God develops a desire to give. But I would also argue that this isn't the primary reason for coming to Sunday (or Wednesday) services.

The primary reason for why we come to church for Sunday service isn't because we have something to give to God, it is because God has something to give to us – and we are desperately in need of what he has to offer. We may enter the service with a song of praise, but usually we immediately enter into confession and it is after confession that we receive what God desires to give over and over again in the service – his forgiveness.

After confession we hear God's "I forgive you." I would also hope that in each and every one of my sermons you would also hear God's "I forgive you." When we celebrate Holy Communion, what is it that God gives us? His body given for you, his blood shed for you *for the forgiveness of sin*.

Why do we come to church? We come primarily to receive the benefits of Christ – his forgiveness and life. Sure we worship, we learn and we give a little back, but the quality of our worship doesn't depend on what we give, it depends solely on what God gives.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sean

† **Memorials** †

During February no memorial donations were given. †

🔔 **CARILLON "SPECIAL" MUSIC** 🔔

Would you like to honor or remember someone or some event with a song played on the carillons? If so, let the church office know the date and song (if available) you would like played. It will be played on that date at 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (your choice) and it will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Cost is a donation. †

✱ Honor Someone With Chancel Flowers! ✱

The Flower Committee listed below along with the Linton Floral N' More has set up a system for members to provide flowers for Sunday worship services. For \$30, the Linton Floral N' More will provide 2 arrangements of flowers for the 2 vases behind the altar or a larger single arrangement for \$25 for the top of the piano. This includes tax.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday:

1) make sure that Sunday is not taken. 2) give your money to one of the ladies on the Flower Committee. 3) tell her the date you want. 4) let her know if it is for a special occasion. The ladies will make sure the flowers are there and the information will be listed in the bulletin on that Sunday. **We do ask that you pay the appropriate amount when making your request even if it is several weeks or months in advance.**

Flower Committee members are: Janice Baer and Leola Dietz. ☩

The Church Council:

- Pastor reported on visits, the Augustana District Conference, and the Linton Food Pantry. Council approved vacation for Pastor Sean for April 6th – 12th.
- Pastor Sean informed the council that Lyle Hanson has chosen to resign his position from the Church Council. His resignation was accepted.
- An advertisement will be placed in the paper for a part-time Secretary and/or Bookkeeper.
- Council installation will take place during worship on March 1st.
- Heidi Nieuwsma was elected for a three year term to the Endowment Committee. Duane B. seconded.
- The council is asking for volunteers to form a committee to review the constitution and bylaws and make recommendations on revisions.
- Jon Ptacek was appointed to fill the vacancy on council.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member....Tad Larson, Elwin Nieuwsma, Laura Hirvela, Duane Baer, Mark Fisher, Edgar Ohlhauser, Jon Ptacek, Bob Tschritter and Larry Umber Jr. ☩



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

The kids will be singing for church service on Palm Sunday, **March 29th**.

Please remember to be working on your memory work! This is a great opportunity to sit down and spend a few minutes each week with your family to share in your faith.

There will be **no** Sunday School on **March 8th** (Spring Break) or **March 22nd** (Spring Break).

Lisa Hendrickson & Lisa Ptacek,
Co-Sunday School Superintendent

! 🚌 Need a Ride??

If you need a ride to church.....please call:
Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167

Ushers and Acolytes for March

Stanley Naumann Elwin Nieuwsma
Aaron Stuckle Lester Dietz

Jade Alderin & Jackson Tveito

March Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Service
Mar. 1 Larry & Julie Umber
Mar. 8 Jon & Lisa Ptacek
Mar. 15 Jim & Sylvia Weisser
Mar. 22 Keith & Evelyn Petrick
Mar. 29 Elwin & Heidi Nieuwsma
Apr. 5 Eva Hanson & Lyle Hanson

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Mar. 1 - Debbie Jahner
Mar. 8 - Sylvia Weisser
Mar. 15 - Debbie Jahner
Mar. 22 - Edgar Ohlhauser
Mar. 29 - Laura Hirvela
Apr. 5 - Rachel Umber

† MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study **9:30 a.m.**

No Confirmation Instruction on Wednesdays during March

Mar. 1 – Worship with communion **10:45 a.m.**

Mar. 4 – Lenten worship **7 p.m.**

Mar. 8 – No Sunday School
Celebrate worship **10:45 a.m.**

Mar. 11 – Lenten worship **7 p.m.**

Mar. 15 – *Praise!* Hymnal worship **10:45 a.m.**

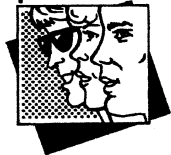
Mar. 18 – Lenten worship **7 p.m.**

Mar. 22 – No Sunday School
Celebrate worship **10:45 a.m.**

Mar. 25 – Lenten worship **7 p.m.**

Mar. 29 – Palm Sunday worship **10:45 a.m.**

youth



For the month of March the youth group will be doing the **30 hr Famine on March 27 & March 28**. If anyone is interested in joining please let Lisa Ptacek know. This a great experience for our youth to realize how lucky we are. Grades 7-12 are all welcome! Again thank you for your support throughout the year!

Blessings,
Lisa Ptacek
Youth Group Leader

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015

**Friday, March 6th, 2 p.m.
Peace Lutheran Church
Everyone is Welcome!!**

✂✂QUILTING IS IN PROGRESS✂✂

Quilting is being done every Monday and/or Tuesday at **9 a.m.** Many quilts have been completed by the ladies and are being displayed on a table in the basement. There is an abundance of cut quilt squares to be used. Would you be willing to make a quilt top at home if you aren't able to come on Monday or Tuesday? The Lutheran World Relief will be picking up the quilts and blankets in **May** in Bismarck. Your help could make a big difference in the number of quilts we are able to send.✝

...BLOOD DRIVE...

The Blood Drive will be held on Monday, **March 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** at the KC Hall. Please set up your appointment by calling Ray at 254-4828 or go to: www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: linton. There is a real shortage of blood in ND so your donation is needed. Please remember to bring your photo ID and your donor card! There will be free cholesterol testing with every donation.✝

Soup and Sandwiches!

Before the Lenten Services on March 11^h and March 18th the PLCW is offering fellowship along with soup and sandwiches. The serving will go from **5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** and fellowship until worship at **7 p.m.** There will be no after service fellowship on these two evenings. A free will offering will be taken. The free will offerings will go to the "PLC 2015 Mission Trip".

**Everyone is invited..
Yes! Try it, you'll like it!**

Remember to change your clocks Daylight Savings Time begins March 8th

March Baptismal Dates

Baptismal dates for **March** according to church records are:

2 – David Erickson	14 – Jon Ptacek	25 – Helen Garnaas
6 – ShayLee Bosch	James Weissner	27 – Jayme Baker
7 – Jerome Ohlhauser	22 – Henry Stuckle	Lorraine Schatz
9 – Payton Masset	23 – Melissa Fisher	29 – Jacob Conroy
Jennifer Pocta	Julie Tveito	Jacob Ohlhauser
10 – Aubree Craigmile	24 – Jaden Bosch	31 – Shirley Massee
		Evelyn Petrick

If your baptismal date is missing and you know the date, please call the church office (254-5395) so it can be included. ☛

~ PLCW News ~

- Birthday Dinner was a great success....tables were decorated so appropriately for each month. Very good food and a good turnout.
- Quilting has begun, Linda Tschritter is helping Leola
- World Day of Prayer will be at Peace Lutheran Church on March 6th at 2 p.m. Lutheran ladies will be sponsoring this special event with the help of ladies from the community churches.
- PLCW will be serving Soup & Sandwiches for the March 11th & 18th Lenten service fellowship. The first week will be chicken noodle and the second week vegetable soup with sandwiches and bars. Everyone is encouraged to come eat and visit before worship from 5 – 6:30 p.m.
- The Opportunity Surveys went well and we thank everyone who volunteered.
- We will be providing quilts for 3 seniors this year.
- The “No-Bake Bake Sale” will be held on March 15th. We encourage everyone to return their envelope.

...Bake Sale...

Psalm Sunday, March 29th following worship
Sponsored by “2015 PLC Mission Trip”



Beautify the Church with Lilies

For Easter the church will be decorating with Lilies. If you would like to give one in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the information below and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church, along with the payment for each lily. The cost of the lilies will be **\$10 each**. There is also a sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. (Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church).

Name _____ # of Lilies at **\$10 each** _____

In Memory or Honor of _____

Peace Lutheran Church...March "Mission Support"

PLC Youth Group

Peace Lutheran's youth group does a variety of things throughout the year. We get together once a month and take part in different activities. Some of our activities include: serving soup/sandwiches on Ash Wednesday; 30 hour Famine; helped at Park River Bible camp; and caroling to our shut-ins. We use the money donated to our group to come together to learn about faith and enjoy each other's company in God's home. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see the youth do in the church please contact Lisa Ptacek at 701-254-4179. Again thank you for your support so that our children can learn about their faith and love for the church.



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March 2015

USHERS: Lester Dietz, Stanley Naumann,
Elwin Nieuwsma & Aaron Stuckle
ACOLYTES: Jade Alderin & Jackson Tveito

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion	2 9 a.m. Quilting	3 9 a.m. Quilting	4 5 p.m. 1st Comm. Class 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 7 p.m. Lenten Service Youth Group serves fellowship after worship	5	6 2 p.m. World Day of Prayer at Peace Lutheran Church 	7 
8 3rd Sunday in Lent No Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Service	9 9 a.m. Quilting	10 9 a.m. Quilting	11 5 p.m. 1st Comm. Class 5:00-6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches by PLCW 7 p.m. Lenten Worship *Church Council following worship	12	13	14
15 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion	16 9 a.m. Quilting	17 9 a.m. Quilting	18 5 p.m. 1st Comm. Class 5:00-6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches by PLCW 7 p.m. Lenten Worship *Women of Peace follows (J. Baer at church)	19 Joseph, Guardian of Jesus	20 Spring Begins	21
22 5th Sunday in Lent No Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Service	23 9 a.m. Quilting	24 9 a.m. Quilting	25 Annunciation of Our Lord 7 p.m. Lenten Worship Church Council serves fellowship after worship	26	27 PLC Youth Group "30 Hour Famine"	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with the Youth singing "Mission Trip" Bake Sale after worship	30 Monday in Holy Week	31 Tuesday in Holy Week				

MARCH LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| March 4 | Lenten Worship 7 p.m.
Youth Group will serve refreshments following worship |
| March 11 | Lenten worship 7 p.m.
5 – 6:30 p.m. PLCW will serve Soup, Sandwiches & Bars
Free will offering will go to “PLC 2015 Mission Trip” |
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Church Council will serve refreshments following worship |



A small trouble is like a pebble. Hold it too close to your eye and it fills the whole world and puts everything out of focus. Hold it at a proper distance and it can be examined and properly classified. Throw it at your feet and it can be seen in its true setting, just one more tiny bump on the pathway of life.



These birthdates of our members are according to the church records. Some birthdates were not on record. If your birthdate is missed, or if there is a mistake, please inform the church office.



March birthdays are:

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| 1 - Alexis Jasper | 12 - Robert Tschritter | 25 - Isabell Rudy |
| Holly Renschler | 14 - Kevin Ferderer | 26 - Corey Grenz |
| 3 - Annie Masset | Steven Fiergola | 27 - Jace Ferderer |
| 4 - Kaitlyn Nieuwsma | 17 - Terry Schafer | Derrick Naumann |
| Kevin Hendrickson | 19 - Gianna Caruso | Robin Silbernagel |
| 6 - Mariam Kronfeldt | 20 - Corey Hoff-Wald | Vicki Wagner |
| 7 - Debbie Jahner | 21 - Raylene Henkelmann | 29 - Arron Rudy |
| 8 - Timothy Dockter | Debra Grenz | 30 - Stacy Bingham |
| 9 - Aaron Hoff-Wald | Jacqueline Wald | Michael Kunz |
| 11 - Ethan Bingham | Daniel Weber | Mathew Masset |
| Alexandria Umber | | 31 - Ella Vetter |
| Amber Umber | | |

May each of you have a very *Happy Birthday* and may we keep you in our prayers for the day of your birth, praying that you shall remain faithful followers of Jesus until He comes again!†



Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Welcome people in

Help them grow

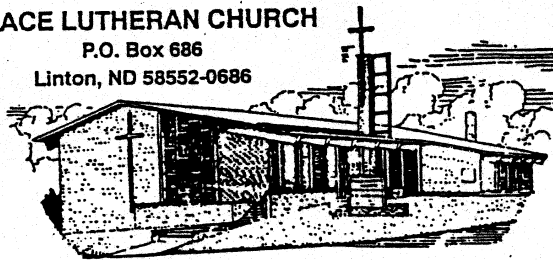
Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 24, 2015

Dear Peace Lutheran Church Women,

Once again plans have been made by the Peace Lutheran Church Women to hold a "No-Bake Bake Sale" rather than the annual Soup/Sandwich/ Bake Sale which had been used to raise funds to cover operating expenses for the year.

We use the money donated to do projects throughout the year. Some of those projects are: buy cake and ice cream for Strasburg Care Center visits, cradle roll supplies, prayer books for the confirmands, Bibles for 2nd graders, purchase "Connections" for the Linton Hospital, Linton Medical Center and Strasburg Care Center, sew quilts for the senior graduates, pay for gowns for confirmation, buy wreaths for Christmas and lilies for Easter, make Christmas baskets for the shut-ins and camperships for the youth attending church camp.

This year the "No-Bake Bake Sale" will be held on **March 15, 2015**. All women of the church are asked to participate by donating cash instead of baked goods. We hope you will do your part by making a generous donation to support this event.

If you have any question, please contact a PLCW board member.

PLCW Board

P.S. The enclosed envelope is to be used for your donation and can be dropped in the collection plate anytime on or before **March 15th**. If you plan to mail your donation, please use the enclosed standard mailing envelope. Thank you!!