



# Words of Peace

*April 2026*  
**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

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## Happy Easter



**March 29 – Palm Sunday Worship**

**April 2 – Maundy Thursday Worship**

**With Holy Communion – 7 p.m.**

**April 3 – Good Friday Worship – 7 p.m.**

**April 5 – Easter Sunday!**

**8:00 a.m. - Worship Service**

**9:15 a.m. – Egg Hunt & Coffee Bar**

**10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship**

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

APRIL 19, 2026 – FELLOWSHIP HALL

**TOPICS: Updating the sound system in the sanctuary**

**Solar Installation**



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.

God bless,

Pr. Andrew Young



*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*  
*Colossians 3:1-3*

**He is Risen! When Christ died for us he made it possible for us to have new life in him. Set your eyes on him, remember the sacrifice that he made for you so that you can have eternal life.**

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Easter Sunday, April 5th, we will have our Easter Egg hunt and Coffee Bar at 9:30am, between the 2 services. Easter Egg Hunt is for ages 0 to 5th grade. The Youth Group will be serving Coffee in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends and family to join us for this celebration!

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Christian Education hour is from 10:45 to 11:45am.

- Sunday School (Pre-K to 7th Grade): We have 4 weeks left, our last day will be May 3rd. Pre-K to 4th grade will finish lessons in the New Testament.  
5th to 7th grade will finish their portfolio project, *Building My Faith*
- Confirmation: Will continue their study of the New Testament.
- Adult Forum: Will continue the study: *Chasing the Wind- A Study in Ecclesiastes*. Books are provided. Meet in the prayer room.
- Children's Choir will sing during service on May 10th.



### **A PLACE FOR GRACE**

We will meet on April 10th at 9am. We will go through our 8th lesson in the book of Philippians, talking about contentment. Our last date for this semester will be May 8th.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Clydehurst Christian Ranch has a women's retreat on May 15th to 17th. This is a great weekend to connect with women at our church and other churches. Food and lodging is provided along with fun activities and worship services. If you are interested in coming to this retreat please reach out to April.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Save the Date!!! Our Vacation Bible School is **VBS June 22nd to 25th**. Our theme this year is Aloha Adventures: Discovering God's Love. We need lots of volunteers for this ministry to be successful. Please check your calendars and let April know if you can help.

### **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.



In a loud voice they were saying:  
“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”  
Revelation 5:12

**He is risen—He is risen indeed!**

As we enter this blessed Easter season, we pause to reflect on the profound gift of Jesus Christ’s resurrection. His victory over death and the grave is not only the foundation of our faith, but also a living reminder that hope is never lost and new life is always possible through Him.

Easter invites us into a season of renewal—of faith, of heart, and of purpose. It is a time to remember God’s unwavering love for us and to embrace the grace we have been freely given. Through Christ’s example, we are called to walk in forgiveness, to extend compassion to others, and to carry His light into the world around us.

Our youth group still has amazing teenagers and I am so thankful for each one of them. Our youth group sessions are winding down as we get closer and closer to May but we are so happy to announce that we will be serving all of you with our Easter Espresso Bar that includes coffee, Italian sodas, and treats between our Easter Sunday services. We will have a 8:00am service as well as a 10:30am service. April will be leading the Easter egg hunt beginning at 9:45am.

Pastor Andrew, April, and myself will be attending the annual LCMC NW District gathering April 23-26, 2026 hosted at Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d’Alene ID. This year’s theme: “Saul to Paul”. I’d encourage everyone to attend at least one of these gatherings any chance you get. They offer a powerful experience of worship, meaningful fellowship, and genuine friendship—all while also taking care of the important business of our district. I want to genuinely thank all of you for continually supporting us staff members.  
***We are so grateful.***

We are working on rescheduling our overnight youth trip to Butte. The weather was uncooperative a couple of weeks ago when we had everything planned so we have been in touch with both the Hope Center and the Salvation Army.

Although the school year is flying by, we are continually working on our curriculum for the summer months as well as next fall.

May this season encourage you to draw closer to God, to trust in His promises, and to find peace in His presence. Let us rejoice together in the miracle of the resurrection and allow its truth to shape how we live each day.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Easter season.

Joni Sando

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# Worship Schedule

<b>April 5</b>	<i>Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.</i>
<b>Piano</b>	<i>Jinx Sorensen Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters	<i>8:00 service Mark &amp; Linda Keehr Karlene Swenson  10:30 service</i>
Reader	<i>8:00 service Mark Keehr  10:30 service</i>
<b>April 12</b>	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters	<i>Zach Rogers-Sherman</i>
Reader	<i>Heather Geiger</i>
Refreshments	<i>Dave &amp; Lori Lanzendorf</i>
<b>April 19</b>	<i>Melville Service</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters	<i>Mark &amp; Linda Keehr</i>
Refreshments	
Readers	<i>Mark Keehr</i>
<b>April 26</b>	<i>Country Gospel</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Greeters/Refreshments Reader	<i>Bill &amp; Debby Young</i>
April Council	<i>Val Ross/Derrick Monson Carl Grassel//Mike Hansen</i>
April Altar Guild	<i>Heather Geiger Sandy Speerstra Jinx Sorensen/Kristy Rieger</i>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Worship	<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
<b>5 Resurrection of our Lord</b> 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	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	<b>9</b> 6:00 P.M. – New Member Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Council	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. – A Place For Grace	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist 4 p.m. – New Member Gathering
<b>12 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song New Member Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education 3:00 p.m. – Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - AA	<b>13</b> 12N – Worship Comm. Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. – Worship – Melville Service 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship Special Congregation Meeting 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education 3:00 p.m. - Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - AA	<b>20</b> Office Closed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	<b>23</b> LCMC Dist. Gathering (Andrew, April & Joni)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
<b>26 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9 a.m. – Worship – Country Gospel 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education 3:00 p.m. – Youth Group 6:00 p.m. – AA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	<b>30</b>		



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.**
- **Thank you to the Youth Group for filling Easter Eggs and helping to hide them.**

### **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

- 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
- 29 Stan Olean  
Debbie Porter
- 30 Vickie Streich  
Mike Russell



**Help us Load the Lutheran  
World Relief Truck**

**May 9 @ approx. 2 p.m.**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



## PRAY FOR PARTNERS



Peace Lutheran Church partners with a number of individuals and groups to reach out in love to those in need and to proclaim that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

We support our partners through offerings of that which God has first given us; our time, our talents, and our treasures. Please keep our Partners in your prayers.

### Local Partners

Ladybug Preschool  
PLC Community Garden  
ZOE Care  
Gallatin Valley Chaplain  
Gallatin Valley Food Bank  
LOVE, Inc  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Montana State University

### USA/International Partners

Lutheran World Relief  
Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child)  
LCMC National  
LCMC Youth Impact  
Christ's Gift Academy - Kenya  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Dawson Community College (Joe & Daneen Peterson)  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Southern Utah University (Ken & Kenzie Meyer)  
Students for Christ - Pakistan  
Cleats of Faith – Uganda



Our graduating High School Seniors!

l. to r. Stara Bell, Cameron Handsaker  
Blaise Bolich

Not pictured: Dawson Davis



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*Scriptures for April*

**April 5 - Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 16

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

**April 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:29-42

Psalm 148

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

**April 19 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 16

1 Corinth. 15:19-26

Luke 24:13-35

**April 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

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