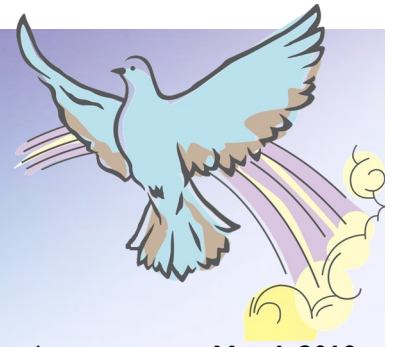


# News of Peace



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## Happening This Month!

Mar. 3	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Mar. 6	Ash Wed. Service	6:00 pm
Mar. 10	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Mar. 11	Elder's Mtg.	9:00 am
Mar. 12	Council Mtg	6:30 pm
Mar. 13	LWML Meeting	9:30 am
	Lenten Service	6:00 pm
Mar. 17	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Mar. 18	Newsletter deadline	9:00 am
Mar. 20	Lenten Service	6:00 pm
Mar. 24	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Mar. 27	Lenten Service	6:00 pm
Mar. 31	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am

## Message from the President

At a recent church council meeting I was asked, "Why can't we go ahead and call a pastor?"

My response was two-fold:

1. We need to complete the process we have started with our Circuit and District.
  - a. We have completed the recommended survey. The survey does not provide answers, it identified what we think we are doing and what we think we should be doing. Your Call Committee will be going through a strategic planning process, and taking those recommendations to the voters.
  - b. We have not begun our Plus One Initiative. The Call Committee is waiting the appointment of a "coach" to lead us through this initiative. The Plus One Initiative includes a strategic planning process, as well as identifying more ways to be involved in the community.
2. Perhaps more importantly, based on our current levels of giving, we can not afford a full time pastor.
  - a. The past five years our attendance and giving has declined:

Year	Attendance	Envelope	Plate	Other	Total
2014	3,263	\$92,621	\$8,452	\$10,677	\$106,464
2015	2,977	\$85,085	\$4,863	\$ 4,210	\$ 94,158
2016	3,047	\$77,108	\$7,208	\$ 9,538	\$ 93,855
2017	2,827	\$77,733	\$3,618	\$ 6,035	\$ 85,086
2018	2,521	\$66,622	\$4,377	\$11,480	\$ 82,478

- b. During 2016-18, Pastor Pepper had taken a reduction in pastoral support.
- c. Back in our November 2018 newsletter, part of the president's message related to the costs of full time pastoral support. During the Pepper era, his pastoral support was in the range of \$5,800 to \$6,000 per month. You will remember we did not have to pay for any health care costs, which would have been added to that figure. You will also remember, Pepper's pastoral support was originally set in 2004. During the succeeding years, Peace never gave him any kind of increase. Each of us knows what inflation has done over those fourteen years. We barely met his reduced pastoral support for 2017, and would not have met his reduced pastoral support in 2018 which would have been at the low end of the range. Also remember, nearly \$8,000 of the giving in 2018 was special giving for replacement of the HVAC unit.

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# Newsletter DEADLINE

The **deadline** for the **April** newsletter is **Mon., March 18** at **9 a.m.** If you have an article you want published, or information you want to get out to the whole congregation, prepare it and send it to [plccamdenton@gmail.com](mailto:plccamdenton@gmail.com). The newsletter is as good as you make it.



## Peace Lutheran Church

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### Our Mission

*"We the members of Peace Lutheran Church gather and grow together as God's children and rejoice in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaim His word, and reach out with his love to: each other, our community, and the world."*

That means we would have been nearly three months short of supporting the pastor that left.

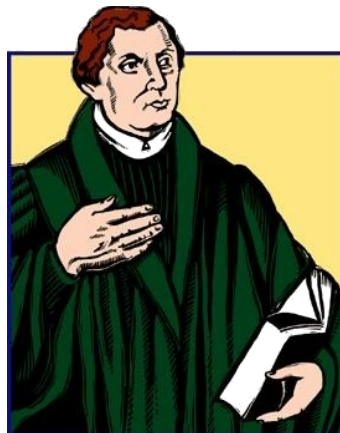
To summarize that response, we are evidently not ready as far as Circuit and District are concern, we need to develop a strategic plan to proceed in the future and we need additional membership to increase our giving so we can support a pastor.

To that end, the Call Committee is setting a schedule of regular meetings, so we can proceed with the development of a plan to move forward. Developing a plan will take some time, none of us are an expert at the research and preparation of a strategic plan for a church, particularly a church that has aged as we have.

In my previous life (BR), I assisted more than six hundred hospitals and group practices develop their long range strategic plans. I can tell you, what we were looking at for those health care organizations was certainly different than what we will need to look at for Peace Lutheran. There are all kinds of animals in the jungle. Health care organizations were lions. Lions are much different than giraffes or monkeys. Hospitals and physician group practices are much different than churches.

Hang in there, we will get this field plowed. We will continue to seek assistance from Circuit and District, but we are proceeding. We are hitching up the plow. As we obtain information and begin developing this planning we will share it with you. As we need additional skills in obtaining this information we will call on you for your assistance.

God's blessing,  
Mic Carlson



## The Magnitude of God's love

It would be spectacular and amazing ... if some king's son were to appear in a beggar's home to nurse him in his illness, wash off his filth and do everything else the beggar would have to do. Would this not be a profound humility? Any spectator or any beneficiary of this honor would feel impelled to admit that he had seen or experienced something unusual and extraordinary, something magnificent.

And yet the love of the Son of God for us is of such magnitude that the greater the filth and stench of our sins, the more he befriends us, the more he cleanses us, relieving us of all our misery and of the burden of all our sins and placing them upon his own back.

Whenever the devil declares: "You are a sinner!" Christ interposes: "I will reverse the order; I will be a sinner, and you are to go scot-free." Who can thank our God enough for this mercy?

—Martin Luther, *Luther's Works* 22, 166-167

# Ash Wednesday

March 6 at 6 p.m.



WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE  
for  
LENT

Mar. 13, Mar. 20,  
Mar. 27 at 6 p.m.

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Paul & Janet Bartels (Paul's mother), Lee Benson, Janet Brandt, Greg & Mary Cordry, Jolene Feeler, Norma Flenker, Sheila Hartenstein, Jeff & Dawn Hedberg (Jan Schneider, Jeff's sister; Janann Hedberg, Jeff's mother; Gene Shellabarger, Dawn's father), Jim Janssen, Chuck Kral, Marge Lankin, Bob Mueller, Dale Murrell, Dick & Barb Ollek, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Russell Schulz, Jerry Schwab, Shirley Truelove, our visitors, those members who recently moved away, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peacemakers and protectors and their families, those traveling, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.

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## Thrivent Choice Dollars®

The deadline to direct choice dollars for 2018 is March 31, 2019. You can direct all the dollars in March, however, you will have a longer waiting period before you get a representative to assist you.

You may also direct your dollars quarterly at the end of April, July, October, and January of the following year.

Call 800-847-4836, when prompted say "choice dollars." You will be connected with a representative.

Thanks to Thrivent and its members, Peace as received \$3,197 this year and more than \$26,000 Choice Dollars® grant funds since July 8, 2010.

Our representatives are Paul Lekar 573-374-5281 and Steve Bartels 573-280-3937.



March 14 Dale & Carol Murrell



March 4 Carol Croft  
March 11 Rachel Sosnowski

## ? ? Bible Quiz ?

While Jesus was dying on the cross, who mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself"?

- A. Priests
- B. Scribes
- C. Elders
- D. All of the above



Last month's Bible quiz answer is C; see John 1:6-7



## Spring Forward!

Daylight savings time begins March 10th. Set your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night before going to bed.





for the Birthday Wishes

**Thank you** to all our church family who wished me a Happy 80th Birthday with their presence and cards. It was a great day blessed by God. Thank you, Ed Heinlein



## LWML Minutes for February 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Jacey Heinlein. Jacey read a short devotion.

We welcomed one visitor Diana Lane. Roll call was answered by eight members reading a Bible verse containing the word friend/ friendship.

Diane Borgmann provided the Bible study *A Prayer to Put on the Armor of God—Your Daily Prayer* and served as hostess.

We officially have 14 members. Sheryl passed out our LWML 2019 Calendar booklet.

Jacey reported the Spring Zone Rally will be April 2, 2019 in Cole Camp hosted by Holy Cross (Cole Camp), Mt. Hulda (Cole Camp), St. John's (Cole Camp), and St. Paul's (Stover). She will have more information after the spring Board of Directors meeting on February 20th.

There was a list passed out of hostess and Bible study names and

months. If you can not host and provide a Bible study for your month, it will be your responsibility to find someone to switch with.

The National Convention will be held in Mobile, AL June 20-23, 2019.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

All ladies are welcome to join us.

Secretary,  
Vicki Lamb

### March Meeting

**March 13 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Bible Study:** Vicki Stauch

**Roll Call:** Bible verse with the word **neighbor**

**Hostess:** Vicki Stauch



## The LASSIE Approach to Evangelism

The 'L' stands for **listen**. Pastor Mark Wood explains, "It all starts and continues to come back to 'listen'. Be quick to listen so we can know where the other person is coming from so we can hear their story and get to know them." Being a good listener will open up avenues to ask questions and further the conversation. For more items of interest please visit our church Facebook page. Go to our website [plccamdenton.org](http://plccamdenton.org) and click on the round 'f' button. You will find posts from various Lutheran sources, evangelism, and local events from the Chamber of Commerce. We appreciate your 'likes' and comments.

## What's Cooking?

### Grape Salad

- 2 lbs. each red grapes and green grapes
- 16 oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 Tbls vanilla
- 1/3 cups sugar

Soften cream cheese and mix with sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Mix in grapes. Chill. Can top with brown sugar and chopped pecans.

*submitted by Carol Murrell*





## Servants of God for March

**Elder:** Dale Murrell

**Altar Guild:** Jacy Heinlein

### March 3

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Paula Emery & Rita Reimann

**Ushers:** Robert Hansen, Paul Bartels, Jeff Emery, Mark Reimann

**Counters:** Bob Mueller

**Flowers:** Dale & Carol Murrell (celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary)

### March 10

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:**

**Ushers:** Earl Hartenstein, David Bald, Rodney Schulz

**Counters:** Bob & Diane Borgmann

**Flowers:**

### March 17

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:**

**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Dale Murrell

**Counters:** Mic Carlson

**Flowers:**

### March 24

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:**

**Ushers:** Jeff Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz

**Counters:** Ed & Jacy Heinlein

**Flowers:**

### March 31

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:**

**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann, Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg

**Counters:** Joe & Vicki Stauch

**Flowers:** Penny Jost (for her daughters Kristina Bennett & Kayla Kammerer's birthdays)

## March Worship Schedule

**March 3** – Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Pastor:** Anderegg

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

**Hymns:** 790 (1-2), 413, 621, 790 (3-5)

**March 6** – Ash Wednesday Service—6 p.m.

**March 10** – First Sunday in Lent

**Pastor:** Hertwig

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service III, Apostles' Creed

**Hymns:** 656 (1-2), 425, 907, 656 (3-4)

**March 13** – Lenten Service—6 p.m.

**March 17** - Second Sunday in Lent

**Pastor:** Brandt

**Liturgy & Creed:** Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

**Hymns:** 425 (1-2), 427, 420, 425 (3-4)

**March 20** – Lenten Service—6 p.m.

**March 24** - Third Sunday in Lent

**Pastor:** Anderegg

**Liturgy & Creed:** Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

**Hymns:** 478 (1-2), 507, 487, 478 (3-4)

**March 27** – Lenten Service—6 p.m.

**March 31** - Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Pastor:** Brandt

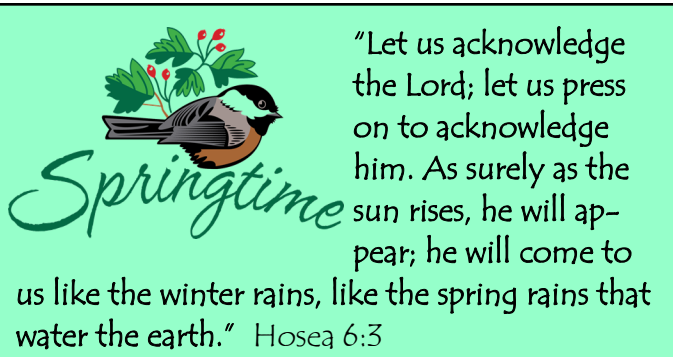
**Liturgy & Creed:** Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

**Hymns:** 436 (1-2), 347, 427, 436 (3-4)



Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves. We could not exist without those who have gone before us and those who walk alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers so we can eat. But more than that, God created and gave us all the things



those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste, their nutritional value, etc., we would not exist.

God gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments, and, of course, He gave us everything to make those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties to be utilized for those purposes. Without God creating and instilling healing properties into those things – and without God creating the ability within man to learn this and implement it to serve our medical needs – we would not enjoy the health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands:

*“Then Moses said to the people of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.’ ” (Exodus 35:30–34)*

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands, and attached to hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds to make those arms and hands move and accomplish the work set before us. And with that mind, He has given us reason and senses.

That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes, as well as from the accomplishments, of ourselves and others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us.

So, everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we *“believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”*

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers



But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers that justification through the means of grace (baptism, preaching and the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those means of grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Literally everything we have and everything we are in this life – and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about — giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts.

It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church.

*“For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him” (The Small Catechism, 16).*

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gifts — for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not only in word but also in deed.

*reprinted from the LCMS website*

## Angels Among Us



“When God wants to speak and deal with us,” said Martin Luther, “he does not avail himself of an angel but of parents, or the pastor, or of our neighbor.” Never underestimate how powerfully God can use you in the life of a child, a church member, a friend or a stranger. The Hebrew word for *angel* also means “messenger.” *You* may be specially chosen to deliver to someone the message of God's love or guidance. Listen intently for what God

would have you share with others, then do so faithfully and caringly.

## The Dusty Bible

I found an old, old Bible tucked away with other books.  
I felt perhaps a treasure lay within its pages—so I looked.  
I didn't find a treasure rare inside the book itself,  
But upon the faded pages, were gifts beyond man's wealth.  
The words told a wonderful story of a time I'd never seen,  
A cross with blood upon it from the man who died for me.  
I thought I'd find possessions within that forgotten nook,  
Instead I found my Lord and Savior inside the dusty book.



# Council Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2019

President Mic Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. via telephone. Jeff Emery opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Susan Kral, Rita Riemann, Vicki Stauch, Bob Mueller, Diane Borgmann, Bob Borgmann, and Russell Schultz. Absent: Penny Jost.

The minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended at the January 15, 2019 voters meeting.

**President:** Mic Carlson welcomed Vice President Jeff Emery to the board. We look forward to working with him and welcome his ideas and input.

Mic reported that all services (including Lenten services) are covered through March 31. We again thank Pastors Anderegg and Brandt for their efforts and devotion to us. The report was accepted and approved.

**Financial Secretary:** Vicki Stauch presented her report. She stated that giving is down about \$2,000.00 from previous years. The report was accepted and approved.

**Treasurer:** Rita reported that our checking account balance is \$27,157.54. January deposits totaled \$4,707.14. Expenses totaled \$3,402.25. She stated that the mission account has a balance of \$158.62. The report was accepted and approved.

**Elders:** No report

**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann reported that Norma Flenker has been contacted regarding our inability to make CDs of the services when we are using recorded music. Bob's report was accepted and approved.

**Member at Large:** No report

**Trustees:** No report

**Education:** Vacant

**Evangelism:** Russell Schultz reported the following:

Russell has posted articles on Facebook and has put articles in our monthly newsletter.

He reviewed the information he presented last month regarding advertising on the Main Street Opry screens. The board approved spending \$450.00 for a screen ad that will run from April through December.

Russell reported that Stewart Pepper's name has been removed from all media information and the church phone number has been corrected on media articles. The council thanked Susan for going in person to the newspaper office. The report was approved and accepted.



**Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg stated that the \$158.62 in the missions account will be sent to Amigos de Christos.

Money collected from the sale of aluminum cans in 2019 will be used for advertising of Peace Lutheran. Her report was accepted and approved.

**Cemetery:** No report

**Pastor:** Vacant

**Call Committee:** Mic reported that there are three churches in our area that are without pastors. There are churches that have expressed interest in sharing a pastor. The committee will continue to meet and explore available options. He stated that it is an involved process that must follow synod guidelines. The report was accepted and approved.



**Old Business:** The following was presented:

- Mic continues to work on having the cemetery established as a perpetual fund recognized by the State of Missouri.
- The fire and security alarm system is working, however there are replacement parts on order.
- Paper work for a replacement fund account with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has been completed.
- LCEF signatories are Rita Riemann, Mic Carlson, and Robert Mueller.
- Movement of excess funds (more than \$5,000.00) to an LCEF account will occur at month's end.
- The HVAC unit installation has begun. Hopefully installation will be completed soon.

**New Business:** The following was presented:

- If voters approve, Thrivent Choice Dollars that are received by Peace Lutheran will be placed in a replacement fund.
- Mic received information regarding the need for census takers. The information will be posted in the 2/24/19 bulletin and on the bulletin board.
- Peace Lutheran received an invitation to attend a fund raiser for Christ the King's preschool and school. Pertinent information will be posted. It was agreed that we will make every effort to encourage members to purchase at least 10 tickets so that we have a full table.
- Dawn Hedberg suggested that efforts be made to hold an adult and children's Vacation Bible School.
- There was discussion regarding the possibility of purchasing a Peace Lutheran Banner.

The meeting was adjourned and Jeff Emery closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral, *Secretary*