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Message from Pastor Sean...

Coronavirus. I am dead tired of talking about it. Like you I wish it would go away and life could just resume as normal. But as of the writing of this article, it seems like we haven't yet climbed the peak of Mt. Covid, so I suppose we must endure a bit longer.

In conversations I've had with some of you regarding Coronavirus, questions or comments about the spiritual meaning of this pandemic have been brought up. We wonder, what is God's purpose in all of this? Is the Coronavirus something God *caused* in order to punish us? Or is God just passively *allowing* this to happen? What is going on?

Questions like these can lead us down all sorts of rabbit holes. The plain reality is that no one has been given a divine revelation concerning these events. Could God have actively sent the Coronavirus to punish us? Yes. (Numbers 21:5-9). Could the Coronavirus simply be a happenstance of living in a fallen world? Yes. (Luke 13:1-5). But we simply do not know.

What we do know is this; that God remains in control even when it doesn't look like it (Isaiah 45:5-7). We also know that God can and does use suffering for his purposes – whether he actively causes it or not (Romans 8:28). Through suffering, God wants to shape and refine you, for “Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:3-5).

God doesn't always give us the answer to our “why” questions. But he does give us some meat to chew on in his Word. Take this time of quarantine to chew on God's Word. Instead of asking “why” try asking “what”. “What does God want to show me during this time? What is the Lord trying to produce?”

The Lord be with you,
Pastor Sean

✝ **Memorials** ✝

Gifts were given in memory of John and Katie Backhaus to the Parsonage Fund from Neil & Lyla Beitelspacher; in memory of Melvin Schatz to the Parsonage Fund from Linda Tschritter, to the Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann, and to the General Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr; and in memory of Alex (Mike) Bosh to the Basement Fund from The Edna Serr Family. ✝

April 2020 Narrative Lectionary Daily Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April 1st 1 Thess. 5:1-5	1 Thess. 5:6-11	Romans 13:11-14	Mark 14:1-2
April 5th Mark 11:1-11, 14:3-9	Deut. 15:7-11	Mark 14:10-21	Mark 14:22-31	Mark 14:32-42	Mark 15:16-39	Mark 15:40-47
April 12th Mark 16:1-8	John 20:1-10	Mark 16:9-20	Luke 24:13-27	Luke 24:28-35	Luke 24:36-49	Matt. 28:16-20
April 19th Acts 1:1-14	Acts 1:15-26	Acts 2:1-13	Acts 2:14-21	Acts 2:22-28	Acts 2:29-41	Acts 2:42-47
April 26th Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-22	Acts 4:23-31		

The Church Council, Meeting of March 11th, 2020:

- Pastor Sean reported he had 4 visits with Holy Communion; Led Care Center service on Feb. 23rd; has been having premarital counseling with several couples; Led Funeral Service for Melvin Schatz on Feb. 28; 6 students have been attending First Communion Class; Planning Passion Week and Lent Services.
- Property: Received a quote to repair the Baptismal Font, but are looking to do an in-house fix. The Parsonage Bathroom needs remodeling, and are looking for bids. Will also be looking for bids to do the mowing for the church yard and 2 cemeteries this summer. Scheduled Church Spring cleaning for May 3rd following church, council will serve a light lunch.
- Stewardship: Keith Petrick and Lisa Ptacek will audit the books. The books for the Youth Fund will be looked over as well.
- Worship: Tithely donations do get counted in weekly offerings.
- Education: Someone is needed to step up to co-chair Sunday School with Anne.
- Evangelism: Discussed starting a younger women's Bible Study.
- Plans were made for the Council to host the April 1st Soup Supper.
- Approved Rachal Umber to use the church basement for her rehearsal dinner in October.

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member....Erin Schmidt, Vicki Schwab, Stan Naumann, Wade Huber, Denise Martin, and Edgar Ohlhauser, Lisa Hendrickson, Mark Heidrich, and Rachal Umber. ☩



... LAWN CARE BIDS ...

Bids for mowing the church and 2 cemetery lawns need to be in the church office ASAP. 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.

Thrivent Choice \$ received the end of February totaled \$506, and in March totaled \$423.00. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation!

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars[®] available to direct, please keep Peace Lutheran Church in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call **800-847-4836** and say "Thrivent Choice" or log on to <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>



God's Word will help us have peace during our world's Coronavirus Pandemic. Read these verses from your Bible and meditate on them.

10 Bible Verses about God's Protection

1. Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you..."
2. Psalm 91:4 "...his faithfulness will be your shield..."
3. Psalm 63:7 "...in the shadow of Your wings I sing..."
4. Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength..."
5. Deuteronomy 31:6 "...he will never leave you..."
6. Exodus 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you..."
7. Romans 8:31 "God is for us..."
8. Proverbs 18:10 "...the righteous run to it and are safe."
9. 2 Samuel 22:32 "...who is the Rock except our God?"
10. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 "He will...guard you against the evil one."

*Taken from the article, [25 Verses about God's Protection](#), written by Kelly Balarie.
From Crosswalk.com through the LCMC Website....*



Matthew 28:6
"He is Risen!"



Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunrise Celebrate Worship/Holy Communion 7 a.m.

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

This is a tentative schedule. As you know, it depends on where we are with the COVID-19 Pandemic.



God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' Billy Graham

✝ Easter is very important to me, it's a second chance. Reba McEntire



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

I lied on my Weight Watchers list. I put down that I had 3 eggs... but they were Cadbury chocolate eggs. Caroline Rhea



Easter egg hunts: the one time kids are allowed to eat stuff off the ground.

🔔 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. ✝



Happy Spring!



† **APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE** †

Sunday School, April 5, 19 & 26 @ 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study, April 5, 19, & 26 @ 9:30 a.m.
First Communion Education, April 1 @ 3:45 p.m.

Apr. 5 – Palm Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

Apr. 12 – Easter Sunrise Celebrate Worship/Holy Communion 7:00 a.m.

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

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

April 26 – Praise! Worship 10:45 a.m.

(This is our normal schedule. Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, please check Facebook or the PLC web-site for cancellations and updates.)

🚗 **Need a Ride to Church??**

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

Happy Easter!

Facebook Live

Who knows what these bizarre and troubled times may bring? Whether we are able to meet face-to-face to worship or not, we plan to broadcast live on Facebook at our regular worship times. It may be some music, prayers, and a sermon or it may just be a sermon. Either way there will be something. If you can't tune in live, you can find past recordings on Facebook simply by scrolling through our page <https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheraninton/>. Or you can visit our website <http://ndpeacelutheran.com/> and find all the links you need there.



Please remember to pray for family, friends and community during this pandemic.

God's Word says...

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "pray continually" NIV

Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." NIV

Psalms 50:15 "Pray to me in time of trouble. I will rescue you, and you will honor me." CEV



In March, our "Mission" was "St. Jude Children's Hospital", and for them we have collected \$306.00 as of March 22nd.

Our April "Mission of the Month" is the **PLC Community Help Fund**.



Ushers and Acolytes for April

Worship schedules will be announced at a later date via Facebook, PLC Website, and word of mouth.

April Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Service

- April 5 -
- April 12 -
- April 19 -
- April 26 -
- May 3 -

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

- April 5 – Mark Heidrich
- April 12 – Mark Heidrich
- April 19 – Debbie Jahner
- April 26 –
- May 3 -



Mobile and Online Giving using Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly makes it easy to give either with their app or by clicking the green “Give” button on our church website (ndpeacelutheran.com). You can give using your credit/debit card or you can give directly from your bank account. You can chose to give a onetime gift or set your gift up to be recurring. You can even designate which fund your gift will go to and leave a memo to indicate an honorarium or memorial. If you have a smart phone, a tablet, or a computer give it a try. It’s both easy and safe.



Download the **Tithe.ly** app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at ndpeacelutheran.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and will meet April 5, 19, & 26.

The Sunday School Kids will sing during worship on Palm Sunday April 5th.

Please check Facebook or the PLC Web-site for cancellations & postponements during this pandemic.

The kids have started practicing music for Palm Sunday. Of course we don't know where things will be come Holy Week, but if we are back in session we would love to have your kids sing in church!

We encourage you to keep reading the Word of God to your kids during this time. You could even memorize a few Bible verses with them.

May God grant you His peace, love, and joy!

Anne B and Lisa H.



Youth Group News...

Please check Facebook for any updates.

God Bless,
Lisa Ptacek
Youth Group Leader



Church Cleaning

The Council has scheduled Church Cleaning on May 3 following our Worship Service. The Council will provide a light meal. Please watch on Facebook and the PLC Web-site for changes in our schedules.



...News from the PLCW...

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

Women of Peace will not meet in April.

✂✂ QUILTING News ✂✂

The last day of quilting for this season was scheduled for March 31st. The ladies have given of their time and talents to make some very petty and snuggly ones! The Blessing of the quilts will be at a later date.



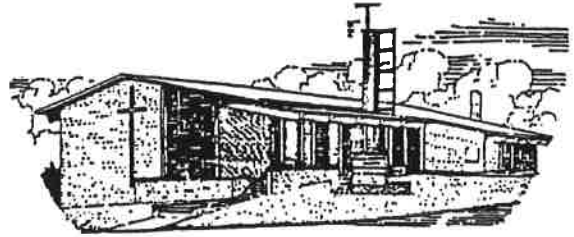
The Gospel Alphabet – Study and Memorize God's Word!

Scripture of the Month ~

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

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Isaiah 41:10

10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

PLC members we reach out to you during this time of uncertainty and ask that as you look toward supporting our local community, you also support our church. During the weeks of Lent and Easter we traditionally receive enough offerings to help cover the costs of church expenses during the lean summer months. Unfortunately, this month we have moved to online services to protect our members that could be at risk of COVID-19. This has led to a loss of donations that help support our church. We hope that we may return to our "community" inside the church walls soon, but we are preparing for the possibility that it could be months before restrictions are lifted. This is an unprecedented time for not just our congregation, but for the entire world. To sustain Peace Lutheran Church, about \$2,600 is required per week to meet our budget.

PLC is not just a place of worship but a pillar of our community, and we understand many members are concerned for their own well-being. During this time, we will diligently work to make it our mission to support those in need. PLC would also like to provide some much-needed support for community members and local businesses that are being affected both financially and emotionally during this time. If you are in need please reach out to Pastor Sean or one of the Council Members.

Truly the Lord has blessed us with much, all that we have been given to us by the Lord. As people blessed by the Lord through Peace Lutheran, we are called to give back to the Lord to support his church. When we give to the church, we not only support the ministry that benefits us, we are also pooling together our resources to benefit others; locally, regionally, nationally, and even globally.

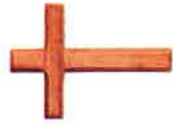
PLC also has an option to donate online for anyone looking for the convenience. This is also a great way to set up a recurring weekly, monthly or yearly donation. On our website ndpeaceluthern.com you can find a donation button on the right side. Once you click on this button you can choose to make a one-time payment or a recurring payment. If you need any help, please reach out to Wade Huber 701-321-3096 and he will be glad to show you how to use this site.

Everyone's capacity to give differs, each should give as you are able. Please do not forget your church, financially or with your presence.

Yours in faith,
The PLC Church Council

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1st Communion Ed 3:45 pm 5:30—6:30 Lent Supper 7:00 Lent Worship Women of Peace will not meet this month.	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship /Holy Communion	6	7	8 Church Council 8 pm	9 Maundy Thursday Worship with First Communion 7:00 pm	10 Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm	11
12 Easter 7:00 am Celebrate Sunrise Service/Holy Communion ~ 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Holy Communion	13	14	15 Pop-up Perishables 1:00-2:30pm Confirmation 3:45 pm & 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 am Celebrate Worship /Holy Communion	20	21	22 Earth Day Confirmation 3:45 pm & 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Praise Worship SCC Service 2:00 pm	27	28	29 Confirmation 3:45 pm & 7:00 pm	30	HAPPY Easter!	



April Baptismal Dates

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

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 Wayde Bauman	28 – Daniel Weber
5 – Rory Humann	14 – Melissa Seaton	29 – Gavin Ohlhauser
7 – Steven Fiergola	16 – Debbie Jahner	30 – Michael Schatz
8 – Carson Lawler Phoebe Savage	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:

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

