

# The Beacon

April 2025

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
*The Cross-Lit Church*

10581 Day Hill-Arnheim Rd  
Georgetown, OH 45121

Ministers, All Peace Lutheran Members

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## Lenten Midweek Services

Our regular Wednesday Midweek Services will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 2, and April 9. The theme for April 2 is Jesus as our protector. We acknowledge that Jesus protects us from the devil and from danger and keeps us safe with him.

Our final service will look at Jesus as our comforter. We look to Jesus who comforts us in struggles and sorrows that we might find rest in his promises. Spend some time with God and with friends at these meaningful services.

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## Agape Community Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross

Peace will host the Agape Community Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. April 13. This ecumenical service does not follow the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday, but the Stations of the Cross leading up to the disciples preparing for the Passover on what we now observe as Maundy Thursday.

Pastor Laura is the Pilgrim, and different readers will take the part of the Narrator. The cross-bearer will take the processional cross from station to station. Come and join your fellow members and your church neighbors for the meaningful worship service.

Dorcas Circle will serve light refreshments in Frey Hall following worship.

## Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

We will begin our observance of Holy Week on Sunday, April 13, with the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday.

We will begin each service on a jubilant note as we gather outside the sanctuary for the Blessing of the Palms and Palm Sunday Gospel. Palms will be available for everyone. Following the blessing, we will have the Palm Processional.

Following the Prayer of the Day, the service takes a solemn turn. We will read the Passion of Our Lord According to St. Luke. The reading will also serve as our sermon for the day, with a short time of silence to meditate on what we just heard. This Sunday is a good day to begin our Holy Week worship.



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The Cross-Lit Church - Faith, Hope and Love

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

Anne Anderson  
 Roland and Fonda Barr  
 George Beltz  
 Steve Benning and family  
 Renee Bergman  
 Bobbie Blevins  
 Family of Susie Branham  
 Brittany Brown  
 Sandy Brown  
 Vicky and Charlie  
 Family of Bryan Carrington  
 Kevin Christman  
 Kendal Conley  
 Sharon and Dale Ernst  
 Karen Gilliam  
 Michell Grey  
 Judith Harp  
 Family of Freda Hendrixson  
 Pastor Scott Henning  
 Dorothy Hibbs  
 Camden Howser  
 Family of Larry and Sherri  
   Howser  
 Lydia Humble  
 Teresa Johnson  
 Shawnea Kelch

Wilfred and Norma Kelch  
 Family of Wilma Kidd  
 Lucas Kuronen  
 Ronald Land  
 James and Milly Leach  
 Ruth Litzinger  
 Cynthia Marks  
 Yolanda Meeker  
 Esther Miller  
 Family of Tony Moubray  
 Dorothy Orr  
 Clarence Perry  
 Kathleen Ridenour-Dean  
 Karla Ritchie  
 Mattie Robinette  
 Amanda Roush & Josh Endsley  
 Carter Shideler  
 Richard Stephan  
 Family of Don Stevenson  
 Ken Stiers  
 Carl Stuck  
 Bill and Paula Taylor  
 Michelle Uhl  
 James Wagel  
 Ava Warmoth  
 Marilyn Wasson  
 Dave Willis  
 Holly Wilson

### **Senior Member Birthdays**

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

Emmy Miller (22-Apr)  
 3717 Orders Rd Unit 239  
 Grove City, OH 43123



### **LYO Flower Sale**

Orders have been turned in for the LYO Flower Sale. The tentative pick-up date is Thursday, April 24. Payment is due at that time. Contact Natalie Vogel if you have any questions.

### **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.

### **Serving in the Armed Forces**

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

### **Palm Sunday Readers**

The Lenten season is flying by, and we will soon observe the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday as we begin Holy Week. We need readers for both morning and evening services on Sunday, April 13. We need readers for the Passion According to St. Luke -- someone to read the part of Jesus for each service, and someone to read the part of Speaker (which covers all the other speakers) for each service. That evening, at 7:00 p.m., we will host the Agape Community Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross. We need several readers. We do have some Agape members from other churches who have volunteered to read as well. Scripts and sign-up sheets are available on the Access Hall table.

### **Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities**

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



**"Make me clean, my heart, from sin;  
I would my Lord inter.  
May He find rest in me,  
Ever in eternity,  
His sweet repose be here.  
World, depart! Let Jesus in!"**

J. S. Bach  
The St. Matthew Passion

Dear Friends,

It is April. We live in the solemn time of Lent, but walk steadily to the celebration of the Resurrection. During March and April, part of my time with God is spent listening to the great works—the second part of Handel's *Messiah*, and the St. John and St. Matthew *Passions*, written by that amazing Lutheran organist and composer, Johann Sebastian Bach. I have made it through the Handel and the St. John *Passion* and now plan to spend the rest of Lent steeping myself in my favorite, the St. Matthew *Passion*. To me, it speaks of Bach's genius and deep love of God. This was his way to witness. Although it is sung in German (I do have the English translation as well), and I am not familiar with German other than a few phrases, I am overwhelmed with how Bach made the music fit the mood, how he put all the musical parts together, how even in another spoken language, he uses the language of music to break your heart and to realize what a gift Jesus' death on the cross was to the world. The *Passion*—from a Greek word meaning suffering—ends with Jesus' death and burial. The above aria for bass is part of the description of Jesus' burial, after Joseph of Arimathea requests Jesus' body from Pilate. It is April. It is the solemn time of Lent.

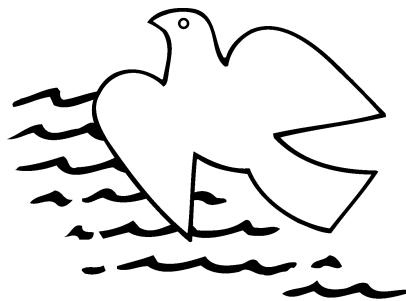
It is April. We begin each April by celebrating Pastor Ron's birthday. I have a great-nephew expected to make an appearance any day now, as I write this, since his due date is the end of March. But I am wondering if he will share his Uncle Ron's birthday? Poor Pastor Ron—his birthday may be on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter. We have to work around Lent/Easter to celebrate most years, and this is not too different since I have meetings every evening during the first week of April, and it will be at least three days after his birthday before we can go out to dinner. It is usually a crazy time, but I try to make it a good day. When Rebecca was still at home and Paul was still alive, we would have family come in for a homemade meal and a homemade cake. That might be on his birthday or another day. Like Christmas, we can celebrate birthdays any day!

## From the Pastor



It is April. Seven years ago, I was getting ready for a leap of faith, answering God's and your call to Peace. But even before we moved, God showed me that I was not done at North Star or Willowdell. We always had an Easter Vigil at Willowdell for both churches, and as part of the Easter Vigil, when we were able, we had a baptism. We were able to

baptize the wife  
and infant son  
of a member,  
and what a time  
of rejoicing. But  
before I even  
got to the Vigil,  
I had to block  
out some hours  
in the afternoon



for three baptisms. Kelly and Travis had trouble conceiving, and I baptized their first adopted daughter, Scarlett Rose, on her first birthday in 2013. Since then, they had adopted two older brothers, Adam and Jaden, and then in 2016, Kelly gave birth to her rainbow baby, Victoria Faith. So on the afternoon of Easter Vigil I baptized Adam, Jaden, and Victoria, and did a remembrance of baptism with Scarlett so she did not feel left out. And what a time of rejoicing! In between those baptisms, I had to run out to assisted living to visit with Mary Kathryn Isenhouer, who had taken a turn or the worse. But that was not the end of my baptizing. The phone rang in my office after Maundy Thursday worship, and it was Mostafa. One of my parishioners, Diana, and Mostafa had met while teaching English as a Second Language in Seoul, South Korea. The next year, they had a daughter, Cecilia, and the year after, they came to

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the United States, where Mostafa's twin sister was already living in California. Elijah was born the following year. Mostafa was Muslim and Iranian, but he attended church with his family and made vows at the baptisms of his children. We often talked. On this evening, Mo said, "Pastor Laura, I want to be baptized." And so on Easter morning at North Star, I baptized Mostafa, and we rejoiced, and the congregation rejoiced, and the angels rejoiced. The following Sunday, was that most difficult of days, a pastor's last day with a parish. I had been the pastor for 26 years at North Star and 18 years at Willowdell. I had baptized, confirmed, and married the same people! So many stories, but it was time to go. But before I could go, on Monday, we buried Mary Katheryn, the pall over her casket a symbol of her final baptism.

Four days of intense packing and loading later, we pulled into the parking lot (the moving van was in the driveway), and we were greeted by a big sign, covered in spring green paper and pictures of every kid from baby Maya to Jasmine, then a senior in high school, and in big letters was "WELCOME, PASTOR LAURA!" And we were home. I have never regretted that leap of faith.

It is April. Yesterday was cold and windy, and today is sunny, still cold, but the daffodils are blooming. Lent and Easter. Winter and Spring. The promise of resurrection life.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Laura*

## Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 14, in Frey Hall. After a business meeting, Pastor Laura will lead us in our Bible study, *Life Lessons from Acts*, by Max Lucado. Please read Lesson Two, "We Are Witnesses."

The days of excitement and new faith in the early church made the apostles' lives hectic and full. They had to stay focused. There were great spiritual and physical needs everywhere. One day, Peter and John have an eye-opening encounter with a crippled man. He is hoping for some financial help, but the apostles give him something better. Please read pages 11-18. To complete the Book of Acts, read 3:1-4:37.

## Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever! We have several opportunities to worship on Sunday, April 20.

The LYO will hold its Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. The Praise Band will join us and the LYO will present Scripture readings and skits. They promise to wake you up!

The LYO will offer Easter breakfast in Frey Hall at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. A basket will be available for donations to help the LYO with their activities. This is a time for good food and good fellowship!

The Early Easter Praise Service will begin at 8:15 a.m., with the Traditional Easter Service at 10:15 a.m.. Both services will include bringing "Alleluia" (or "Hallelujah") back to worship with hymns and songs of celebration, a children's sermon, and Holy Communion. We also will return to the "Sharing of the Peace" the way we "used to" do it, as we share the peace with all. We hear again the Easter story, this time with the angels appearing to the women, and the women running to tell the disciples that Jesus is risen -- only to be rebuffed and told this was "nonsense," or an "idle tale." Obviously, they came to believe, because that is why we are celebrating! Bring family and invite friends to join us in this day of celebration, which begins in a darkened sanctuary, but soon bursts into light.

Between the two services, at 9:15 a.m., the Sunday School will hold its Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt. Activities also will be available for adults in Frey Hall.

## Lenten Bible Study

We have three more weeks of our Lenten Bible Study, "Savior\*Servant\*Friend" during April. This study explores the extraordinary attributes of Jesus. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 1, 8, and 15. We will see how Jesus is our "Encourager," "Protector," and "Comforter" during these studies. Anyone is invited to join us.

## Our Christian Sympathy

- † Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Freda Ruth Yockey Hendrixson, who died Saturday, March 15, at Hillspring Rehabilitation Center in Springboro. She was 98. Freda's funeral was held Saturday, March 22, at Peace Lutheran Church, with Pastor Laura Shreffler officiating. Burial was in Peace Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Peace Lutheran Church. Please keep in prayer Freda's children, Ruth Ann Schudel; Terry Hendrixson and wife Sherri; and Melissa Wolf and husband Gary; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.
- † Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Don Stevenson, Mary Taylor's brother-in-law, who died at home on Friday, March 14. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 22, in Illinois. Please especially keep in prayer Don's wife and Mary's sister, Mae, as well as his children and the rest of the family.
- † Our Christian sympathy is extended to Terry Holland and Randy Howser on the death of their father, Larry Howser, on Tuesday, March 25, and their stepmother, Sherri Howser, on Thursday, March 20. Both were dealing with illness. No funerals were held. Please keep in prayer Terry, Randy, and the rest of Larry's and Sherri's families.
- † We extend our Christian sympathy to Emma Vogel on the death of her paternal grandfather, Tony Moubray, on Saturday, March 22. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 28. Please keep Emma and the rest of Tony's family in prayer.



## Maundy Thursday

We will observe Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 17. Also known as Holy Thursday, the word "Maundy" comes from the Middle English "maundate" or mandate. We remember Jesus' mandate to the disciples as he washed their feet: "Love one another. Even as I have loved you, you should love one another."

His other mandate, as he broke the bread and shared the wine, was "Do this in remembrance of me." We will have a time for the laying on of hands. We will celebrate Holy Communion "in remembrance."

After communion, the lights will dim, and as Pastor Laura reads Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!", all are invited to come to the chancel area to strip the altar. The candles are extinguished, and the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments and books are removed from the worship space. When the psalm is finished and the altar has been stripped, all will leave in silence.

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## Good Friday Tenebrae

The Good Friday Service of Tenebrae will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 18. We enter into a sanctuary full of light, with seven candles lit as well. Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death.

John's Passion is divided into seven lessons, each of which is followed by a Lenten/Holy Week hymn and the extinguishing of a candle, until all candles and nearly all light are extinguished. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient Bidding Prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all.

We finish with the Solemn Reproaches, the Adoration of the Cross, and finally the Strepitous, which reminds us of the earthquake on that afternoon when the sun refused to shine.

Good Friday reminds us of how great a sacrifice that Jesus made for us, and what grace we have received. We cannot experience the joy of Easter Sunday without first having experienced the grief and emptiness of Good Friday.





Southern Ohio Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Synod Assembly

Friday, April 15, is the last day for Early Bird Registration for the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly to be held from 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 6, through 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Africa Event Center at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. The theme is "Anchored in Christ. Freed to Serve." The key verse is the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, NRSV).

Each congregation is eligible to send two voting members beside the pastor. The preference is one male and one female voting member, but we can have two males or two females or just one voting member. The synod will hold two Pre-Assembly Zoom Gatherings to walk through some of the content in advance of this year's Synod Assembly. Voting members, please plan to attend one of these sessions: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12 or Wednesday, May 21.

The main event for the synod assembly is the election for Bishop. Our current Bishop, Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, will run for re-election. Others will put in their names or be nominated on the first ballot. We also will vote for Synod Council, the Discipline Committee, and the Consultation Committee.

Voting members must register before arriving. No registrations will be accepted after May 9 and there is no onsite registration. Pastor Laura will take care of your registrations if you give her your email, address, and phone number. She can also take care of hotel reservations if you would like, or you can make your own. She has a list of hotels that are nearby.

All voting members will receive parking passes for the zoo. Discounted tickets also will be available. Peace will pay for you to represent the church at the Synod Assembly. If you are interested, please let Pastor Laura know well in advance of April 15.

## Absolutely Free Yard Sale

The Evangelism Committee is trying to decide about having an Absolutely Free Yard Sale this summer. This is a LOT of work, and the Evangelism Committee includes five members plus the pastor. We have put out a signup sheet on the Access Hall to see who would be interested in helping. It would also be helpful to know when in the summer would be best for you and when you could not help. To make this feasible, we need as many people as possible to help!

## *Taste of Arnheim*

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Get your taste buds ready for some good food! The annual Taste of Arnheim Spring Fling is set for 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in Frey Hall. Set-up will be at 4:30 p.m. To make this work, we need people to taste and people to provide something to taste!

We have sign-up sheets on the Access Hall table for you to fill out if you are interested in providing a dish for tasting. Do you have a family favorite, a specialty dish, or grandmother's secret recipe that you would like to share? Plates, bowls, cups, and plasticware will be provided. Recipe categories include (non-alcoholic) drinks, appetizers, soup/salad, veggies/side dishes, meats/main dishes, breads/rolls, desserts, cookies/candy, Hunters Delight, or This & That. A 3x3 foot space will be provided for you to display your specialty. You may provide copies of your recipe for guests to take with them (approximately 36 card or copies). You can also provide the cost of ingredients, Weight Watcher points, or party size measurements. We have a new cookbook! We can share something from that!

You can wear your favorite spring/Easter hat/bonnet or apron or bring a favorite kitchen item that you cannot live or cook without! Do you have a special teacup or mug you would like to talk about? Come and celebrate Easter and spring with Taste of Arnheim!

## Opportunities to Share

- ⇒ Agape Emergency Fund – donations for emergencies in our community
- ⇒ Agape Food Pantry – non-perishable food items
- ⇒ Adams/Brown County Homeless Shelter – common household paper products and sanitary items for adults and children
- ⇒ Cross-Lit Pantry – non-perishable food items for our outdoor pantry near the access entrance
- ⇒ Home of Peace Orphanage in Bariadi Tanzania – donations for the orphanage and children - aluminum cans for recycling

## Chair Pilates Returns

Fresh off running (and walking) 100 miles of muddy trails, Cat Bundy will resume leading us in Chair Pilates on a monthly basis. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, in Frey Hall. Chair Pilates is a series of gentle exercises that help with balance and strengthen your core. Please dress comfortably and bring a light weight. This is open to men and women of all ages.

## Shrove Tuesday Service and Pancake Supper

Sardinia Hope Church hosted the Agape Shrove Tuesday Service and Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4. Following a brief worship service, we moved to their Fellowship Hall where our young people demonstrated the symbolism surrounding having pancakes on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Then we had pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, and milk.

Shrove Tuesday was so named because all leavening had to be cleaned out or swept out of the kitchen -- shriven -- before Ash Wednesday. People would also similarly "shrive" themselves of their sins.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the worship and supper and to those who helped in some way - Linda Sue Stephan, Clyde and Amy Beyer, and Zane Taylor.





Youth & Family hosted a game night on March 21. There were 18 people that gathered to enjoy a large variety of delicious food, Wii games, Euchre, Rummy, various boardgames, and a lot of good conversation. There was a Euchre game that got pretty intense by the sound of things! The evening was enjoyable as always! Thank you to all who participated. We look forward to our next game night on Friday, May 30.





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### Beware of Scams

If you receive any emails that look like they are from Pastor Laura (or someone else from the church), asking for gift cards or money, this is a current scam. Pastor Laura will never make a phone call or send an email/FYI asking for gift cards, money, or money transfers. Bishop Dillahunt has had this problem several times and sends out an email about every four months or so, telling the churches that if they receive an email that asks for gift cards or money, that email did not come from her.

If anyone contacts you asking for information from our member directory, do not respond. Some of us have received emails, and they try to look like they are coming from a member or prospective member of Peace. They are not. Be very, very careful and vigilant with emails, texts, and phone calls.

### Warning Signs of Scams:

- ❶ Pressure to act quickly: Scammers pressure you to act quickly by creating a false sense of urgency.
- ❷ Requests for money: Scammers may insist you send cash, gift cards, virtual currency, Zelle, or wire transfers.
- ❸ Requests for personal or financial information: Scammers may ask you to share account details, passwords, or set up new accounts.
- ❹ Pretending to be someone you know: Scammers may pretend to be a family member, authority figure, or friend. Scammers may also insist that their request be kept confidential.
- ❺ Requests for payment up front: Scammers may ask you to pay before receiving a product or service.

### Church Council Date Change

Church Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 6, due to the Agape Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross being on Sunday, April 13, which would be council's usual meeting date. The Executive Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. April 6.

Please send news items, corrections and address changes to the church office or [peacelutheran@ymail.com](mailto:peacelutheran@ymail.com)



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## **Council Minutes — February 16, 2025**

Present: Cheryl Phillips, George Fowler, Connie Perry, Linda Sue Stephan, Marion Ralston, Natalie Vogel, Joan Yockey, Pastor Laura Shreffler, Elizabeth Waits, Zac Taylor, Dan Wagel, Dorothy Carrington, Sue Bohrer

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

Connie Perry led devotions.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Cheryl Phillips made a motion to accept the report and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Elizabeth Waits made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Cheryl Phillips seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Pastor Laura Shreffler read the pastor's report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property—There was a propane issue, it was covered during the Pastor's report. The boiler inspection is scheduled for 02/21/25 between 8am and 12pm. There is a boiler repair that is needed (bracket for inducer fan). Ron Mitchell will be making the repair and the part has been paid for. The timing of the fix is TBD.

Evangelism—Their first meeting of the year will be held on 02/24/25.

Christian Education—Their next meeting will be held on 02/28/25.

Worship & Music—02/23/25 will be a single service due to the Congregational Meeting. Readers are needed for Palm Sunday. They've started thinking about graduation gifts. They've started thinking about Lent plans.

Youth & Family—The Valentine Dinner was held on 02/08/25, 57 people attended, the younger kids took part in the dinner for the first time, and \$789 was brought in with donations. Natalie and Susan will be meeting soon to discuss Easter Sunrise Service plans and the flower sale.

Elizabeth Waits made a motion to accept the Committee Reports and Cheryl Phillips seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

Pastor Laura received a letter regarding the AED. It will need to be serviced by next year. Cheryl Phillips can arrange a CPR course if there is any interest.

Zac Taylor and Marion Ralston attended the officer bootcamp on 01/27/25.

Natalie Vogel requested any updates needed on the agenda template.

Pastor's computer needs work (the hinges don't work, this is a known issue for the model).

Elizabeth Waits is going to research monitor and web cam options to help with the issue.

### NEW BUSINESS

The 2024 Annual Reports were reviewed. Pastor Laura pointed out one correction on the Pastor's report, updating Levi's information from 'daughter' to 'son'. Elizabeth Waits made a motion to approve the reports and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

There was an inquiry about salt for the sidewalks – we are good for now.

Linda Sue Stephan – there is a power point available to share more information on all that Agape does for the community. There may be something setup to share this with Peace members.

The first summer lunch meeting will be on 03/31/25 at 7pm at the Church of the Nazarene.

Joan Yockey proposed a new Church Directory option – the 'Instant Church Directory' app. It would cost the church about \$25 a month. Joan will discuss further with the Evangelism committee. More to come.

Pastor Laura will be attending the Bishop Convocation on 03/17/25. The theme is 'Bridging Faith and Technology'. She requested permission to attend and be reimbursed. It was advised that it is already a budgeted item and there is no need for an approval.

Pastor Laura read a letter from Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt. The letter expressed her intent to stand for re-election. Pastor Laura also shared that Bishop Eaton is not seeking re-election.

The Southern Ohio Synod Assembly will be the first weekend in June (Friday and Saturday). It will be held at the African Center at the Columbus Zoo.

The next meeting will be on 03/09/25.

Cheryl Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Connie Perry seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Vogel.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 2:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study, "Encourager" 7:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study, "Encourager" Pastor Ron's Birthday	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service, "Protector"	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 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 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meets 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meets	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 2:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study, "Protector" 7:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study, "Protector"	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service, "Comforter"	<b>10</b> Pastor Laura in Columbus for Candidacy Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1:00 p.m. Chair Pilates
<b>13 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 a.m. Procession, Reading of Passion Gospel and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Procession, Reading of Passion Gospel and Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. Agape Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross Worship Service	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle Meets	<b>15</b> 2:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study, "Comforter" 7:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study, "Comforter"	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service	<b>19 HOLY SATURDAY</b>
<b>20 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER SUNDAY</b> 6:30 a.m. LYO Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8:20 a.m. Healing Service 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<div>9:30 a.m. Pastor Laura at Synod Council Meeting in Columbus until 1:30 p.m.</div> <div>3:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meets</div> <div>5:00 p.m. Spring Fling, Taste of Arnheim</div>		



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## Peace Lutheran Church, Arnheim, Ohio

### April 2025

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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