

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA



2015

In early October, Anne and I were privileged to attend the LCMC's Annual Gathering in Frisco, Texas. The LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) is the association that this church belongs to and we should be proud to belong to such an association.

If you've ever attended an ELCA Synod Assembly or ELCA National Assembly, you know that a good deal of your time is spent in business sessions, talking about budgets, social statements, and the election of bishops. The structure of the LCMC, though, begins and ends with the local congregation. As such, there will never be social statements developed by the powers that be. Such things are left largely for the local congregation to decide. All this is to say that a small portion of the assembly was spent in business session.

The theme for the conference was DNA with the question posed by the speakers, "what makes up the DNA of the LCMC?" The pastors, theologians, and LCMC staff that spoke all approached this question in one way or another. It is hard to sum up the messages of the different speakers, but Anne and I both walked away encouraged and edified. I would encourage you to stay tuned to the LCMC website this winter when videos of the speakers are posted – especially the keynote address given by Rev. Dr. Bruce Wilder.

Outside of general assembly with worship, speakers, and the occasional report, there were also breakout sessions to attend. For the most part, this has been the weakest portion of the conference both last year and this. That said, Anne and I did attend a very interesting session on Effective Ministry in Small Congregations.

While the LCMC doesn't put together commissions to develop social statements, on one of the evenings a panel was held to help answer questions concerning the Supreme Court's decision on gay marriage. I found this to be very interesting as a few pastors (one a former lawyer), a couple professors/theologians, and a Texas district judge answered questions submitted by the audience. Having attended more than a few ELCA Synod Assemblies where discussion often became quite heated, it was nice to be amongst people of very much the same mind. It was also pleasing to see pastors wrestling over how to faithfully adhere to their convictions, while not (at this time) breaking the law of the land and at the same time proclaim the Word with compassion. In the end, I walked away from this session confident that the proposed bylaw put forward by our own church council will protect us at least until the law of the land changes again.

Thank you for sending Anne and I to the gathering. Through the sessions we attended and through conversations with others (some of them longtime friends), we both came back encouraged and energized for the ministry of our church.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean Barnhart


✝ **Memorials** ✝

Memorial donations were given in memory of Vi Kiemle to the Celebrate Fund from Duane & Janice Baer; Steven Naumann to the Endowment Fund from Pastor Sean Barnhart. ✝

The Church Council:

- Heard Pastor Sean report that he made 9 home visits in Sept. He meets monthly with a Senior High study group as well as 'Parents of Peace'. He will confirm 4 young people Oct. 25th. He reported that the convention in Frisco, TX was time well-spent.
- Accepted the same bid for snow removal as last year's.
- Heard a presentation by committee members concerning possible changes to our By-Laws and discussed when to present this to the Congregation.
- Learned that our parsonage is in need of repair/restoration.
- Learned the Youth Group is willing to paint the entrance in the basement.
- Was notified the benefit for Delores Ohlhauser will be held at the KC Club.
- Heard the report that \$300 was saved by purchasing the pot roast from Linton Hospital Food Service for the Harvest Fest.

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

 Leona Gaukler has moved. She would love to hear from you! Her new address is:

Leona Gaukler
Edgewood Vista
2801 - 39th Ave SE #423
Mandan, ND 58554-6430



Benefit for Delores Ohlhauser

November 14, 2015 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. KC Hall

Spaghetti Supper Cost: Free Will

Free Will Bake Sale

Silent Auction

Contact June Alderin at 701-527-4133 if you have questions or if you would like to donate item(s) for the Bake Sale and/or the Silent Auction.



Ushers and Acolytes for Nov.

Dennis Ferderer Jason Rossow
Marvin Winterberg Greg Humann

Noah Nieuwsma & Rylee Kelsch (Please
arrange to have at least one for Thanksgiving Service)

Nov. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Nov. 1 Debbie Jahner
Nov. 8 Bob & Linda Tschritter
Nov. 15 Ron & Mary Maier
Nov. 22 Duane & Janice Baer
Nov. 29
Dec. 6 Tad & Elise Larson



*We need Greeters for November 29th, and December 27th. The signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way. ☺

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Nov. 1 - Debbie Jahner
Nov. 8 - Keith Petrick
Nov. 15 - Mary Maier
Nov. 22 - Debbie Jahner
Nov. 29 - Laura Hirvela
Dec. 6 - Laura Hirvela

† NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

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

Confirmation Instruction on Wednesday Nov 4 & 18, 7 p.m.

Nov. 1 - Worship with Communion 10:45 a.m.

Worship at Strasburg Care Center 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 8 - Celebrate worship 10:45 a.m.

Nov. 15 - Worship with Communion 10:45 a.m.

Nov. 22 - Celebrate worship 10:45 a.m.

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Worship 7 p.m.

Nov. 29 - No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

Worship 10:45 a.m.

"Bring a Friend" Sunday

! 🚌 *Need a Ride??*

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

Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167



† Opportunities for Thanksgiving Worship †

Nov. 22 - Community Thanksgiving Celebration 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Nov. 25 - Peace Lutheran Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m.

PLCW THANKOFFERING

Ladies be sure to bring your Thank Offering envelopes on Nov. 22nd. They will be collected during the worship service with the donations going to "Great Plains Food Bank".



The History of Thanksgiving Submitted by Marilyn Malmedal

Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the Civil War, **President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens"**, to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Thanksgiving was also celebrated nationally in 1789, after a proclamation by George Washington. As a federal and public holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the major holidays of the year. Together with Christmas and New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader holiday season.

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and it was attended by 90 Native Americans (as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow) and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

Thanksgiving is not just a holiday, not the day before Black Friday, (a shopping day). However, it is a time for families giving thanks to God for all we have been provided throughout the year. This is what we need to get back to in our society, **THANKFULNESS**.



In October, our "Mission" was **Camp of the Cross**. A check for \$555.00 was sent to them.

Our November "Mission" is "**Vision Slovakia**" See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information on this project.

Bible Study



'Parents of Peace' will meet Sunday, November 1st at The Umbers' home, 4:00 p.m.



Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

Three Days of Prayer

On January 5, 6, and 7th our church will be taking part in the LCMC's annual Three Days of Prayer. From the LCMC's website:

"Our attitude toward prayer has often been characterized by saying, 'well, all we can do now is pray!' Prayer is not the hopeless act of desperation. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to her parents sharing concerns, victories, defeats and every part of life. It is an opportunity to express the deepest heartache and the greatest joy. Prayer is a conversation between the Creator and the created...and the conversation began with God, for us, in Christ Jesus."

For most of the three days of prayer, we will participate as individuals. But on day two (Wednesday, January 6th), everyone is invited to attend an evening prayer service at Peace Lutheran. Look for more details on the Three Days of Prayer as January draws closer. Until then, read below for more information on what is to be covered during the three days.

Day One: January 5

This is a day focused on **confession**. We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. On this day we lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy through Jesus Christ.

Day Two: January 6

This is a day of **petition**. Pray for your congregation, for the pastor, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday School teachers, for the Confirmation leaders, for those leading Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospitals and nursing homes. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God's redeeming love for all in Christ.

Day Three: January 7

This is a day for **vision**. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders

and pastors that God's vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God's vision.



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: Leola Dietz & Janice Baer. †



~ **PLCW News** ~

Thank you to all who donated for the school kits. Through your generosity we were able to assemble 34 kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The Quilt Silent Auction held at Harvest Festival took in \$111.

Quilting has begun. We meet every Monday @ 9AM, and everyone is welcome! We are still looking for a **Quilting Co-Chair**. The work is not hard and sharing this job with Linda Tschritter makes the work light. Linda would like someone who has a little knowledge of sewing machines. Someone is also needed to help Linda clean up after we are done for the day. If interested, please contact either Marilyn or Linda.

The PLCW is baking sugar cookies for the LYO to decorate for people they go caroling to. We would appreciate it if we could get seven ladies to bake two dozen cut out sugar cookies for them to decorate for November 4th. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for doing this for our youth.

The ladies "Thank Offering" service will be **November 22nd**. Please be sure to bring your special offering that Sunday. "Great Plains Food Bank" will be receiving the donations.

Women of Peace will meet for Bible Study at the church on **Wed., Nov. 18th at 7 p.m.**
Everyone is welcome!



Youth Group Meeting....Wednesday, Nov. 4th at 7:45 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Youth group will be meeting on November 4 @ 7:45pm.....this month we will be decorating cookies to deliver to the shut-ins in December while caroling. If you know of someone that would like us to stop by for a visit let us know!

If you are interested in joining us please meet us at the church. All youth in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions contact Lisa Ptacek 701-254-4179. †

Any questions let me know! God Bless *Lisa Ptacek*

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.



November birthdays are:

3 - Gracelyn Johnson	12 - Jerry Thornton	22 - Duane Ohlhauser
4 - Bailey Huber	14 - Shelby Kelsch	Gavin Ohlhauser
5 - Linda Hoff	15 - Kevin Krogstad	23 - Rico Caruso
6 - Lorraine Wagner	16 - Janice Baer	26 - Terry Hochhalter
7 - Vicki Schwab	20 - Madison Ptacek	Magdelana Masset
9 - Carmen Wessner	Jason Rossow	28 - Keith Petrick
11 - Rhonda Dockter	Jean Rudy	29 - Sarah Henkelmann
Garret Roemmich	21 - Sydney Blum	

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!†

"Deck of Cards"

Author Unknown

Presented by Vickie Toaves

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, 'Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?' The soldier replied, 'I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord.' The sergeant said, 'Looks to me like you're going to play cards.' The soldier said, 'No, sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards.' The sergeant asked in disbelief, 'How will you do that?'

'You see the **Ace**, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God.

The **Two** represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.

The **Three** represents the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.

The **Four** stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The **Five** is for the five virgins; there were ten but only five of them were glorified.

The **Six** is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The **Seven** is for the day God rested after making His Creation.

The **Eight** is for the family of Noah and his wife, he three sons and their wives – the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth.

The **Nine** is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy – He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked him.

The **Ten** represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The **Jack** is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.

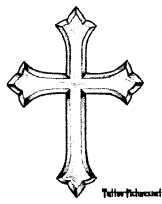
The **Queen** stands for the Virgin Mary.

The **King** stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week – 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards – there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter. So when I want to talk to God and thank him, I just pull out this deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for.'

The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, 'Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?'

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November Baptismal Dates

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

1 – Edna Serr	16 – Bryce Weisser	24 – Erica UMBER
6 – Ross Teske	17 – Howard Garnaas	25 – Colton Grossman
7 – Kayla Hendrickson	19 – Ronald Maier	Paxton Randle
8 – Marvin Winterberg	21 – Michael Hochhalter	26 – Joy Lewis
9 – Rebecca Bosch	22 – Kelsey Larson	27 – Noah Alderin
10 – Tana Grenz	Brody Ptacek	Denise Jasper-Martin
13 – Payton Rossow	23 – Ethan Bingham	Alison Randle
14 – Aaron Hoff-Wald	Sandra DeBoer	28 – Travis Plenis
15 – Mathew Masset	Brody Rindelaub	29 – Levi Roemmich
		30 – Lyle Hanson

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



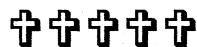
SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to fall! Sunday School is in full swing and going well. We started using a new series from Sola Publishing this year, so you may notice some different sheets coming home with your children. There are some great stories in the lesson. Take some time to ask your kids what their lesson was about, you may even learn something new!

Just a reminder, there will NOT be Sunday School on November 29th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy the time with friends and family, pay your blessings forward and include someone in your family who may be spending the holiday alone.

We will also be starting to work on the Christmas Program in the near future, you will see lines coming home to memorize for the majority of the kids. Please work on them at home as our time in Sunday School is limited. They are short and not hard to do. In December, we will also start Sunday School earlier to allow enough time for practice and our lessons. Please let Lisa P or Lisa H know if you will not be here for the program. We will be presenting on December 13th during the church service.

God's Blessings to you this fall season!



Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

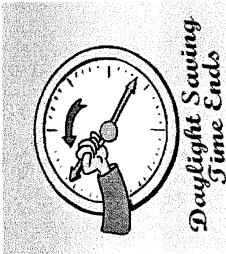
Welcome people in

Help them grow

Send them out to care

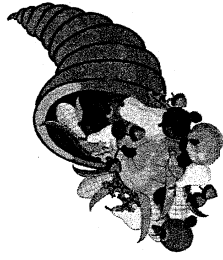
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USHERS: Dennis Ferderer, Jason Rossow, Marvin Winterberg & Greg Humann
ACOLYTES: Rylee Kelsch & Noah Nieuwsma



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship/Holy Communion 4 p.m. Parents of Peace	2	3	4 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction 7:45 p.m. Youth Group	5	6	7
8 24th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 am. Celebrate Service	9	10 <i>Martin Luther's Birthday 1483</i>	11 7:00 pm Church Council 	12	13	14 Benefit for Delores Ohlhauser KC Hall
15 25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Praise Service with Holy Communion	16 6:15 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study	17	18 7:00 p.m. Women of Peace Violet Ohlhauser, Hostess Janice Baer, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction	19	20	21
22 Christ the King 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Service 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Celebration	23	24	25 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship	26 	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship Bring a Friend to Worship!	30 Andrew, Apostle					

Mission for the Month of November

Vision Slovakia: Center for Christian Education (www.cce.sk)

Martin, Slovakia



For 40 years, due to communist regime, people in Slovakia could not freely adhere to Christian principles, let alone acknowledge Christian education as an important value. The life of the church was narrowed to ministry by pastors only. Lay ministry was unwelcomed and any efforts in the area of church growth were stopped radically. Due to the damaging effects of communism on people's belief system, many families have almost completely wandered away from the church. Spiritual poverty and lack of values has become a common feature in many lives.

Since 1989, after communist regime was finally over, Christianity in Slovakia got its second chance. The church once again began to rediscover its purpose and mission. The freedom of religious creed and faith enabled religion classes to be taught even in public schools and

institutions providing Christian education could be established without previous restrictions. However, the circumstances for spreading the Gospel are still far from ideal. The church is struggling greatly from the lack of professional lay workers, who need to be educated and trained for efficient ministry. Christian schools are fighting the middle generation parents' distrust, dedicating much of their effort into convincing them that rooting Christian principles in their children's hearts is the most valuable asset for their future life.

Although the general public's mindset is still not welcoming, the time has never been more right and the need for change is urging. In 1998 this need resulted in the establishment of the Bible school in Martin, which educates and trains lay people in the area of teaching, social work, mission and youth ministries. Six years later, Lutheran elementary school welcomed its first students and in January 2012 Department of Religious studies within the University of Žilina was established. Since September 2012, the CCE has been blessed to be able to open the first year of Lutheran preschool, reaching our smallest ones. After almost 15 years of its existence, CCE now serves a total of 500 people on regular basis.

We are thankful to all of our partners helping us to use this historical opportunity for spreading the Gospel in the post-communist part of the World. Above all, we are grateful for God's continuous guidance and care, rejoicing over the place where the people of all ages can learn and experience the love of Christ!