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For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.<sup>1</sup> Hebrews 3:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Moses was seen by the Jews as one of the greatest people to ever live. He is celebrated as the great law-giver, having received the Law of God for the good of the people. He is seen a savior, having saved Israel from bondage in Egypt, leading them through the wanderings in the desert to the Promised Land of Canaan.

Moses indeed was great. He gave the Law to show the People of Israel how to identify themselves as the children of God apart from their neighbors through their thoughts, words, and actions. This eventually was used as a temptation by Satan which caused the Israelites to think that if they kept the Law perfectly then they would be saved. Indeed, this is true. Alas, no one is perfect to keep the Law. Even breaking one commandment in our very thoughts is akin to breaking every single one.

Thank God that One greater than Moses has come! The greater One was pointed to by Moses as the One who can fulfill the Law on our behalf. That one is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus did not add more and more Laws for us to try and follow. Rather, He kept the Law perfectly on our behalf. How did Jesus do this? To Peter, James, and John upon the mount of Transfiguration, He lets His glory shine forth for them to see, showing that He is indeed God in the flesh for us. Immediately following this event, Jesus sets His face as a flint to Jerusalem. He goes to Jerusalem and does not let anything or anyone prevent Him from arriving there, even though He knows what awaits Him there, His enemies and the Cross.

There on the Cross, Jesus continues to perfectly fulfill the Law for us by taking all of our sins, all of the times when we have broken the Law of God in thought, word, and deed, and bears our punishment in our stead. Rising again from the dead, He gives to us everlasting life with Him.

As we reflect upon our Lord's passion, His suffering, death, and resurrection, let us always both mourn and rejoice, mourn that it took His death for our salvation, rejoice that He willingly goes to the cross for us, bears what we should bear in our stead, and gives us life everlasting instead of the condemnation we justly deserve.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Heb 3:3). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

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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 12 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.** There is a beautiful thank you card from her on the bulletin board. She is soooo appreciative of us continuing to collect items every year. Thank you all for the many items that were given!
- ♥ **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). Watch for more details as they develop.
- ♥ **Remember that Purple Pockets are due to Linda Aguiar 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.

## Ladies Bible study

Even though there may be drifts of heavy wet snow on the ground, March is the beginning of Spring! Robins and mountain bluebirds will arrive by the 15th. By the end of the month fuzzy gray pussy willows are blazing the trail for future wildflowers. As amazing as the return of migratory birds and the awakening of growing plants, it cannot compare to the Lord's marvelous plan for our redemption. The Lenten series of People from Christ's Passion from the book of John will be greatly enriching to those who attend the midweek services. Make your attendance a priority!

In addition to Lenten service attendance, Friday Ladies Bible Class encourages you to join them for the study of Acts. They will meet at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, from 1-3pm on March 4th, 11th, and 18th. Warm smiles and hot coffee and tea are part of an enriching afternoon as they study God's Word.

Monthly lunch plans continue to be flexible. On Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> the group plans to have a bring your own sandwich lunch to Marge's home at 11:45am. If covid positivity numbers improve to 10% or less, the group will meet at the Black Bear Diner, 1420 Market Place Drive at 11:45am. After lunch the group will go to Highgate Senior Living for hymn singing and a devotion. Residents are so appreciative to have this event brought to them. Share the joy of this activity during Lent.



## 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
	26	Tyler Denning
	27	Janet Rubino
	28	Joshua Reinke



### 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

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

**Men's Wednesday morning Bible study** has moved to the Missouri River Diner each Wednesday. They continue to meet at 6:30 AM.

## Ushers for March

March 6	-----	Arnie Gidlow
	-----	Pat Lewis
March 13	-----	Greg Franczyk
	-----	Tyler Denning
March 20	-----	Eric Fletcher
	-----	Peter Doscher
March 27	-----	Mitch Martin
	-----	Kevin Aguiar

## Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! Just tell them that you want to be included in the fund raiser for Wee Disciples between **5 and 9 PM on March 15**, and Fuddruckers will give 20% of your total ticket to Wee Disciples!

## Amazon Smile

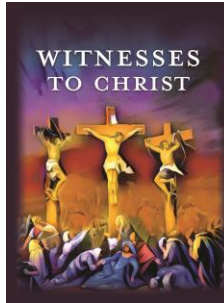
Pastor Reinke has created an Amazon Smile account to raise funds for Peace Lutheran . Here is the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0305082>. Shop from this link on Amazon, and a portion of what you spend with be donated back to Peace. This link is also on our Facebook page. If you go there, you may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

## Camp Dates

Camp dates are **August 11 through 14, 2022**. We **have a very dedicated camp committee** to help us have a great time at camp. If you want to help in anyway, please talk with pastor Reine.

## Lent Services begin

Peace's Lenten Services will begin this week on **Wednesday March 2** with Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at 6 PM and Worship with Communion at 7 PM. The Worship Services on Wednesdays after this will NOT have communion but we will have soup suppers each week. If you or your group are interested in signing up to host the suppers, please look at the calendar in the fellowship hall and sign up there. "Witnesses to Christ" Lenten Devotion books are available on the table in the hallway. Please take one home and read it during Lent as it enhances our worship service series this year.



## *WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION*

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship each Wednesday evening at 7 PM as we hear the witness of these people in John’s Gospel:

**March 2 - Ash Wednesday:** *John the Baptist*, John 1:29–34

**March 9 - Midweek of Lent 1:** *Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha*, John 12:1–11

**March 16 - Midweek of Lent 2:** *Malchus*, John 18:1–11

**March 23 - Midweek of Lent 3:** *Peter*, John 18:12–27

**March 30 - Midweek of Lent 4:** *Barabbas*, John 18:33–40

**April 6 - Midweek of Lent 5:** *Pontius Pilate*, John 19:1–16

**April 14 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday:** *Judas Iscariot*, John 13:21–30

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

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

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

Offerings January 2022	
Total Offerings & Interest Income	\$ 11,311.52
Expenses	\$ 11,920.53
Shortage	\$ 609.01