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“For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.” Psalm 96:4-6

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Remember to turn your clocks forward an hour this month! As you do so, may we remember our frailty. After all, can any of us control time itself? I am sure many of us would love to do so. The power to go backwards in time in a moment to get rid of a few gray hairs, or remove a few crows' feet from under our eyes, to have the energy of youth again, and do away with the aches and pains of old age. Or to go forward in time, to be older and just bypass the awkwardness of teenage years and be old enough to do all the “fun” adult activities like driving and spending money. Yet alas, we cannot. We are not in control of time. We cannot go back or forward even one second, much less years!

Thanks be to God that while we cannot control time, He can. After all, as the Psalmist says, “He made the heavens.” Scripture reveals that God lives outside the bounds of time as we know it. Our destiny was planned “before the beginning of time” (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2) and “before the creation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:20). “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible” (Hebrews 11:3). In other words, the physical universe we see, hear, feel and experience was created not from existing matter, but from a source independent of the physical dimensions we can perceive. God created everything, even time itself, merely by speaking it into existence. As the Creator, He has full control over it. God uses time for our good and for our benefit. He gives to us every single moment of our lives and fills them with wonderful things to do using the gifts and talents that He has given to us, whether that be as citizens of these United States, students, teachers, husbands, wives, grandparents, bosses and employees, and many more.

Even greater, in the fullness of time, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. The Eternal One deigned to be bound by time and space in order to free us as His creation. Jesus lived a perfect life in our place. He suffered, bled, and died upon the cross of Calvary on our behalf. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, that we, who are bound by time, may have life everlasting with him.

Even now, as believers, we have a deep sense of comfort knowing that God, though timeless and eternal, is in time with us right now. He is not unreachably transcendent, but right here in this moment with us, granting us His strength and peace as we go throughout our lives until that Day when He comes in glory and we are with Him forever and ever.

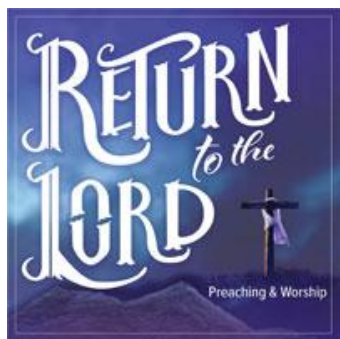
Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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**Everyone** who helps prepare, setup, and clean up after Sunday school and Bible study each Sunday  
**All of the ladies** who came and made fleece blankets for Denise Combs.  
**Everyone** who helps prepare, setup, and clean up after Wednesday soup suppers.  
**Val Martin, Tristin Reinke, and Gloria Creek** for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.  
**All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes** on Sundays and Wednesdays.  
**Elsie Huss** for changing the banners and paraments.  
**Angelika Fischer** 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.  
**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**

- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will form a Nominations Committee for the elections that will be held at the May meeting. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **Thank you to everyone who donated items and made fleece blankets for Denise Combs layettes.** She is soooo appreciative of us continuing to collect items every year. Thank you all for the many items that were given!
- ♥ **Remember that Purple Pockets are due to Elsie Huss at the end of March.** This money goes to our missionary **Rev. Eric Stinnett** and the seminary there in Ethiopia. If you need a purple pocket, please see Elsie. Thanks for your continued support.



*“Return to the Lord your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.” Joel 2:13b*

Lenten Worship Services  
 Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m.

**Date**

March 3  
 March 10  
 March 17  
 March 24  
 April 1 (Maundy Thursday)  
 April 2 (Good Friday)

**Theme**

“Return from Betrayal”  
 “Return from False Witness”  
 “Return from Denial”  
 “Return to the Kingdom of God”  
 “Return to the Table”  
 “Return to the Truth”



## March Anniversaries

Mar. 6 Gary and Tami Creek

## Baptismal Anniversaries

March	3	Belinda Aguiar
	3	Stephanie Blomgren
	10	Arnie Wirth
	17	Kevin Aguiar
	20	Michael Drummond
	20	Leah (Huttinger) Taylor
	20	Cheri Magnuson
	23	Hailey McPartlin
	23	Natalie Gerard
	25	Aedan Lewis
	25	Judy VanVleet
	25	Carol Kangas
	26	Tyler Denning
	27	Janet Rubino
	28	Joshua Reinke



### INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Ed and Sarah Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinson's
- Christine Wallace**, former LWML Montana District president, cancer

**Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31<sup>st</sup>!!**

## Ushers for March

March 7	-----	Tyler Denning
	-----	Kevin Aguiar
March 14	-----	Greg Franczyk
	-----	Arnie Gidlow
March 21	-----	Eric Fletcher
	-----	Mitch Martin
March 28	-----	Darrell Greenwood
	-----	Tyler Denning

## Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! Present the coupon, which can be found on the table in the hallway, between **5 and 9 PM on March 16**, and Fuddruckers will give 20% of your total ticket to Wee Disciples!

## Amazon Smile

Pastor Reinke has created an Amazon Smile account to raise funds for Peace Lutheran . Here is the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0305082>. Shop from this link on Amazon, and a portion of what you spend with be donated back to Peace. This link is also on our Facebook page. If you go there, you may just click on the link and it will take you to Amazon. Thank you!

## Get Well Cards

If anyone would like to send Taylor Martin a get well card or thinking of you card, please send it to their home at 132 Riverview D, Great Falls, MT 59404-1418. The family truly appreciates all of the prayers and support during this trying time!.

## Camp Dates

Dates of **August 12 through 15, 2021** have become available for the possibility of having camp this year at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork. The elders would like to see if there is anyone interested in organizing and heading it up. If you are interested, please see one of the elders.

**On March 14<sup>th</sup>** the caution tape will be removed from the pews as the cases in the county have gone down and people are receiving the vaccines. Wearing masks is strongly encouraged but not required. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Reinke or one of the elders.