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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April & May 2024

Easter isn't over!

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here..." - Mark 16:4-6

The season of Easter lasts for 50 days in the church. That's 50 days that we, as Christians, get to marvel over Christ's Resurrection and promise of new life.

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to "move on with life" following Easter Sunday, and overlook the transformative power of Easter. However, with the season of Easter, we have a profound invitation to embrace the essence of resurrection in our own lives.

The Easter story is not just a historical event, but a living reality that continues to speak of redemption, forgiveness, and the boundless love of our Creator. As we reflect on the empty tomb, we are reminded that no matter how dire our circumstances may seem, there is always hope for renewal and restoration.

Let us boldly live as Easter People! Living into the power of Easter means embracing the truth that death does not have the final say. It means letting go of past hurts and mistakes, and stepping into the fullness of life that Christ offers. It means extending grace to others, just as we have received grace our selves.

As we embrace the changing of seasons this year (at least according to the calendar. Who knows what the weather will tell us...), may we be a beacon of hope amidst darkness, may we share in the joy of the resurrection, and may we embrace the power of resurrection and new life in every moment of our lives.

Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!

See you in church! Pastor Melíssa

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FROM THE OFFICE

Pastoral Duties:

March 10th: Baptism of Isaac Axel, son of Fred Haines & Amanda Mickelson

March Attendance:

3rd: 120 10th: 140 17th: 120 24th: 157 31st: 295/89

Giving in March (through March 26): Budget \$29,870 Missions \$368

Additional Giving this Month:

One Step Forward (Haiti) \$1,050 FMSC \$2,500 Mort. Principal \$1,600 Rent \$2,900

Interested in becoming a member of Peace?

If you are new to the church and would like to find out more about becoming a member, or if you have been here for years and would like to become an official member, we invite you to an informal new member class on Sunday, April 28th after worship. Come and hear about the ministries of Peace and what it means to be an official member! New Members will be recognized in church on Sunday, May 5th!

If you've been visiting Peace and wish to become a member, contact Pastor Melissa at <u>plcyouth-pastor@gmail.com</u> or 715-755-2515.

- To Sally Wulf & Doris Johns for sewing the table runners for the Narthex tables.
- To those purchasing items from the Amazon Wish List.
- To those who purchased food items for the Palm Sunday Breakfast.
- To all the youth & adults who helped make Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group great this year. You are appreciated.
- To our Peace Choir for their Palm Sunday Choir Cantata.
- To Altar Guild members for the extra work they do during the Lenten/Easter season.
- To Lori Kromrey for setting up our Easter garden in the sanctuary.
- To Ronda Haley, Pete Peterson, Michele Merritt, Dawn Tunison & Amy Siltberg for their special music on Easter!

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction: Wednesday, May 1st (see ad on pg. 11)

The annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction will be held Weds., May 1st at Peace Lutheran! This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors!! We have many great items to bid on including sporting tickets, gift cards, beautiful quilts, themed baskets, and more! A free will donation will be accepted for the dinner. All proceeds of this event will support the youth of Peace Lutheran who will be traveling to New Orleans this summer for the ELCA National Youth Gathering and a mission trip. Join us for a fun night and support our youth! Musings from Pastor Maggie Isaacson

Grace and peace to you. It's official! The Peace Council hired me effective April 1 as an independent contractor to join Pastor Melissa in ministering to you. I will be working 10-20 hours per week. A decision was made at the annual meeting in January to hire a second pastor to work with older adults, while Pastor Melissa concentrates on Youth and younger adults. Think of me as a "bridge" until a pastor is hired. Of course, there is always a lengthy process in hiring a pastor. A ministry site profile needs to be completed first, and then a call committee will be formed. These committees will be formed soon so please keep them in prayer!

I will be assisting with visitations and also leading Bible/book studies. My office hours at church will be on Mondays beginning April 8. Please feel free to drop by or call if you would like a home visit, know of someone who might need a visit, or just to chat!

Many of you know who I am, as I was an intern at Peace Lutheran in 1997. My internship project was to introduce Lenten mentoring. I am glad that has continued! I was a single Mom of 3 children during my internship due to divorce, but then married Lee Isaacson, who was from the St. Peter's congregation prior to the merger of St. Peter's and Bethany. With the death of Lee last year, I am now part of the "widowhood" club.

I have been ordained for 20 years. My first call was at Concordia Lutheran in Superior for 3 years. Then I was called to North Valley Lutheran, a country church on County Road G outside of Milltown where I served for 17 years. During that time I also served Milltown Lutheran in a partnership for 4 ½ years. I came out of retirement to do a part time interim call at Luck Lutheran from Nov 1, 2022-Oct 31, 2023. My work prior to becoming a pastor includes working as a Human Resource Manager for a medical manufacturing firm in Stillwater and also being self-employed in piano tuning for a number of years.

I look forward to our time together. I am so glad that Peace is "A Family of Christ - Spirit Led and Grace Fed!"

Pastor Maggie

MARCH 2025 JAMAICA MISSION TRIP: Accepting Registrations

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2025 All-Church (all ages!) Mission trip to Jamaica. We will be working with our ministry partner, Robin's Nest Children's Home, while we are there. This mission trip is open to all ages and all abilities. Whether you have gifts in construction, holding babies, yard work, nursing, or anywhere in-between, we can use you! For more information and to register, contact Pastor Melissa.

Note: There is a 16 person limit for this mission trip and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis).

Help Wanted/Needs:

- Registration help at the Blood Drive on April 22nd. 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 14 at 9:30 am.
- Coffee cups are needed for our Sunday morning fellowship. There are two kinds listed on our Amazon Wish List: https://a.co/bPpTVeV
- VBS Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS. We will need help preparing meals, running stations, and creating decorations this spring. Contact Pastor Melissa if you are willing to help share God's love with our children in this way.

April 25-27: Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Registration is open for the MobilePack. There are still spots left! Sign up online: https://www.fmsc.org/ volunteeer-listing/?mobilepack=2404-028EA

A Thank You to the Community of Peace

Ken passed away at home of December 23, 2022, after a valiant 9-month battle for more time with his family, especially his beloved young grandchildren.

We are still overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from my church family. April is the anniversary of Ken's brain cancer diagnosis and surgery.

With a grateful heart, Barb Lear and family.

Peace Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for your continued support as we further our education. We couldn't be more thankful for such a loving and invested church family.

With love, Bekah, Alex and Hunter Robinson

Apple River Conference Women of the ELCA, April 13th

Regis. & Coffee 8-9am, Program 9-Noon

Spring Forward Day is at Deronda Lutheran Church, Amery. The guest speaker is Kathy Schwanke "You are a Masterpiece". She has 10 years of speaking ministry and has also published 2 Bible Studies.

Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Talk to Gloria Hutton if interested in attending.

Blood Drive at Peace Lutheran Monday, April 22, noon-5pm

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

FREE SPRING CLOTHING EVENT at Peace Lutheran Church

Monday, April 15th, 2-6pm

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



Plastic and paper bags are needed. Donations may be brought to Peace beginning April 7th. Please separate the clothing (women's in one bag, men's in another, etc.). This makes setting up so much easier for our volunteers unpacking the bags.

And, yes, volunteers are needed on Sunday, April 14th, following worship to put out the clothing on the tables!



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April 28	Usher Reader	Bob & Denise Todd Pat Kirby	



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May 12	Usher Cha Reader	d & Trisha Slater Claire Chinander	
May 19	Usher Reader	Dick Blattner/Paul Lindholm Mary Lee	
May 26	Usher Reader	Steve & Karrie Swenson Karrie Swenson	

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Year End Information

7th & 8th Grade: The last day of Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 1st. Families are encouraged to attend the spaghetti dinner fundraiser together (begins at 5:00pm), and then small groups will be presenting their final projects in the sanctuary at 6:30pm(parents welcome to stay) while we enjoy root beer floats.

9th Grade: Students should be finishing up their course work for the year from their Peace University Book. All 9th grade students, along with one parent/guardian, will sign up for a time to meet with Pastor Melissa for the year end check-in and to hear about plans for student's final projects and what to expect next fall. More information will be emailed out to parents soon.

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 (<u>www.plcdresser.org</u>) under "Forms" and "Larson Scholarship" or you can pick up an application form at the Welcome Desk at church.

<u>New Orleans HS Summer Mission Trip &</u> <u>Youth Gathering...Upcoming dates!</u>

May 1st - Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction (sign up to help online) July 7th - Blessing & Send off (9am), Final Meeting with Parents (10am), Final Training Session (Students only) (11am-1pm).

Graduating Seniors...We want to HONOR YOU!!

Congratulations to our seniors who will be graduating this spring. We want to honor you. Please plan to join us on the following dates:

- May 8th (Wednesday) 6pm Meet Pastor Melissa at Caribou Coffee in Osceola! We will chat about upcoming events and hear a short devotional as you prepare for graduation.
- May 12th (Sunday) Senior Recognition Sunday. Join us at the 9:00am service as we recognize you, bless you, and send you off wrapped in blankets as you enter this new part of your journey. Treats and refreshments will be given out in your honor following the service.
- May 15th (Wednesday) 7:00pm Baccalaureate Service for Osceola & St. Croix Falls Graduates at Alliance Church of the Valley. Join us in celebrating your faith and graduation during a special service for you.

A letter will be sent to each of you with more details about these upcoming events. Contact Pastor Melissa (<u>plcyouthpastor@gmail.com</u> or 715-755-2515) with questions.

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Students who received their 1st Communion and/or completed their Communion Milestone on Thursday, March 28th, 2024!



Emmett Adam, Olivya Carmack, Dylan Haase, Case Hanson, Charlie Hanson, Bennet Kneath, Leyla Kromrey, Timothy Lundeen, Soren Skinner

2024 - a summer of fun + faith

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY	ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL	
VBS: "CREATED TO BE" August 5-8, 2024 8:30am-Noon 3 years - 4th Grade (5th - 7th Grade Junior Leaders) \$30 per person Breakfast & Lunch Provided. Fun games, learning about God, Crafts, Outside Fun & more!	LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP5th - 8th GradeOffering day camp, overnight camp and specialty camps. To register, go to www.lutherpoint.org. Indicate you are a Peace Lutheran Church member for additional discounts.	
MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL	

SAVE THE DATES & SIGN UP FOR VBS!! AUGUST 5-8, 2024 (9am-Noon*) \$30/Child, \$75/Family, & Scholarships Available

At Created To Be VBS, kids explore what it means to be created by an all-loving God whose love lasts forever! You can expect a time full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith!

Register today so you don't miss out on this incredible week that we have planned for VBS!! (Lunch included! You can also drop your child off beginning at 8:30am for breakfast for no additional charge). Registration can be found by going to: https://forms.gle/cdcLs4cdP2uZUaHb9

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

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

That's right...We believe Camp is such an incredible experience and 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 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. q

5th – 8th Grade Summer Peace, Serve & Fun Camp

Summer Peace, Serve & Fun Camp is a weekly program throughout the month of July for current $5^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade students that focuses on service in and around our community.

We gather together on Wednesdays throughout July (beginning July 10) and Thursday, August 1st from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a fun day of challenging and rewarding experiences. We'll spend the morning doing service at various locations and agencies in and around the community, have lunch together, a short bible study on the summer's theme, then spend the afternoon sharing fun activities

like mini golf, waterslides, bowling, swimming, and even a Valley Fair. It's a great way to meet people, have fun with your friends, and do something important during your summer.

<u>*Cost:</u> \$110 for 5 days, (pro-rated if you can only attend 3 or less days) and includes all activities, tickets, Valley fair day, all breakfast, lunches and a T-shirt — Scholarships are available upon request and maple bucks maybe used. Friends invited!!



MAPLE SYRUP MINISTRY

What an incredible sap season we had this year! This was the earliest sap season on record! Throughout the past month, Peace Lutheran joined together with First Lutheran Church in Taylor's Falls and collected <u>23,785</u> gallons of sap from <u>2,100</u> taps (1515 taps with green pails and 585 taps on lines). Out of that sap, <u>564</u> gallons of syrup was made and will be split between the two churches and sold (proceeds to benefit missions and ministries of Peace)!

Thank you to our volunteers who spent countless hours preparing the trees and collecting the sap! Bucket cleanup will be in April sometime when the weather is warm enough to wash buckets.

We will sell syrup on an ongoing basis here at the church. We are grateful for all the continued support of our Maple Syrup Ministry. If you would like to be placed on the list to be a part of this ministry to collect sap for next year, please contact Pastor Melissa or Vicki Koehler.



Parent's Night @ Fiesta Loca: Wednesday, April 17th

All parents of our Sunday School and Confirmation Youth are invited to a parent's Night out at Fiesta Loca! On Wednesday, April 17th, we invite you to Fiesta Loca for a FREE taco bar (drinks may be purchased on your own) while enjoying fellowship and community together with other parents.





APRIL

2nd	Jenny Corbett
3rd	MaryLou Baillargeon
	John Lee
	Kaylee Anderson
4th	Justin Wynne
5th	Jan Bents
6th	Dan McElfresh
	Miles Twohy
7th	Mary Cotch
	Margo Langer
	Garrett Slater
8th	Reed Corbett
9th	Monica Robinson
	Norah Koehler
10th	Don Dehmer
	Ashley Maloney
12th	Kristi Durand
	Selah Greenquist
	Miles Gregory
13th	John Adam
	Lori Maypark
14th	Ruby Demulling
16th	Barb Hanson
	Amy Hagen
	Alexa Peterson
	Jameson Tracy
17th	Debbie Kravik
	Tom Reeck
18th	Mary Lee
	Steve Kromrey
	Rick Dvorak
	Selah Koehler
19th	Ed Everson
20th	Patty Storby
	Mark Gjovig
	Minnie Kolve

Kelly Waalen

21st	Ashlyn Tinney
22 nd	Judi Rondeau
23 rd	Linda Meixner
	Rebecca Tangen
24th	Connie Landgren
	Hallie Glenna
	Natalie Betow
	Madison Hanson
	Reese Hanson
25th	Jim Kirby
	Ben Neumann
	Trey Anderson
26th	Trisha Slater
	Kurt Lietz
27th	Pam Brunclik
	Peter Ward
	Abby Wynne
28th	Barb Boyken
	Bill Schmidt
	Beverly Hanson
29th	Michelle Widiker
	Sarah Kromrey
30th	Myles Mattson
	Jonah Lietz
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MAY

1st	Bonnie Crary
	Isaac Demulling
2 n d	Angie LaMirande
	Brendan Sheehan
3rd	Don Meixner
4th	Jan Museus
	Mari Swanson
5th	Kelly Bliese
	Aiden Steffen
	Elinor Hagen
	Michael Gregory

	Dalamar Chafferr
7th	Delaney Steffen
8th	Dick Tomforde
	Mary Jo Cavallin
	Soren Skinner
9th	Kathy Stephansen
	David Swiontek
	Abigail Jensen
10th	Arianna Miller
12th	Marian Sinclear
	Emmet Berg
13th	Ben Brown
14th	Mavis Lindahl
	John Leisch
15th	Craig Corbett
16th	
17th	Pete Peterson
	Zach Solsrud
18th	Maxine Waddick
	Peggy Basham
19th	Anna O'Hare
20th	Shay Rysdam
	Lucas Hale
21 st	Vicky Simpkins
	Jennifer Demulling
	Mattie Newman
22nd	Carrie Larson
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	Jaylee Meyer
	Jovie Meyer
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	Peyton Everson
24th	Andrea Skinner
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28th	Barb Lear
00±1-	JoAnn Everson
29th	
	Steve Storby
31st	Julie Campbell
	Kylie Johnson

CORNER

STEWARDSHIP

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32, New International Version.

This testimony, written by Luke as he described the nature and activities of the first century Christian Church, immediately follows a sort of second Pentecost where early Christians had invoked and received the presence of the Holy Spirit to enable them to, "...speak the word of God boldly."

The Spirit inspired them to clearly understand the Biblical truth that all things belong to God, and that they were being called to freely share the earthly gifts that they had received. We, too, have access to this Spirit, which enables us to live in unity with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, and act out of that unity by joyfully, generously, intentionally, and proportionately sharing all the gifts God has given us. As we begin the process of "Re-Imagining Peace," (an up-coming capital campaign) may we heed the Spirit's urging, so that, as Luke records in verse 34, "*There were no needy persons among them.*"

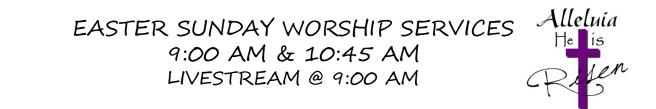
See you next month!

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.



9:00 am Services each week 10:00 am Sunday School Livestream is at 9:00 am.



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