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Message from Pastor Sean...

This year for Lent, I'll be using a Lenten Drama Series from Sola Publishing titled, "Telling Their Stories: Encounters with Jesus" by Rev. Mark Braaten. From the introduction, Rev. Braaten says the following:

"Lent leads us to the cross. The wonder of Lent for congregations and pastors is that it leads us to focus on the cross anew. In this season we hear again God's Word of life and share in the gift of all that Jesus has done for humanity. My hope is that this booklet helps you with this focus.

"This booklet is a series of stories, "first person accounts" if you will, that focus on the cross. The stories are written from the perspectives of those who originally participated in the Passion of our Lord...

"One of the questions that I've imagined for years is, "What did the original participants in Jesus' Passion see and feel and recognize?" As they watched Jesus' crucifixion unfold before them, as they shared in the events, what did they know, learn, and experience? I've tried to address that in this series. I tell the story of the crucifixion as I think those involved might tell it. I've studied the biblical accounts; when appropriate I've studied other historical resources. I've used some imagination and tried to fill in a few spots where information is not readily available. My hope is to stay true to the biblical accounts and also provide a different approach to knowing and experiencing what Jesus has done."

The stories that Rev. Braaten includes in this series are those of the disciples John, Peter, and Judas; Malchus a servant to the High Priest, Nicodemus the Pharisee, Pontius Pilate, and a Roman Centurion. This series should be an interesting one and a nice change of pace. I hope to see you on Wednesdays during Lent in-person or online!

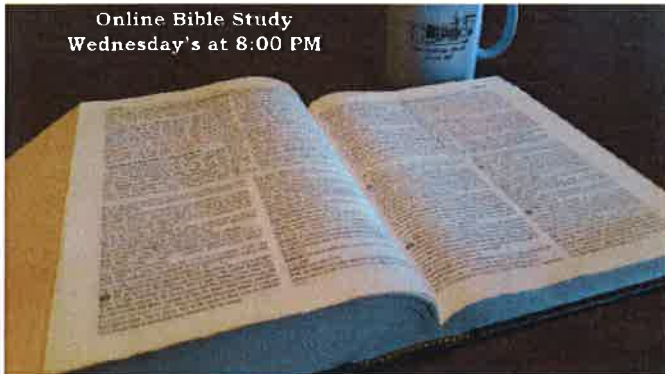
In peace,
Pastor Sean

† **Memorials** †

† Gifts were given to Peace Lutheran Church in memory of Rev. Oliver Dewald to the Parsonage Fund from Linda Tschritter and Terry & Shirlene Serr; in memory of Marlon Ohlhauser to the Parsonage Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr; in memory of Jim Schuette to the Endowment Fund from Joyce & Blaine Lemer, Leo & Tammy Worner Family, Dave & Noreen Steckler, Terry & LaDean Schafer, and Jim & Sylvia Weisser; in memory of Neil Beitelspacher to the Parsonage Fund from Rebecca Bosch, Mike & Lil Kunz, Keith & Evelyn Petrick, and Linda Tschritter, to the Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann, and to the Building Fund from Duane & Janice Baer. †

February's Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Feb. 1st Deut. 5:12-15	Luke 6:17-19	Luke 6:20-26	Luke 6:27-36	Luke 6:37-45	Luke 6:46-49
Feb. 7th Luke 7:1-17	Luke 8:40-56	John 11:38-44	Luke 18:1-8	Acts 10:1-16	Deut. 24:17-22	Luke 8:26-39
Feb. 14th Luke 9:28-45	Isaiah 55:1-3	Luke 9:46-50	Luke 9:51-62	Luke 10:1-12	Luke 10:17-20	Luke 10:21-24
Feb. 21st Luke 10:25-42	Leviticus 19:13-18	Romans 13:8-10	Luke 11:1-13	Matthew 6:5-13	Luke 12:22-34	Phil. 4:6-9
Feb. 28th Luke 13:1-9, 31-35						



Online Bible Study

Each Wednesday night at 8:00 PM, join Pastor Sean on Facebook Live for a “deep dive” Bible Study on the preaching passage for the upcoming Sunday. ****During Lent, Online Bible Study will be held Thursdays at 8:00 PM****

✿ 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. ☩

🔔 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. ☩

The Church Council: Meeting of January 13th, 2021

- Pastor Sean has made some visits. Online Bible Study will be continuing, and Pastor is preparing to begin Online Devotions M-F on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor is preparing for Lent, and the plan for Confirmation students will be to complete a devotional workbook centered on the Passion of Jesus in Luke. Also planning First Communion for 5 or 6 kids.
- Property: Erin Magrum will handle the plumbing in the parsonage bathroom remodel.
- Stewardship: The council wants to say "Thank You" to the first responders and hospital workers, 106 hospital employees, 39 volunteer firefighters, and 6 at the Sheriff' Department. A motion was approved to donate \$500 to the Rural Fire Dept. from the PLC Community Help Fund, and a motion approved to provide the Sheriffs' Dept. employees a meal of their choice from The Grill. Someone will check to see if there are any needs in the breakroom at the hospital, and how to thank them will be discussed next month.
- Worship: Have had good feedback on Worship music. There is an anonymous donor who is interested in donating money toward new hymnals. Worship Committee feels they need to go back to scheduling 2 ushers, 1 reader, and 1 acolyte for each service.
- Evangelism: There is interest once again in pursuing a Mother/Daughter Bible Study. There will be a signup sheet in back of the church.
- New Business: Council approved The Bio Girls to use the church basement from Easter until the end of June. They meet Saturday's from 9 – 11 AM. ~ Discussed the church's meal policy. There will be no pot luck after the annual meeting this year. ~ Council agreed on a few changes to the budget, and they will be presented at the annual meeting. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 31st following the 10:45 AM Worship Service.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Wade Huber, Denise Martin, Edgar Ohlhauser, Rachal Peterson, Mark Heidrich, Lisa Hendrickson, .✝

Thank you to Vicki Schwab, Erin Schmidt, and Stan Naumann for serving on the church council the past three years!



Youth News...check the Facebook page for all updates!



Confirmation Class Schedule

Wednesday February 3, 3:45 PM & 7:00 PM

February 10, 3:45 PM

February 17, no class

February 24, no class



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School started for the new year on January 10th. It was fun to have everyone back together! As a reminder, we follow the school schedule. If school has a 3-day weekend, we don't have Sunday School that weekend.

With the Christmas program behind us, the kids are using any extra time to focus on their memory work. Please encourage your child/children to practice at home. Depending on their age this includes The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The 10 commandments, and the books of the Bible.

A new snack sign-up sheet has been hung up in the narthex. Please consider blessing the kids with a snack. It doesn't have to be anything fancy! You can also pick something up while you are out shopping and have us store it at the church until it is needed. Lastly, if you would like to donate money and have us do the shopping, we are happy to do that as well.

Thank you to all who support the Sunday School program!

Blessings,

Anne Barnhart & Jen Vetter,

Co-Sunday School Superintendents

First Communion Education

Soon, it will be time for 5th graders at Peace Lutheran to participate in **Holy Communion** for the first time. Partaking in Holy Communion is a fantastic privilege open to all who are baptized into the name of our Triune God, but before participating it is best for some education to take place. First Communion classes help the communicant to understand how it all came about and what the benefits of Holy Communion are.

First Communion classes will take place on Wednesday afternoons directly after school (about 3:40 PM) at the church. There will be five sessions; **February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th**. Parents are not required to attend the classes – only the students need to be there. Classes will last between 30-45 minutes.

Upon completion of instruction, we will celebrate First Communion during our Maundy Thursday worship on **Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 PM**. During the service family members will be invited to celebrate Holy Communion with their 5th grader.

Please let Pastor Sean know if your 5th grader will be participating in class.



~PLCW News~

All meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

Women of Peace did not meet in January, and will not meet again until further notice due to the Pandemic.

They were unable to do their usual January activities this year.

Please concentrate on staying well and safe!

✠ **FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE** ✠

Sunday School **9:30 a.m.** Feb. 7, 14, 28

Adult Bible Study **9:30 a.m.** Feb 14, 21, 28

Feb. 7 – Worship/Holy Communion **10:45 a.m.**

Feb. 14 – Celebrate Service **10:45 a.m.**

Feb. 17 – Lent Supper **5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** (tentative plan)

Ash Wednesday Worship **7:00 p.m.**

Feb. 21 – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion **10:45 a.m.**

Feb. 24 – Lent Supper **5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** (tentative plan)

Lent Worship **7:00 p.m.**

Feb. 28 – Celebrate Worship **10:45 a.m.**



Needed: Two Volunteers to be an usher, one to be scripture reader, one to be an acolyte, and one to be a greeter. Please take a moment to check the white board in the narthex and see which Sunday works best for you. **You can sign up for a whole month or just a Sunday.** 😊

Please sign up!

Feb. 7 –

Feb. 14 –

Feb. 21 –

Feb. 28 –

Mar. 7 –

🚗 **Need a Ride??**

If you need a ride to church...bad weather or anytime.....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.



"It is also true that we must love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and that we must love others as much as we love ourselves. These commandments are more important than all the sacrifices and offerings that we could possibly make."

Mark 12:33 CEV

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 NIV



As of January 24, we have collected \$453 for “North Dakota National Guard Foundation”, our January “Mission of the Month”.

Our February “Mission of the Month” is **Heavens Helpers Soup Café**. Please see the following information on this important project.

Peace Lutheran Church... February 2020 Mission of the Month

Mission(s) of the Month – February/March

Let's help Heaven's Helpers!

Each year during Lent, we've done some kind of “drive” whether it has been to collect food, blankets or care items. This year we will be doing the same, but we will be helping two ministries centered in Bismarck; **Heavens Helpers Soup Café AND Heavens Helpers Closet (701)**.

First, for our **February Mission of the Month** we will be focusing on blessing **Heavens Helpers Soup Café**. Here is some information from their Facebook page.

We at Heavens Helpers are a group of Christians doing what Jesus did by helping the helpless and healing the sick through faith in Jesus. We help the Helpless; pray for the weak, the sick and all who would ask.

The purpose in opening the Soup Cafe was to show the love of Jesus Christ by feeding people both physically and spiritually free of charge...

The Soup Cafe is not set up as a typical "soup kitchen" but more like a cafe. We encourage patrons to seat themselves while we serve them by taking their order and bringing them their food. We are set up just like a restaurant only with Christian music or teaching playing on the flat screen TV. We serve at least two homemade soups each day along with two types of sandwiches along with dessert and coffee. Patrons are allowed to eat as much as they want; as long as they do not waste the food we will continue serving them. Our customer base includes the homeless on the street, homeless living in their cars, individuals on disability, working poor, elderly, and those in need who just want a homemade bowl of soup.

Everything at the Soup Cafe is given to people free of charge including bread, desserts, Bibles and books which people can take home.

In March we will have **Heavens Helpers Closet (701)** as our mission of the month. More about that ministry will be listed in next month's newsletter and in another part of this newsletter.



Quilting Ladies...Plans are to begin quilting again on February 15. †





We received \$24.00 in **Thrivent Choice \$** in January.
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). 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

Contribution Statements

2020 Contribution Statements can be picked up and are located in the church narthex. There are also **2021** offering envelopes remaining to be picked up. Please pick these up ASAP. Thank you!✝



**Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 20th.

Happy Valentine's Day!



⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4: 7-8



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

Scripture of the Month ~

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

John 15:11 KJV



Looking Ahead...

Lent Giving – Heavens Helpers Closet (701)

This year during Lent we will be collecting items for Heavens Helpers Closet (701) located in Bismarck. As of mid-January, the Closet is specifically in need of:

Used items:

Men's sweatpants/joggers

Men's Jeans (any size)

Women's/ Men's cologne and body spray

Shampoo/conditioner and body wash

New items:

Men's/Women's/Children's underwear (in packaging)

Men's, Women's/Children's socks (in packaging)

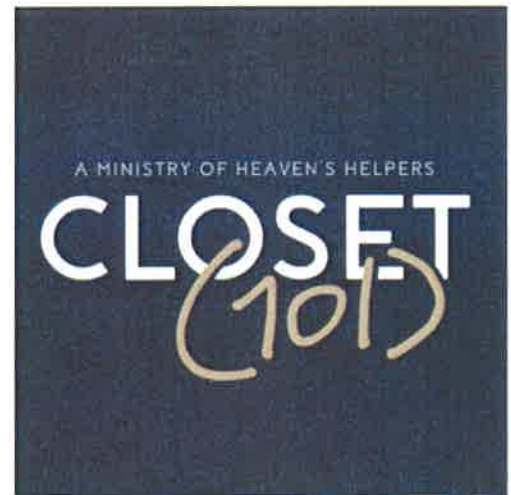
Any personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, itch cream, body wash, etc...)

IF the clothing items are used, they do ask them to be **freshly laundered** and placed in a box, not a bag (to avoid wrinkles and to make it easier for volunteers). *They are not able to give shoppers USED underwear or socks.*

The purpose of Heaven Helpers Closet (701) is to help individuals and families who are struggling to meet basic needs. The store is set up as a "boutique" and offers free, beautiful clean clothing to any man, woman, or child in need. The focus is on allowing clients to have dignity while choosing their clothing. All items available at the Closet are free to their shoppers. They also provide items for children in foster care as well as any needs local law enforcement comes across.

Take a look at the list and consider purchasing items the next time you go shopping or donating from your own closet to supply theirs. Have fun with it! Make it a family event. Chose to give for your Lenten discipline. Whatever items you gather can be brought to the church.

In March, the Closet will be our mission of the month and we will aim to raise funds for the mission as well as gather items.





February Baptismal Dates

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

2 – Tanner Peterson	15 – Iris Bosch	21 – Lavonne Erickson
7 – Bryan Schatz	Jacob Janecek	24 – Jill Huber
8 – Darren Tveito	16 – Melissa Knoepfler	25 – Twyla Schiermeister
10 – Eliza Fisher	Linda Tschritter	27 – Bailey Huber
13 – Keith Ohlhauser	18 – Jessica Schlosser	
14 – Wade Huber	Melvin Wohl	

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. †



February birthdays are:

1 - Brody Rindelaub Henry Stuckle	7 – Elsie Barnhart	19 – Helen Garnaas
2 - Keith Ohlhauser	8 – Albert Weber	22 – Mia Caruso Jessica Schlosser
3 - Jaden Bosch Jamie Huber Emsley Randle	10 – Shirlene Serr	23 – Elijah Barnhart
4 – Christopher Brueckner	12 – Joyce Lemer	24 – Melissa Fisher Kristi Slater
5 – Julia Barnhart Eric Grenz	13 – Julie Tveito	25 – Jayme Baker
6 – Melissa Knoepfler	15 – Lilli Wohl	26 – Lorraine Schatz
	16 – Janell Huber Ryan Hoff-Wald	
	18 – Leola Dietz	

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

February 2021

Volunteers are needed for 2 Ushers, 1 Acolyte, 1 Reader, and 1 Greeter (no shaking hands) per Sunday. Please sign up on the white board in the narthex.



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1	2 Groundhog Day 	3 Confirmation 3:45 pm & 7:00 pm Online Bible Study 8:00 pm	4	5	6
7 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am Sunday School NO Adult Bible Study 10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion	8	9	10 Confirmation Class 3:45 pm ~ Church Council 7 pm ~ Online Bible Study 8 pm	11	12	13
14 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship	15 President's Day Quilting 9:00 am 	16 Quilting 9:00 am	17 Ash Wednesday Pop-up Perishables Lent Supper 5:30—6:30 pm, (tentative) ~ Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm	18 ECMA 10:30 am Online Bible Study 8 pm	19	20
21 1st Sunday in Lent No Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am Praise! Worship/Holy Communion	22 Quilting 9:00 am	23 Quilting 9:00 am	24 1st Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30—6:30 pm (tentative) Lent Worship 7 pm	25 Online Bible Study 8 pm	26	27
28 2nd Sunday in Lent Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 am ~ 10:45 am Celebrate Worship					 FEBRUARY	