



Words of Peace

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Lent



*Our mid-week service messages this year
will focus on
Prayer and the Sermon on the Mount.*



Beginning March 6 - 6:15 P.M.

Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.



*Join us every Wednesday during Lent for Soup &
Bread followed by Lenten Vespers*



“One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him and he began to teach them.”
(Matthew 5:1-2)

Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

With the turn of the calendar from February to March, we enter into the season of the church-year we call ‘Lent’. Every week, until Easter, we will come into a time of humble introspection. It is a time for us to look at ourselves before our God and Father, reflecting on our need for his amazing grace.

Throughout Lent, we will have mid-week vespers. These services are a way for us to pause during our busy week and give space for meditating on the wonderful meaning of God’s sacrificial love for us.

This year, we will focus our Wednesday Vespers on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount as recorded in Matthew’s Gospel. The Sermon on the Mount is the most complete description anywhere in the New Testament of the Christian counter-culture Jesus proclaimed as the ‘Kingdom of God’.

Immediately after his baptism and temptation Jesus had begun to announce the good news that the kingdom of God was coming which Jesus had come to inaugurate. A new age had dawned and the rule of God had broken into history! ‘*Repent,*’ he cried, ‘*for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*’. (Mt. 4:17)

The Sermon on the Mount portrays the repentance and righteousness which belong to the kingdom. It describes what life and community look like when we come under the gracious rule of God. Jesus teaches his followers how our lives are to be lived as Children of the King!

Much of the message is familiar to us. I am sure there are parts of it you know by heart. During Lent, we will look particularly at what Jesus has to say about our communication with God – our life of prayer.

We have devoted previous seasons of our Lent Vespers to spiritual disciplines in order to gain a better understanding of what they are, what they are for and how to use them properly. This year Pastor Andrew and I will be taking a look at how the principles taught in the Sermon on the Mount affect our habits of prayer. And, hopefully it will motivate and inform us to pray throughout this season and beyond.

I pray this season of Lent will draw us closer to our Savior and Lord. That it will renew our faith and invigorate our spirit to the glory of our Father. I encourage you all to ‘lean in to Lent’. Let us journey together.

Because He loves us.
Pr. Bob



Why Do We Pray?
By Pr. Andrew Young

Recently, before my boys went to bed, I read to them the children's book, "Berenstain Bears Say Their Prayers." A great book! I'm a "Berenstain Bears" fan! In that book, after Brother Bear and Sister Bear say their "good night" prayers, Brother Bear asks Mama Bear a thought-provoking question, "Mama, why do we say our prayers? I was at a sleep over at Berry Bruin's last week, and he doesn't say prayers at all." "Because, dear," Mama replies, "Some people just don't believe in them, but we say our prayers to thank God for His blessings each day."

A good response from Mama Bear! Being thankful to God is certainly a huge part of prayer! But if I could piggy back off Mama Bear's good point, when I look at the way Jesus prays in Scripture, it was so much more than uttering words to God. Rather, Jesus prays to God because He genuinely loves God and depends on God, and God genuinely loves and trusts in the Son.

In other words, Jesus looks at prayer as a lifestyle of loving and trusting God, and he spent hours praying. Sometimes, he would pray all night long on a mountain side or in a garden, not because he had to, but because he genuinely loves and trusts God, and God genuinely loves and trusts in the Son. What about the words Jesus uses? The words he uses in his prayers are words coming from a genuine heart of praise, thanks, and supplication.

Peace Lutheran, in the same way, Jesus calls His people to pray as a genuine lifestyle of loving and trusting God because He first loved us and gave us His Son to die for our sins and rose again on the third day, so we could be one with Him and each other now and forever! So, to all "Brother Bear's" out there wondering why we should pray, what better reason is there to pray than that! Prayer is a gift to us from Jesus—a lifestyle of loving and trusting in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—the only Triune God now and forever!

During this Lenten Season, we are going to journey through the spiritual discipline of prayer. We are going to look at prayer not as a "have to," not as another "religious ritual," not as a way of "scoring points," with God. Jesus never treated prayer like that; we shouldn't either. Rather, we are going to look at prayer through the spiritual lens of Christ—journeying with God through prayer as a lifestyle of loving and trusting Him. And, the words the Holy Spirit puts on our hearts to pray—words of praise, thanksgiving, and supplication—will leave you amazed with Him and wanting to continue to pray as a lifestyle of loving and depending on Him.

I'm looking forward to being on this prayerful journey with you.

God's blessings,

Pr. Andrew Young



Ministry Teams

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| March 3 | <i>Sing a New Song</i> |
| Piano | <i>Connie Holton</i> |
| Acolyte | <i>Stara Bell</i> |
| Usher/Lector | <i>Ross Family</i> |
| Refreshments | <i>Fred & Kari Haas Kyle & Joni Sando</i> |
| March 10 | <i>Sojourners & Pilgrims</i> |
| Piano | <i>Jackie Currey</i> |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher/Lector | <i>Linda & Ashby Miller</i> |
| Refreshments | <i>Jackie Currey Derek & Nicky Swenson</i> |
| March 17 | <i>ELW #3 or 4</i> |
| Piano | <i>Jinx Sorensen</i> |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher/Lector | <i>Fred & Kari Haas</i> |
| Refreshments | <i>Troy & Megan Paulson Terry & Nancy Schievelbein</i> |
| March 24 Palm Sunday | <i>Sojourners & Pilgrims</i> |
| Piano | <i>Connie Holton</i> |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher/Lector | <i>Martin Haas & Jim Moss</i> |
| Refreshments | <i>Jerry & Karlene Swenson Rollie & Kristy Rieger</i> |
| March 31 | <i>ELW #10</i> |
| Piano | <i>Lorrie Hansen</i> |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher/Lector | <i>Peace Youth</i> |
| Refreshments | <i>Dennis & Cheryl Bechtold Dianne Coughlin</i> |
| Council for March | <i>Kari Haas/Megan Paulson/ Rollie Rieger</i> |
| Altar Guild for March | <i>Kris Bell & Julie Hanson</i> |



2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 3 Transfiguration 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 | 4 Pastors day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 5 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 6 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. Lent Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship | 7 7:00 p.m. Book Club | 8 | 9 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist SPRING AHEAD TONIGHT B4 BED! |
| 10 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #10 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 | 11 Pastors day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 12 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 13 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. Lent Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship | 14 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. 7:00 p.m. Council Book Club | 15 | 16 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 17 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sojourners & Pilgrims 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT FORUM NO CONFIRMATION 7:00 P.M. Choir | 18 Pastors day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 1-4 p.m. Clothes Closet 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 19 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer S P R I N G | 20 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. Lent Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship B R E A K | 21 7:00 p.m. Book Club | 22 | 23 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 24 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #3 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 | 25 Pastors day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 26 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 27 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. Lent Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship | 28 7:00 p.m. Book Club | 29 | 30 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 31 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #10 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Forum 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir | | | | | | |



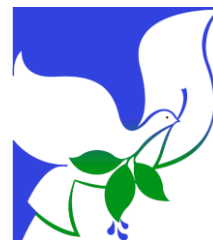
If you would like to show your thanks for something in the next newsletter, please let the office know.

- ✦ Dan Madison for periodically plowing snow at the church.
- ✦ To Jerry & Karlene Swenson for hosting the Council Retreat.
- ✦ To Vickie Streich for knitting beautiful baby aphgans
- ✦ Fred, Kari & Martin Haas for organizing and supervising the two ROC chair builds
- ✦ John Gillis for serving as council president
- ✦ To the new officers who have volunteered to serve our congregation
- ✦ The entire church council for their willingness to serve

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
- 5 Bill Miller
- Allison Mattson
- 11 Megan Winchester
- 16 Blaise Bolich
- 24 Ty Sando
- 25 Stan Olean
- 28 Kris Bell
- Brandon Thurston
- 31 Nathan Ross



Ladybug Preschool will be starting early registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year on March 11th. 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 11th 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:

- Jeff & Kris Bell
- Debra Briggs & Andy Mitchell
- Jim Caldwell
- Harvey & Laura Carter
- Jackie Currey
- Mike & Becky Erickson
- Roy Finkbeiner
- Heather Geiger
- John & Wynne Gillis
- Suzanne Haniuk
- Jim & Julie Hanson
- Amanda Hook
- Kevin & Julie Mattson
- Derrick & Michelle Monson
- Eileen Savage
- Joy Richardson
- 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.

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| 2 | Peggy Hall |
| 7 | Julie Mattson |
| 10 | Jennifer Handsaker |
| 15 | Megan Paulson |
| 19 | 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 | Jennifer Trainer |
| 29 | Udo Akukwe |
| 30 | Trish Baker |
| 31 | Valerie Ross |

2019 Council



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

Pastor Bob Coughlin
Pastor Andrew Young



**American
Red Cross**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, March 21
Belgrade Community Church
12Noon – 6 p.m.

Donors, Refreshments & Registration Staff Needed.
Watch for Sign-Up Sheets



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Red Cross**

Pray for Partners

Peace Lutheran Church partners with a number of individuals and groups to reach out to those in need and to proclaim that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

We support our partners through offerings of that which God has first given us; our time, our talents, and our treasures. Please keep our Partners in your prayers

Local Partners:

Ladybug Preschool
Lutheran Social Services
Belgrade Ministerial Association
PLC Community Garden
Boy Scouts of America
Girl Scouts of America
Fork and Spoon (formerly Community Café)
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship MSU / UM
ZOE Care
Gallatin Valley Chaplain
Red Cross Blood Drive



Local Benevolence Partners

Gallatin Valley Food Bank including:
Monday Food Distributions
Crop Walk
Family Promise
Habitat for Humanity – Gallatin Valley
LOVE INC including:
Clothes Closet

USA / International Partners

Faith Comes by Hearing -- Military Bible Sticks
Lutheran World Relief
Meals for the Heartland

USA / International Benevolence Partners

Christ's Gift Academy
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship – Dawson Community College
ROC Wheels / YEWTHS ROC
Tara DeCock Mission work (fund as needed)

Benevolence Partners: A portion of our offering (12% for 2019) is given to these Partner organizations in addition to being actively involved in their programs. Funding is shared equally unless otherwise noted.

**PEACE LUTHERAN PARTNERED WITH
ROC WHEELS TO BUILD 4 WHEELCHAIRS
THAT WILL BE SHIPPED TO MEXICO IN
MARCH!**

Thanks to everyone who helped!



The Whole Gang



Kylie & Allison

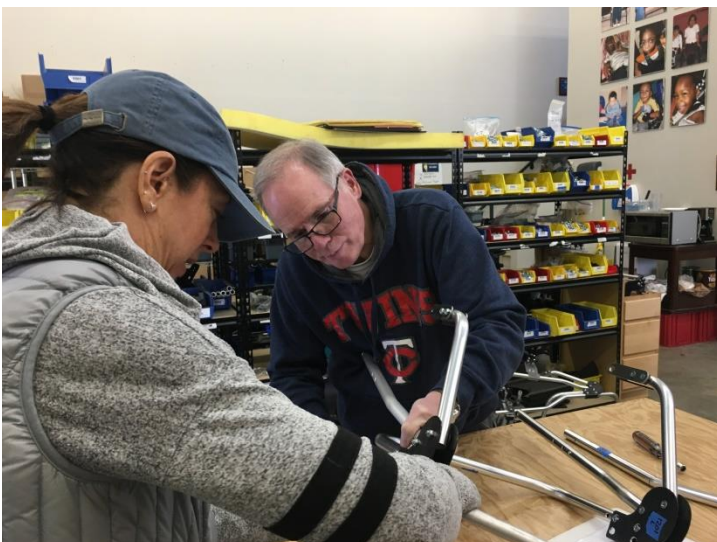


Nathan & Pr. Bob



**Chase
Anthony
Lavern
Martin**

Aidan & Pr. Andrew



Val & Pr. Bob

Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports

March 2019 Newsletter (January 2019 Finance Info)

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| General Fund Ending 1/31/19 | |
| General Fund Balance 1/1/19 | 17,820.66 |
| General Fund Income - January Envelopes & Plates | 28,939.86 |
| Less January Operating Expenses | (18,228.52) |
| January General Fund Balance: | 10,711.34 |
| Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid) | (2,957.14) |
| YTD General Fund Ending Balance 1/31/19 | 25,574.86 |

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| Special Donations Fund Ending 1/31/19 | |
| Special Fund Balance 1/1/19 | 16,821.59 |
| Special Fund Donations | 15,174.00 |
| Special Fund Disbursements | (15,000.00) |
| YTD Special Fund Balance 1/31/19 | 16,995.59 |
| Building Fund Balance Ending 1/31/19 | |
| Building Fund Balance 1/1/19 | 49,110.45 |
| Transfers from General Fund | 750.00 |
| Building Fund Donations | 850.00 |
| Building Fund Disbursements | 0.00 |
| YTD Building Fund Balance 1/31/19 | 50,710.45 |



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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 3 – Transfiguration

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Hebrews 3:1-6

Psalm 99

Luke 9:28-36

March 10 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8-13

Psalm 91:1-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 17 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalm 4

Luke 13:31-35

March 24 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 33:7-20

1 Corinth. 10:1-13

Psalm 85

Luke 13:1-9

March 31 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 12:1-6

2 Corinth. 5:16-21

Psalm 32

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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