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*Message from Pastor Sean...*

Recently, I've been preaching on Job. A key theme in the book of Job is suffering – which can be a difficult theme to preach on. In my preparations, I've been reading over a book that I consult from time to time called "On Being a Theologian of the Cross: Reflections on Luther's Heidelberg Disputation, 1518" by Gerhard O. Forde. In this Forde expounds on 28 theses (which read like short proverbs) that comprised Luther's Heidelberg Disputation.

Central to the Disputation is God's work in suffering. Luther and Forde contend that our Lord is not adverse to employ suffering as a means of working against the sinner; to expose in us our propensity to rest on our works, our laurels, and our own virtue. Suffering is often God's way of breaking us down so that we have no choice but to fall upon his grace and trust in him.

In this thinking, Forde makes this surprising and hard to swallow statement, "Through suffering and the cross... sinners can see and come to know God. So theologians of the cross must be able to speak honestly and forthrightly, to 'say what a thing is.' *This suffering is from God and it is good.*" (emphasis added.)

Have you ever called suffering good? I sure haven't. Usually I call it evil. But Forde challenges this. He says, "love can cause suffering." Surely we wouldn't call 'love' evil. Forde gives another example, "Children with their demands and impetuous cries can cause suffering." This is the one that really gets to me and helps me to understand how suffering can be good. Being a father is difficult. I feel, as a father, like I suffer many "demands and impetuous cries." But this suffering almost always exposes some of the foul and disheartening attributes of my own sinful nature. The "demands and impetuous cries" of my children expose my own selfishness, my own greed, my own self-interest, and my propensity to anger. In my suffering as a father, the Lord is constantly attacking this sinner and laying bare my absolute need for his grace. For this reason, this suffering is good.

What are some of the sufferings you endure on a daily basis? How might God be attacking your sinful nature through that suffering? Remember, when we feel God may be unjust for the suffering we are enduring that he put his own Son through suffering as well – the suffering of the cross for your good (which is why we might call it Good Friday.)

In Peace,  
Pastor Sean





† **Memorials** †

During June, donations were given in memory of Cleo Delyghte Haid to the Parsonage Fund from Mike & Lil Kunz; in memory of Edgar & Sophia Wohl to the General Fund from Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser; in memory of Les Kautz to the Parsonage Fund from Joyce & Blaine Lemer, Linda Tschritter, and Mike & Lil Kunz, and to Celebrate from Donna Tveito and Melanie Kalvoda; in memory of Kirk Randle to the General Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr; in memory of Eldon Hollaar to the General Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr; in memory of Rodney Schiermeister to the General Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr; and in memory of Marge Van Vugt to the General Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr. †



**Summer Worship**  
**9:30 AM**

*We were made for Worship!*  
*Praise God with a thankful heart!*

† **JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE** †

Each Sunday, 5, 12, 19, & 26

Worship Services 9:30 a.m.

*Please remember that these schedules are dependent on where we are with CDC guidelines.*

- **Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>:** Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
- **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Praise! Worship
- **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
- **Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:** Praise! Worship

Needed: One Volunteer to be usher and one to be door opener each week.

**Please sign up!**

- July 5 –
- July 12 –
- July 19 –
- July 26 –
- August 2 –

**Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule**

- July 5 –
- July 12 –
- July 19 –
- July 26 –
- August 2 –

**Please take a moment to check the white board set up in the narthex and see which Sunday works for you to help usher, be a reader, or door opener. 😊**

**! 🚌 Need a Ride??**

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

**Facebook Live**

Can't make it to worship? Join us live each Sunday via Facebook. 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.

*July Scripture Readings*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b> Job 38:31-41	Job 39:19-30	Job 40:1-14	Job 40:15-24
<b>July 5<sup>th</sup></b> Job 41:1-8	Job 42:1-9	Job 42:10-17	Psalm 42:1-11	Psalm 43:1-5	Psalm 46:1-11	Psalm 47:1-9
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup></b> 2 Cor. 1:1-7	2 Cor. 1:8-11	2 Cor. 1:12-14	2 Cor. 1:15-20	2 Cor. 1:21-24	Psalm 40:1-10	Psalm 40:11-17
<b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b> 2 Cor. 2:1-10	2 Cor. 2:11-17	2 Cor. 3:1-6	2 Cor. 3:7-11	2 Cor. 3:12-18	Psalm 96:1-9	Psalm 96:10-13
<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b> 2 Cor. 4:1-6	2 Cor. 4:7-15	2 Cor. 4:16-18	Psalm 115:1-8	Psalm 115:9-18	2 Cor. 5:1-5	

**A Prayer for Summer...**

**The Quiet Place**

*I like to find  
 A quiet place  
 Amidst the work  
 And pressing pace –  
 And shift my thoughts  
 To God – and grace.*

*Then struggles, cares  
 And fears release.  
 He speaks in love,  
 He gives me peace.  
 Fresh courage comes;  
 My tensions cease.*

*I love to find  
 This quiet place!*

By Ella May Miller

**A Prayer for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July...**

**Dear Lord, God Almighty,**

*in whose name the founders of this country  
 won liberty for themselves and for us,  
 and lit the torch of freedom for the nations  
 yet unborn: Grant that we and all the people of  
 this land may have grace to maintain our  
 liberties in righteousness and peace;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
 with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
 for ever and ever. Amen.*

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**Dawson Michael Werlinger**, son of Michael and Cassie Werlinger, was baptized on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and Blessings to his parents, grandpa's and grandma's! May Dawson be a faithful follower of Jesus throughout his life. †



**HOME OF THE FREE  
BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE**



Please pray for peace in our country!

1 Timothy 2:1-2 "I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." NIV

Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.

### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag,  
Of the United States of America  
And to the Republic for which it stands,  
One Nation, under God  
Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.



**THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL**

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In June, we received \$8 in **Thrivent Choice \$**. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation!

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## ✿ **Honor Someone With Chancel Flowers!** ✿

The Flower Committee listed below along with 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: Leola Dietz and Janice Baer. ☩



## **PLCW News**

**Women of Peace will meet July 1 @ 7:00 PM**

Hostess: Marilyn Malmedal Bible Study Leader: Janice Baer



There will be 8 seniors graduating next year and we do need help with making quilts. Please, think about making a quilt top for us to finish. The measurements are in the PLCW booklet. These truly would be from the women of the church instead of just a few or one making the quilts needed. If you are interested, please call Marilyn Malmedal 254-4580 or Janice Baer 254-4886. We can get together and cut fabric and sew at the church or you could take fabric home with you and work at your leisure. Once again, please consider helping out with this task. Thank you.



## ***The Church Council, Meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020:***

- Pastor's Report: Light visits have started, but not in Nursing Homes; Officiated at Melvin Schatz's burial May 15<sup>th</sup>; Baptism for Annika Ketterling on May 17, and 2 more coming up soon; First Communion on June 7<sup>th</sup> for six 5<sup>th</sup> graders; Finishing VBS Curriculum; Funeral for Les Kautz on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Property: Handicapped button on North door is still stuck and will be looked in to. Lilac bushes were removed at the cemetery, and it was sprayed. A request for bids to remodel the parsonage bathroom will be made, and project will be discussed at next meeting.
- Worship: Pastor will be on vacation June 21<sup>st</sup>. Duane Baer will give the message and Edgar Ohlhauser will lead the service. Communion on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Using the PowerPoint for worship is going well. Purchasing a new projector in the future was discussed. Discussion was also had on the Covid Policies, Communion at the altar will continue on July 5<sup>th</sup>, No Children's sermon for the summer months, and no handshakes.
- Education: VBS will be June 23 – 25 from 6-7:30 in the evening. No meal this year.
- Evangelism: Motion was made and unanimously approved to make the "Mission of the Month" for July to be the **PLC Community Help Fund** with the intent to bless teachers with funds/gift cards for school supplies. A motion was also made and unanimously approved to donate \$300 to the United Methodist Backpack Program from the PLC Community Help Fund.
- New Business: It was approved for Rachal Umber to use the church basement for her Bridal Shower on August 15<sup>th</sup>. **The date for Harvest Festival is September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Dee Ohlhauser and Debbie Jahner are the co-chairs of the event.

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



### **Giving Opportunity: Emmons County Food Pantry**

During the summer months, the Emmons County Food Pantry is just as busy as it is any time of the year. In fact, over the last few years more and more families are coming to depend on food assistance through the ECFP. However, food donations to the ECFP are usually a lot lower during the summer – this appears to be especially true this summer. *Please consider donating some food items to the ECFP this summer.* Any groceries you would like to donate could be dropped off at the church.

#### **"I DIDN'T HAVE TIME"**

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me  
And heavier came each task;  
"Why doesn't God help me," I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me  
He said, "But you didn't seek."  
I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."  
I woke up early this morning  
And paused before entering the day.  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

Author Unknown (Found in old records of PLCW)



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

We hope everyone is having a great summer! If all goes as planned we will have finished VBS by the time you are reading this. Thank you to those who supported us in the decision to have VBS this summer. We are praying for a faith-growing, fun, and safe few days.

Before we know it, it will be time to be thinking about Sunday School starting in September again. Any teachers that would like to keep their classes or if there are new volunteers to teach/team teach, please let Anne Barnhart or Jen Vetter (our new Co-Superintendent!!!) know as soon as possible so we can get a start on planning from our side for the upcoming year.

If you know of anyone interested in attending Sunday School this fall at PLC, let us know, we'd love to have them! -Anne and Jen



## 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. †



We have room for more names of people to send the newsletter to. If you have a relative or friend who would like to receive our monthly letter, please contact the church office @ 254-5395 or email to [peacelutheran@bektel.com](mailto:peacelutheran@bektel.com).

### 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.



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Our "May Mission of the Month" was The Salvation Army. We gave \$578 in offerings to them. Our June "Mission" was "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch," and as of June 21<sup>st</sup> donations of \$204.00 have been received.

Our July "Mission" is "PLC Community Help Fund". One item approved by the Council in the past month to use these funds for are to bless the teachers in school with gift cards or cash for school supplies. The teachers purchase supplies to have on hand for students whose families cannot afford to purchase their own. Another blessing is the Back Pack project sponsored by the Emmons County Ministerial through the United Methodist Church. \$300 was donated for school supplies to fill the back packs, and these are offered to any child in Emmons County that is in need of them.



### ***The Gospel Alphabet – Keep Studying God’s Word***

Scripture of the Month – God’s gift of love!

**“My grace is sufficient for you.”**

2 Corinthians 12:9b NIV



Our **Fall Harvest Festival** date on the City Calendar is not correct. Our Harvest Fest will be Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Sunday. Mark your calendars and begin to plan how you will help out.



## July Baptismal Dates

Baptismal dates for July according to church records are:

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 – Isabell Rudy   | 12 – Shelby Kelsch | 28 – Jarod Conroy   |
| 2 – Tyler Humann   | Laura Hovland      | Jace Ferderer       |
| 3 – Ernest Wohl    | 15 – Sydney Blum   | Marvin Heyne        |
| Paisley Grossman   | Janell Ness        | Debra Hochhalter    |
| 4 – Ryan Ohlhauser | 16 – Shelley Serr  | Jennifer LeFrancois |
| 6 – Laura Hirvela  | 19 – Jesse Haas    | James Lauinger      |
| Stanley Naumann    | Edgar Ohlhauser    | 31 – Arlene Grenz   |
| 7 – Jason Rossow   | 20 – Trish Baumann | Jamie Huber         |
| 8 – Tina Masset    | 22 – Lyle Wohl     |                     |
| 9 – Bowdy Roemmich |                    |                     |

If your baptism 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.



### July birthdays are:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 – Kyle Masset       | 15 – Parker Masset     | 27 – Dennis Morris    |
| Edgar Ohlhauser       | Sydney Ferderer        | 28 – Paul A Ferderer  |
| Sylvia Weisser        | 18 – Kenneth Schatz    | Vickie Toavs          |
| 3 – Arlene Grenz      | 21 – Donavin Grenz     | 29 – Angela Saylor    |
| Cynthia Kurtz         | Phoebe Savage          | 30 – Magdalena Bender |
| 5 – Lyle Hanson       | 22 – Amanda Grossman   | Heather Rossow        |
| 7 – Ashlee Bodvig     | Fran Heidrich          | Howard Garnaas        |
| Cassie Werlinger      | 24 – Lillian Kunz      | 31 – JoAnn Humann     |
| 9 – Elwin Nieuwsma    | 26 – Dylan Hendrickson | Jesse Renschler       |
| 14 – Lisa Hendrickson |                        | Ashton Rudy           |

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






# July 2020



Usher: Need Volunteer  
 Door Opener: Need Volunteer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Women of Peace 7:00 pm	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5 5th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.	6	7	8 Church Council 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 6th Sunday after Pentecost. Praise! Worship 9:30 a.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 7th Sunday after Pentecost Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 8th Sunday after Pentecost Praise! Worship 9:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30	31	