

News of Peace



Peace Lutheran Church, Camdenton, MO

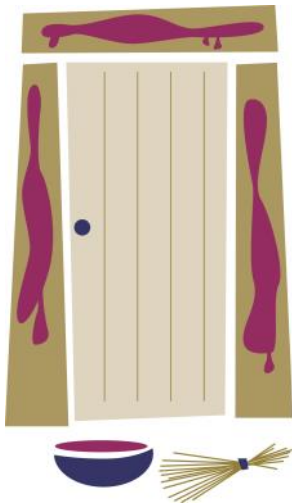
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Christian Symbols



DOORPOSTS — The image of a blood-marked doorframe is from the Passover account in Exodus. God directed the Israelites to slaughter lambs for a final meal and paint their doorposts with the blood. God sent the Angel of Death to kill the firstborn sons of Egypt, but the blood signaled that the Destroyer should “pass over” those homes. Likewise, the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, saves us from eternal death.

I'd like to return to the topic of conflict resolution in the church; this church; our church. You know, the one that has the name Peace in it. So I thought I'd begin by disclosing that Pastor Brandt and I had a serious disagreement a few weeks ago. You see, it was after the February council meeting. That's right, *after*. And yet somehow, we got through this conflict. None of us who often carpool together—Sara, Pastor Brandt, or myself—had eaten dinner *before* the meeting, and we were all hungry. So, we found ourselves eating dinner together at the *Grid Iron*, restaurant. Neither Pastor Brandt nor I knew that such a deep, wide, and dark chasm existed between us.

Some of you will agree with me, I'm sure; others will not. But I'm a medium-rare, almost rare kind of guy. Pastor Brandt, however, walks on the dark side. Um, I mean he likes his steak cooked medium well. Now, here's the thing; the *Grid Iron* won't cook one steak two different ways, despite the fact that they have a \$2.00 charge for splitting a meal. So, our first attempt at resolving the dilemma was to get the steak medium. That ought to have worked, right? But after I had eaten a dinner salad, I was pretty full. So, I told the waitress, shortly after ordering, to go ahead with medium well. Problem solved; conflict resolved. Everything was “good to go” other than the steak we shared. (I'm afraid I'm still a medium rare kind of guy.)

I hope you see the humor in this true story because there are times, in the life of the church, that individuals will have conflict over something that's really what is known as *adiophora*—something that is neither commanded nor forbidden by Scripture. And because they are neither commanded nor forbidden, we have the Christian freedom to choose to do something or not to do it.

I'm really liking the steak analogy because it helps us see that sometimes something *is* important, and sometimes it's not. So, let's continue to follow this theme for a little while longer. I'd like for you to think of Dr. Sues for a



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minute. Although he is long since dead, he wrote a book called *The Bitter Butter Battle*. In it, he rhymes about two groups of people who argued over whether you're supposed to eat your bread with the butter on the top or turn it over and eat it with the butter on the bottom. He was trying to teach kids (and adults!) that sometimes things get blown so waaaay out of proportion. And sometimes one needs to recognize it and back up to find some resolution. So, when you think of conflict at its lowest level either remember Pastor Brandt's steak (or mine) or the *Bitter Butter Battle*.

Have you ever had a bitter battle with someone over something you later realized was *not* nearly as important as it felt like it was in the heat of the moment? The thing about Peace (our congregation) is that you (plural), with the help of the Lord, have not had any such battle for at least the two or three years or so Pastor Brandt and I have been a part of this wonderful gathering of saints. So, let there be no lines drawn between you *Medium-Wellers* and you *Medium-Rarers*.

You may remember that at its lowest form conflict is simply having a difference of opinion with someone. With the help of the Lord, I pray that this continues to be our way of working and playing together. Said another way, please keep your eyes and lives focused on the cross and let Jesus "Draw all people unto himself" by and through it.

I'm going to be quite hokey here and say we all have a *stake* in continuing to promote peace, here at Peace. And may the Lord bless each of us as we seek to do so. Perhaps that means we learn to laugh at ourselves more often. Whatever it may be, remember that it will not be long until we (all!) proclaim: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Pastor Richard Anderegg



Phone Number

Do to unfortunate circumstances we had to change the church's phone number. The **new number** is **573-836-8141**.

Church Office Schedule

Church office schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Mark Your Calendar

for the upcoming voters' meeting to be held on April 16 after worship.

Thank You

to all who purchased Easter lilies for our Easter service. They provided a beautiful backdrop for our service.



Palm Sunday

April 2 at 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 6 p.m.

Good Friday

April 7 at 6 p.m.



Easter Sunday Service

April 9 at 9 a.m.

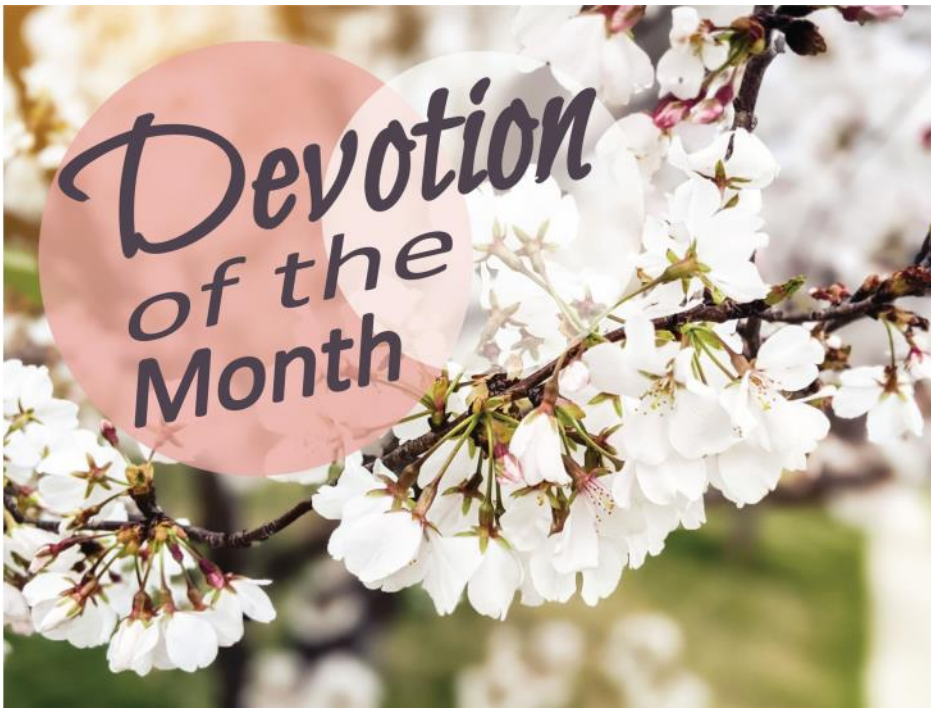
Easter brunch

to follow

He has Risen, He has

risen indeed!

Alleluia!



“It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.” Hebrews 9:27

Most historians would

say that Pat Garrett killed Billy the Kid on July 14, 1881. Most people would think Billy’s death should have closed the history books on the outlaw’s notorious life. If that’s what most people think, they would be wrong.

Now, almost 130 years after the events transpired, the governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson, is thinking about granting a posthumous pardon to Billy. It is a gesture that is not sitting well with the descendants of Pat Garrett. They have a number of objections to the matter. First, it would call into question the actions of their ancestor. Second, they think it’s wrong to pardon a criminal who was responsible for the murder of two lawmen as well as many others.

Now the purpose of this devotion is not to share my opinions about a governor who wishes to pardon a murderer who has been

dead for 125 years. I have some definite feelings about the matter, but they are not important here.

No, the purpose of this devotion is to talk about the idea of a posthumous pardon. As far as the Lord is concerned, there is no such thing -- not when it comes to humanity. The Lord very clearly tells us that if we are to be pardoned from our sins, it will happen while we are alive -- not after we’re dead. If the substitution of the Savior is to have an impact, if Jesus is to save us that must happen when we’re living. There are no do-overs once we’re dead. This is one of the reasons the Savior has asked us to share His story of salvation with those around us.

God wants all people to be saved, and that includes those who are in our immediate family and circle of friends. This is why I encourage you to keep on witnessing to the greatness of God’s grace

which we’ve seen in the Bethlehem manger, Jerusalem’s cross, and the borrowed tomb. Today is the day to believe. Today is the day to share.

The Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I give thanks for the faith You have given me. Now may I -- whenever I can -- share the Savior’s story with others. Keep me from postponing my proclamation of Jesus. Don’t let me wait until it’s too late. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,
Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker emeritus of The Lutheran Hour® Lutheran Hour Ministries

Amazon Smile
The Amazon Smile program was discontinued by Amazon as of February 20, 2023.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pocket Change for Mites. We collected a total of \$11.43 in March. Our next Mites collection will be April 2. Bring your mites anytime during the month and place in the LWML box in the back of the church.



Death of Former Member

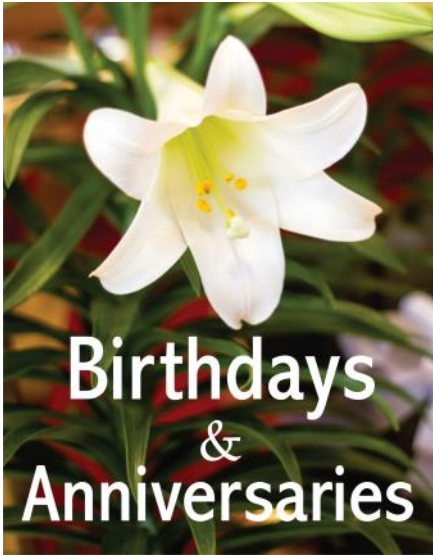
Carol Marie Bierwagen was born, on December 26, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on February 22, 2023 in Springdale, Arkansas. At the time of her passing, Carol was eighty-eight years, one month and twenty-seven days of age.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Max E. Bierwagen, and her parents, Arthur & Melva Jungermann.

She is survived by her two step sons, David & wife Lori Bierwagen of Jamesville, New York; Daniel & wife Marilyn Bierwagen of Springdale, Arkansas, and one step-daughter, Jan & husband Alan Young of Price, Utah; four grandchildren, Taylor & husband Brandon Duba of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ashley Sage of Syracuse, New York, Courtney & husband Andrew Josephson of Cottonwood Heights, Utah, and Derek Young of Salt Lake City, Utah; and three great-grandchildren, Lily McElhannon, Brody Sage, and Harper Josephson. Carol also leaves behind many friends and other family who will all truly miss her.

She was a loving step-mother, grandmother & great-grandmother and a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate her life and her accomplishments and will treasure the memories she created for her family and friends.

The burial was held on March 3, 2023 at Peace Lutheran Cemetery, Camdenton, MO.



- April 5 Sam & Sharon Gilliam
- April 6 Jeff & Paula Emery
- April 6 Chuck & Susan Kral
- April 10 Beth Johnston
- April 17 Irma Trego
- April 23 Mike Loman
- April 30 Rita Riemann

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) & Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you & your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you. **Our Elders:** Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) & Earl Hartenstein (573-691-7117) will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family.



Holy Week Journey to the Cross

- Palm Sunday:** Jesus entered as king; God prepared his sacrifice.
- Monday:** Jesus cleanses the temple and curses the fig tree; God prepares those who will accept His sacrifice.
- Tuesday:** Jesus teaches in the temple for the last time; God sends the invitation to come enjoy His sacrifice.
- Wednesday:** Judas betrays; Mary perfumes; God waits for the responses to the invitation
- Thursday:** Jesus offers His body and blood in the last supper.
- Friday:** Jesus dies on the cross; God accepts His sacrifice. (A sweet smelling aroma.)
- Saturday:** Jesus takes the saints from Hades to Paradise; God receives His saints to him
- Sunday:** Jesus is risen; God gives us eternal life in Jesus. The purest treasure.

Kelly's Treehouse

Death of Former Member



Carolyn Hyser, 85, of Alma, died March 6, 2023.

She was born September 2, 1937 in Ft. Wayne, IN to Felix and Louise (Gronau) Gambrell.

She grew up in Albion, IN and graduated from Wolf Lake High School. She married George Hyser on November 26, 1958 in Columbia City, IN. They lived in Elkhart, IN for 55 years. He preceded her in death on October 13, 2015. She moved to Climax Springs, MO, to be closer to family, in 2019, and they moved to Alma, MO in 2022.

When she was young, Carolyn stayed home and raised their children. After the kids were grown, she went to work at the Associated Credit Union in Elkhart.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Elkhart and taught Sunday school there for more than 40 years. She was active in the Bible Study Fellowship and the Stephens Ministry Team.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by a stillborn son, Michael; and a sister, Justine Heinfeld.

Every One His Witness

But I received mercy, that in me, as the foremost [of sinners], Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. (1 Timothy 1:16)

God has set you in the places and at the times for you to be His witness. We like the apostle Paul, have “received mercy for this reason,” that in us Jesus would bring His love, grace, and mercy “to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life.”

The whole of our lives in this world is centered on being witnesses of Jesus. At first, that may seem overwhelming. It’s helpful to consider how all the parts of our lives have been arranged by God so that the whole of our lives is centered on sharing His Word with others.

The parts of our lives are the roles that we have, the people we encounter, the activities we do, and the places we go according to our vocations. They are all the things we experience “as we are going.”

In the various parts of our lives, we engage with non-churched peo-

ple with whom we share a common experience. It may be work-related, a hobby, a sports team, living in the same neighborhood, having a common friend, being members of the same club, or a host of other everyday things. You may have only one thing in common

with someone, or you may have many. In any event, God intends for you to be His

witness in the whole of your life and through the various parts of your life.

Without a doubt God also knows and has determined for everyone the time and the hour of His call and conversion. But this time has not been revealed to us.

Therefore, we have the command always to keep proclaiming the Word, entrusting the time and hour of conversion to God (Acts 1:7). (Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, Article XI, paragraph 56)

The Purpose of Your Everyday Life by Pr. Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry



She is survived by: Son: Tim Hyser (Ruby) of Goshen, IN, Daughter: Teresa Gifford (Charles, Sr.) of Alma, MO, Sister: Rita Cary of Ft. Wayne, IN

11 Grandchildren

16 Great Grandchildren

Memorial Services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Alma, MO on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 11:00 am, officiated by Pastor Bernard Ross. The family will greet

friends after the service.

Honorary casket bearers will be CJ Gifford, Anthony Gifford, Zechariah Gifford, Chris Siegel, Alex Hyser, Nate Hyser.

Her ashes will be entombed with her husband in the Veterans Tower in the Prairie Street Cemetery in Elkhart, IN.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Early Childhood Center, Alma, MO.

Next LWML Meeting

Do to the Spring rally, and Easter brunch we will not have an April meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The roll call word is “tabernacle.”



Ladies of Peace: Mark your calendar to attend the Sedalia Zone Spring Rally to be held here at Peace on Tuesday, April 18 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:15 a.m. This is a half day event.



Easter Sunday Brunch

The LWML ladies will be serving an Easter Brunch after worship on Easter Sunday.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for food items and also a sign-up sheet to let us know the number of people that will be attending in your family.

Answering Objections to the Faith (The Basics of Christian Apologetics)

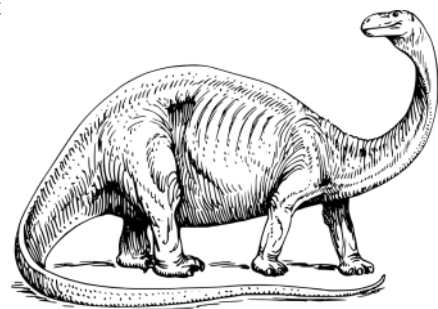
The Problem of Darwinism Cont'd

In addition to the artwork of dinosaurs and the discovery of soft tissue in their bones, we also have written records that may depict dinosaurs and other creatures that were their contemporaries.

Job 40 contains one account: “Behold, behemoth, which I made as I made you; He eats grass like an ox. Behold, his strength is in his loins, and his power is in his belly. He makes his tail stiff like a cedar; the sinews of his tail are knit together. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron...” What is this animal? Some have suggested an elephant or hippopotamus.

Many Christian apologists, however, believe the animal to be a large dinosaur. The description does seem to fit a large sauropod, a plant eating, land dwelling animal identified as the largest of the land dwelling animals made by God. It had a tail like a cedar trees , elephants and hippos do not. The name behemoth – the Hebrew word for megabeast – fits very well.

The next creature described in Job (Leviathan) is also of great interest. Up until a few years ago, this creature was identified as a Nile crocodile or a sea monster. However, in 1997 huge a skeleton of an animal called SuperCroc was discovered in a dry river bed in the Sahara Desert. It was similar to today’s crocodiles, only ten times larger. It weighed in at ten tons – making it larger than a Tyrannosaurus rex.



The description in Job 41 appears to be a good match for SuperCroc such as:

- **The Hebrew word** for Leviathan means one who twists as a crocodile will do as it clenches its prey in its mighty jaws.
- **Leviathan is described** as having a strong neck such as modern day crocodiles.
- **It’s back is described** as made up of shields that can’t be penetrated by spears and arrows.
- **Its belly was like** pieces of broken pottery – a good description of the underside of SuperCroc.
- **Leviathan was at** home in the water as well as on land.
- **God calls him king of the creatures** He has made and nothing on earth is his equal. The scientific name for SuperCroc is *sarcosuchus imperator* which fits nicely since the Latin word *imperator* means king.

So how would Job have known about creatures that supposedly became extinct millions of years ago? As far as biblical scholarship is concerned, this information is relatively new. It will be fascinating to see how biblical scholarship responds to this relatively new information. Meanwhile, the Darwinian history of life continues to be called into question.

from: The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist, submitted by Russell Schulz

March 13 Mtg.

Nine members answered roll.

The December minutes were reviewed and approved as printed.

Susan handed out the December, January and February treasurer's report. \$109 was raised at the February 12 Valentine's Day brunch. Susan will need someone to audit the 2022 books. The treasurer's report was approved as printed.

President's Report: The Christmas party was a huge success. We thank Paula for decorating, games, and gifts. A huge thank you to Vicki Stauch for the very cute mug rugs. We all loved them!

Those who attended the Valentine's Day brunch had a good time. Thanks to Paula for decorating and to everyone who brought pictures. The pictures were a big hit.

Due to the cancellation of our November 2022 meeting, we needed to elect a new secretary and treasurer. See new business.

Correspondence: We received thank you notes from both Pastors, Zoe's Home, Medical Missions for Christ Clinic, Orphan Grain Train, and Bible Books for families of Ukraine. Sheryl verbally thanked every-

one for the Christmas gift.

Mites Reading: Cathie gave a couple mites readings.

Envelopes were passed around for mites, rally and general fund offering.

Committees: No reports given for pop tabs and Best Choice labels. **Kitchen:** refer to old business

Human Care: Debbie suggested to make Christmas card books telling the Christmas story for nursing home residents.

Old Business:

- **Labels for Kitchen:** We discussed replacing the labels for the kitchen cabinets.
- **Yard Sale and Tables:** Putting together a yard sale was too big of a project for our small group. It was suggested maybe Penny would be willing to advertise the heavy tables on Facebook.
- **Mission Project:** It was suggested we have a small lasagna dinner and people provide five or six silent auction items with all proceeds going to missions. This item was tabled until after the Easter brunch and spring rally.
- **Easter Breakfast:** We finalized plans for the Easter breakfast.
- Sara reminded all members of the upcoming National Con-

vention in Milwaukee, WI in June.

New Business:

Zone Vice President: There is a need for a zone vice president. No one volunteered to have their name placed on the ballot.

Due to the cancellation of the November meeting, we were supposed to elect to replace the current secretary and treasurer. Susan said she would continue as treasurer. Vicki did not want to continue as secretary, and no one volunteered. Sheryl will continue to take the minutes until someone would be willing to take the position. The president position will be open next year and Sara will not seek another term.

Spring Rally: We finalized plans for the rally.

It was decided not to have a meeting in April since we are hosting the rally and Easter brunch. Our next meeting will be held on May 8 at 9:30 a.m.

With no further business, we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheryl Bald, acting secretary





Stewardship

A Better Way

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn't necessary because it isn't expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn't tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won't be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn't specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first

fruits of one's income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here's another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism's Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we're not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

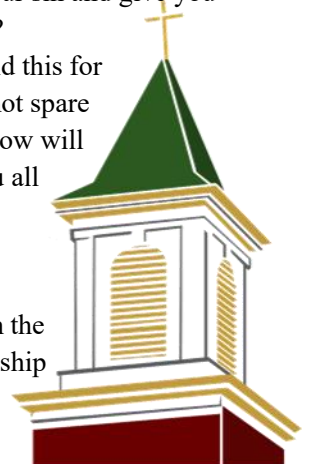
Let's answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I'm glad you're still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we're ecstatic that you're giving, and that you're giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life?

And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things?

He will not disappoint.
- reprinted from the
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WORSHIP



SCHEDULES

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
 Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

**Holy Communion*

The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:30 am
 Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Earl Hartenstein
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month** 6:30 pm
 President: Bob Hansen, Vice President: Brock Kliewer,
 Secretary: Susan Kral, Financial Secretary: Brett Niebur,
 Treasurer: Peggy Callahan
- **Stewardship** As announced
 Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism** As announced
 Russell Schulz
- **Education**
 Sara Anderegg
- **Trustees** As announced
 Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
- **LWML—2nd Monday from March—November** 9:30 am
 President: Sara Anderegg
- **Altar Guild** As announced
 Diane Borgmann
- Bible Studies** As announced
 - *Elected Offices*

Altar Guild for April 2023

Altar guild members will show sacrificial love, and dependable by being willing to give their time and service whenever it is needed, even if this means inconveniencing themselves. The spirit of devotion will make them willing to bring such sacrifices out of love to God and His church, not merely from a sense of duty. They will do their work “heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men.” Col. 3:23

Devotion is a loyal, steadfast affection and consecration like that of the holy women who ministered to our Lord during his earthly ministry.

From the book-What an Altar Guild Should Know by Paul H. D. Lang

If you would like to be a part of Peace Lutheran Altar Guild, please let us know by asking our Elders or asking for Dawn Hedberg.

Altar Guild duty for March is Dawn Hedberg and helped while I was away by Paula and Penny. Deb Mayes will be on duty in April.

Council Meeting March 14, 2023

At 6:30 P.M. Pres. Bob Hansen introduced Tom McNeill from the Deco Ins. Agency. He reviewed a proposal for an insurance policy for Peace Lutheran Church. Council members were pleased with the plan but did have some questions. Bob and Mr. McNeill will review those questions. Bob has called for a short council meeting after the March 19 service so that those questions can be addressed.

Vice President Brock Kliewer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastors:** Pastor Brandt, **Pres.** Bob Hansen, **Vice Pres.** Brock Kliewer, **Treas.** Peg Callahan, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Sec.** Susan Kral, **Trustees:** Pat Callahan, **Board of Elders:** Jeff Hedberg, **Cemetery:** Diane Borgmann, **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg, **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz, and **Member at Large:** Paula Emery

Absent: Education: Sara Anderegg, **Pastor:** Rick Anderegg

The minutes from the February 2023 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Brett's report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Peg presented the following:

- Bills are current and paid.
- Mic Carlson and Peg will begin preparation of the church taxes on March 27, 2023. Depending upon the difficulty of preparation, we may want to hire a professional tax preparer next year.
- The board approved a salary of \$830.00 per month for our church secretary.
- Mic Carlson was paid \$611.00 for his mileage to train our new secretary.
- Approval was given for church janitorial services to be paid \$250.00 per month.
- A computer has been set up in the church library for the treasurer's use.
- Brett and Peg will be looking at other computer programs for the church's accounting system.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars earned \$981.00 for us in 2022.

The report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Jeff had no report.

Trustees: Chuck reported the following:

- Tommy's Heating and Air Conditioning calibrated the thermostats so that they will reset automatically.
- Bob Hansen put covers over the thermostats so that no one will disturb the settings. A key for the covers will be placed in the sound room.

Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

Education: There was no report.

Evangelism; Russell reported the following:

- 152 outreach cards were sent in Feb. The cost was \$142.50.
- Life Line Screening is scheduled for our facility on Thursday, June 22, 2023.
- Russell has made Facebook posts and has submitted articles for our monthly newsletter.

- Sheryl Bald is preparing flyers to run on Lake Media for our Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services. The cost will be \$90.00.

His report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: There was no report.

Member at Large: There was no report.

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- She has two Thrivent cards for the purchase of new flowers and for lawn supplies.
- Pastor Brandt explained that Pastor Morris from Christ the King has expressed interest in our willingness to open our cemetery to members of other Missouri Synod churches. The request will be considered.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- He is continuing to lead Lenten worship services. Members are pleased with his "Glittering Vices" series. He will continue to preach at least half of the Sunday services and play the organ at least once a month.
- He has telephoned several members and visited Irma Trego on March 12. Irma is hoping to return to The Knolls from the nursing home where she currently resides.
- He attended the Circuit Pastor's Conference at Zion Lutheran in Lincoln, MO on March 14.
- Holy Week is approaching. He hopes all members can attend Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services.
- If anyone would like a home or hospital visit, let him know.

Pastor Anderegg submitted the following:

- He has submitted a newsletter article for the April issue.
- He will be preaching on Sunday, March 26, Palm Sunday on April 2, Maundy Thursday on April 6, and Good Friday on April 7.
- He invites everyone to attend the Sunday morning Bible studies.
- He will be doing a Bible study on the book of Esther for the LWML meetings.

- Our sound system is now working well.
- We are receiving phone calls on our new number.
- Our Phone Tree is operational.

Both reports were accepted and approved.

President's Reports: Bob Hansen addressed the following issues:

Continuing Business:

The LWML has declined to hold a garage sale. Pat Callahan volunteered to take the old wooden tables to a facility that can make use of them.

New Business:

- A request was made for information regarding the use of our facility for a wedding for a non-member. Pastor Brandt will speak with the person.
- The April Voters Meeting will be held on April 16th immediately following the Sunday service. Coffee and rolls will be served at the meeting.
- Elders will put a welcome packet together to be given to new members.
- There was discussion regarding additional uses for the Phone Tree. The matter will be discussed at the next elders' meeting.
- There are several items in a storage room that haven't been used for many years. Pastor Brandt offered to ask someone from Christ the King if the items could be put in their garage sale. If the offer is declined, the items will be disposed of.

Pastor Brandt led the council in closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary

Special Council Meeting March 19, 2023

President Bob Hansen called a special meeting to discuss an additional provision to the proposed new insurance policy from the Deco Insurance Company.

The following board members were present: **Pastors:** Pastor Anderegg, **Pres.** Bob Hansen, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Sec.** Susan Kral, **Trustees:** Chuck Kral, **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz, **Education:** Sara Anderegg, **Ceme-**

tery Diane Borgmann, **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg, and **Member at Large:** Paula Emery

During the March 14, 2023, insurance proposal presented by Tom McNeill, a question arose regarding liability coverage for Peace Lutheran board members.

President Bob Hansen met with Mr. McNeill regarding that issue. It was suggested that an addition for liability coverage for council coverage for one million dollars be added to the proposal.

The extra coverage will cost \$819.00 per year.

The total cost of one year coverage for Peace Lutheran Church will be \$4584.00 for the year. This figure is a savings of \$1916.00 for the same coverage of our previous policy.

The council approved the proposal. The new coverage will run through May 25, 2023-May 25, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary

WISHING YOU
Easter Joy



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Mites Collection	3 Elders Meeting 9:30 a.m.	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm	7 Good Friday Service 6 pm	8
9 Easter Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Brunch following the service	10 NO LWML Mtg.	11 Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting following the service.	17 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	18 LWML Spring Rally at Peace Registration 8:30 a.m., mtg 9:15 a.m.	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.						