

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

May 2024 Newsletter

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Pastor's Article

On April 20th, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting at Charity Lutheran in Bismarck. The purpose of the meeting was to educate LCMC churches about Districts and Fellowships within the LCMC and to gauge interest in the formation of a Dakota District.

For those who don't know or who may need a refresher: we belong to the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). The LCMC isn't really a denomination. It is an association of Lutheran congregations who share a common theology and some core convictions (for more information go to LCMC.net.) There are no bishops in the LCMC. The LCMC is served by six full-time staff members who each work from home. There is also a Ministry Board and a Board of Trustees.

For the most part, the structure of the LCMC is congregational in nature, meaning a church is largely left to themselves. We aren't required to give to the LCMC or attend any assemblies. But this can cause isolation, especially for churches like ours that are geographically isolated from other Lutheran churches in general.

This is where districts come in. Districts are meant to provide community either based on geographic proximity or on a common interest, such as mission or church planting. The meeting I attended was the first step in developing a geographic district to provide community for LCMC churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Eastern Montana and Western Minnesota. The meeting included representation from Bismarck, Fargo, Harvey, Washburn, Carrington, as well as a few SD churches. It was led by Pr. Julie Smith, LCMC Coordinator for Districts and Fellowships. The emphasis and goals for the district are yet to be decided, but as one who volunteered to help get the district established, you will be the first to know what those goals are! With that in mind, if there is anything you would like to see from a Dakota District in terms of goals and purpose, please let me know.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean Barnhart



May's Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			May 1st Acts 18:12-17	Acts 18:18-23	1 Cor. 1:19-31	1 Cor. 11:17-26
May 5th 1 Cor. 13:1-13	1 Cor. 14:26-33	1 Cor. 15:1-11	1 Cor. 15:12-19	1 Cor. 15:20-26	1 Cor. 15:30-41	1 Cor. 15:42-50
May 12th 1 Cor. 15:51-57	1 Cor. 16:1-9	1 Cor. 16:10-14	1 Cor. 16:15-24	2 Cor. 1:3-7	2 Cor. 1:8-14	Acts 2:1-4
May 19th 1 Cor. 12:1-13	1 Cor. 12:14-26	1 Cor. 12:27-31	Ephesians 1:15-23	Ephesians 2:1-10	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:1-13
May 26th Ephesians 3:14-21	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:17-32	Ephesians 5:1-21	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ephesians 6:1-9	

The Church Council Meeting of April 10, 2024:

- The meeting was called to order by Pres. Elwin Nieuwsma at 7:02 pm.
- Pr. Sean Barnhart opened the meeting with a devotion from Psalm 2 and prayer.
- Council members in attendance (Quorum): Tim Dockter, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Stan Naumann, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jennifer Vetter. Council members absent from the meeting: Lori Bechtold and Gunnar Hanson Other attendees: Aaron Stuckle, Farmers Union Insurance
- The council held a discussion with Mr. Stuckle regarding insurance coverage. A motion was made to renew the policy with GuideOne Insurance with an evaluation and update to the Business Personal Property limit for the church and the parsonage and addition of Directors and Officers insurance coverage to the policy to cover council members, committee chairs, superintendents, sunday school teachers, organist, etc. The motion was seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for a review of the March 13, 2024 Regular Church Council Meeting Minutes. A motion made to accept the minutes as presented with no corrections. The motion was seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- Pr. Barnhart presented his report. He baptized Hayes Hanson on March 3, 2024. Mornings at Peace was hosted March 6, 2024 with 27 kids attending and April 10, 2024 with 24 kids attending. He married Carson Lee and Jessica Ibes on March 15, 2024. He held a prayer service for Darlene Mees on March 21, 2024. First Communion was given to two fifth graders on March 28, 2024. He started the book club on March 18, 2024. Lent meals, services, and Holy Week services were held and his focus is now on

Vacation Bible School (May 28-30, 2024). Pr. Barnhart will be on vacation June second and twenty-third. This is a slight change to previous June vacation dates.

- Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Property Committee report. Mark Heidrich contacted two companies requesting bids for the parking lot, one with Capital Asphalt and the other with Western Chip Seal. Both companies will be onsite in the next month to provide a bid. To date, one bid has been received for lawn care to cover the church and cemeteries from May 1 to October 15 from Justin Martin for \$1499.00. The council discussed potential renovations for the basement of the parsonage. The council discussed the findings and recommendations of Streyle Masonry (advice only) and Innovative Basement Solutions (bracing estimate \$22,000) regarding the parsonage basement west wall. Both companies indicated the issues discovered were not of grave or immediate concern. The council will seek additional opportunities to address the west wall issue before further renovation discussion. A review of the rock strip and landscape options and repairs to the rain gutters are still pending.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Stewardship Committee report. The Endowment Committee (Keith Petrick, Aaron Stuckle, and Joyce Lemer) provided the following balances for the Endowment Fund in Thrivent Account Mutual Funds: Total \$73,050.34; Base principal \$62,100.00; and Earnings available for dispersion \$10,950.34.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Worship Committee report. No Worship Committee report.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Education Committee. The last day of Sunday School is May 12, 2024. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for May 28-30, 2024.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Evangelism Committee report. No Evangelism Committee report.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for Old Business. The council discussed opportunities to participate in the 125th celebration including raising funds and collecting donations for the Emmons County Food Pantry, an all church or all Sunday School reunion, and invitations to previous members and/or previous pastors. Erica Hoff-Wald reported there was not a lot of interest in a parade float. The Evangelism Committee will meet to discuss details and opportunities.
- Pres. Nieuwsma opened the meeting for New Business. A motion was made to approve membership in transfer for Bonnie Ohlhauser from St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hazelton and Bob and Susie Lester from First Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, Idaho. The motion was seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- The Council will discuss needs and dates for church spring cleaning.
- Hearing no further new business, Pres. Nieuwsma called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made and seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.
- The next meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

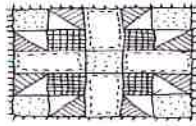


SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5th, we will recognize, pray for, and gift a quilt to the seniors of our congregation. This year's Peace Lutheran senior class include:

**NOAH ALDERIN
KAYLYN HENDRICKSON
MACKENZIE HENDRICKSON
BLAKE KETTERLING
PAYTON ROSSOW**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

On Sunday, May 12th we will take a moment in worship to bless the quilts and thank God for all the work the quilters in our church and community have done over the last year. When the quilts are on display, feel free to stop by and appreciate the work put into them. If you see one you like, you may pin your name to the quilt to reserve it for purchase after May 12th.



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

The ND South Central Right to Life Chapter will be selling long stem carnations after church on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12th) for a free will offering. Our chapter recently donated funds to the Women's Wellness Center in Bismarck, ND, and the St. Gianna's Maternity Home in Minto, ND. Funds raised through these flower sales will be donated to other worthy organizations that promote life. The ND Right to Life Chapters work to educate its members and the public about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide in a peaceful, factual and legal manner. If you are interested in joining the South Central Right to Life Chapter, contact JoAnn Humann 701-851-0350. Thank you for your support.

A Mother's Prayer

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper-- not a homemaker. If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness - not godliness. Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh. Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window. Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk. Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys. Love is present through the trials. Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive. Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood. Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart. Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love. – Author Unknown



May Baptismal Dates

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

2 Ashton Rudy	14 Larry Humann	22 Ethan Roemmich
3 Kaitlyn Nieuwsma	Michael A. Kunz	Carson Hoff-Wald
4 Elsie Barnhart	15 Chad Dockter	James Streyle
6 Roberta Wagner	Mary Maier	23 Tobie Wald
7 Rosalette Ferderer	Alexandria Staigle	25 Florence Plienis
Keith Humann	Amber Weber	29 Candis Wagner
8 Paityn Bodvig	Kristi Slater	30 Corey Grenz
9 Ryan Hoff-Wald	17 June Alderin	Jackson Tveito
Skylar Hoff-Wald	Annika Ketterling	31 Hailey Swanson
10 Helen Renschler	19 Kevin Higdon	Robin Silbernagel

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.

May Birthdays

2 Cooper VanderWal	14 Matthew Jasper	20 Trish Bauman
3 Bowdy Roemmich	15 Debra Hochhalter	26 Jesse Haas
9 Linda Tschritter	Makayla Ptacek	27 Ernest Wohl
11 Troy Roemmich	Shelley Serr	Jarell Ketterling
Kevin Higdon	16 Gregory Humann	29 Donna Forderer
Stanley Naumann	Jordan Bingham	Jeanette Winterberg
Kaylyn Hendrickson	Barb Bosch	30 Ben Krogstad
12 Violet Ohlhauser	17 Karen Welk	31 Acacia Stuckle
13 Michael Werlinger	18 Jackson Tveito	

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"





† Memorials †

No memorials were given in April.

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.

† MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. May 5th and 12th
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. May 5th and May 12th

May 5 – Traditional Worship - 10:45 a.m.

May 12 – Celebrate Worship - 10:45 a.m.

May 19 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion - 9:30 a.m.

May 26 – Praise! Worship - 9:30 a.m.



Summer Worship Time Change!

Beginning **May 19th**, worship will be at 9:30 AM instead of 10:45 AM. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will resume in the fall when we go back to our regular worship time on **September 8th**

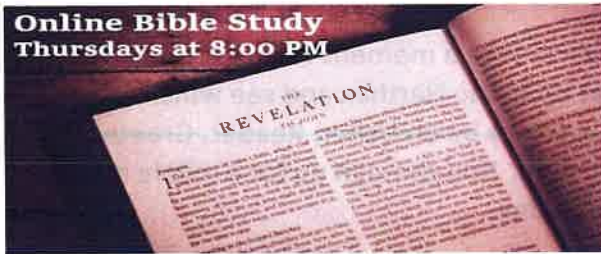


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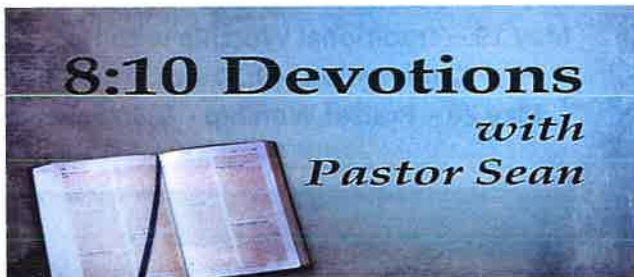
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Online Bible Study

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.



8:10 Devotions

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

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!



Quilts are on display in the Sanctuary. To purchase a quilt – please sign a square sheet of paper available at the back of the Church and pin it to the outside of the quilt. Quilts are \$25 each. Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church Women and place the check in the offering plate with “Quilt” in the memo line.



~PLCW News~

May 1st through May 12th PLCW “No-Bake Sale”. Please see the pink insert in this bulletin for details.



Youth Group/Confirmation!

Supper, games, and Bible Study! We'll meet at Pastor Sean and Anne's house May 15th at 6:30 PM for Youth Group/Confirmation. All 7th to 12th grade students are welcome to attend! This will be our last meeting until the fall.



Sunday School – May 5th and 12th 9:30 AM

 **Need a Ride??**

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



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 20th of the month! Please get your news and upcoming information to the church office by that date!



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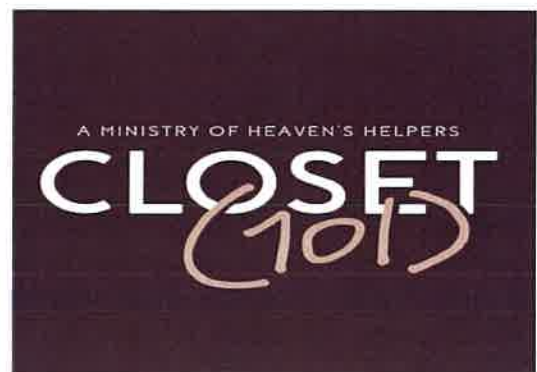
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Sunday via Facebook from wherever you are. If you can't tune in live, you can find past recordings on Facebook simply by scrolling through our Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/peaceelutheranlinton/>, or you can visit our website at <http://ndpeaceelutheran.com/> and find all the links you need there.



In April, we collected \$451 for the “**Women's Care Center – Bismarck**”. Our May “Mission of the Month” is the “**CLOSET (701)**”.



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.



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.

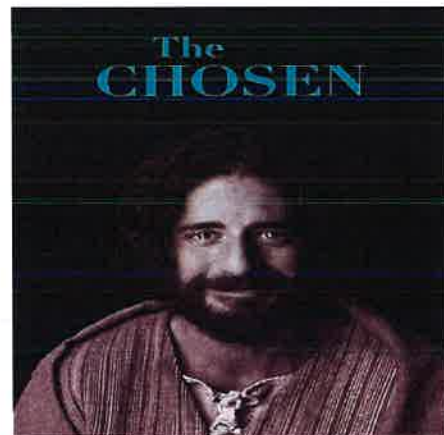
Bring those labels to the church to support the ECMA!



Tuesday, May 28th – Thursday, May 30th

All kids ages 3 to having just finished 6th grade are invited for three nights of Vacation Bible School. Each session begins with supper at 5:30 PM and includes Bible Study, Puppet Shows, Games, Crafts, and Music! Our nights will end at 7:30 PM.

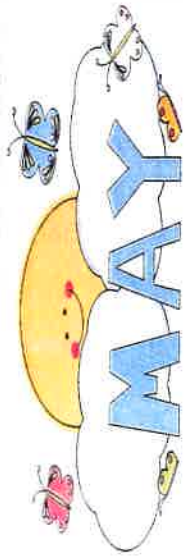
To register, please contact the church (254-5395). There is no cost to Vacation Bible School and children not members or our church are also welcome. If a child can't make all three nights, they are welcome to come when they can!



Family Movie Nights – *The Chosen: Season 3*

Gather with your friends each Monday evening beginning June 24th to watch an episode of *The Chosen*; "the first ever multi-season show about the life of Christ."

Each episode varies in length from 30 to 60 minutes. We'll follow up each viewing with a short discussion on what we just witnessed.



Peace Lutheran Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May Mission of the Month: CLOSET (701)			1 Confirmation - 7PM 	2 Online Bible Study 8 PM	3	4 
Senior Sunday 5 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Worship 10:45 AM	6	7	8 Confirmation 7 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	9 Caregivers Connections 2 PM Online Bible Study 8 PM	10	11
Mother's Day 12 Blessing of the Quilts "No-Bake Sale"	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Celebrate Worship 10:45 AM			15 Youth Group /Confirmation 6:30 PM	Online Bible Study 8 PM		18 
19 Traditional Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 AM	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26 Praise! Worship 9:30 AM	27 Church Office Closed 	28	29	30	31	
		5:30 PM - 7:30 PM 	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM 	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM 		

Caregivers Connections



The Next Meeting is May 9

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



Have a wonderful Month of May!!!



May 18th - Honoring those who serve Matthew Jasper, Brady Malmedal and many others around the world!



History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

-The History Channel