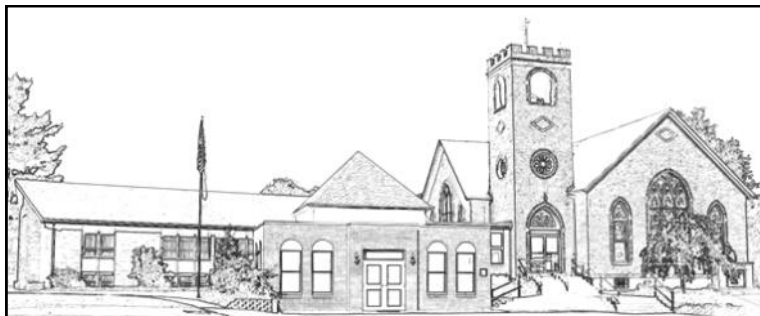


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The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday

We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord on Sunday, April 5, knowing that death never has the last word! Here is the timetable for Easter Sunday.

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service. Our LYO youth lead the Sunrise Service, including Scripture readings and the reading of a special story. The Praise Band will lead the music. There will not be Holy Communion at this Sunrise Service.

7:00 a.m. LYO Easter Breakfast. The LYO will serve our Easter breakfast of sausage, scrambled eggs, white and chocolate milk, orange juice, coffee, tea, fruit, and pastries. The breakfast is free, but there will be a basket for donations to support the LYO.

8:15 a.m. Easter Praise Service. We begin with the sanctuary in darkness and bring the lighted Paschal Candle in. When we get to the chancel area, we place the Paschal Candle in its stand and light all the other candles. The lights come on, and we celebrate with the singing of the gathering song. We will sing some favorite Easter songs,

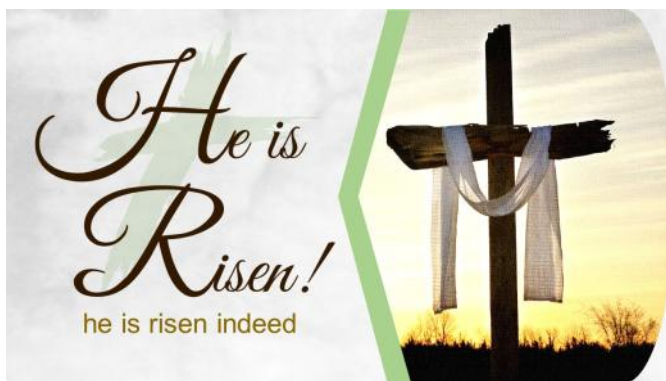
gather the children for the children's message, listen to Pastor Laura's sermon, and gather in Holy Communion as we enjoy the flowers representing new life in the sanctuary. Bring family and friends!

9:15 a.m. Sunday School. The Sunday School children will work on special crafts. The adults will gather in Frey Hall for puzzles and quizzes.

10:15 a.m. Traditional Easter Service. As with the Praise Service, we will begin with the sanctuary in darkness and bring the lighted Paschal Candle to the front. Once it is in place, and we have turned on all the lights, we will sing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today." We also will sing other favorite Easter hymns, gather the children for the children's message, listen to Pastor Laura's sermon and gather in Holy Communion. Bring family and friends!

Affirmation of Baptism

Four baptized members of Peace will take the next step in becoming full members as they celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism, or Confirmation, during the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 12. Tracy Gelter, Abby Bradford, Samantha Gelter, and Marybeth Boyer have taken instruction in Luther's Small Catechism since February. They will affirm their baptismal vows. All are welcome to attend the early service to support them in their confirmation. We will have a reception of coffee, juice, and doughnuts or other light refreshments in Frey Hall in between the two services. Please come and congratulate them.



Remember in Prayer

George and Dixie Beltz
 Bobbie Blevins
 Kathe Bradford
 Brittany Brown
 Jacob Brown
 Sandy Brown
 Brent, Carol and Alisha
 Dorothy Carrington
 Lilly Combs
 Kendal Conley
 Melissa Dahlheimer
 Chris Davis
 Michelle and Craig Dick
 Betty Donathan
 Aiden Fowler
 Missy Freeman
 Maura Fultz
 Betty Gelter
 Family of Chella Smith
 Gleason
 Michell Grey
 Judith Harp
 Pastor Scott Henning
 Dorothy Hibbs
 Judy Huber
 Josh Humble
 Lydia Humble
 Diana Sorrell Hyde
 Family of Derious Johnson
 Donna Johnson
 Marlene Kress
 Ronald Land

Angela Lauders
 James and Milly Leach
 Christian Lowe
 Roxanne Malone
 Family of Everett Marcum
 Cynthia Marks
 Colt McKee
 Yolanda Meeker
 Esther Miller
 Estel Newberry
 Dorothy Orr
 Family of Jane Pack
 Family of Adrian Phillips
 Brenda Reed
 Tom Reifenberger
 Karla Ritchie
 Mattie Robinette
 Cooper Roth
 Family of Amanda Roush
 Nicki Seip
 Linda Sue Stephan
 Danny Stephens
 Family of Carl Stuck
 Family of Heath Tolliver
 Nikki Tracy
 Bob and Cindy Verville
 Roger Vogel
 Dana Voight
 David Wagel
 Michelle Wallace
 Brent Wilson
 Holly Wilson
 Wayne Winter

Senior Member Birthdays

Kathleen Waddell (3-Apr)
 6079 Tanager Dr Apt 113
 Burlington, KY 41005

George Beltz (10-Apr)
 807 Richey Rd
 Felicity, OH 45120

Emmy Miller (22-Apr)
 1300 Black Oak Cir
 Westerville, OH 43081

**In Christian Sympathy**

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Cindy and Bob Verville on the death of their daughter-in-law, Amanda Roush, who died in Hospice on Monday, March 23. She had been battling brain cancer. We also keep in prayer Amanda's husband and Cindy and Bob's son, Josh Endsley. Services for Amanda will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Trinity Christian Center in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

Office Closed April 6

Pastor Laura will not be in the office on Monday, April 6. She will take the day off to finally celebrate Pastor Ron's birthday!

Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities

Cameron McCall (at home)
 Esther Miller (Monarch Meadows, 937-205-7658)
 James Wagel (at home)

Serving in the Armed Forces

Kaleb Boyer, Gordon Ellis, Michael Glass, Nicole Hatfield, Houston Henize, Daniel Kelch, Tom Mays, Tyler Thomas, Ryan Thornton, Jake Davis, Elijah Lawrence and Adam Vogel

Prayers for Health, Comfort and Strength

The Prayer List is published each month in the Beacon newsletter. Updates to the Beacon list are included in the weekly bulletins.

Please contact Pastor Laura or the church office to add names to the Prayer List or to request continuing prayers. Requests for prayers may also be distributed through Peace Lutheran FYI emails and the One Call Now phone service.

**"Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!"**

Refrain to "Thine Is the Glory," LBW #145

Dear Friends,

On my way to the office this morning on this beautiful but nippy day (supposed to climb to 70 degrees though!), I could hear the sound of pounding over in the cemetery. Not just the cemetery, but a very particular spot of the new part of the cemetery where Chuck and Willa Cooper set up orange flags a few days ago. And not just the new part of the cemetery, but what is now our part of the cemetery.

Last week we designed our headstones and Pastor Ron's brother's headstone and paid for them. This week, our graves are being marked. We buried our brother Paul there two years ago and have finally made arrangements for his headstone. Then we decided that while we had the money, we would make our arrangements as well. We need to make taking care of us in death as easy as possible for our only child who has no brothers or sisters to help. But I won't lie -- to hear the pounding and to see the flags really brings it home!

I have tried for years to make decisions on what songs or hymns I want for my funeral. I love so many of them! "Abide with Me" or "When Peace Like a River?" "O Christ the Same," even though it reduced our family to sobs at my mother's funeral? I love "You Are Mine" from the newer cranberry hymnal, but we have sung that only once although it was a favorite at both of my last churches. I have also thought of just filling my funeral with Easter hymns.

I recognize the need to grieve, but I also recognize the need to rejoice and to remember Christ's and God's Easter promises? Have you ever heard me give a funeral sermon in which I did not talk about Easter promises? The above hymn, "Thine Is the Glory," is one of my favorites. We had not sung it at my home church until our new assistant pastor, who also loves classical music, said, "We need to sing this during the Easter season." The wonderful words of Edmond Budry are matched to Handel's choral music from Judas Maccabaeus.

From the Pastor



I love the triumph of this Easter hymn. Jesus' victory over the grave so that our sins are forgiven and we can also have victory over the grave is a magnificent message at a funeral service.

Our dear friend Carl Stuck just died of colorectal cancer. Carl was a member at my North Star parish, but he was the organist at St. John Lutheran Church in Celina, where Barbara Hare attends. He was self-taught and a magnificent organist. He was also an innovative farmer who could often predict when rain was coming so that he knew the best time to bring in the hay. We will attend his funeral on April 11, and I look forward to seeing what he and his family chose to celebrate him. I can see him choosing Easter music as well.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, which makes us think again about our own death and resurrection, think about writing down Scripture and hymns or songs that might reflect your beliefs and love of God. Or just look at the Easter hymns in our hymnal and reflect on their message. We look forward to soon saying, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

LYO Flowers

LYO flower orders are expected to arrive on Thursday, April 30. Payment is due upon delivery. Checks may be made payable to Peace Lutheran LYO, or you can pay cash or Venmo Natalie Vogel@Natalie - Vogel-8. Contact Natalie if you have any questions.

LYO at Empower Youth

Members of the LYO spent some time volunteering at Empower Youth in Bethel on March 7. They were able to pack 192 bags of food that will be sent home with various youth throughout Brown and Clermont counties.

It was a fun new experience and we will definitely go back again!



Council Minutes — February 8, 2026

PRESENT: Sue Bohrer, Dorothy Carrington, George Fowler, Terry Holland, Jerry Jewell, Tricia McClain, Maion Ralston, Pastor Laura Shreffler, Zach Taylor, Dan Wagel

President Zac Taylor called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Terry Holland led devotions.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Marion Ralston made a motion to accept the report, and Dorothy Carrington seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Tricia McClain made a motion to accept the report, and Dorothy Carrington seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Pastor's report was read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property—Air-handler for the unit of the basement, transformer blown and a condensate pump needs to be replaced. To replace these items it was quoted \$1,017.4.

Church signs will cost \$250.00 total. Joan reported she would pay for the five posts for the signs. Needs to take a picture of every sign that needs replaced.

Elevator is currently not working and cost to replace is quoted to fix is \$5,600.00.

Marion Ralston made a motion to have company fix the elevator for \$5,600.00 Make motion to fix, Marion and Jerry 2nd

Cemetery—Jerry and Chuck attended the meeting to review needing a limit of 60 k to fix the cemetery roads. Would like to get this approved for this summary. It was noted that there is enough money in the cemetery fund to cover the expenses. Attempted to get several bids. Move that is put on the agenda

George Fowler made motion to having a budget of a limit of 60K to fix the cemetery roads, and Terry Holland seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Finance & Investment—Money available in mission fund to help with the elevator.

Tricia McClain makes a motion to use the funds from the mission fund to fix the elevation and Jerry Jewell seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Evangelism—Meeting is February 23rd. Concentrating on wrapping up the church directory.

Worship & Music—Go with praise band on the 2/22/26. Got sign ups for bible study.

Offering agape and Wilson home.

Youth & Family—Valentine Dinner on 2/7/26 was a success.

Tricia McClain made a motion to accept the committee reports and Marrion Ralston seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Zach Taylor attended Presidential Boot Camp Zoom call- presidential zoom call talked about insurance policies up to date, making sure constitution is up to date (every 5 years), and reducing council members. Making sure there are no surprises and meetings lasting only an hour and half.

NEW BUSINESS

Evangelism committee would like to have their own checking account- Purpose of having their own checking account is to support for paying for summer lunches and paying for back to school. Council agreed to have a checking account.

Register for the Bishops convention awaking spirit. Will be in Columbus and it cost \$20 which includes lunch. Pastor will be attending.

Tricia made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dorothy Carrington seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and motion passed.

The next council meeting will take place on March 8th 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia McClain.

Dorcas Circle Meets

Dorcas Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 13, in Frey Hall. Following the business meeting, Pastor Laura will lead Max Lucado's Bible study, Life Lessons

from Acts. Lesson Nine is "God's Grace" and can be found on pp. 71-78. Under the guidance of Paul and Barnabas, Gentiles are joining the Christian movement very quickly -- perhaps too quickly for the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, led by Jesus' brother James and by Peter. The Jewish Christians wanted to establish more rules for the Gentiles to become Christians. Paul and Barnabas felt that this did not show the grace that Christ would have extended to these new Christians. Isn't God's gift of eternal life free and for everybody, regardless of race, citizenship, or worship preferences? Come and discuss.

A reminder: Every woman in this congregation is a member of the Women of the ELCA and so also a member of Dorcas Circle. Come and join us every second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.!



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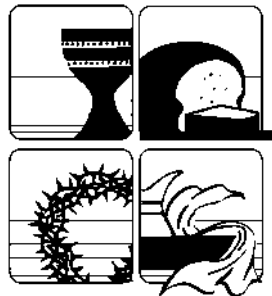
Maundy Thursday

We remember our Lord's Last Supper and his New Commandment at the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. on April 2.

Maundy comes from the Old English word "maundate" or mandate and reminds us of Jesus' New

Commandment to the disciples after he had washed their feet: "Love one another. Even as I have loved you, you should love one another."

Worship will include the Laying on of Hands for those who desire it, and Holy Communion as we remember our Lord's other command to "Do this in remembrance of me." Following the Prayer after Holy Communion, we will have the Stripping of the Altar as Pastor Laura reads Psalm 22, the beginning of which Christ quoted on the cross. Candles, paraments, Bibles, and other items will be taken from the chancel area, and the altar area will be bare. We can always use some help in taking these items out of the chancel area. Just come up to the altar. We leave in silence.



Good Friday Tenebrae

Our Good Friday Tenebrae or "shadows" service will be at 7:00 p.m. April 3. Many people have said that they realized the true meaning of Easter only after attending this service. We remember the day that "the sun refused to shine" on Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial.

We will read the seven parts of the Passion according to St. John. After each part, one of seven candles will be extinguished as a Lenten or Holy Week hymn is sung. We continue with the Bidding Prayers, the Solemn Reproaches, and the Adoration of the Cross. In the darkness, the streptitus, a loud noise representing the earthquake that took place when Jesus died, will end the service. We leave in silence.

On Vacation

Pastor Laura and Pastor Ron will be on vacation from Tuesday, April 28, through Monday, May 4. They are attending a May 2 wedding in Darke County for a young woman whom Pastor Laura baptized and confirmed. Please keep in prayer Maddy and Cole for God's blessings on their marriage. The Shrefflers may also still be tying up loose ends in Akron during this week.

Pastor Doug Campbell will be the supply pastor for Sunday, May 3. He looks forward to seeing all of you again!

Praise Band Practice

Praise Band will return to practicing on Wednesday nights this April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Please send news items, corrections and address changes to the church office or peacelutheran@ymail.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice Happy Birthday Pastor Ron	2 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship	3 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service	4
5 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 a.m. LYO Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. LYO Easter Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Easter Praise Service, Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Traditional Easter Service, Holy Communion	6 Pastor Not in Office	7	8 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	9 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	10	11
12 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion, Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. No Catechism 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meets 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meets	13 7:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle Meets	14	15 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	16	17	18
19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Catechism 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	20 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee Meets	21	22 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	23	24	25
26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 8:20 a.m. Healing Service 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Catechism 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	27 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meets	28	29 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	30 LYO Flower Orders Expected in the Afternoon	Pastor Laura on Vacation (Until May 4) Pastor Doug Campbell will Lead Worship on May 3	

The Beacon

Peace Lutheran Church, Arnheim, Ohio

April, 2026

We welcome you to join us for worship, fellowship and service!

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated every week
At both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

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