

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Message from Pastor Sean...

If you attended Ash Wednesday worship or watched it online, you'll know that this year in Lent we are looking at different locations in the Old Testament narrative and how they relate to Jesus.

On Ash Wednesday, the location was Sheol, the Hebrew term for the land of the dead. Sheol is often mentioned in the Psalms and our main passage was Jonah's prayer from the belly of the fish from Jonah 2.

In the coming weeks, we'll journey around the Promised Land and hear stories that are very much connected to geography. We'll visit Shechem where God first gave his promise to Abraham and where the people of God made promises (that they later broke) to God.

From there we'll visit Bethel, which means "house of God," but later becomes the location of idols. We'll wade through the Jordan River, the figurative gateway into and out of the Promised Land. We'll also visit Bethlehem, the "house of bread" and be reminded of how Jesus is our bread from heaven.

And then, of course, we'll find our way to Jerusalem, the "way of peace" and the place Christ will finally win our peace. During Holy Week, we'll visit specific places in Jerusalem as well, the Upper Room, Mt. Calvary, and lastly the Empty Tomb.

I hope you to see you during Lent. It is such a special and important time of the Church year.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

March 2023 Newsletter

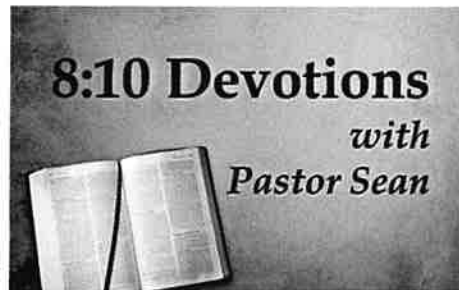
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8:10 Devotions

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





March 2023 Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			March 1st Matthew 19:16-22	Exodus 20:12-16	Psalm 1:1-3	Matthew 19:23-30
March 5th Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 20:17-19	Matthew 20:20-23	Matthew 20:24-28	Matthew 20:29-34	2 Samuel 7:12-13	Matthew 1:1
March 12th Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:23-33	Exodus 3:1-6	Matthew 22:34-40	Deut. 6:4-9	Leviticus 19:17-18
March 19th Matthew 25:1-30	Matthew 22:41-46	Psalm 110:1-7	Matthew 23:1-12	Matthew 23:13-26	Matthew 23:27-36	Matthew 23:37-39
March 26th Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 24:1-14	Matthew 24:15-29	Isaiah 13:6-10	Matthew 24:30-35	Matthew 24:36-44	

The Church Council, Meeting of February 8th

- Pastor's Report: SCC Service on Jan. 12; Youth Group Jan. 18 with 14 or 15 students attending; ECMA meeting on Jan. 19; 2 visits in Jan., 1 with Holy Communion; Preparing for Lent and starting to plan VBS curriculum.
- Property: A handicap rail was installed in the Pastor's office bathroom. The legs of the unsteady table in the narthex were repaired and will be attached to the table. An example of a piece to place on the bathroom light switches was looked at to solve the problem of the fan being left on many times. The light & fan will get turned off at the same time.
- Stewardship: Endowment balance as of 2/7 is \$58,696.08. Plan is to have a Thrivent rep here to speak with the congregation briefly about different programs they have.
- Worship: Jacqueline Wald transferred her membership to United Lutheran in Langdon, ND. Terry, Corinna, and Isaac Huber transferred to Peace Lutheran from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Burnsville, MN. Discussed dividing families up in church for serving as ushers, greeters, readers, acolytes; one group for each month.
- Evangelism: Planning to do a women's Bible Study on Ruth possibly late spring/early summer.
- Old Business: Pastor received his beef.
- New Business: Council will serve Lent Supper on March 8. Council will meet on March 8 after Lent Service. Reminder: Per the School's Lockdown Protocol, the Church is a "flight" location. Philosophy is Hide, Flee, Fight. High School and part of Middle School would flee to our church, elementary to the library.

✠If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a church council member....Heather Rossow, Terry Serr, Lyle Wohl, Lori Bechtold, Stan Naumann, Elwin Nieuwsma, Tim Dockter, Kevin Hendrickson, and Erica Hoff-Wald.✠



PLCW's annual No-Bake Bake Sale

will be held Sunday, March 19th, 2023. 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!



***A Prayer for March
Heavenly Father,
help me to be patient
and accept your timing on all
that is unresolved in my heart.
Guide me to find peace and
direct my energy in ways
that draw me closer to You.
Today and every day
I surrender myself to
Your will and way.
And when I do,
I feel Your heavenly power
fill my spirit.
Amen.
-Anonymous***



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



Easter Lilies...

We will be decorating the church for Easter with lilies again this year. If you want to give one in memory or in honor of someone, you may use the form preceding this notice or you may sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex at church. The cost is \$10 for each lily. You may give your payments to Pastor Sean, Brenda, or include them with your offering on Sunday morning.

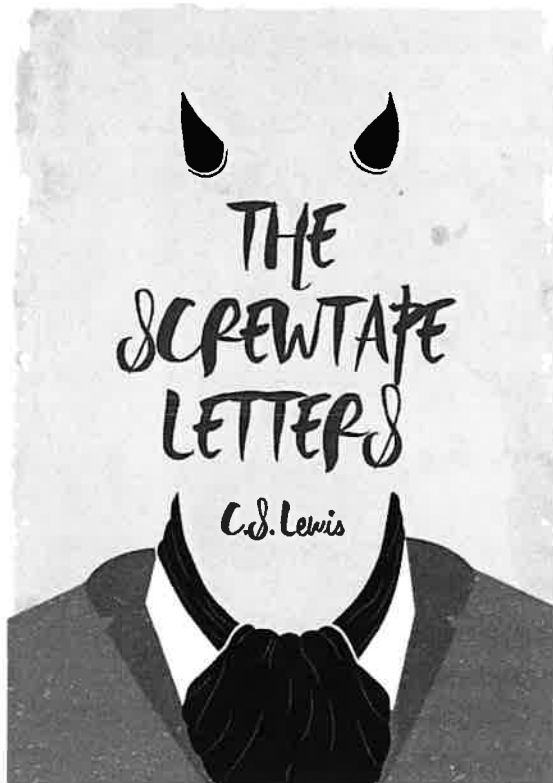
Lent Food Drive

As we all know, the cost of food and basic toiletries have been getting more and more expensive. It has impacted all our budgets, but especially those who are on low and fixed incomes. This year during Lent we will be have a drive for our local food pantry.

Non-perishable items of all kinds are welcome: **canned vegetables, fruits, and soups; dry good like noodles; peanut butter and jelly; and canned tuna and chicken** are all appreciated. Also needed are products like **deodorant, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, body wash and soap.** When Lent begins, a table will be set-up in the Narthex to receive these items.



If you or someone you know needs access to food from the pantry, it is open each Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.



Book Club Returns!

This Spring, you are invited to read and discuss together the classic book from **CS Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*.**

I would like to order books by **Monday, Feb 27th.**

Books range from \$9 to \$15.

Book club discussion will take place each Monday beginning March 13th at 7:00 PM.

This popular satire consists of a series of 31 letters in which Screwtape, an experienced devil, instructs his young charge, Wormwood, on effective strategies for tempting the man assigned to him and making sure he continues on a steady path toward damnation.



† Memorials †

There were no memorials received during the month of February.



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. †

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. 😊

Volunteers are needed each week for Worship in March: Greeters – Ushers – Reader – Acolyte ~ At this writing no one has signed up for March.



† MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., March 5, 12, 19, & 26

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., March 5, 12, & 26

**Wednesday, March 1 – Midweek Lent Worship
7:00 PM**

**Sunday, March 5 – Traditional Worship/Holy
Communion 10:45 AM**

**Wednesday, March 8 – Midweek Lent Worship
7:00 PM**

Sunday, March 12 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 AM

**Wednesday, March 15 – Midweek Lent Worship
7:00 PM**

**March 19 – Praise! Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 AM**

**Wednesday, March 22 – Midweek Lent Worship
7:00 PM**

Sunday, March 26 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 AM

**Wednesday, March 29 – Midweek Lent Worship
7:00 PM**

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.



Instagram

Check us out on Instagram!

@peace.lutheran



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.

This year for Lent, FAMILIES / GROUPS OF FRIENDS are asked to sign up and provide for our Wednesday Lent suppers rather than just having the women provide. If you aren't sure how much/what to order for sandwiches or how much soup to make, give the church a call. The sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board.



Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Sean and others on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for Adult Bible Study as we study Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Simply attend and listen in or engage in discussion, ask questions, and provide your own incite. All are welcome. Coffee is not required, but always provided and recommended!



Download the **Tithe.ly** app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at ndpeacelutheran.com

Give 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 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.



Connecting faith & finances for good.™

We received \$281 from Thrivent Choice \$ since the 1st of January.

Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation and who give special donations from their Thrivent accounts!

If you are 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/>



Quilting will continue in March, and will meet Mondays and Tuesdays 9:15 AM – 4 PM.



~PLCW News~

♥ PLCW's No-Bake Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, March 19th.



<https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton>
Online Bible Study is cancelled for Thursday nights until after Easter.



✝ **First Communion Education class meets on Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 3:45 p.m.**

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School kids sang in church on January 29th and did a fantastic job! Thank you to all who were able to attend.

There will not be SS on March 19th.

We want to take a moment to thank the teachers (and Vicki) who show up week after week to teach the kids! They show up and teach whether they have 2 students or a full classroom. Thank a SS teacher for the work they do!

Looking ahead to April, the kids will sing in church on April 2nd, which is Palm Sunday.

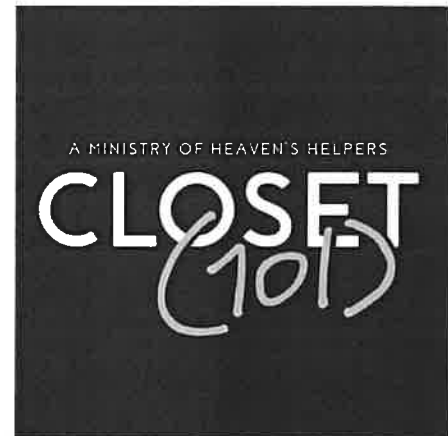


Confirmation and Youth Group Schedule
No meeting in March



In January we sent \$397 to **"Alzheimer's Association,"** our "Mission of the Month". As of February 19th, we have had \$406 in mission offerings for **Salvation Army Northern Division.**

Peace Lutheran Church "Mission of the Month" for March 2023 is **Heavens Helpers Closet (701).**



Heaven Helpers Closet (701) is a Nonprofit Organization, a division of the Ministry of Heaven Helpers (Soup Cafe). We are a group of Christians, modeling how Jesus lived, by serving individuals and families who are struggling to meet basic needs.

The purpose of Heaven Helpers Closet (701) is to help individuals and families who are struggling to meet basic needs. Our store is set up as a "boutique". We will offer free, beautiful clean clothing to any man, woman, or child in need. Our focus is on allowing our clients to have dignity while choosing their clothing.

This is neither a thrift store nor a retail establishment. We will offer clothing, bedding, blankets, personal care items (towels, washcloths, shampoo, soap), clothing, boots, and shoes. Heaven Helpers Closet (701) is a 501(c)(3), so all donations are tax-deductible.

We are always looking for Christ-loving, kindhearted volunteers. Please contact our store to see how you can serve.



“Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment’s hesitation.” —Catherine Doherty

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.” —1 Peter 5:6



Remember to change your clocks!

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th.



The Church Council will meet at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 8th, after Midweek Lent Service.

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



Scripture of the Month ~

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

James 4:7 NIV

At the Annual Meeting of Peace Lutheran on January 29th ...

- A budget of \$146,335 was approved.
- Tim Dockter, Kevin Hendrickson, and Erica Hoff-Wald were elected to the church council.
- The Finance Books have been audited.
- It was requested that the annual meeting reports booklet be available next year a week before the scheduled meeting.



The Emmons County Ministerial Association is participating in the Our Family® Direct Your Labels™ program. Every time you shop at any local store carrying Our Family® brand products, clip and save your UPC barcodes. Every time we collect 500 UPC barcodes, we can turn them into a \$25 check for the Emmons County Ministerial. Bring those labels to the church to support the ECMA!



Happy Spring!



March Baptismal Dates

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

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| 2 – David Erickson | 14 – Jon Ptacek | 24 – Jaden Bosch |
| 3 – Brit Bauman | James Weisser | 27 – Jayme Baker |
| 5 – Jenna Rae Mercer | 19 – Blake Ketterling | Lorraine Schatz |
| 6 – Shaylee Bosch | 20 – Theo Peterson | 29 – Jacob Conroy |
| 7 – Jerome Ohlhauser | 22 – Henry Stuckle | Jacob Ohlhauser |
| 9 – Payton Masset | 23 – Melissa Fisher | 31 – Evelyn Petrick |
| Jennifer Pocta | Julie Tveito | |

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

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



Happy Spring!



March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 st Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm	2 SCC Service 2:00 pm	3	4
5 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 am	6 Quilting	7 Quilting	8 1 st Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm Church Council 8:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time	13 Quilting Book Club 7:00 pm	14 Quilting	15 1 st Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18
19 No Sunday School Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Praise Worship / Holy Communion 10:45am No Bake-Bake Sale	20 Spring Begins! Quilting Book Club 7:00 pm	21 Quilting	22 1 st Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Celebrate Worship 10:45am	27 Quilting Book Club 7:00 pm	28 Quilting	29 1 st Communion Ed 3:45 pm Lent Supper 5:30 – 6:30 pm Lent Worship 7:00 pm	30	31	NOTE: We will not have Online Bible Study on Thurs. until after Easter.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March Mission of the Month:
Heavens Helpers Closet (701)
Coming Up:
1st Communion Class will meet
March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 3:45 pm
Palm Sunday, April 2
Easter, April 9

March
Ushers:
Reader:
Acolyte:

