



Words of Peace

April 2024
**Peace Lutheran
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A little snow didn't stop the Egg Hunt!





Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

"Christ is risen!" Hallelujah for the empty tomb! Thank God for His Son's eternal gift of amazing grace and faith--where not even death could keep Him! Let Jesus' empty tomb encourage you in your faith journey with Him and each other.

I want to thank all of the musicians, the choir, and the pastoral staff for serving diligently during this memorable Lenten season and Holy Week! And "Thank you!" Peace Lutheran family for being committed in sharing Jesus' love with others. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your generosity.

Moving forward, we have the joy of learning/applying the steadfast hope and faith of Jesus' resurrection. How did Thomas overcome his fears and doubts?

What about Cleopas and the other disciple, walking on the road to Emmaus, feeling confused and doubting everything they believed about Christ?

What about the women--the "Marys," Salome, Joanna, etc? They came to Jesus' tomb, bringing with them aromatic spices that they had bought. They were expecting to see a corpse. They wanted to pay their respects, but instead, they saw the stone rolled away and that Jesus was raised from the dead, just as the Lord's holy messengers declared to them, "**Why do you look for the living among the dead? Christ is not here; He has risen** (Luke 24:5)."

Jesus' living faith is God's gracious gift to us. Jesus removes our *stones/burdens* and provides His saving faith to trust in Him. Jesus showing "*doubting Thomas*" His imperishable scars on his hands and side to remove the "*terrified, unbelieving scars*" in Thomas' heart.

Knowing that they would be terrified/amazed beyond belief--Jesus met the "Mary's", Joanna, Salome, etc. and commissioned them to tell the other apostles about His eternal resurrection. "*Christ is risen!*" Isn't that our calling too?

Jesus--crucified, buried, and raised from the dead--always meets us where we are and gives us His gift of steadfast faith to worship and serve Him. What story has God given to you to share about Jesus' resurrection?

On **Sunday, April 7th**, we'll learn about Jesus' life-giving faith meeting "*Doubting Thomas*" where he was at. On **Sunday, April 14th**, we'll take a close look at the "*dinner conversation*" Jesus had with His disciples. He opened their hearts and eyes "*to see*" God's Living Word. On **Sunday, April 21st** and **Sunday, April 28th**, we'll examine what it means to follow the crucified, buried, and resurrected Jesus when He called Himself "*The Good Shepherd*" and "*The Vine*". Then, on **Sunday, May 5th**, we'll take a close look at the Holy Spirit, "*The Helper*" who always gives us Jesus, who always opens our hearts to receive and believe in Jesus.

Looking forward to a glorious, Spirit-filled Easter season with you!

God bless,

Pr. Andrew Young



*Easter Sunday is just the beginning of the celebration of the risen Lord. This is a season of renewal for all of us, a time to reflect on all of the blessings we have because of a savior that loves us unconditionally. I hope that you are filled with joy as the whole Earth is starting to bloom and renew after the winter season. Remember to thank God everyday for the wonderful blessings that surround you especially in our beautiful valley.
Blessings, April Johnson DCE*

Christian Education

- NO Christian Education class on April 7th. Upper Room Potluck to celebrate Easter.
- Sunday School
 - The Children's Choir will sing during worship service on April 7th.
 - April 14th classes resume for the next 4 weeks. We will study stories from the New Testament
 - May 5th is our last day of Sunday school for this semester.
- Confirmation
 - Will continue their lessons on the Creed and Early Church
- Follow Me-Young Adult
 - Please join us for the Upper Room on April 7th.
 - April 14th class will resume every Sunday for the month of April. May 5th will be our last class.
- Adult Forum
 - Please join us for the Upper Room on April 7th
 - Classes resume April 14th. Continuing the study on *The Upper Room*.

A Place for Grace

- April 12th at 9:00am. Please join us for food, fellowship and a testimony. This is open to all women so please invite a friend to join us. NO childcare is available for this month.

Camp Scholarships

- Scholarships are available for Christian Summer Camps. If your child is attending a Christian camp and you need financial assistance, please reach out to April Johnson or the church office for scholarship details. We want camp to be an opportunity to all children and youth in our congregation.

Vacation Bible School

- VBS is July 22nd to 25th from 9am to 12pm. Registration is on our website. Invite your friends to join us for a fun party week. Our theme is: Start the Party- Celebrate the Good News. We are going to have lots of fun.
- We will have a picnic lunch at noon on Thursday to celebrate the last day and have fellowship time with the families. We would love for the congregation to join us for that celebration.
- There will be sign up sheets out soon. We need lots of volunteers to make this happen so please let me know if you are interested in helping.



1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Living Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The days are getting longer, the light is shining brighter, and the days are getting warmer little by little. New growth is sprouting everywhere. There's always such beautiful reminders of God's promise with new life all around us and as spring has arrived our activities follow close behind. We had an AWESOME end to March with the last day being Easter. *Thanks a latte* for supporting our youth group's coffee bar! We will definitely do this again. I can't give enough praises to our youth for all the hard work they continually put in. Whether it be reading, serving communion, serving coffee and refreshments, filling eggs, building projects, etc. This month we will have our youth group on April 7th, where Ken and Kenzie Meyer will be leading the crew. (I will be out of town.) We will not have a get together April 14th due to Pastor Andrew, April and myself being at the LCMC District Conference held in Lebanon, OR. Please make sure to ask us how it was! The youth have been asking for quite some time for a lock-in and it has officially been scheduled on the books. Saturday the 20th, we will make dinner for the kids at PLC, take them to Jump Time for a few hours and then head back to the church for a fun night had by all. A *very* special thank you goes out to the wonderful volunteers who have signed up to help run this event. To finish the month of April we (congregation and youth group) will meet on the 28th at 11:30am (immediately following Christian education) for a PLC spring clean-up day. Once everything is complete we will finish with a s'mores cookout at our firepit the youth built this last fall. I look forward to seeing where and how God leads us in the month of April.

Respectfully yours,

Joni Sando

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Worship Schedule

April 7	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters	<i>Youth</i>
Reader	<i>Youth</i>
Refreshments	<i>Upper Room Potluck</i>
April 14	<i>Sola Scriptura</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters	
Reader	<i>Amy Young</i>
Refreshments	<i>Dave & Jeanette Hughes</i>
April 21	<i>Dakota Road</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters	
Refreshments/Reader	<i>Steve & Tiina Smith</i>
April 28	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters	
Refreshments/Reader	<i>Bill & Debby Young</i>
April Council	<i>Val Ross/Derrick Monson Paula Reynolds/Mike Hansen</i>
April Altar Guild	<i>Kristy Rieger/Jinx Sorensen</i>



**APRIL 28
CLEAN-UP DAY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	4 7:00 p.m. Book Club	5	6 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter 8:15 A.M. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. – Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship followed By Upper Room Potluck NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5:00 p.m. – AA NO YOUTH GROUP	8	9	10 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	11 7:00 p.m. Book Club LCMC Gathering Andrew, Joni & April Out of the Office	12 9:00 a.m. – A Place For Grace	13 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 a.m. – Christian Education 5:00 p.m. – AA No Youth Group	15	16 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm.	17 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	18 7:00 p.m. - Council Book Club	19	20 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist 6:00 p.m. Youth Lockin
21 4 th Sunday of Easter 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 No Youth Group	22 11:30 a.m. Education Committee Mtg. @ CafeM	23	24 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	25 7:00 p.m. Book Club	26	27 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
28 5 th Sunday of Easter 9 a.m. – Worship – ELW #10 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education 11:30 a.m. - Church Cleanup 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	29	30				



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 all the people who supplied soup and bread for our Wednesday evening meals.*
- *To all those who so willingly serve refreshments, usher, greet and acolyte for our Sunday services.*
- *Musicians, choir, etc. who made our Easter services so joyous!*

Birthdays & Anniversaries For April

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

- 2 Tamara Kane
- 4 Tyler Hook
- 6 Steve Smith
- 7 James Kane
- 8 Abigail Ross
- Mark Keehr
- 9 Wynne Gillis
- 10 Michelle Hampton
- Chuck Ludwig
- 13 Samuel Monson
- 14 Dan & Marlyn Madison
- 15 Colton Kooman
- 16 Charlene Somers
- 17 Heather Geiger
- 20 Hollis Snyder
- 21 Jerry Swenson
- Michael Streich
- Grayson Forsberg
- 23 Sarah Monson
- Jessie Watson
- 26 Ryder Swenson
- Jenna Pintor
- 28 Gayle Clifford
- Don & Paula Reynolds
- 29 Stan Olean
- Debbie Porter
- 30 Vickie Streich
- Ashby Miller



Help us Load the Lutheran World Relief Truck
May 11 @ approx. 2 p.m.

Watch for more details in the coming weeks!



VBS!

SAVE THE DATE

START the PARTY

Celebrate the Good News

Vacation Bible School July 22 to 25

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - A Smashing Success

Thanks to Joe and Jackie for the music!



Bill Zankowski.....our favorite leprechaun.



Thanks everyone who brought wonderful sides and desserts to enjoy along with Rick Moler's corned beef and cabbage and Adam Byrd's Irish Stew.



Easter Coffee Bar





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Scriptures for April

April 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

Psalm 148

John 20:19-31

April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:11-21

1 John 3:1-7

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36-49

April 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

1 John 3:16-24

Psalm 23

John 10:11-18

April 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:1-11

Psalm 150

John 15:1-8

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