



Words of Peace

**February 2025
Peace Lutheran
Church**

*A congregation of Lutheran
Congregations in Mission for Christ*

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**It's that Time Again -
Ready, Set - Come!
Upper Room Fellowship**

Sunday, February 16th - 10:30 AM

Join us for our Upper Room fellowship directly after service to enjoy a fun Charcuterie style lunch provided by Peace. And since it is February, we are asking the congregation to bring a dessert to share.

How Sweet it will be!

It's a new year and it is time to renew our friendships with our fellow worshipers. You will not want to miss this time together and see how God moves us!

Come and See!



Dear Peace Lutheran family,



Thank you for journeying with us in the precious gospel according to Luke. We will continue to grow in the knowledge and faith of Jesus's words and actions in this incredible, orderly account of our Savior. I'm looking forward to learning what the Lord teaches you. Keep bringing and using your journals. I will also post a discussion question, a theme Scripture verse, and a prayer of the week that focuses on the theme verse at the end of each sermon that will be posted on our church website. Please use that if you prefer the online format.

We wanted to let people know that if you are interested in becoming a member at Peace Lutheran, you're invited to a new members orientation on Sunday, February 9th at Noon. We will meet up in the fellowship room. The orientation will provide the opportunity for you to learn more about who we are as Christian Lutherans, the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ), and Peace Lutheran Church. You'll get a chance to make a new friend or two as well!). Then, on Sunday, February 23rd, we will recognize our new members at the beginning of our worship service. An exciting time for sure!

While I've mentioned this in previous reports at council meetings, I wanted to give you an update about some "beautiful touches" that Baylee Roberts, senior high student at Manhattan Christian (MCS), will be making in the youth room downstairs. (FYI - Seniors at MCS are required to complete a class project of their choosing.) Baylee is interested in pursuing Interior Design at college. To help fulfill her goals, she reached out to us and wondered if there was a room that she could make updates. Pastoral staff brought her plans to the church council. Church council agreed to Baylee making these updates because it's a minimal cost, it helps a young student pursue her career goals, and it blesses a room that is dedicated to serving the children and youth ministries here. We will keep you posted with Baylee's project. When she's finished, come check it out if you want! Again, we will keep you posted. Thank you!

For our Christian discipleship in God's word, the confirmation students are journeying through the Old Testament. Please join us for our midweek epiphany Bible fellowship class--"out with the old person, in with the new person" on Wednesday evenings at Peace Lutheran. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm, followed by class from 6-7 pm. We have three more classes (Feb 5th, Feb 12th, and Feb 19th) which is a great preparation for the Lenten season. Join us for a refreshing fellowship time that encourages us to live the new life we have in Jesus.

Speaking of Lent, following the gospel of Luke, we will be using the theme "checkpoints" for our upcoming, midweek Lenten services. We will meet for soup and bread at 6, followed by worship at 7. Why the theme "checkpoints"? When we lived in Bellingham, WA, their trail systems had "checkpoints" throughout the maps on the trails. When a hiker or bicyclist went down, had an injury, and needed medical attention, they could seek refuge at the nearest checkpoint. Following the 911 call, the search and rescue team could locate the injured at the checkpoint and get them the help they needed.

In the same way, when we meet together in Lent on Wednesday evenings, we will look at Jesus' checkpoints when he made that arduous journey from Caesarea Philippi (northern point of Israel) to Calvary in Jerusalem (southern Israel) where the Savior fulfilled the ultimate checkpoint--the redemption of our sins. See the midweek Lenten schedule below:).

- Ash Wednesday (March 5th at 7 pm) with improvisation of ashes and will serve holy communion.
- Midweek Lenten Checkpoint 1: March 12th
- Midweek Lenten Checkpoint 2: March 19th
- Midweek Lenten Checkpoint 3: March 26th
- Midweek Lenten Checkpoint 4: April 2nd
- Midweek Lenten Checkpoint 5: April 9th

*Specific passages in Luke's gospel will be included in next month's newsletter.

**Please mark the following dates in your calendars. Peace Lutheran is hosting the LCMC Northwest District Pastoral Gathering at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures (YAA) on May 1st - 3rd, 2025. The LCMC Northwest District includes congregations from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and some Lutheran congregations in Alberta and British Columbia, Canada. We are expecting 125+ people coming to this year's gathering. Worship music and messages in God's word, keynote speakers, benevolent ministry partners, fellowship activities, etc. will be taking place at YAA. If you're interested in coming to the activities at this year's gathering, please talk to me. I'd be happy to forward you the itinerary.

The Lord is indeed faithful. Thank you for being faithful servants in the Lord's calling that He gave you.

God bless you.

Pastor Andrew Young



**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
Deuteronomy 6:5**

Throughout January and February I have been and will continue doing a study with the youth group on “You”.

Lesson 1, “You: Who do I want to be? You're the most "you" when you're who God created you to be.”

Lesson 2, “You, “: How am I doing? To become the best "you", you start with being honest about how you're doing.”

Lesson 3, “You: How can I grow and change? Do the THINGS you need to do to make more space in your life for Jesus.”

Lesson 4, “You: What's the point? We live as salt and light to help others enter the Kingdom of God.”

The youth continue to bring their study bibles along with their journals as we delve into these lessons. The conversations and discussions continue to be awesome as we share dinner, play games, and grow in our faith.

The Love INC’s personal care pantry continues to grow here at PLC! We are looking forward to being a part of this wonderful service to the community so please continue to bring the supplies listed below:

- *Shampoo & Conditioner sets * Razors * Body Wash * Deodorant for women & men *
- * Fem pads, liners, tampons * Dish & Laundry Detergents *

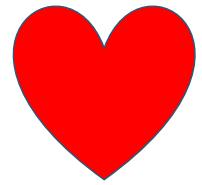
Please put the items in the box labeled personal pantry(near Joni's desk). THANK YOU!

We have officially booked the 2025 spring break youth mission trip! We will be gone from March 16th to March 22nd and will be spending our week with WYAM-LA out of Los Angeles County. We have 4 chaperones and 5 awesome high schoolers that will be attending. We will be serving a single mom’s shelter, homeless ministry, fix-up projects at the YWAM base and more! As we are preparing for our upcoming mission trip to LA, we would really appreciate your prayers for safe travels and good health, open our hearts for the people we will be meeting, please help us build relationships with those around us, and especially help us to be effective in sharing the Gospel.

Respectfully yours, Joni Sando Director of Youth Ministries dympeacelutheran@gmail.com 406-223-5664



& God is love



We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16

With Valentine's Day coming up this month let's remember and focus on the best love that we have. God's unconditional love for us. 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

All classes start at 10:45am.

- Sunday School (Pre-K to 7th grade): The lessons from the New Testament this semester. Classes will be held on February 9th and 23rd. NO class February 2nd or 16th.
- Confirmation (8th to 10th): The lessons are in the Old Testament.
- Adult Forum: Join them in the Prayer room on Sundays.

Family Bible Study

- Join us for our Family Bible Study on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:30pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Come learn about "Out with the old and in with the New" This class will be meet every Wednesday till February 19th.

Upper Room Fellowship

- On February 16th, following worship service, we will have our Upper Room Fellowship potluck with a Valentine Theme. Please join us after service for an intentional time of fellowship and enjoying a meal together.

A Place for Grace

- February 14th is our Place for Grace meeting. This is open to all women, please join us and bring a friend. Please join us for food, fellowship and a testimony at 9am in the fellowship hall. We will have a bible study on God's love for us.

Lent Devotionals

- Lent Devotionals will be out at the end of the month to prepare for the season of Lent. There will be devotionals available for all ages. Ash Wednesday is March 5th.



Worship Schedule

Save the Date!

COMING MARCH 7

ZoeCare's Annual Fundraising Banquet
@ Grace Bible Church
More details later.



July 21st to 24th 2025

9am to 12pm

February 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Country Gospel</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Greeters	<i>Byrd Family</i>
Reader	<i>Joni Sando</i>
Refreshments	<i>Annual Meeting Potluck</i>
February 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters	<i>Zach Rogers-Sherman Dave & Jeanette Hughes</i>
Refreshments	<i>Lanzendorfs</i>
Reader	<i>Dave Hughes</i>
February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Melville Service</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters	<i>???</i>
Reader	<i>Val Ross</i>
Refreshments	<i>Dave & Jeanette Hughes</i>
February 23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany New Member Sunday	<i>Rhythm & Blues</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters	<i>Zach Rogers-Sherman Amy, Wesley & Samuel Young</i>
Reader	<i>Stara Bell</i>
Refreshments	<i>Kris & Stara Bell</i>
Council Jan.-Apr.	<i>Val Ross/Derrick Monson Mike Hansen</i>
Altar Guild for February	<i>Donna Mellinger/Kristy Rieger Jenn Kolling</i>

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
2 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Country Gospel 10:30 a.m. – Annual Meeting NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	3	4 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	5 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 5:30 p.m. – Family Bible Study	6 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	7	8 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
9 5 th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 11:00 a.m. - Choir 5:00 p.m. AA NO YOUTH GROUP	10 10:00 a.m. – Worship Comm. Mtg.	11 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	12 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 5:30 p.m. – Family Bible Study	13 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	14 9:00 a.m. – A Place for Grace Women's Gp.  Karlene out of office	15 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
16 6 th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. - Worship – Melville Service 10:30 a.m. – Upper Room Fellowship Potluck NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5:00 p.m. AA NO YOUTH GROUP	17 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED No School Karlene Out of the Office →	18 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	19 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 5:30 p.m. – Family Bible Study	20 5:30 p.m. – ZoeCare Liaison Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	21	22 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
23 7 th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Rhythm & Blues 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 11:00 a.m. - Choir 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	24	25 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	26 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	27 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	28	Mar. 1 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist



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: Jackie Currey & Paula Reynolds.*

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

- 4 Charlie Winchester
- 8 Art & Trish Baker
- 9 Marcia Zankowski
- 10 Don Watson
- 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 Swenson
- Marcia Zankowski

CHURCH COUNCIL

Adam Byrd * Derrick Monson * Tiina Smith *
Jinx Sorensen * Megan Paulson * Fred Haas *
*** Joe Sutton * Mike Hansen * Nick Sorensen ***
Val Ross * +2
Darlene Idland, Treasurer



Lutheran World Relief, LWR, is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery. LWR was officially founded in 1945, as Lutherans in the US began responding to the refugee crisis in post WWII Europe.

One of LWR's flagship programs is its Quilt & Kit Ministry. Peace Lutheran's "Re-Piecers Group" works during the year sewing quilts and putting together various kits: School Bags, Personal Care supplies, Health kits, Sewing kits, and Baby Layettes. The number of kits put together by our re-piecers varies from year to year: quilts from 50-100, and 6-10 of each of the others.

Kits throughout western Montana are gathered up in the spring. Around the first part of May, a semi truck comes to the Peace Lutheran parking lot and "all the goods" are loaded up and sent on their way. They are stored in a warehouse, ready to be shared with people in need! Our quilts and kits have gone to many countries, including Africa and Thailand.



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Scriptures for February

February 5 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11
1 Corin. 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-30

February 11 – Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corin. 3:12-13, 4:1-6	Mark 9:2-9

February 18 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-18	Psalm 25:1-10
James 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15

February 25 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 5:1-11	Mark 8:27-38

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