

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

In high school history class, I remember being required to present short reports about current events in the news on a weekly basis. It was as simple as reading a clipping from the day's newspaper. After reading, my teacher would ask us for our interpretation on the event. I honestly can't remember a single thing I reported on. However, if I were in that class now, it seems like there would be no shortage of dramatic historical events on which to report!

August 2024 Newsletter

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As I write this, we are about one week removed from the assassination attempt on Mr. Donald Trump. Like students in high school history, there has been no shortage of interpretations to such a significant event. How should we as Christians interpret this and other dramatic events of our time?

The safest is simply this: repent. Our temptation with current events is to speak prophetically about them, interpreting events as a signs of God's favor or disfavor for our nation or an individual. While there may be truth in such statements, we must be cautious about putting our simple thoughts into the eternally complex mind of God.

But, one thing the prophets did that all of us can do is to call people to repent. All tragedy, all near-misses should remind us of our frailty and mortality as human beings. The current events of the day should sound as a call to self-reflection and self-reflection should always lead us to the same place: I am but a poor sinner who only continues to live and breathe by the grace of God. Every bit of bad news, every national tragedy, every sign of our age that reminds me yet again of the fallen world I live in should send me running to the mercy of Jesus Christ because "there but for the grace of God, go I."

Pray for our nation and the 330 million sinners who call it home. Pray for peace, pray for civility, pray for good governance, but above all, pray for repentance.

In peace,
Pastor Sean



Daily Scripture Readings For August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Aug. 1st Hebrews 10:5-10	Hebrews 10:11-18	Hebrews 10:19-25
Aug. 4th Hebrews 10:26-31	Hebrews 10:32-39	Hebrews 11:1-3	Hebrews 11:4-7	Hebrews 11:8-12	Hebrews 11:13-16	Hebrews 11:17-22
Aug. 11th Hebrews 11:23-28	Hebrews 11:29-31	Hebrews 11:32-40	Hebrews 12:1-2	Hebrews 12:3-11	Hebrews 12:12-17	Hebrews 12:18-24
Aug. 18th Hebrews 12:25-29	Hebrews 13:1-6	Hebrews 13:7-16	Hebrews 13:17-19	Hebrews 13:20-25	1 Peter 1:1-9	1 Peter 1:10-12
Aug. 25th 1 Peter 1:13-25	1 Peter 2:1-8	1 Peter 2:9-12	1 Peter 2:13-25	1 Peter 3:1-7	1 Peter 3:8-12	

A Summary of the Church Council Meeting of July 10 , 2024:

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Elwin Nieuwsma at 7:06 pm. Council members in attendance (Quorum): Tim Dockter, Erica Hoff-Wald, Stan Naumann, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jennifer Vetter Council members absent from the meeting: Lori Bechtold, Gunnar Hanson, Kevin Hendrickson, and Mark Heidrich.

Pr. Barnhart opened with devotions.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for a review of the June 12, 2024 Regular Church Council Meeting Minutes. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as presented with no corrections.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Pr. Barnhart presented his report. He expressed special thanks to Pastor Sletto and Pastor Johnson for covering services on June 2 and 23, 2024. He did three visits in June and hosted Caregiver’s Connections on June 13, 2024. He held a Strasburg Care Center service on June 27, 2024. Season Three of The Chosen is showing on Monday nights. He plans to attend the LCMC Annual Gathering in Marion, Iowa from September 29 - October 2, 2024.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Property Committee report. The block edging around the church has been completed. Plants have been planted and transplanted for the Erin Schmidt Memorial Garden. The gutter and downspouts have been installed. The weeds in the parking lot will be taken care of. The asphalt bid will be tabled until the next meeting. The parking lot tar will be delayed until the fall. The sign has been reinforced, lettering painted black, and step railing has been painted. Spring clean up was tabled with the potential of holding a fall

clean up. Stumps and rocks will need to be removed at the parsonage before proceeding with concrete installation. The council decided to table the two bids for the repair, pending further discussion with the contractors on bid details.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Stewardship Committee report. No report.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Worship Committee report. No report.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Education Committee. The All Sunday School Reunion took an offering for the Sunday School program. Sunday School Superintendents will meet in the next month to prepare for fall.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Evangelism Committee report. The Grill-Out fundraiser on July 5, 2024, as part of the Linton 125th served over 300 people and raised \$2,350.00 for the food pantry.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for Old Business. The Directors and Liability coverage was added to the insurance with a yearly premium increase of \$121.00.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for New Business. Tim Dockter made a motion to approve membership for Bobbi Kramer, from St. Peter and Paul in Strasburg, ND, and Savanna Kramer, from United Church of Christ, Wishek, ND. A motion was made and unanimously carried.

Hearing no further new business, A motion made and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00pm.



Save the Date!

Peace Lutheran Church | Harvest Festival

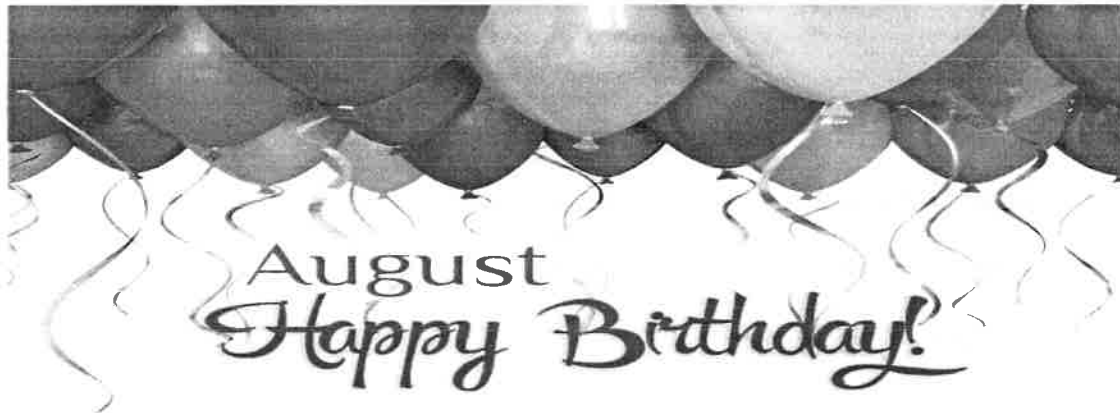
Sunday, September 22nd

Harvest Festival is September 22, 2024. If you are not available, please let Lisa Ptacek or Deb Jahner know.



August Baptismal Dates

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| 3 | Barbara Robinson | 10 | Donna Tveito | 21 | Violet Nieuwsma |
| 4 | Josi Conroy | 12 | Terence Serr | 25 | Ava Marie Fiebiger |
| 5 | Lillian Kunz | 15 | Albert Weber | 27 | Janice Wolfer |
| | Acacia Stuckle | | Sylvia Weisser | | Beckham Spotts |
| | Jerry Thornton | | Aspen Praus | 29 | Bruce Martin |
| 9 | JoAnn Humann | 17 | Larry Umber | | |



August Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 2 | Jacob Rossow | 15 | Kayla Hendrickson | 23 | Josi Schwab |
| | Janice Wolfer | | Paxton Randle | 24 | Arthur (Rick) Rudy |
| 3 | Jeffrey Erickson | 16 | Jenna Rae Mercer | | Libby Wohl |
| 4 | Travis Humann | 17 | John Ohlhauser | 25 | Lucas Schrantz |
| | Lois VanBeek | | Violet Nieuwsma | 26 | Jennifer LeFrancois |
| | Lacie Brueckner | 18 | Trinity Bodvig | | Skylar Hoff-Wald |
| 6 | Elaine Streyle | | Alexander Jones | 27 | Kimberly Heitz |
| 8 | Bryan Schatz | 21 | Travis Dockter | 28 | Joshua Schlosser |
| 11 | Carol Huber | | Emma Wohl | 29 | Michael Haas |
| 13 | Justin Martin | 22 | Noah Alderin | | Jacob Ohlhauser |
| 14 | Matthew Ferderer | | Bruce Martin | 30 | Dennis Ferderer |
| | Blayke Huber | | | | |

Mission of the Month:



About The GOD'S CHILD Project

Founded in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1991, The GOD'S CHILD Project (GCP) is a non-denominational organization reaching children and families in intense poverty. GCP provides essential care for thousands of children, widows, single mothers and families in **Guatemala, El Salvador, India, Malawi,** and the **United States**. In addition, GCP's Institute for Trafficked, Exploited, & Missing Persons (ITEMP) prevents and rescues victims of human trafficking.

Dedicated to sustainable and permanent changes, GCP has established an international presence in these poverty-stricken countries by providing education, healthcare, basic needs, emergency disaster relief, human rights services and family care. GCP's efforts create stability and growth in broken areas of the world.

Our Mission

WE, The GOD'S CHILD Community, are benefactors, friends, volunteers, and children joined together to assist God's poorest children in their educational, social, physical, and spiritual growth. We view education as a practical way to help poor children escape from an otherwise painful life.

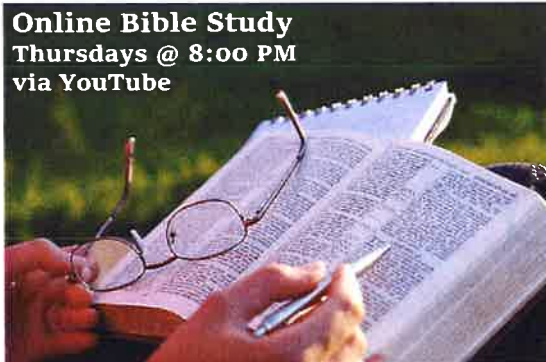
WE, The Adults, accept our youth as gifts from God given to be our teachers, students, and children. We believe in the need to stand by their side until they are prepared to meet life and triumph in the eyes of God, their community, and themselves.

WE, The Children, are the pride and reason why The GOD'S CHILD Project exists. We have the responsibility to behave honorably and to respect legitimate national, spiritual, and environmental law. We recognize the opportunities and help we have received from others, and will try each day to help someone with a need greater than our own.



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.



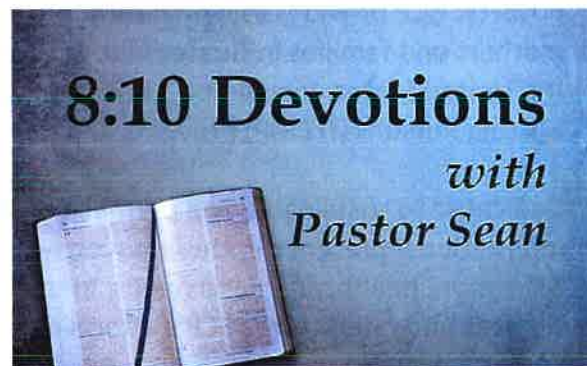
Online Bible Study

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!



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/>.

Give using Tithe.ly

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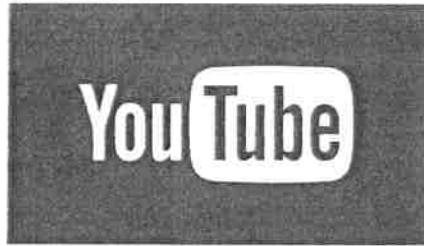
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Next Meeting August 8th

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

**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

Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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





2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mission of the Month: The God's Child Project				On-Line Bible Study - 8 PM	Backpack Program @ Linton United Methodist 4 -- 6 PM	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Traditional Workshop with Holy Communion - 9:30 AM	The Chosen - 7 PM			Caregiver's Connection - 2 PM On-Line Bible Study - 8 PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Praise! Worship -- 9:30 AM	The Chosen - 7 PM		Church Council -- 7 PM	Pop-Up Perishables -- 1 PM On-Line Bible Study - 8 PM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Traditional Workshop with Holy Communion - 9:30 AM			Confirmation -- 7 PM	On-Line Bible Study - 8 PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Praise! Worship -- 9:30 AM			Confirmation -- 7 PM	On-Line Bible Study - 8 PM		