

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PASTOR SEAN BARNHART**  
**OFFICE: 254-5395**  
**LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA**  
**May 2015**

May is here, which means Mother's Day approaches. Sons, daughters, husbands... you have been warned!

Mothers are amazing. Someone once told me to never start a fight with someone when their mother is present. Shakespeare had it right when he (kind of) said, "Hell hath no fury like that of a woman's scorn." More appropriately though, hell hath no fury like that of a *mother's* scorn. (I'm sure some of you farmers dealing with newborn calves this spring can relate.) Mothers are incredibly protective of their young and they will sacrifice everything for their children. God does this for us also.

Though in the Apostles Creed we rightly confess God to be "God the *Father* Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth," on more than one occasion in Scripture, motherly metaphors are used to describe God's protection over his children. Often this comes to us through the imagery of a mother bird watching over her young.

Consider Psalm 17:7-9, "Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior, of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in *the shadow of your wings*, from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me." (Emphasis added.)

Psalm 57:1 follows this same line of thought, "Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; *in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge*, till the storms of destruction pass by." (Emphasis added.)

Christ echoed similar sentiments when he looked out upon Jerusalem. Luke 13:34, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!"

As one baptized, you are washed of the guilt of your sin and claimed as a child of God. What a gift! As a child of God, you are the apple of the Lord's eye and you have refuge under his wings. Do not spurn these promises as Jerusalem did, but cling to them in faith.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Sean Barnhart

P.S. Buy your mom some flowers.

† **Memorials** †

During April donations were given in memory of Fern Ferderer to the Baptismal Box Fund from Sharon James; in memory of Deb Grenz to the Parsonage Fund from Bob & Linda Tschritter; to the Celebrate Fund from Leona Gaukler, Herb & Arlene Grenz, and Jack & Elaine Streyle; and to the Baptismal Box Fund from Duane & Janice Baer, and Ed & Alice Kaseman. †

**Summer Church Schedule**

Church will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

## 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 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: Leola Dietz and Janice Baer.✝

### *The Church Council:*

- Council asks the ushers to please find replacements or call a council member if you cannot attend church to usher.
- Brenda Benedict has been hired as the new Secretary/Bookkeeper.
- Church office hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 – 12:30.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 will be church cleanup
- Summer worship begins May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- The last day of Sunday School is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member.... 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.

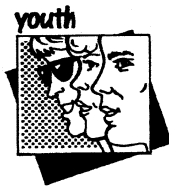
The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 3. The memory work pizza party and games will be April 29th at 5:30 PM. Kids have one more week to get memory work complete.

Looking ahead to summer... we are working on dates, time and materials for Vacation Bible School in July. Registration forms will be in the June newsletter with all the fun plans and details!

Thank you to all the teachers and substitutes who have dedicated their time and energy to helping Sunday School be successful for all the youth in our church. We will have openings and need for more teachers again in the fall, so if you feel inclined to volunteer, we will gladly have you!!

Thanks!

Lisa Hendrickson & Lisa Ptacek  
Co-Sunday School Superintendents



## Peace Lutheran Youth Group

Spring is here!!! What a blessing it is to be able to have an energetic group of youth. Hats off to Nicole N, Katie N, Sierra B, Sydney B, Rachel U, Brooke V, Makayla P, Madi P, and Kyle M for taking on a HUGE job. We were asked to babysit for the St Anthony's parish so that their congregation could attend a speaker in Linton and offered free babysitting to the parents. We watched 60 children from 6:00 until 10:00 varying in ages. I have to say this group of kids did a fantastic job interacting with the small children and we should be so proud of them for representing our parish. THANK YOU AGAIN! As the year is winding down for us to get together we will be having a Youth Group Gathering on May 6. We will be heading down to Herreid Skateland to skate from 7:00- 9:00. We will meet at the church at 6:00 for pizza and leave Linton at 6:25. If any youth grades 7-12 interested in coming with, please contact Lisa Ptacek at 701-254-4179. Thank you for your continued support.....if you have any questions or ideas for the youth of our church please contact Lisa Ptacek.

God Bless!

Lisa Ptacek

### † MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
(Last day of Sunday School will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

May 3 – Worship with communion 10:45 a.m.

May 10 – Celebrate worship 9:30 a.m.

Senior Quilt Sunday

May 17 – Worship with communion 9:30 a.m.

May 24 – Worship 9:30 a.m.

May 31 – Worship 9:30a.m.

### Ushers and Acolytes for May

Ricco Caruso

Tad Larson

Albert Weber

Jim Weisser

Kelani Larson & Carsen Lee

### May Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. / 9:30 a.m. Service

May 3 Lester & Leola Dietz

May 10 Tad & Elise Larson

May 17 Keith & Evelyn Petrick

May 24 Ken & Lorraine Schatz

May 31 Larry & Julie Umber

June 7 Duane & Janice Baer

### Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

May 3 - Lisa Hendrickson

May 10 – Janice Baer

May 17 – Debbie Jahner

May 24 – Linda Tschritter

May 31 - Julie Umber

June 7 - Janice Baer

🚗 **Need a Ride to Church??**

If you need a ride to church.....please call:

**Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167**

*~News from the PLCW~*

The PLCW Board Meeting was held April 1, 2015. It was decided to ask for \$20 per quilt to anyone who cared to purchase them. This would go into the quilting fund for supplies. Nine ladies went to the Charity Lutheran Spring Luncheon in Bismarck on April 11, 2015. There were two terrific speakers, Renita Brennan and Susan Sletto speaking on "New Beginnings". Wonderful time. We will also be serving a memorial service on July 11, 2015 for Linda Marek, whose family was a former member of the community and who graduated here in 1965. Thank you to all the ladies who contributed in any way to helping with the funeral of Debbie Grenz. We are still learning how to do this and if there are any recommendations please let Julie Umber or Marilyn Malmedal know. **Volunteers are needed** to help pack quilts and kits for LWR on **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** Your help would be greatly appreciated. ☩

**"PLCW  
No Bake Bake Sale"**

The PLCW board would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who helped make the "No Bake Bake Sale" such a success. As of April 23, 2015 a total of **\$1,421** has been donated. ☩

***..QUILT SUNDAY..***

Quilt Sunday, the day the PLCW will be giving the graduating high school seniors their quilts, will be **May 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m.** worship service. Thank you to all the makers of this year's quilts! ☩

**Successful Soup and Sandwich**

The PLCW would also like to thank all those who contributed to make our "Soup and Sandwich" for the Wednesdays during Lent a success. We raised a total of \$303.85 after expenses to donate to the 2015 Mission Trip. Thank you to all who came to have soup before the services during Lent. ☩

INTRODUCING  
**LWR TIED  
BLANKETS!**

This easy and fun service project is a great introduction to global service, especially for confirmation and youth groups. We still need your Quilts (they are our most requested item!), but consider 60" x 80" tied blankets to help your congregation's future quilters begin putting their faith into action.

To get more information, visit [lwr.org/blankets](http://lwr.org/blankets).





# FAITH IN *action*

A NEWSLETTER ESPECIALLY FOR LWR QUILTERS & KIT MAKERS

## HOW PERSONAL CARE KITS CAN BOOST SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

*By Aries Brown, LWR's Program Assistant for Constituent Engagement*



*"I'm so enthusiastic about  
new Personal Care Kits."*

CHHEANG USOPHEA

### **FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHHEANG USOPHEA IS A NINTH GRADER AT TONLE KRAU SECONDARY SCHOOL IN CAMBODIA.**

Because of the remote location of her village, Chheang has to travel 1.5 miles to school by foot or boat. This is particularly challenging during the rainy season. But some days it's not her long commute that keeps her from school.

Chheang lives in an area where there's poor sanitation and barely any clean water. These poor conditions severely affect her ability to stay clean because she's only able to wash her school uniform and bathe a couple of times a week due to the scarcity of hygiene materials. Chheang, along with 157 other students, received LWR Personal Care Kits.

Chheang, feeling very excited, said, "I'm so enthusiastic about new Personal Care Kits ... Prior to having the Kit, I only had one torn towel that was used together by my whole family for taking a bath and

washing hands." Chheang is one of five children and explains that it's hard for her parents to provide education for all of the children and purchase hygiene necessities. Chheang explained, "... the items in the Kit will save expenses and also introduce habits of hygienic behaviors within my family members."

Mr. Keo Narin, Tonle Krau's school master, explains that, "The provision of [the] Personal Care Kit is essential not only to meet the basic needs of poor students in terms of improvement of hygiene practices such as hand washing habits, but also to promote higher attendance of students to the class."

Students were happy to receive their Personal Care Kits and say, "Thank you LWR. We are very proud to receive the Kits."

Thank you to all the congregations who work so hard to extend these gifts of love to communities living in poverty around the world! ■



**Lutheran  
World  
Relief**

Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of U.S. Lutherans, serving communities living in poverty overseas.

## May Baptismal Dates

Baptismal dates for May according to church records are:

1 – Alton Rau	9 - Ryan Hoff-Wald	17 – June Alderin
2 – Raylene Henkelmann	Skyler Hoff-Wald	19 – Mariam Carter
Scott McCulley	10 – Eileen Morris	Kevin Higdon
Ashton Rudy	Helen Renschler	22 – Ethen Roemmich
3 – Kaitlyn Nieuwsma	12 - Megan Wald	James Streyle
4 – Elsie Barnhart	14 - Larry Humann	23 – Tobie Wald
Steven Naumann	Michael A. Kunz	25 – Florence Plenis
6 – Freda Allensworth	15 – Chad Dockter	29 – Candis Wagner
Roberta Wagner	Mary Maier	30 – Corey Grenz
7 – Rosalette Ferderer	Alexandria Umber	Jackson Tveito
Keith Humann	Amber Umber	31 – Hailey Dockter
8 – Paitynn Bodvig	Kristi Slater	Robin Silbernagel

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

### "When God Created Mothers"

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of 'overtime' when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands." The angel shook her head slowly and said "Six pairs of hands...no way." "It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have." "That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded. "One pair of eyes sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

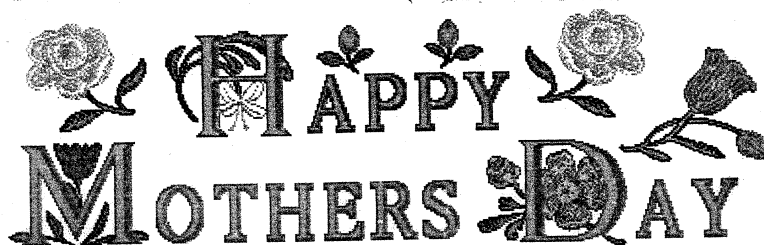
"God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow..." "I can't" said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed. "But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can't imagine what this mother can do or endure." "Can it think?" asked the angel. "Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

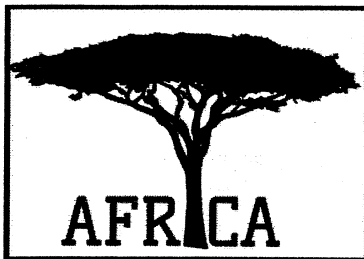
Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model." "It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear." "What's it for?" "It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride." "You are a genius," said the angel. Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

Erma Bombeck, 'When God Created Mothers'

*Submitted by Marilyn Malmedal*



# Peace Lutheran Church...May "Mission Support"



## EIGHT MINISTRIES

*Your future will be bright  
by far than your past.*

**JOB 8:7**

And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.

We want to do as God has called us all to by serving the poor, vulnerable women and children, while promoting compassion, community and sustainable development. We will be working with orphans and vulnerable children with local and international organizations by meeting medical, physical, educational, emotional, and spiritual needs. In addition to our partnerships, we want to leverage our gifts, education, and experience in order to help develop a practical and holistic strategy for sustainable development.

## OUR VISION & MISSION:

### **OUR VISION:**

To be a voice to the voiceless, for the disadvantaged and downtrodden and to share the love of Jesus with them.

We will primarily be working in the capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, to empower people through sustainable social and business development.

### **OUR MISSION:**

To joyfully serve God by serving the poor, vulnerable women and children, while promoting compassion, community and sustainable development.

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

## OUR METHOD & MOTIVATION:

### **OUR METHOD:**

*I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" -Isaiah 6:8*

### **PARTNERSHIP-**

To partner with other ministries both Ethiopian and International. We will be working with orphans and vulnerable women & children in cooperation with these local ministries. These partnerships will include projects like:

- **Providence Guest House (PGH):** Through PGH, we are working with local staff to set up a missionary base for those wishing to serve the lord through the own ministry organizations. Many people wish to serve but find that the cost of doing so is a major road block. That is where PGH comes in!! We offer long term stay for missionaries at a very reasonable, reduced rate. To see more on the PGH go to [www.pgthethiopia.org](http://www.pgthethiopia.org).
- **Jemo - Children's Hope Chest Ethiopia:** We will be working alongside local staff in an area called Jemo, an overpopulated slum in Addis Ababa. One way, is by teaching english to students in the area. Many of the inhabitants in the area are uneducated and impoverished daily laborers who have no reliable income to support their families. Currently, there are over 200 destitute children in the community. Many parents and caregivers are unable to afford to send all of their children to school, and as result the cycle of poverty continues. We want the children of Jemo to have the opportunity to grow physically, medically, educationally, spiritually, and emotionally!
- Partner with existing Orphanages and drop-in centers supporting children's medical, physical, educational, emotional, and spiritual needs.

# Ethiopia

Ethiopia is a country plagued by years of war, severe drought, epidemics, and crippled economically and socially. Ethiopia is also Africa's oldest and second most populated country.

- One in ten children die before their first birthday.
- One in six children die before their fifth birthday.
- 60% of children in Ethiopia are stunted because of malnutrition.
- 15 million people in Ethiopia are infected with HIV (6th highest country in the world).
- 720,000 children have been orphaned by AIDS alone, and there are 5 million orphans.
- Half the children in Ethiopia will never attend school. 88% will never attend secondary school.
- Ethiopia's doctor to children ratio is 1 to 24,000.

## Gilliss Family

In 2009, our lives would be changed forever when we saw the two faces that started our family down a path that we know God called us to follow. The journey of our first adoption of Ageze and Tesfa opened our eyes and hearts to something bigger. We knew from the moment we stepped foot in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that we would be back someday and that God was showing our family through adoption where our family needed to be.

The decision to move to Ethiopia has been carefully thought out...through prayer, much discernment & wise counsel from friends who have traveled these roads before us. We walk forward in this decision with much excitement & anticipation (a few nerves in there too!). We trust that God has us in the palm of His hands & know that His plans are far greater than ours.

Isaiah 30:21 - And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

We love this verse because it reminds us that we are on God's path and gives us comfort as we move our family overseas.

Find us:  
715 N Mandan St. Bismarck, ND 58501  
or  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Website [www.87Africa.org](http://www.87Africa.org)

Call us:  
701-220-5491



ABOUT US



### Grant

our passionate, inquisitive, compassionate, tender-hearted boy. the oldest of 5.



### Kate

our laid-back, precious, genuine, caretaker, animal lover, loves life daughter.



### Ariyat

our smiley, sweet daughter who loves to ride bike & dance the night away!



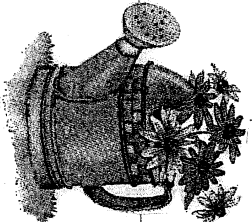
### Ageze

our silly, fun-loving boy that loves the outdoors, making forts & taking hikes.



# May 2015

Ushers: Rico Caruso, Tad Larson, Albert Weber, Jim Weisser  
Acolytes: Carsen Lee & Kelani Larson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3 5th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30a.m. <b>Last Day</b> Sunday School. 9:30a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45a.m. Worship/Holy Communion	4 9:00a.m. Packing Quilts for Lutheran World Relief	5	6 2:30p.m. PLCW Board 6:00p.m. Youth Group pizza/skating party <b>NO</b> Confirmation Instr.	7	8 1 <i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>	9 1:00p.m. Church Cleaning (inside & outside)
<b>10 6th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30a.m. Celebrate Service Senior Quilt Presentation <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>	11	12	13 7:00p.m. Confirmation Instr 7:00p.m. Church Council <b>Lutheran World Relief pick-up in Bismarck</b>	14	15 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	16 <i>Matthias, Apostle</i>
<b>17 7th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30a.m. Worship /Holy Communion <b>Graduation Day!</b>	18 	19	20 7:00p.m. Women of Peace (L. Hirveta at church)	21	22	23 <i>Vigil of Pentecost</i>
<b>24 Day of Pentecost</b> 9:30a.m. Worship 10:45a.m. Adult Bible Study	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 	30
<b>31 The Holy Trinity/1st Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30a.m. Worship 10:45 Adult Bible Study						

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.



**May birthdays are:**

3 - Bowdy Roemmich	15 - Debra Hochhalter	26 - Jesse Haas
9 - Linda Tschritter	Makayla Ptacek	27 - Ernest Wohl
11 - Troy Roemmich	16 - Gregory Humann	29 - Donna Forderer
Kevin Higdon	Jordan Bingham	Jeanette Winterberg
Stanley Naumann	17 - Karen Welk	30 - Ben Krogstad
Kaylyn Hendrickson	18 - Jackson Tveito	31 - Acacia Stuckle
12 - Violet Ohlhauser	22 - Shirley Schatz	
14 - Matthew Jasper	Eva Hanson	

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*

