



Words of Peace

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Peace Lutheran Church

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Lent



*Our mid-week service messages this year
focus on the
Spiritual Disciplines of Lent.*

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m. with Communion

Good Friday – 7 p.m.

*Easter Sunday – 7 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt – 8-9:30 a.m.*



Easter Sunday Flowers

Please Print and place an X in the appropriate ()'s below:

Name of Donor: _____

() In Memory of _____

Relationship: _____

() In Honor of the Risen Christ

Choice of flower:

- () Potted Easter Lily - \$22.00
- () Potted Cyclamen - \$19.00
- () Potted Begonia - \$19.00
- () Potted Daisy Mum - \$16.00
- () Will purchase own plant & bring for Easter Service
(Please bring on Saturday.)

The last day to place orders is Thursday, March 22.

Make checks payable to PEACE LUTHERAN ALTAR GUILD.

Place this form and money, if appropriate, in an envelope and put in box – found in both the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall (or give to Audrey Vitarius, Carol White or Karlene).

- () Flowers will be taken home after Easter Services.
- () Please give Flowers to shut-in.

Memorials will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.

Thank you.





Dear Family at Peace,

“Lent asks us to embrace a spiritual gravity, a downward movement of the soul, a turning from our self-sufficiency and sinfulness. In such quiet turning, we are humbled and thus made ready to receive from God a fresh and joyous grace.” (Bobby Gross) This description of the season we call “*Lent*” captures our journey during the 40 days prior to Easter Sunday. As we consciously enter the journey that took our Lord, Jesus to his death on the cross, we are intentionally aware that it was our sin that sent him to the cross.

We observe Lent during a time of year when the days are lengthening and, *eventually*, the signs of new life appear. Even as Lent progresses with its somber themes and ascetic disciplines, the natural world reminds us of the coming resurrection.

We begin our Lenten Journey at the place where Psalm 51 takes us – to David’s prayer of admission of guilt and cry for God’s mercy. He asks the Lord to purify him from his sins and remove the stain of his guilt. David’s desire is to be restored to the joy of his salvation. We then find our way through Psalm 103, where, again, David falls on the mercy of the Lord. But, now he is filled with praise when he recounts all the good things that are already his – forgiveness, healing, redemption, mercy and renewal.

He recalls the attributes of his God – The Lord is compassionate and merciful slow to anger and filled with unfailing love. He does *not* punish us for all our sins; he does *not* deal harshly with us as we deserve. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like *a father to his children*, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

Even as we prepare for the anguished hours of Good Friday and the unfathomable silence of Holy Saturday, we anticipate the glorious joy of Resurrection Sunday. These six weeks are like walking in a still-darkened valley even as the morning sun lights the tops of the mountains around us.

Holy God, mindful of our weakness and sin, we come before you to receive your compassion and grace. We have known your goodness, your deliverance and your love. We ask for mercy for the ways we have neglected and rejected you. We open ourselves to receive your Spirit, that gives us strength and perseverance for the journey we are on. May we bring Glory to you! Amen.

Journeying Together,
Pr. Bob



“We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.” 2
Thessalonians 1:3

Well, dear friends of Peace Lutheran Church, I have news to share that I thought would be given much later rather than sooner. But I have made the decision that I would like to phase into retirement. When Misty and I moved here in 2013 our thought was that we would eventually retire *here*. But things can change, can't they?

First, it has become clear that I can't retire in the Gallatin Valley. The cost of living here is much too high for us. Secondly, since 2013 we have had 2 grandchildren born to our middle son Jared and wife Chelsea living in the Faribault, MN area. And another one is being planned for by our youngest son, Julian and wife, Katie living in Sioux Falls, SD. Both families *really* want Misty and I to be near to them and to share that part of their life. And, we really want that, too! It's so hard being 1000 miles away.

My hope is to serve as an Interim Pastor in the MN, SD, IO, WI (Lutherland!) area as I phase into retirement. And, after I retire, serve on a much more limited basis. Misty's desire is to teach preschool. So...what that means is we hope for a late summer or early fall move to MN.

Our time here with you has been an absolute blessing! You all have been so warm and accepting and supportive! And I enjoy very much being on the Pastoral Staff with Pastor Bob. We are a good team, I think! But Misty and I are very lonely for our family and so we feel the need to start planning our next stage of life.

I pray that you understand the reasons for our leaving. As a wise, long-serving pastor told me early on in my ministry, “Pastors should have 3 top priorities in life and set in this order: God, family, church.”

Sisters and brothers in Christ, in the months that we have left together please know that while I am your pastor I am “all in”, as it is said, until we leave. I won't pull away from you and I will serve our congregation with my whole heart as I always have. I love you and remain so grateful to be your pastor. May God guide us all in the months ahead.

Love in Christ, Pastor Jeff



Ministry Teams

March 4	<i>Sojourners & Pilgrims Pr. Bob Coughlin</i>
Piano	<i>Nancy Murdock</i>
Acolyte	<i>Dawson Davis</i>
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	<i>Phil & Kate Davis Darin & Jayme Swenson</i>
March 11	<i>ELW #10 Pr. Jeff Redlin</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Acolyte	<i>Devyn Sando</i>
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	<i>Jimmy & Nancy Murdock Rollie & Kristy Rieger</i>
March 18	<i>Sojourners & Pilgrims Pr. Bob Coughlin</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	<i>Dennis & Cheryl Bechtold Jim & Pam Cook</i>
March 25 Palm Sunday	<i>ELW #3 Pr. Jeff Redlin</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Acolytes	
Usher/Lector	<i>Carl & Katy Grassel Ross & Claudia Leake Cindy & Zach Sherman</i>
Council for March	<i>Jim Cook, Ross Leake & Carl Grassel</i>
Altar Guild for March	<i>Jinx Sorensen Kristy Rieger Julie Hanson</i>





2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3:30 p.m. Peacemakers (Grade 4-7) 7:00 p.m. Youth & Educ. 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study BSF	2 Pr. Jeff's day off	3 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
4 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sojourners & Pilgrims 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	5 Pr. Bob's day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	6 1:30 p.m. Crossways Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer 7:00 p.m. Peace Prayer Gp. 7 p.m. Mission/Outreach	7 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Lent Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship	8 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. 3:30 p.m. Peacemakers (Grade 4-7). 7:00 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study BSF	9 Pr. Jeff's day off	10 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist SPRING AHEAD TONIGHT B4 BED!
11 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #10 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT FORUM PR. JEFF OUT OF THE OFFICE MAR. 12-18	12 Pr. Bob's day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank  7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	13 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer 7:00 p.m. Peace Prayer Gp SPRING	14 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Lent Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship BREAK	15 NO PEACEMAKERS 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study BSF	16	17  9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
18 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sojourners & Pilgrims 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Forum 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 P.M. Choir	19 Pr. Bob's day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 1-4 p.m. Clothes Closet 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	20 Newsletter Due 1:30 p.m. Crossways Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer 7:00 p.m. Peace Prayer Gp	21 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Lent Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship	22 3:30 p.m. Peacemakers (Grade 4-7) 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study BSF	23 Pr. Jeff's day off	24 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist 2-5 p.m. Cindy Gee Retirement Reception
25 Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #3 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 4:30 p.m. Community Café 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	26 Pr. Bob's day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	27 1:30 p.m. Crossways Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer 7:00 p.m. Peace Prayer Gp	28 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting	29 Maundy Thursday 3:30 p.m. Peacemakers (Grade 4-7) 7:00 p.m. Worship	30 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Worship	31 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist



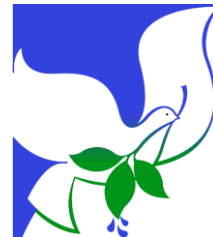
If you would like to show your thanks for something in the next newsletter, please fill out a "I give thanks to" sheet and place it in the Give Thanks boxes that are located on the counter in the back of the Sanctuary and on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

- ✚ *Thank you to everyone that brought soup & bread for our Wednesday Lenten suppers.*
- ✚ *Dave Lanzendorf for installing the new toilets.*
- ✚ *To Jerry & Karlene Swenson for hosting the Council Retreat.*

BAPTISMS FOR March

Remember your Baptism – whether walking in the rain or in the shower. Members that have been baptized in February are:

- ? Larry Oddy
- 1 Jeff Redlin
- 4 Cheyanne Erickson
- 5 Bill Miller
- Allison Mattson
- 11 Megan Winchester
- 13 Connie Paulson
- 16 Blaise Bolich
- 19 Gary Paulson
- 24 Ty Sando
- 25 Stan Olean
- 28 Kris Bell
- Brandon Thurston
- 31 Nathan Ross



Ladybug Preschool will be starting early registration for the 2018-2019 preschool year on March 20th. This early registration is open exclusively to Peace Lutheran Church members and current Ladybug Preschool families until April, when open registration for the community begins. Registration forms will be available starting March 20th in the Ladybug Preschool mailbox, located in the entryway across from the elevator and next to the coat rack. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact Shari Watson at 388-0505, Tina Beckman at 599-3416, or Leslie Bartle at 539-4683.



April Ministry Team

In March a council member will be calling the following

April Ministry Team Members:

- Kirk & Michelle Banderob
- Jeff & Kris Bell
- Debra Briggs & Andy Mitchell
- Harvey & Laura Carter
- Jackie Currey
- Mike & Becky Erickson
- Roy Finkbeiner
- Heather Geiger
- John & Wynne Gillis
- Jim & Julie Hanson
- Kevin & Julie Mattson
- Lisa McCurley
- Derrick & Michelle Monson
- Gary & Connie Paulson
- Joe & Jodi Robbins
- Steve & De'Anne Smith
- Mike & Joy Spinella
- Mike & Vickie Streich
- Fawn Wyman

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed or has the wrong date, please contact the church office so that it can be corrected on the church records.

Office email is PeaceLutheran@Live.com

- 1 Everett & Bette March
- 2 Cheyanne Erickson
Peggy Hall
- 3 Matthew Coughlin
- 4 Lewis Murphy, Jr.
- 7 Julie Mattson
Jesse & Stacy Leake
- 10 Jennifer Handsaker
- 13 Connie Paulson
- 15 Megan Paulson
Whitney Salo
- 17 Paul & Teresa Flanagan
- 19 Gary Paulson
Dalton Koosman
- 20 Claudia Leake
Becky Erickson
Blaise Bolich
- 23 Zach Sherman
Thane & Kimberly Adams
- 24 Phillip Winchester
Amanda Hook
Stacey Larson
- 25 Kameron Sando
- 26 Kristen Steadman
- 27 Matthew & Anna Coughlin
Jennifer Trainer
- 29 Udo Akukwe
- 30 Trish Baker
- 31 Valerie Ross

2018 Council



President: John Gillis
Vice President: Bruce Sorensen
Secretary: Kari Haas
Treasurer: Val Ross
Council: Carl Grassel
Jerry Swenson
Derrick Monson
Jackie Currey
Kari Haas
Ross Leake
Megan Paulson
Rollie Rieger

Pastor Bob Coughlin
Pastor Jeff Redlin



There is no way Bob and I can adequately express thanks for all the love we have received the past two months from all of you. The prayers, the visits, the caring phone calls, the cards, the kind acts of help, and the many many meals and treats that have arrived at our front door have been uncountable huge blessings. We hope to be back regularly at services soon but in the meantime huge thankful hugs to all of you. Carol (White)



**Stuart
Murray joins
the U. S.
Army**



Quilt Presentation from Veterans



Youth

Climbing Day

at Spire!

Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports

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General Fund Ending 1/31/18	
General Fund Balance 1/1/18	14,368.94
General Fund Income - January Envelopes & Plates	15,896.19
Less January Operating Expenses	(15,541.17)
January General Fund Balance:	<u>355.02</u>
Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid)	(1,811.40)
YTD General Fund Ending Balance 1/31/18	<u>12,912.56</u>

Special Donations Fund Ending 1/31/18	
Special Fund Balance 1/1/18	16,048.78
Special Fund Donations	15,130.00
Special Fund Disbursements	(15,100.00)
YTD Special Fund Balance 1/31/18	<u>16,078.78</u>
Building Fund Balance Ending 1/31/18	
Building Fund Balance 1/1/18	47,865.37
Transfers from General Fund	0.00
Building Fund Donations	375.00
Building Fund Disbursements	0.00
YTD Building Fund Balance 1/31/18	<u>48,240.37</u>



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The newsletter is available on the website www.peace2you.org.

If you do not have web access, we will be happy to mail the newsletter to you.

Scriptures for March

March 4 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 2:13-22(23-25)

March 11 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-9
Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21

March 18 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:(32-34)35-45

March 25 – Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-12	Psalm 118:19-29
Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47

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