

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

In *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, CS Lewis introduces us to the world of Narnia; a fantasy world that runs parallel to our own. In this world there exists Aslan, a mighty lion who is, Narnia's version of Jesus.

When we are first land in the world of Narnia with a little girl named Lucy, Aslan is known, but not present. The residents of Narnia long for and anticipate his arrival back into the world. In fact, they are desperate for his return for in his absence, the White Witch ruthlessly rules over the land; a land she has cast into an endless and hopeless winter. It is, as one character says, "always winter but never Christmas" on account of the Witch. But, when Aslan "is on the move" and his return is imminent, winter begins to give way to spring. Grass turns green, trees bud, ice and snow melt away, and the weather turns warm and kind.

With all due respect to CS Lewis, I wonder if Lewis brought spring to Narnia a little too early. Lewis equates spring with Christmas and certainly, spring is a season of hope, just as Christmas is. But included in Lewis' story is the crucifixion and resurrection of Aslan (with an ancient sacrificial stone table standing in for the cross). Would have been more fitting for spring to burst forth in Narnia at the resurrection Aslan rather than at his initial coming? After all, without the resurrection of Christ the hope of Christmas is nothing more than a fanciful wish, just as the crucifixion is nothing more than a senseless death and ultimately, the end of the story.

Here in the Northern Hemisphere, spring coincides with Easter and it's hard to imagine it any other way. Spring is the season of new life. Grass turns green, tulips bloom, trees begin to bud, snow and ice melts away and warmth returns. It's a season of promise and life – just as Easter is.

At Easter, we see the promise of new life. Christ conquered death and we no longer need to fear the grave because in his resurrection we are promised *our* resurrection. In fact, all the promises of God are made sure and given validity by the empty tomb of Christ.

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When Aslan rises from the dead, the first thing he does is breath life back into those poor creatures who were turned to lifeless stone by the White Witch. It's a very spring-like act. As you take in the beauty of spring and the new life that sprouts forth, give thanks for the resurrection of Christ, for the resurrected Christ has breathed new life into you. Winter has passed. Spring has arrived.

In peace,
Pastor Sean

Church Council Meeting Minutes Summary for March 11th, 2026

Members present: Wayde Bauman, Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Heer, Lisa Hendrickson, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, and Jennifer Vetter. Member absent: Shelly Serr

Pastor's report: Providing First Communion Education for two on Wednesday evenings (First Communion is scheduled for the Maundy Thursday service.) Strasburg Care Center Service on February 11 and March 5, 2026 Providing pre-marital counseling for three couples (Weddings on June 6, October 3, and December 5, 2026). One home visit in February and plans more visits after Lent passes

Property Committee: Keith Ohlhauser fixed the recoil pull on the snow blower. He'll be asked to repair the electric start after the last snow. Discussion was held on starting a fund for parking lot repairs.

Stewardship Committee: The Endowment Committee will meet March 19. The Council discussed opportunities for disbursements. The Endowment fund can be used for outreach into the community; missions; and equipment, capital improvement, debt reduction, or a building program of Peace Lutheran Church.

Worship Committee: A baptism is planned for Sunday, March 22. Discussed the Holy Week schedule.

Education Committee: Anne and Jen are considering a movie and pizza party toward the end of the Sunday School calendar instead of the Mother's Day Bruch held the last couple of years. Vacation Bible School is scheduled June 2-4.

No Evangelism Committee report or Old Business.

New Business: Lisa Hendrickson requested to use the church basement and kitchen for an event (date to be determined). The council had no concerns with her use of the church.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7pm.

Mission of the Month

In February, our congregation sent \$862.83 to **Heaven's Helpers Soup Cafe**. Thank you for your faithful giving!



News on South Sudan

South Sudan, continues to move closer to all-out civil war with many civilians enduring severe abuses. Continue to pray for Pastor Mawien and his three Lutheran congregations; Little Zion, St. John’s, and St. Paul’s. Pray that through the work being done in these congregations, that the Gospel would spread and peace would come to this young nation. *All three churches are in the state of Warrap, the north-central part of South Sudan.

Youth Group/Confirmation

It’s time once again for fellowship, games, food, and Bible Study! On Wednesday, April 15th, all 7th-12th graders are welcome to the church basement for Youth Group at 6:30 pm. Enjoy good home cooking even if it isn’t at home!



Women’s Event: My Story, His Glory

On Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, our friends at Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck will be hosting Sue. L Hamilton from Live4One Ministry for a women’s event. Tickets are \$20 per person and the event is open to all women, including high schoolers. For more information on the speaker visit www.suehamilton.com. An event poster can be found on our bulletin board.



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
			April 1 st Psalm 22:1-5	John 19:23-30	John 19:31-42	Psalm 22:6-11
April 5 th John 20:1-18	Psalm 22:19-22	Psalm 22:23-36	Psalm 22:27-31	Isaiah 44:6-8	Isaiah 53:1-6	Isaiah 53:7-12
April 12 th John 20:19-31	John 21:1-14	John 21:15-19	Acts 1:6-11	Acts 2:22-36	Acts 2:37-47	Acts 8:1b-3
April 19 th Acts 9:1-19a	Acts 9:19b-25	Acts 9:26-31	Acts 13:1-12	Acts 15:1-21	Acts 15:36-16:5	Acts 16:11-15
April 26 th Acts 16:16-34	Acts 16:35-40	Acts 10:1-23	Acts 10:24-33	Acts 10:34-48		

Mornings At Peace (MAP)

Linton Public School is planning for another Late Start on Wednesday, April 15th which means we will be hosting Mornings at Peace!

All LPS students are welcome to attend, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by a light Bible lesson, puppet shows, games and a late morning snack. At 10:00 AM we'll walk the kids to school.



Save the Date!

Northern Plains District Convention and Youth Gathering

The Northern Plains District of the LCMC is planning the first Annual District Gathering for Friday, July 31st – Saturday, August 1st, 2026 at Charity Lutheran in Bismarck. Running alongside this event will be a District Youth Gathering also at Charity. Both events will begin Friday evening and go through Saturday afternoon.

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.

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 (ndpeace.lutheran.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.



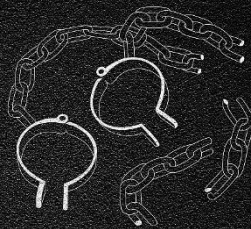
Find Peace Wherever You Go!

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/peace.lutheran.linton
YouTube: youtube.com/@peace.lutheran.1357
Instagram: instagram.com/peace.lutheran

Adult Bible Study
Sunday Mornings | 9:30 AM

Online Bible Study
Thursday Evenings | 8:00 PM

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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/@peace.lutheran.1357

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 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!

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

Mission of the Month: SON



SPIRITUAL ORPHANS NETWORK

The **Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)** works in former communist countries where Christianity was outlawed and punishable by imprisonment, exile or death. In many cases, the persecution lasted for several generations. Once the ideologies of communism took hold they undermined both, family values and the belief in any power other than the government. Over

time, Christianity was all but eradicated, leaving no older generation (no grandmas, grandpas, mothers, or fathers) to share their Faith with subsequent generations.

As a sending agency, SON has placed career missionaries in Poland, Latvia, Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, Albania, Turkey, UAE, and Ethiopia. We also strive to equip the indigenous Church and lay leadership to serve as missionaries within their own culture. Each summer, short-term mission teams serve with these long-term missionaries and ministry partners. Additionally, SON staff and representatives teach and preach at conferences and conventions throughout the year, all over the European continent and throughout North America.

SON Network is a confessional, evangelical, Christian mission organization that connects partners with indigenous Christians living in former communist and Soviet bloc nations. Though we are a para-church organization founded in the confessional Lutheran tradition, at our core is the belief that we are first and foremost Kingdom Builders on mission with Christ. As a result, we also partner with other conservative, evangelical Christians who share in these core values.



Country of the Month: Iran

Our Lord Jesus calls us to pray for our enemies. This month's country of the month is therefore Iran. The following comes from prayercast.com: Known as Persia until 1935, today's Islamic Republic of Iran is predominantly Muslim (99%), mostly Shi'ite. It is often perceived as Arabic with neighboring Arabic countries, but Iran is predominantly Persian.

In Iran, all ethnic Persians and those from Muslim backgrounds (even if not practicing) are considered Muslims. Anyone who converts to Christianity is declared an apostate and could face death. The Iranian constitution recognizes the historic minority religions of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, and Christianity, but it does not allow churches to preach or distribute materials in Farsi, and proselytizing is forbidden. Yet the number of Muslim background believers coming to Christ in Iran continues to grow greatly regardless. Many are curious about the Bible, but Bibles and Christian printed materials in Farsi are illegal. Smuggled Farsi Bibles and materials are quickly put to use. The Internet and broadcasts by radio and satellite TV are providing encouragement, resources, and training for believers as more come to Christ and more underground house churches are established.



April Baptismal Celebrations

- 2 Darcy Rindelaub
Elijah Barnhart
- 3 Annie Masset
Magdelana Masset
- 4 Jude Barnhart
Kambree Mastel
- 5 Rory Humann
- 7 Steven Fiergola
- 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 Aaron Ruby
- 20 Noah Nieuwsma
Ashley Hanson
- 22 Jay Vetter
- 24 Julia Barnhart
- 25 Danielle Mastel
- 26 Holly Renschler
Sydney Giese
Kaisley Masset
- 27 Lydia Faye Bosch
- 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."

Psalms 139:13-14