

Apríl 2025 Peace Lutheran Church

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Dear Peace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for arranging and hosting Suzan's memorial service. Everything about the service turned out so well. It was a beautiful and touching way to mark our mother's passing. Special thanks to all of the volunteers that made everything go so smoothly, taking care of set-up and clean-up, tech support, and of course, the choir members for being part of the service. Additional, thank you for being such a kind and welcoming group of people for our mom in the last season of her life; she so enjoyed being part of your community. Please accept this donation in honor of our mom. Thank you and take care.....Brianna and Conor Sullivan. Dear Peace Lutheran Family,



Thank you for joining us during the Lenten season. It's been a joy to experience this journey to Jesus' cross together. As we begin to wrap up Lent in preparation for Holy Week, I want to ask you a couple questions:

- During the Last Supper, when Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me (1 Cor 11:25)," what's significant about Jesus lifting the third cup?
- Also what's so good about "Good Friday"?

Think about these questions as we prepare to humble ourselves to receive the truth that God in flesh made His dwelling with us to save us from what we are incapable of doing on our own. Join us for the Lord's Last Supper (Maundy Thursday evening worship) at 7:00 pm. Take in the beautiful hymns, scriptures, messages, and the Lord's genuine body and blood poured out for love.

Then, on Good Friday, we will meet again at Peace for Jesus' radical death on a criminal's cross at 7 pm. Imagine this radical exchange where Jesus takes the place of Barabbas--a well-known criminal.

Holy Saturday is a day to take in the true, humbling meaning of God's silence. Just when the disciples thought everything was over, God was preparing His Son, His disciples, the world for something that's NOT of this world.

Last but certainly not least-just as the Law and Prophets testified--Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and on the third day, He was raised to new and eternal life according to the scriptures. Join us on Easter Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (both services we'll partake in Holy Communion together) to take in Jesus' glorious resurrection just as each gospel writer testified: "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid him (Mark 16:6)."

The heavy stone that laid across the entrance of the tomb was cast aside! The tomb was empty! Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

In Christ--our true cornerstone of faith--He still removes the heavy stones (burdens) that we carry. His radical death on the cross and glorious resurrection from the dead pave the way to peace, life, and faith forever.

Join us in the greatest story ever told!

God bless you all.

Pr. Andrew Young



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Christian Education

All classes are from 10:45am to 11:45am

- <u>Sunday School (Pre-K to 7th grade</u>): Lessons from the New Testament. Classes will be held on April 6th and 27th. NO class on April 13th or 20th.
- <u>Children's choir</u> will sing during service on April 27th
- <u>Confirmation (8th to 10th)</u>: The lessons are in the Old Testament. NO class on April 13th or 20th. We will need all students to help on April 13th with Palm Sunday stations.
- <u>Adult Forum</u>: Join them in the Prayer room on Sundays. The study for this month is *The Lord of Psalm23-Jesus our Shepherd, Companion and Host.* NO classes on April 13th or 20th

A Place for Grace

• April 11th 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.

Holy Week Devotionals

• Holy Week Devotionals are available in the narthex for children. Please take one to help you as we walk through the week of Holy Week to get to our Easter celebration.

Palm Sunday

• On Palm Sunday during our Sunday School hour we will have a Holy Week Family Day. This program has 6 stations telling the story of holy week events. Everyone is invited to join us for this fun day of learning and hands on activities.

Easter

- Easter Services are April 20th at 8:00am and 10:30am.
- The Youth Group will have a coffee bar at 9:15am in the fellowship hall.
- Easter Egg hunt at 9:45am for ages Pre-K to 5th grade.

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 me 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 will be July 21st to 24th. Our theme this year is: Live if Out-Discover How to Love Like Jesus.
- We need lots of volunteers to make this happen so please let me know if you are able to help!





Praise be to the God and Father of our 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, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5

He is risen, HE IS RISEN INDEED! As we enter the Easter season, we once again focus on the sacrifice and resurrection of Christ, His victory over death and the grave. May the resurrection of Christ inspire your faith and renew your hope. During this Easter season, let's embrace God's unwavering love, learn to forgive like Jesus, and spread joy in our world. Remember, Easter symbolizes the renewal of life.

Our youth group is filled with an amazing bunch of teens and I am grateful I get the opportunity to spend time with each one of them every week. We will continue to have youth group Sunday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm. April 6th, we will come together and have dinner while discussing the Armor of God. The kids need this more than ever in this day and age. April 13th, the youth will partake in the Passion Reading during service and then for the evening, fill Easter eggs, enjoy dinner, and have a wonderful lesson. April 20th is EASTER!!! The youth group will be presenting their coffee/espresso bar starting at 9:15am between services. We had such a fun time last year we wanted to serve the congregation once again with these delicious treats. Just as a reminder, Easter services will be held at 8:00am and 10:30am and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 9:45am! April 27th, our youth group will meet up, have dinner and a lesson once again. The fellowship time these teens get to share together really makes a huge impact and creates a wonderful community amongst these kids.

I wanted to extend my sincere gratitude to the entire congregation for pouring into these beautiful teenagers - Blaise, Brooks, Devyn, Stara, and Gabby and allowing us to take these teens to YWAM-LA during this last spring break. What an impact this organization has on everyone they come in contact with. We met up with the most wonderful group of kids from Crosshill Christian School out of Salem OR for the week. To see all these "strangers" come together to worship God and spread the Gospel and then leave with life-long friendships was nothing shy of incredible. I did not have the opportunity to do something like this when I was young, but as a parent and youth director, I can't think of a better investment for our youth. No matter where these teenagers were in their faith journey, they left so much stronger than when they arrived. (I know the adults did too!) During many of the worships, the kids had the opportunity to give their HEAVY burdens to God and they did just that. I cried most of the time because a room filled with the Holy Spirit just washes over you with the most beautiful emotion. We got to witness 3 baptisms in the ocean on Venice Beach - talk about the power of God! Ms. Debbie taught us that we had to be "FAT" (flexible, adaptable, and teachable) when it comes to mission trips because what we thought we would be helping with changed and instead we were able to sift through ashes to find belongings for Leslie, Lisa, and Ledi - 2 sisters and a daughter whose house burnt down in the LA fires. We were able to bring some closure to the ladies by finding some of their belongings and how awesome that was to get to be a part of something so special. We were also able to help set up the World Kitchen, evangelize in Hollywood and Venice Beach. The lifestyles we witnessed on Hollywood Blvd and Venice Beach were mind-blowing. It undoubtedly reminds us of the blessings we have received from God and the privilege we have to live in such a beautiful place surrounded by a community filled with compassion and kindness.

As we go through this season and all of the rest, **let us be bold and share the Word** - with strangers, neighbors, friends, families, and in our own homes. We never know what others are going through but we do know the power of God changes everything. Happy Easter!

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



Worship Schedule

April 6	Sojourners & Pilgrims Lorrie Hansen		
Piano			
Greeters	Zach Rogers-Sherman		
Reader/Refreshments	Dave & Jeanette Hughes		
April 13	Palm Sunday Service – ELW #10		
Piano	Joe Sutton		
Greeters			
Reader	Tiina Smith		
Refreshments	Steve & Tiina Smith		
April 20	Easter – 8 a.m. 10:30 a.m.		
Piano	Jinx Sorensen Jackie Currey		
Greeters	8 a.m. – Mark & Linda Keehr 10:30 a.m ?????(need 4)		
Refreshments	Coffee Bar & Egg Hunt		
Readers	8 a.m. – Linda Keehr 10:30 a.m. – Val Ross		
April 27	Sing a New Song		
Piano	Connie Holton		
Greeters	Zach Rogers-Sherman Kelsey Stevens +1		
Refreshments			
Reader	Heather Geiger		
April Council	Val Ross/Derrick Monson Carl Grassel//Mike Hansen		
April Altar Guild	Heather Geiger/Kris Bell Jinx Sorensen/Darlene Idland		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. – Soup & Bread Supper 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Vesters	3	4	5 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
6 5 th Sunday in Lent 8:15 A.M. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. – Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:45 a.m. – Christian Education 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	7	8	9 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. – Soup & Bread Supper 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Vesters	10 7:00 p.m Council	9:00 a.m. – A Place For Grace	12 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
13 Palm Sunday 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a. m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m Palm Sunday Family Stations 5:00 p.m. – AA 630 p.m Youth Group	14 12N – Worship Comm. Meeting	15	16 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	17 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship	18 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Worship	19 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
20 Resurrection of our Lord 8:00 a.m. – Easter Worship 9:45 a.m. – Coffee Bar & Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship 5:00 p.m. – AA No Youth Group	21 Office Closed	22	23 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	24	25	26 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
27 2 nd Sunday of Easter 9 a.m. – Worship – ELW #10 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	28	29	30 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers			



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 Sunday services.

- Easter musicians and choir for making our Easter service so special.
- To our Fellowship Committee for organizing the St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Birthdays & Anniversaries For April

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



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

Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

- 4 Tyler Hook
- 6 Steve Smith
- 8 Abigail Ross
- Mark Keehr
- 9 Wynne Gillis
- 10 Michelle Hampton
- Chuck Ludwig
- 13 Samuel Monson
- 15 Colton Koosman
- 16 Charlene Somers
- 17 Heather Geiger
- 20 Hollis Snyder
- 21 Jerry Swenson Michael Streich Grayson Forsberg
- 23 Sarah Monson
- Jessie Watson 26 Ryder Swenson
- 28 Gayle Clifford
- 28 Gayle Children 29 Stan Olean
- Debbie Porter
- 30 Vickie Streich Mike Russell







ZoeCare is a pregnancy and sexual health clinic based in Bozeman, which offers free compassionate medical care. They are staffed by three doctors, three nurses, a social worker, and other professionals and volunteers. Additional support includes one-on-one pregnancy and parenting support, the Sweet Cheeks program that offers free diapers to their pregnancy patients for 6 months, and Meals4Moms which utilizes a network of churches in the Gallatin Valley to provide two weeks of fresh meals after the baby is born.

Peace Lutheran's involvement in ZoeCare is during their Baby Bottle Campaign fundraiser, usually in May, where anyone interested can take home a baby bottle and fill it with cash or check and then return it to the church. The bottles are then delivered back to ZoeCare. Additionally, Pastor Andrew occasionally shares devotions at their monthly meetings.



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Mailing Address Correction Requested

Scriptures for April

April 6 –5th Sunday of Lent Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14

April 13 – Palm Sunday Deuteronomy 32:36-29 Philippians 2:5-11

April 20 – Easter Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Corinth. 15:19-26

April 27 – 2^{nd} Sunday of Easter Acts 5:12-20 Revelation 1:4-18 Psalm 126 Luke 20:9-20

Psalm 118:19-20 Luke 22:1-23:56

Psalm 16 Luke 24:1-12

Psalm 148 John 20:19-31 Peace Lutheran Church 203 Jackrabbit Lane Belgrade, MT 59714 Phone: (406) 388-1358 Web Site: <u>www.peace2you.org</u> LCMC: www.lcmc.net

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