



# Words of Peace

May 2024

**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

*A congregation of Lutheran  
Congregations in Mission for Christ*

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### TO OUR

## GRADUATING SENIORS

**Join us May 5 to Celebrate!**



*Memphis Cook \* Colter Handsaker  
Dalton Koosman \* Sam Monson  
Logen Darr*





Dear Peace Family,

I'm reminded of Jesus's words when He told His disciples, "*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).*"

The *Lord's ascension* doesn't mean the *Lord's absent* from His people. Far from it! Rather, Jesus's ascension means His Holy Spirit fills God's people with His power to witness to others about Jesus. Where do we begin?

In your backyard. For Jesus's disciples, their "*backyard*" was Jerusalem. The men and women disciples of Jesus who witnessed the crucified and resurrected Savior were filled with the Holy Spirit and shared His life-changing power with people. Where do we read these stories?

In the book of Acts, we read numerous stories of Jesus's Spirit-filled people preaching, serving, performing miracles, sharing their God-given resources to others in need, etc. in their backyards. The impact of the Holy Spirit speaking and serving through Jesus's people was amazing! How does this truth apply to us today?

Through the Holy Spirit, we are called to witness to others about Jesus in our backyards, too. Perhaps you're wondering, "*But, I'm not confident in telling others about God. I don't know what to say or do.*" Thankfully, the Holy Spirit will give you the words and actions to communicate His life-changing power in someone else's life--just like He did with Jesus's disciples. Where do we start?

Pray for your neighborhoods. When you meet someone, get to know their stories, and be interested in what they are interested in. Pray that the Holy Spirit opens opportunities for you to share your hope and faith in Jesus with them. Then, invite them over for dinner. Include them in your game nights, book gatherings, or campfires. Imagine what the Holy Spirit will do in your backyard.

God bless you Peace Lutheran.

Pastor Andrew Young



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13*

Happy Spring! I love to take time in the Spring to thank God for all the beauty he provides for us to enjoy. I pray that as you watch the world come to new growth you are filled with joy and peace.

Even Though our school year is coming to an end, we are still working hard to plan and provide programs to this church body so that we all have a place to fellowship and grow together in the word of God. Thank you for all your support this year. Here is a quick recap of the different ministries.

### **Christian Education**

This year has been a wonderful year for Christian Education. All of our classes have grown, and I have loved getting to know all the new families that have been joining us on Sunday. Along with studying the Old and New Testament this year, we also had some fun celebrations with the Children’s Choir singing for us during service, the Epiphany pageant that our Sunday School children performed, our Winter Family weekend and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our Young Adult Sunday school has grown along with our Adult Forum class. This has been a wonderful year of growing in our faith together.



### **A Place for Grace and Women’s Bible Study**

Our Place for Grace women’s ministry has had a wonderful year of speakers and activities that have helped us all grow closer to each other and closer to God. Our Place for Grace is on the second Friday of every month at 9am. In January we had a request to start a women’s bible study in the evenings. We met for a 5-week study called *Love in Chaos*. We took a short break for Lent and then after Easter we started a 6-week study called *Make it Count* talking about motherhood. These groups have been such a joy to lead. I love watching the connections and faith in the group grow as we continue to meet. Praise God for all the blessings in these groups.

### **Youth Group**

I want to give a big shout out to Joni Sando for her hard work in putting together a wonderful Youth Group this year. She is an amazing leader and I have enjoyed working with her this year and watching her grow in this position that God has called her too.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Don’t forget that our VBS is coming up July 22nd to 25th. Please join us as we “Start the Party and Celebrate the Good News!” Registration is on the website.



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Romans 15:13*

Spring showers bring May flowers. May has arrived as has the sunshine. The first week of May will be the last official get-together on the calendar for our youth group. This season with our youth has been a wonderful experience. We have been consistently growing over the course of the season and have been joined by another local youth group to share in the fun.

Since May is a short month for the youth I wanted to share an overview of all the wonderful things we have accomplished over the school season. The youth had many lessons on *knowing* who they are, *knowing* how they are made, and *knowing* God's word will guide them to make wholesome decisions each and every day. They also had many lessons on forgiveness and the beauty of what this word truly means.

We were able to have many guest speakers throughout our time as well. Molly Willmington, Cody Whittington, Val and Abigail Ross, Debbie Young, and Ken and Kenzie Meyer to name a few.

The kids were able to enjoy the fundraiser haunted house in Bozeman, Jump Time, family dinners and game nights, and finally a lock-in (Thank you to April J. and Emily P. !!!).

Our youth served many by building a fire pit here at PLC with Gallatin Valley Site Services, constructing and filling many Operation Christmas Child boxes for Samaritan's Purse, packing school kits, and had an amazing Lefse day (the biggest one yet!), filling hundreds of Easter eggs for Sunday school, serving lattes between Easter services, helping with PLC's spring clean up day and last but not least, our youth continues reading, greeting, ushering, and helping serve communion during our worship hours. What a **BLESSING** it is for our congregation to have all of these wonderful tweens and teenagers learning, sharing, and living out God's word.

I want to send out a very special thank you to Ken and Kenzie Meyer. They have been the best addition to our youth group. They have volunteered many, many hours to come join the youth and teach them songs both in English and Swahili along with offering their wisdom to the kids. What an amazing young couple for our youth to look up to and learn from. God's light shines brightly from each of their hearts and I am so very grateful for the opportunity to get to know both of them. I am excited for them and wish them well on their next adventure!

Respectfully yours,  
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# Worship Schedule



<b>May 5 Ascension of Our Lord</b>	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jackson Forsberg</i>
Greeters	<i>Byrd Family</i>
Refreshments	<i>Jinx Sorensen Karlene Swenson</i>
Reader	<i>Dave Hughes</i>
<b>May 12 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Acolyte	
Greeters	<i>Dave &amp; Jeanette Hughes Zach Rogers-Sherman</i>
Refreshments	<i>Dave &amp; Jeanette Hughes</i>
Reader	
<b>May 19 Pentecost</b>	<i>Country Gospel</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Acolyte	
Greeters/Refreshments	<i>Mike Hansen</i>
Reader	<i>Darlene Idland</i>
<b>May 26 Holy Trinity Sunday</b>	<i>Melville Service</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters	
Refreshments	
Reader	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
<b>Council for May</b>	<i>Joe Sutton/Jackie Currey Nick Sorensen/Fred Haas</i>
<b>Altar Guild for May</b>	<i>Marcia Zankowski/Amy Young Michelle Clark</i>

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

### COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERING

THURSDAY MAY 2<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Thursday, May 2th, is the National Day of Prayer! We have several opportunities to pray together as a body of believers. This coming Thursday, starting at 6:30 am to 7:30 am, Pr. Andrew will lead a devotional and prayer time in the fellowship room at Peace Lutheran Church. \*A light breakfast will be served too. Then, at City Hall in Belgrade, you are welcome for a time of prayer at Noon. Lastly, at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Adult Forum leader, Rick Moler, will lead a time of evening prayer in our sanctuary. What a tremendous opportunity for us to come together in prayer as the Lord's servant James wrote, "*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (James 5:16).*"



## HELP WANTED AT PEACE.....

### 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.

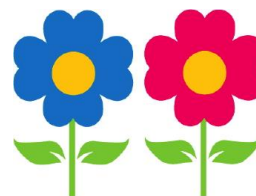
RIDING MOWER PROVIDED!



### PEACE GARDEN WEED WARRIORS

We all love our Peace  
Gardens, and more help is  
needed to keep them  
beautiful.

Watch for start date, or call  
the church office for more  
info.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	<b>2</b> National Day of Prayer 6:30 a.m. @ Peace 12 Noon – Belgrade City Hall 6 p.m. - @ Peace	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
<b>5</b> Ascension of Our Lord  9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers  6:30 p.m. – Private Piano Recital	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  9 a.m. - A Place for Grace  4-8 p.m. – Private Party	<b>11</b>  9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist  <b>LWR Truck</b>
<b>12</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 – Coffee & Fellowship 5:00 p.m. – AA  <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  9:30 a.m. - Worship Comm. Mtg.	<b>15</b>  6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
<b>19</b> Pentecost 9:00 a.m.. Worship – Dakota Road 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. -- Altar Guild Meeting 5:00 p.m. - AA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
<b>26</b> Holy Trinity Sunday  9 a.m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 5:00 p.m. - AA	<b>27</b> Church office closed 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



### Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

- 6 Jeanette Hughes
- 7 Nancy Schievelbein  
Dave & Jeanette Hughes
- 8 Carol Albertson
- 9 Tina Beckman
- 11 Jayme Swenson
- 12 Fred Haas  
Donna Mellinger
- 14 Matt Streich  
Colter Handsaker  
Charleigh Byrd
- 15 Dan Madison  
Anthony Madison
- 18 Lori Lanzendorf  
Stan Bolin
- 21 Nancy Norberg  
Glyn & Val Ross  
All & Jennifer Trainer
- 25 Natilee Johnson
- 27 Lorrie Hansen



**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1-4 p.m.**

**Get your bikes tuned up  
for summer!**

**Try the obstacle course!**

**Have a hotdog!**

*Dear Peace Family,*

*Jim & I want to say how much we have appreciated this body of Christ. There are many ways you are family, but the thing that means a great deal is the investment of time in training up two of our grandchildren, Aidan and Memphis Cook. Thank you to our Pastor, teachers, Val and the entire congregation. They were blessed by all of you. Jim and I have been blessed to be part of Peace as well.*

*Lastly, thank you for the beautiful quilt. It is bright and colorful and reminds us of one body in Christ.*

*God Bless you All,  
Pam & Jim Cook*

*From Jim: I want to say I enjoyed my time on council, and was always impressed by the dedication of the council members. I also enjoyed the music a lot!*

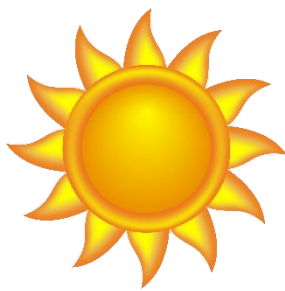


# YOUTH LOCK-IN FUN & GAMES





- Thanks to Lori Lanzendorf for making sure we always have beautiful flowers on the altar.
- Thanks to Derrick Monson for boxes for LWR quilts.
- Thanks to everyone who stayed after church on April 28 to help tidy up the church grounds.



**Thank You!**

Thank you to all the people who help make Sunday School happen each week!

Jackie C.  
Joe S.  
Jinx S.  
Amy Y.  
Nick S.  
Katie S.  
Shannon M.  
Lindsey F.  
Jen H.  
Jessie W.  
Michelle M.  
Kara B.  
Megan P.  
Tracey B.  
Ken M.  
Kenzie M.  
Rick M.  
Pr. Andrew Y.



*Snack time after an awesome clean-up day!*



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### *Scriptures for May*

#### **May 5 – Ascension of Our Lord**

Acts 1:1-11                      Psalm 47  
 Ephesians 1:15-23              Luke 24:44-53

#### **May 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:12-26                      Psalm 1  
 1 John 5:9-15                      John 17:11-19

#### **May 19 – Day of Pentecost**

Ezekiel 37:1-14                      Psalm 139:1-12  
 Acts 2:1-21                          John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

#### **May 26 – Holy Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6:1-8                          Psalm 29  
 Acts 2:14, 22-36                      John 3:1-17

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