

Peace Lutheran Church

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Where Everybody is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!



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March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mar 1 10:00 Sunday School 9:00 Worship	2	3	7:00 Lenten Service at Peace	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:00 Sunday School 9:00 Worship	Pastor Ian Continuing Edu (Available by Appointment)		5:30 Council Meeting 7:00 Lenten Service at Peace			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00 Sunday School 9:00 Worship			7:00 Lenten Service at Trinity			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:00 Sunday School 9:00 Worship			7:00 Lenten Service at Trinity			
29	30	31	Apr 1 7:00 Lenten Service at Trinity	2	3	4
10:00 Sunday School 9:00 Worship						

John 10:7-10

7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Lent is upon us. Truth be told, I have never been very good at giving things up for Lent. I remember my first year in college I decided I was going to give up meat for Lent. Many of my friends were vegetarian, which had never happened before, so I figured if I was ever going to have a chance at succeeding, it would have been then.

Fast forward about a week, after spending way too much money on meatless things at Costco, I found myself at an awards ceremony that was serving unlimited shrimp cocktail! Honestly, I didn't even remember that I was failing my Lenten promise until after the event was over and I went back to my dorm room and the countless jars of unopened peanut butter stared at me with shame in their eyes.

However, I was willing to cut myself a bit of slack. Meat and seafood were not exactly the same thing, right? At least I hadn't just eaten a hamburger? Well, fast forward another week and I was out with the tennis team at a deli. The deli was known for their massive meat sandwiches so, of course, I ordered one. Again, I didn't even realize I shouldn't have ordered it until about half way through the massive sandwich. At that point I just accepted the failure and ate the rest of the sandwich. It was good!

Jesus came that we may have life, and have it abundantly! Lenten practices have always been tricky, or at least they have been tricky for me. Lent is traditionally a time of repentance, of turning back to our God who came to give us an abundant life! I've recently come to learn that this turning back can certainly happen through the practice of fasting from various foods. In undertaking the process of fasting, or of simply not eating certain foods during the time of Lent, we enter into hundreds of years of church traditions and join the practices of countless saints that have come before us. However, we don't give up food because its fun, or even because we want to deprive ourselves, but because this practice should bring us closer to the one we all truly need: God!

In this way, Lent can also be a good time to *start* something new. Start setting time aside each day to intentionally pray or meditate. Start taking time to read a chapter or two of the Bible each day. Start setting up practices that are life giving to you. Spend more time with family or friends. Make time to cook dinner or to relax and watch Netflix after a long day. Work out. Eat better. Indulge in the cake you have been eyeing up! God wants good for God's people. Jesus came so that we may have life and have it abundantly. Think about those practices that bring you closer to God. That help you connect with God and with those around you. Maybe that is the practice of giving up meat or candy. Maybe that is the practice of giving up complaining about things we cannot change, or at least intentionally recognizing when we are doing it. Maybe it is five minutes for devotions each day. Whatever it may be, may it turn us back to God.

Whether it is giving up or starting new, may we sense God in the midst of our chosen disciplines. May it bring us closer to the abundant life that God has instore for us. May it help us feel the love of God.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

If you are interested in setting up electronic giving through VANCO, please contact the Office Administrator at peacelutheranconfax@gmail.com.

Growing into God's Future

Campaign News

We are inching closer to our goal of \$150,000. As of 2/27/20, we have raised \$139,761.

Category	Amount
Goal	\$150,000
Current	\$139,761

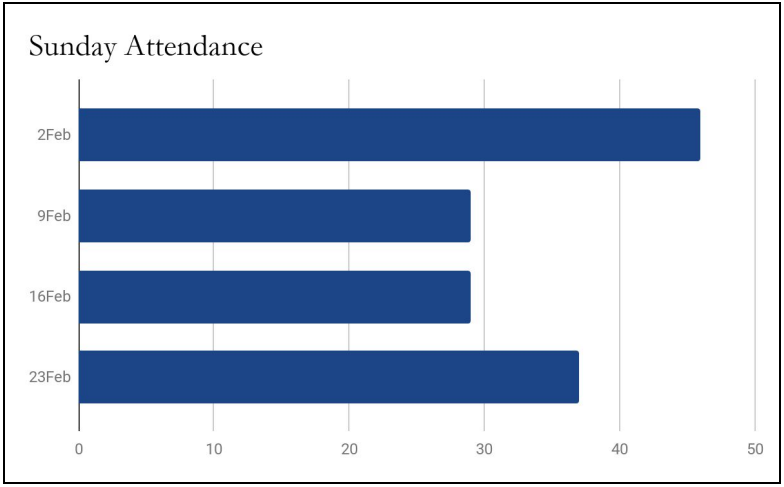
Birthdays

2nd - Marlee Conklin
 8th - MarcheLe McNeilly
 10th - Julie Kincaid
 14th - Ethan Smith
 17th - Alison Larkin
 25th - Russ Jamison
 26th - Gabe Cocking

Anniversaries

20th - Gary & Dorothy Feldman (1965)
 21st - Kent & Diane Miller (1992)
 28th - Jody & Krista Boyd (1987)

There has been a change this year to your offering envelopes. On the envelopes you will see the word "communed" with a check box next to it. Please make sure to check that box at least once a year so that we can record you as a voting member. The ELCA stipulates that voting members 1) give a contribution of record and 2) commune at least once a year. I appreciate your willingness to streamline church records! Any questions, please come see me!
 Pastor Ian



Lutherhaven Spring Volunteer Weekend April 17-19

“Come by yourself, with your family, your youth group, or bring a crew of friends to help camp get ready for the summer season. You’ll also have the opportunity to enjoy the fun of camp together in the evenings and Saturday afternoon.”

For more information and registration visit this link:
<https://www.lutherhaven.com/event/lutherhaven-volunteer-weekend/>

Mission Aviation Fellowship will be coming to visit on May 24th. Lenten midweek offerings will be going to support that ministry. If you would like to learn more about what they do, please visit the following link:
<https://www.maf.org/what-we-do>

Lenten Schedule

- Mar 4:** Soup and Bread Supper, 6:00 pm; Lent Service, 7:00 pm at Peace
- Mar 11:** Soup and Bread Supper, 6:00 pm; Lent Service, 7:00 pm at Peace
- Mar 18:** Soup and Bread Supper (community,) 5:30 pm; Lent Service, 7:00 pm at Trinity
- Mar 25:** Soup and Bread Supper, 6:00 pm; Lent Service, 7:00 pm at Trinity
- Apr 1:** Soup and Bread Supper (community,) 5:30 pm; Lent Service, 7:00 pm at Trinity
- April 9:** Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity, 7:00 pm
- April 10:** Good Friday Service at Peace, 7:00 pm
- April 12:** Peace Service at 9:00 am, Trinity service at 11:00 am

2019 Offerings



Please mark your calendars for our Northwest Intermountain Regional Gathering in Pullman on April 25th. More information to follow!

This Lenten season I am excited to journey “Beneath the Cross of Christ” with you. My hope is that we can discern together what that means for us as individuals and for us as a community. Along these lines, each of our midweek services will include a time, during the homily, for each of us to share certain objects of our faith that are important to us.

The sharing need not be long, even two sentences is great! I also plan for this to be an organic process. No one is scheduled to share. No one has to share. Your presence is more than enough. However, I do think this time of sharing could be meaningful for all.

If you feel called, please consider bringing with you to our midweek services:

Midweek 1: **March 4th @ 7pm Location: Peace**

Bring a cross. Why is this specific cross important to you? What does it remind you of?

Midweek 2: **March 11th @7pm Location: Peace**

Bring an object that helps ground you in your faith. A Bible or simply an object that helps remind you of God in some special way.

Midweek 3: **March 18th @ 7pm Location: Trinity**

Bring an object that reminds you of “home?” We are called home beneath the cross of Christ.

Midweek 4: **March 25 @ 7pm Location: Trinity**

Bring an object that reminds you that you are loved, by God and by others.

Midweek 5: **April 1st @7pm Location: Trinity**

No object. This will be an extended time of silence and prayer to prepare ourselves for Holy Week.

