

# Words of Peace

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#### Peace Lutheran Church

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#### CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR

**GRADUATING SENIORS** 

Join us May 22 to Celebrate!

Anthony Madison Kylie Mattson Ashlyn Swenson Aidan Cook Abigail Ross (MSU)



#### Hello Peace Lutheran Family!

Thank you so much for worshiping with us during the Lenten and Easter seasons! Perhaps you are wondering, "How do I get motivated in my faith journey after Easter?" Well, the short answer to that question is that "Everyday" is a reminder of what Jesus did for us--that He willingly suffered and died on a horrible cross for us, was buried, and on the third day, He was raised from the dead. As Scripture promises us, "*Death could not keep Him* (Acts 2:24)" we move forward with the hope and assurance from Christ that not even death can stop Him (can stop us) from growing in the everlasting love of God that we have in Christ Jesus! Hallelujah!

Okay, but maybe you're asking, "What happens when I face those seasons of doubt and difficulty when I don't feel like moving forward? What do I do then?" Not "if" but "when" you face these questions/situations in your life, where should you go to find the hope and motivation to "move forward" in your journey of faith?

Folks, that's what the season of Pentecost is all about. It's the season of "receiving and giving" the blessings that come from our spiritual growth in the Lord when times are tough. Agriculturally speaking, for the Jewish people, the festival of Pentecost celebrates the receiving and giving of crops 50 days (i.e., "Pente" in the Greek language means "Fiftieth") following the spring harvest when the Jewish people collected the "new growth". Spiritually speaking, following Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead, He promised to send His Holy Spirit to fill His people with the "spiritual rewards" that come through His glorious resurrection--the enduring hope, faith, and love of Christ that we receive through Him and that we give to others, even when it's difficult to do so. To help us grow spiritually in receiving and giving Christ's blessings, we are going to use John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" as a study guide. A short story, Bunyan wrote Pilgrim's Progress while he was in prison for sharing his faith in Christ to describe his/our typical journey of faith--that we are going to hit "snags" or as Bunyan writes "Bogs of despair" that God allows in our lives to help us grow stronger in our hopeful, loving, and faithful relationships with Him and each other. I'm excited for the opportunity for us to use Bunyan's figurative story as "our story" of "getting motivated" and "moving forward" in our hopeful, loving, and faithful relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

Staff and I will keep you informed with more specifics soon, but for now, I encourage you, like pioneers who seek new land, we are going to be motivated to move forward and to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other.

God bless you.

Pr. Andrew Young



Spring is in full bloom and Summer is coming soon. We have some exciting things for the month of May. We will be taking a break from most of our programs at the beginning of June through the summer. As we journey through summer, let's take what we have learned this year to help us grow in Christ and in our faith.

#### Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum

We have 4 weeks left for our education classes. I hope that you have enjoyed your program this year. I would love any feedback or suggestions about what went well and what you would like changed. I will start looking for Fall curriculum soon and getting the calendar together for next year.

#### **Youth Group**

This has been such a fun group of kids to work with and I have enjoyed helping to plan fun events for them. This was our first year with this program so please let us know what worked and what didn't so that we can make it even better for next year. The events for the remainder of the year are:

May 1st: May Day Baskets 12:00 to 2:00pm May 8th: Fork and Spoon 4:30 to 7:30pm

May 13th-15th: LCMC District Gathering and IMPACT Youth Event

May 22nd: Progressive Dinner

#### A Place for Grace

This has been such a joy to plan. I have loved getting to know all the ladies that have come to this event and all our speakers have had amazing messages for us. May 13th from 9-11am, will be our last event till fall. Even if you haven't come before you are welcome to join us for this last event. We will be starting this group again in September. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please let me know.



#### **Vacation Bible School**

MARK YOU CALENDARS! VBS will be July 18th to 21st!! We need many volunteers to make this happen. Areas that we need help are: Group leaders, Arts and Crafts, Music, Snacks, Preschool helpers and Games. We need at least 3 people for each area. Sign up sheets will be out and please contact April Johnson with any questions.

Blessings.....
April Johnson
Christian Ed. Director



Schedule

May 1	Country Gospel		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter			
Piano	Lorrie Hansen		
Acolyte	R. Swenson		
Greeters	Jenn Kolling		
	Julie Hanson		
Refreshments	Doug & April Johnson		
	Glyn & Val Ross		
May 8	Your Faith Has		
4th Sunday of Easter	Made You Well		
	John & Grace Bent		
Music	Heidi Damjanovich		
Acolyte	Claire Grassel		
Greeters	Heather Geiger		
	Martin Haas		
Refreshments	Dave & Jeanette Hugh		
	Dee Feddes		
May 15	Service of the Word		
5th Sunday of Easter/Ascension	-		
Piano	Jackie Currey		
Acolyte	Jordan Tandy		
Greeters	Larry & Char Somers		
Refreshments	Steve & Tiina Smith Joni Sando		
May 22	Dakota Road		
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Danota Roda		
o banaay or haster	Jackie Currey		
Piano	Suckie Currey		
Greeters	Youth		
Greeters			
Refreshments	Dave & Lindsey Forsberg		
	Bob & Dianne Coughlin		
May 29	Sola Scriptura		
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter			
Piano	Joe Sutton		
Greeters	Dave & Jeanne Hughes		
Refreshments	Paul & Gayle Clifford		
	Sandy Speerstra		
	Joni Sando/April Johnson		
Council for May	Mike Hansen		
	Amy Young		
Altar Guild for May	Karlene Swenson		

#### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

#### **COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING**

THURSDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Items to be prayed for are Government, Church, Military, Family, Education, Media, and Business. Prayer gatherings will be at **Belgrade City Hall** near the

flagpole at **noon** on the south side. Also in Bozeman at noon, at the county courthouse Southside. There will also be a prayer gathering at the Abundant Life Church, west of Bozeman at seven p.m. Thanks for spreading the word and engaging your congregation with the necessity of seeking God for all these items. If there is anybody interested in one particular item and would like to participate, they can call Clark Mueller at 406-548-4794.

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#### LAWNCARE HELP WANTED

THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR LAWN MOWING IS ON KARLENE'S OFFICE DOOR.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LAWN GROOMED AND LOOKING GOOD ALL SUMMER.

#### RIDING MOWER PROVIDED!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 a.m. – Country Gospel 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 12N-2 p.m. – Youth Group 5:30 p.m AA	2 5-6 p.m. – Food Bank 7 p.m Scouts	3	6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	5 National Day of Prayer 12 Noon – Belgrade City Hall 7 p.m. – See page 3	6 Pastors Day Off	7 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist
8 4th Sunday of Easter  9:00 a.m. Worship – Your Faith Has Made You Well 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 5:30 p.m. – AA 4:30-7:30 p.m. – Youth Group @ Fork & Spoon  Happy Mother's Day!	9 7 p.m Scouts	Worship Comm. Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	12	13  Karlene out of office  LCMC District Gathering — Great Falls	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist  LWR Truck
9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:00 a.m. – Altar Guild Meeting 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors 7:00 p.m Confirmation	16 5-6 p.m. – Food Bank 7 p.m Scouts	17 10 a.m. Weed Warriors	18 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	19	20 Pastors Day Off	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist
9:00 a.m Worship – Dakota Road 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes Altar Guild Meeting Youth Group – Time to be Determined	<b>23</b> 7 p.m Scouts	24 10 a.m. Weed Warriors	25 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers Ladybug Graduation	26	27 Pastors Day Off	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist
29 Ascension Sunday  9 a.m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship No Christian Ed. Classes or Youth Group	Church office closed Memorial Day Remember Trace Wife Care Their Laves 7 p.m Scouts	31				



- 6 Jeanette Hughes7 Nancy Schievelbein
- Dave & Jeanette Hughes
- 8 Carol Albertson
- 9 Tina Beckman
- 11 Jayme Swenson
- 12 Fred Haas Donna Mellinger
- 14 Matt Streich Colter Handsaker
- 15 Dan Madison Anthony Madison
- 18 Lori Lanzendorf Stan Bolin
- 21 Nancy Norberg
  Glyn & Val Ross
  Al & Jennifer Trainer
- 27 Lorrie Hansen
- Natilee Johnson
- 29 Pam Cook
- 30 Patrick Pollington

### Help Needed in the Peace Gardens



April showers bring May flowers...

and the return of the Weed Warriors at Peace Lutheran!

We are in need of more volunteers to keep our gardens beautiful! Please consider joining us Wednesday evenings at 6:30!

We start May 4th!

#### HELP WANTED \* ALTAR GUILD

The Peace Lutheran Altar Guild could use a few more members. We're the "behind the scenes" team that prepares for communion, changes paraments, etc. Call the church office if you'd like to participate.



- Thanks to Bob Coughlin and Kari Haas for helping with the sound at Roy Finkbeiner's funeral
- Thanks to Lori Lanzendorf and Claudia Leake for making sure we always have beautiful flowers on the altar.
- A huge Thank You for Kari Haas and Martin Haas for helping with set up and clean up for Easter Sunday's brunch.
- Thanks to all those who brought delicious dishes for our Easter brunch.
- Thanks to Derrick Monson for boxes for LWR quilts.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in the Mobile Bike Kitchen on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### TIME TO LOAD THE TRUCK

THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TRUCK IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN OUR PARKING LOT ON MAY 14. PLEASE COME HELP US GET THE BOXES LOADED.

NOT ONLY WILL WE HAVE THE PEACE LUTHERAN BOXES, BUT HOPE LUTHERAN AND SHIELDS VALLEY BRING THEIRS AS WELL. MANY HANDS.....



WATCH FOR MORE EXACT TIME AS MAY 14 APPROACHES.

CHECK OUT PAGE 9 FOR PICTURES!

## Looking Ahead to June and July......

June 5 – kick-off to summer event.



· Celebration will be in the grass on the south side of church and potluck style for sides and dessert.



- July 18-21 -
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**Arts and Crafts** 

Music

Snacks

Preschool helpers

Games.

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Scholarship money has been established by church council to help with registration costs for PLC children and young adults who plan to attend Lutheran or non-Lutheran Bible

Camp this summer! Summer Bible camps are filling up so please inquire about this great opportunity as soon as possible! For more information please contact Pastor Andrew, April or Karlene at the church office.

#### The Fruits of Their Labors.....



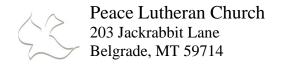


Thank You Re-Piecers









Mailing Address Correction Requested

## Scriptures for May

May 1 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-17 Psalm 30 Revalation 5:8-14 John 21:1-19

May 8 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 20:17-35 Psalm 23
Revalation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

May 15 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 150 Revalation 21:1-7 John 16:12-22

May 22 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revalation 21:9-14,21-27 John 16:23-33

May 29 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26 Psalm 133 Revalation 22:1-6(7-11)12-20 John 17:20-26 Peace Lutheran Church 203 Jackrabbit Lane Belgrade, MT 59714 Phone: (406) 388-1358

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