



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE: 254-5395

LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA

February 2017

One could say that God “properly” introduced himself to the world in Exodus chapter 3.

The Israelites were in Egypt, slaves making bricks for Pharaoh. Moses kind of tried to help, but got caught up in a murder scandal and instead fled away from Egypt. While out tending sheep one day Moses saw a bush burning, but something was a bit off with this bush. Even though it was on fire, the bush itself was not being consumed. When Moses went to inspect the bush a bit closer God spoke to him out of it!

God had a job for Moses: to go back to Egypt and bring the people out of their slavery into a land designated just for them. But Moses wasn't so sure of his new job assignment so he said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God responded to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM... Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM’ has sent me to you.”

In Biblical Hebrew, “I AM” is most likely pronounced “Yahweh.” An older (and less accurate) pronunciation of the Holy Name is “Jehovah.” Scholars have spilt a lot of ink trying to figure out just what God meant by his personal name. I heard one speaker sum it up this way; if God is I AM then that means WE ARE NOT. In saying that he is I AM, he is telling us that he has always been and always will be. In the Old Testament, the name of Yahweh eventually became connected with God activity in salvation. This continues beautifully into the New Testament with the coming of Jesus whose name literally means “Yahweh Saves.”

This year during Lent (which begins March 1st) we will explore some interesting sayings of Christ in the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus identifies himself several times as *the* I AM. In John 8:58 Jesus tells the Jews, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” In doing so he tells the people in plain language that he is I AM.

I hope to see you on Wednesday nights during Lent as we explore Christ as the I AM in greater detail.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

✠ Memorials ✠

✠ There were no memorial donations received during the month of January. ✠

2016 Contribution Statements

Your **2016** Contribution Statements and **2017** Offering envelopes are available to be picked up on the table in back of the sanctuary. Please do so ASAP. ✠

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 & Leola Dietz. ✝



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. ✝

The Church Council: (meeting of January 11th, 2017)

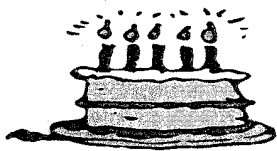
Heard~

- Website donations currently have come through Thrivent only.
- The Sunday School Program was well-received. Thank you to all involved.
- A letter of call will be issued to Pastor Sean as an ordained LCMC pastor.
- Pastor would like to start a men's Bible Study.
- Pastor relayed that a Pastor from **Food for the Poor** will fill the pulpit on March 12th—no fee. We could designate this charity for our March mission of the month.
- Pastor is training (without charge) to be a local coordinator and liaison for an organization for foreign exchange students.
- Pastor would like to designate next September as "Stewardship Month".
- Pastor meets monthly with area LCMC pastors.

Approved~

- A transfer for Travis Dockter to Hosanna Lutheran in Rochester, MN
- An increase for Pastor Sean in salary and health insurance benefits.
- Jan. 22 is the date for our annual meeting.
- A plan to involve the congregation to determine the summer worship schedule by ballot during the annual meeting.

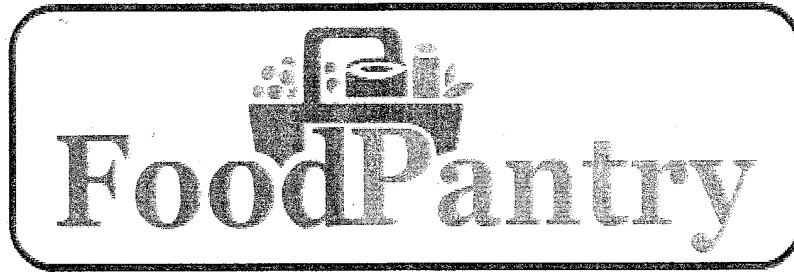
If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Elwin Nieuwsma, Edgar Ohlhauser, Jon Ptacek, Lyle Hanson, Erin Huber, Julie Umber, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, Aaron Stuckle. ✝



Birthday Dinner

The annual **Birthday Shared Dinner** will be **Feb. 12th** after worship. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate! Please bring food to share. Birthday cake, drinks and table service will be provided, as well as a place to sit with all who were born the month of your birth. That you to all volunteers who have offered their help for this occasion. See you on the 12th for a good meal and a fun program! ✝

The Emmons County



The Emmons County Food Pantry has moved! Their new location is in the old Wangler's Chiropractic center (just down the hall from the Next to New Store on south Broadway). The food pantry is open to **all** Emmons County residents on **Wednesdays from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM** and the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of every month from **5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**.



†Lent Food Collection

This year during Lent we will be collecting items for the Emmons County Food Pantry. Last December the food pantry moved into the old Wangler's Chiropractic facility and they suddenly have a lot more room! The desire is for the pantry to reach people in need all over Emmons County, not just those in Linton. You can help with this mission by donating items. Take a look at the list below and consider purchasing items for the pantry the next time you go shopping. Have fun with it! Make it a family event. Chose to give for your Lenten discipline.

Food and Drink Items

- 100% Juice drinks
- Low-sodium meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- Canned tuna, chicken or salmon
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Whole grain pasta
- Brown rice
- Olive, canola or vegetable oil

- Spices
- Low-sugar whole grain cereals
- Unsalted nuts
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, dried fruit)

Other Items:

- Personal Hygiene Products (individual toothbrushes, toothpaste, individual rolls of toilet paper, shampoo, soap, facial tissue, wash cloths)
- Cleaning products (dish soap, hand soap, hand sanitizer)



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Back into the groove of learning about our Lord and Savior.....Kids are busy with learning memory work but still have some "catching up" to do. Please remind your child to take the time to learn important memory work. They do get a pizza party at the end of year for working hard!

Also there is opportunity to sign up for snack, if you haven't done so yet, please consider as the kids enjoy having a little something!

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to one of the teachers or Lisa Hendrickson.

God Bless,
Lisa Hendrickson & Lisa Ptacek,
Co-Sunday School Superintendents

Ushers and Acolytes for Feb.

Tim Dockter	Ron Maier
Rick Rudy	Marv Heyne
Payton Rossow	

Feb. Greeter Schedule

	10:45 a.m. Service
Feb. 5	Violet Ohlhauser
Feb. 12	
Feb. 19	Vicki Toavs
Feb. 26	
Mar. 5	Duane & Janice Baer

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Feb. 5 - Janice Baer
Feb. 12 - Debbie Jahner
Feb. 19 - Vickie Toavs
Feb. 26 - Debbie Jahner
Mar. 5 - Linda Tschritter

We still need people to sign up for the various opportunities during worship for 2017. The lists are in the narthex. Greeters, Readers, Ushers, and Acolytes are needed.

! 🚌 Need a Ride??

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

✠ **FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE** ✠

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

(No Sunday School on February 19 or March 5)

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22.....Confirmation Instruction 7 p.m.

Feb. 5 – Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Feb. 12 – Polka Service 10:45 a.m.

Birthday Dinner shared meal following worship

Feb. 19 – Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Feb. 26 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

Thrivent Choice \$ received in January totaled \$57.00. \$50.00 was transferred to the Sunday School by the request of the donor. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation!

WE ARE GOING TO CAMP!

PLC @ Camp of the Cross

Sunday, August 6th-Tuesday, August 8th

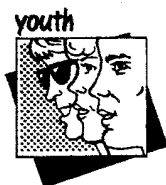


Time at a Christian camp is time well spent for children. It aids both the church and the family in their mission to build a solid foundation of faith in the life of a young person.

Those children entering 2nd grade all the way up to 5th grade are invited to go with others from our church to Camp of the Cross by Garrison, ND on Lake Sakakawea. (Camp of the Cross has camps for all ages, but this year our plan is to focus on this age group). As the date of camp approaches, rides to camp will be organized. The baseline cost is \$225/person, but it is \$175/person before April 1st. The PLCW has camperships available for all PLC kids that go to camp, we could also do

fundraisers for kids if we have enough sign up, and Camp of the Cross has camperships available for those who may have difficulty in meeting the expense. The bottom line: *cost should not be an excuse!* Please let Pastor Sean know if you are interested.

More information and registration/health forms can be found at <https://www.campofthecross.com/summer-registration-information>.



Youth News...watch Facebook for a time when we can gather in the month of February! Lisa Ptacek, Youth Group Leader



PLCW Work List for Feb. 12th Birthday Dinner

<u>Set-Up (Committee B)</u>	<u>Serve (Committee C)</u>	<u>Clean-Up (Committee A)</u>
June Alderin	Lacie Brueckner	*Janice Baer
Kay Janecek	Becky Caruso	Anne Barnhart
Lil Kunz	Mallory Craigmile	Sierra Bosch
Annie Masset	Leola Dietz	Sandy DeBoer
Tina Masset	*Rhonda Dockter	Rosie Ferderer
Heidi Nieuwsma	Kayla Hendrickson	Irene Fisher
Kaitlyn Nieuwsma	Lisa Hendrickson	Elise Larson
*Violet Ohlhauser	Laura Hirvela	*Marilyn Malmedal
Gladys Pocta	JoAnn Humann	Delores Ohlhauser
Helen Renschler	Dez Kiefer	Heather Rossow
LaDean Schafer	Mary Maier	Lorraine Schatz
Vickie Toavs	Marie Ohlhauser	Roxanne Schrantz
Julie Tveito	*Evelyn Petrick	Vicki Schwab
Julie Umber	Lisa Ptacek	Shirlene Serr
Rachal Umber	Makayla Ptacek	Acacia Stuckle
Sylvia Weisser	Jean Rudy	Linda Tschritter
Erma Wohl	Erin Schmidt	Candace Wagner
*Lilli Wohl	Jeanette Winterberg	
	Carmen Wessner	

***Chairman of Committees**

Please see program books for needed phone #s.



In January, our "Mission" was "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch".

Our February "Mission" is "Samaritan's Purse". At the end of this newsletter please see information on this project.



~PLCW Board News~

✝ The Birthday Dinner will be Sunday, February 12th after worship service. The committee work schedule will be posted in the narthex.

✝ The Women of Peace will be serving soup and sandwiches for the first two Lenten services, March 1st and March 8th. Volunteers are needed for working and bringing bars.

✝ World Day of Prayer is scheduled for Friday, March 3rd at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Volunteers are needed to help during the service and with lunch.

Women of Peace...

The early months of each year are busy for the ladies. We have a number of opportunities for discipleship in helping. Listed below are a few.

March 3, 2017 is the World Day of Prayer Service at St. Anthony's Church. I would appreciate if a couple of ladies would volunteer to either usher or work in the kitchen for this service. The usher hands out the service flyer at the door and the kitchen workers help serve the lunch following the service. If you are willing to help please call Marilyn at 254-4580.

The PLCW will be serving soup and sandwiches at the first two Lenten services, March 1 and March 8. We need several ladies to help each week with help in making the soup, making sandwiches, baking bars and serving. There will be a sign-up sheet, please consider helping out during the Lenten season. Thank you.

Once again we will be having a Women's Tea in May. Please consider helping us. There are a number of jobs to do and I'm sure we can find one that works with YOUR talent. If you would like to help, please contact Marilyn Malmedal at 254-4580. Thank you for helping.

Marilyn Malmedal

Women of Peace will meet Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00. Hostess will be Marilyn Malmedal. Leola Dietz will lead the Bible Study. All confirmed women of the church are welcome.

✂✂ QUILTING HAS BEGUN ✂✂

Quilting season has arrived and the ladies have been busy. Please consider helping at the church or at home.

The quilts will be part of the Lutheran World Relief Project to help people overseas. More volunteers are needed. Will you be willing to help? Quilting is done on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m., and will continue until the week before Easter. ✝

*Thank
You*

Thank you to those who have given financially toward our yearly city billing on the *Street Improvement Project Special Assessments*. It is very much appreciated!

Peace Lutheran Church
February Mission of the Month
Samaritan's Purse



Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's

poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

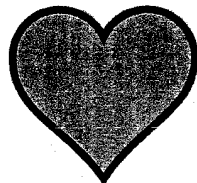
As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "*For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake*" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

Some areas of ministry that Samaritan's Purse serve include children's ministries, construction projects, crisis and disaster response, feeding programs, health/medical mission, water and sanitation, women's programs, Operation Christmas Child, and Operation Heal Our Patriots.



****Because February is a short month, deadline for the March Newsletter is February 17th.**

Happy Valentine's Day!

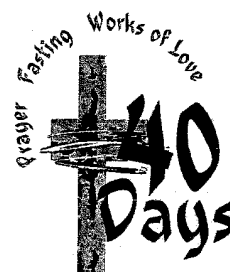


Lent Devotional Readings

Lent is approaching! Wednesday, March 1st marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

Reading Scripture on a daily basis is a great idea for a Lenten discipline. Below is a plan that gives you a manageable amount of Scripture to read for each day. The readings also coincide with Sunday and Wednesday services during Lent. Keep up with this and you'll find yourself more prepared for Sundays and Wednesdays!

Wed., March 1st Psalm 51	Monday, March 13th Psalm 38	Friday, March 24th Psalm 23	Wed., April 5th John 15:1-17
Thursday, March 2nd Exodus 3:1-14	Tuesday, March 14th Isaiah 42:1-9	Saturday, March 25th Ephesians 5:8-14	Thursday, April 6th Isaiah 50:4-9a
Friday, March 3rd John 8:48-59	Wed., March 15th John 1:1-5; 9-13, 8:12	Sunday, March 26th John 9:1-41	Friday, April 7th Psalm 31:9-16
Saturday, March 4th Romans 5:12-19	Thursday, March 16th Exodus 17:1-7	Monday, March 27th John 11:17-27	Saturday, April 8th Philippians 2:5-11
Sunday, March 5th Matthew 4:1-11	Friday, March 17th Psalm 95	Tuesday, March 28th John 11:28-37	Sunday, April 9th Matthew 21:1-11
Monday, March 6th Psalm 143	Saturday, March 18th Romans 5:1-11	Wed., March 29th John 11:38-44	Monday, April 10th John 6:1-15
Tuesday, March 7th Genesis 3:1-24	Sunday, March 19th John 4:5-42	Thursday, March 30th Ezekiel 37:1-14	Tuesday, April 11th John 6:16-21
Wed., March 8th John 14:1-6	Monday, March 20th Psalm 102	Friday, March 31st Psalm 29	Wed., April 12th Exodus 16:1-6
Thursday, March 9th Genesis 12:1-4a	Tuesday, March 21st Ezekiel 34:11-16	Saturday, April 1st Romans 8:6-11	Thursday, April 13th John 6:25-40
Friday, March 10th Psalm 121	Wed., March 22nd John 10:7-18	Sunday, April 2nd John 14:15-31	Friday, April 14th John 6:41-51
Saturday, March 11th Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Thursday, March 23rd 1 Samuel 16:1-13	Monday, April 3rd Psalm 130	Saturday, April 15th John 6:52-59
Sunday, March 12th John 3:1-17		Tuesday, April 4th Isaiah 5:1-7	





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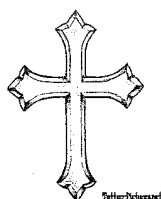
CONGRATULATIONS!

We're excited to share that in 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including Peace Lutheran Church, through Thrivent Choice®. **Based on member recommendations, Peace Lutheran Church received \$4,230 in charitable outreach funding in 2016.** The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities.

REMIND SUPPORTERS THAT 2016 CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE SOON!

Now is the time to promote Thrivent Choice. All 2016 Choice Dollars have been made available for members to direct so there is no reason to wait. Use the free promotional materials available on the [Thrivent Choice page](#) on [Thrivent.com](#) to easily remind your supporters about Thrivent Choice® and the positive impact that can be made by directing Choice Dollars to your organization. As a reminder, 2016 Choice Dollars expire on March 31.

****If you know of anyone who does not receive our newsletter and would like to, please call the office at 254-5395. We need more people on our address list.†**



February Baptismal Dates

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

2 – Tanner Peterson	15 – Iris Bosch	21 – Lavonne Erickson
7 – Bryan Schatz	Jacob Janecek	24 – Jill Huber
8 – Darren Tveito	16 – Melissa Knoepfler	25 – Twyla Schiermeister
10 – Eliza Fisher	Linda Tschritter	27 – Bailey Huber
13 – Keith Ohlhauser	18 – Jessica Schlosser	
14 – Wade Huber	Melvin Wohl	

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

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.✝



February birthdays are:

1 - Brody Rindelaub	7 – Elsie Barnhart	19 – Helen Garnaas
Henry Stuckle	8 – Albert Weber	22 – Mia Caruso
2 - Keith Ohlhauser	10 – Shirlene Serr	Jessica Schlosser
3 - Jaden Bosch	12 – Joyce Lemer	24 – Melissa Fisher
Jamie Huber	13 – Julie Tveito	Kristi Slater
Emsley Randle	15 – Aaron Stuckle	25 – Jayme Baker
4 – Christopher Brueckner	Lilli Wohl	26 – Lorraine Schatz
5 – Julia Barnhart	16 – Janell Huber	
Eric Grenz	Ryan Hoff-Wald	
6 – Melissa Knoepfler	18 – Leola Dietz	

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

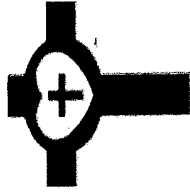
Help them grow



Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care

February 2017

Ushers: Tim Dockter, Ron Maier, Rick Rudy, Marv Heyne
Acolytes: Payton Rossow



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction	2 Presentation of Our Lord Groundhog Day	3	4
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion	6 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	7 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	8 7:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction	9 ECMA 10:00 a.m. Great Plains Food Bank Delivery 1:15—2:15	10	11
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Polka Service Shared Birthday Meal following Worship	13 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	14 Quilting 9:00 a.m.  Valentine's Day	15 7:00 p.m. Women of Peace 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction	16 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	17	18
19 7th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship/Holy Communion	20 Quilting 9:00 a.m.  President's Day	21 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	22 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction	23	24	25
26 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Celebrate Worship	27 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	28 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	