

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

Our congregation's mission statement is "Welcome people in, help them grow, send them out to care." What does it mean to "help them grow"?

First, let's be clear on one thing. The "them" is all of us. We *all* need to grow. Growth, in terms of faith, comes by way of the Word. God's Word is the single greatest gift we have. Every page, every verse points us to Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ we know the heart of God for us.

Growing in the Word comes by hearing it preached, studying it in Sunday School and Bible Study, discussing it with friends, and by simple reading it at home. But why is it so important to grow in the Word?

I like to think of growth in the Word as consistently laying a foundation of faith that will be there to help us interpret all that life throws at us – both good and bad. When we gaze upon the miracle of a newborn baby a foundation of faith directs our hearts in praise. When that child is brought for baptism, growth in the faith helps us know what that means. When we bring in a good harvest or have a successful hunt we give thanks to the Lord because we know Scripture teaches us that all good things come from the Father above and we've learned that God has called us to be faithful stewards of his earth. When we are in the hospital room or standing at the graveside; a good foundation of faith is vital. What hope is there without faith?

Faith is the single most important lens to interpret all of life with, but we desperately need to grow in that faith. Grow in the faith by growing in the Word.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

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Our Mission Statement

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

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care

Church Council Meeting Minutes Summary for July 12th, 2026

Council members in attendance: Gunnar Hanson, Kevin Heer, Mark Heidrich, Lisa Hendrickson, Deb Jahner, Shelly Serr, and Jennifer Vetter. Not in attendance: Wayde Bauman and Jason Rossow

June 14th Meeting Minutes and June Treasurer's report approved.

Pr. Barnhart's report included: Strasburg Care Center Service (June 11 and July 2), Burial for Taytum Rae Schilling (June 15), Wedding for Amy Draxton and Teddy Peterick (June 20), Hospital visit to Bismarck and home visits, Encouraged council to attend District Gathering (July 31 - August 1)

Property Committee report: Kevin Heer looked at the brown paneling in the basement and presented options; discussed repairing the seal between the bell tower and sidewalk; discussed a leak near the window alongside the south entry door to the church; and discussed a trial of different light bulbs in the basement with an option to return them if they don't work out. The south side fascia replacement project is complete. JeepersSweepers has the parking lot crack sealing and painting scheduled for July 20-21. They will evaluate potential repair/patch sites in the parking lot and contact Mark Heidrich with a bid. The Bethlehem Cemetery fencing project has been delayed due to availability of posts. Martins submitted a bill for additional mowing of the cemeteries. Mark Heidrich made a motion to pay the bill. Shelley Serr seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Stewardship Committee: The Endowment Committee intends to help cover the cost of the parking lot project.

Worship Committee report: Pr. Barnhart will be away July 19 (Leave) and October 4 (LCMC Gathering), 2026. No communion July 19. Communion will be moved to the last week in July. Church services will change to 10:45 am beginning September 13.

Education Committee report: Sunday School will resume September 13.

Evangelism Committee report: Shelly Serr will send thank you notes to people who have helped with property projects.

No old or new business was presented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28am. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7pm.

Mission of the Month

In June, our congregation sent \$919.00 to **Strasburg Care Center**. Thank you for your faithful giving!



Daily Scripture Readings

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

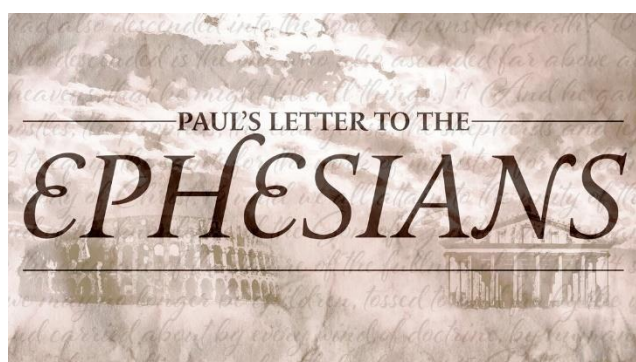
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Aug. 1st Acts 16:11-15
Aug. 2nd 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 16:35-40	Acts 17:1-9	Acts 17:10-15	Acts 17:16-31	Acts 17:32-34
Aug. 9th 2 Timothy 3:14-4:8	Acts 18:1-17	Acts 18:18-23	Acts 19:1-10	Acts 19:21-22	Acts 22:1-11	Acts 22:12-21
Aug. 16th Exodus 19:1-6	Exodus 19:7-15	Exodus 19:16-25	Deut. 6:1-9	Deut. 6:10-19	Deut. 6:20-25	Deut. 7:1-6
Aug. 23rd Exodus 20:3-11	Deut. 7:7-11	Deut. 7:12-16	Deut. 7:17-22	Deut. 7:23-26	Deut. 8:1-5	Deut. 8:6-10
Aug. 30th Exodus 20:12-16	Deut. 8:11-18					



****Thrivent Choice Dollars**** ***Program Changes***

The Thrivent Choice program has been upgraded. Now, all Thrivent members are eligible to receive Choice Dollars and direct them to a registered nonprofit such as **Peace Lutheran!** Two other changes to the program include Choice Dollars being **fully available at the start of the year** rather than accruing over time AND members can direct their dollars anytime through **December 31st** instead of March 31st.

To direct your Choice Dollars, visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice, log on with your username and password or call 800-847-4836.



This fall plan to attend Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM as we study Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Our study begins on September 13th.

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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 worship!

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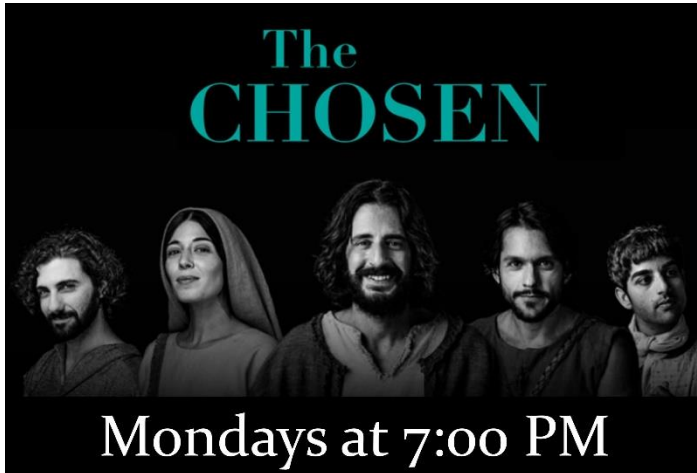


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Need a Ride to Worship?

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

A donation of **\$40**, 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, call the office or speak to Evelyn Petrick. Specify the date you would like flowers displayed and let them know the special occasion and how that info should be listed in the bulletin.



Memorials received as of July 5thst:

* Memorials were given in memory of JoAnn Nielson by Lois Van Beek to the Basement Fund.

Coming Soon!

*A fall midweek Bible Study...

*A weekly time for group prayer...

Mission of the Month: Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.



The Alzheimer's Association works on a national and local level to provide care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias. As the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association is committed to advancing vital research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure. The Association is the leading voice for Alzheimer's disease advocacy, fighting for critical Alzheimer's research and care initiatives at the state and federal level.

Country of the Month: Norway



One of four Scandinavian nations, The Kingdom of Norway is located on the western side of the Scandinavian Peninsula. Its name is derived from the word Norge ("the Northern Way"), reflecting its location on the northern periphery of Europe. Becoming independent in 1905, Norway is now a constitutional monarchy with the king as head of state and parliament as the supreme authority.

Norway has large offshore oil fields in the North Sea and is the second largest exporter of gas and the seventh largest exporter of oil in the world. Its economy is dependent on this production of petroleum, which constitutes a third of state income and is the largest portion of export revenue. Norway also has one of the leading merchant fleets in the world. There is a widespread belief in egalitarianism among the Norwegians, and division of labor is based on skill, not status or seniority. A national 60-40 rule requires that women make up 40 percent of most committees, and eight out of 10 women are employed outside the home. Independence and self-sufficiency are important attributes in Norwegian culture.

Freedom of religion is granted, with the Church of Norway being Lutheran. Christianity was introduced when King Olaf I was converted and made it the state religion in 995. The Church emphasizes missions, and Norway is one of the top missionary sending nations in the world. Though the majority of the population are church members, a large number of them are no longer committed. Islam is now the second largest religion in Norway, with many Muslims emigrating from places such as Pakistan and Iran. Many are not fully committed to the Islamic faith and are open to the Gospel.



August Baptismal Celebrations

- 3 Barbara Robinson
- 4 Josi Conroy
- 5 Lillian Kunz
Acacia Stuckle
Jerry Thornton
- 9 JoAnn Humann
- 10 Donna Tveito
- 12 Terence Serr
- 15 Albert Weber
Sylvia Weisser
Aspen Praus
- 17 Larry Umber
- 21 Violet Nieuwsma
- 25 Ava Fiebiger
- 27 Janice Wolfer
Beckham Spotts
- 29 Bruce Martin
- 31 Callum Spotts

August Birthdays

- 2 Jacob Rossow
Janice Wolfer
- 4 Travis Humann
Lois VanBeek
Lacie Brueckner
- 6 Elaine Streyle
- 8 Bryan Schatz
- 11 Carol Huber
- 13 Justin Martin
- 14 Matthew Ferderer
Blayne Huber
- 15 Kayla Hendrickson
Paxton Randle
- 16 Jenna Rae Mercer
- 17 John Ohlhauser
Violet Nieuwsma
- 18 Trinity Bodvig
Alexander Jones
- 21 Travis Dockter
Erma Wohl
- 22 Noah Alderin
Bruce Martin
- 23 Josi Schwab
- 24 Arthur Rudy
Libby Wohl
- 25 Lucas Schrantz
- 26 Jennifer LeFrancois
Skylar Hoff-Wald
- 27 Kimberly Heitz
- 28 Joshua Schlosser
- 29 Michael Haas
Jacob Ohlhauser
- 30 Dennis Ferderer

*"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