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Rise

"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." -Isaiah 60:1

Our Lenten journey continues into the month of April. On Wednesday nights, we have been visiting the places that Jesus went the last few days of his life. We have been scattered throughout this journey in places like the City of Jerusalem and Bethany. We have heard Jesus' warnings of the time coming when he will not be with us anymore. Do we feel scattered? Do we feel alone? Do we feel like we are wandering in the wilderness? This section of Isaiah has a subheading of Ingathering of the Dispersed. Have we felt dispersed in this Lenten journey?

Even if we have felt dispersed, now is the time to gather together. No, we are not alone. No, we are not wandering. We will RISE together with Jesus in his resurrection. We will see the light shining brightly from a resurrected Christ. The glory of the LORD will RISE upon us. Our light will come. Our hope will come. In and through the Resurrected Christ.

Come journey with us here at Peace Lutheran Church. Visit during Holy Week to our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday services or view online.

This month let us Rise together with Christ Jesus. See the light and the hope in the glory of the LORD: Jesus Christ.

Blessings-Intern Hillary



Holy Week:

<u>April 10 Palm Sunday</u>

- Service with Choir Cantata at 8:30 am
- Breakfast served 9:00-10:30 am (serving: Eggs, Sausage, Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Coffee & Juice

April 14 Maundy Thursday-First Communion

- Service at 11:30 am, followed by lunch
- Supper at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm (First Communion)
- Live stream Maundy Thursday Service

<u>April 15 Good Friday</u>

Noon Service

April 17 Easter Sunday

- 8:30 & 10:00 am Easter Services
- ◆ 8:30 am Live stream



Blessing Ministry Update

February and March were successful months filled with blessings celebrated with thePeace community. Thank you for sharing your milestones with us. We had birthdays, wedding anniversaries, sports achievements, new babies, and more celebrated as a community.

We want to continue to celebrate each and every member of the Peace Community with milestones in your life. Please fill out the google form for the Blessings Ministry which is included with our weekly email. Each week during announcement and celebration time, we will give special blessings for life milestones.

In February, the special blessing was for School District Employees. There are many people who are part of the Peace community who work in our local school districts. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. If you didn't receive your small gift of appreciation, please talk with Intern Hillary.

In March the special group blessing was for the Youth of Peace. Thank you for the joy you bring to our community. We are blessed by you daily.. If you didn't receive your small blessing gift, please see Intern Hillary.

<u>April's special blessing group will be the Quilters</u>. A special blessing will be given on Sunday, April 24th during our 8:30 am service. This date is a week late because of Easter. These amazing quilters work hard to provide many organizations and our community with warm quilts. Thank you for your hard work!

DID YOU KNOW...

- * Different committees are taking turns providing treats and hosting Coffee each Sunday morning? In the fall we hope to expand and offer other families, groups, bible studies, etc. to host thisSunday Morning Fellowship Time. Watch for sign-ups coming soon.
- *During Lent, every Wednesday evening, you could find a different committee of Peace working and hosting our evening meals. We served approximately 80-100 people each Wednesday night. Thanks to all our wonderful committees for making this happen!



HS YOUTH NEWS

7th -8th Grade Confirmation

Continue meeting with your mentors through Easter. Wednesday night classes resume on Weds., April 20th.

9th Grade Confirmation

Continue meeting with your mentors through Easter and working toward completing your credits for Peace University. Only a few weeks left of Youth Group after Easter and all other credits will need to be completed on your own. You will be notified via the Remind App for weekly happenings and other opportunities and will meet with Pastor Melissa this spring.

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.

10th - 12th Grade -

We continue with our Faith & Film Series through April 6th. We will not meet Holy Week (the week before Easter), and our last day of youth group is Wednesday, May 4th.

Make sure you receive the REMIND texts to keep up with each week's plans (send a text to 81010 and text this message: @plcyou), and follow our instagram page (@plcdresseryouth) as well!

DID YOU KNOW.... PLC YOUTH are on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM!

- * Check us out on facebook: face book.com/peace.youth1/
- * Follow us on Instagram: Plcdresseryouth

UPCOMING DATES:

- Wednesday, MAY 4th- Last day of youth programming (Confirmation & Youth Group)
- Sunday, May 15th Senior Recognition Sunday (for graduating seniors. More information coming soon)
- Wednesday, May 18th-Baccalaureate Service at Alliance Church, 7pm.

MN MISSION & GATHERING Trip Important Dates (Grades 9-12):

Going on the summer trip?? Make sure you have these important dates in your calendar:

April 10th - Palm Sunday Breakfast April 10th - Mission Trip Training (11:30am-4pm) May 5th - Taco's to Go Fundraiser July 17th - Mission Trip Send off & Final Meeting

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

(Last day of Sunday School is May 8th)

SAVE THE DATES & SIGN UP FOR VBS!!

AUGUST 1-4, 2022 (5-7:30PM nightly) \$25/Child, \$55/Family, Scholarships Available

Go off-road for a Monumental Adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.



Register today so you don't miss out on this incredible week that we have planned for VBS!! We will serve dinner for families every night from 5-5:30pm (kid friendly meals), and VBS will run 5:30-7:30pm.

Register today for 2022-2023 Sunday School

We plan to be back to "Normal" and back in the classrooms for 2022-2023 Sunday School (ages pre-k - 6th grade) beginning in September. We are currently recruiting teachers for all grades and inviting you to sign up early so we can make great arrangements for class rooms next year!!

To Register your child(ren), or to sign up as a teacher, go to: vbspro.events/p/plcsundayschool2022-2023

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Students who will receive their 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday Join us for Maundy Thursday worship on April 14th at 7:00 pm and experience the sacrament of Holy Communion along with our 5th grade students who will receive this sacrament for the first time.

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Easter Message from Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! This is the good news of Easter. By God's power death is reversed and Christ is raised from the dead. Jesus' resurrection from the dead changes everything! Everything is made new.

Change is good news after two years of a pandemic, right? We are ready for a change. But are we really? Do we want everything to become new like we read in 2 Corinthians 5 or do we want the change to be a return to the old and familiar?

If Jesus' resurrection from the dead changes everything, then what has changed in your life? What difference does Jesus make in your life? What has Jesus made new?

- What difference does Jesus make to my 35 year old nephew whose brain tumor came back, faces radiation treatments and is struggling with his ex for visitation of their three year old son?
- What difference does Jesus mean to our siblings in Malawi who are often threatened by drought, flood and famine or to Ukrainians whose homes were destroyed by a Russian bomb?
- What difference does Jesus make to a stable congregation deciding what their next most faithful step might be or to a declining congregation wondering if their next most faithful step is to close?

As Lutherans we believe that we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we go under the water as a sinner and we are resurrected with Christ, lifted out of the water, a saint. We are changed for sure and we are reborn children of God! Theologically that's beautiful, but in real life, what difference does Jesus make in your life?

As human beings, Christ's resurrection from the dead challenges us to live into that change. As broken sinful humans, whose lives are "messed or mangled" we live into Easter reality that Christ is present and daily working in our lives. Jesus challenges and changes us. Those of us who doubt our faith and question its relevance are challenged by Easter's promise to see and know God in the transformed lives around us.

Friends we know that Jesus changes our weeping into laughing, our mourning into dancing, our despair into hope, our winter into spring and our death into life. Jesus changes things and makes all things new. We are challenged to see the transformations around us and in us. We are challenged to be the change, evidence of the transformation, for the world to see and know God through us.

Easter Blessings-

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Christ has risen and forever lives, to challenge and to change. All whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is risen, Christ is present, making us what he has been: evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30am Live Stream 8:30 am Service 9:30 am S.S.	4 Jamaica Trip Returns	5 9:00 am Staff Mtg	 6 8:30 Quilters 11:30 Service & Lunch 6pm Supper, 7pm Service 	7 8:30-10am Coffee w/Pastors @ Caribou, Dick's Mkt. 7pm-AA	8	9
 10 Palm Sunday 8:30am Live Stream 8:30 am Service 9:00 am Breakfast 10-noon-1st Com. Class 	11	12 9:00 am Staff Mtg	13 8:30 Quilters	14 Maundy Thurs. 11:30- Service & Lunch 6pm Supper, 7pm Service with 1st Com- munion	15 Good Friday Noon Service	16
17 Easter 8:30am Live stream 8:30 am & 10:00 am Easter Services No SS	18	19 9:00 am Staff Mtg	20 8:30 am Quilting	21 8:30-10am Coffee w/Pastors @ 3 Arrows, SCF 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	22	23
 24 8:30am Live stream 8:30 am Service "Denim Day" 6th Grade Milestone 9:30 am S.S. & set up Clothing Event 	25 Clothing Event 2-6pm	26 9:00 am Staff Mtg	27 8:30 am Quilting	27 7pm-AA	29	30

	Usher/Lay Reader Schedule					
April 3rd	<u>8:30am</u> Usher Reader	Jim Kirby Pat Kirby				
April 10th Palm Sun.	Usher	Tom & Linda Moo	ore			
April 17th Easter		30 Mark Gjovig 3:30 Maria Gjovig		Dick Blattner Michele Merritt		
April 24th	Usher Reader	Steve Swenson Karrie Swenson				

PARISH NURSE NOTES

This is the last in the Alzheimer's Association series of the **ten signs** that may indicate some form of dementia in you or someone you love. An appointment with one's medical provider is recommended if someone you know displays <u>CHALLENGES IN PLANNING OR SOLVING</u> <u>PROBLEMS.</u> Some people may experience changes in their ability to follow a plan or work with numbers. For example they may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills, and take longer to do these things than they did before. **What's a typical age-related change?** Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.

SLEEP. It's a vital part of living yet many of us have trouble getting a good night's rest. The following addresses what is referred to as Sleep Hygiene, a collection of good habits that we should use in the time leading up to bedtime. Here are some habits that encourage good sleep quality and longer sleep times.

- Use your bedroom for <u>sleep only</u> -- avoid having a TV in your room and turn off your phone and other screens a half hour before bed
- Exercise sensibly during the day but not too close to bedtime
- Get some sunlight during the day to set your sleep clock
- Make your bedroom dark, quiet, cozy & comfortable and at a cool temperature
- Set a sleep routine of going to bed and waking at roughly the same time
- Meditate, pray or engage in a relaxation routine

Check out more good sleep hygiene tips posted in the church's bathroom stalls. I think **medication lists** given to patients after a clinic visit or upon hospital discharge can be confusing. Often the "as needed" medications are listed in with the scheduled ones; sometimes trade and generic names of the meds are used interchangeably. If you're just not sure you understand what you're supposed to be taking, please give me a call and we can work together to get it figured out!

Easter Blessings to all of our Peace family, Karen

PLC Property Committee

The Property Committee meets bi-monthly (or as needed) to discuss any needs or concerns with the Church building and the grounds of Peace. We oversee the lawn mowing, snow plowing, custodial and any maintenance, which includes the upkeep of our HVAC system and yearly inspections as warranted for the sprinkler system and fire extinguishing equipment.

We have been compiling a list of projects and/or equipment that will be needed in the upcoming years at Peace. If you have any questions about the following items or wish to help or support that project, please talk to one of the property members.

Thank you for your support toward the upkeep of our church building.

- Video booth and equipment in Sanctuary Spring 2022
- New lighting above Altar Spring 2022 •
- Office/hallway lighting replacement [LED] Summer 2022 •
- Front sidewalk replacement Summer 2022 (\$11,000 of \$13,000 bid has been pledged) •
- Replace/repair bathroom partitions in Education Wing •
- Small shed for storage [on cement north side of church] •
- New perimeter parking lot lighting [in preparation for future blacktop] •
- New church signs at highway 35 and parking lot [LED solar powered?] ٠
- Replace Fellowship Hall lighting [LED] •
- Replace Education Wing lighting [LED] •
- Replace toilets in Education Wing •
- Replace flooring in Education Wing hallway •
- Ceiling banners/acoustic panels in Fellowship Hall •
- Sand and polyurethane Altar wall •
- New furniture in Narthex and Library

Property Committee members: Dallas Wynne, Scott Carlson, Larry Carlson, Jered Haase, Bryan Raddatz, Brandon Whittaker, Larry Koenig, Matt Adam, Joe Kahl

Note: 2 furnaces located by the offices (which were 26 yrs old) are currently being replaced due to not working properly last month.

From the Media Department...

We have received all of our new audio equipment. It has been a great addition in creating better sound for the sanctuary and for our livestream.

There was a wait to get all of the video equipment, but it is almost completely in house. One last piece should be arriving within two weeks. We are still waiting for the wiring to be installed.

If you look in the back of the sanctuary you will see the new and expanded sound booth taking shape. This is just one more step with locating our team all in one place.

We are still looking for people of all ages to be part of our media team for the sanctuary and livestreaming. We welcome anyone who would be willing to volunteer on Sunday morning or any of our other events. We will train you. Our hope is to get a rotation of people to serve on Sunday mornings.

Do you have a story to share? We are always looking for people to share about the word of the month or their star word. Reach out to Tammy or Intern Pastor Hillary. We want to keep this ministry of sharing on the screen a part of our service, but we need your voice to make it happen. Please know that your words could change the world for one person or the entire world and we will help you share them.

This-n-That

Family House Homeless Shelter is still being remodeled. State regulations have held up the process. Apparently, it isn't possible to remodel a closet into a small sink/toilet room without an architect! We have everything ready for the 8 rooms under our Peace umbrella. We only need living room curtains. We have enough money to buy them, when we have the window dimensions. Thank you so much for your tremendous generosity! We have been blessed to be a blessing!

Sock Drive: You donated 550 pairs of socks! Think how many people that will help! Socks have already been sent to Grace Place homeless shelter in New Richmond, CRA women's shelter in Milltown, and the Polk County Jail. We have a large bag left for the new Family House Homeless Shelter when it is ready. Another large bag will go to Sharing and Caring Hands (Mary Jo Copeland) in Minneapolis the next time we send quilts there. Thank you so much for your caring hearts!

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

If you would like to designate a donation to help those listed above, please write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" and include with your donation. The donation may be sent to:

ELCA Gifts Processing Center PO Box 1908, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

Save the Dates!

April 7-9th: Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at the ARC, rural Farmington. You may sign up to help at: fmsc.org. Choose volunteer from the menu and type in the zip code for Osceola which is 54020.

April 25th: Peace Free Clothing Event.

Bring your spring & summer clothing donations in beginning the week of April 17th. When you bring your clothing items it would be VERY helpful if they were sorted such as children's clothing in one bag, women's in another, etc.

Help is needed setting up on Sun., April 24th at 9:30am. Paper & plastic bags are also need for the "shoppers" on that day.

Sunday, April 24th is Denim Day @ Peace

Denim Day is celebrated each year as a campaign against sexual violence. Wearing denim is to show support for the survivors and victims. A staff member of the CRA (Community Resource Agency) which is a women's shelter located in Milltown will be at Peace to talk about the mission and ministry of their shelter.

> St. Croix Valley Christian Community Choir presents "Glorious Cross" Salvation's Story, Easter's Song

April 15th, 7pm - April 16th, 3pm April 17th, 7pm All performances at the St. Croix ArtBarn, 1040 Oak Ridge Dr., Osceola Free-will donation to benefit Polk County Feed My Starving Children Movile Pack and the ArtBarn.

Save the date for TACOS To-Go (Drive-thru) Fundraiser May 5th, 2022 (Cinco De Mayo) Free-will donation



1st	Charlie Harelson
2nd	Jenny Corbett
	Andrew Simpkins
3rd	John W. Lee
	Christina Richert
	Jamison Walstead
4th	Justin Wynne
5th	Jan Bents
6th	Deana DeFoe
	Dan McElfresh
7th	Mary Cotch
	Margo Langer
	Garrett Slater
8th	Reed Corbett
9th	Monica Robinson
10th	Don Dehmer
	Ashley Maloney
11th	Jim Chapman
12th	Kristi Durand
	Selah Greenquist
	Miles Gregory
	Morgan Melin
	Josh Strege
13th	John Adam
	Riley Edling
	Lori Maypark
	Jenna Miller
	Alyssa Pauley
14th	Mason Carlson
	Ruby Demulling
15th	Bob Rawlings
16th	Amy Hagen
	Barb Hanson
	Alexa Peterson

17th	Debbie Kravik
	Tom Reeck
18th	Rick Dvorak
	Steve Kromrey
	Mary Lee
19th	Ed Everson
20th	Mark Gjovig
	Minnie Kolve
	Kelly Waalen
21 st	Ashlyn Tinney
22nd	Judi Rondeau
23 rd	Beau Baillargeon
	Callie Harelson
	Linda Meixner
	Rebecca Tangen
24th	Hallie Glenna
	Madison Hanson
	Reese Hanson
	Connie Landgren
25th	Trey Anderson
	Jim Kirby
	Ben Neumann
26th	Connor Hinze
	Kurt Lietz
	Trisha Slater
27th	Pam Brunclik
	Peter Ward
	Abby Wynne
28th	Barb Boyken
	Beverly Hanson
	Bill Schmidt
29th	Becky Bystrom
	Sarah Kromrey
	Michelle Widiker
30th	Jonah Lietz

CORNER

"When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the alien, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied." Deuteronomy 26:12.

This instruction is part of Moses' farewell address to the Israelites, who were about to enter the Promised Land. Because of Moses' sin, the Lord had declared that Moses would die before he entered Canaan. In this passage, Moses is passing along God's instructions for a "special offering," which was in addition to their regular tithes, to show their gratitude for God's blessings and protection during their journey.

Do we follow Moses' instructions? When we are blessed with good health, prosperity, meaningful ministries, and loving relationships, do we give ourselves the credit? Or do we thank and praise God by giving generously, joyously, and intentionally of the time, talent, and treasure God has given us?

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.

Are you using the Vanco Mobile app or Simply Giving for gifts to Peace? While we appreciate it immensely, <u>the service is rather expensive</u>. You may want to explore having your gifts sent directly to Peace from your bank account, which is free of charge to you and to Peace. Thanks!

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FROM THE OFFICE

March Attendance (In-person / Online): 6th: 40/118 13th: 81/74 20th: 117/ 27th:

Giving in March (Budget/Missions): 6th: \$8,805/\$65 13th: \$11,601/\$509 20th: \$9,216/\$75

March 11: Funeral service of Jenni Tacheny

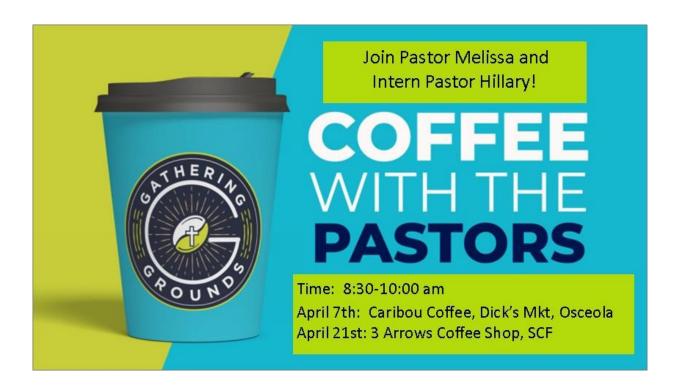
Congregations LEAD Initiative

What is LEAD? Peace applied for and was awarded participation in a program called Congregations LEAD Initiative. This new, two-year program consists of members from 48 congregations across the ELCA. These 48 congregations represent 27 ELCA synods in 20 states and Puerto Rico. A focus of the group is that as the world continues to change and grow more complex, what does this mean for ministry, today and in the future.

During the two-year initiative, we will participate in sponsored learning events, conduct multiple ministry experiments, network with a cohort of other congregations doing similar work and receive group coaching for support and guidance. At the end of the initiative, we may be eligible to receive a grant for the purpose of conducting a ministry experiment.

As part of our first assignment, each team member has had conversations with 2-3 people, some members of Peace and others that are community members. From these conversations, we are learning what Peace means to people in our community and in our church and what being a part of a church means to them.

Peace team members are Pastor Melissa, Intern Hillary, Pat Adam, Tammy Brenizer, Cheryl Bjornstad and Ronda Haley.





8:30 am Service each week 9:35 am Sunday School Livestream is at 8:30 am.

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See pg. 2 for Easter Sunday information!