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Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Would you say that you are a humble person? Many of us would like to say that we are, but in reality, many people do not like to be humble. We do not like to be humble because then we are afraid that we will be walked over by someone else who has more power and more authority than us. We do not like to be humble because that means that sometimes we do have to submit to God who has all power and authority, that we have to admit our sins, that we are wrong, and in need of correction.

Yet, this Lenten season that is what we are called to do. As Saint Peter reminds us, we humble ourselves under God's mighty hand. We admit, as we do every single Sunday in Confession, what God's Word says about us. That our sins anger Him in thought, word, and deed. That no matter how hard we may work, we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. We are trapped. We need One stronger and mightier than ourselves to come and save us from sin, death, and the Devil.

One mightier and stronger than ourselves does indeed come. The Father sends His beloved Son, not in anger and wrath to punish us. Rather, He comes in humbleness. He comes in humility in flesh and bone, born of the Virgin Mary, to be lifted up in due time on the cross, to suffer, bleed, and die for us. He bears all of our sins in order that we might be forgiven of them and reconciled back to God once again. That we have a God who loves us. We have One who hears our every prayer and cares about all of our anxiety and concerns, no matter how small they might be.

The stronger One has come and saves us! This alone should bring us great joy. Even more when we realize that God shows His care for us every day. He daily gives us newness of life. He gives us the weather, even as much as we may complain about it, to water and grow the fruits of the earth. He listens to us and helps us through every need, anxiety, and concern we may have, granting us His comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding. That we may indeed cast all our anxiety on Him.

As we gather to confess our sins and receive His forgiveness this Lententide, may we always give thanks for His being lifted up upon the cross for us men and our salvation.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who donated baby items for the layettes that are taken to the hospital by Denise Combs.
Everyone who made fleece blankets for Denise Combs' layettes.
Val Martin, Tristin Reinke, and Gloria Creek for playing the organ during our worship services.
Kevin Aguiar and Arnie Gidlow for overseeing the recording of our services each Sunday.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school and Bible class on Sundays and Wednesdays.
Elsie Huss 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.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
All of the quilters for the beautiful quilts you make all year.

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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- ♥ **WOW!! Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Baby Shower** for Denise Combs who gives baby layettes to the mothers at Benefis who have babies but have no clothes in which to take them home. What a great number of gifts that were given! She is very thankful for our help and continued support of her endeavor!
- ♥ **Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. with a Bible study. We will be planning the Parade of Tables which is Saturday, March 11 from 11 AM to 1 PM with an Easter theme.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will establish a nominating committee for the elections in May. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **Remember that Purple Pockets are due to Elsie Huss at the end of March.** This money goes to our missionary Rev. Eric Stinnett in Ethiopia. Thanks for your continued support.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2022 and is just around the corner! We will have Lenten services each Wednesday at 7 PM. These services will also be live streamed. The theme is "Chronicles of the King". Lent devotion booklets will be available to enhance your Lenten meditations. Potluck meals will begin at 6 PM. All are welcome to come and share a meal with you brothers and sisters in Christ during this somber time of church year.

Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! Mention the coupon when you order and they will be sure Wee Disciples gets credit. Hours for the fund raiser are between **5 and 9 PM on February 21**, and Fuddruckers will give 20% of your total ticket to Wee Disciples!

Amazon Smile Update

We have received word that Amazon is closing the Amazon Smile program on February 20, 2023. We will accrue funds as normal until then using this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0305082>. Thank you to everyone who has used this as a way to raise funds for Peace Lutheran Church!!



Baptismal Anniversaries

February	4	Rebecca Gerard
	6	Aubree Mattson
	8	Jamie Franczyk
	9	Connie Juden
	28	Charity Mattson
	29	Kim Bibler



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 9 year old with kidney cancer
- 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
- Ed Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Richard Schotley**, The Lodge
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

The family of **Pat Bliss** who died on January 22, 2023.

Ushers for February

5	Darrell Greenwood
	Arnie Gidlow
12	Greg Franczyk
	Kevin Aguiar
19	James Onstad
	Lyle Onstad
26	Mitch Martin
	Arnie Gidlow

Ladies Friday Bible study Update

February, a time of days with noticeably more sunshine on cold snowy days. Try to carve out of the schedule a bit more time for yourself to be in God's Word daily. Take advantage of the opportunity to attend worship the five times it is offered this month (Ash Wednesday bonus on the 22nd). Let the Word wrap around you like a comforting warm blanket on a frosty February day.

Ladies Friday Bible Class will resume with warm friendship coupled with enriching study of the Bible. Their study of Mark will be held from 1-3pm on February 10th and 17th at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South. There's always room for new ladies at the table. If you need transportation, call Marge at 788-0180 to arrange a ride.

Assisted Living Ministry continues with hymn singing the "oldies but goodies" and a devotion. On Friday, February 3rd you may join them at The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South from 10:00-10:45am. Come to the monthly no host lunch on Friday, February 24th at 11:45am at Maple Garden, 5401 9th Avenue South for delicious food mixed with laughter and conversation. After lunch many will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South to enjoy companionship with the residents.

Camp Dates

We are still waiting to hear back from the camp director as to what dates are available this year. Stay tuned and we will let you know as soon as we hear from them!

Youth event

Greg and Kaye Franczyk are hosting a dinner and movie night on Friday evening, **February 24 from 6 to 9 PM**. Meal will be burger and brats potluck and their address is 510 Kinglet Court. Please sign up on the sheet posted if you plan to attend.

