

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

The Constituting Convention of the **Northern Plains District of the LCMC** will be held on **Saturday, May 10th at Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND.**

LCMC congregations from North Dakota, South Dakota, Western Minnesota, and Eastern Montana have been invited not only to the convention but to join the Northern Plains District. Why? Why is such a thing needed?

The LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ – lcmc.net) describes itself as having a “flat structure.” This leaves churches within the association to operate on their own. Congregations within the LCMC don't have to worry about an LCMC hierarchy (bishops or presidents) making decisions or social statement that don't jive with their own convictions. Congregations can make their own statements should they choose, regarding social matters. Most congregations choose not to do so, but simply continue to proclaim the Gospel as they see fit. Financially, the LCMC will make appeals, but there is no obligation for congregations to give. If conflict arises or if a congregation finds itself looking for a new pastor, the LCMC has staff to help, provide direction, counsel, and advice, but they will leave final actions and decisions up to the individual congregation.

While there are many positives to such a structure, it is really easy for congregations like ours to feel alone and separate from churches that share our theological convictions. This is where districts of the LCMC come into play.

The purpose of the Northern Plains district will be to provide fellowship, hold events for youth, men, and women, and share resources among congregations from the same geographical area. Included later in this newsletter is a section of the proposed bylaws for the district. This section gets to the heart of the district's purpose and lays out the vision of what the district could be. Please pray, not only for your church, but for the success of this district. The benefits of such a district are potentially great!

In peace,
Pastor Sean

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Church Council Minutes Summary for April 9th, 2025 Meeting

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

Please Note: On Sunday, May 18th our Sunday worship time will move to 9:30 AM every Sunday. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will resume in the Fall.

Pastor's report: Pastor did three hospital visits and one home visit this month. Wednesday Lent services and First Communion Education were finished April 9th. He plans to make communion bread for Maundy Thursday with the First Communion Education group. He attended the Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Pastor held a few meetings with families and individuals about becoming members, potential baptisms, and weddings.

Property Committee report: After chip sealing, the council will ask the city to paint the curb by the entrances yellow for higher visibility. Lightbulbs will be replaced in the sanctuary. The bubbled spots on the basement floor have been located and marked with blue tape. Loren Hendrickson is working on the peeling sheet metal on the first pillar out the south doors. The council discussed the potential concrete project.

Education Committee report: The last Mornings at Peace (MaP) for the school year was held April 9th with 30 kids in attendance. The last day of Sunday School is scheduled for Mother's Day and a brunch is planned for Sunday School families. Vacation Bible School is scheduled May 27-29, 2025.

Old Business: The council discussed and decided to postpone full inside spring clean-up from May until fall. Instead, outside work such as tree trimming, raking, and gutters will be done on May 4th after worship.

New Business: Motion to approve new membership for Lyle, Casey, Jacob, Tyler, Thomas, and Nicole VanderVorste; Danielle, Wyatt, Kambree, and Cooper Mastel; and Avis Mickelson. Motion unanimously carried. Sheriff Sanders approached Pr. Barnhart to participate in the North Dakota Crisis Chaplains. The council supported Pr. Barnhart's participation. Saturday, May 10th is the LCMC District Meeting at Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck starting at 10:30am. Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Northern Plains District. Motion unanimously carried. Pr. Barnhart will be away on Sunday, June 22nd. The council discussed 2025 lawn care. Motion to approve the bid from Justin Martin for lawn mowing services for the church and two cemeteries. Motion unanimously carried. The council reviewed a letter received related to an increase in insurance premiums. Pres. Hendrickson will contact Aaron Stuckle to ask for more detailed information.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7pm.

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.



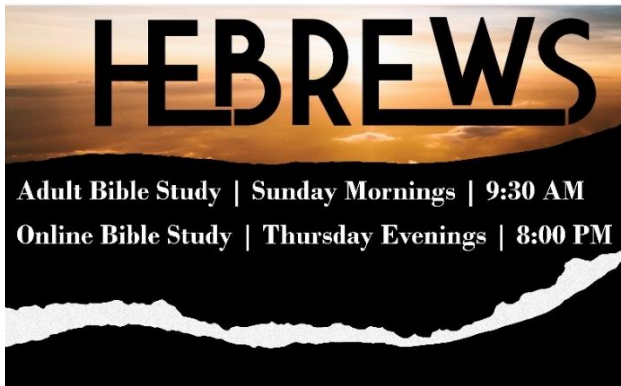


Daily Scripture Readings

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:105

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | May 1 st Acts 1:12-17 | Acts 3:11-26 | Acts 4:32-37 |
| May 4 th Acts 6:1-7:2a | Acts 2:43-47 | Acts 5:12-16 | Acts 5:17-32 | Acts 6:8-15 | Acts 7:1-43 | Acts 8:4-25 |
| May 11 th Acts 8:26-39 | Acts 9:1-19 | Acts 9:20-31 | Acts 9:36-43 | Acts 10:34-48 | Acts 11:19-30 | Acts 12:6-19 |
| May 18 th Acts 15:1-18 | Acts 13:1-12 | Acts 14:8-20 | Acts 15:22-35 | Acts 16:11-15 | Acts 17:16-31 | Acts 22:6-21 |
| May 25 th Galatians 1:13-17 | Galatians 1:1-12 | Galatians 1:18-24 | Acts 11:1-18 | Romans 3:21-31 | 2 Peter 3:14-16 | Acts 28:23-28 |



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)

YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION!

Attention all 7th-12th Graders! On Wednesday, May 14th, we will have our end-of-the-school-year Youth Group grill-out at Pastor Sean's! Food, games, and Bible study all beginning at 6:30 pm!

An Excerpt from the Bylaws of the Northern Plains District:



B3.02 To serve and support the **Northern Plains District** member congregations in their mission to proclaim the gospel, Northern Plains District may, among other things:

- a. Assist its member congregations, where needed, in the process of interviewing and calling pastors to the ministry of Word and Sacrament;
- b. Assist pastors in obtaining calls to ministry of Word and Sacrament;
- c. Assist seminary graduates in the endorsement, call and ordination process of their first call;
- d. Endorse chaplains for specialized services, e.g., military, medical, social services or special ministries of Northern Plains District member congregations;
- e. Plant new mission congregations and support missionary ministries;
- f. Assist individuals in obtaining the proper academic instruction to qualify to receive a call to a Northern Plains District member congregation;
- g. Encourage and support confessional Lutheran seminarians by providing, among other things, mentors and guidance through the seminary process;
- h. Sponsor inspirational and educational gatherings, foster fellowship and worship opportunities;
- i. Strengthen Christ's body on earth by encouraging worship in Northern Plains District member congregations, prayer for one another and study of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessional writings;
- j. Sponsor youth events that train young people in the beliefs and teachings of our faith, providing guidance and leadership training necessary to raise up a new generation of biblically trained and spiritually grounded Christian leaders; and
- k. Support congregational confirmation and other faith building programs by providing members sound theological resources and training where available.
- l. Support pastors and congregations in their work through pulpit supply, continuing education, fellowship, and other services as necessary.

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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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Vacation Bible School!

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. *Please let the office know if your child/grandchild plans on attending. (It’s okay if they can’t attend every night.)*

Our fall **Harvest Festival** date has been set! On Sunday, September 28th, our church will gather together to for our biggest fundraiser of the year! If you are not available please let Lisa Ptacek, Deb Jahner, Lori Bechtold, or Delores Ohlhauser know before July 1st. The plan is to have the donation and work list out by August 1st. If your name has been removed and you would like to contribute or help work we are more than happy to put your name back on the list. Also, if you want to change your current donation or job assignment, let the committee know and they’ll work with you. Thank you to



everyone who helps in any way! Our church is blessed with great people.

The PLCW “No-Bake Bake Sale” will be held May 11th, 2025. Please see the enclosed flyer and envelope for information. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we come together to make a positive impact in 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!

Mission of the Month

In March, our congregation sent \$640 to Hope Manor | Sober Living Homes!
Thank you for seeing to the needs of those in recovery.

Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care **May Missions Spotlight**

Mission of the Month: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

DBGR helps the most troubled, complicated, and amazing kids by providing best-in-class psychiatric therapy and trauma-informed care.

In addition to Residential Treatment Facilities in Fargo, Bismarck, and Minot, the Ranch provides Outpatient Psychiatric and Psychological Services, and Spiritual Life Programs. The on-campus school, Dakota Memorial School (DMS), provides a personalized education for kids who have psychiatric, behavioral, and trauma issues.



At Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, children have access to resources they can't get anywhere else. On-site clinical staff includes therapists, nurses, psychologists, addiction counselors, occupational therapists, and a psychiatrist. Read more at dakotaranch.org.

Country of the Month: Germany



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!

The following information on **Germany** comes from operationworld.com, an organization that helps Christians to know how to pray for the nations.

The decline of Christianity in Germany continues into the 21st century. West Germany was 97% Christian in 1960, but Germany is now less than 53% Christian, and that percentage decreases every year. Church attendance for all denominations is low, and many churches have shut down. Christians divide between Protestants and Catholics, liberals and conservatives, and conservative evangelicals and Pentecostal/charismatic groups. However, we can thank God that this decline has drawn some believers together in new ways. Prayer movements formed and spread, and churches now work together across some cities or regions for evangelism, outreach, and mission.



May Baptismal Celebrations

- 1 Mark Heidrich
- 2 Ashton Rudy
- 3 Kaitlyn Nieuwsma
- 4 Elsie Barnhart
Gunnar Hanson
- 6 Roberta Wagner
- 7 Rosalette Ferderer
Keith Humann
- 8 Paityn Bodvig
Nicole VanderVorste
- 9 Ryan Hoff-Wald
- 10 Helen Renschler
- 14 Larry Humann
Michael A. Kunz
- 15 Chad Dockter
Mary Maier
Alexandria Staigle
Amber Weber
Kristi Slater
- 17 June Alderin
Annika Ketterling
- 19 Kevin Higdon
Bobbi Kramer
- 22 Ethan Roemmich
Carson Hoff-Wald
James Streyle
- 23 Tobie Wald
- 25 Florence Plienis
- 29 Candis Wagner
- 30 Corey Grenz
Jackson Tveito
- 31 Hailey Dockter
Robin Silbernagel

May Birthdays

- 2 Cooper VanderWal
- 3 Bowdy Roemmich
- 9 Linda Tschritter
Jayda Schilling
- 11 Troy Roemmich
Kevin Higdon
Stanley Naumann
Kaylyn Hendrickson
- 12 Violet Ohlhauser
- 13 Michael Werlinger
- 14 Matthew Jasper
- 15 Debra Hochhalter
Makayla Ptacek
- 16 Shelley Serr
Gregory Humann
Jordan Bingham
Barb Bosch
- 18 Karen Welk
Jackson Tveito
- 20 Trish Bauman
- 26 Jesse Haas
- 27 Ernest Wohl
Jarell Ketterling
Tyler VanderVorste
- 29 Donna Forderer
Jeanette Winterberg
- 30 Ben Krogstad
Maddox VanderWal
Beau Kramer
- 31 Acacia Stuckle

"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