

*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

### **Pastor's Article**

In late September/early October I had the privilege to attend the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Annual Gathering in Marion, Iowa. The Annual Gathering is the main event for our association, the LCMC. Nearly 600 pastors and lay people from around the world gathered for a little bit of business and a whole lot of networking, worship, and preaching.

Part of the business of the Annual Gathering is to hear reports from a few of the association's employees, especially the Service Coordinator, Mark Bradley. You could think of Mark Bradley as the LCMC's bishop if we had one. Traditionally, the Service Coordinator gives something like a "state of the association" talk. In terms of business, a yearly budget is also voted on.

However, the LCMC tries hard not to make business the focus of the Annual Gathering. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, Bible study, and breakout sessions are focal points. Two keynote speakers especially stood out, Kyle Fever and Stephen Witmer. Both spoke on how the Lord uses our weakness and brokenness to do His work in a world that touts strength and power. One breakout that I really enjoyed was led by Pastor Steve Turnbull called, "Gospel Depolarization". In his talk, Turnbull spoke on how the Gospel of Jesus Christ gives what modern politics try to steal from us.

The sessions were all great and edifying, but the primary reason I attended was to continue laying groundwork for the Northern Plains District of the LCMC. Pastor Greg Lontin from Harvey, ND and I were able to meet with about 20 other people from ND, SD, Eastern MN, and Western MT to promote and discuss the formation of a district within the LCMC that would cover our geographical region.

LCMC's vision is that churches would begin to form districts within the LCMC based either on geography or on common mission/purpose. In the United States there are about 800 LCMC congregations which means we are fairly spread out. This makes doing national events, like youth gatherings, more challenging. But if LCMC churches would band together to form districts some things may become easier to do – at least that is the hope with a Northern Plains District. The hope is that this district will be able to provide regional events for youth, women, and men that would be less expensive and more accessible than national events. The hope is also that churches within this district would also be resources for each other in finding pastors and pulpit supply and in doing mission together. As I said, in Iowa, Pastor Greg and I continued down the path of forming this district. Currently, the district is officially Incorporated with an EIN. *[Continued on next page →]*

## *PLC Newsletter November 2024*

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The next step is to file for at 501(c)3 and to have a Constituting Convention. All of these steps are required by the LCMC in order to officially form a district.

I see this district as something with great potential, especially for smaller congregations like ours that may be a bit secluded from other congregations in our region. The Constituting Convention which would be our first official gathering where our Constitution and Bylaws will be ratified is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Charity Lutheran in Bismarck, ND.

In peace,  
Pastor Sean

### **A Summary of the Church Council Meeting held October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**

Council members in attendance: Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Stan Naumann, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jennifer Vetter Council members absent from the meeting: Lori Bechtold and Tim Dockter

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Treasurer's Report. No Treasurer Report.

Pr. Barnhart reported on baptisms for Beau Kramer and Jayda Schilling, the wedding for Shelby Kelsh and Mark Jochim and youth group with 18 kids in attendance. The My Ascension Suicide Education event is scheduled for November 7 at LPS. Peace Lutheran Church may host part of the event.

Pr. Sean provided an update on Terry's recovery.

Pres. Nieuwsma contacted the company that installed the basement floor. They will stop at the church in the coming weeks to look at the bubble issues. The sprinklers will be winterized at the church and parsonage. The dishwasher was replaced in the parsonage. Kevin Hendrickson will contact Jack's Electric regarding a basement outlet. Stan Naumann made a motion to hire Al Hulm for parking lot snow removal and Craig Brindle for sidewalk snow removal. Mark Heidrich seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The Affirmation of Baptism Service will be held October 27, with communion. Peace Lutheran Church will host the ECMA Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24, at 7:00pm. Thanksgiving Basket distribution at the Methodist Church will be held November 22.

Christmas Program preparation will begin in the coming weeks. The next Mornings at Peace (MaP) is November 20, 2024.

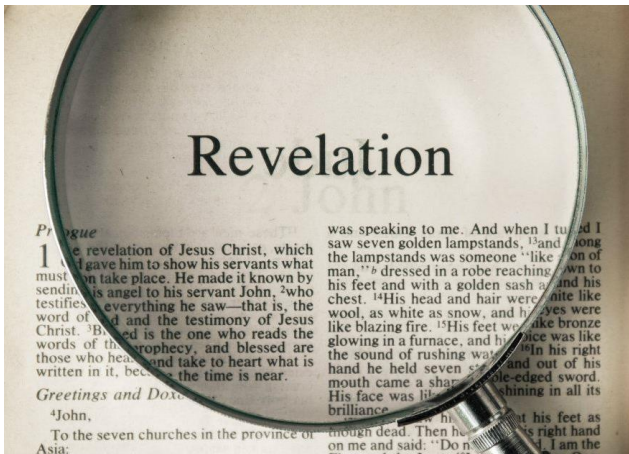
The next meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7:00pm.



*Daily Scripture Readings*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Kings 16:1-28	1 Kings 16:29-33
<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 1 Kings 17:1-24	1 Kings 19:11-18	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Kings 4:1-7	2 Chron. 34:1-7	2 Chron. 34:29-33	2 Chron. 36:15-21
<b>Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b> Jonah 1:1-17 3:1-10	Jonah 2	Jonah 3	Jonah 4	Exodus 33:7-23	Exodus 40:18-33	Exodus 40:34-48
<b>Nov. 17<sup>th</sup></b> Isaiah 6:1-8	Isaiah 11:1-9	Isaiah 25:1-10a	Isaiah 38:1-8	Isaiah 44:1-8	Jeremiah 1:4-10	2 Kings 23:1-3, 21-25
<b>Nov. 24<sup>th</sup></b> Jeremiah 36	Jeremiah 39:11-18	Jeremiah 42:7-16	Jeremiah 44:1-10	Daniel 1:1-17	Daniel 3:1-18	Daniel 5:1-8, 13-16, 23-28



**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 at [Youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357](https://www.youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357)

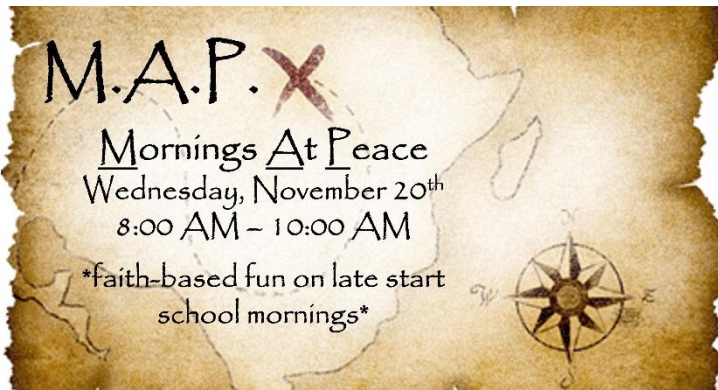
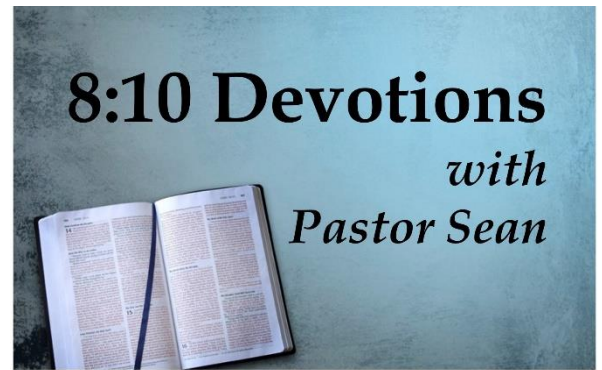
**Youth Group/Confirmation!  
Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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



## 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!



## Mornings At Peace!

On Wednesday, November 20<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!

## **Emmons County Ministerial Thanksgiving Baskets**

Each year the Emmons County Ministerial Association, assembles Thanksgiving Baskets for Emmons County residents who could use a little help through the holiday season. Included in the baskets are many of the items necessary for a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

If you or someone you know could use an ECMA Thanksgiving Basket, please let Pastor Sean, Pastor Marlin at Linton UMC, or any of the other pastors in town know! The baskets will be assembled and available for pick-up on **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30-6:00 pm** at the United Methodist Church in Linton. *Baskets will not be delivered.*

*Volunteers are invited to help assemble baskets and assist beneficiaries in carrying baskets to their cars.*

## **Emmons County Ministerial Thanksgiving Service**

This year's ECMA Thanksgiving Service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Linton on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this special ecumenical service involving all the pastors of the ECMA. An offering will be held for the ministry of the Emmons County Ministerial Association.



### **Christmas Decorating!**

Join in the fun and help decorate the church for Christmas on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM!**

### **Sunday School Program!**

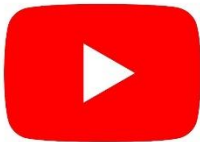
Save the date for our Sunday School Christmas program scheduled for **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** during worship.



Download the **Tithe.ly** app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at [ndpeacelutheran.com](http://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](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.



### **Unable to Attend Sunday Worship?**

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](https://facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton). Find us on YouTube at [youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357](https://youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357). All links can be found on our website at [ndpeacelutheran.com](http://ndpeacelutheran.com).



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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/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>.



## 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 two arrangements of flowers to be placed in the two vases behind the altar or for \$30, a larger single arrangement displayed at the front of the sanctuary.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday: Give your money to one of the ladies on the Flower Committee. Specify the date you would like flowers displayed let them know the special occasion and how that info should be listed in the bulletin.



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. Sign up for a whole month or just a

Sunday. Volunteers are needed each Sunday.



### ***Need a Ride?***

If you need a ride to worship?  
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!

## **Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

***WELCOME*** people in  
Help them ***GROW***  
Send them out to ***CARE***

***Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care***

## November Mission of the Month Convoy of Hope: Disaster Assistance



Many of you have asked how we can help with those struggling to recover from Hurricane Helene and Milton. This month's mission, Convoy of Hope, is how we will help! The information below is from their website; [convoyofhope.org](http://convoyofhope.org). More information can be found at [facebook.com/convoyofhope](https://facebook.com/convoyofhope).

Convoy of Hope was founded in 1994 by Hal Donaldson. His inspiration for starting the organization can be traced back to the many people who helped his family after his father was killed by a drunk driver in 1969.

It is Convoy of Hope's privilege to work with churches, businesses, government agencies, and other nonprofits to provide help to the impoverished, hungry, and hurting.

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based, nonprofit organization with a driving passion to feed the world through children's feeding initiatives, community outreaches, and disaster response.

When you link arms with Convoy of Hope to provide disaster relief, hurting people receive the help and hope they need to get back on their feet. Convoy of Hope is committed to helping as much as possible for as long as possible by:

- Distributing essential emergency supplies such as food, clean water, hygiene items, and more.
- Providing long-term assistance, when possible, to help people rebuild and recover.

### ***Special Note on Memorials/Harvest Festival Report:***

Until our Secretary/Bookkeeper recovers and returns to regular office hours, it is difficult to give full reports on memorials and honorariums as well as an accurate accounting of our Harvest Festival income/expense. All deposits have been made and all gifts are accounted for. However, at the time of this printing, that information has not yet been entered into our donor tracking software which gives us full reports.

Sorry for the delay,  
The Church Council and Pastor Sean



### November Baptismal Celebrations

- 6 Ross Tesky
- 7 Kayla Hendrickson
- 8 Marvin Winterberg
- 9 Rebecca Bosch
- 10 Tana Grenz
- 13 Justin Martin  
Payton Rossow
- 14 Aaron Hoff-Wald
- 15 Matthew Masset
- 16 Bryce Weisser
- 17 Howard Garnaas
- 19 Ronald Maier
- 21 Michael Hochhalter
- 22 Kelsey Larson  
Brody Ptacek
- 23 Ethen Bingham  
Sandra DeBoer  
Brody Rindelaub
- 24 Erica Umber
- 25 Colton Grossman  
Paxton Randle  
Blayne Huber
- 26 Joy Lewis
- 27 Noah Alderin  
Denise Martin  
Alison Randle
- 28 Travis Plienis
- 29 Levi Roemmich  
Logan Ferderer  
Bonnie Ohlhauser
- 30 Lyle Hanson

### November Birthdays

- 3 Gracelyn Johnson
- 4 Bailey Huber
- 5 Linda Hoff
- 6 Lorraine Wagner
- 7 Vicki Schwab
- 11 Rhonda Dockter  
Garret Roemmich
- 12 Jerry Thornton
- 14 Shelby Jochim  
Todd Vossler
- 15 Kevin Krogstad
- 16 Janice Baer  
Abby Ketterling
- 20 Madison Ptacek  
Jason Rossow  
Jean Rudy
- 21 Sydney Blum
- 22 Duane Ohlhauser  
Gavin Ohlhauser
- 23 Rico Caruso  
Danlyn Vander Wall
- 24 Keaton Peterson  
Jay Vetter
- 25 Megan Ohlhauser
- 26 Terry Hochhalter  
Magdalena Masset
- 28 Keith Petrick
- 30 Britt Bauman

*“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

*Psalm 139:13-14*