

*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

In Philippians 2, Paul writes,

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:1-4)

The Lord desires his people to humbly serve others going so far as to say that we are to count others as more significant than ourselves. Doubling down on this point, Paul continues by saying,

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

In other words, we are to have the same humble and obedient approach to serving others Christ did in leaving heaven to come down to rescue us from our sin! I don't know about you, but that is a big ask.

None of us can truly have the same attitude or mind of Christ, but the Lord sure gives us opportunities to not only get better in our humble service, but to show us just how humble we aren't. In fact, sometimes we are forced into these situations. Maybe your spouse or child is sick and you have the awful job of cleaning up the mess. Or your neighbor is down for the count and they need help clearing their driveway or mowing the lawn. Perhaps a precious evening off is no longer off because a volunteer is needed at school for concessions. And so, you serve. Perhaps on occasion, you cheerfully and gladly serve without hesitation or regret. But not always. The job gets done, you show up, but how often is your attitude exposed as not very Christ-like?

Christ is a great example for us in Philippians 2, but he is more than that; he is also our savior who fully and humbly obeys without hesitation. "For the **joy** that was set before him endured the cross." (Hebrews 12:2). The cross is not just for big sins, but also for small ones; the bitterness and reluctance we experience even while we serve our neighbor. May we, in our service, become more and more Christ-like each and every day.

In peace,  
Pastor Sean

## March 2024 Newsletter

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**March's Daily Scripture Readings**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup> Mark 12:1-12	Psalms 118:12-16
Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mark 12:13-17	Mark 12:18-27	Mark 12:28-34	Deut. 6:1-5	Leviticus 19:13-18	Hosea 6:1-6	Mark 12:35-40
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup> Mark 12:41-44	Mark 13:1-8	Mark 13:9-13	Mark 13:14-20	Daniel 11:29-35	Mark 13:21-23	Daniel 7:9-14
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup> Mark 13:24-27	Mark 13:28-31	Mark 13:32-37	1 Thess. 5:1-5	1 Thess. 5:6-11	Romans 13:11-14	Mark 14:1-2
Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup> Mark 11:1-11	Duet. 15:7-11	Mark 14:10-21	Mark 14:22-31	Mark 14:32-42	Mark 15:16-39	Mark 15:40-47
Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup> Mark 16:1-8						



Palm Sunday March 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:45 am	Maundy Thursday March 28 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm	Good Friday March 29 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm	Easter Sunday March 31 <sup>st</sup> 8:30am
Communion celebrated on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday			

### **Annual Meeting: January 28, 2024:**

- Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.
- The 2023 Annual Meeting Secretary's Report was presented.
- The 2023 Annual Meeting Treasurer's Report was presented.
- No Old Business
- New Business: The Council President informed the congregation that Brenda Benedict has retired and that Terri Fieldsend has taken over the position.
- Jennifer Vetter, Mark Heidrich and Gunnar Hanson were nominated to fill three vacancies on the Church Council.
- Proposed Budget: Under the "Church/Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance" section of the budget with "Expenses Not Budgeted" at \$17,100. The correct amount should be \$19,500. This was for the basement floor renovation and wall painting. The proposed budget was approved.
- Meeting adjourned.
- Pastor ended the meeting with prayer.

### **The Church Council Reorganizational Meeting of January 28, 2024:**

- The following new Council Officers were elected: Elwin Nieuwsma – President, Kevin Hendrickson – Vice President and Jennifer Vetter – Secretary /Treasurer.
- A motion was made to remove the former Secretary/Treasurer and Bookkeeper from the bank accounts and add the new Secretary/Treasurer and Bookkeeper. All checks require two signatures, one from the Bookkeeper and one from either the President or Secretary/Treasurer. They will also have the authority to open and close checking, savings and money market accounts on behalf of Peace Lutheran Church.
- The Assignment of Committees are as follows:  
Property: Mark Heidrich, Stan Naumann, and Kevin Hendrickson  
Worship: Gunnar Hanson, Elwin Nieuwsma, Lori Bechtold and Tim Dockter  
Education: Erica Hoff-Wald and Jen Vetter  
Stewardship: Elwin Nieuwsma and Pastor Sean Barnhart  
Evangelism: Erica Hoff-Wald and Jen Vetter

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a church council member...Lori Bechtold, Tim Dockter, Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrick, Gunnar Hanson, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Jen Vetter or Elwin Nieuwsma.✝

### **The Church Council Meeting of February 14, 2024:**

- Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.
- The Church Council accepted the minutes of the January 10 and 28 Meeting Minutes.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted. It was noted that \$15,000 had been moved from the checking account to a six-month CD.
- Pastor Sean reported he will be on vacation June 2 and 16, 2024. The Youth Group Christmas Party was hosted at his home on January 3, 2024 with more than twenty youth in attendance. He led the Strasburg Care Center service on January 4, 2024. The funeral for Duane Baer was held January 6, 2024 and the burial on January 11, 2024. He led the Caregiver's Connections meeting on January 11, 2024. Pastor Barnhart made two visits, one to the hospital and one home visit.
- Property Committee Report: battery operated motion detector lights have been installed in the bathrooms to improve the quality and availability of lighting. The council discussed the depth perception and visibility issues for the stairs with the new coloration of the flooring. Discussion was had regarding using colored tape options and the council was showed an example. It was suggested

that a textured tape option, and they will look for a black textured option. The Committee will evaluate placement on the top and/or side of stairs once a black textured option is found. The Committee indicated the rock strips on the back of the church, facing the alley, are ripped, torn, and unsightly. A suggestion was made to consider landscape curbing as an option; however, the Committee will evaluate this option closer to ensure water damage would not occur with the installation of landscape curbing. The Committee discussed acquiring the tar material used to seal the parking lot cracks. Mark Heidrick will make the contact with the supplier to purchase approximately five gallons

- Stewardship Committee Report: No report.
- The Endowment Committee Report: Balances for the Endowment Fund in Thrivent Account Mutual Funds: Total \$67,320.82; Base principal \$58, 813.50; and Earnings available for dispersion \$8,507.32. Joyce Lemer was reappointed to the Endowment Committee for a three-year term.
- Pr. Sean Barnhart reported a new Membership and Giving software had been purchased due to the prior software being outdated, no longer supported, and no longer functioning with the updated computer systems.
- Worship Committee Report: Pastor Sean reported the following Holy Week service information: Palm Sunday at 10:45am on Sunday, March 24, 2024 without communion; Maundy Thursday at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 28, 2024 with communion; Good Friday at 7:00pm on Friday, March 29, 2024 without communion; and Easter Sunday at 8:30am on Sunday, March 31, 2024. It was also noted communion cups and wafers have been ordered.
- Worship Committee Report: The Sunday School will be singing at the Palm Sunday Service. The next M.A.P. will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, February 18, 2024.
- Evangelism Committee: No report.
- Old Business: A motion was carried to renew a matured CD at Unison Bank (\$20,104.41) for whatever length of time holds the highest interest rate opportunity.
- New Business: The men’s bathroom has an “out of order” sign. Kevin Hendrickson is working on the repair.
- The meeting was closed with the Lord’s prayer.
- The meeting adjourned.
- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.



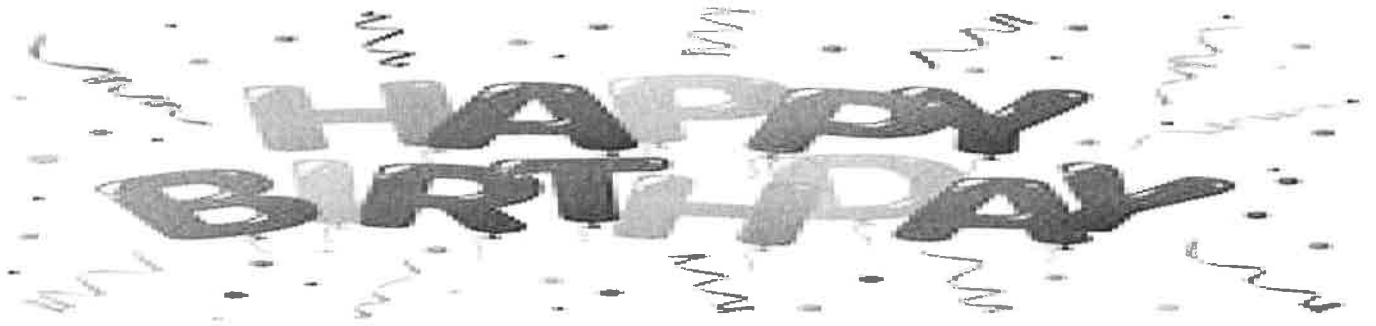
### March Baptismal Dates



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

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 are not on record. If your birthdate is missed, or if there is a mistake, please inform the Church Office.

### March Birthdays

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



" For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance<sup>1</sup> that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3

**We are updating our Church Records and are asking that you complete the form below and return it to the Church. There is a box in the Narthex where you may place the form when completed or you may email the information to: [peacelutheran @bektel.com](mailto:peacelutheran@bektel.com) Thank you for your help!!!**

**Name (yourself and spouse, if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Numbers: Home** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Birthdate(s) (with year):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Baptismal Date(s) (with year):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Child's or children's names, birthdates and baptismal dates (if still living in your home or in college):**

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### † Memorials †

Gifts were given in memory of Duane Baer to the Parsonage Basement Fund from Lynette Nieuwsma, Laura Hirvela, Marvel Malpert, Mark & Holly Johnson, Arlene Grenz and Janice Baer; also, to the Celebrate fund from Timothy Docter.

### 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 you would like played (if available). It will be played on that date, and you may choose the time either: 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. The song,, and donor, will be acknowledged in the bulletin. The cost for Special Music is a donation.†

### Honor Someone With Chancel Flowers!

The Flower Committee: Janice Baer and Evelyn Petrick, along with Linton Floral N' More, has set up a system for members to provide flowers for Sunday Worship Services. For **\$40**, Linton Floral N' More will provide 2 arrangements of flowers to be placed in the 2 vases behind the altar or for \$30, a larger single arrangement 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 would like flowers. 4) Let her know if it is for a special occasion.

The ladies will make sure the flowers are in place and the donor information is 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.**



### 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 Sunday.**



**March 10<sup>th</sup>...First Day of Spring!**



**Just a friendly reminder...Don't forget to turn your clocks an hour forward on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>!!!**



### † MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

**Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Mar. 3, 10, 17, & 24**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24**

**Mar. 3 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.**

**Mar. 6 – Lent Worship 7 p.m.**

**Mar. 10 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.**

**Mar. 13 – Lent Worship 7:00 p.m.**

**Mar. 17 – Praise Worship with Holy Communion – 10:45 a.m.**

**Mar. 20 – Lent Worship – 7 p.m.**

**Mar. 24 –Palm Sunday - Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.**

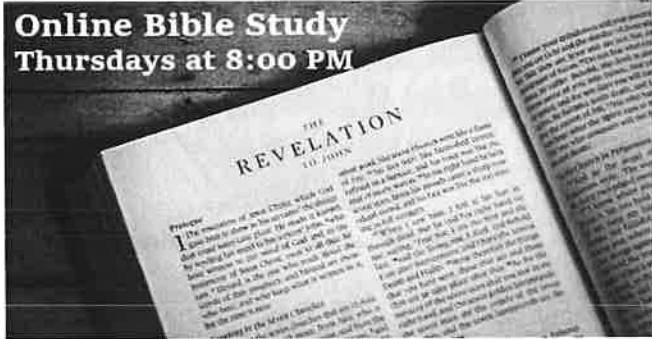
**Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Mar. 29 Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Mar. 31 –Easter Worship 8:30 a.m.**



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**Online Bible Study  
Thursdays at 8:00 PM**

**Online Bible Study**

Join Pastor Sean each Thursday evening at 8:00 PM for an online Bible Study recapping the previous Sunday's in-person Bible Study on Revelation. You can find Online Bible Study through our YouTube Channel

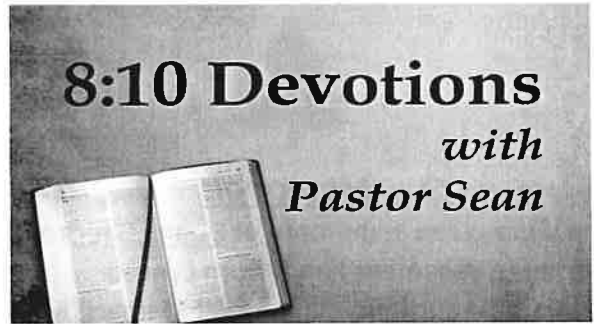
**Adult Bible Study**



Each Sunday morning, Pastor Sean leads an adult Bible study on the book of Revelation at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion or to simply listen in. If you can't make it, or miss a session, get the weekly recap via Online Bible Study on YouTube!



Happy St. Patrick's Day – March 17<sup>th</sup>!!!



**8:10 Devotions**

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



**~PLCW News~**

No news this month.



**Quilting will continue in March, and will meet Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 AM – 4 PM**



**Wed., Mar 6<sup>th</sup>: First Communion Ed @ 3:45 PM**  
**Wed., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>: First Communion Ed @ 3:45 PM**  
**Wed., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>: First Communion Ed @ 3:45 PM**





No Youth Group Meeting During Lent



**Book Club:** This Spring, you are invited to read and discuss together *Your Good is Too Glorious: Finding God in the Most Unexpected Places*. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for more details.

Thank You...

*"I never felt love like this before"...* from a Mom helped by the Women's Care Center. Please stop at the bulletin board in the Narthax and see a picture of her newborn baby girl, Kaylynn.

Hope Manor writes: *"We truly appreciate you for coming alongside us to support those who are seeking recovery."* Hope Manor/Sober living was the January Mission of the Month.

Grace Haak writes: *"I want to thank you for your generous donations that made it possible to go on a mission trip to Santo Domingo."...* Overall the experience was like no other and brought so much joy and love. The mission truly changed how I see life." She also included pictures of herself and those on the Mission Trip with her. Stop and take a look their wonderful smiles!

 **Need a Ride??**

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

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Volunteers are needed each Sunday.



If you or anyone you know would like a weekly church bulletin or a monthly newsletter mailed to them, please let the Church Office know.

The deadline for the newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month! Please get your news and upcoming information to the church office by that date!

Thank you!



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.



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## Thrivent Choice Dollars

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/>.



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**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.



As of February, we have collected \$578 (as of the printing of the Newsletter) for the “**Salvation Army/Northern Division**”. Our March “Mission of the Month” is the **Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home**”.



“At SGPM Maternity Home, our mission is one mother, one baby, one family at a time. This mission is intrinsically ingrained into our daily lives here at the Home. We live essentially as a family. Our work is more about quality than quantity. We strive to give mothers and their little ones the best care possible to enable them to build a brighter future. SGPM is not a shelter, but a Home for mothers who seek refuge.

“An unexpected pregnancy is often a challenging time in a woman's life. Here at the Home, we support and walk with these mothers throughout their journeys and equip them with the necessary tools to grow both spiritually and emotionally. We allow the women to make important life decisions and establish many new healthy relationships so that when they leave the Home, both they and their child(ren) are able to continue a healthy, stable, and fruitful life.”

**WE BELIEVE. WE ARE DEDICATED. WE ARE COMMITTED.**

**WE BELIEVE** THAT EVERY UNBORN CHILD HAS A RIGHT TO LIFE AND THAT EVERY PREGNANT WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO GIVE BIRTH WITH DIGNITY.

**WE ARE DEDICATED** TO PROVIDING SAFE SHELTER, FOOD, CLOTHING, EDUCATION, AND COUNSELING; AND TO ADDRESSING THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF WOMEN IN CRISIS PREGNANCIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION.

**WE ARE COMMITTED** TO PROVIDING FAMILIES WITH A STABLE LIVING SITUATION BASED ON SPIRITUAL VALUES

**ONE MOTHER, ONE BABY, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME.**



## “Direct Your Labels” for the Emmons County Ministerial Association



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 Association.

**Bring those labels to the church to support the ECMA!**

### Mornings At Peace Returns!



On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Linton students are invited to PLC for breakfast and VBS-style fun and Bible lessons during the late-start school morning from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. All students are welcome and will be walked to the school in time for classes!



Instagram

**Check us out on Instagram!  
@peace.lutheran**

## Caregivers Connections



The Next Meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Presented by the Alzheimer's Association  
Minnesota-North Dakota Chapter**  
Second Thursday of each month from  
2:00 - 3:00 PM, Linton City Hall

**All caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's or other dementia related diseases are invited.**

This caregiver group, conducted by trained facilitators, is a safe place for caregivers, family and friends who care for individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementia related diseases. Join us to:  
Connect with other caregivers | Discuss caregiving challenges and possible solutions | Identify ways of coping | Share needs and concerns | Learn about community resources

### Easter Lilies



The Easter lily serves as a reminder of the purity, innocence and virtue of Jesus. They also represent his sacrifice, and are a symbolic representation of his resurrection.

