

***Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND***

Message from Pastor Sean...

I don't do this often enough, but I would like to recommend a book to you I am currently reading. It is "Limping with God: Jacob & The Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship" by Chad Bird.

First off, Chad Bird is an author, pod-caster ("40 Minutes in the Old Testament"), speaker, and blogger I have been following for a few years now. I very much respect and appreciate him for his wonderful knowledge of the Old Testament, the Hebrew language it was written in, and its connection to the New Testament. But I also appreciate his pastoral approach. He has a heart for people to hear the Gospel and to know the grace and mercy of Christ.

This is especially true with "Limping with God" where Bird methodically takes the reader through the life of the great Old Testament patriarch Jacob.

From the back cover of the book, Bird writes:

"In [Jacob's] life we see our lives, our struggles, our failures, and most especially the God who loves us and chooses us as his own. As we explore [Jacob's] bio, from his wrangling in the womb with Esau to his death as an old man in Egypt, we will learn more about ourselves and the God who is with us and for us in Jesus the Messiah."

Each chapter is only a few pages long and reads like a devotional always directing the reader towards the Gospel. Though Bird is a very smooth writer, can tell great stories, and turn a phrase, there is a certain raw and down-to-earth quality found in this book. Jacob is a very flawed character in the Biblical story and Bird doesn't gloss over his flaws. But despite his flaws God shows Jacob grace upon grace. Bird relates this for the reader by giving glimpses into his own life; a life that includes the shame of an affair, two divorces, a broken career, alcohol abuse, depression, and even suicidal thoughts. But through it all, God has shown his amazing grace to Bird, brought him through the pain, and restored a broken man.

If you are looking for a book that would make a great devotional, I would recommend this book to you. The book includes discussion/reflection questions for each chapter. If you want to deep dive into the life of Jacob and learn more about the Hebrew culture and language, I would also recommend this book to you.

Happy reading, whatever it is you are reading,
Pastor Sean

September 2022 Newsletter

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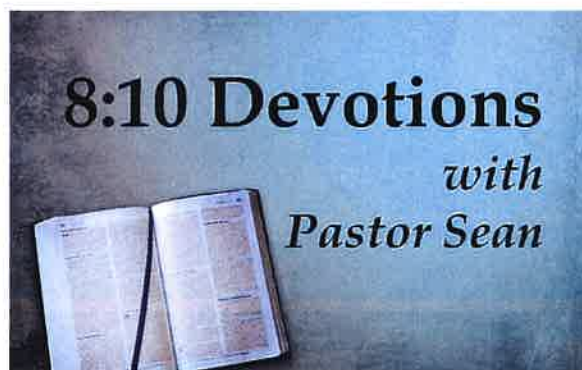
*Just days before the release of "Limping with God" in July 2022, Bird's twenty-one year old son, Luke, tragically died in a hiking accident in Chile. On Instagram (@chadlbird) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/writingsofchadlbird>), Bird has shared how his own writings in "Limping with God" feel like words God had him write for his own benefit and consolation after his son's death.



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11TH
SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
AT 9:30 A.M.
CHURCH SERVICE STARTS AT 10:45 A.M.

8:10 Devotions

Join Pastor Sean each morning at 8:10 am Monday through Friday for a five-minute devotion to start your day!



September 2022 Narrative Lectionary Daily Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Sept. 1 st 1 Samuel 16:6-10	1 Samuel 16:11-13	Luke 1:46-66
Sept 4 th Ruth 4:1-22	1 Samuel 16:14-23	1 Samuel 17:1-10	1 Samuel 17:11-18	1 Samuel 17:19-30	1 Samuel 17:31-40	1 Samuel 17:41-54
Sept 11 th Genesis 6:5-9:17	Genesis 9:18-29	Psalm 93	Psalm 104:1-9	Psalm 104:24-35	Genesis 11:1-9	Genesis 11:26-32
Sept 18 th Genesis 12:1-9	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 21:1-8	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 33:1-15	Genesis 37:1-24	Genesis 37:25-36
Sept 25 th Genesis 39:1-23	Genesis 41:1-13	Genesis 41:14-45	Genesis 47:1-12	Exodus 1:8-14	Exodus 3:1-17	



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Thanksgiving meal is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th, 2022, serving from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Please join in thanking God for his blessings!



The Church Council: August 10th Meeting

- Delores Ohlhauser met with the Council and discussed menu and cost for the Harvest Festival. Menu will remain the same, and will be planning for 450 people. The council approved the menu and price changes that will be incurred.
- Pastor's report: Strasburg Care Center Service on July 14, burial for Sylvia Delzer, funeral for James Schmidt, wedding of Scott and Julie Westgaard. Had 3 home visits, 1 with Holy Communion. Pastor is now working on plans for confirmation, MAP, Adult Bible Study. Pastor Sean thanked everyone for their concern for his health and well-being during the past month's challenges. The care and concern with prayers has been greatly appreciated.
- Property: Downspouts are in and Tony Sorrels is to install. There is a problem with the seal on the window in the Secretaries office, and it will be fixed. A motion was made and approved to purchase new mats for in front of the doors. The metal on the roof needs to be screwed down, and will be looked into. Mark and Terry cleaned around the lilacs in the cemetery, and also cleaned up a couple of Headstones.
- Stewardship: Discussion was held on the furnace, and Greg Humann services it regularly so we are on top of any maintenance.
- Worship: On September 25th, worship will be at 10:00 AM for Harvest Festival.
- Education: Sunday School starts on September 11 and ends on May 14. Schedules will follow the school calendar. Plans are in the process. Christmas program will be December 18. Sunday School will be hosting root beer floats on September 11 for Rally Sunday after the church service.
- Evangelism: A Christmas Bible Study was discussed for this winter.
- No old or new Business.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a church council member.... Rachal Peterson, Mark Heidrich, Lisa Hendrickson, Terry Serr, Lyle Wohl, Heather Rossow, Lori Bechtold, Elwin Nieuwsma, or Stanley Naumann.†



Happy Autumn!



† **Memorials** †

Memorials received in August were in memory of **Leola Dietz** to the Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann, to the Quilting Fund from Mike & Lil Kunz; in memory of **Verna Hochhalter** to the Basement (Furnace) Fund from Kevin & Lisa Hendrickson; in memory of **Jim Pleinis** from Duane & Janice Baer to the Building Fund; in memory of **Kenneth Schatz** to the Endowment Fund from Keith & Evelyn Petrick, Paul & Brenda Benedict, Thomas & Judith Henn, Melvin Jahner, Ron & Mary Maier, and Bertha Harper, to the Basement Fund from Mike & Lil Kunz, to the General Fund from Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser, to the Basement (Furnace) Fund from Linda Tschritter, and to the Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann; in memory of **Dwayne Job** to the General Fund from Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser.



Instagram

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✿ **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 Evelyn Petrick. †

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. †



† **SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** †

Sunday, September 4 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion **9:30 AM**

Sunday, September 11 – Celebrate Worship **10:45 AM**

Sunday, September 18 – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion **10:45 AM**

Sunday, September 25 – Celebrate Worship **10:00 AM Harvest Festival**

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School will meet September 11 & 18 @ 9:30 AM

🚗 **Need a Ride??**

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



Watch Via Facebook Live!

Can't make it to in-person worship? Join us live each

Sunday via Facebook from wherever you are. If you can't tune in live, you can find past recordings on Facebook simply by scrolling through our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton/>. Or you can visit our website at <http://ndpeacelutheran.com/> and find all the links you need there.

September: We need 2 Ushers for the month.

Reader: Sept 4 – Linda Tschritter
Sept 11 – Linda Tschritter
Sept 18 – Linda Tschritter
Sept 25 – Linda Tschritter
Acolyte: Brody Ptacek

Please Volunteer!

Please take a moment to check the white board set up in the narthex and see which Sunday works for you to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, or Acolyte. You can sign up for a whole month or just a Sunday. 😊



Violet June Nieuwsma, daughter of Matthew and Natasha Nieuwsma, was baptized on August 21st. Baptismal Sponsors are Miranda Hinsz, Katie Nieuwsma, and Noah Nieuwsma. Congratulations and Blessings to her Mom & Dad, Grandpa's and Grandma's, and Great-Grandparents! Violet is about to start on an incredible spiritual journey, and we hope this day brought her and her family much love, joy, and peace. ✝



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<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>



Happy Grandparents Day

September 11th!

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



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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 choose to give a onetime gift ("I forgot my checkbook!") or set your gift up to be recurring ("I never want to carry my checkbook again!") You can even designate which fund your gift will go to and leave a memo to indicate an honorarium or memorial.

Our church Bookkeeper encourages the use of Tithe.ly. When the offering is deposited in our account, an email message is received via the church's email. We have had no problems with these direct deposits.



A Prayer for September

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings...

Hebrews 10:22 (NIV)

Bible Facts Quiz on the Book of Psalms

You will find the answers in the Book of Psalms.

1. You have made human beings a little lower than the _____. (8:5)
2. "_____ is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked." (1:1)
3. "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the _____." (19:7)
4. "Blessed is the one whose _____ are forgiven." (32:1)
5. "The _____ says in his heart, 'There is no God'." (14:1)
6. "Lord, our Lord, how _____ is your name in all the earth." (8:1, 9)
7. "God is my _____ in whom I take refuge." (18:2)
8. "Keep me as the _____ of your eye; hide me in the _____ of your wings." (17:8)
9. "The Lord is my _____ and my _____, whom shall I fear?" (27:1)
10. "Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his Holy place? The one who has clean _____ and a _____ heart." (24:3-4)
11. "_____ and see that the Lord is good." (34:8)
12. "The eyes of the Lord are on the _____." (34:15)



Confirmation and Youth Group Schedule

- ❖ Confirmation Class will meet Wednesdays, September 7, 14, and 28 @ 7:00 PM.
- ❖ Youth Group and Confirmation Class will meet Wednesday, September 21 @ 6:30 PM.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is almost here! We will begin on Sept. 11th at 9:30. Following the church service on that day, root beer floats will be served to celebrate. All kids age 3 through 7th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School. If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending, please let Jen or Anne know. On Sept. 18th, the 2nd graders will be receiving their Bibles during the church service. Sunday School will **not** meet on Sept 25th due to the Harvest Festival.

We are looking forward to another great year of learning and growing! Please reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas.



Congratulations to the 2nd Graders who will receive their Bibles on Sunday, September 18th!

Kaisley Masset and Jill Schmidt



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! ♥



“Mornings At Peace” Returns!

Peace Lutheran Church is excited to once again provide children with a nutritious breakfast and an opportunity to grow in their faith through music, crafts, lessons, prayer, and fellowship on Late-start school mornings. The first MAP is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th. All school age children are welcome to attend. **MAP is FREE and open to any child regardless of their faith background.** All older school age children are also welcome and may participate or serve as volunteers and helpers for younger children. Anyone interested in helping or in having their children attend are welcome to talk to Pastor Sean, Anne Barnhart, Jenn Vetter, or Heather Rossow.

The Gospel Alphabet – Study and Memorize

God’s Word! God’s gift of hope!



Scripture of the Month ~

“**M**ay the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13 NIV



Adult Bible Study
Join Pastor Sean on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for Adult Bible Study.

We begin this year with a study of chapters 14-21 of the Gospel of John. Feel free to simply attend and listen in or take the opportunity to engage in discussion, ask, and answer questions. Coffee is not required, but always provided and recommended!



We sent \$616 in offerings to our July “Mission of the Month” **“Salvation Army Northern Division”**.

Our offerings for “Missions” in August was for **IFOSuD**. We have received \$311 for that Mission as of August 21st.

Peace Lutheran Church “Mission of the Month” for September 2022 is Emmons County Ministerial Thanksgiving Baskets.

Each year the Emmons County Ministerial Association, puts together Thanksgiving Baskets for those in Emmons County who could use a little help through the holiday season. Included in the baskets are many of the items necessary for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. If enough money is raised, the baskets can also include items like laundry detergent, toilet paper, and eggs.

Year after year, this is the biggest project the ECMA undergoes. In the past few years, about \$5,000 has gone towards the groceries which are purchased in Emmons County if possible and about 100 baskets are packed and distributed by volunteers. Any baskets not claimed go towards stocking the shelves at the Emmons County Food Pantry. Please consider donating towards this very important ministry for our county. *The distribution date for the Thanksgiving Baskets has not yet been set.*



~PLCW News~

- ❖ The ladies will be serving breakfast to the school kids on Wednesday, September 14 for MAP (Mornings at Peace) at 8:00 AM.
- ❖ Bibles will be presented to 2nd grade students on Sunday September 18, 2022.
- ❖ **Women of Peace** meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM 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. 7th at 1:30 PM.**

Hostess: _____

Bible Study Leader: _____



<https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton>

Online Bible Study

Join Pastor Sean on Facebook each Thursday evening at 8:00 pm for a “deep dive” Bible Study on the preaching passage for the upcoming Sunday. Find Online Bible Study by going to our Facebook page and clicking the “events” tab.



LCMC Annual Gathering

Each year the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), the association to which our church belongs, hosts an annual gathering. The gathering is a time filled with keynote speakers hitting topics designed to edify the church. The gathering also includes worship, devotions, Bible study, and a little bit of business. It is also a time when staff from the LCMC give information not only on what they do within the association, but give updates on the LCMC as it relates to their position. Since COVID, the LCMC has made the gathering available through livestream via their website <https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering#livestream>. The gathering takes place October 2-5. Join the livestream and learn more about the LCMC!

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Harvest Festival 2022

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 136:1)

When the fields begin to turn from green to gold and the combines begin to roll you know that our **Fall Harvest Festival** must be close. After being unable to gather and celebrate for a few years, the festival is back on and scheduled for **Sunday, September 25th** beginning at 11:00 AM.

One of the joys the Harvest Festival brings is the combined work and efforts of all our membership. From baking pies, decorating the church, cooking meat, setting tables, serving, and cleaning; the Harvest Festival brings us all together. To this end, **letters will be distributed on September 11th** in church or via mail with work and donation assignments.

Of course, not everyone is able to physically help or attend the festival due to health, location, or other commitments. If you are unable to attend the event, please consider giving according to your means with the envelope provided in this newsletter. The summer months can be lean at church and the Harvest Festival is a way to get back on track.

Thank you for your generosity. May the Lord bless you with a bountiful year and may he bless the work of Peace Lutheran Church in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Beauty, Inside and Out. It's what BIO stands for. We are showing young girls how to build self-worth based on their values, talents, philanthropy and individuality, not how they look. We are on a mission to build the self-esteem of girls through empowerment of self and service to others. BIO Girls is a 12-session program proven to improve self-esteem, emotional well-being and physical well-being of participants by combining life-skills curriculum, mentoring and physical activity.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Girls currently in grades 2-6 of all abilities are welcome to participate in BIO Girls. Participants receive 20 hours of programming dedicated to self-esteem enhancement.

- Start Date: 09/10/2022
- Race Date: 11/25/2022
- End Date: 12/03/2022
- Meet Day & Time: Saturday 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Location: Peace Lutheran Church- Linton
- Fee: \$67.50 suggested/participant, Pay What You Can option

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Website: www.biogirls.org

Email: emmonscounty.nd@biogirls.org

Facebook: Emmons County Bio Girls

Site Directors: Bridget Mattern & Heather Rossow

ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES:

REGISTRATION LINK: www.biogirls.org/register



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	Annabelle Nieuwsma
12 – Parker Masset	20 – Travis Dockter	Holden Nieuwsma
14 – Jill Schmidt	21 – Jesse Renschler	29 – Jade Alderin
15 – John Ohlhauser	Ella Vetter	30 – Magdalena Bender

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 Peterson	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 Brandner	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



September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Traditional Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 am				11: am ECMA 8:00 pm Online Bible Study		
4 Traditional Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 am	Labor Day		1:30 pm Women of Peace 7:00 pm Confirmation	8:00 pm Online Bible Study		
11 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Celebrate Worship 10:45 am			MAP 8 –10 am Church Council 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm	8:00 pm Online Bible Study		
18 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Praise! Worship/ Holy Communion 10:45 am			Youth Group / Confirmation 6:30 pm	SCC Service 2:00 pm 8:00 pm Online Bible Study Autumn Begins		
25 Celebrate Worship 10:00 am Harvest Festival			Confirmation 7:00 pm	8:00 pm Online Bible Study		

We need Ushers for the month of September!

Reader: Linda Tschritter
 Acolyte: Brody Ptacek

We are in the season of Pentecost



Mission of the Month:

Emmons County Ministerial Thanksgiving Baskets

Coming up:

Harvest Festival is scheduled for September 25th.

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