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News from Peace!

February
2023

O Come, Let Us Worship the Lord

“O Come, Let us Worship the Lord” is the theme for this year’s Lenten season. The focus will be on worshipping together at church as well as in your home. Every family unit will receive a home altar consisting of a purple altar cloth, shell, cross, little Bible, communion chalice, and candle. You will receive one of these symbols of the Christian faith each week when you attend the Wednesday evening service, with an accompanying sheet recommending scripture passages for you to read at home during the week relating to that particular symbol. The message each week will center around the Christian symbol given out.

Lenten Services Schedule:

Each week the meal will be at 6:00 pm and the Service at 7:00 pm.

- ♦ February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) purple Altar Cloth
- ♦ March 1st Shell
- ♦ March 8th Cross
- ♦ March 15th Bible
- ♦ March 22nd Chalice
- ♦ March 29th Candle



More Lent Info:

Our confirmation youth will be engaged with mentors each week, dinner will be served, and we will gather for worship together. Pastor Maggie Isaacson will lead our worship series and we encourage you to join us.

There will be a sign up board in the Narthex in early February for the Soup Suppers. Please consider signing up to help with the meals. Serving & clean up help is welcome also!!

Ash Wednesday. February 22nd

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship & Ashes

Wednesdays, March, 1st, March, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Lent Mid-Week Service

Holy Week:

April 2 - Palm Sunday (Service, Breakfast, 1st Communion Class)

April 6 - Maundy Thursday/First Communion

April 7 - Good Friday Service @ Noon

April 9 - Easter Sunday Services at 8:30 & 10:15 am



FROM THE OFFICE

January 6th: Funeral service of Dorothy Lindholm (Pastor Angie Kutney)

January 7th: Funeral service of Ken Lear (Pastor Maggie Isaacson)



January Attendance:

1st: 44 8th: 90/30 15th: 115/26 22nd: 107/40

Online Views: 1st: 81 8th: 89 15th: 83 22nd: 67

Giving in January (through Jan. 25th): Budget/Missions \$23,280 / \$672

Noisy Offering: \$249

Additional Giving this Month: \$26,000 to Mortgage Principal



- To all the workers who served at the funeral luncheons (and cleaned up).
- To our Peace family for bringing cakes/bars for the luncheons.
- To Jerry (PLC custodian) for keeping our sidewalks cleared and ice free during all the inclement weather
- To Jack & Debbie Brust for delivering the food to the food shelf

PULPIT SUPPLY PASTORS

While Pastor Melissa is on sabbatical, we have several pastors leading and/or preaching on Sunday mornings. Following is a brief intro to them.

Pastor Suzi Orlopp ~ Pastor Suzi is Director of Programs & Retreats for Camp Wapo Bible Camp. Before joining Camp Wapo she served as a pastor in Buffalo, MN. She loves being a part of the outdoor ministry that the Bible Camp offers.

Pastor Maggie Isaacson ~ Pastor Maggie has served as the pastor at North Valley and Milltown churches as well as a church in Superior. She retired in 2019 (and has been busier than ever since then). Pastor Maggie was an Intern at Peace in 1997-1998 & is currently a Peace member. She will also be leading our evening Lent services this year.

Pastor Alan Padgett ~ Pastor Alan is a United Methodist minister and theologian. He is a professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary and has written several books. Pastor Alan and his wife Sally often worship at Peace.

Pastor Kent Johnson ~ Pastor Kent retired a year ago after 27 years as a pastor, most recently serving at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in La Crescent, MN. He is a strong advocate for justice and peace. (He is also Ronda Haley's brother.)

Pastor Sandy Johnson ~ Pastor Sandy also recently retired after pastoring in Prentice, River Falls, and Deronda and serving as Interim Pastor at Christ Lutheran in Somerset. Sandy and her husband, Jed, were members of Peace and she was our first Education Director before enrolling in the seminary. (Sandy is Ben Brown's mother.)

Peace is thankful for the presence of these pastors on Sunday mornings and their willingness to share the Gospel of Christ with us, both in person and online.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES...

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35

In February we are inviting you to share the love by making a donation to FMSC. Our congregation has been extremely faithful in your support of FMSC in the past, & we are asking for your support once again.

It costs \$88 to feed one child for a year, and it costs a mere \$.29 for one meal. Feb.12th through the end of the month we will have a table in the narthex at which you can purchase a gift of \$88, or donate any amount you choose. (Makes a Wonderful Valentines gift!) Thank you for prayerfully considering to help feed the worlds children.

Please save the date of April 28th and 29th when the Polk County Mobile Pack will be returning to the fairgrounds, & plan to join in the excitement of packing a meal!

Diaper Drive

Peace will be serving as a drop off center for the United Way St. Croix Valley Diaper Drive during the month of February. There will be a large bin in the Narthex for people to donate diapers, newborn-sz. 6, as well as baby wipes. United Way will distribute them to low-income families in our area.

Maple Syrup Ministry - Informational Meeting Sunday, Feb. 26 @ 11:00 am

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 Vicky Koehler. Daytime or late afternoon/early evening options are available for collecting sap!

(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.

Your help is needed to sustain this great ministry!

Looking forward to a great sap season!!

Little Dresses for Africa COMMUNITY SEWING DAY Sat., February 4th, 9am-2pm

We need people to cut elastic, cut out a one piece pattern, iron or sew. We always have a great time. We have two sewing machines. If you bring your own please bring an extension cord. No experience necessary!

Come for part or all of the time. Kids under age 16 must be with an adult. A light lunch will be served.

For more info contact Diane Lechman
715-483-9791

Our Haitian Children

TeachHaiti suggested that we consider food pkgs for our childrens' families instead of Christmas presents. We sent \$450 for 6 large food gifts. The school purchased local food and delivered it to them. Our 3 girls are: Anne (PreK), Soidenaica (3rd grade), Nilandie (2nd grae). Our 3 boys are: Hervendz (PreK), Jean-Rubens (1st grade) and Rossendjy (3rd grade). See the photos of these children in the narthex and pray for our six children.



Quilters News

Our Quilters finished 400 quilts in 2022!! That is by far our highest number ever! Our success is attributed to dedicated members and non-members meeting weekly all year, wonderful donations of sheets and blankets, and financial help to purchase batting. Our quilts are not as fancy as they used to be, but we can get so many more done by using larger pieces of fabric and sheets.

Our quilts are not as fancy as they used to be, but we can get so many more done by using larger pieces of fabric and sheets. We continue to have kits for sewing quilt tops available in the narthex or outside the kitchen door (in a cooler). We welcome help from anyone in our community. Thank you, Peace members, for your fantastic support! Pray for those who receive our quilts.

Quilters are in need of needles for tying quilts. These are larger than regular needles. They are about 2 1/2" long, have a larger eye for threading and have a sharp point. We can't use darning needles that have a blunt point. We are having a hard time finding new needles that work.

Craft Sunday

On Sunday, Feb. 5th, Vicky Simpkins will offer a "craft time" between services. This will be held in the Small Dining Area and is open to anyone!

Mary Pollock Benefit, Sat., Feb. 18th

1:00-5:00pm @ BrowTine Event Ctr.
1361 100th St., Amery (formerly The Tac)

Mary is a former church secretary (North Valley & Joy Lutheran Churches) and a friend of Pat Adam's. She is diagnosed with Grade 4 Glioblastoma. There is no cure for this type of cancer. Mary has underwent surgery, chemo, radiation and numerous hospitalizations.

There will be a Pulled Pork Lunch, Raffles, Live Music and a Silent Auction.

Happy Birthday PW!

Pastor Wayne will be celebrating his 75th birthday on February 18th. His family has asked that his Peace family send cards to him in acknowledgement of this special day.

His address is:

Wayne Deloach, 843 Acorn Ridge, White-water, WI 53190.

For those of you who have recently joined Peace, Pastor Wayne retired in 2013 after serving as our pastor for 35 years.

Women's Lenten Bible Study

"The Women of Easter" Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene.

Join Ronda Haley for this 8-week study written by Liz Curtis Higgs beginning Thurs., Feb. 23. We will meet from 10-11:30 am at Peace. Books are available in the church office for \$10.

For more info contact Ronda-651-210-9347

Lent Soup Suppers

Years ago, I remember that we would bring our own soup bowl and spoon for the Lenten Suppers. Many of us would carry them in a gift bag, lunch bag, etc., and take the bowl home to wash.

It would save \$\$ if the church were not purchasing disposable bowls for all who come to eat. This year we are encouraging you to bring your own soup bowl if you are able. There will still be some bowls/utensils set out each week for those who can't or forget. Thanks!



High School Youth Programming Updates:

All 9th - 12th graders, join us for High School Youth Group Wednesday evenings with dinner at 630 pm and youth group at 7-8 pm.

- ♦ February 1st and 8th we will meet at the church.
- ♦ February 15th we will meet at the Hall's for Basketball and Bible night at 7-8 pm. But first all are invited to the Family Sledding Party at the hill near Oakey Park in Osceola from 530-7 pm and then head to the Hall's for Basketball and Bible with the HS Youth.
- ♦ February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. There will be no Youth Group, but you are encouraged to come to the 6 pm pot luck dinner and 7 pm Worship Service.

LENT and YOUTH

During the season of Lent, the 7th-9th grade students will meet with their mentors on Wednesday evenings. If possible, we encourage you to eat dinner together and then use the Mentor/Youth booklet as a guide for your conversation time.

The kids were supposed to find a person as a mentor and give that name to Pastor Melissa several weeks ago. If you have not found a mentor yet please talk with Becky Anderson or Pat Adam.

The first night (Feb. 22-Ash Weds.) the mentors & youth will meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Becky will hand out the booklets and answer any questions about the mentoring time.

YOUTH 16 YEARS & OLDER!

See page 9 for the jobs available at Luther Point Bible Camp. If you love kids and the outdoors this may be the perfect job for you.

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

* Check us out on facebook:
facebook.com/peace.youth1/

* Follow us on Instagram:
[Plcdresseryouth](https://www.instagram.com/Plcdresseryouth)

High School Mission Trip

Butter Braid Fundraiser begins soon.
Details will be sent out on Remind.

April 2nd

Palm Sunday Breakfast

(sign-ups to work this event will be coming soon)

Children, Youth & Families

Happy February! Our focus in Sunday School this month is LOVE in CHAOS (Children Hearing About Our Savior). Exchanging valentines on Valentine's Day is always a special way for kids to show their love for each other. In our stories this month, as you will see in the schedule below, we will learn exactly how God wants us to love and care for each other. Also, we celebrate the beginning of Lent, which leads us to the greatest love story of all time. God loves us so much that He gave His only son for us. What a gift! As we enter Lent, let us humble ourselves in God's great love.



February Schedule

- 5 Lesson - The Good Samaritan
- 12 Singing/Playing bells at the end of the first service (be here by 9:10 am) and at the beginning of the second service
Making Valentine's for Care Friends during Sunday School
- 15 5:30-7pm Tailgating & Toboggans at the hill near Oakey Park
- 19 Lesson - The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin
Second grade milestone presentation during 830 am service followed by interactive workshop with parents at 9:30-10:15 am.
- 26 Camp Sunday - The director of Luther Point will be here for the worship message and Sunday School.
There are Luther Point Summer Program flyers at the Welcome Center.
See page 9 for a list of the camps available.

Save the Date:

First Communion Class (5th grade) will be Sunday, April 2nd (following 2nd service) and the youth will partake in their first Holy Communion on Thursday, April 6th during the Maundy Thursday service. If your child missed the opportunity for the 1st Communion Class, please let the office know and they can participate this year.



Family Sledding Event!

Tailgating & Toboggans-

Weds., February 15, 5:30-7pm

Join us at the hill near Oakey Park in Osceola for some sledding fun. Hot Chocolate and Hot Dogs will be provided. Bring your sleds, snacks, chairs & laughter! All ages are welcome.

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 am Quilting 6 pm Confirmation & HS Youth Group	2 7pm-AA	3	4
5 8:30 & 10:15 am Services 9:35 am SS, Choir Prac.	6	7 9am Staff Mtg	8 8:30 am Quilting 6 pm Confirmation & HS Youth Group	9 7pm-AA	10	11
12 8:30 & 10:15 am Services-kids sing 9:35 am SS, Choir Prac.	13	14 9am Staff Mtg	15 8:30 am Quilting 5:30-7pm Tailgating & Toboggan Event @ Oakey Park-Osceola	16 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	17	18
19 8:30 & 10:15 am Services 2nd Grade Milestone 9:35 am SS, Choir Prac.	20	21 9am Staff Mtg 2:00 pm Care- giver Support Group	22 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 8:30 am Quilting 6:00 pm Soup Meal 6:30pm Mentor / Student 7:00 pm Lent Serv.	23 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7pm-AA	24	25
26 8:30 & 10:15 am Services, 9:35 am SS, Choir Prac. 11am Syrup Mtg. 11:30am Council / Staff Mtg.	27	28 9am Staff Mtg 1:30 pm Rachel Circle				

Feb. Usher/Lay Reader Schedule

		8:30	10:15
Feb. 5	Usher Reader	Steve & Karrie Swenson Karrie Swenson	Volunteer? Jan Museus
Feb. 12	Usher Reader	Tom & Linda Moore Pete Peterson	Gene Jaremcuk Anne Miller Solsrud
Feb. 19	Usher Reader	Mark Gjovig Maria Gjovig	Chris Chinander Claire Chinander
Feb. 26	Usher Reader	Paul Lindholm Michele Merritt	Chad Slater Family Pat Kirby



FEBRUARY

- 1st Dick Blattner
- 2nd Glen Museus
Dennis Langer
- 3rd Jerry Reardon
Noah Berg
- 4th Shannon Bents
Jayce Leisch
- 5th Lee Carlson
- 6th Sue Gerlach
- 7th Tara Adam
Taylor Fehlen
Roman Ferris
- 8th Drew Ekstrom
- 10th Gabbie Newman
- 11th Daniel Hanson
Lucas Jeske
- 12th Brooke Bents
- 14th Ray Ose
Jacob O'Connor
- 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

LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP



Registration is open for
Summer Camp 2023

www.lutherpoint.org

715-689-2347

Email: info@lutherpoint.org

Summer Camps:

1st & 2nd Grade (Day at Camp/Overnight)

3rd & 4th Grade (Half Week)

Grandparent/Grandchild Camp (Half Week)

4th-6th Grade (Full Week)

7th-9th Grade (Full Week)

Night Life Camp (7th-12th Grade-Half Week)

Fish Camp (4th-6th and 7th-12th Grade)

Horse Camp (Beginning/Intermediate/5th Grade and over)

Drama, Guitar & Arts Camp (4th-9th Grade)

Family Camp (Arts Camp-Half Week)

B.U.D.D.I.E.S. (High School/Counselor in Training)

Luther Point is hiring for the summer!

Jr. Team Member-\$300/week (must be 16)

Sr. Team Member \$350/week (must be 18)

On-site Camp Medic-\$350/week (must be 18)

Team Leader-\$350/week (must be 18)

Waterfront Coordinator-\$350/week (must be 18)

Camp Connect Counselor-\$350/week (must be 16,
not required to live onsite depending on distance)

Volunteer Nurses are needed. Must have active
WI or MN Nursing License. Volunteer Nurses can
register their family members free of charge for a
week of Summer Camp. Nursing Staff will be given
a private cabin & free meals.

Nurses are needed June 11th-30th and July 9th-28th.

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a person’s life does not consist in the abundance of their possessions.” Luke 12:15, New International Version.

These words of Jesus were spoken after his teaching was interrupted by a man who wanted Jesus to settle a dispute the man was having with his brother. Though he was physically present, the man’s attention was not on Jesus’ truths, but on his concern that his brother would receive more of the family’s wealth than he would.

Jesus responds with a parable about a man whose earthly wealth, because of his premature death, was not available for him to enjoy. We would do well to remember Jesus’ point—that wealth must not have the highest priority in our lives. Our relationship with God, in response to God’s gifts of love and grace, need to occupy the top spot in our hearts.

As Jesus says later in this chapter, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

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.

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PARISH NURSE NOTES

As much as we don't want to believe it, the **coronavirus** is still spreading in certain communities in our region, especially after many people gathered together over the holidays. Here are a few reminders and current recommendations to aid in clarifying exactly what one should do if they expect they have the virus, have tested positive with a home test, or have been around someone who becomes sick with COVID:

Quarantine and stay away from others if you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. A **close contact** is someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person (positive test confirmation) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period. **Isolate** when you are sick or when you have COVID, even if you don't have symptoms. While isolating at home, as much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home. Regardless of your vaccination status, if you test positive for COVID or have symptoms, isolate for at least 5 days. After 5 days, you may end your isolation if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving. **Do not travel** until a full 10 days after your symptoms began or the date your positive test was done if you had no symptoms. When coming out of isolation or quarantine, it's a good idea to wear a mask for a few more days when around vulnerable people who have underlying risk factors. And it's never too late to get the recommended COVID booster shot!

Get healthy with EAT SMART, MOVE MORE, WEIGH LESS. The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Northwest Wisconsin (ADRC) is offering a new wellness initiative beginning in February. *Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less* is an evidence-based, *online* lifestyle change and weight management program developed by North Carolina State University. The 15-week weight management program works because it's not a diet per se – it's a lifestyle! All weekly classes are conducted online by a live instructor, fostering interaction between the instructor and all participants. The next 15-week session begins on February 5th with the following beginning on March 5th. Individuals can conveniently attend classes from home or office using a computer or mobile device. And best of all, the ADRC has a few vouchers left that would cover the full cost of the program (valued at \$235) for adults age 60 and older for a limited time. For more information or to register, call the ADRC at 877-485-2372 or email symone.sine@polkcountywi.gov.

I'm excited to be a part of taking our caregiver support group to the next level by hosting an upcoming **Caregiving Conference** here at Peace sometime in April. Stay tuned for more details....

Friendly Reminder: Now that we've kicked off another new year, please make sure you're up-to-date on any and all cancer screening tests, e.g. pap smears, screening colonoscopies, mammograms, etc. The cost of testing is usually covered by all health insurances so don't put it off!

Blessings to you in 2023 – may it be your best year yet, **Karen**

Worship SCHEDULE

8:30 & 10:15 am Services each week
9:35 am Sunday School
Livestream is at 8:30 am.

Inclement Weather Rule

If St. Croix Falls or Osceola Schools are closed or release early due to winter weather conditions, there will be no events (Confirmation, meetings, etc.) at church that evening. If there is a large snowstorm on a scheduled worship day, we will post a decision to stay open or close on the PLC facebook page, website and send out a group email. As much as we want to have YOU at our worship services, we want you and your family to be safe!

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