



## Peace Lutheran Church

3340 Eleventh Avenue South,  
Great Falls, Montana 59405

The Rev. Joshua Reinke, Pastor

Office: 761-7343

[www.peacelutherangreatfalls.org](http://www.peacelutherangreatfalls.org)

Pastor Reinke: [Peacepastor@bresnan.net](mailto:Peacepastor@bresnan.net)

Peace's secretary: [Peacesecretary@bresnan.net](mailto:Peacesecretary@bresnan.net)

April, 2023

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” John 12:23b

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How would you define glory? Many of us would think of having a lot of power or wealth. There always being enough money in the bank to pay the bills. Always being healthy, never getting sick or needing to see the doctor. We would usually define glory as being free from pain and suffering.

Yet, how does God define glory? Jesus says that the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified, here He is specifically speaking of the hour of His death. God defines glory by taking on suffering and death for our benefit. Jesus shuns not the wood of the cross, but goes to it willingly, bearing our sins, our punishment, our pain, in order that we might be freed from the power of sin, death, and the Devil.

Because of Jesus' death, as proof that all of our sins are paid for, the Father raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus has been exalted to the right hand of the Father forever. There, He still bears the marks of the nails and intercedes for us with the Father, granting us everlasting mercy and grace.

As we gather this month to celebrate and remember our Lord's passion, let us also remember the glory that comes though suffering, that by the wood of the cross, all of our enemies lay defeated beneath His nail-scarred feet, as we endure the sufferings of this world, looking forward to the world to come and life everlasting.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

T

H

A

N

K

S

TO

**Everyone** for cooking, setting up, cleaning, serving and attending the potluck meals during Lent.  
**Everyone** who hosted a table for the Parade of Tables.  
**Everyone** who donated to YWCA Mercy Home and participated at the Parade of Tables.  
**Arnie Wirth and Dennis Nivens** for getting the tables from and back to the rental store.  
**Val Martin, Gloria Creek and Tristin Reinke** for playing the organ and piano during our Worship Services.  
**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.  
**Bob Fletcher** 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.

## LWML

- ♥ **The Spring Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran in Great Falls on Saturday, April 29.** The speakers and program will be presented by those who attended the LWML Assembly of Leaders last October. It will be very interesting and informative! Please plan now to attend!!
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will have the election of officers at the May meeting. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **The Lutheran World Relief Drive will be May 13, 2023.** More details are available in the most recent *Montana Missive* or in the church office.

## Ladies Bible study schedule

April brings many anticipated events. Our Lenten journey comes to a close with Holy Week and a glorious Easter celebration! He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! During this month spring actually arrives in Great Falls with the blooming of daffodils, tulips, and other spring flowers. Even the foothills will be awash with the first brave wildflowers. Montana's wild crocus, the lavender Pasque flower will share the meadow with bright yellow bells.

Look for some of those wildflowers on the table at the Friday Ladies Bible Class! They continue their study of Mark's gospel from 1-3pm on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Come and join in the fellowship that this group enjoys as they study God's Word.

More fellowship opportunities are offered with participation in the Assisted Living Ministry! Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-10:45am there will be hymn singing with a devotion at The Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South. The monthly no host lunch will gather at 11:45am on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Jaker's, 1500 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Afterward all are invited to go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for more singing of the Easter joy that we share!



## April Anniversaries

April 12 Jeff and Vonnie Blomgren

## Baptismal Anniversaries

April	2	Karen Birkholz
	5	Trisha Hasselstrom
	8	Carol Thurston
	10	Blair Johnson
	12	Gary Creek
	17	Atley Johnson
	17	Bailey Johnson
	17	Kole Johnson
	17	Taylor Martin
	26	Darrell Greenwood
	26	Hunter Denning



### INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 9 year old with health problems
- Deloris Brown**, shut-in
- Marylan Dallum**, Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Richard Schottey**, The Lodge
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

## Youth Group Corner:

**Saturday 4/8/23**

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Crafts, decorating and preparing food.

**Sunday 4/9/23**

6:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Prepare, serve, and clean up breakfast

Congregation can eat Easter breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The cost is free will donation.

Any questions or concerns please contact Kaye at 406-750-0658

## Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! 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 18!**

## Family Night resumes

On **Wednesday, April 19** 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 2-----	Gary Link
-----	Tyler Denning
April 9-----	Pat Lewis
-----	Darrell Greenwood
April 16 -----	Mitch Martin
-----	Greg Franczyk
April 23 -----	Arnie Gidlow
-----	Tyler Denning
April 30 -----	Pat Lewis
-----	James Onstad

## 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 vice-chairman, treasurer, elders and we are always looking for additional trustees. If you would like to serve the Lord and the members of Peace in any of these positions, please contact Chairman Greg Franczyk.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates have been set for **June 5 through 9, 2023 from 8:30 AM to Noon**. Children through grade 6 are welcome to come and join us for crafts, study of God's Word, music, snacks, and play time! Children older than that are welcome to come and be helpers. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Linda Aguiar or Pastor Reinke.

# Easter Worship Schedule

## Chronicles of the King

7. Maundy Thursday: Prepared Food: Hezekiah, 2 Chronicles 30:1–5, 10–13, 22b–27

8. Good Friday: ~~WORST.~~ BEST. KING. EVER.: Manasseh, 2 Chronicles 33:1–20

9. Easter Vigil: After the End, Ezekiel 37:1–14, 24–28

10. Easter Day: Long Lives the King of Kings!, Psalm 146

Rev. George Kirkup, PhD, pastor, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holbrook, New York

**April 6 - 7:00 PM**

**Maundy Thursday** Worship Service with Holy Communion

**April 7 - 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday** Worship Service

**April 8 - 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Youth** gather at the church to prepare for the Easter breakfast

**April 9 - 6:30 AM**

**Sunrise** worship Service

**7:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**Youth** serve Easter breakfast

**10:00 AM**

**Divine Worship** with Christ for the Deaf and Holy Communion.

## Confirmation

The date of May 21, 2023 has been chosen for Confirmation this year. There are 3 young ladies of our congregation who will confirm their faith. They are **Kate Creek, Jamie Franczyk and Kaylee Lewis**. The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the Worship Service on that day, then a reception will follow after. Congratulations ladies!