

*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

## *June 2024 Newsletter*

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### Pastor's Article

During the last week of May, we held VBS at our church. This year's theme was "On the Ranch," and our first lesson was titled, "Stewards in God's Garden." The lesson was drawn from Psalm 8 and Genesis 1:26-18. In this lesson we focused on God's special role for us in his Creation. We talked about how we are stewards of God's Creation called to tend, manage, and take care of all that God has made.

Our second and third lessons shifted from our role of working on God's "ranch" to being creatures under God's care. The second lesson was titled, "Sheep in God's Care" and used verses from John 10 and from Psalm 23. In these passages we discovered we are sheep in God's flock and as such we are always under his care.

But in our third lesson we learned that as sheep, we get lost and need rescuing. This lesson was titled, "Sheep: Lost and Found" and used the parable of the Lost Sheep from Luke 15. In the previous lesson we learned that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. In this lesson we learned that the Good Shepherd searches us out, finds us, and brings us home rejoicing. To go with these two lessons, the kids made a sheep using various crafting materials, but the next day they arrived to learn that their sheep was lost and they needed to scour the church to find it!

Thank you all for your support of our Sunday School and VBS kids. Thank you for providing help, food, and finances to continue bringing God's Word to the children of our church and community.

In peace,  
Pastor Sean Barnhart

*Daily Scripture Readings For June*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b> <u>Galatians</u> 1:1-5
<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Galatians 1:6-10	Galatians 1:11-24	Galatians 2:1-10	Galatians 2:11-14	Galatians 2:15-21	Galatians 3:1-9	Galatians 3:10-14
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b> Galatians 3:15-22	Galatians 3:23-29	Galatians 4:1-7	Galatians 4:8-20	Galatians 4:21-31	Galatians 5:1-6	Galatians 5:7-15
<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b> Galatians 5:16-26	Galatians 6:1-10	Galatians 6:11-18	Titus 1:1-4	Titus 1:5-16	Titus 2:1-10	Titus 2:11-15
<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Titus 3:1-15	James 1:1-18	James 1:19-27	James 2:1-13	James 2:14-26	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-18
<b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b> James 4:1-12						

**A Summary of the Church Council Meeting of May 8, 2024:**

- The meeting was called to order by Pres. Elwin Nieuwsma at 7:07 pm.
- Council members in attendance (Quorum): Lori Bechtold, Tim Dockter, Mark Heidrich, Erica Hoff-Wald, Stan Naumann, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jennifer Vetter. Council members absent from the meeting: Gunnar Hanson, and Kevin Hendrickson.
- The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
- The Treasurer's Report from the last meeting was approved.
- Pr. Barnhart presented his report. Book Club is finished with 8-10 people attending on average each week. The last Mornings at Peace (MAP) event was April 10, 2024. Youth Group was held on April 17th, 2024. On April 20, 2024, Pr. Sean attended a meeting at Charity Lutheran to discuss the formation of a Dakota district of the LCMC. He attended a seminar on suicide titled, "Soul Shop: Ministering Regarding Suicide" in Bismarck on April 23, 2024. On April 25, 2024, he attended the ECMA and Strasburg Care Center service. He did three visits with Holy Communion in April. Terry Sletto will cover service in Pr. Barnhart's absence June 2, 2024 and Erik Johnson will cover services in Pr. Sean's absence. He will also be on vacation August 4, 2024.
- Property Committee report: Mark Heidrich visited with Capital Asphalt regarding the asphalt repair with a bid of \$4,000. The Western Chip Seal site visit and bid is pending. He will contact the company doing the work at the school for a third bid. Erica received a bid to repair the gutter and install the downspouts from Damien Benz for \$500-\$600. Hi bid was accepted and Ercia will contact Mr. Benz. Only one bid was received for lawn care to cover the church and cemeteries from May 1 to October 15

from Justin Martin for \$1499.00. The bid was approved. Mark Heidrich contacted Chris Roehrlich for a bid to address the issue with the basement west wall of the parsonage. The remodel project in the parsonage is on hold until the west basement wall is addressed. The rock striping for the church has been started with lock-in brick. The total cost will (approx. \$600) be reimbursed 50% from the City of Linton because it will be completed by June 15, 2024. The council discussed some issues with the sign, both the black lettering is looking worn and the top of the sign is loose.

- Stewardship Committee Report: A donation was given by William Bosch in appreciation for the help and permission to place a marker on the Jele grave at Peace Lutheran Cemetery. He indicated it could be used for cemetery upkeep or anything needed. The Council decided to use it for cemetery mowing.
- Worship Committee Report: Wine and white grape juice was purchased.
- Education Committee Report: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for May 28-30, 2024.
- Evangelism Committee Report: No Evangelism Committee Report.
- Old Business: Pres. Nieuwsma will follow up with Mr. Suckle on the evaluation and update to the Business Personal Property limit for the church insurance. Spring clean-up was tabled with the potential of moving to a fall clean up.
- New Business: Terri Fieldsend submitted a letter of resignation effective May 24, 2024 citing health concerns. The council will form a committee to conduct an exit interview with Terri as well as discuss options, needs, of the church for filling the position.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00pm.

**Summary of the Church Special Council Meeting of May 19, 2024:**

- The meeting was called to order by Pres. Elwin Nieuwsma at 10:18 a.m.
- Council members in attendance (Quorum): Tim Dockter, Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jennifer Vetter.
- Pres. Nieuwsma indicated a committee met with Terri Fieldsend on Monday, May 13, 2024 to discuss her resignation letter, conduct an exit interview, discuss options, etc. Ms. Fieldsend discussed the time her weekly responsibilities take her to accomplish each week as well as for other monthly or annual tasks, such as the newsletter, bulletins, and giving statements. She told the committee she can accomplish these tasks in less than 20 hours per week as she is currently employed. She also indicated a need for flexibility in her schedule for ongoing health issues.
- The committee discussed the opportunity for her to stay employed with the church on an as needed basis, rather than a more rigid 20 hours per week schedule. She was open to the discussions.
- She and Pr. Barnhart met later in the week to discuss specifics.
- The council discussed the answering machine used by the church as a method to address calls coming into the office if no one is in the office at the time. Jen Vetter asked Pr. Barnhart if he had concerns with the office functions if a secretary employed hourly with a flexible schedule. He indicated to the council he had none.
- Pres. Nieuwsma called for a motion to adjust the employment for Ms. Fieldsend. A motion was made, seconded and carried. The Church will employ Terri Fieldsend at an hourly rate of \$15.00/hour; for the hours it takes to accomplish her task throughout the week, month, or year; and with flexibility in her schedule.
- Pres. Nieuwsma declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28am.
- The next meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00pm.



### *June Baptismal Dates*

3	Gianna Caruso Lorraine Wagner	13	Janice Baer Cooper VanderWal	22	Boston Bodvig
8	Rafe Kalama Emsley Randle	15	Madisyn Ohlhauser Troy Roemmich	23	Bejamin Krogstad
9	Erica Hoff-Wald Violet Ohlhauser Brynn Huber	16	Michael Werlinger	24	Karen Welk
12	Michael J. Kunz Derrick Naumann	17	Kaylyn Hendrickson Quinn Roemmich	25	Heidi Schmidt
		18	Barb Bosch	25	Harper Werlinger
				27	Jody Ohlhauser
				28	Dawson Werlinger
				29	Madison Ptacek
				30	Gregory Humann



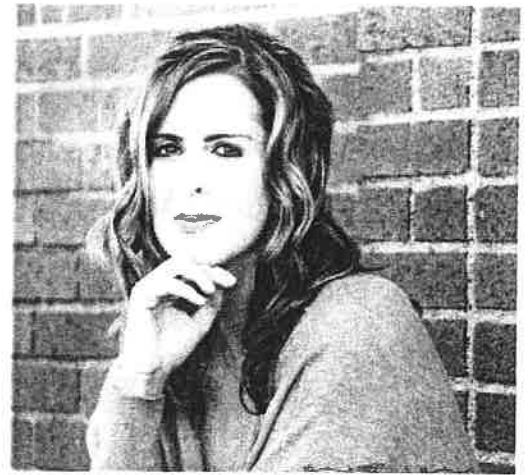
### *June Birthdays*

1	Michael J. Kunz Jody Ohlhauser	11	Sandra DeBoer Hayes Hanson	17	Janice Ohlhauser Terence Serr
5	Laura Hirvela	12	Fran Heidrich	19	Masen Brueckner
7	Paisley Grossman	13	Michael Lee Jett Beitelspacher	23	Ettalynn Stuckle Arlene Wagner
8	Quinn Roemmich Logan Ferderer	15	Janelle Schlosser	25	Beckham Spotts
9	Marley Click	16	Barbara Haas Janell Ness	26	Bear Bauman
10	Sydney Giese Ryan Ohlhauser	17	Barbara Robinson	28	Erin Huber
				30	Jill Schmidt

On your Birthday, be filled with GOD'S UNCHANGING love and the GOOD PLANS HE HAS FOR YOU!

## Mission of the Month 31:8 Project

**31:8 Project**, based out of Bismarck, ND, was created to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" regarding human trafficking. In order to prevent this crime from growing, 31:8 Project educates and collaborates with all types of people and other organizations and focuses their energy and resources on labor and sex trafficking taking place in North Dakota.



*Stacy L. Schaffer, founder of  
31:8 Project*

It is estimated that human trafficking is a \$32 billion per year industry, second only to drug trafficking and equal in scope to arms dealing. Although we do not know the exact number, it has been estimated that there are over 30 million slaves in the world today, more than at the height of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. The U.S. State Department estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked in the United States annually. It is essential that we give a voice to the voiceless when it comes too human trafficking!

**31:8 Project** educates, advocates and raises awareness in order to prevent human trafficking. 31:8 Project provides informative seminars, conducts research, and creates curriculums applicable to all levels of education and forms of human trafficking. Through their research 31:8 Project examines the causes, impact, and issues surrounding this crime and the victims.

***"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute."  
Proverbs 31:8***

### Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

**Welcome people in**  
**Help them grow**  
**Send them out to care**  
**Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care"**





### Summer Worship Time Change Reminder!

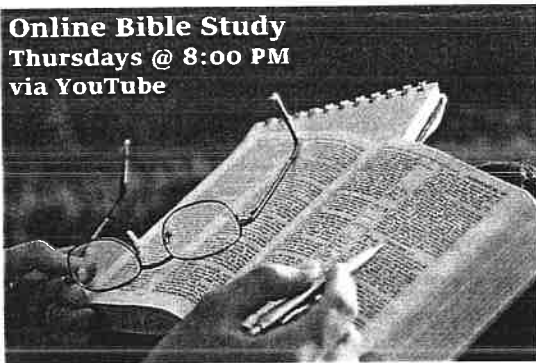
Worship this summer is at **9:30 AM** instead of 10:45 AM. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will resume in the fall when we go back to our regular worship time on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- June 2 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion - 9:30 a.m.
- June 9 – Praise! Worship – 9:30 a.m.
- June 16 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion - 9:30 a.m.
- June 23 – Praise! Worship - 9:30 a.m.
- June 30 – Worship - 9:30 a.m.



**Online Bible Study**  
Thursdays @ 8:00 PM  
via YouTube



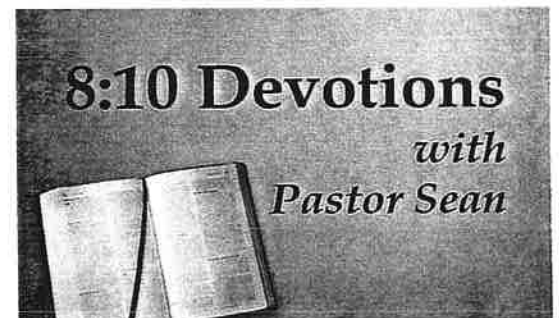
### Online Bible Study

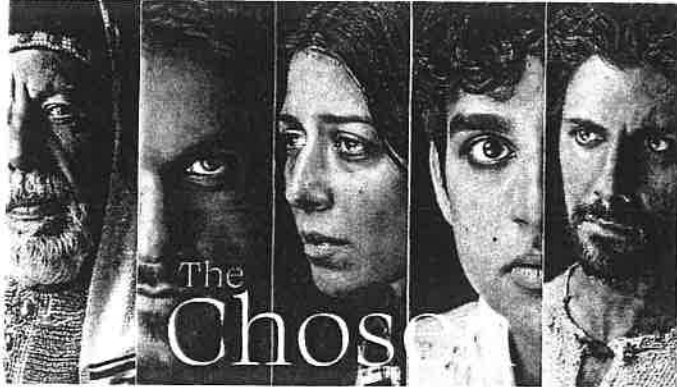
Join Pastor Sean each Thursday evening at 8:00 pm for an online Bible Study that looks ahead to the preaching passage for the coming Sunday. **You can find Online Bible Study through our YouTube Channel.**

<https://www.youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357>

### 8:10 Devotions

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





### The Chosen: Season 3

Join us on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM for season 3 of *The Chosen*. Snacks are welcome as we watch on the big screen in the sanctuary. We'll watch episode 1 on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Find Online Bible Study on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357>



### 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.



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### Give using Tithe.ly



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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](http://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.

### 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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### 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 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 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.**





Summer Coffee” Please sign-up to make and set up for coffee after the Worship service during the summer months. We appreciate your help!

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month! Please get your news and upcoming information to the church office by that date!



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!**



*Next Meeting June 13th*

**Caregivers Connections**

**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

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# Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Traditional Worship/ Holy Communion 9:30 AM Summer Coffee				Online Bible Study 8 PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Praise! Worship 9:30 AM Summer Coffee			Council Meeting 7 PM	Pop-Up Perishables 1PM Caregiver's Connections 2PM Online Bible Study 8PM	 FLAG DAY	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day Traditional Worship/Holy Communion 9:30 AM Summer Coffee				First Day of Summer		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Praise! Worship 9:30 AM Summer Coffee	Family Movie Night "The Chosen" 7 PM			SCC Chapel Service 10:45 AM Online Bible Study 8 PM		
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June Mission of the Month:  
31:8 Project



Worship 9:30 AM  
Summer Coffee