



## Peace Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Happy Mother's Day! Did you send your mother a card or flowers yet? Have you called her on the phone to tell her how special she is and how much you love her? No? Why not? You might say, "Mother's Day is not until May 8<sup>th</sup>." But I could say, "Mothers are special. We should love and honor them year round. It's silly to have just a day set aside to show our love and honor for them."

Of course, that would be right. We *should* love and honor our mothers throughout the year. But that doesn't mean it's wrong or even a bad idea to pick a special day to honor Mom in special ways. The special day focuses our attention on Mom and, hopefully, helps us remember to appreciate her more throughout the year.

Some people wonder why we add or omit things from our worship services during the Lent and Easter seasons. Why do we omit "alleluias" and "Hymns of Praise" during Lent?" Why do we use the "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" responsive greeting only during the Easter season? Is it wrong to have "alleluias" during Lent? Shouldn't we praise God every day of the year?

Of course, it is not wrong to sing "alleluia" during Lent and we should praise God every day of the year. The reason that we exercise this voluntary self-restraint in Lent is much like the reason we have Mother's Day: to focus our attention on something so that we appreciate it all the more throughout the year.

We refrain from the joyousness of singing alleluias during Lent to focus on the somberness of the season. Many in America's culture want their religion to be "happy" all the time, but Lent is not a "happy" time. Lent is a time when we focus on some things that are quite sad. The sinless Son of God endured beating, flogging, crucifixion, separation from His Father, and death – all in a most horrific way. And that's not the saddest part of all. The saddest thing is that we are responsible for this horrible event because of our sin. He was enduring the punishment for our sin in our place and accepting the death we deserved.

We shout out "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" on Easter and during the Easter season to focus on the utter joy of the season. By His resurrection, we are assured that the sacrifice of Jesus' life on the cross has been accepted. We are free from sin's guilt and the punishment of hell. Because He is risen, we, too, shall rise and live forever in the glory of God in heaven.

Do not look on these minor changes in the liturgy as silly rules which must be obeyed, but rather as helps in our worship. When you notice an omission of *alleluias* during Lent, may it guide your thoughts to the somberness and sadness of Jesus' suffering and death. When you notice the addition of the Easter greeting during the Easter, may it help emphasize joyousness of Jesus' resurrection! And remember throughout the year the love of Jesus shown for you through His suffering, death and resurrection as it is revealed to us in the liturgy and given to us in His Word and Sacraments!

In Christ,  
Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Everyone who donated items for the military and children in Afghanistan.  
 Members of Christ for the Deaf, Board of Directors, quilters, LWML, and youth for sponsoring the soup suppers during Lent.  
 All of the ladies who go to Park Place, Benefis Skilled Nursing Center and Highgate House to sing hymns and read devotions and minister to the shut-ins.  
 Gloria Creek and Karen Schaefer for playing the organ during our worship services.  
 All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.  
 Idell Croskrey for changing the banners and paraments.  
 Jerry and Jodi Geist and Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.  
 Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.  
 Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.  
 All of the men who volunteer to usher.  
 Alice Schuman and Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.  
 Cindy Greenwood for decorating the bulletin boards.  
 This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

## “Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

“When I was in seventh grade, our pro-life teacher drew a line on the blackboard connecting the word ‘abortion’ with the word ‘euthanasia.’ The killing of pre-born children leads to the killing of older people, people with disabilities, and people who are ill. Life is a tapestry, and when one thread has been pulled out by advocates of abortion, the rest of the threads begin to unravel.” *Maria Vitale, education director for Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## LWML

- ♥ Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study. This has been changed due a conflict on the 10<sup>th</sup>! All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will be having election of all 4 officers, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. If you would like to serve the members of Peace in this fashion, please contact Becky Schlund or Helen Lewis. Don’t forget your Mite boxes!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who donated items for the military care packages and the children of Afghanistan. We will let you know how many pounds were sent!
- ♥ The 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention is in Peoria, Illinois from June 23 – 26, 2011. “Being With Jesus – Living on the Edge” is the theme. Registration has begun! Registration forms are in the current issue of the *Lutheran Women’s Quarterly*. Gifts from the Heart will be collected at Peace during the month of May. Shopping lists will be available in May!
- ♥ The ladies of Peace will be helping the members of Christ for the Deaf with the soup supper on April 6. They have asked us to provide the soups.
- ♥ Remember to bring your new soap for Soap Sunday on the second Sunday of each month. Soap collected will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks for your continued support.
- ♥ The Lutheran World Relief drive will be on May 21, 2011 this year. Be watching for more details!

## Finances

The year to date budgeted amount through February 28, 2011 is \$27,196.47. What was given through February 28, 2011 is \$22,215.68. We are short \$4,980.79. Our Mission Commitment to the District is short for February in the amount of \$2,100.00. The amount in Lutheran Church Extension Fund as of February 28, 2011 is \$25,135.31. LCEF loan balance as of February 28, 2011 is \$145,000.00.

# Ladies Bible study schedule

Lent has had added enrichment as the final lessons in the study of the BOOK of LUKE included the Passion of Christ, the Resurrection and Ascension. The FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS will be studying a new topic in April. Join them for Bible study at the home of Marge Johnsten 3000 8th Av So from 1 - 3 pm on April 1st and 8th. On April 15th Bible study will be at Ann Nimmick's home 2327 15th Av So.

During April Assisted Living Ministry will be held on the following dates. Ladies will meet at the Bee Hive Home at 2328 15th Ave So on Tuesday, April 12th at 11 am for hymn singing and a devotion. Friday, April 29th at 11:45 am the group meets for a no host lunch at the Bar S Restaurant 5100 North Star Blvd. After lunch they will go to Highgate House 3000 11th Av So to lead hymn singing and a devotion for residents. Come and join the ladies as they share the joy of Easter!



## April Anniversaries

April 8 Ron and Diane Steffens  
April 9 Bill and Dorothy Neuman  
April 10 Ken and Jeanne Huttinger  
April 21 Richard and Amanda House  
April 27 Harry and Colleen Carr

## Baptismal Anniversaries

April 1 Don Brown  
1 Grace Eby  
1 Dennis Creek  
2 Karen Birkholz  
3 Gordon Swaby  
5 Alex Schuman  
8 Carol Thurston  
8 Esther Largent  
10 Michael Davidson  
12 Gary Creek  
12 Ruth Lowden  
13 Raiden Nelson  
14 Ethan Southard  
15 Pamela Brown  
21 Jessica Keyser  
23 Bridger Wayman  
24 Cameron Jensen  
25 Tanner Keil  
25 Barbara Swaby  
26 Darrell Greenwood  
26 Allison Mead



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
The following people are experiencing health problems:

John Birkholz  
Colleen Carr  
Jo Flom  
Patsy Zvara

Our members who are away serving in the military are Michael Lewis, and Jacob Meierhoff.

Justin Mann, grandson of Bruce and Janet Kempf is in Afghanistan.

## Voters meeting set

Mark your calendars now for the next congregational voters meeting and potluck on Sunday, May 1 at 12 noon. We will have election of officers and discussing some important decisions about the fellowship hall lighting and dividers. If you are interested in serving the Lord as an elected official of Peace Lutheran Church, please contact Chairman Darrell Greenwood a.k.a. "The Prez".

## Choir begins practice

The adult choir will begin practice on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at Peace.

## Cleaning Day planned

The trustees of Peace have set the cleaning day for Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars now to join us as we do some deep cleaning of the Lord's House! Lunch will be provided.



## Wee Disciples



We are looking forward to the Easter season and we are considering the power of that event.

We invite you to join the families of Wee Disciples as we share the Easter Message with the children on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. It would be wonderful to have many share this blessed time with the children. We would like to hire a high school student for our after school time with the children. We are also hoping to hire a part time staff member for flexible hours.

Please call Debbie at 799-5881 if you are interested or know of a student who may enjoy working some afternoons.

Registration is now open for all programs. Thank you to everyone who helps us in so many areas. If you have any ideas for our summer travels or learning, we would really appreciate it!

## *Lenten Lies* is the theme for Lent services

*Lenten Lies* is the theme for our Wednesday evening Lent services in 2011. During Lent, we remember that Jesus came to die to save us from our sins and gain everlasting life for us in heaven. But do we ever remember where our sin comes from? Sin happens because the devil fools us. We sin because the devil gets us to believe a lie. During our observation of Lent this year, we will consider some of those lies as we also consider the answers of Jesus who is “the way, the truth, and the life.” Join us for the last 2 special services on Wednesdays during Lent. Each evening begins with a soup supper at 6:00 PM. Worship begins at 7:00 PM. All services will be interpreted for the deaf.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Text</u>
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	“Church Leaders Are Always Right”	John 18:28
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	“Entertainment Is Always Good”	Luke 23:4-9



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We invite you to continue the journey with Jesus to the cross and its conclusion during Holy Week with these special worship services.

Maundy Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>  
“Only Bread and Wine” – Matthew 26:26-28  
Worship with Holy Communion  
7:00 PM  
Interpreted for the deaf.

Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sunrise Service  
6:30 AM

Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
“Death Is Always Bad” – John 19:30  
Service of Darkness  
7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
“The Final Lie” – 1 Corinthians 15:17-20  
Festival Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM  
Interpreted for the deaf.

# IMPORTANT.....TRUSTEES NEED YOUR INPUT and your vote!

The Peace Board of Trustees will be presenting options at the May 1, 2011, Voters' Assembly regarding the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall. Much research is being done in regard to removing and disposing of the tracks and wall panels that have been used in the past for Sunday School rooms. What can be done with new ceiling panels and grid around the light fixtures (that have been approved and ordered) depends on whether the track remains in place. The Trustees would like your input and opinions NOW because we will vote on options at the Voters' Meeting and we want time to answer all questions before the vote. NO ACTION will be taken until money is available, but the Trustees want approval for the direction the congregation wants to go when the project CAN be done.

There are 3 glue lambeams running through the room from north to south that divide the Fellowship Hall into four equal parts. There is also a glue lambeam that runs east and west down the entire length. The tracks are screwed into the bottom of these beams dividing the Fellowship Hall into 8 separate "bays".

Options that have been approved by the Board of Directors include:

1. Removing ALL tracks and wall panels. Removing ALL old tile and grid. Dropping down about 6 inches below the glue lambeams (where the tracks are currently attached) and putting in a completely new ceiling. The "bays" would disappear, creating the look of one big room. If we drop the ceiling we wouldn't be required to remove the old tile and grid but for fire safety it would be best to do so. There is already one old ceiling (identical to the one in the hallway) above the current one.
2. Keeping tracks and wall panels on the west end of the room to preserve the ability to create two small rooms; one by the piano and one by the back south exit door. This would eliminate the option to drop the ceiling to create the "one room look" because of the need to keep the tracks at the end of the room. Therefore all the bottoms of the lambeams would remain visible even though the tracks would be removed. The new grid would be mounted around the beams so we would still have the look of 8 separate bays.
3. Keeping the old grid but replacing the tiles. After proposing this to the Board of Directors, several Trustees met with Just Rite Acoustics at the church. Roy Winn very strongly discourages this option because our grid is old and faded, and they wouldn't be able to match it to new tile. Also, our grid wasn't "professionally" installed and could use updating.

When asked about using the 2' x 2' tiles that had been taken out of the sanctuary, he said that would be possible but we'd have to install grid for 2' x 2' rather than the current 2' x 4' we'd prefer, and the tile we have would only be enough to do one or possibly part of two of the eight bays. The color lot would be different than the rest of the Fellowship Hall. Since tiles are not expensive it makes more sense to either use them to do the ceiling in a Sunday School room, or donate them to the Habitat Restore.

Cost estimates for these options are currently pending, along with what they would charge for demolition versus us doing it ourselves. The bid we received ----- is no longer valid. The cost of steel has driven the cost of grid up twice since then, to almost 16% more, or approximately \$500 more than our original bid. The price of tile is going up June 1, 2011. The ceiling people also want to be in touch and coordinate with the electrician putting in the new fixtures because typically it works much better to do the fixtures after the ceiling.

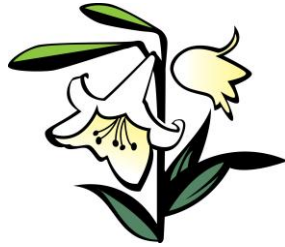
Thank you for your input and your patience.

Peace Trustees

Amy Dorr, Matt Schlund, Jerry Geist, Diann Stevens, Rick Bricks and Lee Henselin

# Congregational Assessments due April 10

What are your hearts and minds experiencing and feeling personally, within our Synod, and Peace Lutheran Church specifically? The elders and pastor have selected 6 questions that we hope will help us find out your feelings and opinions about worship, what aspects of Peace Lutheran Church are spiritually working well for you, what needs that are not being met and finally a personal evaluation of each of us in our role of being in God's family at Peace Lutheran Church. We hope our Peace family will be honest and frank in sharing anonymously what attitudes, values, concerns and positive experiences they have had at Peace Lutheran Church. We encourage each adult member to fill out this assessment. Answers can be as short or as lengthy as you wish. We hope that you will contemplate and thoughtfully describe your current spiritual state and well-being. This project and its answers should not be seen as a referendum on any office, person or doctrine viewpoint, but will be an aid to the Board of Elders in leading the spiritual life of our congregation in the future.



## Easter lilies

We will be ordering Easter lilies to enhance our celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. If you would like to order one, please contact Val Martin at 231-0341 or Janet Kempf at 452-9259.

## Take Off Pounds Sensibly

"Take Off Pounds Sensibly" is a non-profit organization established in 1948, to encourage men, women, and anyone 7 yrs. and up to eat healthy. We have established a new chapter that meets at Peace Lutheran on Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. with a weigh-in. More info will be on the bulletin board or contact Lorene Gotta at 952-1085.



## CLCD having rummage sale in May

Members of Christ for the Deaf will be having their annual rummage sale on May 13 and 14 at the parsonage, 2922 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North. Anybody who wants to donate items for the sale can drop it in our office or have David Wise pick it up for you.