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“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.” Mark 16:6b

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we reflect on and celebrate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection for us men and for our salvation. We reflect and mourn that it was because of our sin that Jesus shed His precious blood. He dies on our behalf. He bears the full punishment for our sins. How do we know this? Because He rose from the dead. As the angel declares, do not be alarmed. He is not here. He has risen. We rejoice that He gives to us newness of life forever by His resurrection. Have you ever seen someone rise from the dead? I am sure that we have all seen someone die, but rise to life again? That none of us have seen, or have we?

We have all actually seen someone rise from the dead. It happens every single time we witness someone, child or adult, come to the waters of Holy Baptism. In that blessed water, we die with Christ. Our sinful nature is crucified with Him, are buried with Him in the tomb, and we rise with Christ to new life. We die and rise again. As Christ has died, He can never die again, He lives forever and ever. As He lives, so too do we.

We live out our lives, many times in fear and trembling. We fear what new horrors the world will bring upon us because of our faith. We fear that food, money, pleasures of this life will all run out before we have had a chance to enjoy them. We fear pain and agony. We fear what others will think of us, wondering, will they reject me because I follow Christ? They might. We fear these things, and many more.

How needless is our fear? The angel declares, sitting by the empty grave clothes, do not be afraid. There is no reason for us to be afraid of anything. Why? Not because we have become strong under our own power, not because we no longer fret and worry. Rather, because of Whom we follow. We follow Jesus. He who has been raised from the dead, lives, and reigns forever and ever. Death cannot hold Him. This means that Death cannot hold us. If death cannot hold us, then nothing, not death, not pain, none of our fears, nothing can separate us from Christ.

Jesus has been raised, our sins are forgiven, what do we have to fear? A wrathful God? He laid our sins upon His Son. Worldly pain and death? Jesus has trampled death under His nail-scarred feet on our behalf. Rejoice because Christ has Risen! He has Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone for cooking, setting up, cleaning, serving and donating soup, rolls, crackers, bread and desserts for the soup suppers during Lent.

Val Martin, Gloria Creek and Tristin Reinke for playing the organ and piano during our Worship Services.

Toni Nivens and Tristin Reinke for leading the singing choir and the bell choir.

The members of the singing choir and the bell choir for enhancing our worship services with these gifts.

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.

Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.

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.

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- ♥ **Montana District Convention is coming up in April!** Mark your calendars for **April 29, 30 and May 1, 2022** in Helena. Our theme is “Only Jesus” based upon Mark 9:8: And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only (ESV). Registration forms are in the church office and the cost is \$70 per person and includes meals and the banquet Saturday night. If you would like to ride with someone, please contact **Val Martin or Ruth Denning**.
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will be having election of all officers. Remember your Mite boxes!
- ♥ **The Lutheran World Relief Drive will be May 14, 2022.** More details are available in the most recent *Montana Missive* or in the church office.

Ladies Bible study schedule

April is bringing all kinds of new life! The earth is starting to spring forth with the first wildflowers of 2022: lavender Pasque flowers, nodding yellow bells, and bright pink shooting stars. Look for them in the foothills along the Riceville Evans Road toward the end of April.

New life is what Easter is all about! With the enrichment of our Lenten and Holy Week services, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has promised new life, eternal life to all believers. Nothing can eclipse that!

Think how this life-changing message affected Paul! Come and join the Ladies Friday Bible Class as they continue to study the book of Acts and Paul's mission of spreading the Good News to the Gentiles. Ladies will meet from 1-3pm on April 1st, 8th, and 29th at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South.

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will take place on April 22nd at Highgate House, 3000 11th Avenue South. Prior to that event ladies and gentlemen will gather at 11:45am for a no host lunch at the Black Bear Restaurant, 1420 Market Place Drive. Come for lunch or both activities.

Life Quotes

“So how’s life? Are you stuck? Are you burdened? Are you troubled? Are you afraid? Do you think you’ve got nothing to live for? Stop acting like Jesus is dead because He’s not. Look again at His life-giving hands. Jesus is alive! Let’s act like it. Let’s pray like it. Let’s believe like it. Let’s embrace His call, ‘I am sending you’ (John 20:21), and bring the Gospel to everyone, one soul at a time. Live life like there is no death because Easter means there is no death. Easter makes life really worth living.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



April Anniversaries

April 12 Jeff and Vonnie Blomgren

Baptismal Anniversaries

April	2	Karen Birkholz
	5	Trisha Hasselstrom
	8	Carol Thurston
	11	Vic Scheuffele
	12	Gary Creek
	26	Darrell Greenwood
	26	Pat Bliss
	26	Hunter Denning
	28	Cheryl Walker



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 8 year old with kidney cancer
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- 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**, Parkinsons
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddrucker's! No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of your meal proceeds to them! Easy! Go between **5 and 9 PM on April 19!**

Family Night resumes

On **Wednesday, April 27** Family Night will resume with an Mexican themed potluck meal at 6 PM. Pastor Reinke will continue the study of the iconology of the church. The students in midweek classes will join us for this study. We will also resume the ASL class.

Ushers for March

April 3	-----	Greg Franczyk
	-----	Tyler Denning
April 10	-----	Pat Lewis
	-----	Mitch Martin
April 17	-----	Arnie Gidlow
	-----	Darrell Greenwood
April 24	-----	Mitch Martin
	-----	Eric Fletcher

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>.

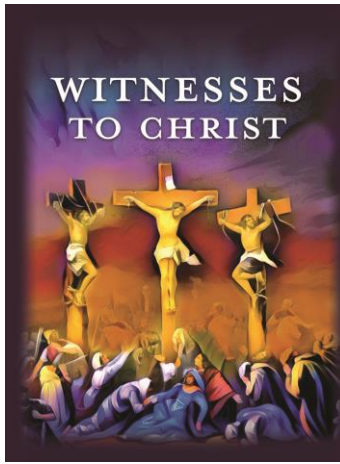
Shop from this link on Amazon, and a portion of what you spend with be donated back to Peace. This link is also on our Facebook page. If you go there, you may just click on the link and it will take you to Amazon. Thank you!

Spring Voters meeting set

The Board of Directors has chosen **May 15 at 12 noon** as the Spring Voters Meeting. There will be a potluck meal at 12 noon and the meeting will begin around 12:30 PM after we eat. We will have the election of officers. Those positions that will be elected are chairman, secretary, elders and trustees as well as director of education and director of evangelism. We are in desperate need of trustees since there is only one at this point. If you would like to serve the Lord and the members of Peace in any of these positions, please contact Greg Franczyk.

40 Days for Life

The last day for Lutherans for Life to stand at Planned Parenthood in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil is Monday, **April 4th from 1-6**. The movement is non-denominational but has been organized all these years by the Catholic churches. Lutherans are the only other church body that takes the time to stand against abortion in this effort and we are often joined by people from other Evangelical Churches. This year we had representatives from four Lutheran Churches and three other churches. **At the conclusion of this event there is a ceremony on Palm Sunday, April 10, from 2-3 at the Memorial for the Unborn at Mt Olivet Cemetery, 2101 26th Street S.**



Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

Please join us for worship in the coming weeks. Here is a schedule of the events.

April 6 - Midweek of Lent 6: 7 PM - *Pontius Pilate*, John 19:1–16

Arnie Gidlow is hosting the last soup supper at 6 PM.

April 14 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday: 6:00 PM - Seder, what is it? A meal that commemorates the Exodus, the historical deliverance of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage in the days of Moses. As a meal, it is not a full plate of food like we would normally have. Rather, it is symbolic tasting of a variety of foods as we reflect and remember the pain and suffering the Israelites went through. For this reason there will be a potluck meal during the Seder, as we do not want anyone to leave with empty stomachs! For the potluck, please provide any food that you would desire. Pastor will be taking care of the necessary food for the Seder itself.

A note about Holy Communion: It will be celebrated in a slightly different way than normal. It will be celebrated the same way as our Lord did with His disciples as this is the meal that He was eating with them when Judas left to betray Him. It will consist of breaking together unleavened bread and communing together from the common cup. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask Pastor!

April 15 - Good Friday: 7 PM - *John, the Gospel Writer*, John 19:25–37

April 17 - The Vigil of Easter: 6:30 AM Easter morning - *Nicodemus*, John 19:38–42

April 17 - The Resurrection of Our Lord: 10:00AM - *Mary Magdalene*, John 20:1–18

Youth Group Corner:

- Easter Lock In - on April 16, 2022. Starting at 3:00 PM. We will be decorating, breakfast prep Easter egg hunt and games. For more information contact Kaye at 406-750-0658.
- Higher Things - Please let Kaye know if you are wanting to go to the Higher Things Conference in Bozeman, MT on July 19-22, 2022. For more information: www.higherthings.org

Easter Breakfast - Hosted by the youth

Date: Sunday, April 17, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Cost: Free will donation

Serving: eggs, bacon, mini waffles and fruit