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*News
from
Peace!*

February  March

Jesus at the Table

This past November, I flew to a Pastors conference in Arizona and while I was waiting for my return flight, I decided to grab a bite to eat at the airport. “Table for 1” I declared to the hostess. “Right this way”, she replied. She sat me at a large table right in the middle of the restaurant where I quickly learned she had seated other “Table for 1” occupants. My first instinct was to keep my head down and look at my phone the entire time (I’m an introvert at heart), but there was a young woman seated directly across from me who looked eager to strike up a conversation. So I put my phone down and simply smiled.

The next 30 minutes were filled with fascinating conversations with not only the young woman seated across from me, but also other “table for 1” travelers who joined in the conversation.

I wonder throughout the years, how many people I’ve shared a meal with. When we are in elementary school, we share meals with hundreds of other children at the lunch tables. Middle school, high school, college...same. Meals are shared in break rooms at work, with family during the holidays, and at church on Wednesday evenings.

In the last day of Jesus’ life, he sat at a table sharing the Passover meal with his closest friends and connected the ancient story of God’s liberating power with himself. After the resurrection, Jesus’ disciples began to gather regularly to break bread in his memory and to experience him in their midst. We do the same thing today. But the upper room was not the only time Jesus was at the table or told stories about tables.

Join us on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 14th), to gather at a table during dinner (with some delicious food...see below for dinner details), to experience stories of Jesus at the Table during worship, and to be drawn closer to Christ and to one another as we recognize him in the breaking and sharing of bread.

See you at Church.

Pastor Melissa

Lent is coming! Save the Dates.

Join us this Lenten Season as we worship together Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Our confirmation youth will be engaged with mentors each week, dinner will be served, and worship will challenge everyone in new ways. Plan to join us Wednesdays during Lent and watch for more information coming soon. Mentors & Youth meet @ 6:30pm, Worship @ 7pm.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship & Ashes

Dinner: Soup Supper (Variety), Mac & Cheese

February 21 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

Dinner: Homemade Tater Tot Hot Dish

February 28 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

Dinner: All Grown-up Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

March 6 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

Dinner: Baked Ziti

March 13 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

Dinner: Soup Supper (Variety) & Sandwiches

March 21 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

Dinner: Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Holy Week: March 28 - Maundy Thursday/First Communion

Dinner: Soup Supper (Variety) & Sandwiches

March 29 - Good Friday Service @ Noon

March 31 - Easter Sunday Services (9am & 10:45am)



Peace members are welcome to bring other dinner items that will be listed on a tag board in the Narthex.

FROM THE OFFICE

December 3rd: Baptism of Hoyt Vlasnik, son of Emma Schreck & Jessee Vlasnik

December 14th: Funeral service of Judy Leisch

January 20th: Wedding of Angie Johnson & Neil Larson



Previous member, Tony Holt, recently passed away. Cards may be sent to:
Beverly Taylor, 4313 Nakoma Rd., Madison, WI 53711

Previous Interim Pastor Jon Becker's wife, Sharon, recently passed away. Cards may be sent to: Rev. Jon Becker, 1935 Perlich Ave. #212, Red Wing, MN 55066

January Attendance:

7th-142 14th-148 21st- 127 28th-128

Giving in January: Budget \$27,050 Missions \$553 Rent \$700 Designated Memorials \$405
Kitchen Fund \$50 Sale of Property \$35,715 Noisy Offering \$156 (for Last Weds. Meal)

Have you noticed the **new furniture** in the Narthex? Comfy seating chairs were purchased with the use of money given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Thelma Vanderwerf and Rose Swanson. We were able to buy six comfortable seating chairs, some coffee tables and also 34 upholstered chairs to be at the round tables and in the library. We are thankful for the gifts given in their memory.

Do you have insurance or investments through **Thrivent Financial**? If so, you may be eligible to apply for a "Thrivent Action Grant". The grant comes as a debit card in the amount of \$250 that can be used for supplies and other project needs at Peace. Each Thrivent member can apply for two grants per year. We use these grants for mission trips, adult & youth events, Wednesday night dinners, community outreach (Shindig, Touch a Truck, Ham Dinner & more).

High School Mission Trip

Thank you for your continued support of missions as we continue to reach out to love & serve others. You can support the High School Summer Youth Mission Trip in the following ways:

Feb 17th-March 10th: Butter Braid Pastries will be available for purchase!. You can order yours by calling the church office or by submitting your order online (link can be found in our weekly emails in Feb & March). Butter braids will be delivered on March 22nd so you will have them in time for Easter!

March 24th: Palm Sunday Breakfast The youth will once again host our Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 24th. For a free will donation, you will receive a great breakfast. All proceeds from this breakfast will go directly to the High School Youth Summer Mission trip and ELCA Youth Gathering. Breakfast will be served from 8am-11am, so you can come and eat before or after worship (or both!)

Dear Peace Lutheran, thank you for the 3 sets of twin sheets, a quilt and new socks for the children. Through your kindness and generosity, we are able to help families and survivors in shelter.
Sincerely, CRA Staff & Clients

Dear Friends, thank you for your generous donation of \$1,370 to TeachHaiti! Your donation helps our organization in a multitude of ways, so we thank you for taking the time to donate.

As someone who has experienced the transformative power of education, I can attest to how it can change the trajectory of someone living in poverty. Your kindness & generosity are deeply appreciated.
Sincerely, Miquette McMahon,
TeachHaiti Founder/Exec. Director

Peace Lutheran, thank you so much for your support in 2023. We continue to serve over 300 people monthly and 40 families weekly through our backpack program. Your donations make it possible to serve these people in our community, God bless.
The Open Cupboard

Dear Pat, I just wanted to send a note to say how much I enjoy the online services. It would be better to be at church but this will help during the potential illness seasons.

Pete is coming to visit me and bring communion-what a wonderful outreach service. My kids are so happy when I tell them that he has been here again. We have been friends for so many years. Blessings to you and the rest of the staff.

Kathy Vesperman

Note: this letter was received in the office in December. Kathy has recently had some health issues and is hospitalized at Abbott Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

Do you like to bake? Our Peace Visitor team (see below) would like to take a small baked goodies with when they visit our homebound members. A few homemade cookies, bars or banana bread (small portions) is a real treat for them. If you bring in a baked item, we will package it in small servings and freeze it so we can grab and go. Please let Pat know if you can bake something for us (I mean, for them). 😊

Peace Visitors

Last month, we re-ignited our team of “Peace Visitors”. This group of people reaches out to members and friends of Peace Lutheran who could benefit from a visit and a connection to their faith community. Peace Visitors may visit people in person, via phone call or text, or through an email, card, or other means. Some of our Peace Visitors visit our elderly members on a monthly basis and bring them communion, while others may check in with those who have had a recent life change or event. If you think you could benefit from a visit from a Peace Visitor, or you know someone who could, please contact the church office.

Also, if you are interested in being a part of the Peace Visitor Team, contact Pastor Melissa.

2024 Peace Visitors Team: Robin Ekstrom, Diane Lechman, Hannah Tracy, Tim Pauley, Ronda Haley, Linda Moore, John Haley, Pete Peterson, Carol Rhoe, Pat Adam, Pastor Melissa

THIS-n-THAT

Peace will host a **Little Dresses for Africa Sewing Day on Sat., February 17th**, 9am-2pm. We need people to cut out dresses and elastic, iron, sew or make kits. If you want to sew and have a machine, please bring it. Lunch will be served. Please invite your friends. We always have fun!

Peace Quilters will host a **Sewing Day on Sat., March 16th**, 9am-noon. We need people (with sewing machines) to sew 2 or 3 large pieces together make quilt backs. The pieces are pre-cut. We also need people to iron seams or to tie quilts. This is not a community-wide event, but you are welcome to bring a friend. Please talk to Vicky Simpkins or Diane Lechman if you have questions.

Feed My Starving Children:

The Polk County Mobile Pack is set for Friday, April 25th-27th, at the ARC southeast of Osceola. Stay tuned for updates.

Socks for the Homeless:

Socks are the number one request by the homeless. For our February charity, we are asking for donations of NEW socks – any size, for anyone. We will donate to our shelter first, and then pass extras on to others that help the homeless. See the **'Sox Box'** in the narthex.

Clothing Event:

We are planning a Free Clothing Event for April 15th. Start saving unneeded clothing!



"Bread & Broth" Women's Lenten Study with Ronda

Thursdays, 10:30 - Noon, 6 weeks, beginning Feb 15th

We will be meeting the day after each Wednesday Lenten service that will focus on "*Meeting Jesus at the Table*". We will spend an hour in Bible Study, talking about the lives of Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Elisha, John the Baptist and Jesus in this 6 week study, and will end our time sharing a different soup and bread each week. Each week we will also meet Jesus at the table! Cost is \$5 for the book. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or text Ronda at 651-210-9347.

Calling All Men of Peace!

Do you ever find yourself wondering about the meaning or context of each week's scripture readings? Are you looking for a reason to get together with other men of Peace?

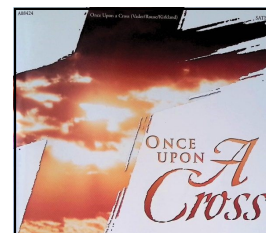
Join Pete Peterson and spend some time learning about, discussing, and pondering these scriptures and any others that come to mind! Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 1:30 in the small dining area. Bring your favorite Bible, or use one of ours. All are welcome!

Jamaica Mission Trip

Peace is planning an intergenerational Mission Trip to our mission partners in Jamaica for March 2025. Registrations and applications are available and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Our limit for this trip is 16 participants. If interested in attending, or for more information, contact Pastor Melissa.

"Once Upon a Cross" Cantata by Osceola Community Choir

At Peace on March 29th, 30th & 31st at 7:00 pm.



HS YOUTH

High School Youth Programming Updates:

Here's what's happening with our youth for the next couple of months.

7th -9th Grade Confirmation - During the season of Lent, students will meet one-on-one with mentors of their choosing. Mentors and students will engage in weekly conversation and attend Lent Worship Services together each week.

10th - 12th Grade - Youth are encouraged to attend Lent Worship Services each Wednesday and then meet from 7:30-8pm for an abbreviated youth group time.

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE LARSON (COLLEGE) SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to Peace office by May 15

All graduating seniors and college students may now apply for the Larson Scholarship for secondary education! Applications can be found on the Peace Lutheran website (www.plcdresser.org) under "Forms" and "Larson Scholarship" or you can pick up an application form at the Welcome Desk at church. Details about this scholarship and the application process can be found on the website under these links.

Kwik Trip Gift Cards

We still have a couple large (\$100 & \$200) Kwik Trip Cards available for purchase. The youth mission team will receive 10% of all purchases! Contact the church office, or a mission trip participant to order your Kwik Trip card today (can be used for store or gas purchases!)

Maple Syrup Ministry - Join us this spring!!

In March, the sap will be running and we will once again be gathering sap this spring from over 2,500 trees around town. If you are interested in being a part of the group who is notified when the sap is running, or if you are willing to help collect sap at local locations, please contact Pastor Melissa. Daytime or late afternoon/early evening options are available for collecting sap! Enjoy God's creation this spring and be a part of this thriving ministry!

(Did you know...Everyone who collects sap benefits! You can earn "maple bucks" to use toward any ministry, offering, or event of Peace. Many people use their funds for mission trips, scholarships for family camps or youth camp, general offering giving, purchasing materials for our quilters, etc! The possibilities are endless!)

Perhaps the best part of this opportunity is spending time in God's amazing creation, building friendships and relationships with other sap collectors, and using the gifts that God gives us to further His Mission on this earth, while being safe and maintaining social distance, of course :)

Looking forward to a great sap season!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

1st Grade MILESTONE MINISTRY "The Lord's Prayer"

Sunday, Feb. 3rd
During our 9:00 am Worship

Then stay for a short class for the kids and parents with Pastor Melissa.

Important Dates for Sunday School February / March

Sunday, Feb. 4th:
1st Grade Milestone (Lord's Prayer)
Sunday, Feb. 11th:
Sunday School Kids sing in Church
Sunday, Feb. 18th:
4th Grade Milestone Event (Baptism)
Sunday, March 10th:
Sunday School Kids sing in Church
Sunday, March 24th:
5th Grade 1st Communion Class
Thursday, March 28th, 7pm Worship:
5th Graders receive "1st Communion"

1st Communion Class

5th Grade Students & Parents

Sunday, March 24th, 10:00 am-Noon

The 1st Communion Service will be on Maundy Thursday (March 28) at 7:00 pm



All 5th graders and a parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to attend the 5th grade milestone event on Sunday, March 24th. Students will learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion through an interactive retreat. This milestone will take place following worship from 10am-12pm. While some of our students have already been receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, many of our 5th graders will receive communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday, March 28th. We congratulate all of our students who will be receiving communion for their first time!

[Almost] FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR 3RD & 4TH GRADERS!!

(You pay a \$50 Deposit...we pay the rest!!)

That's right...We believe that Camp is such an incredible experience and an important part of how we grow in our faith that Peace Lutheran will be sending **all** current 3rd & 4th grade students to camp for **FREE**.

We ask that each camper pay a deposit of \$50 (scholarships available if needed), but the rest will be covered by fundraising and generous donations from Peace Members. Luther Point Bible Camp has many different camp options available for this age group (from 2 days to 5 days), so we hope that there is an option for everyone! Give it a try and head to camp this summer!!

****Peace Weeks will be June 23-28 (full camp week) or June 30-July 2 (1/2 camp week).** If you can't make one of those dates, you can sign up for any date the camp offers!! Check out www.lutherpoint.org for more options.

Mid-Winter

BEACH Bash



Wednesday | Feb 7
at Peace Lutheran Church



Featuring LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP

6:30-8PM

3rd - 8th Grade

It's time to blast the heat and get out of the cold at the Beach Bash! Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30, children will have a camp style dinner and shed their winter gear for beach wear as they play games, make a cool craft, enjoy a refreshing snack, and learn about Luther Point Bible Camp.

A special prize is given to the best beach costume.

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm-AA	2	3
4 9:00 am Service 10:00 am SS, Choir Practice, 1st Grade Milestone	5	6	7 8:30am Quilting 6:21 pm Dinner 7 pm Confirmation & HS Youth Group 3rd-8th Beach Bash (see pg.8)	8 7pm-AA	9	10
11 9:00 am Service 10:00 am SS, Choir Practice	12	13 9am Staff Mtg	14 Ash Weds. 8:30 am Quilting 1:30pm Men's Bible Study 5:45pm Dinner 6:30 pm Mentor Mtg. 7:00 pm Worship	15 10:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	16	17 Little Dresses for Africa 9am-2pm see pg 5
18 9:00 am Service 10:00 am SS, Choir Practice 4th Grade Milestone	19	20 9am Staff Mtg 2pm Caregiver Support Grp.	21 8:30 am Quilting 1:30pm Men's Bible Study 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Mentor & Youth 7:00 pm Worship	22 10:30 Women's Bible Study 7pm-AA	23	24
25 9:00 am Service 10:00 am SS, Choir Practice	26	27 9am Staff Mtg 1:30 pm Rachel Circle	28 8:30 am Quilting 1:30pm Men's Bible Study 5:45pm Dinner 6:30 pm Mentor & Youth 7:00 pm Worship	29 10:30 Women's Bible Study 7pm-AA		

Feb. & March Usher/Lay Reader Schedule-8:30 am Services

Feb. 4	Usher	Eric Mayer family	March 3	Usher	Chad Slater family
	Reader	Anne Miller Solsrud		Reader	Michele Merritt
Feb. 11	Usher	Dick Blattner/Paul Lindholm	March 10	Usher	Jeff Hall family
	Reader	Jan Museus		Reader	Melissa Hall
Feb. 14	Ushers	Tom & Linda Moore	March 17	Usher	Tom & Linda Moore
	(Ash Wed. 7:00pm)			Reader	Anne Miller Solsrud
Feb. 18	Usher	Steve & Karrie Swenson	March 24	Usher	Volunteers?
	Reader	Karrie Swenson	March 28	Usher	Dick Blattner/Paul L.
Feb. 25	Ushers	Bob & Denise Todd	(7:00pm)	Reader	Gene Jaremcuk
	Reader	Pat Kirby	March 31	9:00 & 10:45 am	Easter Ushers-Volunteers?



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24 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Service w/Choir Cantata 8:00-11 am Breakfast 10-noon First Communion Class	25	26 9am Staff Mtg 1:30pm Rachel Circle	27 8:30 am Quilting 1:30pm Men's Bible Study	28 Maundy Thursday 5:45 pm Dinner 7 pm Service w/First Communion	29 Good Friday Noon Service	30
31 Easter Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services				St. Croix Valley Community Choir Easter Concert at Peace 7pm Friday, Marcy 29 7pm Saturday, March 30 7pm Sunday, March 31		



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday 9:00 am Service with Choir Cantata
8:00-11:00 am Breakfast served

Maundy Thursday - 5:45 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Service with First Communion

Good Friday Noon Service

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 10:45 am Worship Services



Easter Flowers

Orders must be received by February 18th

Please complete the form below and attach a check made payable to: **Peace Lutheran Church**. The form and check may be placed in the envelope in the Narthex or dropped off in the Church Office.

Easter Lily \$16 _____	Tulips \$16 _____	Hydrangeas \$30 _____
Mums \$14 _____	Mums \$14 _____	Azaleas \$30 _____
(Regular colors)	(Multi-colors)	

Name _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Circle one: In **honor** or **memory** of: _____

“Other”: _____

Plant given by: _____



FEBRUARY

- 1st Dick Blattner
- 2nd Glen Museus
Dennis Langer
- 3rd Jerry Reardon
- 4th Shannon Bents
Jayce Leisch
- 5th Lee Carlson
Jeremy Tolzman
- 6th Sue Gerlach
- 7th Tara Adam
Taylor Fehlen
Roman Fehlen
- 8th Drew Ekstrom
- 9th Lisa Ruehlow
- 10th Gabbie Neumann
- 11th Daniel Hanson
Lucas Jeske
- 12th Brooke Bents
- 14th Ray Ose
- 15th Ella Waalen
- 16th Nan Scholz
Payton Busick
- 18th Christine Hanson
Jordan Lee
Cooper Steffen
- 19th Marian Madsen
Kim Kaiser
- 20th Madi Johnson
- 21st Dee Larsen
Henry Kovar
- 22nd Diane Reeck
Mike Langerman
Shari Steele
- 24th Talon Berg
Addison Lossing
Jackson Lossing
- 25th Caysie Ward
Hank Martinson
- 27th Amy Lee

MARCH

- 1st Stacy Everson
Adam Kovar
Jack McNitt
- 2nd Elijah Larson
- 3rd Mike Williams
Claire Chinander
- 4th Jessica Link
Linda Ferris
Paetyynn Bliese
- 5th Robin Ekstrom
Jacob Hall
- 6th Sue Jensen
Steve Edling
Leyla Brown
- 7th Tamera Guggisberg
Anna Willeman
- 8th Luanne Grove
Mia DeGroote
- 9th Tory Greenquist
Sam Glenna
- 10th Shauna Fehlen
Rylee Hall
- 11th Alex Willeman
Jordyn Lieftring
- 13th Carie Strege
Jennifer Pederson
- 14th Jason Prokop
Chad Slater
Jenna Bents
- 16th Matt Haase
Ethan Hall

- 17th Tim DeMenge
Linda Moore
Sara Larson
- 18th Bill Lones
Kasey Maypark
- 20th Dallas Wynne
Hope Anderson
- 22nd Emmett Adam
Carie Krentz
Jamie Neumann
Addie Koenig
- 24th Melissa Hall
Larissa Chapman
- 25th David Lindahl
- 26th Alma Gast
Dawson Eckerman
Porter Eckerman
- 27th Craig Hinze
Alison Wynne
Bennet Lechman
- 29th Michelle Ward
Donovan Anderson
Troy Dvorak
- 30th Lori Getschel
Rene Lechman
- 31st Lisa Schiebel

“If God has been generous with you, He will expect you to serve Him well. But if God has been more than generous, He will expect you to serve Him even better.”

Luke 12:48b, Contemporary English Version.

These words of Jesus, recorded only by Luke, are part of a parable concerning watchfulness and preparation. Jesus tells of dire consequences for servants who are lazy or mean-spirited in their interactions with those whom they have been chosen to lead. Although by God’s grace those consequences do not apply to us, we are certainly called to be prudent and forward-looking as we employ the time, talent, and treasure God has granted us to use in His service.

Our Church Council has set a lofty goal for us—the prepayment of our mortgage in the next three years. We’ll all be hearing more about this Capital Campaign in coming weeks, but it’s not too soon to begin prayerfully considering how our hearts can overflow with generosity in proportion to the generosity that God has shown us.

As Helen Keller said, “Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much!”

See you next time!

The Mission of the Stewardship Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church is to educate all Peace members about God’s Scriptural teachings regarding stewardship; namely, that our lives and our property belong to God, and that our grateful response should include generously, intentionally, proportionately, and joyfully sharing our time, talent, and treasure for use in His service.

Worship SCHEDULE

9:00 am Service each week

10:00 am Sunday School

Livestream is at 9:00 am.



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