



## Peace Lutheran Church

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### Complete Repentance June 2017

A not-too-bright thief was brought before a judge, charged once again with breaking the law through thievery. The judge was feeling particularly merciful on that day so he said to the thief, “Your attitude seems rather positive today. You appear to be contrite regarding your participation in this crime. So, I’m going to let you off. Do you have any questions?” The thief replied, “Yeah, just one.” “What is that?”, asked the judge. “Does this mean,” asked the thief, “that I get to keep the money?” The thief was last seen doing two to six years in the state penitentiary.

We can all agree that thief was foolish. If he had been smart, he would have turned in the money before the judge’s sentence was declared to show that he was contrite for what he had done. If not then, he certainly would have given the money back after the judge’s sentence was declared to show his gratitude for being released. But to hold on to the profit from the crime and still expect to be released from punishment for committing the crime is foolish indeed.

Yet this is how we often act in our relationship with God. We profess sorrow for our sin but we still want to hold on to the benefits gained by that sin. We say we are sorry for breaking God’s command to gather together in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment but we want to continue missing worship for a variety of reasons. We say we are sorry for “fudging” on our taxes but we want to keep the bigger tax refund that comes from it. We say we are sorry for misusing God’s gift of sex but we want to continue to have sex outside of marriage, watching movies that glorify sexual sins, and so on. This is foolish....

In Luke 19:1-10, we read the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. We usually just think of him as “a wee little man...who climbed up in the sycamore tree”. But this “wee little man” did something huge. When he was convicted of his sin and repented of his sin, he did more than say he was sorry. He showed by his actions that he was truly sorry. He gave half of his ill-gotten profit as a tax collector to the poor and, to all the people he defrauded, he paid it back fourfold. Jesus saw this and said, “Today salvation has come to this house.”

This is a good lesson for us. Instead of just saying we regret our sin but continue wanting to do it or profit from it, let our actions show that our repentance is true by seeking to make restitution to anyone we have wronged. John Chrysostom, a church father in the fourth century, summarized true and complete repentance this way, “In the heart, contrition; in the mouth, confession; in the work, entire humility.” In other words, when we sin, our hearts feel the sorrow over sin; our mouths confess the guilt of our sin; and in our work, we humbly strive to make restoration for our sin to anyone we have sinned against.

This is complete repentance. And the Holy Spirit, who has led us to feel sorrow over our sin, to speak confession of that sin and receive forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, will empower us to show our sorrow over sin and our joy over forgiveness for that sin by making restitution with our neighbor for that sin.

In Christ, our Lord,  
Pastor Schlund

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Everyone who came and helped clean the church on Cleaning Day.

All those who participate and help with the worship service at Highgate House on the first Sunday of each month.

Everyone who helped in any way at the 2 rummage sales sponsored by members of the deaf congregation.

All of the people who have offered to serve the Lord as officers for Peace Lutheran Church.

Kevin Aguiar, his nephew Evan, Darrell Greenwood, and Arnie Wirth for mowing the church lawn and vacant lot.

Everyone who donated items for the rummage sale sponsored by the members of Christ for the Deaf.

Gloria Creek and Val Martin 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.

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.

Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.

All of the people who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.

Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

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.

## LWML

- ♥ During the month of June, we will be collecting items to be given to Helping Hands down at First English Lutheran Church. Their wish list includes toothbrushes, tooth paste, bath soap, lotion, toilet paper, liquid dish soap, disposable razors, peanut butter, and cans of tuna fish. Please bring any of these items and we will be sure they are taken to Helping Hands at the end of June. Thank you, Val and Loretta, for organizing this project.
- ♥ Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and participate in the planning of the coming year's activities and servant event projects. Many new and exciting ideas will be talked about and planned!
- ♥ 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.

## Ladies Bible study schedule

June is the third and final month of the special spring wildflowers in the nearby Highwoods and Little Belts. Bluebells and monkey flowers are abundant along streams. Some of the boggy places have pink elephant head. In the forest in early June there will still be some yellow glacier lilies scattered around. On the north side of mountains, a walk through the evergreens may reveal some lady's slipper orchids. In late June near King's Hill look for white bear grass blooming in the trees along Divide Road. People drive 2000 miles to visit Glacier for a week to see these same wildflowers the Lord has planted. We only have to drive 45 minutes to enjoy them!

Although Bible study sessions are in recess during the summer, Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion continues uninterrupted. Ladies and gentlemen will gather at Bee Hive Home #2, 2816 15th Ave So at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13th and July 11th. There will be two no host lunches after which many will go to Highgate, 3000 11th Ave So. On Friday, June 23rd at 11:45 a.m. the group will meet at Maple Garden, 5401 9th Ave So. In July, they will gather at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, July 21st and lunch at JB's Restaurant, 1322 10th Ave So. Take a break from gardening/mowing and treat yourself to lunch with this congenial group! There just might be a little bouquet of wildflowers at the assisted living residence...



## June Anniversaries

June 9 Paul and Janet Rubino  
 June 12 William and Ruth Rozokat  
 June 14 Tom and Connie Croskrey  
 June 17 Andrew and Kelsey Schlund  
 June 23 – Gary and Carol Lindstrand

## Baptismal Anniversaries

June 11 Jennifer Lewis  
 12 Linda Aguiar  
 14 Angela Fletcher  
 16 Alicia Fletcher  
 16 Kris Smelser  
 16 Bernie Schaaf  
 18 Phyllis Schaaf  
 23 Meagan Croskrey  
 27 Marge Johnsten  
 28 Becky Schlund



## July Anniversaries

July 5 Pat and Helen Lewis  
 July 15 Arnie and Betsy Wirth  
 July 18 Rick and Marge Johnsten  
 July 19 Ben and Shirley Coe  
 July 23 Lyle and Tara Onstad  
 July 31 Steve & Becky Schlund

## Baptismal Anniversaries

July 1 Andrew Onstad  
 2 Shirley Coe  
 3 Mason LaPlante  
 7 Richard Schottey  
 8 Nolan Croskrey  
 11 Helen Lewis  
 16 Matthew Schlund  
 19 Eric Fletcher  
 19 Jan Neiffer  
 20 Elizabeth Allen  
 20 Pat Lewis  
 23 Beate Neumann



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

**Tami Birkholz**, Karen's sister-in-law who is battling a rare skin tissue disorder  
**Leonard Gidlow**  
**Jane Hering**  
**Connie Juden**  
**Rev. Erich Kaelberer**  
**June Meier**  
**Bill and Dorothy Neuman**  
**David Norman**  
**Kathy Politz**

One member who is away serving in the military is **Michael Lewis**.

## Help needed

There are many flower plots around the church building that are in need of weeding and tender loving care. Even if you don't have a green thumb, please feel free to come by whenever your schedule allows and spend some time clearing away debris and pulling a few weeds. We hear many compliments from our neighbors and the people walking in the area each year. Let's continue to beautify this neighborhood by taking care of our property keeping it looking loved!!

## Finances

JANUARY 1, TO APRIL 30, 2017		
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
CHURCH INCOME		
Regular Offerings	\$45,956.07	\$45,666.68
Interest Income	\$396.55	\$333.32
Total Income	\$46,352.62	\$46,000.00
Church Expenses		
Personnel/Benefits	\$29,461.20	\$29,026.20
Administrative	\$2,942.57	\$2,736.64
Buildings & Grounds	\$10,075.14	\$10,150.00
Missions	\$4,074.79	\$3,833.32
Christian Education	\$2,029.00	\$1,933.32
Total Expenses	\$48,582.70	\$47,679.48
Net Church Income	\$(2,230.08)	\$(1,679.48)

## Trinity Lutheran Camp registrations are online

Posters are on the bulletin board listing all of the camps offered at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork on the Flathead Lake. Registration forms and more information are online at [camptrinity@gmail.com](mailto:camptrinity@gmail.com).

## Summer Worship For Travelers

Are you going to be traveling this summer and far from a church on a Sunday morning? Pastor Schlund has prepared a brochure called *Summer Worship For Travelers* which you can take along with you on your trip. It has a brief order of worship from *Lutheran Service Book* and a listing of all the Bible Readings for the summer months. Take one with you for the times you can't be in church this summer. Copies are on the table outside the Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf office.



## Deaf Camp 2017

Members of Christ for the Deaf Lutheran Church are sponsoring camp from **August 10 through 13, 2017** at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork, Montana. The cost for the

camp is \$50 per person, children 12 and under are free. Registration forms are in the church office. Please register and pay by August 5, 2017. Plan now to come and join the fun!!

## Ushers for June

June 4 -----	Arnie Gidlow
-----	Darrell Greenwood
June 11 -----	Ed Ostlund
-----	Jeff Blomgren
June 18 -----	Eric Fletcher
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June 25 -----	Arnie Wirth
-----	Lyle Onstad

## VBS dates set

**Vacation Bible School** will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m., with lunch and snack provided. The theme is *A Mighty Fortress* in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation of the church. There will be worship, Bible Study, crafts, games, and much more. Call the church office at 761-7343 to sign up today!

## Echoz Baby Bottles Campaign

“Life is Precious. Fill a bottle for Life. Pick up a bottle, fill it with change, bills or a check. Bring it back to the church on Father’s Day – **June 18**. A little change makes a big difference.” Bottles are available from the table in the hallway.

## Trustee Organizational Meeting

There will be a trustee meeting at Peace on **Monday, June 5 at 7:00 PM**. They will be discussing some very important issues happening here at Peace and getting everyone organized. It will be most helpful if everyone could attend.

## Please RSVP

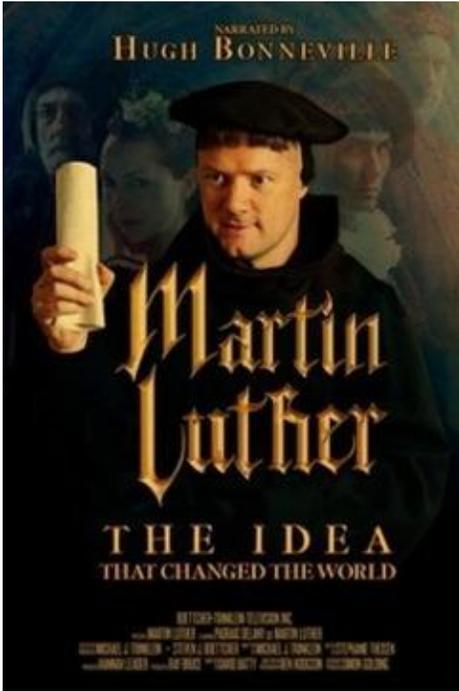
If you plan to attend the wedding reception for Tyler Denning and Hunter Hansen on **Saturday, July 1 at 7:00 PM at Ryan Dam Clubhouse**, please RSVP soon to Hunter at 605-728-9176 or [www.weddingwire/tnhwedding](http://www.weddingwire/tnhwedding), password: 2014.

## Summer Sign Fun

It has been suggested that our Wednesday Family Night be replaced this summer by an informal conversational sign language class in preparation for Deaf Camp in August. Pastor Schlund is willing to lead such a class if there is sufficient interest. Talk to Pastor Schlund if you are interested.

**Attention 2017 High School Graduates** and current college students who will be enrolling in a full time college curriculum for 2017-18: As a Peace Lutheran Church parishioner, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship made possible by the Peace Lutheran Scholarship Fund/Daniels Fund Endowment. This is the first year this scholarship opportunity is available. Students who wish to apply should contact the church secretary to have the application form emailed to them. The deadline to submit the application is June 15, 2017.

There are no designated dollar amounts for scholarships this year, as the Scholarship Committee begins this new venture. We anticipate the awards will be in the \$ 250 to \$1000 range, based on the number of applicants and the rating each application earns.



In this year of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the 125th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Falls, we are excited to bring you a film of the life of the man who would ultimately change the world, Martin Luther.

We have set up our very own *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World* screening Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm at AMC Theater - Great Falls — 1601 Market Place Drive Suite 75, Great Falls, MT, 59403. (formerly Carmike 10)

**Purchase your tickets by**

**June 22, 2017.**

**Ticket price - \$10.00**

You can get your tickets at: <https://www.tugg.com/events/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world-ubdh>.

There will not be tickets sales at the door the night of the event, so get your tickets early to insure yourself a seat for this wonderful event.

***Please join us as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and Trinity's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary!***

## Community Outreach and Celebration

Peace Lutheran Church is holding a community outreach, which includes a concert, carwash and picnic on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. These activities are, in part, a commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. The main emphasis of the Reformation was forgiveness of sins and salvation by God's grace alone, through faith alone and through Jesus Christ alone. This justification by faith is the cornerstone of our ministry and these three projects look for opportunities to communicate it to our community.



On **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, Christian singer, songwriter, author, humorist and plane crash survivor **Don Wharton** will be in concert in the church at 6:30 PM. A free will offering will be taken. On **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 AM until 4 PM, in the parking lot, the youth and members of our church will be conducting a car wash and vehicle detailing for the community. All that is needed is some smiles and for you to bring some car washing materials absent of soap. **In addition**, there will be people setting up for VBS the following week. Feel free to come and help with that, if you would like! On **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, we will have Divine Worship at 9:30 AM, followed by Bible class and Sunday School at 11:00 AM. Then, at 12:30 PM, we will host a picnic for the community. Peace members are asked to bring salads and desserts. The “bouncy toys” will be set up (see inserted picture) for the youth and special gifts will be handed out. We will also be taking registrations for VBS which starts **Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** and goes through **Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM each day. The theme is “*A Mighty Fortress*” and lunch will be provided.