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**LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA**

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

Four months ago, I think most of us would have thought things would be back to normal by now. But how wrong we were. Businesses continue to go through shut-down periods, stores require masks, and handshakes – when they accidentally happen – feel special and awkward at the same time.

All the changes have been hard to deal with for many. Some of us may be dealing with mental health issues that we never experienced before. The unknowns and uncertainties of the next few months don't help. School and school sports are on, but for how long and in what capacity? Our own Harvest Festival as well as those around the area have been canceled. What will be canceled next? What will employment look like in a few months?

In all of the swirling unknown, we look for something firm and solid to take hold of, but if life has taught us anything, it is that there is only One who is firm and solid. Isaiah speaks to our hearts on this matter,

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:28-31).

Our Lord is everlasting. He has no beginning and he has no end. He does not grow tired, but is constant. He made it all and he sustains all whom he has made.

**In all the uncertainty of life continue to hold on to the One-Who-Is-Certain.**

For just like St. Paul, it may be that the trials and tribulations we now endure – known and unknown – are being used by the Lord, “to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.” (2 Corinthians 1:9b).

In Peace,  
Pastor Sean



† **Memorials** †

During August, donations were given in memory of Wanda Ohlhauser for the Parsonage Fund from Violet Ohlhauser and an anonymous person; in memory of Eva Hanson for the General Fund from Lois Van Beek and Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser, and to the Parsonage Fund from Ron & Mary Maier and Helen Garnaas; in memory of Donald Arthur Wagner to the Parsonage Fund from Rebecca Bosch; and in memory of Darcey Lynn (Dockter) Engelke to the Parsonage Fund from Rebecca Bosch.



We received \$84.00 in **Thrivent Choice \$** in August. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars**

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/>.



**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](http://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.



Download the **Tithe.ly** app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at [ndpeacelutheran.com](http://ndpeacelutheran.com)

**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

**AT 9:30 A.M.**

**CHURCH SERVICE STARTS AT 10:45 A.M.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7 P.M.**

(During the school year class times may vary.)



**Youth Group News**

There are no definite plans at this time. Please watch for announcements regarding Youth activities on Facebook or in the weekly church bulletins.

## Daily Bible Readings for September...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Sept. 1</b> Exodus 16:9-21	Exodus 16:22-36	Matthew 14:13-21	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 6:1-7
<b>Sept. 6</b> Luke 11:2-4	Matthew 5:21-26	Matthew 18:23-35	Psalms 103:6-18	1 John 1:1-10	Luke 5:17-26	Luke 24:36-49
<b>Sept. 13</b> Genesis 2:4-3:8	Genesis 3:9-19	Genesis 6:9-22	Genesis 7:17-24 8:6-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 11:1-9	Genesis 12:1-7
<b>Sept. 20</b> Genesis 15:1-6	Genesis 17:1-8	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 21:1-7	Genesis 22:1-14	Genesis 27:1-17, 30-38	Genesis 35:9-15
<b>Sept. 27</b> Genesis 37:3-34 50:15-21	Exodus 1:8-22	Exodus 2:1-10	Exodus 3:1-12			

## The Church Council, August 12, 2020:

- Pastor Sean's Report: Officiated at the funeral for Eva Hanson and Baptism for Westin Grossman; Have been posting Virtual Sunday School videos, will continue until SS begins; Doing short 30 minute visits at the Strasburg Care Center.
- Property: Front light is replaced. Received a bid from Beaver Valley Construction for the bathroom remodel in the parsonage, and want to get more itemized bids from Dave and Tony Sorrels to compare since the bids were very different; Need a plumber for the shower and also someone to build a vanity vs. purchasing one; will revisit next month. Pastor received a bid from Dakota Sound Systems to update/replace the projector, council discussed pay options.
- Stewardship: Passed a motion to give Linton Public School \$400 from the PLC Community Help Fund, our "Mission of the Month" for July, to help the teachers with school supplies.
- Worship: Discussed suggestion for Continuous Communion, maybe one time a month.
- Education: Adult Bible Study will resume this fall, studying Romans 9-16. Looking to begin an online (FB Live) Bible Class studying the preaching text for the week, - maybe Wednesday nights? Confirmation will have 14 attendees through October 14<sup>th</sup>, then 9 after. Rite of Confirmation scheduled for October 25. Looking to doing a video teaching on the nights confirmation class and council meet at the same time; Holding off on Youth Group meals at Pastor's house. Thinking about providing readings and journaling instead of required attendance during Lent. Sunday School begins September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 classrooms, will follow school schedule as in past years; thinking about Christmas options.
- Old Business: Bosch's and Scherr's will be called to see how soon we can get on the calendar to process a beef.

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





## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will start September 13th at 9:30am. We are looking forward to a new year and pray the kids will continue to grow in their faith and have some fun! We have most of our previous teachers back and we couldn't be more thankful! We do need one to two additional classroom teachers to teach or team teach. If you are interested, have questions, or are willing to serve, please contact Anne or Jen. Our teacher meeting to kick off our Sunday School year is scheduled for September 2nd at 7pm.

During the September 13th 10:45am church service, the teachers, music leader, and substitute teachers will be installed. Teachers, music leader, and substitute teachers, please plan to attend. Our second graders will receive their Bibles on September 27th during the 10:45am worship service.

There will again be a snack sign up list on the bulletin board outside Pastor Sean's office. We encourage anyone to sign up to bring snacks, even if you don't have a child participating in Sunday School. We have 35 kids on our list for 2020-2021. If you would like to help with snacks but are unable to commit to a certain date, we would like to offer a few new ways you can help. The first option is to feel free to pick up a box of snacks when you are out shopping and bring it to the church. We will keep it until we need it. This option eliminates having to remember when you signed up or finding a way to get it to church if you end up being out of town or sick. The second option is to donate money to the Sunday School for a snack and we can go and do the shopping. It is very helpful to have a Sunday School snack stash for our growing kids! Thank you to all who have helped in the past!

As we look toward the Christmas season and begin planning our Christmas program, we anticipate the format may have to change. At this time, the date has not been set and plans are tentative. Please watch for updates on Facebook, in the newsletters, or in your weekly bulletin.

All our Sunday School events and activities will be planned according to current health and safety recommendations in conjunction with our local health conditions. The health of our kids, congregation, and community is a top priority. We will work closely with Pastor Sean and the Church Council throughout the year. Please reach out to Anne or Jen if you have questions or concerns. We are in this together!



*Congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders who will receive their Bibles on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>!*



*Brynn Huber and Colton Grossman*

You are each a precious child of God and He loves you more than anyone can. Trust in Him as you read these lovely letters from God, and keep Him in your heart!

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Barnhart (254-4808) or Jen Vetter (701-390-3937).





## 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: Leola Dietz and Janice Baer.✝



The remodeling of one of the parsonage bathrooms is still in the planning stage, and the council is looking at bids. We have taken in \$2,290 in the last month for the project! Thank you to all who have given via memorials and other donations! We do encourage members & friends donating to help cover the cost. Please consider helping out with this project. Thank you!



The 20<sup>th</sup> LCMC Annual Gathering will be held Monday, October 5 at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN. It will be one day, and limited to 250 people, voting delegates only. It will be live-streamed with a more interactive experience than in the past. All breakout sessions, networking activities, and vendors have been cancelled. Pastor Sean will not be attending, but will watch online.



For the month of **August**, offering designated "Missions" on your offering envelope will go to the "**31:8 Project**". As of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have received \$303.00 in offerings.

For the month of **September** our "Mission of the Month" is **Special Olympics of North Dakota**. Please see the following information on our new project.



# Peace Lutheran Church...

## Mission of the Month... September 2020...

### Special Olympics of North Dakota

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competition in 32 Olympic-type summer and winter sports.



Special Olympics transforms lives through the joy of sport. We are the world's largest sports organization for people with intellectual disabilities-with more than 4.6 million athletes in 170 countries and millions more volunteers and supporters. We are also a global social movement. More than 1,600 athletes and 5,000+volunteers participate in North Dakota.

Special Olympics North Dakota (SOND) serves athletes, partners, coaches and other partners through 11 Area Programs in the state. We offer sports all year round with weekly practices, periodic games and annual tournaments. Whatever your interest in Special Olympics, we're excited to have you join us make a real difference in people's lives.



Founded by Dr. Roger Kerns in 1972

The first ND State Summer Games were held in Fargo for close to 100 athletes.

That year, 15 athletes and 4 coaches from North Dakota represented Special Olympics North Dakota (SOND) at the International Games in Los Angeles.

#### **Special Olympics Philosophy:**

**All individuals with intellectual disabilities deserve:**

- Appropriate instruction and encouragement
- Consistent training toward maximizing their capabilities
- Frequent competition and among those of *equal* abilities
  - Focus on what the athletes can do
- Athletes benefit from participation in both individual and team sports
  - Consistent training is indispensable
- Competition with those of equal abilities is the most appropriate method for Special Olympics athletes enjoying success

**If these are provided, result = personal growth**



*Grandparents' Day is Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

Grandparents Day is a holiday created by federal proclamation in **1978**. It was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. It is a "real" holiday.



The official flower for the day is the "forget-me-not".

"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged" *Proverbs 17:6a*

Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life. *Proverbs 16:31*

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children. *Psalm 103:17*



**✝ SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sept. 13, 20, 27**

**Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sept. 13, 20, 27**

**Confirmation Class on Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Sept. 9, 16, 23, & 30**

**Online Bible Study on Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Sept. 9, 16, 23, & 30**

**Sept. 6 - Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.**

**Sept. 13– Celebrate worship 10:45 a.m.**

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

**Sept. 20 – Praise! Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.**

**Sept. 27 – Celebrate worship 10:45 a.m.**

Presentation of Bibles to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

Needed: One Volunteer to be usher, one to be scripture reader, and one to be a door opener each week.

**Please sign up!**

**September 6 –**

**September 13 –**

**September 20 –**

**September 27 –**

**October 4 –**

**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. You can sign up for a whole month or just a Sunday. 😊**

**🚗 *Need a Ride??***

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

**Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167**

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

**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.



# Happy Autumn!

## A Prayer for September

Dear Lord! Kind Lord!  
 Gracious Lord! I pray  
 Thou wilt look on all I love,  
 Tenderly today!  
 Weed their hearts of weariness;  
 Scatter every care  
 Down a wake of angel-wings  
 Winnowing the air.  
 Bring unto the sorrowing  
 All release from pain;  
 Let the lips of laughter  
 Overflow again;  
 And with all the needy  
 O divine, I pray,  
 This vast measure of content  
 That is mine today!  
 -James Whitcomb Riley 1849-1916-



## PLCW News

♥ Bibles will be presented to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students on Sunday September 27, 2020.

♥ The PLCW made the following donations for 2020:

- Parsonage bathroom redo: \$1500
- PLC Community Help Fund: \$500
- Salvation Army: \$250
- Empowering Lives Together: \$250

**Women of Peace** meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. for a Business meeting and Bible Study.

**All confirmed ladies of Peace Lutheran are more than welcome to attend!**

The next meeting will be **Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**Hostess: Vonnie Erickson**

**Bible Study: Rosie Ferderer**

## Ladies, We Need Your Help!



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. †††





## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Thanksgiving meal has been canceled for 2020. Please read the letter from the Chairpersons of Harvest Fest included in this newsletter regarding our most important fundraiser of the year.



## September 16<sup>th</sup> is National StepFamily Day.

National Stepfamily day is celebrated annually on September 16 to appreciate stepfamilies. It is meant to help stepfamilies, otherwise known as "blended families," cope with the challenges involved in a shifting family paradigm. This is not a true national holiday, which requires an act of congress.

Today, one in every three Americans live in a stepfamily and over 50% of Americans will live with a stepfamily at some point in their lives. It was created with the intent to "create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family, instill in them a sense of responsibility to all extended family members." What does National Stepfamily Day mean for Americans? First of all, life is very difficult nowadays. People always make mistakes and divorce is one of them. It is a tough moment to pass over and start a new happy life. The day commemorates all stepfamilies who are building new relationships, a new future, and a new Universe. The most important thing is the possibility to live in a full family, including mom and dad, even if one of them is not your own.

♥ Parenthood requires love, not DNA.

♥ Family is family, whether it's one you start out with, the one you end up with, or the family you gain along the way.



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

Scripture of the Month – An excellent one to think about!

“Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.”

Psalm 119:18 NIV

📅 **Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please keep this in mind when working with church projects and plans. There are many changes in dealing with Covid-19. Thank you! ✉



## September Baptismal Dates

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

- |                           |                      |                       |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 – Makayla Ptacek        | 16 – Jordan Bingham  | 22 – Ashlee Bodvig    |
| 6 – Alexis Jasper Wangler | 18 – Michael Lee     | 25 – Cody Kurtz       |
| 10 – Rylee Kelsch         | Arthur “Rick” Rudy   | 27 – Dennis Ferderer  |
| Lois Van Beek             | Cassie Werlinger     | 29 – Jade Alderin     |
| 12 – Parker Masset        | 20 – Travis Dockter  | 30 – Magdalena Bender |
| 14 – Jill Schmidt         | 21 – Jesse Renschler |                       |
| 15 – John Ohlhauser       | Ella Vetter          |                       |

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.



### September birthdays are:

- |                     |                         |                    |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 – Jade Alderin    | 11 – Heidi Nieuwsma     | 25 – Erica Umber   |
| Michael Hochhalter  | Rachal Umber            | 26 – Anne Barnhart |
| Ronald Maier        | 15 – Lelyn Will         | Bailey Schilling   |
| Jean Ohlhauser      | 16 – Marvin Winterberg  | 27 – Kelsey Larson |
| 3 – Denise Martin   | 17 – Jennifer Vetter    | Jennifer Pocta     |
| Dustin Kurtz        | 18 – Justin Grenz       | Levi Roemmich      |
| 4 – Kelani Larson   | 19 – Edna Serr          | 28 – Payton Rossow |
| 8 – Colton Grossman | 23 – Julie Umber        | 30 – Rebecca Bosch |
| Ben Huber           | 24 – Sawyer Hendrickson | Marilyn Malmedal   |
| Rodney Heitz        | Bryan Rudy              |                    |

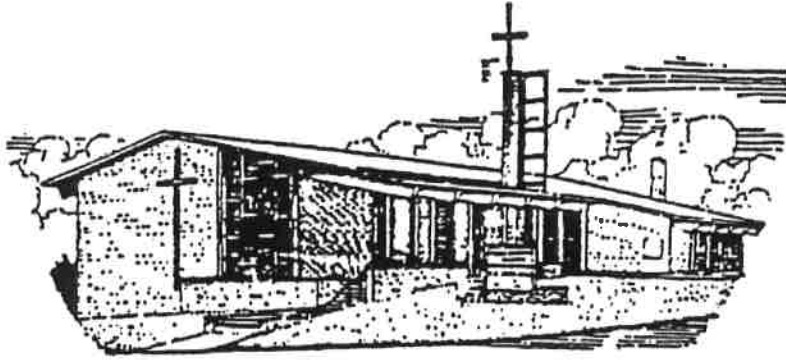
May each of you have a very **Happy Birthday** and may we keep you in our prayers for the day of your birth, praying that you shall remain faithful followers of Jesus until He comes again!✠



### Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Welcome people in  
Help them grow  
Send them out to care  
Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care





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August 19, 2020

Dear Families of Peace Lutheran Church,

After a lengthy discussion between the two of us and the Council, the decision has been made to cancel this year's Harvest Festival. We assure you the decision was not made lightly or easily. Each year our Harvest Festival has been an opportunity to work together to provide a day of enjoyment, with good food, fellowship and an opportunity for many of our members to work together for the good of our church and our community. The risk of infections is just too great, and the restrictions placed upon us by the CDC have forced us to take measures that will not work for an adequate work force to have a successful festival. Hopefully this will make next year's festival more enjoyable.

As you know, the Harvest Festival is our annual fund raiser for the church and this year, because of its suspension, our hope of a successful fund raiser may fall flat for our church. Therefore, we would like to ask for any donations for the church you are able to make for us to meet our budgetary demands we have each year. A special envelope is provided with this mailing for such a donation. If at least you could manage the cost of the meal or more, that would help us tremendously. Thank you!





Sincerely,

Delores Ohlhauser  
Debbie Jahner

# September 2020



Ushers: Please check  
 Readers: the white board  
 Door Openers: and sign up!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7 pm Women of Peace	3	4	5
6 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Worship/ Holy Communion Grandparents Day	7 <i>Happy Labor Day!</i> 	8	9 7 pm Confirmation 7 pm Church Council 8 pm Online Bible Class	10	11	12 Baumberger/ Roemich Wedding
13 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am Celebrate Worship Installation of Sunday School Teachers	14	15	16 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Online Bible Class	17	18	19
20 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am Praise! Worship/ Holy Communion	21	22  Autumn Begins	23 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Online Bible Class	24	25	26 
27 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am Celebrate Worship Presentation of Bibles to 2nd Graders	28	29	30 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Online Bible Class	