

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

It is now officially fall. Even though fall technically began on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 7:44 AM, we all know it isn't really fall until October comes around. Presumably we call this season "fall" because of the falling of leaves as trees prepare for the cold of winter. The falling of leaves looks like a passive thing like something that can't really be helped. It isn't really the fault of the individual leaf. The wind comes, gravity takes effect, and a leaf falls to no fault of its own.

We often call the events of Genesis 3 "the fall." But should we? Adam and Eve "falling" into sin sounds accidental. It sounds passive as though the winds of temptation came along, gravity took effect, and they simply fell. The blame, at least some of it, can be cast upon someone else. In fact, this is exactly what Adam and Eve do. God asks Adam what happened and Adam blames God and Eve, "The woman whom **you gave** to be with me, **she gave** me fruit of the tree, and I ate." (Genesis 3:12, emphasis added). Then Eve does the same thing, "**The serpent** deceived me, and I ate." (Genesis 3:13, emphasis added.)

How we talk about the event of Genesis 3 matters. "The Fall" was not accidental. It was not something that happened to us. Gerhard Forde, a Lutheran theologian, describes "The Fall" differently. He describes it as an Upward Rebellion. It is humanity abandoning their place as creature and trying desperately to usurp God's position as Creator. Genesis 3 isn't accidental. Neither is our own sin. We don't stumble into sin, we choose it.

But fortunately for us, God chooses us. He purposely sends his Son who willfully goes to the cross for us and for our salvation. When it comes to our sin we are the instigators. I alone am responsible for my sin. In fact, Paul in his letter to the Romans would call me an enemy of God (Romans 5:10). But when it comes to our salvation, Christ is the one who does it all and he does it with the utmost intention.

Christ does not pick up the fallen. He redeems and recreates rebellious hearts. In Christ, we rebel scum have been reconciled to God the Father. We are no longer rebellious enemies, but treasured children.

In peace,
Pastor Sean

October 2024 Newsletter

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A Summary of the Church Council Meeting of September 11, 2024:

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Nieuwsma at 7:04 pm.

Council members in attendance: Lori Bechtold, Tim Dockter, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Stan Naumann, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jennifer Vetter. Council members absent from the meeting: Gunnar Hanson and Erica Hoff-Wald. Pr. Barnhart was holding a confirmation class.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for a review of the August 14, 2024 Regular Church Council Meeting Minutes. A motion was made, seconded and accepted with no corrections.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made a motion, accepted and unanimously carried, noting Pres. Nieuwsma will speak with someone regarding the date and balance of the CD at Unison Bank (maturity date 8/10/24).

Pres. Nieuwsma presented Pr. Barnhart's report. Pr. Barnhart made a few home visits and a hospital visit. Caregiver's Connections will not continue past September due to low attendance. Mornings at Peace resumed September 11, 2024. Confirmation started August 21, 2024 with nine students. Adult Bible Study resumed with continued study of Revelation. Coming soon: The Second graders receive their bibles September 15; a Baptism is planned September 15; Youth Group (7-12th Grade) begins September 18; Harvest Festival is September 22 with worship at 10:00am; a wedding (Shelby Kelsch and Mark Jochim) is scheduled for Saturday, September 28; a Baptism is planned on October 6; and Confirmation is on October 27, 2024.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Property Committee report. The parking lot gaps will have tar applied once the weather allows for gaps to appear. Sunday School room number one has a small spot bubbling in the new flooring. Pres. Nieuwsma will contact the company that installed the floor for recommendations.

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

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Worship Committee report. Pr. Barnhart has been using the monitor to improve the sound in the Sanctuary. Reminder that Pr. Barnhart will be gone September 29, 2024.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Education Committee. Jennifer Vetter shared Sunday School scheduling and curriculum details. Root beer floats were served September 8, 2024 following church service. Mornings at Peace resumed September 11, 2024.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Evangelism Committee report. Endowment report: Base value is \$62,100. Total current value is \$75,413.74. Total earnings are \$13,313.17.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for Old Business. No report.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for New Business. Lisa Ptacek and Deb Jahner are leading Harvest Festival planning. A motion was made to approve the transfer of Kevin Heer from Burlington Lutheran Church in Burlington, WA to Peace Lutheran Church. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. A motion was made to hold a silent auction during the Harvest Festival for two shortened pews with proceeds going to the Sunday School to use to update Christmas Program costumes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The council discussed snow removal for the coming winter months. Council members will seek bids for snow removal.

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 7:45pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:00pm.



Daily Scripture Readings for October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Oct. 1st Exodus 14:5-25	Exodus 16:1-8	Exodus 19:1-9, 20-25	Exodus 20:1-17	Exodus 24:9-18
Oct. 6th Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 32:15-20 34:1-10	Deut. 1:19-33	Deut. 1:34-40 2:1-8	Deut. 6:1-9	Joshua 1:1-9	Joshua 23:1-15
Oct. 13th 1 Samuel 2:1-10	1 Samuel 3:1-18	1 Samuel 8:1-22	1 Samuel 9:27; 10:1-9	1 Samuel 13:2-14	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Samuel 24:4-12, 16-20
Oct. 20th 2 Samuel 7:1-17	2 Samuel 12:1-13	1 Kings 1:32-40	1 Kings 2:1-4	1 Kings 3:3-14	1 Kings 4:29-34	1 King 6:1; 8:14-21
Oct. 27th 1 Kings 5:1-5	1 Kings 11:1-13	Psalm 72:1-14	1 Kings 12:1-15	1 Kings 12:16-24		



Thank you to all who helped out with our Harvest Festival...those who donated their time, food, and monetary offerings. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! It was a great success, and we couldn't have done it without each of you!

Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Welcome people in

Help them grow

Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care



October Baptismal Dates

2 Heidi Nieuwsma	13 Matthew Ferderer	22 Carol Huber
3 Paul A. Ferderer Julie Westergaard	14 Kelani Larson	26 Marley Click Eric Grenz
8 Trinity Bodvig	16 Michael Haas	Justin Grenz
9 Tyson Bodvig Kay Janecek	17 Marilyn Malmedal Bear Bauman	Bailey Schilling
10 Wyatt Schwab	18 Dustin Kurtz	27 Jacob Rossow
12 Kyle Masset Angela Saylor Joshua Schlosser	Heather Rossow Sydney Ferderer	28 Stacy Bingham 30 Bryan Rudy
	19 Donavin Grenz	31 Lelyn Will



October Birthdays

1 Joy Lewis	14 Chad Dockter	23 John DeBoer
4 William Wahl	15 Tristan Grossman	James Weisser
5 James Streyle Bradlee Bauman	16 Kay Janecek Travis Plienis	25 Alison Randle 27 Darren Tveito
6 Brent Bodvig Kaidra Larson	Brody Ptacek	Aspen Praus
10 Eliza Fisher Margie Vossler	18 Ross Tesky Bryce Weisser	Bonnie Ohlhauser 28 Ramona Humann
11 Boston Bodvig	Ava Marie Fiebiger	29 Richard Backhaus
12 Ava Marie Fiebiger	19 LaDean Schafer	Brandon Rossow
13 Nicole Spotts	20 Becky Caruso	30 Lavonne Erickson

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



Sunday, October 27th, 2024, which is Reformation Sunday, four students will be confirmed during our 10:45 Worship Service.

They are...

Jude Barnhart, Dylan Hendrickson, Sawyer Hendrickson and Henry Stuckle.

“Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation’s program of confirmation ministry, a period of Instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of faith into which the candidates were Baptized, thus *underscoring God’s action* in the Baptism.”



On Sunday September 15th, 2024, we celebrated the Holy Baptism of Beau Isaac Kramer, son of Savanna and Bobbi Kramer. May God Bless you always!

Mission of the Month: **BISMARCK CANCER CENTER**

From the Bismarck Cancer Center website: “The Bismarck Cancer Center provides world-class cancer treatments and caring support for local patients, enabling them to stay close to home and loved ones during their cancer journeys. In 1999, CHI St. Alexius Health and Sanford Health joined forces to build and operate the facility in order to bring needed technologies to the area.



“The Bismarck Cancer Center provides the most advanced radiation therapies available. A highly-skilled radiation therapy team of oncology nurses, radiation therapists, medical physicists and dosimetrists work with radiation oncologists to design a treatment plan that attacks the disease and heals the patient. With our patient-centered approach to care, our compassionate staff treats patients with the same leading-edge technology often found in larger metropolitan areas, making the BCC a leader in using state-of-the-art technology for the treatment of cancer.

“At the Bismarck Cancer Center, we take a holistic approach to healing. We provide support services designed to care for various aspects of a patient’s well-being during treatment. These wraparound therapies include nutritional therapy, massage therapy, financial assistance, travel and lodging assistance, emotional and spiritual support, and much more, with recommendations made according to each patient’s specific needs.”

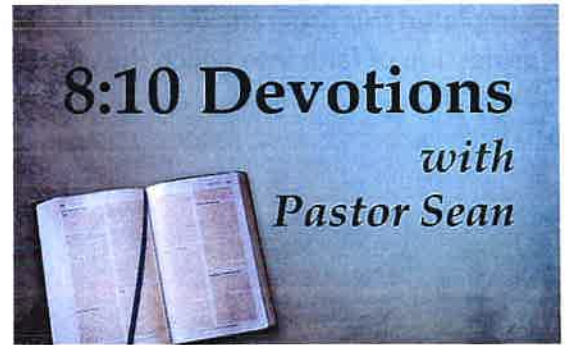


Adult Bible Study/Online Bible Study

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 via YouTube on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM
[Youtube.com/@peaceluthera](https://www.youtube.com/@peaceluthera)

8:10 Devotions

Join Pastor Sean each morning via Facebook or YouTube at 8:10 am Monday through Friday for a quick devotion to start your day!



Youth Group/Confirmation! Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024

Supper, games, and Bible Study! We'll meet at Pastor Sean and Anne's house at 6:30 for Youth Group/Confirmation. All 7th to 12th grade students are welcome to attend!



Gifts were given in memory of Edna Rose Serr to the Endowment Fund from Evelyn Petrick, The following donated to the Sunday School Fund: Herb & Arlene Grenz, Joyce Lemer, Jim & Sylvia Weisser and Paul & Brenda Benedict.

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.



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.

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.**



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!

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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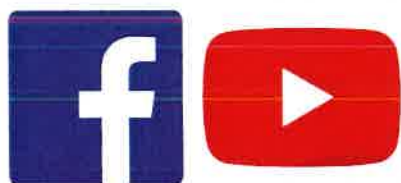
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Worship from Home






Physically taking part in worship; sitting, singing, praying, and receiving the Sacrament alongside other believers is always preferable. But someone one just **can't make it to in-person worship**. If that is you, we now have two options for you. Join us live each Sunday via Facebook or YouTube from wherever you are. On Facebook, find us at facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton. Find us on YouTube at youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357. All links can be found on our website at ndpeacelutheran.com.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
6 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion – 10:45 AM	7	8	9 Church Council – 7 PM Confirmation – 7 PM	10 Pop-Up Perishables – 1:00 PM Online Bible Study - 8 PM	11	12
13 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Celebrate Worship - 10:45 AM	14	15 	16 Church Council – 7 PM Confirmation – 7 PM	17 SCC Service – 11:00 AM Online Bible Study - 8 PM	18	19 
20 Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Praise! Worship – 10:45 AM	21	22	23 Youth Group/Confirmation – 6:30 PM	24 Online Bible Study - 8 PM	25	26
27 Sunday School - 9:30 AM Celebrate Worship w/Rite of Confirmation – 10:45 AM	28 	29	30 Confirmation – 7 PM	31 Online Bible Study - 8 PM		Mission of the Month: BISMARCK CANCER CENTER

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