



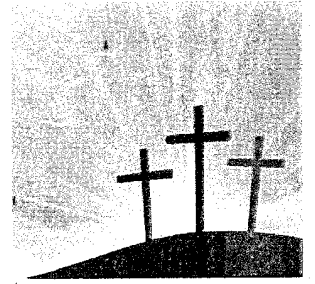
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR SEAN BARNHART

OFFICE: 254-5395

LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA

April 2017



In John chapter 9, Jesus sees a man born blind and his disciples ask him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" To this, Jesus responds, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but *that the works of God might be displayed in him.*" (9:2-4).

In John chapter 11, Christ gives a similar response to another situation. Mary and Martha send word to Jesus that their brother Lazarus is ill. "But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. *It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.*'" (11:1-4).

In both cases, Jesus does a marvelous work and the glory of God is displayed. But for that work to occur, certain things are allowed by God to transpire that many of us might question. In fact, we might call them not fair. In the case of the man born blind, well... he is born blind. That doesn't seem very fair. Add to this Christ's explanation that he was born blind so that "the works of God might be displayed in him" and it seems even worse. Granted, Christ heals him, but how long did he have to live as a blind beggar before that happened?

Jesus also did a great thing for Lazarus, but like the blind man, Lazarus also had to first go through suffering "for the glory of God." He suffered through illness and then died! Jesus purposely waited for Lazarus to die that he could raise him back to life. Imagine the pain and suffering, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus went through for God's glory to be shown.

There is a terrible amount of suffering in this world and most of it seems grossly unfair. At times, people are brought through their suffering just like the blind man and Lazarus, but many times they are not. Why does God allow it all?

As Jesus said in John 9 and 11, God allows suffering so that the work of God might be displayed to the glory of God. God's end goal in that display is quite simply that people would come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. What is left unsaid in John 9 and 11 is that faith is more often strengthened in the suffering than it is the miracle. Think of it this way; even suffering can serve God's ultimate purpose – saving sinners by drawing them to Christ who suffered for them.

In our suffering, Satan will try and turn us away from God. We will be tempted to be bitter and angry. We will be tempted to reject the Lord and draw the conclusion that because one suffers must mean that God does not exist. The truth is that suffering is a part of our fallen and sinful world. But "we know that for those who love God all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28) and "that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38).

Pastor Sean

† Memorials †

Gifts given in memory of Myra Renschler were to the Celebrate Fund from Keith & Evelyn Petrick, Jim & Sylvia Weiser, and Elaine Streyle; to the Baptismal Box Fund from Lester & Leola Dietz and Terry & Shirlene Serr; to the Parsonage Fund from Bob & Linda Tschritter and Ron & Mary Maier; and to the Endowment Fund from Arlene Grenz, Violet Ohlhauser, Pastor Sean Barnhart, and the American Legion Auxiliary, Dan R Richardson Unit #54; and in memory of Eleanor Petrick to the Celebrate Fund from Duane & Janice Baer, Ron & Mary Maier, and Donna Tveito. †



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 & Leola Dietz. †

The Church Council, Meeting of March 8, 2017:

- Council approved bid from The Grounds Guys to spray Parsonage and Church lawns twice.
- Discussed use of offering envelopes or alternative cost effective option will be explored.
- Do you read and utilize the following church literature:
 - Connections Magazine Yes or No
 - Men of Integrity Devotional Yes or No
 - Monthly Newsletter Hard Copy Yes or No
- 2017 Usher and Acolyte Lists are completed and posted.

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



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Thrivent Choice \$ received in March totaled \$946.00. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation!



We are happy for these students who made the decision to participate in their first Holy Communion:

Kaylyn Rose Hendrickson
Payton Danial Rossow
Mackenzie Ann Hendrickson
Noah Ryan Alderin
Kraysten Rae Brueckner

We pray for their very special relationship with Jesus to continue to grow stronger throughout their lives!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and will meet April 2, 9, 23, & 30.

Reminders:

There is Sunday School on Palm Sunday and the kids will be singing!! Please be here to share your beautiful voices!!

There will NOT be Sunday School on April 16 for Easter Sunday. If you are in town celebrating Easter, please invite your family to join our church family at Easter services and if any are so inclined, contact Pastor Sean or Sylvia W to partake in the resurrection band!

Summer is right around the corner and we are gearing up for **Vacation Bible School**. The dates are May 30, May 31, & June 1 @ 5:30 - 7:30, with a program on June 1 @ 7:30. It's a great opportunity for our kids to enjoy some fun activities while we learn about our Apostle Creed. Please see the attached registration form for information.

If you are willing to help with a light supper for any of the three nights please contact Lisa H or Lisa P.

God Bless!

† APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, April 2, 9, 23, & 30 @ 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study, April 2, 9, & 30 @ 9:30 a.m.

First Communion Instruction, Wednesday, April 5th @ 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation Instruction on Wednesday, 19 & 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

April 2 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

April 5 – Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 9 – Palm Sunday Celebrate worship 10:45 a.m.

April 13 – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

First Communion for 5 students

April 14 – Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 16 – Easter Sunrise Celebrate Service with Holy Communion 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

Traditional Easter Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

April 23 – Celebrate worship 10:45 a.m.

April 30 – Worship 10:45 a.m.

! 🚗 *Need a Ride to Church??*

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

Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167



Elijah Enoch Barnhart, son of Pastor Sean and Anne Barnhart, will be baptized on April 2nd. Congratulations to Elijah's parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents! May he be a faithful follower of Jesus throughout his life. †



Thank You to all who are donating Lilies to beautify our Sanctuary this Easter!
If you would like to purchase lilies, please use the form in the March Newsletter or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Payments (checks made out to Peace Lutheran Church) can go in the offering plate or given to Pastor Sean or Brenda.

“The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing of birds has come. Yes, spring is here.” SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12 TLB

Ushers and Acolytes for April

Jason Rossow Wade Huber
Payton Rossow Andy Wald

Erica Hoff-Wald and Aaron Hoff-Wald

April Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Service

Apr. 2 - Tad & Elise Larson
Apr. 9 - Vickie Toavs
Apr. 16 - Vickie Toavs
Apr. 23 - Duane & Janice Baer
Apr. 30 - Vickie Toavs
May 7 - Lester & Leola Dietz

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

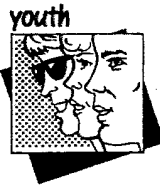
Apr. 2 - Janice Baer
Apr. 9 - Laura Hirvela
Apr. 16 - Vickie Toavs
Apr. 23 - Debbie Jahner
Apr. 30 - Debbie Jahner
May 7 - Debbie Jahner

April Lent Schedule

Wednesday, April 5th Lent Supper 5 – 6:30 pm., Council Serves
Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 13th Worship/Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.
First Communion for 5 Students
Good Friday, April 14th Worship 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunrise Celebrate Worship/Holy Communion 7 a.m.
Easter Breakfast served by PLCW work groups
Traditional Easter Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.



Youth Group News...

Thank you to all that supported us during the Lent Wednesday night soup/sandwiches. The youth are a great group of kids that enjoy serving our church. With Lent still happening the first Wednesday of April we will not be meeting, but will be meeting on May 3, 2017 as our last one for the year.

Enjoy the spring weather!

God Bless,
Lisa Ptacek
Youth Group Leader



Our February "Mission of the Month" was "**Samaritan's Purse**". A check for \$402.50 was sent to them. A Thank-You was received, and is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

In March, our "Mission" was "**Food for the Poor**". We collected \$436.00 for that project.

Our April "Mission" is "**The God' Child Project**". At the end of this newsletter please see information on this mission. On April 23rd our worship service will be led by Pastor Randy Upgren from God's Child.



Thank you!

Thank you for your gracious reception of me and my message for Food for the Poor. I appreciated your presence on a snowy morning and enjoyed worshiping with you. I also am grateful for your response and your continued support of Food for the Poor as your mission of the month. May God continue to bless your ministry at Peace, in your community, and missions throughout the world, including Food for the Poor. If you have further questions about Food for the Poor please contact me or the corporate office.

Pastor John Welge
Food for the Poor



...News from the PLCW...

Meeting of March 1, 2017

- Pastor reported he made 5 visits with Communion; will begin First Communion Classes on April 1st with 5 students attending; 4 youth are signed up to attend Bible Camp at Camp of the Cross this summer.
- Peace Lutheran will be hosting World Day of Prayer in 2018.
- Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea "What's Your Cup of Tea" preparations are underway with the speaker from Selby speaking on "Empowering Life Together". We hope to get our younger women involved with plans. May 1st is the deadline for attendance.
- Free-will offering from the 2 Lenten soup and sandwich suppers will be going to Camperships for the youth attending summer Bible Camp.
- A large donation of quilt tops were received and are ready to be finished. That project will be worked on for Camp of the Cross Quilt Auction, PLC Silent Auction, Fire Victims, and Senior Quilts. We need volunteers to help with this project.

Thank You to all who contributed to the "No Bake" Bake Sale!

Women of Peace meet Wednesday, April 19th at 7 p.m.

Hostess: Rosie Ferderer, Bible Study: Irene Fisher



Annual Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea

We will be serving our Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea on May 7, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. To make this as successful as last year's, we need help. Everyone has something they are good at. So with that in mind, please consider helping us with this fun event. The theme this year is "What's your cup of tea?" We are looking for teapots to be used to decorate the tables. If you are willing to share your teapot(s) please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will let everyone know when they need to be at the church. Thank you for sharing these with us.

Sheryl Stroh, from St. John's Lutheran Church in Selby, SD will be our speaker. She will be speaking on her trips to Haiti and the foundation she and several other women have started entitled "Empowering Lives Together". We hope many of you will be able to attend this year. Last year was such a success and we are trying to make this into an annual event. Tickets will be available from Janice Baer. Please call her at 254-4886 or Marilyn Malmedal at 254-4580.



✂✂ QUILTING News ✂✂

The last day for quilting for this season will be April 4th. The Blessing of the quilts will be Sunday, April 23rd during worship. If you would like to purchase a quilt you may do so that day. The details regarding the packing of the quilts will be in the church bulletin. Please direct your questions to Linda Tschritter or Marilyn Malmedal. †



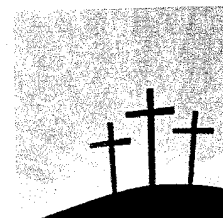
The Men's Bible Study Group will meet April 27th @ 7 p.m.

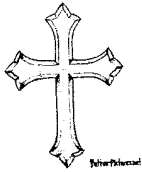


... LAWN CARE BIDS ...

Bids for mowing the church and 2 cemetery lawns need to be in the church office by **April 21st**. The time for mowing is May 1st through Oct. 15th. The church lawn is to be mowed and bagged each week. The 2 cemeteries (Bethlehem and Peace) are to be mowed for Memorial Day, June, July 4th, and Labor Day. The bidder uses his/her own equipment. †

Happy Easter!





April Baptismal Dates

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

2 – Darcy Rindelaub
 3 – Annie Masset
 Magdalena Masset
 5 – Robert Tschritter
 Rory Humann
 7 – Steven Fiergola
 8 – Carson Lawler
 9 – Jack Knoepfler
 Matthew Nieuwsma

Mitchell Forderer
 10 – Janell Huber
 Laurie Humann
 13 – Kevin Ferderer
 14 – Melissa Seaton
 16 – Debbie Jahner
 18 – Arron Rudy
 20 – Noah Nieuwsma

22 – Jay Vetter
 26 – Holly Renschler
 Sydney Giese
 Kaisley Masset
 28 – Daniel Weber
 29 – Gavin Ohlhauser
 30 – Michael Schatz

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 contact the church office.



April birthdays are:

1 - Rylee Kelsch
 Eileen Morris
 Helen Renschler
 Tobie Wald
 2 – Delyghte Haid
 3 – Tana Grenz
 Melissa Seaton
 Tyler Humann
 6 – Elise Larson
 Donna Schwab

8 – Lyle Wohl
 14 – Freda Allensworth
 Ethen Roemmich
 15 – Donna Tveito
 16 – Laura Hovland
 McKenna Kiefer
 17 – Vanessa Fisher
 18 – Paitynn Bodvig
 21 – Tina Arnts-Masset
 22 – Jaci Conroy
 Delores Ohlhauser

23 – Candis Wagner
 Wyatt Schwab
 24 – Eva Heyne
 Florence Plienis
 Megan Wald
 27 – Hailey Dockter
 Rosalette Ferderer
 29 – Cody Kurtz
 30 – Mark Fisher
 Madisyn Ohlhauser

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





PLCW Work List for April 16th Easter Breakfast

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

*Chairman of Committees (see program books for needed phone #s)

Committee Responsibilities:

Set Up Committee

Table coverings on tables-
only on old tables

Salt/Pepper

Cream/Sugar on tables

Plates, Napkins, Cups &
Silverware on tables

Make coffee

Decorations on tables, if to be
used

Serving Committee

Take food as brought and put in
ovens, etc.

Water pitchers on tables

Prepare food for serving

Keep serving tables full

Coffee Servers on tables, and
keep full

Clean Up Committee

Wipe table coverings

Bag garbage, take to outside
steps

New liners in cans

Wash dishes

Clean kitchen

Thank you for your help! If you have questions please call Marilyn Malmedal at 254-4580.



April Mission of the Month

About The GOD'S CHILD Project

Founded in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1991, The GOD'S CHILD Project (GCP) is a non-denominational organization reaching children and families in intense poverty. GCP provides essential care for thousands of children, widows, single mothers and families in **Guatemala, El Salvador, India, Malawi, and the United States**. In addition, GCP's Institute for Trafficked, Exploited, & Missing Persons (**ITEMP**) prevents and rescues victims of human trafficking.

Dedicated to sustainable and permanent changes, GCP has established an international presence in these poverty-stricken countries by providing education, healthcare, basic needs, emergency disaster relief, human rights services and family care. GCP's efforts create stability and growth in broken areas of the world.



Our Mission

WE, The GOD'S CHILD Community, are benefactors, friends, volunteers, and children joined together to assist God's poorest children in their educational, social, physical, and spiritual growth. We view education as a practical way to help poor children escape from an otherwise painful life.



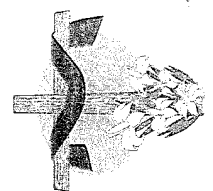
WE, The Adults, accept our youth as gifts from God given to be our teachers, students, and children. We believe in the need to stand by their side until they are prepared to meet life and triumph in the eyes of God, their community, and themselves.

WE, The Children, are the pride and reason why The GOD'S CHILD Project exists. We have the responsibility to behave honorably and to respect legitimate national, spiritual, and environmental law. We recognize the opportunities and help we have received from others, and will try each day to help someone with a need greater than our own.

April 2017

Ushers: Jason Rossow, Payton Rossow, Andy Wald, and Wade Huber

Acolytes: Erica Hoff-Wald and Aaron Hoff-Wald

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 5th Sunday in Lent Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/Communion 10:45 a.m. Baptism of Elijah Enoch Barnhart	3 Quilting 9 a.m.	4 Quilting 9 a.m.	5 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 1st Communion Ed 4 p.m. Lent Supper 5-6:30 Lenten Worship 7 p.m.	6 EcMA 10:00 a.m. Great Plains Food Truck 1:15 p.m. @ St. Anthony's	7	1 
9 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship, Sunday School kids singing...	10	11	12 7 p.m. Church Council	13 Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 7 p.m. 1st Communion	14 Good Friday Worship 7 p.m.	15
16 Easter Celebrate Sunrise Service/Communion 7 a.m. Easter Breakfast Traditional Service with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.	17	18	19 7 p.m. Women of Peace Hostess: Rosie Fendener, Bible Study: Irene Fisher 7 p.m. Confirmation Class	20	21	22 Piano Recital
23 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30a.m. Sunday School. 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship Blessing of the Quilts	24	25	26 7 p.m. Confirmation Class	27 Men's Bible Study 7 p.m.	28 Newsletter Deadline	29
30 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship						
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2017 VBS Registration

When: May 30th, May 31st &

June 1, 2017

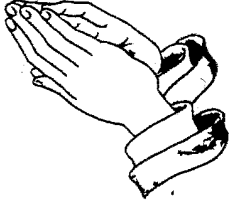
Time: 5:30- 7:30

Program June 1 @ 7:30 pm

Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Please fill out the form and return to the church office no later than **May 12, 2017**. We are excited to learn about our Apostle Creed. If you have any questions contact Lisa Hendrickson 701-254-5855 or Lisa Ptacek 701-

254-4179.



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