

# News of Peace



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## Happening This Month!

Mar. 1	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 2	Elder's Mtg.	9:30 a.m.
Mar. 4	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 7	Turn your clocks ahead one hr.	
Mar. 8	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
	Daylight Savings Time Begins	
Mar. 9	LWML Mtg.	9:30 a.m.
Mar. 10	Council Mtg.	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 11	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 15	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Mar. 18	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 22	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 23	Newsletter Deadline	9 a.m.
Mar. 25	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 29	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.



## A Message from Pastor Anderegg

What memories do you have from your childhood surrounding Lent? It's kind of a strange question, isn't it? We can probably all remember Easter traditions or even the kind of candy the Easter Bunny brought, but memories of Lent might evade our thought process. Off the top of my head, I cannot remember any of the particular Lenten sermon series the different pastors preached. What I do remember is that we went. (I also remember, when I was really little, wondering how Jesus could have been born in December but be an adult and be hung on the cross only three or four months later.)

On Wednesday night we (my family) went to observe Lent. And after all of those years I still appreciate and value of the "season." It may sound odd, but I even enjoy it! And because I do I thought I'd share a few facts about Lent with you followed by an invitation:

- The dates for Lent work kind of "backward" on the church calendar. If you start by figuring out what day Easter falls on you can back up six weeks to Ash Wednesday. (Back up one more day and you have Fat Tuesday, which is historically the "last hurrah" for Roman Catholics as they and others "pig out" and enjoy as much decadence as possible before observing the somber season of Lent.)
- In 325 AD, the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after March 21. Easter thus always falls between March 22 and April 25. (From: [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com))
- Lent lasts for forty days, but the forty days do *not* include the Sundays that occur during the time period. Every Sunday is supposed to be a "little Easter," because it is the day of the week Jesus rose from the dead.
- During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. (This and *all* the following bullet points are taken from [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org))
- By not using the alleluia — a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord" — until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year.
- Additionally, Lent forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.
- Finally, the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Rom. 6:1-11).

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# Newsletter DEADLINE

The **deadline** for the **April** newsletter is **Mon., March 23** 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).



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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."

Too much information! I know. But there's much more if one desires to learn it. But none of that *really* explains why I appreciate, and even like, the season of Lent so much. Basically, it boils down to the fact that our culture focuses so much on being happy and feeling good that we almost wish we had a pill that could take away any and all somberness or sadness. But those "negative" emotions are a part of life as well. Indeed, I remember the pastors in my circuit discussing this topic, about a decade ago, and one pastor seemed proud of his "defiance" of what the rest of us did in the congregations in which each of us served. His church was going to continue having five or six praise and worship songs *every* Sunday because God wants us to praise Him continually. And that was that! He would not be talked out of it.

Some would argue that Lutherans and Catholics just aren't any fun. They're always talking about sin; always being made to feel bad. I would argue (indeed I'm currently doing so) Roman Catholics, Lutherans and others have a more "rounded experience" than the rest of the world, which tries to avoid any and all sad feelings at all costs. Some even think that Christians are always supposed to be peppy and walk with an extra spring in our step because we're . . . well, just supposed to. Hogwash!

You see, it's not just Lent that I like. It's the entire church year and the system of readings we use (known as the lectionary) that makes for a well-rounded life. Sometimes we are elated! Christmas and Easter are two of those times, but there are many more. Sometimes we are sad and somber because we see (and hear from God's Word) that life is not a bowl of cherries and that sin is a part of our lives and the world "as it turns."

If you don't normally attend Lenten services I want to invite you to start a new tradition during this month of March.

Join Pastor Brandt and myself as we learn more about the "emotions" that were a part of Holy Week and Easter. Here is a preview of some of the different passions/emotions about which Pastor Brandt and I will be preaching during the season . . .

## The Passions of the Passion

**Confusion - John 14:1-6** - In this discourse on Maundy Thursday evening, the disciples are confused about many things. When we become confused, we often become frustrated.

For a lack of understanding equates to a lack of activity. Jesus spends time with His disciples clearing up their confusion. In so doing, He is preparing them for their future activity as apostles.

**Disappointment - Isaiah 53:3-5** - Judas, the Twelve, and ultimately everyone, became disappointed in Jesus. He was not what they expected and wanted. He was "like one from whom men hide their faces." "He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." That's the mystery of the cross. Initially, it's the object of shame and scorn, derision and disappointment. But because of what Jesus did on the cross, now we heartily sing, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." And with other hymns and statements we are drawn to the cross.

**Grief - John 16:16-22** - Jesus recognizes the grief that His disciples will experience, beginning just several hours from that moment. He recognizes that this grief will result from the loss of their Loved One, Jesus. Everyone experiences grief in life as a result of the loss of a loved one, either through death or through geographic relocation. We draw comfort and support in knowing that Jesus understands that grief and that, because of His work, Jesus turns that grief into joy through a reunion with our departed saints.

Fear leads us to do something stupid and senseless. In the case of the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, they failed to stand up for what was right. Nothing has changed in people today. When we are afraid, we display a lack of faith. We show a lack of courage. Thus, we sin. In contrast, Jesus courageously faces all opposition; takes on all challengers. After witnessing, not just His courage, but also the result of His courage for our salvation, the disciples and we are encouraged to boldly face all opposition, even as the Christian martyrs did.

Other passions/emotions/experiences upon which we will focus include: anguish, determination, compassion, praise, and, of course, joy! Make this a special Lent by joining us this special series as we make our way to Jerusalem, Pilate's palace, the cross, and finally the empty tomb.

Yours in Christ, Pr. Anderegg



## Monthly Devotion

### How it Ends

“They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.” Revelation 22:4-5

In order to know how a story ends, you must read the last chapter. In Revelation chapter 22, the final chapter of the Bible, we read about two glorious prospects that will be enjoyed by every redeemed child of God, Let’s look at them:

- **‘They shall see His face.’** One of the greatest joys of heaven will be seeing the faces of our departed loved ones and spending eternity with them. But thrilling though that may be, it will not compare with the joy of seeing the face of Jesus, the One we love most. The songwriter said, **‘Face to face with Christ my Savior, face to face what will it be. When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me.’** And that’s not all; read this: **‘Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is’** (1 John 3:2). We will see Him, we will be like Him, and we will be with Him forever.



Peace welcomes the following new members:



Fran Lashley



Pat & Peggy Callahan and Rev. Rick & Sara Anderegg



for we shall see Him as He is’ (1 John 3:2). We will see Him, we will be like Him, and we will be with Him forever. How wonderful!

- **‘And they shall reign forever and ever.’** Just as the exams you took in school prepared you to graduate and go out and make a living, the tests and trials of this life are preparing you to graduate and reign with Christ in the next life – all because of His mercy and compassion. Keep your eyes on the prize. This life is the short story; the next life is the big story – seeing Jesus face to face, and reigning with Him forever.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I cannot wait to see You face to face and be with You for eternity and all the other Saints that have gone on before me. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

*Tim Hetzer, President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities*

### Pocket Change for Mites

Next Sunday, March 1, we will be collecting pocket change for mites. The dollar amount of pocket change collected for February was \$24.75. Thank you for your continued support!



Daylight savings time begins March 7. Set your clocks **ahead one hour** on Saturday night before going to bed.



## Lenten Worship Schedule

Mark your calendar to attend this year's Lenten services at 6 p.m.

Wed. March 4	Confusion	Pastor Brandt
Wed. March 11	Disappointment	Pastor Anderegg
Wed. March 18	Grief	Pastor Brandt
Wed. March 25	Compassion	Pastor Anderegg
Wed. April 1	Anguish	Pastor Brandt



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

Mar. 4 Carol Croft  
 Mar. 11 Rachel Sosnowski  
 No anniversaries for the month of March.

## Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities to sign up for greeters/coffee servers, and to provide flowers for an upcoming event you wish to celebrate. We also need ushers and the ladies of the congregation to volunteer to serve on the altar guild. Contact Diane Borgmann if you can volunteer for one month out of the year to set up communion and clean up. Take advantage of these opportunities to serve. Thank you for serving the Lord at Peace!!

This beautiful cross is made of thread and small pieces of material. It is stitched on wash away stabilizer (which is made from corn starch). Vicki states, "The minute you put it in water it melts. It leaves enough of the corn starch behind that it makes the lace stiff. If I continued to wash it, I could eventually wash it away completely and it would be just a piece of soft lace."

Thank you Vicki Stauch for making this beautiful cross.



## Request Your Input!

We have done several things to have Peace Lutheran be a vital part of the community, another idea is to make our fellowship hall more available for events. We have thought of doing support/educational programs from Lake Regional, blood drives, and hopefully a Lifeline Screening in June.

We're looking for more ideas that would garner support and attendance. Your input is greatly appreciated! If you have any ideas contact Russ Schulz.



## Greeting Cards Available Soon

Plans are underway to provide greeting cards for members and visitors to purchase of all types; thank you, get well, birthday etc. on an honor system. The cards will be available to purchase

for \$1.00 each. The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring the project and the funds raised will be used for missions.

If you would like to learn more about this worthwhile project, contact Dawn Hedberg.

## Bible Quiz

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

- A. Hegai
  - B. Haman
  - C. Mordecai
  - D. Ahasuerus
- (also known as Xerxes)



February answer is C 600-700

## February 10 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Sheryl Bald. Pastor Anderegg gave a prayer and lead us in Bible Study. Roll call was answered by 10 members.

There were some changes to our committees:

### Box Tops for Education

The company has started to phase out the traditional box top clips. There are still box tops found on many items that can be collected. The box tops will become digital as time goes on. Check the Box Tops for Education website for more information.

### Human Care

The Afghans for Angels want only crocheted or knitted afghans. They no longer want the premie size caps. If anyone knows of a hospital that might like the premie caps, please let us know.

The Christmas party held Dec. 9, 2019, hosted by Paula and Carol, was a HUGE success. We had such a great time, everyone agreed we should have future Christmas parties in the church fellowship hall. The monies collected from the Christmas stockings was \$162.90. We sent the monies to King's Academy.

The Spring Zone Rally "New Life Springs Forth", to be held on April 21, will be hosted by Faith Warsaw, and Peace, Camdenton, and Martha Breedlove, Hermitage will be at Faith in Warsaw. Registration and refreshments begins at 9:30, meeting begins at 10:00. The

will be at Faith in Warsaw. Registration and refreshments begins at 9:30, meeting begins at 10:00. The cost is \$7.00 for the meal. Please RSVP by April 13 to Vicki Stauch: [vistauch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vistauch@sbcglobal.net).

Sheryl passed out our 2020 Calendar Handbook.

We are looking into making new Christmas Chrismons.

Paula Emery will bring a sample of the praying hands for the tray favors.

Our next meeting will be March 9 at 9:30. The roll call word will be **with or about suffering** and our hostess will be Vicki Stauch.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer.

Vicky Lamb, Secretary

## Donate Today!

Our ingathering for the Spring rally will be gathering items for the Concordia Food Bank Wish List in St. Louis. A list of needed items will be placed in the bulletin. A container will be located in the church narthex for the non-perishable food items and non-food items. Please make sure to check the dates for expired items. These items will be taken to the rally in Warsaw on April 21. Please consider bringing a food item to help our seminary students and their families.



**Ladies of Peace**, mark your calendars for the Spring rally on **April 21** at Faith, Warsaw. Watch for next month's newsletter for more information about the rally.

## What's Cooking?

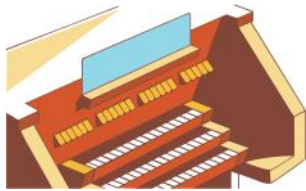
### Sausage Breakfast Casserole

4 slices bread	2 cups milk
1 lb pork sausage	1 tsp. dry mustard
1 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese	1 tsp. salt
9 eggs	Dash of pepper



Lightly grease or spray a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Place bread that has been torn in pieces in baking dish. Brown and drain sausage. Spoon sausage over bread. Sprinkle cheese over sausage. Beat together eggs, milk, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over the cheese and sausage in baking dish. Bake in preheated 325 degree oven for 50 to 55 minutes or until it is set in the center. Prepare the night before; cover with foil and refrigerate, then bake the next morning.

*submitted by Cathie Mueller*



# LENT



## Here's What's Happening at Peace

February is historically a reasonably quiet month at Peace. That has not been the case this year. In fact, we have been busy as a congregation.

We are converting our membership and giving records to a new system, Power Church Plus. Pastor Anderegg gave us a hand in transferring some of the base information from the old Shepherd's Staff. Then Vicki Stauch took that base and set up our membership information and the contribution record keeping. Thanks to both Pastor and Vicki for their assistance and diligence. Both Vicki and I believe this is going to be easier to utilize and maintain.

While we have the organ working again, we will continue to utilize the Concordia organist music for our services. After authorization from the Voters Assembly we purchased an iPod. Each week we will put that week's music on the iPod and utilizing our speaker system, play the music we utilize in our services. We will be recruiting two or three people to be responsible for operating the iPod and assisting with the liturgy and hymns. Every one of our children and grandchildren could do this with their eyes closed, but while older, we are trainable. Thanks to all for suffering through the learning period.

The various conversions are being made from our old computer to the new one. Next up is converting Lutheran Service Builder from the old computer to the new, and converting from a dial up system to an online system. This should be accomplished the first week in March. You will not notice anything different; our weekly service

to an online system. This should be accomplished the first week in March. You will not notice anything different; our weekly service folders will not look any different. This is not a new system, just converting from dial up, to online.

When we get all this complete in March, the new computer is much faster and easier to operate. This computer is utilized by Rita Riemann in her treasurer function, Vicki Stauch in the financial secretary function, the president and primarily by the secretary.

Finally the Voter's Assembly has authorized us to get the Carillons and Bells working again (hopefully in March), to have the fence along the south side of the property repaired and replaced (hopefully in May), and for the Stewardship Board to begin a new program of greeting card sales, with the proceeds to go to missions.

We have begun updating our Planning Report for 2019. The combined Planning and Finance Committees will be working with our two Pastors and a coaching service being provided by District to assist us. The coaching is being provided to those churches that participated in a conference last August on Church Planting and Partnering. This will give us five or six online sessions to help us with our planning.

I believe we had a very successful Thrivent Action Team, "Go Nuts for Bible Study" that will pay for the Lutheran Study Bibles that are now being used in our adult Bible study. Thanks to Pastor and Sara Anderegg and the rest of the action team; Jeff and Dawn Hedberg and Sheryl Bald.

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More importantly we are seeing improving numbers of attendees at adult Bible study on Sunday mornings after church. If you have not had the opportunity to attend these Bible studies you have missed a great deal. Not only are we learning more, in-depth information about Revelations (what we are currently studying), we are learning about the tools available to us in the Lutheran Study Bibles to assist us in understanding what we are studying. PS, we are having a lot of fun doing so.

A special thanks to Paul Bartels and Earl Hartenstein. They have agreed to become our Auditing Committee and will begin their efforts in March.

A reminder, we have Lenten Services every Wednesday in March at 6:00 pm. Pastors Anderegg and Brandt will be alternating in leading those services. This is an important time in the church year. Do not miss the opportunity to double your exposure to the word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as He prepares to sacrifice for our sins, defeat the devil and hell, and rise again to join the Father in Heaven.

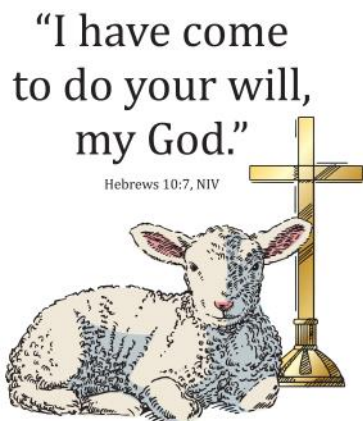
Mic Carlson, *President*



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## Collecting Cans for Missions

Once again we will be collecting clean **aluminum cans** for missions. We located a place in Laurie that will take them. Please rinse out the cans before bringing them. If you have questions, contact Dawn Hedberg.



## Servants of God for March

**Elder:** Joe Stauch

**Altar Guild:** Susan Kral

### March 1

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Janet Bartels & Rita Riemann

**Ushers:** Robert Hansen, Penny Jost, Paul Bartels, Mark Riemann

**Counters:** Bob Mueller

**Flowers:**

### March 8

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Paula Emery & Shelia Hartenstein

**Ushers:** Earl Hartenstein, Shelia Hartenstein, Jeff Emery,  
Paula Emery

**Counters:** Bob & Diane Borgmann

**Flowers:**

### March 15

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Jeff & Dawn Hedberg

**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann, Sheryl Bald, Diane Borgmann,  
Mic Carlson, Rodney Schulz

**Counters:** Mic Carlson

**Flowers:**

### March 22

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Matt & Sara Sosnowski

**Ushers:** Jeff Hedberg, Dawn Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russ Schulz

**Counters:** Ed & Jacey Heinlein

**Flowers:**

### March 29

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Shelia Hartenstein

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

**Counters:** Joe & Vicki Stauch

**Flowers:**

## Reminder to Members of Thrivent

The deadline to direct choice dollars for 2019 is March 31. Call 800-847-4836, when prompted say “choice dollars.” You will be connected with a member connection center representative.

## Opportunity to Serve

Camden County Child Advocacy Council is a group whose purpose is to make the public aware of the role they can play in child abuse and neglect prevention. The group provides educational campaigns and aid to abused and neglected children, acting as advocates for the general welfare of children and families. Membership in the Camden County Child Advocacy Council is comprised of people interested in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Anyone willing to share his or her time, talent, or financial support is invited to join the council! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mid County Fire Dept. at 184 Hwy 5 North, Camdenon.

## March Worship Schedule

### March 1, 2020

#### First Sunday in Lent

**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Gary Brandt

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Nicene Creed

**Hymns:** 439 (1-3), 425, 907, 439 (4-7)

### March 4, 2020

#### Lenten Service

### March 8, 2020

#### Second Sunday in Lent

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed

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

### March 11, 2020

#### Lenten Service

### March 15, 2020

#### Third Sunday in Lent

**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Gary Brandt

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed

**Hymns:** 453 (1-3), 435, 621, 453 (4-7)

### March 18, 2020

#### Lenten Service

### March 22, 2020

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Richard Anderegg

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed

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

### March 25, 2020

#### Lenten Service

### March 29, 2020

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Gary Brandt

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed

**Hymns:** 442 (1-2), 425, 623, 442 (3-5)



## Lutheran Apologetics

### Reasons We Believe (Special Revelation) Early Testimonies of Jesus' Resurrection

**L**ast month we began the study of apologetics by saying that our apologetic is based on three forms of revelation: general, special, and personal. The general form is often used to provide evidence for God's existence but not necessarily the Christian God. So, for now, we'll begin with the special revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ - the usual Lutheran approach - and take up the general and personal evidence in future issues. There is no better place to begin than with the fact that on the third day Jesus' tomb was empty. What are reasons to believe this is true? How can we know? First off, we have the eyewitness testimony in the Gospels. In a court of law eyewitness testimony is paramount, but it must be credible to be effective. There are many reasons to believe that the Gospels are credible. Because the empty tomb presents a problem to unbelievers, skeptics, and atheists alike, many have tried to make the point that the New Testament was written in the second century AD and, therefore, are not from eyewitnesses, and so are not reliable accounts, but rather legendary myths. Some even suggest that Jesus never existed at all and was the invention of an early second century cult. However, the evidence points in the opposite direction. The early Church knew the writings to be apostolic and most were written within two generations from the resurrection. To be apostolic they had to be written by eyewitnesses either directly or indirectly. As F.F. Bruce in his book *New Testament Documents* stated, "The New Testament books did not become authoritative because they were formally included in the canonical list; the church included them because she already regarded them as divinely inspired." Early Church lead-

because she already regarded them as divinely inspired." Early Church leaders Tertullian (A.D. 160-220), Papias (A.D. 60-135) a disciple of John, Justin Martyr (A.D. 100-165) and Irenaeus, a student of Polycarp - who also was a student of the Apostle John - all corroborated that the Gospels were directly written under Divine authority by Apostles John, Matthew, and Peter (through Mark) and also Luke (through Paul and many others). While there are no original NT documents, there is an abundance of early manuscripts or copies - 5,700 in Greek, 9,000 in other languages - nearly 15,000 as reported by Geisler and Turek in 2004, which vastly outnumber manuscripts from any other ancient writings. (Homer's *Iliad* is next with 643) The 27 New Testament books is a collection of sources that were written by nine authors over a 20 - 50 year period beginning around A.D. 50 when the Gospel of Mark is believed to have been written. That's within 20 years after the resurrection, and too early to have been legendary. There's strong evidence that Acts, written by Luke, was authored around A.D. 62 and therefore, since the gospel of Luke is considered a continuation of Acts, the gospel would have had to have been written earlier. Further, there is also no mention of the fall of Jerusalem around A.D. 70 in any of the books. That extremely important event would have been mentioned if those books were written any later. There are many early non-Christian sources as well. First century Roman historian Flavius Josephus finished his work *Antiquities of The Jews* in A.D. 93. In book 18, ch.3, sect. 3 he mentions Jesus, that he was a wise virtuous man, that many Jews and Gentiles became his disciples, and that Pilate condemned him to death by crucifixion. That his disciples reported to see him three days after his death, that he rose from the dead, and was considered the Messiah of the prophets. There are at least nine more non-Christian sources written within 150 years of Jesus' life such as those written by Tacitus, Celsus, and the Talmud, (considered anti-Christian) that tell of Jesus' life including: He worked miracles, had a brother James, lived during the reign of Tiberius Caesar, was virtuous, was considered to be the Messiah, was crucified by Pilate on Passover eve, that darkness and an earthquake occurred when he died, his disciples said he rose from the dead and were willing to die for that belief, that Christianity spread rapidly throughout the region as his disciples worshiped Him as God instead of Roman gods. That puts to rest the notion that Jesus never existed and helps to affirm the early testimony of the Gospels. Remember, also, that most people were illiterate at the time and news was spread mostly by word of mouth so writing down the Gospel account was not necessary at first.

**Next month:** more on eyewitness testimony

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**Every One His Witness:** The words of encouragement that the apostle Paul shared with Timothy nearly 2000 years ago are relevant to Christ's witnesses today. The work of a witness calls for you to be sober-minded, that is, to have realistic expectations about your work. Not everyone will listen to you. Not everyone who listens will receive your message. Some will oppose you. Speaking of Jesus is likely to stir things up in a world held captive and ruled by Satan. Still you cannot keep silent. Christ has called you to be His witness. In the midst of the challenges we are reminded to "love His appearing." His first appearing when he gave His holy life as a ransom and rose victorious from the grave, and His second, when He will come to judge the living and the dead. We proclaim his first appearing so that other people can come to love and look forward to His second appearing.

**Prayer:** Dear God. Thank you for the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Help me to share the news of this important and valuable gift. In Jesus' Name, amen.  
*from Lutheran Hour Ministries*



We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something

have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

*"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and[a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Tim 6:6-10)*

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

*from the LCMS website*



# January 28, 2020 Voters Meeting

After enjoying a soup, salad, and dessert supper, President Mic Carlson called the meeting to order with 29 members and one guest, Pastor Gary Brandt, present. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The minutes from the October 15, 2019 voters meeting and the November 17, 2019 special voters meeting were approved as printed. Mic welcomed our new members Pastor Rick and Sara Anderegg, and Pat and Peggy Callahan to our congregation and to the meeting. We are pleased that Fran Lashley has become a member of Peace.

## Reports:

1. The financial report submitted by Vicki Stauch on January 19 was accepted and approved.
2. The quarterly treasurer's report submitted by Rita Riemann on January 19 was accepted and approved.
3. The church council minutes, published in the monthly newsletter were accepted and approved

## Organizations:

**LWML:** Newly elected president Sheryl Bald reported that meetings will now be held on the second Monday of the month. Paula Emery is now the LWML Vice President. The Spring Rally will be held in Warsaw on April 21. The report was approved and accepted.

**Thrivent:** Jaccy's report stated that the next meeting will be held on February 20 (weather permitting) in our fellowship hall beginning at 5 pm. The menu will include chili, veggie soup, crackers, cornbread, dessert and a drink. The cost is \$5 per person. All are welcome. Attendees are asked to come with great ideas and lots of enthusiasm.

She requested that anyone initiating and Action Team project submit an information sheet so that projects can be tracked and recorded. Her report was accepted and approved.

**Pastoral Office:** Pastor Anderegg expressed thoughts on the accepting of a call. He stated that he and Pastor Brandt are available to members whenever needed. He added that he has a master's degree in counseling and can provide clinically informed pastoral care.

Both pastors would like to get together individually with members in the upcoming year.

Pastor Brandt added that the part time positions that he and Pastor Anderegg have embraced provide a win, win, situation for the congregation, Pastor Anderegg and himself!

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- A. Mic requested that voters approve the appointment of Carol Murrell to the church board as member at large. Approval was granted.
- B. Our fellowship hall will be used for Camden County voting on March 10, April 7, August 4, and November 3, 2020. Therefore, the March 10 council meeting will be held in the narthex.
- C. The carillons were sent for repair shortly before Christmas.
- D. Bruce Conley made voltage adjustments to the church organ on January 28. He ran diagnostic tests and determined that the organ is in good repair. His invoice will be approximately \$300 which includes mileage to and from St. Louis.
- E. Pastor Anderegg has introduced new technology that will enable us to more easily utilize our music discs. Mic requested that voters approve that \$350 be allotted to purchase an iPod and other connectors to our sound system. Approval was granted.
- F. Our Farmers Insurance representative conducted a thorough audit of our facilities on January 6. The report stated the following. **"Based on the review of your facility and operations, we have no recommended improvements at this time."** Thank you to Chuck Kral, Mark Riemann, and Rodney Schulz for diligently performing the duties of trustees.
- G. Mic passed around a flyer regarding the 2020 Midwest March for Life being held in Columbia on Saturday, February 1.
- H. A Peace Lutheran balance sheet has been developed. Our overall financial condition is good.
- I. Mic presented information from the newly appointed Finance and Planning Committee. Jeff Emery, Susan Kral, Rita Riemann and Mic Carlson were appointed at the special voters meeting on Nov. 17, 2019. He requested that voters approve the additions of Carol Murrell, Vicki Stauch, and Bob Mueller to the committee. Approval was given. The committee will be responsible for keeping our funds appropriately invested.

In November voters approved that \$30,000 of the Nadine E. Meyer Peace Lutheran Fund be placed in a depreciation fund to maintain existing facilities.

The initiatives presented and approved by voters at the July 16, 2019 meeting will be reviewed and updated annually.

Thrivent and LCEF representatives will continue to be consulted regarding the proper investment of funds.

The committee welcomes suggestions from members for programs to expand our ministry. His report was accepted and approved.

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### **Old Business:**

- Mic's application to the State of Missouri to place the recognition of the Peace Lutheran Cemetery to be maintained in perpetuity has not been completed. The state is slow to respond.
- Dawn Hedberg thanked Paula Emery for making the lovely bracelets given to attendees of the LWML Christmas party.
- Bob Mueller thanked Joe Stauch for making the well cover.

### **New Business:**

- Mic requested approval for Power Church Plus to be purchased to replace Shepherd's Staff to manage church accounting. Voters approved.
- Two members are needed to audit the treasurer's and financial secretary's books. He will assist those volunteers.

Voter's acknowledged the many hours that Mic Carlson has spent keeping things running smoothly at Peace. God has blessed us greatly through a very special man.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral, *Secretary*

## **February 11 Council Minutes**

Vice President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: Pastor Anderegg, Pastor Brandt, Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Susan Kral, Rita Riemann, Vicki Stauch, Bob Mueller, Chuck Kral, Diane Borgmann, Dawn Hedberg, Russell Schulz and Carol Murrell. Absent: Bob Borgmann.

The minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved as amended. The December 2019 council meeting minutes were approved.

**Financial Secretary:** Vicki Stauch reported that the January 2020 offerings exceeded the January 2019 offerings. She noted that services were cancelled twice in 2019 but only once in 2020. Vicki and Mic like the newly installed Power Church Plus computer program. The report was accepted and approved.

**Treasurer:** Rita presented her report. The money from the Nadine E. Meyer gift has been deposited into our LCEF account. The amount designated at the special voters meeting has been deposited into a depreciation fund. Due to necessary expenditures, the January expenses exceeded January donations. The report was accepted and approved.

**Elders:** Bob Mueller reported that the elders met on January 3. Our new members have been added to elder's lists. His report was accepted and approved.

**Ushers:** No report

**Member at Large:** No report

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**Trustees:** Chuck Kral reported that a work day to fill holes made by armadillos will need to be set before spring mowing can be done. His report was accepted and approved.

**Education:** The council voted to reimburse the LWML group for expenses incurred for the purchase of items for children's Easter bags.

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

- He presented two designs for church business cards. The council agreed that they will be blue with a photo of the church on the back. He will order 500 cards at a cost of \$60.
- He presented figures for maintaining membership in the Camdenton and West Lake chambers of commerce and our video at the Main Street Music Hall. The council voted to continue all three.
- He was authorized to set a date for Lifeline Screening to be held at Peace.
- He reported that the Blood Center of the Ozarks would like to hold a blood drive at Peace. He will get more information.
- He reported that the LWML group has agreed to make tray favors for lake area hospitals and nursing facilities. Pastor Anderegg offered to submit a proposal to Thrivent to purchase materials for the projects.
- Russell will get information from Lake Regional Hospital regarding activities in which Peace Lutheran members may want to participate.
- He has updated our Face book site. Our website was also updated. Russell's report was accepted and approved.

**Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg showed photos of a cabinet that could be used to hold greeting cards and other small items. Profits would be sent to missions. Mic will present the proposal at the special voters meeting on Feb. 16.

- She stated that the Laurie Recycling Center has reopened and is accepting aluminum cans. Members may again bring recycled cans.
- Diane Borgmann made a church directory for Fran Lashley.

Dawn's report was accepted and approved.

**Cemetery:** Diane Borgmann reported the following:

- She will contact Rodney Schulz regarding spraying for grubs.
- The certified letter sent to Wendell Watts was returned. Mic offered to try to contact a family member.
- She and Carroll Murrell are deciding on flowers for the cemetery garden. Russell Schulz is donating daffodils.
- The cemetery checking account balance is \$2419.68.
- Diane's report was accepted and approved.

**Pastors Report:**

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**Pastors Report:**

- Pastor Anderegg reported that all is going well.
- Pastor Brandt reported that he has made four pastoral visits. He plans for Crystal Lewis to be confirmed on Palm Sunday. Both reports were accepted and approved.

**Old Business:** President Mic Carlson reported the following:

- Work is progressing on the stained glass window in memory of Dale Murrell.
- The church organ has been repaired.
- He will ask voters' approval to repair and update the carillons and bells on February 16.
- Chuck Kral received a bid to repair the cemetery fence from Lake Central Fence in Laurie, MO. The bid will be presented to voters on Feb 16.
- Mic will seek voter approval to amend Article VII of the Peace Lutheran Constitution and the Bylaws section 5.0. His proposed amendment will state that all formerly elected elders who have served at least two three year terms and are still members will automatically become an Elder Emeritus.
- Nothing further has been accomplished on completing the State of Missouri forms to make our cemetery a perpetual cemetery under state guidelines.
- Mic will prepare reports for the IRS for this year and past years. He anticipates that about 30 hours will be devoted to the task.
- Mic thanked Paul Bartels and Earl Hartenstein for volunteering to audit our books.

**New Business:** President Mic Carlson reported the following:



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- The addition of five new members, Pastor and Sara Anderegg, Pat and Peggy Callahan, and Fran Lashley brings our membership to 63.
- The January LWML mites collection totaled \$61.18. February's total was \$24.75.
- Mic is working on updating email addresses and cell phone numbers. Letters requesting information will be placed in mailboxes.
- The program to print our church bulletins, Lutheran Service Builder, has been updated.
- Changes were made in the system to play our recorded music. Those operating the system will continue to learn the new method.
- The Special Voter's Meeting on Feb. 16 will address the repair of the carillons and bells, the repair of the cemetery fence, the proposed change to the constitution and bylaws, and authorization for the greeting

cemetery fence, the proposed change to the constitution and bylaws, and authorization for the greeting card sale station.

The meeting was adjourned, and Pastor Anderegg closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral, *Secretary*



## Special Board Meeting

### February 16, 2020

President Mic Carlson called the meeting to order. Pastor Brandt provided the prayer. There were 39 members present.

Voters unanimously approved the following expenditures:

1. The carillons and bells system be repaired and updated for the amount of \$2,980 plus shipping and handling. The monies will come from the Peace Lutheran Church Nadine E Meyer Depreciation fund.
2. The fence on the south property line be repaired and replaced as described in the Lake Central, LLC proposal for the amount of \$5,031.80. The monies will come from the Peace Lutheran Church Nadine E. Meyer Depreciation Fund.
3. A greeting card station be set up in the narthex for the purpose of selling greeting cards. The station will be under the direction of the Stewardship Board. Profits will be used for missions. Signage for the displays will require the approval of the church council.

Voters unanimously approved the following addition to the number 5.6 to the Peace Lutheran Church bylaws:

1. All formerly elected Elders who have served at least two, two year terms and are still members in good standing of Peace Lutheran Church will automatically become Elder Emeritus. They will be encouraged to attend Elder meetings and to assist currently elected Elders. They will not have a vote on any issues at the Elder meetings, but are encouraged to participate in any and all discussions. In times of need, they may be asked by the existing Elders to assist and serve in any Elder capacity.
2. As per Article X of the Peace Lutheran Church bylaws, the adoption of the amendment will take place at a subsequent, regular or special meeting.

The assembly closed with all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral



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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 Service

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

### Christmas

Evening Service 6:00 pm

\**Holy Communion*

## The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:00 am  
 Bob Mueller—*Chairman*; Jeff Hedberg, Joe Stauch

**Council—2nd Tuesday** 6:30 pm  
 Mic Carlson—*President*; Jeff Emery—*Vice President*  
 Susan Kral—*Secretary*; Vicki Stauch—*Financial Secretary*  
 Rita Riemann—*Treasurer*

- **Stewardship** As announced  
 Dawn Hedberg—*Chairman*

- **Evangelism** As announced  
 Russell Schulz—*Chairman*

- **Education**  
 Vacant

- **Trustees** As announced  
 Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Mark Riemann

**LWML—2nd Monday of each month** 9:30 am  
 Sheryl Bald—*President*

- Altar Guild** As announced  
 Diane Borgmann

- Bible Studies** As announced  
 • *Elected Offices*