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⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” ¹

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Busy! Constantly busy! Have you ever felt like that? There is always something to do. There is always one more project to get done. There is always another issue to fix with the car or house.

How busy does your busyness get? Often I find myself running from one task to another with no rest, barely taking time to eat or drink. Not taking any time for ourselves or our needs, solely focused on the needs of others. Like Martha, we rush and rush to get things done, often getting annoyed or frustrated with those who seemingly have it easier.

It is good to be busy. As the old adage says, ‘Idle hands are the devil’s playthings.’ Yet sometimes, we get so busy that we lose sight of what is truly important. We cannot be constantly busy. We cannot be on the go 24/7. That is detrimental to our families, our spouses, our employers, and many more.

“The good Samaritan is an example of active doing; Mary is an example of quiet listening. Martha is very busy serving her neighbor, but what she is doing is not as essential as what Mary is doing. A service that bypasses the Word is one that will never have lasting character. The example of Mary correctly shows that hearing God’s Word must be our first priority.”²

We need to take time to rest. Time to relax. Time to unwind from all of the busyness that we have piled upon ourselves. It is good to be like Martha, but we have to also remember to be like Mary, resting, sitting at the feet of our Lord, learning in His presence.

Above all, we find our rest in the work of Jesus. He gives to us perfect rest by taking all of our burdens, all of our busyness upon Himself. They die with Him at the cross and are left in the coldness of the empty tomb. Jesus has done everything for our salvation, what more is there to do?

For our salvation: Nothing! For the salvation of others: Everything! We busy ourselves not with the cares and concerns of the world, but with the ultimate care and concern of souls. That is why we proclaim the gospel to others. That they too may find the ultimate rest in what Jesus has done for them.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joshua Reinke

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¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Lk 10:39–42). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

² Prange, V. H. (1988). [Luke](#) (p. 127). Northwestern Pub. House.

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Everyone who donated and helped in any way with the rummage sale.
Marge Johnsten for opening her home for the ladies to have Bible study each Friday.
All of the people who have offered to serve the Lord as officers for Peace Lutheran Church.
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Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.
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.



June Anniversaries

June 5 – Bailey and Brenna Johnson
June 15 – Tyler and Natalie Gill

Baptismal Anniversaries

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| June | 1 | Dennis Nivens |
| | 3 | Maverick Meierhoff |
| | 9 | Joshua Baumer |
| | 11 | Jennifer Lewis |
| | 12 | Linda Aguiar |
| | 14 | Angela Fletcher |
| | 16 | Alicia Fletcher |
| | 18 | Phyllis Schaaf |
| | 20 | Toni Nivens |
| | 27 | Marge Johnsten |

Vacation Bible School set

VBS will be **June 17-21, 2024 from 9:30 AM to 12 noon**. The theme is **The Great Jungle Journey**. Plans are coming together nicely and helpers are ready to go! There will be classes for kids of all ages as well as music, crafts, snacks and games!! Come and join us!! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Aguiar at 406-402-9521.

Wednesday Night work nights

Each Wednesday is a work night at the church. We take care of the things that need to be done inside and outside the church. Feel free to come and help for as long as your schedule will allow.



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 10 year old with liver cancer
Marylan Dallum – health issues - Fort Benton
Jody Decker – health issues - Fort Benton
Michael Drummond – Lupus
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Mary Ann Haugen – health issues
Connie Juden
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Rachel Manley – cancer
Val Martin – recovering from a fall
Eloise Morehead – health issues
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund - Parkinsons
Van Oman family – health issues - Fort Benton

Ushers for June

June 2----- Andrew and Lyle Onstad
June 9-----Jeff Blomgren
----- Arnie Gidlow
June 16 -----Greg Franczyk
----- Tyler Denning
June 23 -----Mitch and Taylor Martin
June 30 ----- Kevin Aguiar and Pat Lewis

LWML

- ♥ **Our May meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 1 at 2 PM.** We will have the election of officers and take care of any other business that needs to be handled. Please plan to come!
- ♥ **Our planning meeting will be Monday, July 13 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!

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Friday Ladies Bible study

The big snow in the Little Belts foiled the two dates that were planned for May wildflower walks. We certainly rejoice that the area received abundant moisture, which was greatly needed, even though it caused much hardship for the people living there. Please check your Sunday bulletins this summer for hikes and day trips to the mountains.

Friday Ladies Bible Class is in recess during the summer months. Plan to join them next fall when they begin a new study of Philippians.

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a short devotion will meet at the following locations. Friday, June 7th from 10:00-10:45am they will be at The Lodge, 1800 9th Street South. Those attending the no host lunch Friday, June 28th will gather at 11:45am at Best Wok, 1800 10th Avenue South. Afterward fellowship and singing will be at Highgate Senior Living. If you have summer company, bring them along to these lighthearted activities!

Did you miss some worship services in June with summer weekend guests? Stop by these assisted living residences for Pastor Reinke's worship services. He will be at The Lodge on Wednesday, June 12th at 2:30pm. On Monday, June 17th at 1:30pm worship will be at Highgate Senior Living. God's blessings on a joy filled summer that the Lord has planned for you!

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Remember to bring your **baby bottles** from Echoz Pregnancy Center back to the church on or before **Sunday, June 16, Father's Day.**

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program!

The church office has new email addresses!

To send an email to Pastor, please use pastor@PeaceLutheranGreatFalls.org and to send an email to the church secretary use secretary@PeaceLutheranGreatFalls.org. Thank you!

Offering Counters needed!!

We are in need of people to help count the offering each Sunday in **June, July and October**. We need 1 counter who knows the computer for June, and 2 counters for July and October. If you have never counted before and would like to be trained, or if you know how to count and can volunteer sometime during these months, please contact Chairman Greg Franczyk.

Events happening on June 9

On June 9th of 2024 Peace Lutheran Church of Great Falls will hold a special event with a guest speaker and community lunch. At approximately 11:40 our guest speaker is Ferel Little of Texas. Ferel is a retired pastor and author of the book “Hope Beyond”, holding both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Theology degree. Mr Little’s presentation will be centered on, “Does God really answer prayers?”. He is passionate about helping others transform from a “religion of the mind” into a relationship with “Jesus of the heart”. It will include a question/answer period and copies of his book will be available for a good will donation of \$10. Immediately following will be a lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs and the usual fixings in the fellowship hall. Our local residents will be invited and we will have information available for the VBS (Vacation Bible School) that will be held at Peace Lutheran in Great Falls on June 17th-21st in the morning. Games and activities will be present for the youth and good fellowship for all. Please join us for the inspirational talk and good food.

High School Senior recognition will also be on June 9th during the 10 AM Worship Service. We will honor our only high school graduate, Madeline Creek.

In addition, June 9th will also be the last Sunday that Peter and Ly Doscher and their family will be with us in Worship. Peter is going TDY to Turkey and Ly is moving to Florida to be closer to family while he is gone. We will be saying good-bye to them that Sunday also.

Life Thoughts from LFL

“The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God’s children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God’s grace.” *Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“History, science, and Holy Scripture affirm: No matter what age, every human life has irreducible worth. No matter what appearance, every human life has inestimable purpose. No matter what abilities, every genetic member of this one race and species of ours has incomparable and irreplaceable sanctity—the cute little babies and the dear old ladies, yes; but also those who in pride promote, those who in anger permit, those who in fear participate in the devil’s deception that death supplies a suitable solution to difficulty—none so helpless, dependent, and undeserving as we ourselves.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*