

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. In past Lent seasons I've enjoyed putting together sermon series that are a little different than what I would normally do. This year, I've decided to do a series on a character, the Patriarch Jacob from Genesis.

Jacob is fascinating. He's the grandson of Abraham and Sarah, the younger twin of his father Isaac and mother Rebekah. He swindles his brother Esau out of his birthright in exchange for a bowl of stew and if that weren't enough, he plots along with his mother to trick his father out of the blessing owed to his older brother.

Later he will be tricked and deceived by his uncle Laban into working seven years to marry a woman he thought was someone else. He'll end up having two wives, who each give their husband a concubine. His two wives will compete with each other for Jacob's affections by seeing who can provide the most sons.

Jacob will dream of a stairway to heaven, have an all-night wrestling match with God, be given a new name, and eventually come face to face with his brother years after fleeing from his brother's murderous rage.

Throughout Jacob's story, we will see God continually working through Jacob and his many faults in order to advance his plan to bring salvation thousands of years later through one of his descendants.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 12th, we'll start a five-week series on key moments in Jacob's life. His story is frustrating, comedic, and at times fitting for Days of Our Lives. I look forward to preaching his story and I hope you'll join in on Wednesday nights during Lent to eat together, worship together, and hear a bit of Jacob's story.

In peace,
Pastor Sean

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A Summary of the Church Council Meeting held February 12th, 2025:

Council members in attendance: Wayde Bauman, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Jason Rossow, Shelley Serr, and Jennifer Vetter. Absent was Tim Dockter and Gunnar Hanson

Previous meeting minutes and treasurer's reports were accepted with minor corrections.

Pres. Hendrickson called for Pr. Barnhart's report. Work continues on the Northern Plains District with the 501c3 pending. The District Convention is planned for Saturday, May 10th. The February newsletter was mailed. To cut newsletter mailing cost, plans in place to use stickers rather than envelopes. Adult Bible Study finished Revelation and is now studying Hebrews. Two baptisms were done February 9th. Mornings at Peace was held February 12th. Pr. Barnhart is preparing for a wedding (February 22nd), Lent Services, and First Communion Education for four students.

Property Committee: A recommendation was made for new posts to mark parking lot entrances on east side. Pres. Hendrickson will contact the company again that installed the floor for recommendations.

Education Committee reported on Mornings at Peace held February 12th with 23 students.

New Business included the 2025 Committees assignments. Mark Heidrich made a motion to reorganize committees to Worship Committee (Tim Dockter, Jason Rossow, Gunnar Hanson, Shelley Serr); Education Committee (Jennifer Vetter, Erica Hoff-Wald); Property Committee (Mark Heidrich, Wayde Bauman); Evangelism Committee (Erica Hoff-Wald, Shelley Serr) and Stewardship Committee (Jennifer Vetter). Wayde Bauman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Wayde Bauman to approve online banking access for all BNC accounts. Approved.

Pr. Sean Barnhart made a motion to give Lisa Hendrickson, Kayla Hedrickson, and Deb Hochhalter authority to proceed with the Nursery Project within the donation budget. Mark Heidrich seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Shelley Serr for Peace Lutheran Church to become members of the Linton Chamber of Commerce. Jason Rossow seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 12 following the Lent Service.



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.

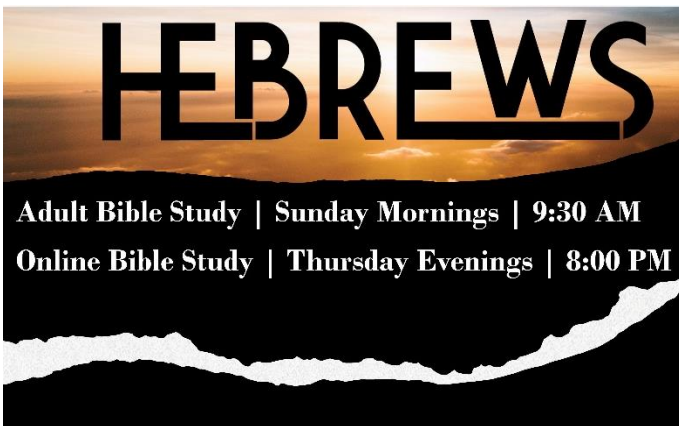


MARCH

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
						Mar. 1st Luke 9:18-27
Mar. 2nd Luke 9:28-45	Isaiah 55:1-3	Luke 9:46-50	Luke 9:51-62	Luke 10:1-12	Luke 10:17-20	Luke 10:21-24
Mar. 9th Luke 10:25-42	Leviticus 19:13-18	Romans 13:8-10	Luke 11:1-13	Matthew 6:5-13	Luke 12:22-34	Philippians 4:4-9
Mar. 16th Luke 13:1-9,	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 13:18-30	Luke 14:1-6	Luke 14:7-14	Luke 14:15-24	Luke 14:25-33
Mar. 23rd Luke 15:1-32	Psalm 119:169-176	1 Samuel 16:6-13	Genesis 45:1-9	Genesis 45:21-28	Exodus 2:1-10	John 4:46-54
Mar. 30th Luke 16:19-31	Luke 16:1-13					



Adult Bible Study/Online Bible Study

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM, Pastor Sean leads Adult Bible Study. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion on the book of Hebrews or come and 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)

You may be wondering why this newsletter wasn't sent in an envelope. The envelopes used for past newsletters are fairly expensive compared to the stickers used to seal this newsletter. Time and money are also saved since address and permit labels didn't need to be printed and applied. Hopefully, this format isn't a nuisance.

– Pastor Sean

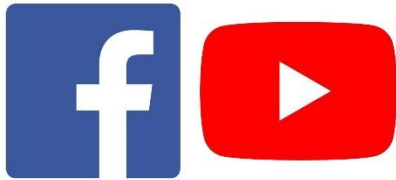


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Unable to Attend Sunday Worship?



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

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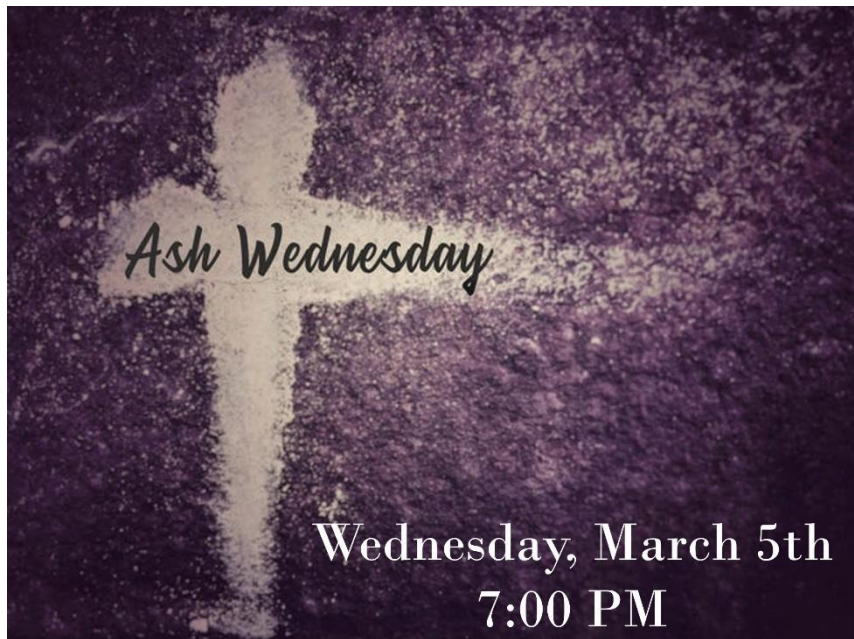
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First Communion Education

Partaking in Holy Communion is a fantastic privilege open to all who are baptized into the name of our Triune God, but before participating it is best for some education to take place. First Communion classes for our 5th graders, helps the communicants to understand how Holy Communion all came about and what its benefits are. Classes will take place on Wednesday afternoons directly after school with sessions on **March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, and 9th**. Upon completion of instruction, we will celebrate First Communion during our **Maundy Thursday** worship on **Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 PM**.



The season of Lent is coming soon! A sign-up sheet has been posted 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. As is tradition, we will have the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. It is a beautiful ritual, but not a sacrament. Everyone is encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday worship, but do not feel pressured to receive ashes if you are uncomfortable with it.

Something our congregation has missed since leaving the ELCA and joining the LCMC has been fellowship with fellow LCMC churches on a regional level. This spring a major step will be taken to fill that need. On **Saturday, May 10th** at **Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND** the Constituting Convention of the **Northern Plains District of the LCMC** will be held and a regional district comprised of LCMC congregations in North Dakota, South Dakota, Western Minnesota, and Eastern Montana will be formed. This purpose of this district will be to provide fellowship, hold events for youth, men, and women, and share resources among congregations from the same geographical area. Please consider joining Pastor Sean in attending this event.



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

March Mission of the Month Hope Manor | Sober Living Homes



The Hope Manor Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation providing assistance to men and women who need a structured residential living environment in their recovery from alcoholism and/or addiction. The men and women served by the Hope Manor Foundation are participants of sober living facilities – alcoholics and drug addicts who exhibit a strong desire for recovery from their crippling addiction.

Hope Manor provides a safe and supportive environment for recovery from alcoholism and/or addiction in Bismarck, ND. While recovery is our top concern, we also want you to be comfortable. Our participants stay in charming, fully-furnished sober living homes that include a variety of amenities.

Hope Manor is open to adults who are seeking recovery. All participants are required to find employment or be enrolled in school. Guests are expected to prepare their own food and pay a \$300 bimonthly participation fee. Program participants must stay for a minimum of three months. We recommend individuals stay for at least nine months to one year since that is where people experience the best results statistically.

While recovery can be found through many different pathways, at Hope Manor we utilize one path. We are bound not only in a common problem, but a common solution. Participants attend 12-step meetings, work with sponsors and begin to serve the recovery community. We funnel individuals into 12-step recovery because it is effective and has been for over 85 years, it is free (most of our individuals can't afford the initial participation fee), and it can be found anywhere in the world.

January 2025 Mission of the Month Giving:

In January, 2025, \$823.00 was written for **Farm Rescue**. Thank you for your generous giving to our mission of the month.

**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.*



March Baptismal Celebrations

- 2 David Erickson
Erma Wohl
- 3 Hayes Hanson
- 4 Brit Bauman
- 5 Jenna Rae Mercer
- 6 Shaylee Bosch
- 7 Jerome Ohlhauser
- 9 Payton Masset
Jennifer Pocta
- 14 Jon Ptacek
James Weisser
- 19 Blake Ketterling
- 20 Theo Peterson
- 22 Henry Stuckle
- 23 Melissa Fisher
Julie Tveito
- 24 Jaden Bosch
- 27 Jayme Baker
Lorraine Schatz
- 29 Jacob Conroy
Jacob Ohlhauser
- 31 Evelyn Petrick

March Birthdays

- 1 Alexis Wangler
Holly Renschler
- 3 Annie Masset
- 4 Katie Nieuwsma
Kevin Hendrickson
Gunnar Hanson
- 5 Dawson Werlinger
Alice Jean Lee
- 7 Debbie Jahner
- 8 Timothy Dockter
- 9 Aaron Hoff-Wald
- 11 Ethen Bingham
Amber Weber
Alexandra Staigle
- 14 Kevin Ferderer
Steven Fiergola
- 17 Terry Schafer
- 19 Gianna Caruso
- 20 Corey Hoff-Wald
- 21 Kraysten Brueckner
- 25 Isabell Rudy
Carson Hoff-Wald
- 26 Corey Grenz
Amaya Brueckner
- 27 Jace Ferderer
Derrick Naumann
Robin Silbernagel
- 28 Wayde Bauman
Katherina Ketterling
- 29 Arron Rudy
- 30 Stacy Bingham
Michael A. Kunz
Matthew Masset
- 31 Ella Vetter

“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.”

Psalms 139:13-14