

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

In September of 2023, I began teaching on Revelation for Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. This month we will finally finish the last book of Holy Scripture. Revelation had long been a book I avoided. It felt unapproachable, mysterious, and impossible to understand, let alone teach.

But now that we are wrapping it up, I have come to greatly appreciate this book. Below are a few things I have come to value from my time spent in Revelation.

- 1) More than any other book in Scripture, Revelation portrays the urgency the Church of Christ must have in proclaiming the salvation found in Christ alone to the world. The bulk of Revelation's imagery and visions – even if they can't be fully understood – have a very unified message: Repent. We are sinners and as such, the wrath of God is turned toward us. But Christ was sent to receive God's wrath on our behalf. Believe in him and you are saved, reject him and you are not. Revelation calls the Church to the urgent mission of proclamation because the time is drawing short.
- 2) Revelation is littered with allusions and quotations to the Old Testament. It is very rightly placed at the end of the Bible not simply because it has to do with The End, but because one should read everything else before it. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, the Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel are featured throughout. This strengthens the message of Scripture as Revelation ties up the Biblical narrative and tells of the story's fulfillment. (I should also mention how much the Gospels and Paul's writings help one decipher Revelation as well.)
- 3) Despite many of the horrific scenes, Revelation does in fact offer comfort. Christ is everywhere in Revelation. It is a book about his glory and Revelation continually reminds us that he is the Lamb who was slain, but now lives. One can't preach repentance (see the first point) without directing one to the comfort of Christ and all he offers to those who turn to him in faith.

My understanding and study of Revelation is far from over, but this was a great start. If you joined in on Sunday mornings or watched via YouTube, thank you and I hope it has been helpful.

In peace,
Pastor Sean

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A Summary of the Church Council Meeting held January 8th, 2025:

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

Pastor's report: Youth group held December 18th with 22 kids in attendance. Reported on Christmas Eve and Day services. Pr. Barnhart was asked to sit on the board for the Lion's Den, a needs pantry specifically for students at the Linton Public School.

Property Report: Jack's Electric repaired the outlet near the drinking fountain and is waiting on lightbulbs for the south outside lights. Pastor Sean and Anne updated a light fixture, replaced outlets and a light switch, painted the dining room, and kitchen, dining room, and living room ceilings. The Linton City Council approved a street repair project in Linton. The council anticipates a special assessment tax for the project. Memorials are being given in memory of Pr. Fred Henkelmann to remodel and update the nursery.

Stewardship Committee: Mark Heidrich made a motion to allow Pr. Barnhart to combine various designated funds without impacting the intended use of the dollars to consolidate and reduce the number of designated funds managed. Gunnar Hanson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Education Committee: The Sunday School Christmas Program was a success. The Sunday School appreciates the funds donated for updated costumes. The next Morning at Peace (MAP) event is in February.

Pres. Nieuwsma called for Old Business. Gunnar Hanson made a motion to compensate Lisa Ptacek for work done in the absence of the church secretary at the same rate as the secretary's wage. Lori Bechtold seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The council prepared the 2025 budget to present during the Annual Meeting and adjourned at 9:46pm.



8:10 Devotions

Add a little Scripture to your daily routine! Join Pastor Sean each morning via Facebook or YouTube at 8:10 am Monday through Friday for a quick devotion! Watch it live or later on at your convenience.

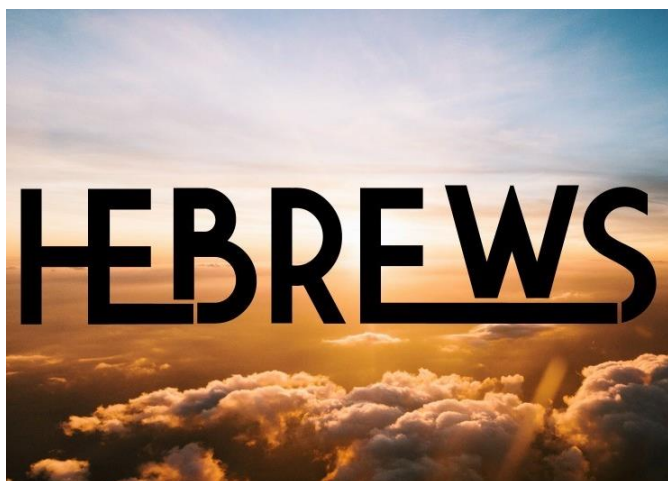


FEBRUARY

Daily Scripture Readings

*“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” **Hebrews 4:12***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Feb. 1st Luke 5:33-39
Feb. 2nd Luke 6:1-16	Luke 6:17-19	Luke 6:20-23	Luke 6:24-26	Luke 6:27-36	Luke 6:37-45	Luke 6:46-49
Feb. 9th Luke 7:1-17	Titus 1:1-4	Titus 1:5-16	Titus 2:1-10	Titus 2:11-15	Titus 3:1-11	Titus 3:12-15
Feb. 16th Luke 7:18-35	1 John 1:1-10	1 John 2:1-14	1 John 2:15-27	1 John 2:28-3:10	1 John 3:11-24	1 John 4:7-21
Feb. 23rd Luke 7:36-50	Luke 8:1-8	Luke 8:9-15	Luke 8:16-21	Luke 8:22-25	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 8:40-56



Adult Bible Study/Online Bible Study

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM, Pastor Sean leads Adult Bible Study. As we finish up the book of Revelation, we move on now to the book of Hebrews. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion or to simply listen in. If you can't make it in person or if you miss a session, you can watch the weekly recap with Online Bible Study on our YouTube channel posted on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM at [Youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357](https://www.youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357)

Youth Group/Confirmation Wednesday, February 26th, 2025

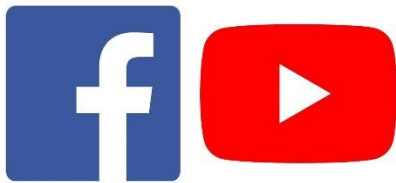
All 7th to 12th grade students are welcome to attend Youth Group. Bible Study, supper, and some games will all be provided. Meet up at Pastor Sean and Anne's house at 6:30!



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Unable to Attend Sunday Worship?

Physically taking part in worship; sitting, singing, praying, and receiving the Sacrament alongside other believers is always preferable. But sometimes 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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Memorials given in December:

- To St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from Edgar and Delores Ohlhauser in memory of Henry and Edna Serr
- To the Celebrate Fund from Tim and Rhonda Dockter in memory of Pastor Fred Henklemann



Memorials given in January:

- To Farm Rescue from Terry and Shirleen Serr in memory of Pastor Fred Henklemann
- To the Sunday School Fund from Melvin and Lilly Wohl in memory of Pastor Fred Henklemann
- To renew and refurbish the PLC nursery from Terry and Debra Hochhalter in memory of Pastor Fred Henklemann
- To the General Fund from Blaine and Joyce Lemer, Violet Ohlhauser, Michael Hochhalter, and Herber and Arlene Grenz Pastor Fred Henklemann



The season of Lent is coming soon! Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets on the Narthex bulletin board asking for volunteers to serve and provide for our soup and sandwich suppers before services on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Also, you may find it helpful to familiarize yourself with the story of Jacob from the book of Genesis as his story will be the central theme for Lent this year.

Thank you, Elwin Nieuwsma, Stanley Nauman, and Lori Bechtold, for the past three years of service on Church Council! And **welcome** to the Church Council Wayde Bauman, Jason Rossow, and Shelley Serr! May the Lord grant you and the rest of the council wisdom to guide our church.

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 20th 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

January Mission of the Month **Ronald McDonald House - Bismarck**

In July of 1992, the Ronald McDonald House opened its doors in Bismarck - and the community opened its heart - to care for the families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment in Bismarck and Mandan. More than a place to stay, the House provides comfort and care for families when they need it most.

While the child receives medical care in one of our area hospitals and clinics, the House offers respite from hospital waiting rooms. Families find shoulders to cry on - other families experiencing the same hopes and fears. They find caring staff and volunteers. They find a safe, welcoming place to call home while they are far away from family and friends.

This is the house that provides the home,
that cooks the meals,
that sleeps the people,
that dries the tears.
This is "the house that love built."



December 2024 Mission of the Month Giving:

In December, 2024 you gave \$1,549.00 to **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, Thank you for your generous giving!

**Please note, we send our mission of the month benevolence to the chosen mission about two weeks after the end of the month. Any donations given after that time will be included in the current month's mission.*

Peace Lutheran Church Women

On November 5th, 2023 an organizational meeting was held for the PLCW, and nobody stepped forward for officer positions. Lisa Ptacek said that she had been given the treasurer's information and will continue if everyone agreed, nobody objected.

Update name & phone #/PLC booklets- Shirlene Serr & Erin Huber

Annual meeting meal- Lisa H is working on a signup sheet

Birthday Dinner- Anne Barnhart

Lent Services- Lisa Ptacek

No Bake sale – Heid Nieuwsma will help Lisa Ptacek

Mother/Daughter Tea- Heather Rossow

Quilting/Quilts for Seniors- Linda Tschritter,

Thanksgiving offering- Rachel Peterson will help Lisa Ptacek

2nd grade bibles- Denise Martin

Funerals- Evelyn Petrick, Janice Baer, Lori Bechtold

Prayer shawl- Evelyn Petrick

Cradle roll- Rosie Ferderer

Baptism blankets- Janice Baer

If there is anything else that the women of the church have done, and we can find a chairwoman to continue it let Lisa Ptacek know.

There has been a request if anyone is willing to lead a Bible Study at the Nodak apts once a month. Talk to Violet Ohlhauser, Kim Heitz, or Lisa Ptacek if you are interested.

There will be a PLCW meeting on February 2nd after worship. We will discuss the projects listed above and see if the women still want them to continue. If you are a leader for a project and no longer want to be, please contact Lisa Ptacek prior to the meeting at 218-201-0763. If any women are interested in starting the women's group back up and want to have a board please bring those thoughts to the meeting. If anyone is interested in taking over the Women's checkbook please reach out to Lisa Ptacek before the meeting.



February Baptismal Celebrations

- 7 Bryan Schatz
- 8 Darren Tveito
- 10 Eliza Fisher
- 11 Rick Bosch
- 13 Keith Ohlhauser
- 14 Wade Huber
- 15 Iris Bosch
Jacob Janacek
- 16 Melissa Knoepfler
Linda Tschritter
- 18 Jess Beitelspacher
Melvin Wohl
- 21 Lavonne Erickson
- 23 Mia Caruso
- 24 Jill Rowe
- 26 Twila Schiermeister
- 27 Bailey Huber

February Birthdays

- 1 Brody Rindelaub
Henry Stuckle
- 2 Keith Ohlhauser
- 3 Jaden Bosch
Jamie Huber
Emsley Randle
- 4 Christ Brueckner
- 5 Julia Barnhart
Eric Grenz
- 6 Melissa Knoepfler
- 7 Elsie Barnhart
- 8 Albert Weber
- 10 Shirlene Serr
Eric Vetter
- 11 Rick Bosch
- 12 Joyce Lemer
- 13 Julie Tveito
- 14 Holden Nieuwsma
Theo Peterson
- 15 Lillie Wohl
- 16 Janell Huber
Ryan Hoff-Wald
- 19 Cooper Anderson
- 22 Mia Caruso
Jess Beitelspacher
- 23 Elijah Barnhart
- 24 Melissa Fisher
Kristi Slater
- 25 Jayme Baker
- 26 Lorraine Schatz
- 27 Ashley Hanson
Bob Lester

“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