



Words of Peace

February 2024 Peace Lutheran Church

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2024 Lent season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. This service includes Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

Soup and bread starting February 21 at 6:15 p.m. followed by Lenten vespers worship services at 7:00 p.m. until Holy Week. This year's theme will be: *"WHY WE PRAY"*

Come join us on our Lenten journey to the cross.

"Letting go and letting God"...how would you finish that statement?

You are going through something. Do you need to make any changes? If so, what are they? If not now, when? Or, do you need to change anything?



It's difficult to let go and to let God have whatever you are dealing with. Here's the amazing part, God cares more about it than you do. Is that hard to believe? Why?

The season of Lent is all about letting go and letting God have whatever you've got going on. "But you don't understand. I've been holding this _____ tightly to my chest for a while now."

Why? God understands you better than you understand yourself. He understands why you're holding it tightly to your chest, too. But, He wants it...all of it. He wants you as you are. You're not wasting His/your time by giving _____ to Him either. Why?

Because Jesus does. Jesus "let's go and let's God" save the world through him. Isn't that true? In Jesus's baptism, he exchanged his eternal glory and praise and honor for our futility, darkness, and death. As Pr Bent noted in a recent sermon, in Christ's baptism, we are "tethered to Him" through what he accomplished for us on the cross and in the empty tomb. In other words, by letting go and letting God use Jesus's active righteousness that He accomplished on the cross for our sins, burying them with Him in the grave, and on the third day, being raised again to new, eternal life--we have everything we need--now and forever. Okay, what is Jesus asking you to give to Him?

During this Lenten season, we are going to look at people in Scripture who were called to give whatever they were going through to God. Specifically, for our Lenten soup suppers/evening worship services this spring, we are going to learn about what Hannah, Moses, David, Mary, and Jesus learned by letting go and letting God have whatever they were going through. What did their letting go and letting God have whatever it was He asked them to give to Him impact their devotional lives with God/others?

Following our Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 7 pm, you are invited to join us on the following Wednesday evenings for soup suppers/worship services as we learn to let go and let God lead us.

- Wednesday February 21st (Soup at 6:15 pm; Worship at 7 pm)
- Wednesday February 28th (Soup at 6:15 pm; Worship at 7 pm)
- Wednesday March 6th (Soup at 6:15 pm; Worship at 7 pm)
- Wednesday March 13th (Soup at 6:15 pm; Worship at 7 pm)
- Wednesday March 20th (Soup at 6:15 pm; Worship at 7 pm)

God bless you, Peace Lutheran.

Pr. Andrew Young



And the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a fathers' only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

As the season of Lent comes we are asked to reflect on all that Christ did for us and his sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Through this season I want you to remember that God is Love and he sent his son down because he loves us and through him we can be lifted up in love.

Christian Education

- Sunday School (Pre-K to 7th grade): The lessons from the New Testament this semester. Classes will be held on February 4th, 11th and 25th. NO class February 18th.
- Confirmation (8th to 10th): The lessons are on the Creed and church beliefs.
- Follow Me-Young Adult: Lessons on who to apply what you have learn to your life now. Classes this month are February 4th and 11th. NO class February 18th or 25th.
- Adult Forum: For the Lent season the study book will be *Lessons from the Upper Room* by: Sinclair Ferguson. Classes will be held on February 4th, 11th and 25th. NO class February 18th.

Upper Room Fellowship

- On February 18th, following worship service, we will have our second Upper Room Fellowship potluck. Please join us after service for an intentional time of fellowship and enjoying a meal together.

A Place for Grace

- February 9th is our Place for Grace meeting. This is open to all women, please join us and bring a friend. This month Val and Abigail Ross will be presenting. I am excited to hear their hearts. Please join us for food, fellowship and a testimony at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Lent Devotionals and Activity Eggs

- This year for Lent we have our regular devotionals but in addition we have Activity Eggs. These are a way to countdown to Easter with bible readings, fun family activities and prayers. Please feel free to take an egg carton with 12 Eggs along with the instructions. I hope that you enjoy some time together in this Lent season.





1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Hello February! What a beautiful thing it is to have an entire month to celebrate love. The youth group will only have a few get togethers due to school breaks during the month of February. We were unable to get together with other local youth groups in January but we have them scheduled for February. We have been and will continue to discuss the beauty of forgiveness and what it means to *love* someone and yourself enough to forgive freely. The truth about forgiveness is that it doesn't come naturally to us. We all have to work at it. Thankfully, God's forgiveness continually extends to each of us. Forgiveness is always the best option, not to mention it being a command from Jesus. As it states in Matthew 18-21-22, Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. God has no limit on how many times He forgives us and we need to do the same for others as well as ourselves. There is also an importance to know *why* His forgiveness is so powerful. Forgiveness allows us to give the whole situation to God and let Him help fix the brokenness and work in us to heal our pain. I would pray that we all continue to fill our hearts with His love and carry on the power of forgiveness not just during the month of February, but each and every month. Remember, the more we practice forgiveness, the more natural it becomes.

Respectfully yours,
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Worship Schedule

February 4 5th Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Dakota Road</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Kris & Stara Bell</i>
Refreshments	<i>Debby Young</i> <i>Kris & Stara Bell</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jackson Forsberg</i>
February 11 Transfiguration	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters	<i>Rollie & Kristy Rieger</i>
Reader/Refreshments	<i>Handsaker Family</i>
Acolyte	
February 18 1st Sunday in Lent	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Dave & Jeanette Hughes</i> <i>Zach Rogers-Sherman</i>
Refreshments	<i>Upper Room Potluck</i>
February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent	<i>Sola Scriptura</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters	
Reader	<i>Rick Moler</i>
Refreshments	<i>Fred & Kari Haas</i>
Acolyte	
Council Jan.-Apr.	<i>Paula Reynolds/Mike Hansen</i> <i>Nick Sorensen/+1</i>
Altar Guild for February	<i>Darlene Idland/Kris Bell</i>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	2	3 10:00 a.m. Council Orientation @ Swenson's <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist</i>
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Dakota Road 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Educ. Classes 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. - Choir	5	6 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	7 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	8 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	9 9:00 a.m. – A Place for Grace Women's Gp.	10 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist</i>
11 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 5:00 p.m. AA NO YOUTH GROUP 7:00 p.m. - Choir	12	13 9:30 a.m. – Worship Comm. Meeting 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	14 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	15 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study <i>Newsletter Due</i>	16	17 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist</i>
18 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. - Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Upper Room Fellowship Potluck NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5:00 p.m. AA NO YOUTH GROUP 7:00 p.m. - Choir	19 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED No School	20 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	21 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. – Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers Worship	22 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	23	24 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist</i>
25 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group 7:00 p.m. - Choir	26	27 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	28 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers Worship	29 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	Mar. 1	2 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist</i>



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.

- ✦ *To Jinx Sorensen's Servant Group for their service during the months of November, December and January.*
- ✦ *To outgoing council members: Linda Miller, Rick Moler, Rollie Rieger and Katy Grassel*
- ✦ *Thanks to Parents, Kids and Teachers who helped with the Epiphany Pageant.*

February

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

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| 4 | Charlie Winchester |
| 8 | Art & Trish Baker |
| 9 | Marcia Zankowski |
| 10 | Don Watson |
| 12 | Bill Zankowski |
| 14 | Jaymes Winchester |
| 17 | John Handsaker |
| 18 | Stuart Murray |
| 21 | Kyra Waynes |
| 22 | Raegan Swenson |
| 27 | Michael & Becky Erickson |
| | Darin Swenson |
| | Memphis Cook |
| | Quincy Cook |
| 28 | Katy Grassel |
| | Michael & Vickie Streich |



SERVANT NEWS

The below listed Servants of Peace begin a new 3 month cycle for February, March and April. The Servants prepare, serve, clean up and generally host many church fellowship activities, as well as caring serving to members. These servants provide a vital service to our congregation:

Karlene Swenson, Leader
 Carol Albertson
 John & Grace Bent
 Debra Briggs
 Becky Erickson
 Suzanne Haniuk
 Julie Hanson
 Katy Grassel
 Joyce Ludwig
 Debbie Porter
 Joy Richardson
 Nancy Schievelbein
 Trish Severson
 Amanda (Karl) Swenson
 Marcia Zankowski

CHURCH COUNCIL

Adam Byrd * Derrick Monson * Tiina Smith *
Jinx Sorensen * Megan Paulson * Fred Haas *
*** Joe Sutton * Mike Hansen * Nick Sorensen ***
Jackie Currey * Paula Reynolds
Val Ross, Council Member & Treasurer

Epiphany Pageant 2024





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Scriptures for February

February 5 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corin. 9:16-27

Psalm 147:1-11

Mark 1:29-30

February 11 – Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35

2 Corin. 3:12-13, 4:1-6

Psalm 50:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 18 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-18

James 1:12-18

Psalm 25:1-10

Mark 1:9-15

February 25 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 5:1-11

Psalm 22:23-31

Mark 8:27-38

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