



*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

**Pastor's Article**

The prophet Jeremiah says in 17:7-8, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

The picture painted by Jeremiah is a tree that is thirsty for water and will reach out its roots to a source of water and drink deeply of what it has. Establishing its roots next to the stream will give the tree consistent water such that not even a year of drought will cause it to fear or be anxious.

If we are the tree in this passage, then what is the water? I think there are two answers, which ultimately are just one answer. Psalm 1:1-3 says, "Blessed is the man [whose] delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

According to the Psalm, water is the law of the LORD, or in other words, it is God's holy Word. This is what established a person and causes them to not wither, but yield fruit. However, when Jesus meets the woman at the well in John 4, we see Jesus identifying himself as "living water." "Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water..." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:10, 13-14).

So, what is the water of Jeremiah. It is the Word of God, but ultimately it is Jesus. The Word of God, every page of our Bibles from Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21, serves to point us to Christ. As we are "planted" in God's Word, we are fed by the Living Water himself who nourishes us and grants us eternal life. The more we are planted in God's Word, the more we are bolstered against those times of drought.

As we head into summer, it is really easy to forget to drink deep of God's Word on a regular basis. Remember to make worship a priority for you and your family. If you are unable to attend, it has never been easier to

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have God's Word at your fingertips and in your ears. 8:10 Devotions, Online Bible Study, and Sunday Worship is all online not to mention the myriad other faithful Christian resources out there. So remember, as the weather gets hotter and the ground grows dry, continue to drink deeply of what God offers.

In Peace,  
Pastor Sean

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes Summary for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Council members in attendance: Wayde Bauman, Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Heer, Lisa Hendrickson, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, Shelly Serr, and Jennifer Vetter

Previous meeting minutes approved. Treasurer's report approved.

**Pastor's report:** Baptism of Wrenlee Ann Borgelt, 3/22/26. Newsletter mailed 3/24/26. Chaperoned Safe Night 3/27/26. Hospital Visit 4/1/26. 2 First Communicants. Upcoming events: Mornings at Peace, Youth Group, and VBS.

**Property Committee report:** Jeepers Sweepers contacted by Mark Heidrich to provide a bid for a parking lot project. Lisa Hendrickson contacted Colton Backhaus, Backhaus Blacktop Repair, who will also provide a bid. Pr. Barnhart ordered six new microphones for Celebrate.

**Stewardship Committee report:** The Endowment Fund Committee consists of Keith Petrick (President), Rick Bosch (Treasurer), and Joyce Lemer (Secretary); Principle Balance \$62,526; Total Balance \$89,877.69; Committee recommends distributions of \$3,000 to South Sudan Mission and \$5,000 to Peace Lutheran Church for special assessments; and Committee intends to eventually recommend giving to parking lot project if needed. Lisa Hendrickson made a motion to approve the recommendations for distribution. Gunnar Hanson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

**Worship Committee report:** Oil was ordered for the candles and wine was purchased. Summer worship schedule: Worship at 9:30 am beginning Graduation Sunday until Labor Day weekend.

**Education Committee report:** VBS is scheduled June 2-4, 2026.

**New Business:** Council discussed Chamber of Commerce request of funds for Ag Day. PLC donated \$50.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Pres. Jahner will discuss Ag Day needs with Acacia Stuckle. Wayde Bauman will contact Justin Martin for summer mowing. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7pm.

### **Mission of the Month**

In March, our congregation sent \$790.00 to **Emmons County Food Pantry**. Thank you for your faithful giving!



## **News on South Sudan**

Recently, Pastor Mawien shared one of the difficulties he faces in his rural churches. Many of the people are resistant to the Gospel and insist on following traditional African religion. However, they are happy to send their children to catechism classes. While this has been very successful and many children have come to

faith and have been baptized; the challenge his community faces is similar to many of ours in rural North Dakota. As children grow, they leave for the cities to attend higher education. But because there are no jobs back home, they rarely return. This makes it difficult for the congregation to sustain itself financially. This is why a partnership with a church like ours is so needed. Continue to pray for Pastor Mawien. Pray that his work in rural South Sudan would lead not only to new spiritual life in Christ for many, but also economic sustainability.

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### **Youth Group/Confirmation**

It's time once again for fellowship, games, food, and Bible Study! On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome for Youth Group at 6:30 pm. Enjoy good home cooking even if it isn't at home!



### **Men's Event: "Iron Sharpens Iron, But It Sparks First"**

On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM-10:00 PM, our friends at Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck will be hosting a Men's Night. "This event is a great opportunity to connect with other Christian men. The world throws a lot at us and it's so important for Christian men to band together to live a Godly life and be accountable to each other. Our world needs strong men to spread the gospel and be the hands and feet of Christ."

See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for more information.



**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
					May 1 <sup>st</sup> Acts 17:1-9	Acts 17:10-15
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Acts 17:16-31	Acts 17:32-34	Acts 18:1-17	Acts 19:1-10	Acts 19:21-22	Acts 22:1-11	Acts 22:12-21
May 10 <sup>th</sup> Philippians 1:1-18a	Philippians 1:18b-26	Philippians 1:27-30	Galatians 1:11-24	Galatians 2:1-10	Galatians 2:11-14	Galatians 2:15-21
May 17 <sup>th</sup> Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 2:14-18	Philippians 2:19-3:1a	Philippians 3:1b-6	Philippians 3:7-16	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Philippians 4:10-20
May 24 <sup>th</sup> Acts 2:1-21	Philippians 4:8-9	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 4:32-37	Acts 5:12-16	Revelation 21:1-6	Revelation 22:1-7
May 31 <sup>st</sup> Matthew 28:16-20						

**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 31<sup>st</sup> – Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**Memorials received as of April 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
\*To the Endowment Fund from Keith and Evelyn Petrick in memory of Jeffrey Erickson

### **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 ([ndpeacelutheran.com](http://ndpeacelutheran.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/peacelutheranlinton](https://facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton)  
**YouTube:** [youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357](https://youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357)  
**Instagram:** [instagram.com/peace.lutheran](https://instagram.com/peace.lutheran)

### *Online Bible Study*

*Thursdays at 8:00 PM on YouTube*



### **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/@peacelutheran1357](https://Youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357)

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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: Global Mission Fellowship Small Catechism Project

For May's Mission of the Month, we will be joining Pastor Mark Ryman St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC in his work to provide the Small Catechism to LCMC churches in India. What follows is an abridged description of the project written by Pastor Mark:

"Some months ago, one of our pastors in India said that a great need they have is Small Catechisms. Our 111 LCMC congregations in India need copies of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* in their native language to disciple their members, young and old, and to use as a tool of evangelism to share the basics of the Christian faith.

"After meetings with Mike Wind (Global Mission Fellowship) and Julie Smith (LCMC Service Coordinator), I have begun designing a *Small Catechism* in English and Telugu, the language of most of our churches in India. Soon, Indian pastors will begin editing my work. Once approved, we will begin printing.

"I have adopted Luther's strategy in his second edition of having illustrations accompany the text. The woodcuts in that edition helped teach those who could not read, as well as provide a handsome page that invites those who can read, do so.

"It goes without saying that this is a big project, and that we will need financial support from US congregations and districts. It is also likely that we will not stop with India. The Global Mission Fellowship may end up producing Luther's *Small Catechism* for each of the countries where we have congregations."



## Country of the Month: Brazil

Though more than 53% of the country's people identify themselves as Roman Catholic and another 23% identify themselves as Christian, Brazil is a nation struggling with nominalism and spiritism. Of the 211 million people in the nation, 59 million Brazilians live below the poverty line. While the richest 10% of Brazilians garner nearly half the income of Brazil, the poorest 10% get less than 1%. In Rio de Janeiro, where "Christ the Redeemer" stands overlooking, 20-25% of the city's population lives in slums

called favelas. Within these slums, hundreds of thousands of street children find themselves trapped in drug addiction, prostitution, and violence, and many suffer from AIDS.

From high atop Corcovado mountain, "Christ the Redeemer" reminds us that Jesus continues to redeem the people of Brazil. Pray for churches to be strengthened in sound Bible teaching and discipleship. Pray for the hope of Jesus to rescue and deliver the masses enslaved to crime, drugs, and violence. Pray also for Pastor Andre Vogel and other LCMC pastors who faithfully minister to the people of Brazil and are working to form a South American District of the LCMC.



### 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 Vander Vorste
- 9 Ryan Hoff-Wald
- 10 Helen Renschler
- 14 Larry Humann  
Michael A. Kunz
- 15 Chad Dockter  
Mary Maier  
Alexandra Staigle  
Amber Weber  
Krisit Slater
- 17 June Alderin  
Annika Ketterling
- 18 Jayce Mercer
- 19 Kevin Higdon  
Bobbi Kramer
- 22 Ethan Roemmich  
Carson Hoff-Wald  
James Streyle
- 23 Tobie Wald
- 25 Florence Plienis
- 28 Jody Ketterling
- 29 Candis Wagner
- 30 Corey Grenz  
Jackson Tveito
- 31 Hailey Dockter  
Robin Silbernagel

### May Birthdays

- 2 Cooper Vander Wal
- 3 Bowdy Roemmich
- 9 Linda Tschritter  
Jayda Schilling  
Graham Kramer
- 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
- 21 Jayce Mercer
- 26 Jesse Haas
- 27 Ernest Wohl  
Jarell Ketterling  
Tyler Vander Vorste
- 29 Donna Forderer  
Jeanette Winterberg
- 30 Ben Krogstad  
Maddox Vander Wal  
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."*

*Psalms 139:13-14*