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News from Peace!

April



2023

One Simple Act

Easter is a time of hope and promise for Christians around the world. A time for Christians to celebrate the triumph of hope over despair and the forgiveness of our sins.

While it seems that Christmas and Easter are times when we feel the closeness of Christ through religious celebrations, we must never forget that one of the ways for us to feel that closeness all year long is through prayer. This simple act which requires nothing but us reaching out to God, can provide a peace which surpasses all understanding.

As we look towards the cross through the death and resurrection of Jesus, let's take a few moments to ponder how we can find comfort this season through prayer.

Prayer is our communication with God: Prayer is a way to communicate with God, a direct communication with our God who loves us unconditionally and listens to us, even when we feel no one else does.

Prayer strengthens our faith: Prayer helps to deepen our faith and trust in God. As a ritual, prayer reminds us to seek and listen to God's guidance in our lives - during the good times, the bad times and the times when we feel no one would understand.

Prayer provides intercession: While we often hear the saying "pray about it" - do we really stop and do so - or is it just a passing thought? Prayer is important for interceding on behalf of others at times when we know that prayer is the only thing we can do for our loved ones, our neighbors, our community or the world.

Prayer gives us a time to simply give thanks: By giving thanks through prayer, we take the time to acknowledge God's goodness and express our appreciation for His grace and mercy.

This Easter I challenge you all to add a little more prayer into your lives. The next time someone crosses your mind, say a short prayer for them. When you are driving down the road and a stranger catches your attention, say a short prayer for them. When the turmoil in the world leaves you feeling helpless, say a short prayer. When you wake in the morning, take a sip of coffee or simply sigh, say a little prayer.

Whether intentional time is taken for prayer or just a quick moment, it can all make a difference in our daily lives and our relationships with ourselves, others and our God. Prayer really can do more than we realize. We just never know where God may lead us to action, in ways we never thought of before.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7

Blessings - Tammy

FROM THE OFFICE

Pastoral Duties:

March 31st Memorial Service for Robi Hollman, officiated by Pastor Melissa

March Attendance:

5th: 129/39 **12th:** 37/24 **19th:** 69/21 **26th:** 95/50

Online Views: 5th- 60 12th-80 19th-

Giving in March (through March 19): Budget/Missions \$31,646 / \$665

Additional Giving this Month:

One Step Forward \$250 FMSC \$8,248 \$Noisy Offering \$141



Peace staff and council would like to acknowledge and thank the pastors that led worship while Pastor Melissa was on sabbatical:

Pastor Suzi Orlopp, Amery; Pastor Kent Johnson, LaCrosse; Pastor Alan Padgett, Dresser; Pastor Maggie Isaacson, Luck; Pastor MaryAnn Bowman, Luck and Pastor Sandy Johnson, River Falls; and Maria Gjovig and Pete Peterson for assisting with worship when needed.

We are so blessed to have these pastors (and lay persons) available and willing to be at Peace these past few months. Each Sunday morning one of the above pastors arrived at Peace ready to lead our service and preach the word of God. Between services we were able to visit with them, and enjoy coffee & a treat together. We are thankful for this opportunity.

Holy Week:

April 2 Palm Sunday (Welcome back, Pastor Melissa)

- ♦ Service with Choir Cantata at 8:30 am
- ♦ Breakfast served 8:45-11:00 am
(serving: Pancakes, Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Coffee & Juice)

April 6 Maundy Thursday-First Communion

- ♦ Supper at 6:00 pm, 6:30pm Mentors/Students, Service at 7:00 pm (First Communion)
- ♦ Live stream Maundy Thursday Service

April 7 Good Friday

- ♦ Noon Service

April 9 Easter Sunday

- ♦ 8:30 & 10:15 am Easter Services
- ♦ 8:30 am Live stream



Holy Week

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CAREGIVERS – YOU ARE PART OF THE STORY

a supportive and educational gathering, specifically for those caring for someone with chronic illness/disability or memory loss.

Featuring-

Allison Breininger, creator of *The Negative Space*
and

Jim Adams, author of *Other Me's: My Caregiver Experience with Lewy Body Dementia*

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Peace Lutheran Church, Dresser, WI

Free of Charge – Lunch provided*



Please RSVP by April 14th to Nicole Coulter @ 715-485-8449

Please make respite arrangements for your loved one so you can attend.

Sponsored by Polk County ADRC & Peace Lutheran Parish Nurse

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & ADRC OF NW WI CAREGIVERS Conference

FREE OF CHARGE
LUNCH PROVIDED
PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 14
to Nicole Coulter 715-485-8449

APRIL | 22ND | 2023

9:30AM - 1:30PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH of DRESSER
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QUESTIONS? Contact PEACE PARISH NURSE KAREN

SUPPORTIVE & EDUCATIONAL GATHERING FOR THOSE
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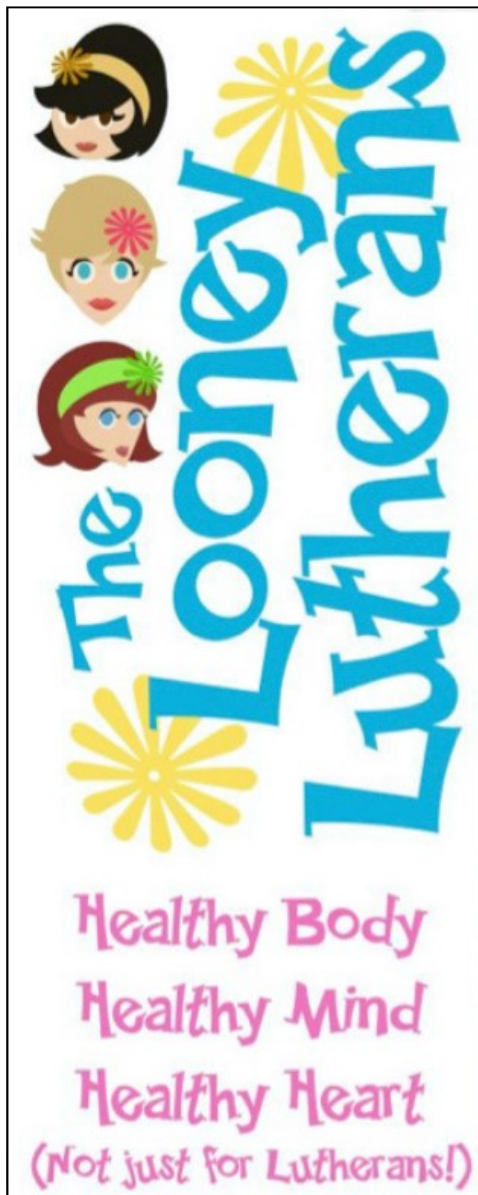
FREE SPRING CLOTHING EVENT at Peace Lutheran Church

Monday, April 24th, 2-6pm

Good, used clothing for spring and summer will be available at No Cost to anyone in our church and community!



Plastic and paper bags are needed. Donations may be brought to Peace beginning April 16th. Please separate the clothing (women's in one bag, men's in another, etc.). This makes setting up so much easier for our volunteers.



Let's get LOONEY

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

**Come laugh about life as a Lutheran with the
Looney Lutheran Ladies!**

You don't have to be Lutheran to enjoy this show!

1:00 PM- The Looney Lutherans take the
(sanctuary) stage! *After this winter who could
not use a good laugh!*

**PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER
THE SHOW!**

**This is a FREE WILL OFFERING show!
Come eat, laugh, and love Lutherans!**

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Help Wanted:

- ♦ Registration help at the Blood Drive on April 17th. 11:30 am—2:30 pm or 2:30-5:00 pm.
- ♦ Sunday Morning Fellowship—Do you like to bake? Peace members are welcome to bring goodies (home made or purchased) to serve during coffee time on Sunday mornings. Call the office and let Pat know if there is a Sunday you would like to sign up for. This could be in recognition of your birthday/anniversary/etc. and an acknowledgement put in the bulletin.
- ♦ People to help set up for the Clothing Event on Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 am.

Thank you to those who donated money toward the purchase of a water softener for the kitchen. The softener was purchased and installed in March. This should stop from any future lime buildup in our dishwasher & coffeepot!

**April 27-29: Feed My Starving Children
Mobile Pack** at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Registration for the MobilePack opened March 12th for participating congregations.

**Blood Drive at Peace Lutheran
Monday, April 17, 11am-5pm**

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit:
RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
Osceola WI
to schedule an appointment.





April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Palm Sunday 8:30 & 10:15 am Services, Breakfast served 8:45-11am 1st Communion Class 11:30-2pm	3	4 9:00 am Staff Mtg	5 8:30 Quilters	6 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00 pm Service	7 Good Friday Service at Noon	8
9 Easter Sunday 8:30am Live Stream 8:30 & 10:15 am Services	10 Office Closed	11 9:00 am Staff Mtg	12 8:30 Quilters 6pm Conf. & HS Youth	13 7pm AA	14	15
16 8:30Live stream 8:30 am & 10:15 am Services, 9:30 am Choir practice 8:30 –10:15 SS Easter Event	17 Blood Drive 11am-5pm	18 9:00 am Staff Mtg 2:00pm Care- giver Support Group	19 8:30 am Quilting 6pm Conf. & HS Youth	20 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	21	22 Caregiver Event. See pg. 4
23 8:30Live stream 8:30 & 10:15am Services 9:30 am Choir prac- tice, SS. 1pm Loon- ey Lutherans!	24 Clothing Event 2-6pm	25 9:00 am Staff Mtg 1:30pm Rachel Circle	26 8:30 am Quilting 6pm Conf. & HS Youth	27 7pm-AA	28	29
30 8:30Live stream 8:30 & 10:15am Services 9:30 am SS, Choir practice				SAVE THE DATE: Spaghetti Dinner Monday, May 1st More info follow!		

March Usher/Lay Reader Schedule

		8:30	10:15
April 2	Usher	Dick Blattner	Jim & Pat Kirby
April 9	Usher Reader	Tom & Linda Moore Anne Miller Solsrud	Volunteers?? Jim Hendrickson
April 16	Usher Reader	Mark Gjovig Maria Gjovig	Chris Chinander Claire Chinander
April 23	Usher Reader	Steve Swenson Karrie Swenson	Eric Mayer family Kayla Stankowski
April 30	Usher Reader	Jeff Hall family Jeff Hall	Chad Slater family Jan Museus

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Scams and fraud targeting seniors are on the rise and always changing. Join the ADRC of Northwest WI and the Veteran Service Offices of Polk and Burnett counties along with Jeff Kersten of the *Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection* in learning about how to protect yourself. The speaker will discuss the details of common scams that target seniors, the warning signs of a scam, and what to do if you or someone you know falls victim to a scam or fraud. This presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 18th starting @ 6:00 PM at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Frederic (the church where I was baptized and confirmed!) Registration is required by calling **877-485-2372** or email Kayli.Williamson@polkcountywi.gov.

Here's a reminder that Peace is hosting a caregiver conference from 9:30AM to 1:30PM on Saturday, April 22nd. This free gathering is a collaboration with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of NW Wisconsin and features two special guest speakers plus some local helpful resources and door prizes. If you or someone you know are far too familiar with the variety of challenges being a caregiver can bring, you are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Nicole Coulter @ **715-485-8449** by April 14th. Call me at church with any questions.

Info sheets that I ordered to put up during National Nutrition Month (March) were delayed in getting mailed to me, so you'll be seeing some of these educational signs up now through April.

CENTERING (Definition: *The act of quieting oneself – to be present in the moment and to feel at peace.*) A few years back Portico Benefit Services (the insurance company used by the ELCA) put out a program focusing on health and wellness by choosing three small concepts to encourage congregations to start on the road to healthier living. They primarily focused on:

- 1) physical movement,
- 2) what we eat
- 3) clearing our minds or centering

They chose the above three practices because a large percentage of us don't exercise enough, don't eat well enough, and feel emotional stress. I've talked about getting more movement and eating healthier before, but what about this centering? Centering is the effort to clear our minds of stray thoughts and set aside the typical anxieties that wander through our minds – usually about things that have happened or things that may happen. (I know I could benefit from this!) Using a time of silence to quiet our minds and relax our bodies, even for as little as 30 seconds, can help still our emotions and allow us to focus more calmly on the tasks at hand.

I think this is also an important aspect of living in a faith community. When we practice centering routinely, we are more likely to be at peace throughout the day and better equipped to pass on our faith. So why not try it? In our upcoming worship services, take a moment to pause and breathe evenly. Have your feet flat on the floor, sit up tall, lower your gaze and take a deep breath in and slowly exhale. (And it goes without saying to have your cell phone on silence and out of sight!) Try this before prayers, during Holy Communion, or whenever feels right to do so.

Happy Easter! Happy Spring (soon please!) Happy return of Pastor Melissa!
It promises to be a month full of joy and celebration, *Karen*

HS YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Updates

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

We extend a very sincere thank you to all of our mentors. This is a very special ministry and your time and commitment to our confirmation students is greatly appreciated. As we enter Holy Week, there will be no confirmation class/mentoring on Wednesday, April 5. Maundy Thursday, April 6, will be our last meeting with mentors and mentees.

It is so very hard to believe that there is only just over a month left of confirmation class. Normal class format will resume on Wednesday, April 12 with dinner at 6 pm, large group at 6:30 pm and small group at 7 pm. Our last class will be Wednesday, May 3.

9th Grade Students:

If you are still in need of an elective credit, you can register for a **WOODWORKING WORKSHOP** on Wednesday, April 26, 7 pm - 8 pm. Pre-registration is required.

Applications now being accepted for the Larson Scholarship

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.

HS Youth

There will be no HS youth group on Wednesday, April 5, due to Holy Week Activities. We will resume on Wednesday, April 12 with dinner at 630 pm and group at 7 - 8 pm. Let's have some fun this spring as we continue exploring our faith and enjoying our time together!!!

Mission Team News

SPECIAL THANKS...

Thank you everyone who supported our butter braid fundraiser. It was a huge success and helped many kids earn extra funds toward our mission trip to Tennessee this summer.

EVERYONE IS INVITED..

Join us for a special Palm Sunday Breakfast at 9:30 am between our worship services on Sunday morning, April 2. The TN Mission Team will be serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit. Join us in fellowship and celebrate this special day when Jesus arrives in Jerusalem beginning our Holy Week festivities as we follow Jesus to the cross. There will be a free will offering collected to help with the cost of the mission trip.

TN SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Please note that there will be a TN MISSION TEAM meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 8 pm for parents and Mission Team members. We will be discussing more information about the trip and half payment is due at this time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our CHAOS of Spring has Sprung!! Let's put the craziness of this snowy and blowy winter behind us, take a deep breath of the slightly warmer fresh air, and step into the grace, blessings and hope that we are given through the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. What a true gift this time of year is!

I love spring for so many reasons and look forward to the new growth and fresh beginnings that start happening all around us during this time of year. Time flies and it is hard to believe that soon we will be wrapping up this year of Sunday School. There are some very special activities coming up as this year comes to a close. Pay close attention to the schedule below so that your kids won't miss out on the fun! We have also started thinking about summer activities, making plans for VBS and I also have some super fun ideas for next year in Sunday School. I love sharing this ministry with you and your children! Soak in some sunshine and God's light and always be sure to shine bright!

Easter blessings, Becky

Easter for Kids!

PreK-8th Grade

Sunday, April 16th, 8:30-10:15am

Join us for the Easter story, crafts, snacks, games and fun as we celebrate Jesus, our Risen Savior!



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| April 2: | PALM SUNDAY – No Sunday School
Palm Parade with Pastor Melissa during worship
9:30 am - Enjoy Palm Sunday Breakfast with your
Kids can plant seeds in pots when finished with breakfast (if they choose)
11:30 am – 2: pm 5TH GRADE MILESTONE (1st Communion Teaching) |
| April 6: | MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00 pm worship service – 5 th GRADE FIRST COMMUNION |
| April 9: | EASTER SUNDAY – No Sunday School
Special gifts for children during the worship service-enjoy the day with family |
| April 16: | 8:30 am – 10:15 am EASTER FOR KIDS (All kids welcome Pre-K – 8 th grade)
Join us at 8:30 am for a very special morning of sharing the Easter Story, games, crafts, treats and fun!!! |
| April 23: | 6th GRADE MILESTONE – Servanthood (during 8:30 worship)
9:30 am Sunday School and 6 th grade milestone workshop |
| April 30: | 9:30 am Sunday School |
| May 7: | 9:30 am Sunday School |
| May 14: | MOTHER'S DAY
Children singing at end of 8:30 service and beginning of 10:15 am service
9:30 am Sunday School – Last Day PARTY!!!! |

SAVE THE DATE: VBS is scheduled for the evenings of Mon. July 31-Thurs., Aug. 3rd.
Your kids won't want to miss it, because it's going to be STELLAR!!

A Message From Your Stewardship Ministry

"You bless everyone who lives in your house, and they sing your praises." Psalm 84:4.

We at Peace Lutheran have truly been blessed by the building we occupy. We are thankful for the vision and commitment of those who saw fit to establish and add to our facility; our commitment has fostered the preaching of God's Word, the education and inspiration of new disciples, and the serving of those in need in our community, our country, and the world.

Recent economic changes have increased the interest cost for the mortgage we have arranged to pay for our building. As you may remember, we have locked into a fixed rate loan that has mitigated the effect of rising interest rates, but the higher rate has increased the length of time before our loan will be paid in full.

"Lord, you are great and powerful. Glory, majesty and beauty belong to you. Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you."
1 Chronicles 29:11

Your Stewardship Ministry, with the concurrence of your Church Council, believes that we are being called by God to make extra principal payments on a regular basis, so that we can shorten the duration of our loan, save thousands of dollars in interest payments, and establish new and/or enhanced ministries supported by the budget dollars that now go to our mortgage lender.

We invite you to imagine what we could do with the \$7,160 per month now budgeted for mortgage payments. Would additional staff positions or hours improve our education and outreach services? Would additional support for benevolence partners enhance their ministries? Would improvements to our facility enhance our worship experience and attract more of those who are called to a closer walk with Jesus in a Christian community?

We have established a goal of paying an additional \$50,000 per year in principal for the next three years. Your Council has committed \$12,000 per year toward this goal from daycare rent income, and we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your regular giving to provide the additional amount needed to reach our goal. We encourage you to involve your family in this effort, and to be creative in determining how to intentionally and sacrificially make room in your budget for these additional gifts. No gift is too large, and no gift is too small; as Jesus points out to His disciples, *"....from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."* Luke 12:48b. We are planning a social event later this spring with time and space for sharing methods that will make this giving easier.

Our calculations tell us that achieving this goal will result in the duration of our mortgage being reduced from nearly eleven years to less than five years. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns about this effort. And begin to imagine the celebration when our goal is reached!

Yours in Christ,

Peace Lutheran Stewardship Ministry

Maggie Isaacson, Diane Lechman, Pete Peterson

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured to you."
Luke 6:38, New International Version.

Our society, perhaps even our human nature, has taught us to identify and embrace minimum requirements. We are anxious to know what is the least effort, the least time, the least cost that we must commit to reach a goal, to achieve success, even to maintain a relationship. Do we also search for the minimum commitment that will ensure God's approval? Jesus shows us a different way.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we thank God that Jesus came to provide the **full** measure, giving His life to redeem us from sin, defeat death, and grant us eternal life.

As publisher and financier Malcolm Forbes succinctly put it, "Give naught, get same. Give much, get same."

See you next month!

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.

Members of this ministry are Pete Peterson, Diane Lechman, and Maggie Isaacson.

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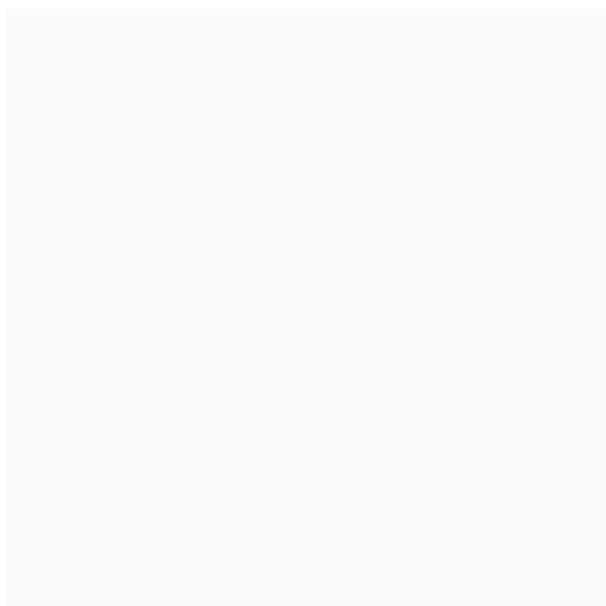
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Worship SCHEDULE

8:30 & 10:15 am Services each week

9:35 am Sunday School

Livestream is at 8:30 am.



See pg. 3 for Easter Sunday information!

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