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Message from Pastor Sean...

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1
Corinthians 1:9

March. Think of where we were one year ago this month. One year ago, our church, like every other church out there was facing unprecedented decisions. Do we continue worshipping? Do we shut down? What policies do we put in place? When can we reopen? What will things look like when we do reopen? Will we reopen?

Starting up Lent services this year brought up so many memories. Conversations with Wade Huber, our council president; meetings with the Church Council spread out in our Sanctuary; cancelations and postponements; and worship services – including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter – done in front of a camera instead of a live congregation. What a year it has been!

But God was faithful through it all and he continues to be faithful even now. The Church (all Christians throughout the world) is *his* Church after all and he won't let his Church die. Through 2020 (and hopefully for many years into the future) he kept this little collection of saints who worship under the banner of Peace Lutheran Church alive as well.

God was faithful through the last year and you were as well. Throughout the shut-down and all the unknowns of 2020, you were giving, prayerful, understanding, patient, and appreciative. And so, one year later, I want you to simply know that I am thankful to God for you and I thank God he has called me into ministry with you.

In peace,
Pastor Sean

✝ **Memorials** ✝

Gifts received in February were in memory of Pastor Oliver Dewald to the Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann; in memory of Neil Beitelspacher to the Parsonage Fund from Helen Garnaas, to the Building Fund from Violet Ohlhauser, Jim & Sylvia Weisser, Ron & Mary Maier, Herb & Arlene Grenz, to the Technology Fund from Joe & Janelle Schlosser, Dean & Colette Weber, Julie & Mitch Volk, Sue & Tim Kruckenburg, and Kelly & Barry Bjorkland.

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March 2021 Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Mar. 1 Luke 13:10-17	Luke 13:18-30	Luke 14:1-6	Luke 14:7-14	Luke 14:15-24	Luke 14:25-33
Mar. 7 Luke 15:1-32	Psalm 119:169- 176	1 Sam 16:6-13	Genesis 45:1-9	Genesis 45:21-28	Exodus 2:1-10	John 4:46-54
Mar. 14 Luke 16:19-31	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:14-18	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-14	Luke 18:15-17	Luke 18:18-30
Mar. 21 Luke 18:31- 19:10	Luke 19:11-27	Luke 20:1-8	Luke 20:9-19	Luke 20:20-26	Luke 20:27-40	Luke 21:1-4
Mar. 28 Luke 19:29-44	Luke 19:45-48	Luke 21:5-18	Luke 21:25-38			

A Prayer for March...

Today, Lord, let my life be a prayer,
Let me be so close to You
that You become a part of my
every conversation.

Let me be open to Your presence
so that I sense Your power at
work in the world
You created.

Let me be so filled with Your love,
it flows out to others.
Today, Lord, today –
let my life be a prayer.

Anonymous



Lent is an important time for us individually and for our church family. It is a time when we should be preparing our hearts for Easter and growing our relationship with Christ. It is a time to practice self-discipline, to study the Bible, and increase our prayer time. May we embrace the glorious message of new life!

At the Annual Meeting of Peace Lutheran on January 31st...

- A budget of \$142,960 was approved.
- Lyle Wohl, Terry Serr, and Heather Rossow were elected to the church council.

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 February 10th:

- Pastor reported: Adult Bible Study completed the book of Romans and will move on to 1 & 2 Peter; Prepping for Lenten Services; Confirmation Class will be working on a Lent booklet at this time, and will not meet until after Easter; First Holy Communion classes of 5 or 6 students will begin February 24th and will meet for 5 sessions, and the students will be receiving 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday; Officiated at Neil Beitelspacher's funeral Jan. 19th; and had 2 visits with Holy Communion.
- Property: Discussed problem with projector; Pastor Sean & Anne will meet with Dave to keep moving forward with the parsonage bathroom project.
- Stewardship: Discussed paying off the special assessments on the church and parsonage which is a total of \$6,348.79, \$1,866.42 of that is due now; Endowment Committee met recently and there is \$2500 to use at the Council's discretion. Motions were made and approved to use \$500 toward Emmons Co Ministerial Easter Baskets, and \$2000 added to the Technology Fund for the purchase of a new computer for Pastor, and eventually for the Secretary/Bookkeeper.
- Worship: Discussion was held on feedback that was given on updating Sunday music. Motion made and approved to purchase 50 "With One Voice" hymnals to enhance the current hymnals we use.
- Evangelism: Discussion was had that maybe a women's Bible Study would go over better than limiting it to a Mother/Daughter study. Curriculum is being looked at and will be chosen.
- Church Council will be serving the first Lent meal.

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



No Thrivent Choice \$ were received in February.

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/>.



Emmons County Ministerial Easter Baskets

This year the Emmons County Ministerial Association is putting together Easter Baskets for those in Emmons County who could use the blessing of some extra food. Included in the basket will be many of the items necessary for a traditional Easter meal potentially including items like laundry detergent, toilet paper, and eggs.

If you or someone you know could use an ECMA Easter Basket, please let Pastor Sean, Jacki Schneider at the Food Pantry, or any of the other pastors in town know. The baskets will be assembled and available for pick-up on **Monday, March 29th from 4:30-6:30 pm** at the United Methodist Church. *Baskets will not be delivered.*



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



PLCW's annual No-Bake Bake Sale

will be held Sunday, March 21, 2021. The money collected during this event allows us to conduct our many events and donations during the year. An envelope has been provided for your donation. We thank you for your generosity!



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



**Remember to change your clocks!
Daylight Savings Time begins March 14th.**



Quilting Ladies...are busy quilting, and plan to continue on Mondays and Tuesdays through the end of April. †

✿ 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 and Leola Dietz. †



WEDNESDAY LENT SUPPERS

Once again during the season of Lent, we will gather together on Wednesday evenings for soup and sandwiches before we gather for worship. Everyone is invited to dine and fellowship whether they are a member or not.

We will be having our weekly suppers from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. There is a sheet on the offering table for you to sign up to bring food items and to volunteer to help serve & clean up. The dates in March are the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. The women will serve the first three Wednesdays in March and the men will serve on the 24th.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School came together for a few activities in February. They helped decorate the bulletin board at the church as well as made valentines for the residents of the Strasburg Nursing Home. The kids seemed to enjoy making the valentines, and we pray the residents were encouraged by the cards. Many of the valentines included Bible verses about God's love.

The plan is to have the kids sing in church on Palm Sunday. Please plan on attending! **Also, due to the long weekends in March, Sunday School will not meet March 7th and 21st.**

Thank you to those who donated snacks to the Sunday School this past month. We appreciate you!

God's Blessings,
Anne and Jen

† **First Communion Education class meets on Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 3:45 p.m.**

† **Confirmation Class will not meet during Lent.**



Our February "Mission" was "Heavens Helpers Soup Cafe. Our offerings as of Feb. 21st are \$271.

Our March "Mission of the Month" is Heavens Helpers Closet. Please see the following information on this project.

Peace Lutheran Church...March Mission of the Month and Lent Drive...Heavens Helpers Closet (701)

This year during Lent we will be collecting items for Heavens Helpers Closet (701) located in Bismarck. If you are unable to give clothing, feel free to donate money as the Closet is also our mission for the month of March.

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

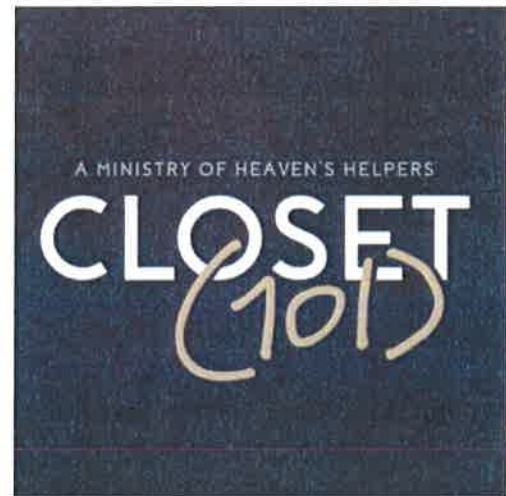
New items:

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.





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!

March 7 –

March 14 –

March 21 –

March 28 –

April 4 –

✝ **MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE** ✝

Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

No Sunday School March 7th or 21st

No Confirmation Class on Wednesdays during March.

First Communion Education on Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 3:45 p.m.

Lent suppers will be held from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, before the Lent Service.

March 3 – Lent Worship 7 p.m.

March 7 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

March 10 – Lent Worship 7 p.m.

March 14 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

March 17 – Lent Worship 7 p.m.

March 21 – Praise! Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

March 24 – Lent Worship 7 p.m.

March 28 – Palm Sunday Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

April 1 – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 7 p.m. with

Celebration of 1st Communion for 5th Graders

April 2 – Good Friday Worship 7 p.m.

April 4 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Celebrate Service with Holy Communion 7:00 a.m.

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

🚗 ***Need a Ride??***

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

Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167

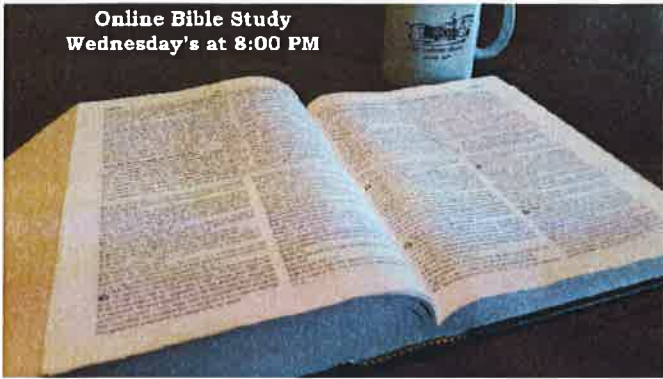
Facebook Live

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.

Online Bible Study
Wednesday's at 8:00 PM



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*** (There will be no Online Bible Study during Passion week).



~ PLCW News ~

- † The ladies plan to begin Bible Study once again on Wednesday, April 7.
- † PLCW's No Bake-Bake Sale is March 21st.
- † World Day of Prayer is being planned, and will take place after Easter.

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LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| March 3 | Lent Supper 5:30-6:30 PM Women Serve
Lent Worship 7 PM |
| March 10 | Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 PM Women Serve
Lent worship 7 PM |
| March 17 | Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 PM Women Serve
Lent Worship 7 PM |
| March 24 | Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 PM Men Serve
Lent Worship 7 PM |

Passion Week SCHEDULE

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| March 28 | Palm Sunday Worship 10:45 AM |
| April 1 | Maundy Thursday
Worship with Holy Communion 7 PM (and a celebration of First Communion for 5 th Graders) |
| April 2 | Good Friday
Worship 7 PM |
| April 4 | Easter Sunday
Sunrise Celebrate Service with Holy Communion 7:00 AM
Traditional Easter Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM
The Easter Breakfast is still being discussed at this printing. |

\$ Finances...Something to think about and act upon...

Paying off the special assessment taxes to the City of Linton has been discussed at the council meetings. They were spread out over a 5 year period with interest accrued. Right now we owe approximately \$4,483 plus interest. Paying this expense off will free up funds for other church projects. Please think about donating a little extra toward that expense. Thank you for your consideration!



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

Scripture of the Month ~

“Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.”

Ephesians 3:21 NKJV

Beautify the Church with Lilies

For Easter the church will be decorating with Lilies. If you would like to give one in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the information below and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church, along with the payment for each lily. The cost of the lilies will be \$10 each. There is also a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

NAME _____

of Lilies @ \$10 each _____

In Memory or Honor of



March Baptismal Dates

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

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| 2 – David Erickson | 14 – Jon Ptacek | 25 – Helen Garnaas |
| 3 – Brit Bauman | James Weisser | 27 – Jayme Baker |
| 5 – Jenna Rae Mercer | 19 – Blake Ketterling | Lorraine Schatz |
| 6 – Shaylee Bosch | 22 – Henry Stuckle | 29 – Jacob Conroy |
| 7 – Jerome Ohlhauser | 23 – Melissa Fisher | Jacob Ohlhauser |
| 9 – Payton Masset | Julie Tveito | 31 – Evelyn Petrick |
| Jennifer Pocta | 24 – Jaden Bosch | |
| Blake Ketterling | | |

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.



March birthdays are:

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| 1 – Alexis Wangler | 14 – Kevin Ferderer | 27 – Jace Ferderer |
| Holly Renschler | Steven Fiergola | Derrick Naumann |
| 3 – Annie Masset | 17 – Terry Schafer | Robin Silbernagel |
| 4 – Kaitlyn Nieuwsma | 19 – Gianna Caruso | 28 – Wayde Bauman |
| Kevin Hendrickson | 20 – Corey Hoff-Wald | Katherina Ketterling |
| 5 – Dawson Werlinger | 21 – Jacqueline Wald | 29 - Arron Rudy |
| 7 – Debbie Jahner | Daniel Weber | 30 - Stacy Bingham |
| 8 – Timothy Dockter | Kraysten Brueckner | Michael A. Kunz |
| 9 – Aaron Hoff-Wald | 25 – Isabell Rudy | Mathew Masset |
| 11 – Ethan Bingham | Carson Hoff-Wald | 31 - Ella Vetter |
| Alexandria Staigle | 26 – Corey Grenz | |
| Amber Weber | Amaya Brueckner | |

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

March 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 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	2 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	3 First Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30-6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm	4 Online Bible Study 8:00 pm		6
7 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study No Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	8 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	9 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	10 First Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30-6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm Church Council 8:00 pm	11 Online Bible Study 8:00 pm	12	13 Set your clocks ahead Mar 14, 2AM
14 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship	15 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	16 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	17 First Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30-6:30pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm 	18 ECMA 10:30 a.m. Online Bible Study 8:00 pm	19	20 Spring Begins! 
21 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, No Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Praise! Worship with Holy Communion	22 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	23 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	24 First Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30-6:30 pm - Men Serve Lent Worship 7:00 pm	25 Online Bible Study 8:00 pm	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship	29 Quilting 9:00 a.m. Easter Basket distribution @ UMC 4:30—6:30 pm	30 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	31		Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14	