



Words of Peace

*February 2026
Peace Lutheran
Church*

*A congregation of Lutheran
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Vander Laan's FAMILY BIBLE STUDY WRAP-UP DINNER AND DISCUSSION

FEBRUARY 11 6:00 p.m.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
FEBRUARY 18 @ 7:00 P.M.

SOUP SUPPERS – FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 4, 11 & 18TH
6:15 P.M. SOUP FOLLOWED BY LENTEN WORSHIP



Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

I hope you and yours are doing well! As we move ahead into February, I can't help but think of the word "prepare".

We prepare ourselves for the seasons of Lent and Easter, Jesus' arduous journey to the cross and glorious resurrection from the dead. How so? How do we prepare?

To begin, you are invited to the Peace Lutheran fellowship hall on Wednesday February 11th at 6 pm for a follow up from our online Bible study with Ray Vander Laan, *The Bible in its Context*.

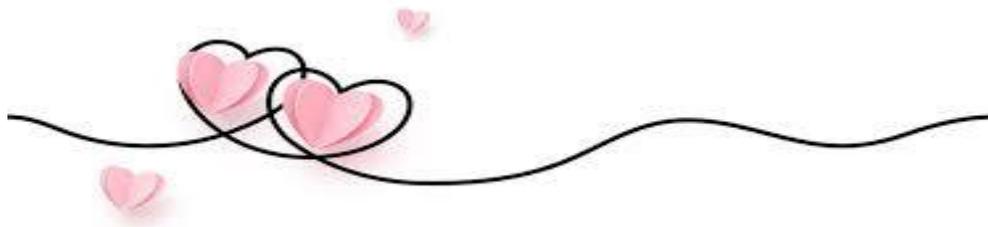
At this gathering we will begin with a meal followed by thoughtful discussions about what you learned. The meal will be served at 6 pm. Then we will begin our discussions at 6:45 pm. What a way to prepare us for our Lenten journey!

Next On Ash Wednesday at 7 pm we receive the ashes the mark of the cross followed by the Lord's precious body and blood through the bread and wine.

For the next four Wednesdays: Feb 25th, Mar 4th, Mar 11th, Mar 18th from 6:15-8 pm we will begin our midweek Lenten series: *Breaking the Addiction of Busy* (title by the book written by Brady Boyd). Soup supper at 6:15 followed by worship at 7-8 pm.

Let's face it we are bombarded with busyness, but what if we could break its vicious cycle for living freely in Christ?

Join us. God bless you all, Pr. Andrew Young



**“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:34-35**

February is often called the month of love, but as Jesus reminds us, we are called to love one another every day—not just one month out of the year.

Our youth group will meet on **February 1st from 3:00–5:00 PM** for a Valentine’s celebration, a time set aside to honor love. What better way to do that than by focusing on its true source? Scripture is filled with reminders of God’s great, enduring, and overflowing love. The afternoon will include dinner, games, and plenty of fun.

Please note that the youth group **will not meet on February 8th**, as we will be preparing for our **Family Winter Retreat**, scheduled for **February 13th–15th**. We will be staying at a rental home in **Gardiner, MT**, checking in Friday evening and checking out Sunday morning. On Sunday, we plan to attend worship at **Gardiner Community Church** at 10:15 AM before heading home.

The weekend will be packed with fun activities, including hiking at Mammoth in Yellowstone National Park, swimming at Yellowstone Hot Springs, sledding, and cross-country skiing (weather permitting). Pastor Andrew will also share a lesson on Saturday afternoon. The cost for the weekend is **\$40 per person**. If this presents a financial hardship, please reach out to **April or Joni**—we never want cost to prevent anyone from participating in this special family weekend. If you’re unable to stay overnight, you’re welcome to join us for the day on Saturday. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can prepare adequate lodging and meals.

Our youth group will meet again on **February 22nd from 3:00–5:00 PM** to wrap up the month.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce a **3-day, 2-night local mission trip** at the beginning of Spring Break in **Butte, MT**, from **March 15th–17th**. All ages of our youth group are invited, along with any friends they’d like to bring. During the trip, we will visit a local church, hear testimonies, and serve at a local rescue mission and/or the Salvation Army. More details will be shared as the dates approach.

Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support this congregation continually shows our youth—through prayers, encouragement, and generosity. We are truly blessed beyond measure and so thankful to be part of such a loving church family.

Respectfully yours,
Joni Sando
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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:7-10

God is love. God loves you unconditionally. This month let us focus on the love God has shown us and extend that to the church and community. Love and kindness will make a difference in this world.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education hour is from 10:45 to 11:45am. NO Class February 15th.

- Sunday School (Pre-K to 7th Grade): Pre-K to 4th grade will have lessons from our Spark house curriculum on the New Testament. 5th to 7th grade will be doing a 10 week portfolio project called Building My Faith: Who God Make Me To Be & How I Live It Out.
- Confirmation: Will continue their study of the New Testament. NO Class February 15th.
- Adult Forum: This month's study: *Chasing the Wind- A Study in Ecclesiastes*. Books are provided. Meet in the prayer room.
- Children's Choir: Nick, Jinx and Shannon will lead the children's choir.



A PLACE FOR GRACE

We will meet on February 13th at 9am. We will go through our 6th lesson in the Philippines, talking about perseverance. The remaining dates for this semester are: March 13th, April 10th, and May 8th.

FAMILY WINTER WEEKEND

Our Family Winter Retreat Weekend is February 13th to 15th. We will be staying in Gardiner, MT. Check-in is 6:00pm Friday and check out is 10:00am Sunday. We will attend the church service at Gardiner Community Church at 10:15am.

Meals and Activities are included. Some activities include Yellowstone Park and Yellowstone Hot Springs. If you are not able to spend the night, you are welcome to join us on Saturday for the day and activities.

The cost is \$40 per person for the weekend. If this is a financial burden please reach out to April or Joni. We do not want cost to be the reason anyone misses out on this fun weekend.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend so that we can make sure we have adequate lodging and food.

Lent Devotionals

Lent Devotionals will be out on February 8th on a table in the Narthex. There will be devotionals available for all ages. Ash Wednesday is February 18th.



Worship Schedule

Save the Dates!
MAY 1
 ZoeCare's Annual Fundraising Banquet
 @ Grace Bible Church

JUNE 4
 Love, INC. 1 Purpose
 Fundraising Gala
 @ The Commons
 Contact the church office if you'd like to
 attend either one of these events.

February 1 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Melville Service</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters	<i>Zach Rogers-Sherman Dave & Jeanette Hughes</i>
Reader	<i>Amy Young</i>
Refreshments	<i>Paulson Family</i>
February 8 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters/Refreshments	<i>Mike & Lorrie Hansen</i>
Reader	<i>Rick Moler</i>
February 15 Transfiguration	<i>Light of the World</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters	<i>Byrd Family</i>
Reader	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Refreshments	
February 22 1st Sunday in Lent	<i>Sojourners & Pilgrims</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Greeters	
Reader	<i>Dave Hughes</i>
Refreshments	
Council Jan.-Apr.	<i>Val Ross/Derrick Monson Mike Hansen/Carl Grassel</i>
Altar Guild for February	<i>Amy Young/Char Somers Jenn Kolling/Julie Hanson</i>

Family



February 13-15 in Gardiner, MT
 \$40 per person

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Melville Service 10:30 a.m. – NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 6:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	2	3 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	4 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	5	6	7 9:00 a.m. Council Retreat @ Swenson's 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
8 5th 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 11:00 a.m. - Choir 6:00 p.m. AA NO YOUTH GROUP	9 10:00 a.m. – Worship Comm. Mtg.	10 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	11 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:00 p.m. – Family Bible Study Wrap-up	12	13 9:00 a.m. – A Place for Grace Women's Gp. Family Winter Retreat →	14 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
15 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. - Worship – Light of the World 10:30 a.m. – NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 6:00 p.m. AA NO YOUTH GROUP →	16 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED No School	17 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	18 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7:00 P.M. – Ash Wednesday Worship	19	20	21 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
22 7th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sojourners & Pilgrims 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education Classes 11:00 a.m. - Choir 6:00 p.m. – AA	23	24 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	25 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. – Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship	26	27	28 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.*

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.

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- 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 ***
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Scriptures for February

February 1 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15
1 Corin. 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

February 8 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:3-9a	Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corin. 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20

February 15 – Transfiguration

Exodus 24:8-18	Psalm 2:6-12
2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

February 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 3:1-21	Psalm 32:1-7
Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

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