



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA
April 2018

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (emphasis added)

This passage from 1 Corinthians is just one from Scripture that shows us just how important the Resurrection is to the Christian message. Read again what Paul says. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then everything about what the Church preaches is done in vain. In fact, faith itself is vain and useless. It is futile and you and I are still in our sins. Without the Resurrection of Christ, his victory is incomplete and unfinished. If Christ has not been raised then all our loved ones who have died in the faith have truly met their end just as we will meet our end in death. If this is the case, then Christians are the most to be pitied upon this earth. If there is no Resurrection we have preached a false hope and the life and death of Christ mean nothing.

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” I love that word, “firstfruits,” because it implies and even necessitates that there will be “second-fruits.” Christ has in fact been raised from the dead and because he has been raised so too will those who have faith in him. His resurrection was the first to come. Yours (!) will be one of millions of seconds to come. Because of this those who are outside of the faith are the ones to be pitied. Those inside the faith do not “grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13b-14).

Easter is *our* season of hope. It is how we face death with courage and peace because we know it is not our end. In fact, Paul softens his language about death by simply calling it “sleep”. This is what the death of the believer is. It is simply a sleep; a sleep that will end when Christ returns and awakens all those who have fallen asleep in him to the great Resurrection of the Dead.

He is Risen,
Pastor Sean

PLC's Facebook, Website, and Weekly Emails!

Each Wednesday, Pastor Sean publishes an email that can be accessed through Facebook or sent directly to your email. Each email offers something different; perhaps a short video devotion or an explanation of something left out of a sermon. Sometimes there are bits of interesting and helpful things found on the web and occasionally silly things that pertain to nothing in particular are included. Feel free to sign up for the emails at <http://ndpeacelutheran.com/resources/email-sign-up/>.

Of course, you would also be encouraged to "like" PLC's Facebook page which can be found at www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton. Our Facebook page is a great place to see pictures of current events and keep current on weekly announcements.

Of course, our website is also an important place. Did you know that each Sunday, the sermon is recorded and posted on our website? Did you know you can also find the weekly schedule, past newsletters, the monthly calendar and our mission of the month on our website? Visit it at ndpeacelutheran.com.

✝ Memorials ✝

Gifts given in memory of Marie Ohlhauser and designated to the Parsonage Fund Kitchen Remodel Project were from Linda Tschritter, Pastor Sean Barnhart, Mike & Lil Kunz, Herb & Arlene Grenz, and Henry & Edna Serr; in memory of Arllys Isaak to the Parsonage Fund Kitchen Remodel Project from Linda Tschritter; in memory of Jon Hendrickson to the Parsonage Fund Kitchen Remodel Project from Violet Ohlhauser, and to the Celebrate Fund from Keith & Helen Petrick. ✝



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.

The Lord Hears Our Prayers



Prayer Chain

We will be redoing the prayer chain. Those of you who are on it now will have to resign up. Anyone else wishing to be called when a prayer request comes to us, please sign the pink paper on the bulletin board in the narthex. Prayers are something we all can do. Consider signing up to pray for incoming emergency prayers. Thank you!

🔔 **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 14, 2018:

- 1st Communion Class has been meeting with 4 students.
- 10 – 13 kids have been eating Friday lunches with Pastor Sean & Anne during Lent.
- Council approved bid from The Grounds Guys to spray Parsonage and Church lawns twice.
- Spring Clean-Up Date is Sunday, April 29th following church. Council will provide a light lunch prior to cleaning.
- Elevator was repaired.
- May 20th will be the start of Summer Services, and they will begin at 9:30 a.m.
- Parsonage Kitchen Remodel is in full swing.

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member....Lyle Hanson, Erin Huber, Julie UMBER, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, Aaron Stuckle, Erin Schmidt, Vicki Schwab, and Stan Naumann. ✝



No **Thrivent Choice \$** were received in March. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation!



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"The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."
1 JOHN 1:7

† APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, April 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study, April 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Instruction on Wednesdays, April 4, 11, & 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group/Confirmation Class, Wednesday, April 18 @ 6:30

April 1 – Easter Sunrise Celebrate Worship/Holy Communion 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

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

Apr. 8 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

Apr. 15 – Praise! Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

April 22 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

April 29 –Worship 10:45 a.m.

🚗 **Need a Ride to Church??**

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

Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167

Happy Easter!



Thank You to all who donated Lilies to beautify our Sanctuary this Easter!



Ushers and Acolytes for April

Elwin Nieuwsma Noah Nieuwsma
Andy Wald Aaron Hoff-Wald

Mackenzie Hendrickson and Ryan Hoff-Wald

*There are several open spots.
Please sign up!*

April Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Service

April 1 -

April 8 -

April 15 – Ptacek Family

April 22 -

April 29 -

May 6 -

The Church Council would like to thank everyone for their time and commitment to our church by being an active member.

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

April 1 -

April 8 – Lisa Hendrickson

April 15 – Debbie Jahner

April 22 – Julie Umber

April 29 -

May 6 -

Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and will meet April 8, 15, 22, & 29.

There will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 1. PLEASE check with your child or their teacher to see if they have memory work left to complete. There are a few who have some work to do before the end of the year in order to attend the pizza and game night in May! We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces as we move into springtime!

Blessings,
Lisa P and Lisa H.



Youth Group News...

Thank you to our youth who helped clean up during Lent Services. The woman of the church greatly appreciated it! The Youth will meeting on April 18, 2018 at Pastor Sean's for a meal/bible study... As the year is winding down I want to say thank you to our youth and their parents for all the prayers and support that is given to this great group.

God Bless,
Lisa Ptacek
Youth Group Leader



Our February "Mission of the Month" was "ND Teen Challenge". A check for \$253.00 was sent to them. We received a thank you from them which is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

In March, our "Mission" was "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch". We collected \$433.50 for them.

Our April "Mission" is "Great Plains Food Bank". At the end of this newsletter please see information on this mission project.



"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

"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

- Robin Williams



A few Ways to Enjoy Spring...

- ✿ Plan meals and snacks around the fresh produce that is available.
- ✿ Fly a kite.
- ✿ Eat your meals outside.
- ✿ Go for a walk or go hiking.
- ✿ Take your coffee breaks outside.
- ✿ Read your books outside.
- ✿ Cultivate and plant a garden, with vegetables and/or flowers.
- ✿ Play, study, or have conversations outside.
- ✿ Go camping.
- ✿ Check out nature books on wild flowers, bugs, birds, and /or leaves.
- ✿ Build a bird feeder, bird bath, or birdhouse for your back yard or deck. If you aren't handy building these items, you can purchase them inexpensively at hardware stores, craft fairs or yard sales.
- ✿ Think of new ways your family can be kinder to the environment.
- ✿ Share any of these activities with your children, grandchildren, or a child in your neighborhood.

Happy Spring!



...News from the PLCW...

Meeting of March 7, 2018

- The scheduled speaker for the Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea had to cancel, so the theme was changed to "Aprons of Yesteryear". Volunteers are still needed for the various committees.
- There will be a shared breakfast after the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. Committees are A – Set-up, B – Serve, and C – Clean-up.
- The Blessing of the Quilts will be Sunday, April 8th.

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

Women of Peace meet Wednesday, April 18th 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 6, 2018 at 2:00 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 "Aprons of Yesteryear".

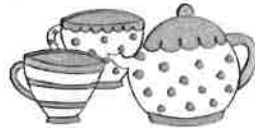


I am looking for women to help with the Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea committees. Violet Ohlhauser has volunteered for the decorating committee, but will need at least two who can help decorate the basement.

We have a menu for the lunch, but would like someone who will get a committee organized for preparation help and serving.

We also have a partial program. Our theme is 'Aprons of Yesteryear'. A fashion show to show off these aprons is part of the program. We have several games to play, but need a little something more; a singer, a speaker using aprons as a theme, or a skit? I am looking for ideas. Anyone willing to help, please sign up or call me at 254-4580. Thank you in advance for your ideas and involvement. With everyone chipping in to help using their expertise, we can have a fun and memorable afternoon!

Marilyn Malmedal



✂✂ QUILTING News ✂✂

The last day of quilting for this season was March 26th. The ladies have given of their time and talents to make some very pretty and cozy ones! **The Blessing of the quilts will be Sunday, April 15th during worship.** If you would like to purchase a quilt you may do so that day, and a \$30 donation is requested. Packing of the quilts will be the week following the 15th, so please watch for details in the church bulletin. You may direct your questions to Marilyn Malmedal. †



The Men's Bible Study Group will meet April 19 @ 7 p.m.



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... LAWN CARE BIDS ...

Bids for mowing the church and 2 cemetery lawns need to be in the church office by **April 20th**. 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. †



The Council has chosen Sunday, April 29th after church services for Spring Cleaning. The Church Council will provide a light lunch prior to cleaning. Please note this day on your calendars!

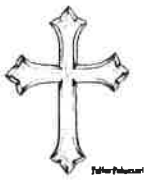


The Ten Commandments of Human Relations

1. Speak to people. There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, you must be one.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a joy to you.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: Yours, the other fellow's and the right side.
9. Be eager to lend a helping hand. Often it is appreciated more than you know. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a huge dose of patience and a dash of humility. This combination will open many doors and the rewards will be enormous,
"Peace be with you!"

Submitted by Maggie Bender





April Baptismal Dates

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

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| 2 – Darcy Rindelaub
Elijah Enoch Barnhart | 9 – Jack Knoepfler
Matthew Nieuwsma
Mitchell Forderer | 20 – Noah Nieuwsma
22 – Jay Vetter
24 – Julia Barnhart |
| 3 – Annie Masset
Magdalena Masset | 10 – Janell Huber
Laurie Humann | 26 – Holly Renschler
Sydney Giese
Kaisley Masset |
| 4 – Jude Barnhart | 13 – Kevin Ferderer | 28 – Daniel Weber |
| 5 – Rory Humann | 14 – Melissa Seaton | 29 – Gavin Ohlhauser |
| 7 – Steven Fiergola | 16 – Debbie Jahner | 30 – Michael Schatz |
| 8 – Carson Lawler | 18 – Arron Rudy | |

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:

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| 1 - Rylee Kelsch
Eileen Morris
Helen Renschler
Tobie Wald | 8 – Lyle Wohl
14 – Ethen Roemmich
15 – Donna Tveito
16 – Laura Hovland
McKenna Kiefer | 23 – Candis Wagner
Wyatt Schwab
24 – Eva Heyne
Florence Plienis
Megan Wald |
| 2 – Delyghte Haid | 17 – Vanessa Fisher | 27 – Hailey Dockter
Rosalette Ferderer |
| 3 – Tana Grenz
Melissa Seaton
Tyler Humann | 17 – Paitynn Bodvig | 29 – Cody Kurtz |
| 4 – Heidi Marie Schmidt | 21 – Tina Masset | 30 – Mark Fisher
Madisyn Ohlhauser |
| 6 – Elise Larson
Donna Schwab | 22 – Jaci Conroy
Delores 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

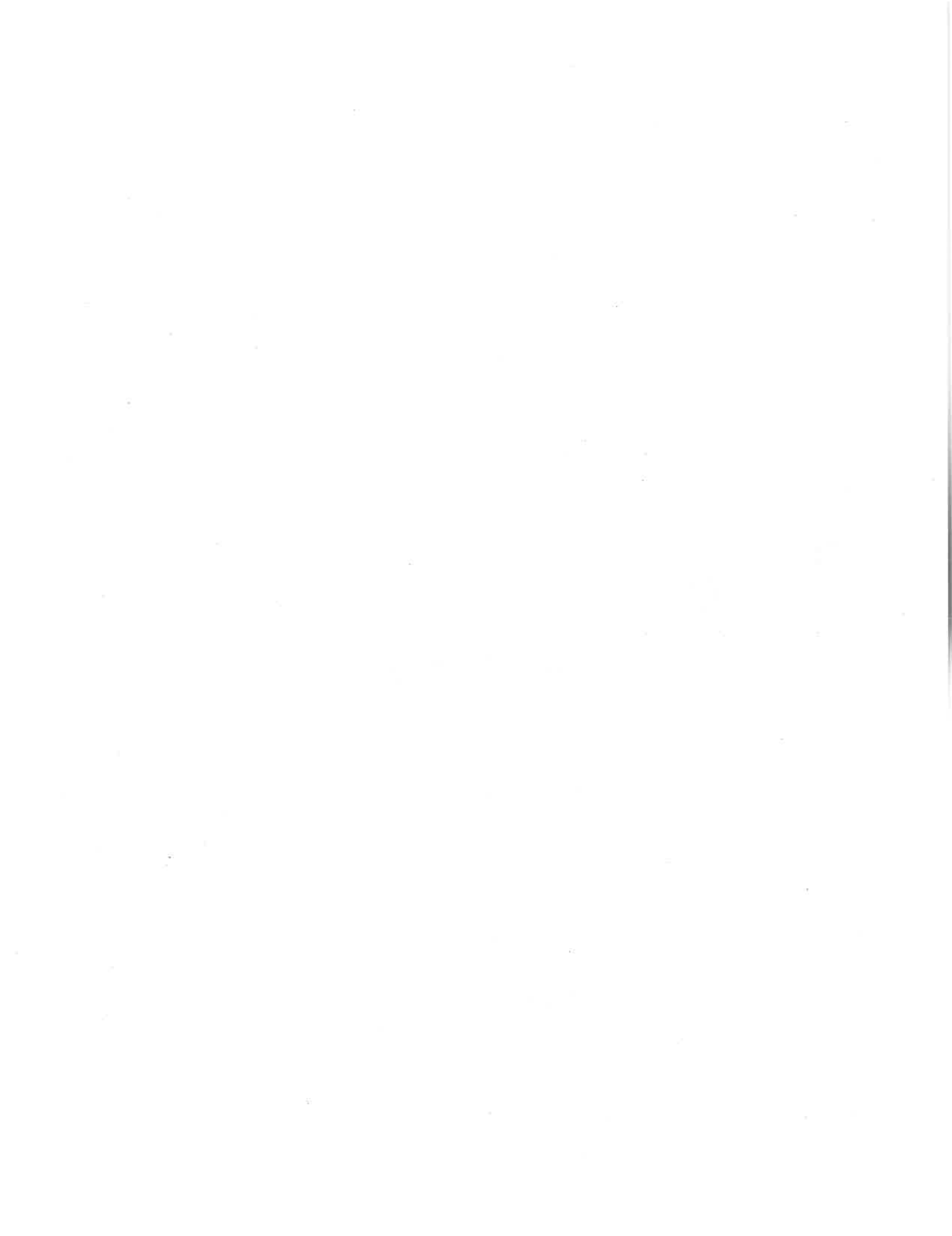
Welcome people in

Help them grow

Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care


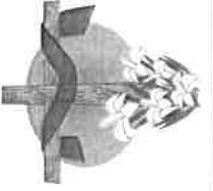




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Andy Wald, and Aaron Hoff-Wald

Acolytes: Ryan Hoff-Wald and Mackenzie Hendrickson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunrise Celebrate Worship/Communion 7 a.m. ~ Breakfast ~ Traditional Easter Worship/ Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.	2	3	4 PLCW Board 2:30 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm	5	6	7 
8 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship	9	10	11 Confirmation Class 7 pm Church Council 7 pm	12	13	14
15 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ Praise Worship/ Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. ~ Piano Recital 4 pm	16	17	18 6:30 pm Youth Group/ Confirmation Class 7 pm Women of Peace	19 ECMA 10:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	20 Newsletter Deadline	21
22 4th Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship	23	24	25 Confirmation Class 7 pm	26	27	28 Megan Haag/Kirk Praus Wedding
29 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship Piano Recital 7 pm	30	* April 29 Spring Cleaning after Church			Happy Easter!	

April Mission of the Month Great Plains Food Bank

About GPFB: The Great Plains Food Bank's mission is to end hunger in North Dakota and western Minnesota through community partnerships. We are the largest hunger-relief organization in North Dakota and serve as its only food bank. Each year, we touch the lives of one in 9 individuals who seek emergency food assistance.



What GPFB Does: We strive to end hunger effectively and efficiently - where waste is unacceptable. This means working with a wide array of individuals and organizations on a daily basis, carefully guiding all donated surplus food and grocery products to our network of food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and other charitable feeding programs serving those who are hungry and homeless. As stewards of community support, we direct 96% of every charitable dollar received toward programs and services, ensuring food for three meals gets into the hands of those who are hungry.

How GPFB Does It: Community partners are imperative to our work in ending hunger. We work with hundreds of food industry donors and charitable feeding programs, and thousands of volunteers and financial supporters. Together we are creating hunger-free communities. Operations are based out of our 36,000 square foot statewide distribution facility and supported by a fleet of refrigerated trucks that travel half a million miles each year crisscrossing the state picking up and delivering shelf-stable and perishable food donations to those in need. Our team consists of 35 staff and more than 5,500 volunteers. We believe ending hunger is a shared responsibility, and the right thing to do. We invite you to join us.