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***Message from Pastor Sean...***

**A Few Words on Holy Communion**

For Maundy Thursday and Easter services, more than a few churches found some interesting ways to celebrate Communion. Some held drive-through Communion, some held worship via FM radio in their parking lot and served Communion to those who came through their car windows. Others invited families to provide their own bread and wine and commune as individual families at home while their pastor spoke the Words of Institution over Facebook.

At this point, I've decided against all of these options. To be clear, I don't condemn these churches for what they are doing, but the word "communion" literally means "together with." To me this means that we should celebrate Communion as a congregation together. After all, the people you go to church with are your family members in Christ and Communion is meant to be a family affair. Doing this via the internet, through the drive through, or in our individual cars in the parking lot takes away from this.

So because of all this we will wait to celebrate Communion until the family of Christ at Peace Lutheran can join together in person, face to face for worship.

That said, if anyone of our people is in ill health and would like me to bring them Communion – I would be happy to do so if possible. But until the government releases group assembly restrictions we wait with eager anticipation to receive the benefits of Christ in his body and blood together. And perhaps a fast from Communion isn't a bad thing. "Absence," as they say, "makes the heart grow fonder."

In Peace,  
Pastor Sean

[Note: as of the writing of this article, it has yet to be decided when we will meet together again for in-person worship.]

✝ **Memorials** ✝

During April, gifts were given in memory of Madeline Thorsgard to the Parsonage Fund from Keith & Evelyn Petrick, Ron & Mary Maier, and Linda Tschritter; in memory of Martin, Leona and Leo Kenneth Ohlhauser to the General Fund from Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser; in memory of Beatrice Heer to the General Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr; in memory of Cleo Delyghte Haid to the General Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr, and to the Parsonage Fund from Linda Tschritter; and in memory of Donald and Helen Halstead to the General Fund from Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser. ✝

# Church Schedule

Normal scheduled time is 10:45 AM through May 10

May 17 – Labor Day Weekend, time is 9:30 AM

**Watch for announcements on Facebook or our PLC web-site.**

As you know, our schedule depends on where we are with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## Facebook Live

Thank you to all those who continue to join in on our Facebook Live worship services. Our plan is to continue (as we have for the past year or so) to broadcast our services via Facebook Live whether we meet in person or not. If you can't tune in live, you can find past recordings on Facebook simply by scrolling through our page <https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton/>. Or you can visit our website <http://ndpeacelutheran.com/> and find all the links you need there.



## May 2020 Narrative Lectionary Daily Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					May 1 <sup>st</sup> Acts 16:25-34	Acts 16:35-40
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Acts 17:1-9	1 Thess. 1:1-10	1 Thess. 2:1-12	1 Thess. 2:13-16	Acts 17:10-15	Acts 17:16-28	Acts 17:29-34
May 10 <sup>th</sup> Acts 18:1-4	1 Cor. 1:10-18	Acts 18:5-11	Acts 18:12-17	Acts 18:18-23	1 Cor. 1:19-31	1 Cor. 11:17-26
May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 Cor. 13:1-13	1 Cor. 14:26-33	1 Cor. 15:1-11	1 Cor. 15:12-19	1 Cor. 15:20-26	1 Cor. 15:30-41	1 Cor. 15:42-50
May 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 Cor. 15:51-57	1 Cor. 16:1-9	1 Cor. 16:10-14	1 Cor. 16:15-24	2 Cor. 1:3-7	2 Cor. 1:8-14	Acts 2:1-4
May 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 Cor. 12:1-13						



## 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. ☩

**Thrivent Choice \$** received in April totaled \$2,337.00. 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/>.



### *A Prayer for May*

Lord, purge our eyes to see  
Within the seed a tree,  
Within the glowing egg a bird,  
Within the shroud a butterfly:  
Till taught by such we see  
Beyond all creatures Thee,  
And hearken for Thy tender word,  
And hear it, "Fear not: it is I."

Christina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)

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

God's Word says...

Romans 12:12 "Keep on praying" NLT ♥ "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." NIV

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." NIV

Psalms 27:8 "My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming." NLT



## **Peace Lutheran Youth Group**

Please check Facebook for any updates.

God Bless,  
Lisa Ptacek  
Youth Group Leader



A mother understands what a child does not say." —Jewish proverb



Thank you to those who ordered Lilies in Memory of or in Honor of your loved ones for Easter. Due to Covid-19, the Lilies were not delivered. We still celebrated the rising of our Lord Jesus Christ from the grave through on-line services, by reading God's Word, and by prayer and praise. Here is a list of some of our loved ones we are remembering:

**Gifts were given by:**

The Serr Family  
 Blaine & Joyce Lemer  
 Keith & JoAnn Humann  
 Tim & Rhonda Dockter  
 Stan & Dorothy Naumann  
 Jennifer Pocta  
 Violet Ohlhauser  
 Rebecca Bosch  
 Ptacek Family  
 Mike & Lil Kunz and Family  
 Duane Ohlhauser  
 Dennis & Rosie Ferderer  
 Mark & Fran Heidrich

**In Memory Of:**

Henry Serr  
 Bob & Leona Gaukler  
 Franklin Gartner  
 Becky Humann  
 Alfred & Elaine Dockter  
 Ronald & Evelyn Backhaus  
 Donald & Lucille Naumann  
 Glen Naumann  
 Steve Naumann  
 Art & Lizzy Berreth  
 Helmuth & Lizzy Heyne  
 Stanley & Gladys Pocta  
 Wally Ohlhauser  
 Nancy Peterson  
 Kiefer, Kunz, Jacob & Job  
 Family Members  
 Donald & Marie Ohlhauser  
 Paul, Elsie, & Fern Ferderer  
 Deb Zahn  
 Steven Wood  
 The Heidrich Family

**In Honor Of:**

Husbands, Parents, Sisters, & Brothers,  
 Brothers-in law, Sisters-in -law,  
 Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Loving Family:  
 Mike & Lil Kunz & Family  
 Thomas & Sandy Kunz & Family  
 Sam & Helen Renschler & Family

You can find love everywhere – friendships, relationships and everywhere else, but never will you find love as strong as that in a family. ~Unknown





## ***The Church Council, Special Meetings of March 15 & 30; and April 3, 2020:***

- **March 15:** Discussed worship plans going forward considering the current virus notifications being issued by government agencies, and the Council's plan to best meet the needs of our parishioners. At this time it was decided to offer Lenten Services but not the Lent Meal. For communion during the service, it was decided to work under the plan of continuous serving rather than communion at the altar. Anyone who is sick, please stay home and enjoy the service from our live stream. A week by week decision will be made regarding church services as more information and guidelines are provided.
- **March 30:** Meeting was called to discuss Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services. \*Will continue Facebook Live services through April 12<sup>th</sup>. \*1<sup>st</sup> Communion is postponed, date to be determined. \*Serr Wedding postponed. Looking to have a small legal service on April 18<sup>th</sup>. \*Tithely donations going well. Drop off offerings are coming in, and finances are doing OK. \*The "Mission of the Month" for April will be **PLC Community Help Fund**. \*People can come and pick up palms to take home for Palm Sunday. \*Discussed ways to help neighbors in need during the pandemic.
- **April 3:** \*Pastor's focus is on Holy Week. \*Funeral for Delyghte Haid will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Myers Funeral Home is following local, state, and CDC requirements to protect the health and safety of all. \*Pastor Sean is working on VBS curriculum. If not used this year, will save for next year. \* CARES Act – In response to the Covid-19 outbreak, the government is providing assistance to get through some tough times. This includes assistance to non-profits and/or churches. The church can apply for a Payroll Protection Loan to help pay payroll expenses for the three employees. There is also a part of this loan that will cover utilities. 75 percent of the loan has to be payroll, 25 percent can be utilities. The loan will be forgiven (so it would become a grant) if we stay within the parameters (cannot reduce workforce and/or salary, etc.). Council approved applying for the Payroll Protection Loan under the CARES Act. Payroll Protection Loan funds received will be deposited into the Money Market Account to be used for Payroll and other operating expenses. Motion was approved that once the loan is forgiven, the money not needed within a year of loan forgiveness will be used in a meaningful way within the church and the community. \*Offering money must be counted by someone on the worship committee before the Bookkeeper can count and deposit it. This will be taken care of. \*Council approved the motion to suspend all in-person services through April until guidance is given to proceed as such. \*Spring cleaning postponed, date to be determined.

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



## **Church Cleaning**

The Council has postponed Church Cleaning, date to be determined. Please watch on Facebook and the PLC Web-site for changes in our schedules.

### 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 (ndpeaceelutheran.com). You can give using your credit/debit card or you can give directly from your bank account. You can choose 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 [ndpeaceelutheran.com](http://ndpeaceelutheran.com)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

As we "wrap up" our year we want to give our thanks to those who have helped make our shortened year a great one!

Thank you to all the dedicated teachers, our music leader Vicki, those who substitute taught, brought snacks, and the parents, who faithfully brought their kids to Sunday School! Our last day of SS was supposed to be May 3rd, with our pizza party on the 6th to celebrate those who completed their memory work. It is usually such a fun way to finish the year and reward those who worked hard. We had originally planned to have our yearly VBS May 26-28, 5:30 to 7:30pm. It is unclear at this time if we will continue with that date. We will let our Sunday School families know of our decision when we make it.

After years of faithfully leading the Sunday School, Lisa Hendrickson has decided to step down from this position. THANK YOU, for all that you have done, Lisa! Your dedicated leadership will be missed!!

Thankfully, Jen Vetter has volunteered to fulfill the Co-Superintendent position for next year. We are grateful that God continues to provide for our church.

To God be the Glory!

Anne Barnhart



*~News from the PLCW~*

**Women of Peace will not meet Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

The quilts for seniors will not be May 10<sup>th</sup>, but will be announced.  
Everything is on hold for the time being.





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

WE HOPE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU AT A LATER DATE THIS SUMMER.

ERICA HOFF-WALD

JADEN BOSCH

KELANI LARSON

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STEPS AND WATCH OVER YOU!

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11**

Keep all of our students, pre-school through college, in your prayers during this difficult time.



*Thank You* to Jon Ptacek, Makayla Ptacek, Sydney Blum, Heidi Nieuwsma, and Anne Barnhart for their help with the Live-Stream Worship Services. Your music adds so much to our worship experience! God Bless You!



*Thank you...* Jean Rudy, Mike & Lil Kunz, and Linda Tschritter for their help in stuffing envelopes to get the newsletters out on time! Thank you also to Lisa Hendrickson and Vicki Schwab for their help with the April Newsletter. It is very much appreciated! ☺



A very special *Thank you* to Jean and Avis for cleaning and organizing the glass display case in the Narthex. It looks so nice. I've been wanting to do that for some time, but was unable to do it. There are some very special "memories" in there. Thank you, girls. There are so many good people in our world.

Bless you,  
Violet



*Many Thanks* to Edgar and Dee Ohlhauser for cleaning the narthex and Pastor's office carpets!



*Thank you so much* to Jon Ptacek for planting Day Lilies on the East side of the church.



In March, our "Mission of the Month" was "St. Jude Children's Hospital". \$358.00 was sent to them from our congregation.

In April, our "Mission" was "PLC Community Help Fund". We collected \$293 for that local mission fund.

Our May "Mission of the Month" is "Salvation Army Northern Division".

# Peace Lutheran Church May 2020 "Mission of the Month" is...

## Salvation Army Northern Division

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Some of the needs met by the Salvation Army include helping disaster survivors, empowering youth, sharing God's love, overcoming poverty, combating addiction, curing hunger, and providing housing.



The Salvation Army Northern Division covers Minnesota and North Dakota and is a major donor to the Emmons County Ministerial Association's Thanksgiving Basket project each year.



*Happy Mother's Day, and many blessings to all of our wonderful Moms and Grandmas!*

**"A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go." —Unknown**

**"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had."  
—Linda Wooten**



**"A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's." —Princess Diana**

**"It's not easy being a mother. If it were, fathers would do it." —The Golden Girls**

**There's no place like home except Grandma's." —Unknown**

**"Grandmothers are the people who take delight in hearing babies breathing into the telephone." —Unknown**



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

Scripture of the Month ~

**"Kee yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to Eternal Life."**

Jude 1:21





### May Baptismal Dates

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

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 – Ashton Rudy        | 12 – Megan Wald    | 22 – Ethen Roemmich   |
| 3 – Kaitlyn Nieuwsma   | 14 – Larry Humann  | James Streyle         |
| 4 – Elsie Barnhart     | Michael A Kunz     | Carson Hoff-Wald      |
| 6 – Roberta Wagner     | 15 – Chad Dockter  | 23 – Tobie Wald       |
| 7 – Rosalette Ferderer | Mary Maier         | 25 – Florence Pleinis |
| Keith Humann           | Alexandria Staigle | 29 – Candis Wagner    |
| 8 – Paityn Bodvig      | Amber Weber        | 30 – Corey Grenz      |
| 9 – Ryan Hoff-Wald     | 17 – June Alderin  | Jackson Tveito        |
| Skylar Hoff-Wald       | 19 – Kevin Higdon  | 31 – Hailey Swanson   |
| 10 – Eileen Morris     |                    | Robin Silbernagel     |
| Helen Renschler        |                    |                       |

\*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.✝



### May birthdays are:

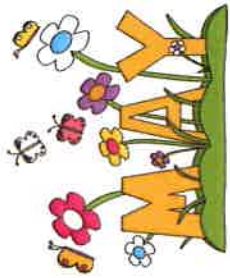
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| 3 – Bowdy Roemmich     | 14 – Matthew Jasper   | 20 – Trish Baumann  |
| 9 – Linda Tschritter   | 15 – Debra Hochhalter | 22 – Eva Hanson     |
| 11 – Troy Roemmich     | Makayla Ptacek        | 26 – Jesse Haas     |
| Kevin Higdon           | Shelley Serr          | 27 – Ernest Wohl    |
| Stanley Naumann        | 16 – Gregory Humann   | Jarell Ketterling   |
| Kaylyn Hendrickson     | Jordan Bingham        | 29 – Donna Forderer |
| 12 – Violet Ohlhauser  | 17 – Karen Welk       | Jeanette Winterberg |
| 13 – Michael Werlinger | 18 – Jackson Tveito   | 30 – Ben Krogstad   |
|                        |                       | 31 – Acacia Stuckle |

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



# May 2020

All schedules are subject to change or cancellation due to Coronavirus Pandemic.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>3</b> 4th Sunday of Easter 10:45 a.m. Worship On-line	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 5th Sunday of Easter 10:45 a.m. Worship Happy Mother's Day!	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 6th Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ascension Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 7th Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>31</b> The Day of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>25</b>  MEMORIAL DAY	<b>26</b> VBS—May 26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 