

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

Much of the New Testament is written by the Apostle Paul. In fact, 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament are attributed to him. Most of Paul's letters are instructions on how the church is to live as the church. Romans 12:9-16 is one small example of this. "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another."

There is a lot to unpack from this small selection, but let's focus on one aspect with the opening words of verse 10, "Love one another with brotherly affection." One could argue this is Paul's thesis statement on how Christians should treat other Christians, especially the ones sitting in the pews next to them.

How do we "Love one another with brotherly affection?" Paul gives us a few ideas: "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality... rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." In other words, be there for each other, just as you would be there for your own brother or sister or father or mother.

What might this look like? It may be as simple as going out of your way (and your comfort zone) to greet newcomers in worship. It could be giving cards to those celebrating milestones or achievements. It certainly could be providing care, comfort, and/or food for those going through a tough time. It absolutely should be praying for those in need.

Our church does a lot of things well, but there is always room for improvement. Let's look to improve our "brotherly affection" for one another.

In peace,
Pastor Sean

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

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

Pr. Barnhart's report: Youth Group on March 26th with about 17 kids. Held chapel at the Strasburg Care Center on March 27. Officiated a wedding on February 22nd. Will attend an LCMC leadership meeting July 9-11 with the LCMC Staff, Board of Trustees, Ministry Board, and District/Fellowship. First Communion Ed began March 12th.

Property Committee: New posts to mark parking lot entrances will be installed. Discussion on painting curbs for visibility. The bubbled spots on the basement floor have been located and marked with blue tape. Pres. Hendrickson will make contacts regarding the sheet metal on the first pillar out the south doors. The garbage disposal was replaced in the parsonage.

Stewardship Committee: Pr. Barnhart and Twila Van Boven are refining/evaluating giving envelopes. Pr. Barnhart is posting more about Online Giving in anticipation of summer. Motion approved for the disposal of financial records over seven years old.

Education Committee: Mornings at Peace is scheduled for April 9. VBS is scheduled May 27-29.

Evangelism Committee has met and will meet again to discuss opportunities.

Old Business: Online banking has been established. An application was submitted to join the Linton Chamber of Commerce.

New Business: The council discussed the potential to expand the concrete in the parking lot and designate the area as handicap parking. Motion made to seek a bid for the concrete project. Spring clean-up is set for May 4th after worship.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 2025, following Lent Worship.

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.

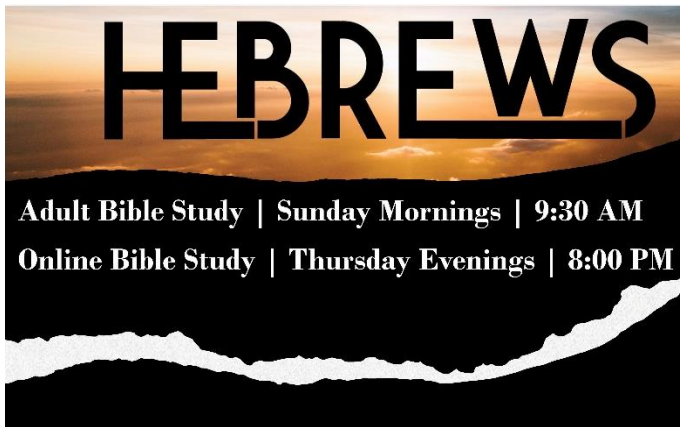




Daily Scripture Readings

*"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
		April 1st Luke 16:14-18	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-14	Luke 18:15-17	Luke 18:18-30
April 6th Luke 18:31-19:10	Luke 19:11-27	Luke 20:1-8	Luke 20:9-19	Luke 20:20-26	Luke 20:27-40	Luke 21:1-4
April 13th Luke 19:29-44	Luke 19:45-48	Luke 21:5-18	Luke 21:25-38	Luke 22:1-27	Luke 23:32-47	Luke 23:44-56
April 20th Luke 24:1-12	Romans 5:12-21	Romans 6:1-11	1 Cor. 11:23-36	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Hebrews 1:1-4	Hebrews 10:1-10
April 27th Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:36-49	Luke 24:50-53	Acts 1:1-11			



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)

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Find Peace Wherever You Go!

Follow Peace Lutheran on all our socials. Keep up with the most current announcements, be fed by God’s Word through 8:10 Devotions and Online Bible Study, and never miss a worship service!

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YouTube: youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357

Instagram: instagram.com/peace.lutheran

On **Saturday, May 10th** at **Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND** the Constituting Convention of the **Northern Plains District of the LCMC** will take place to form a regional district comprised of LCMC congregations in North Dakota, South Dakota, Western Minnesota, and Eastern Montana. 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 which will include the chance to worship with individuals across the area, meet and hear from Julie Smith of the LCMC staff, and have a voice in the formation of the Northern Plains District.



Mission of the Month Giving:

**With our secretary being out of the office due, a mission of the month giving report was unavailable at the time of printing. Rest assured, mission giving is being tracked and accounted for.*

Vacation Bible School!

It hardly seems possible, but VBS is not that far away!

All children ages 3 years-old to those who have finished 6th grade are welcome to attend. Our evenings begin at 5:30 pm with supper and conclude at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in helping with programming or serving supper should speak to Anne Barnhart or Jennifer Vetter.



Mornings At Peace

On Wednesday, April 9th, students of all ages are invited to PLC for breakfast and Vacation Bible School-style programming during the late-start school morning beginning at 8:00 AM. All students are welcome and will be walked to the school in time for classes when the LPS doors open.



Pack the Lion's Den!

Beginning in April, we will be having a collection for a new initiative at Linton Public School: The Lion's Den. The Lion's Den is a needs pantry specifically for Linton Public School students. Through the Lion's Den, students can discretely access food, clothing, toiletries, and school supplies they are not able to afford. We will be collecting items through Easter. Items needed include toiletries and personal hygiene products, socks, sports bras, underwear, hairbrushes, hair ties, and even sports accessories like knee pads. New or gently used items are preferred.

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

April Missions Spotlight

Mission of the Month: Great Plains Food Bank

The only food bank in the state of North Dakota, the Great Plains Food Bank recovers food that otherwise would go to waste from a range of food industry partners and through its programs and services distributes it to those in need throughout North Dakota and Clay County, Minn. Working with volunteers, food and financial donors, community champions and advocates, we are committed to serving the people in our region each day. The **Emmons County Food Pantry** and the **Lion's Den** both receive product at steep discounts from the Great Plains Food Bank.



Country of the Month: Mexico



In Matthew 28:19, our Lord Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Though it has become much more difficult and more expensive for churches to **go** to other nations, it is still our responsibility and good pleasure to **pray** for the nations around the world. After all, most nations around the world have people of faith living in them. Let us join together to pray for those around the world!

With this in mind, the Evangelism Committee would like to feature a new country each month for whom we can pray. Let’s begin with our neighbor to the south: Mexico. The following prayer points come from operationworld.com, an organization that helps Christians to know how to pray for the nations.

Pray against the massive drug trade and gang violence in Mexico. Drug trafficking is big business in Mexico – thanks to both the USA’s insatiable habit and Mexico’s own growing troubles. This illicit trade fuels and enables other structures of sin – the cartels have expanded their activities to human trafficking, kidnapping, and extortion. Some specific prayer points:

- The 500,000-plus addicts. Mexico is poorly positioned to cope with the number of addicts in terms of prevention, treatment and ministry to those afflicted.
- The wealthy, powerful drug cartels. Most of their violence is directed toward each other, but police, armed forces, journalists and helpless citizens also die at their hands.
- The government and police face great difficulties in combating the drug problem. Informers, corruption, and fear undermine their effort. Pray for their courage, wisdom and integrity.



April Baptismal Celebrations

- 2 Darcy Rindelaub
Elijah Barnhart
- 3 Annie Masset
Magdalena Masset
- 4 Jude Barnhart
- 5 Rory Humann
- 7 Steven Fiergola
Tim Dockter
- 8 Carson Lawler
Phoebe Savage
- 9 Jack Knoepfler
Matthew Nieuwsma
Mitchell Forderer
- 10 Janell Huber
Laurie Murphy
- 13 Kevin Ferderer
Wayde Bauman
- 14 Melissa Seaton
- 16 Debbie Jahner
- 17 Sophia Anderson
- 18 Arron Rudy
- 20 Noah Nieuwsma
Ashley Hanson
- 22 Jay Vetter
- 24 Julia Barnhart
- 26 Holly Renschler
Sydney Giese
Kaisley Masset
- 29 Gavin Ohlhauser
- 30 Michael Schatz

April Birthdays

- 1 Rylee Fandrich
Helen Renschler
Tobie Wald
- 3 Tana Grenz
Melissa Seaton
Bobbi Kramer
Tyler Humann
- 4 Heidi Schmidt
- 5 Harper Werlinger
- 6 Elise Larson
- 8 Lyle Wohl
Ethen Roemmich
- 14 Ashley Praus
- 15 Donna Tveito
- 16 Laura Hovland
Mark Heidrich
- 17 Vanessa Fisher
Paitynn Bodvig
Annabelle Nieuwsma
- 21 Tina Masset
- 22 Jaci Conroy
Delores Ohlhauser
- 23 Candis Wagner
Wyatt Schwab
Annika Ketterling
- 24 Eva Heyne
- 27 Hailey Dockter
Rosalette Ferderer
- 29 Cody Kurtz
- 30 Mark Fisher
Madisyn Ohlhauser

"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