



March 2021 Peace Lutheran Church

A congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

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> Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (through March 24)



April 1 – 7 p.m.

. Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

April 2 – 7 p.m. Good Friday Worship

April 4 - Easter Sunday – 9 a.m. Worship @ Peace 11 a.m. Worship – Sorensen Veterinary Clinic So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Dear Family at Peace,

Grace to you and peace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we experience more sunshine giving us the hope of Spring, we look forward to warmer temperatures and increased life outdoors. March in Montana is kind of a "in-between month" where we can experience weather from multiple seasons – oftentimes in the same day! We are not yet into the time when we can be somewhat certain of what to expect. One day gives us warm sunshine, the next brings blizzards! But, that's Montana, where 'change' is a way of life, at least in terms of the weather!

After our celebration of Ash Wednesday in mid-February, we spend the entire month of March in Lent, leading up to Easter Sunday on April 3. During this time Pastor Andrew and I will give attention to characters from the Gospels who have been changed by their interactions with Jesus.

We started by looking at Simon Peter and a life-changing moment on the sea of Galilee when Peter saw Jesus as something much greater than an itinerant rabbi many had started to follow. As we look into other changes that Peter will undergo (as he attempts to walk on water and as he reveals Jesus' true identity), we will also take a glimpse at others who have been changed by their encounters with the one introduced as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". From their first experience with Jesus, they started to change. As they came closer, they became more like him.

We too, can know the change that comes from walking with Jesus. Lent offers us time to examine ourselves, recognizing where we have sinned and fallen short of what God expects of us and realizing our need for a Savior. It is this change into "his glorious image" that is made possible only through the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

The classic Lent disciplines of fasting, prayer, and giving of our resources draw us closer to the One who can institute this change. As we each commit to these things and begin the process of transformation as individuals, we also will see our families and our congregation be clearer reflections of the glory of the Lord.

May this month of "returning to the Lord" bring us all the change we need to reflect the image of the Jesus our world needs so desperately. Together in the Journey, Pr. Bob



Worship Schedule

| March 7 | Sojourners & Pilgrims |
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| Piano | Lorrie Hansen |
| March 14 | Service of the Word |
| Piano | Joe Sutton |
| March 21 | Special Service |
| Piano | Jackie Currey |
| March 28 | Special |
| Palm Sunday | Palm Sunday |
| | Service |
| Piano | Jinx Sorensen |
| Council for March | Kari Haas/Megan Paulson/ |
| | Rollie Rieger |
| Altar Guild for March | Amy Young |
| | Michelle Clark |
| | Marcia Zankowski |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m.Scouts | 2 | 3 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 4 | 5 | 6 Catch the Wave Youth Event @ Peace 12:30N 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 7 3RD Sunday in Lent 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Sojourners & Pilgrims 10:15 a.m. Prayer Warriors | 8 Pastors day off 7:00 p. m. Scouts | 9 | 10 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 11 7:00 p.m. Council | 12 | 13 SPRING AHEAD BEFORE BED DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 14 4 TH Sunday in Lent 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. Prayer Warriors 7:00 p.m. Confirmation | 15 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m. Scouts SPRING BREAK_ | 16 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. | 17 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 18 | 19 | 20 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 21 5 TH Sunday in Lent 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Special Service 10:15 a.m. Prayer Warriors 7:00 p.m. Confirmation | 22 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 23 | 24 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 25 | 26 | 27 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 28 Palm Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Special Service 10:15 a.m. Prayer Warriors 1-4 p.m. – Easter Basket giveaway with Youth 7:00 p.m. Confirmation | 29 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 30 | 31 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:30 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | Apr. 1 Maundy Thurs. 7 p.m. Worship with Communion | Good Friday 7 p.m. Worship | 3 |



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

- **4** To Vickie Streich for knitting beautiful baby afghans
- **4** *Rollie Rieger for serving as council president*
- To the new officers who have volunteered to serve our congregation
- **4** The entire church council for their willingness to serve
- To Julie Hanson, Kris Bell and Stara Bell for treating us to special Valentine cookies!

Ladybug Preschool will be starting early registration for the 2021-22 preschool year very soon. 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 mid-March 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.



A note of gratítude and thanks.....

It has been nearly two years now that our Peace Family has been caring for us, helping where ever and however to enrich our lives, and helping us survive many challenges. Hard to enumerate everything – prayers, phone calls, cards and gifts and so many amazing meals. Special thanks too for the loyal streaming experts that enable us to worship with our Peace family virtually.

There are many times that we have doctor appointments. etc. and offers of errands. And believe it or not there are many times after an all-nighter snowstorm that we wake up and everything is shoveled clean!

God surely planted us in the right place 22 years ago and we have thanked Him many times for guiding us to our new family at PLC! Thank you all so much for all the caring love that is guiding us back to health eventually! Bob and Carol



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Members who have an account with Thrivent Financial have the option to direct money to Peace Lutheran Church. The deadline is the end of March to do so.

Call 800-847-4836. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars.

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 <u>PeaceLutheran@Live.com</u>

- 2 Peggy Hall
- 3 Dennis Rowe
- 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

2021 Council



President: Joe Sutton **Vice President: Martin Haas** Secretary: Megan Paulson **Treasurer: Val Ross Financial Secretary: Lorrie Hansen Council**: **Linda Miller Rick Moler April Johnson Martin Haas** Ioni Sando Joe Sutton **John Gillis** Kari Haas **Ross Leake Megan Paulson Rollie Rieger Bruce Sorensen Pastor Bob Coughlin Pastor Andrew Young**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, March 18 Shift Church 12Noon – 6 p.m.

American Red Cross



A note from Pr. Andrew.....

Hello Parents and Youth!! I'm excited to invite your teens to our youth event on <u>Saturday, March 6th</u> at Peace Lutheran Church. FYI - The host church for this event is Olivet Lutheran Church in Wisconsin, but we will livestream the event at Peace Lutheran. The theme for this event is "*Kindness*" from Ephesians 4:32, "*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you*." We will have delicious treats and refreshments available, but please bring your own sandwich for dinner. Also, bring your own masks (shields or handkerchiefs are fine)...we will have extras available if you need one.

***Please see the itinerary below:

Welcome/Ice-breakers (12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)

Breakout Session/Small Group Discussion: Conforming or Transforming? (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

Service Project (Easter Baskets for Love Inc and Games) (2:00 pm - 5:30 pm)

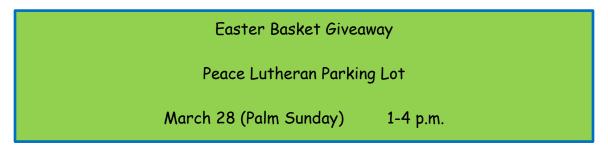
Dinner (5:30 - 6:00 pm)

Evening Worship/Time in God's Word with guest speaker, Peder Eide (6:00 - 9:00 pm)

***P.S. For the service project, we are going to put together Easter baskets (e.g. candy/small toys) for families in need for Love Inc in Gallatin County. Sometime later in March, we, along with other church bodies, will distribute these baskets to those families. This will be a wonderful way to show families Christ's kindness. More details about the date and time for the distribution is coming, so stay tuned!! Parents, if you have any questions about this event and would like to participate, please let me know. We would love to have you!! If you could also let me know how many are coming that would be awesome. For example, "Young Family -- 4" or whatever.

Thank you and God bless!

Pr. Andrew



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: \$20 each

- () Potted Easter Lily
- () Potted Cyclamen
- () Potted Begonia
- () Potted Daisy Mum
- () Will purchase own plant & bring for Easter Service (Please bring before Saturday.)

Orders are due by March 20th. Make checks payable to PEACE LUTHERAN ALTAR GUILD.

Place this form and money in the box in the narthex.

Please take flowers home after Easter Services.

Call the church at 388-1358 with any questions. Memorials will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you.

Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports

March 2021 Newsletter (January 2021 Finance Info)

| General Fund Ending 1/31/21 | |
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| General Fund Balance 1/1/21 | 29,679.73 |
| General Fund Income - January Envelopes & Plates | 18,290.68 |
| Less January Operating Expenses | (22,829.21) |
| January General Fund Balance: | (4,538.53) |
| Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid) | (268.38) |
| YTD General Fund Ending Balance 1/31/21 | 24,872.82 |

| Special Donations Fund Ending 1/31/21 Special Fund Balance 1/1/21 Special Fund Donations Special Fund Disbursements | 27,218.86 15,420.00 0.00 |
|--|--------------------------------|
| YTD Special Fund Balance 1/31/21 | 42,638.86 |
| Building Fund Balance Ending 1/31/21 Building Fund Balance 1/1/21 Transfers from General Fund Building Fund Donations | 51,908.90 750.00 20.00 |
| Building Fund Disbursements | 0.00 |
| YTD Building Fund Balance 1/31/21 | 52,678.90 |



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Please take this with you if you are visiting. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the church office at 388-1358 or email us at <u>peacelutheran@live.com</u>. The newsletter is available on our website: <u>www.peace2you.org</u>.

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

Scriptures for March

March 7 – 3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corin. 1:18-31

Psalm 19 John 2:13-22(34-25)

March 14 – 4th Sunday in Lent Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalm 107:1-9 John 3:14-21

March 21 – 5thSunday in Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:1-10

Psalm 119:9-16 Mark 10:(32-34)35-45

March 28 – Palm Sunday Zechariah 9:9-12 Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 118:19-29 Mark 14:1-15:47 Peace Lutheran Church 203 Jackrabbit Lane Belgrade, MT 59714 Phone: (406) 388-1358 Web Site: <u>www.peace2you.org</u> LCMC: <u>www.lcmc.net</u>

<u>Office Hours</u> Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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