

*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

**Pastor's Article**

One of my favorite times every week is Adult Bible Study. I really enjoy teaching and discussing God's Word. At the moment, we are working our way through Paul's letter to the Galatians. It is never too late to join us on Sunday mornings. God's Word is such a gift! Because it is *God's* Word, it is both a forming and creating word meaning God's Word *does* something to us and in us. This is why we center Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, and VBS around Scripture. It's why pastors pour their time into sermon preparation and Bible study. It is also why pastors encourage personal Bible reading and study.

In this newsletter, you can find a calendar with suggested readings for each day. When it comes to reading Scripture, this is a great start. Little and often is the way to introduce Scripture into your daily practice. But if you would like to take your daily Scripture reading to another level, here are some practices/approaches I would suggest.

First, choose a book and read it all the way through. Some great books to start with would be any of the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are the easiest. John can be more challenging with longer stories and discourses from Jesus.

As you read a passage, keep the context of the passage you are reading in mind. Ask yourself, "what came before this passage?" "How does this tie into what has previously been written?" This is important whether you are reading a narrative like Luke or a letter like Romans.

Next, look for words or phrases that recur and repeat. For example, as we've been studying Galatians the phrase "works of the Law" keeps popping up. So does the word "promise". If you see repetition, it is likely important. Ask yourself, "why?" If an author like Paul is repeating particular words, use online tools to see how he uses those words in other writings he has authored. If he's quoting the Old Testament, go back to that passage and see its context. If a geographic location is mentioned, it is usually an interesting detail that may

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help you understand the story a bit. Search it up on Google and see what online sources say about it. Find it in one of the maps provided in your Bible.

Treat Bible study like an investigation. Draw the meaning out of Scripture. As you do, ask yourself a good Lutheran set of questions. "What is the Law in the passage?" and "What is the Gospel?" In other words, how does this passage convict you? How does it expose your sin? Does it tell you to stop or start doing something? That's the Law. The Gospel in a passage is the good news. What words of promise are in the passage? How does it point to and communicate Christ for you?

Scripture is a gift. In it, God reveals his will for us. Scripture reveals to us Jesus and what he has done for us. It is a joy to study and I hope these tips help.

In peace,  
Pastor Sean

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes Summary for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Members Present:** Deb Jahner, Gunner Hanson, Kevin Herr, Shelly Serr, Jason Rossow, Lisa Hendrickson, Mark Heidrich and Pastor Sean Barnhart. Absent with notice: Jen Vetter, Wayde Bauman

**Treasurer's Report:** Correction to the Seminary Fund Account CD as of 2/10/26 bank statement, it should be \$22,087.02. Pastor Sean explained a recommendation from Jody Kelsch with Tithe.ly. We should account for credit card and banking fees as an expense in our budget. Credit cards and ACH both charge a percentage plus a flat fee. Motion by Gunner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelly to account for fees under the office expenses.

Jason Rossow made a motion and Mark seconded to approve the treasurer's report with the correction to the Seminary Fund Account CD. All aye.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor shared plans for District LCMC gathering July 31- Aug 1 in Bismarck. There is a committee formed to also have a youth gathering 6-12 grade as well. Anyone is welcome to attend. He is also finishing preparations for Lent which begins next week. Pastor hosted a TEAMS meeting yesterday as the President of the Northern Plains for planning and discussion. Pastor Sean shared information about SCC services and youth group.

**Property:** Dakota Sound installed the new sound system and the old speakers were removed. Snow removal- Lisa shared that Vetter's are doing a good job with the snow removal.

**Stewardship:** One of the CD's just renewed. There are 3 short term CD's: Seminary Fund, Refinishing Fund, and General Fund. Interest ranges between 3.8-4.0% on each.

**Worship Committee:** Pastor ordered more covers and headsets for the assisted listening devices. Deb brought that we need to get a better system for acolyte duties, reading, greeters, ushers. We are going to try going back to a list and asking families to commit to fulfilling some of the duties of participation in the church. Shelly asked about confirmation requirements to see where we can include the youth of our church better. Lisa and

Deb will head that project up. We are still in need of a Pastor on May 31. Gunner will try contacting Pastor Eric Johnson. Another option might be the intern at Charity Lutheran Church.

**Education:** Dates for VBS- June 2-3-4, 2026. Sunday School made valentines for the Assisted Living and the apartment residents. Shelly will be delivering them this week.

**Evangelism:** Shelly- donations for the SCC, somewhat disappointing collection. Evangelism- sending valentine cards to those who can't get to church.

**New Business:**

**Book Audit:** We need three members to go over the accounts. Council discussed individuals for the task.

**Church rides:** Elwin and Heidi are no longer to reliably provide rides for people to come to worship. Those who need rides are asked to contact the church. Those who can provide rides are asked to volunteer.

Donation request: Safe Night- March 27 Mark Heidrich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Herr to donate \$200.00 toward the expenses. All aye.

**Membership Transfer-** Bartholomay family from Living Water Lutheran Church in Fargo. Jen made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelly. All Aye.

**Council Committee Assignments-**Worship Committee: Lisa Hendrickson, Jason Rossow, Gunner Hanson; Stewardship: Deb Jahner; Evangelism: Shelly Serr; Property: Kevin Herr and Mark Heidrich; Education: Jen Vetter.

Meeting adjourned with prayer. Next meeting is Wednesday March 11- 8:00 pm.



**Memorials received as of Feb. 1st:**

\*To the Parsonage Fund from Pamela and David Adrian in memory of Rodney Ohlauser

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**News on South Sudan**

At our Annual Meeting, our congregation committed to a partnership with Pastor Mawien Ariik in South Sudan. Continue to pray for Pastor Mawien. South Sudan continues to see violence as the result of political corruption and infighting. In February three humanitarian workers were killed while trying to bring aid to those in need. It is estimated that nearly 1.2 million South Sudanese are suffering from food insecurity due to political conflict. Pray for Mawien and his three Lutheran congregations; Little Zion, St. John's, and St. Paul's.

## 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
<b>Mar. 1<sup>st</sup></b> John 13:1-17	John 13:21-30	John 13:31-38	John 14:1-7	John 15:1-7	John 17:1-5	John 18:1-11
<b>Mar. 8<sup>th</sup></b> John 18:12-27	Psalm 27:1-14	Isaiah 45:14-19	John 14:8-12	John 14:13-17	John 14:18-21	John 14:23-29
<b>Mar. 15<sup>th</sup></b> John 18:28-40	John 15:8-11	John 15:12-17	John 15:18-21	John 15:22-27	John 16:1-4a	John 16:4b-7
<b>Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup></b> John 19:1-16a	John 16:8-12	John 16:13-16	John 16:17-22	John 16:23-28	John 16:29-33	John 17:6-9
<b>Mar. 29<sup>th</sup></b> John 19:16b-22	John 17:10-13	John 17:14-19				



Palm Sunday March 29 <sup>th</sup> 10:45 am	Maundy Thursday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm	Good Friday April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm	Easter Sunday April 5 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am
Communion celebrated on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday			

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

If you are an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please consider directing them to your church. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” or log go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

### **Online Giving Made Easy**

Tithe.ly makes it easy to give either with their app or by clicking the green “Give” button on our church website ([ndpeaceclutheran.com](http://ndpeaceclutheran.com)). Give using your credit card or 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.

### **8:10 Devotions**

Weekdays at 8:10 AM  
Live on YouTube and Facebook

Add a little Scripture to your daily routine! Tune in each day on Facebook or YouTube at 8:10 AM Monday through Friday for a short devotion or watch later at your convenience.



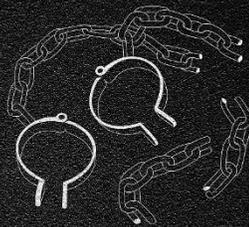
### **Find Peace Wherever You Go!**

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 worship!  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/peaceclutheranlinton](https://facebook.com/peaceclutheranlinton)  
**YouTube:** [youtube.com/@peaceclutheran1357](https://youtube.com/@peaceclutheran1357)  
**Instagram:** [instagram.com/peace.lutheran](https://instagram.com/peace.lutheran)

Adult Bible Study  
Sunday Mornings | 9:30 AM

Online Bible Study  
Thursday Evenings | 8:00 PM

# **GALATIANS**



### **Online Bible Study**

Join Pastor Sean with Online Bible Study on our YouTube channel posted on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM at [Youtube.com/@peaceclutheran1357](https://Youtube.com/@peaceclutheran1357)

## 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.



Sunday. Volunteers are needed each Sunday.

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



### ***Need a Ride to Worship?***

If you are in need of a ride to worship, please call the church. If you are able to give rides to worship, let the office know!



### **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.

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!

### **Mission of the Month**

In January, our congregation sent \$1,170 to **Salvation Army: Northern Division**. Thank you for your faithful giving!

### **Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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

***Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care***

## Mission of the Month



The **Emmons County Food Pantry** is open to all Emmons County residents and serves the county with no questions asked. The only requirement for one to receive food from the pantry is to provide an Emmons County address of residence. Many dietary staples as well as basic toiletries are provided and the need for the pantry has consistently grown over the years. The pantry is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and each Wednesday from 11 am -1 pm. It is located at 118 S. Broadway, Linton, ND.



## Country of the Month: Ireland

*From prayercast.com:* With miles of breathtaking coastline, lush green forests, and castles centuries old, Ireland's beauty and history envelop this nation in tales years in the making. The missionary work of St. Patrick during the 400's proved foundational for Christianity on an island dominated by paganism. Even so, Ireland's long Christian history has been unable to prevent its current decline as economic

hardship, scandal, and secularism are leaving their own marks in Irish history.

Ireland's rich heritage began when Celtic tribes landed on its soil between 600 and 150 B.C. Norse invaders followed, conquering the rolling plains and majestic cliffs during the latter portion of the first millennia. The English subsequently ruled Ireland until 1921. Though independent, Ireland remained part of the British Commonwealth until 1949. Divided by political loyalties as well as spiritual, Northern Ireland and Ireland have faced decades of tension and unrest. Though certain peace agreements have been reached, the island continues to face disunity. A failing economy during the later portion of the 2000's has only exasperated these issues.

As is common throughout Europe, the rise of social issues such as suicide and alcoholism have plagued the young people of Ireland, and workers are desperately needed to reach this despondent generation. Scandals and secularism have also weakened the national influence of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Church attendance that was once 85% nationally has since dropped below 50%, and an increasing number of Irish are non-religious.



### March Baptismal Celebrations

- 2 Dave 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  
Julia Tveito
- 24 Jaden Bosch
- 27 Jayme Baker  
Lorraine Schatz
- 29 Jacob Conroy  
Jacob Ohlhauser
- 31 Evelyn Petrick

### March Birthdays

- 1 Alexis Wangler  
Holly Renschler  
Nicole Vander Vorste
- 3 Annie Masset
- 4 Kaitlyn Nieuwsma  
Kevin Hendrickson  
Gunnar Hanson
- 5 Dawson Werlinger  
Alice Jean Lee
- 7 Debbie Jahner
- 9 Aaron Hoff-Wald
- 11 Ethan Bingham  
Amber Weber  
Alexandria Staigle
- 12 Sophia Anderson
- 14 Kevin Ferderer  
Steven Fiergola
- 17 Terry Schafer
- 19 Gianna Caruso
- 20 Corey Hoff-Wald  
Callum Spotts
- 21 Kraysten Brueckner
- 23 Jared Vander Wal
- 25 Isabell Rudy  
Carson Hoff-Wald
- 26 Corey Grenz  
Amaya Brueckner
- 27 Jace Ferderer  
Derrick Naumann  
Robin Silbernagel
- 28 Wayde Bauman  
Katharina Ketterling
- 29 Aaron Judy
- 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."*

*Psalm 139:13-14*