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"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you." Isaiah 66:13

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, we celebrate our mothers. The back cover of Dr. Brenda Hunter's book *The Power of Mother Love* casts a vision for moms:

"Mother love shapes cultures and individuals. While most mothers know that their love and emotional availability are vital to their children's well-being, many of us do not understand the profound and long-lasting impact we have in developing our young children's brains, teaching them first lessons of love, shaping their consciences ... At a time when society urges women to seek their worth and personal fulfillment in things that take them away from their families and intimate bonds, Hunter invites women to come home — to their children, their best selves, their hearts."

How much does your mother love you? I can guess that most mothers love their children without even a second thought. No matter how many messes they make, no matter the number of walls destroyed with beautiful crayon artwork, no matter the number of sleepless nights consoling little ones to finally sleep, a mother loves her child.

If a mother loves her child this much, how great is our God's love for us! We have done much worse than keeping mom up at night, much worse than walls have been destroyed. We have destroyed relationships, destroyed our lives, and the lives of our family and friends. We have destroyed our very sense of self, giving into our sins time and again.

Our God's love for us is so great, that He sent His Son to save, redeem, and restore us. By the shedding of His precious blood, Jesus restores our broken relationship with God. By His resurrection, Jesus gives to us new life. He restores our relationships by bringing us into His Holy Church. He empowers us to mend our fallen relationships by restoring them in Christian love and faith. When we sin, He comforts us with His grace and mercy.

As we celebrate our mothers, may we also celebrate our God's great love for us.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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The youth for making breakfast on Easter.

Kaye Franczyk for organizing the lock-in for the youth and the Easter breakfast.

Val Martin, Gloria Creek, and Tristin Reinke for playing organ during our worship services.

Members of the bell choir for enhancing our Easter Celebration.

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Toni Nivens for leading the adult choir.

Tristin Reinke for leading the bell choir.

All those people who volunteer to serve as officers in our congregation.

Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.

Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.

Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.

Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

Toni Nivens for making by hand all of the anniversary and birthday cards for the congregational members. They are all very beautiful and very much appreciated!

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 Lutheran World Relief drive will be on May 14.**
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study.** We will have elections of officers and a brief meeting. All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **During the month of June, we will be collecting items to give to Toby's House.** Some of the items on their wish list are **Newborn and Size 1 diapers, Wipes, Diaper rash cream, Formula (any brand any type), Tall garbage bags, Trifold paper towels.** Please bring any of these items and place them in the box provided.
- ♥ **Our annual planning meeting will be on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** This is the meeting that we plan the coming year's activities, events and projects. All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and help with the planning for the coming year.

Ladies Bible Study Schedule

May arrives, bringing wildflowers in abundance! Who can resist a drive on the Riceville Evans Road to see the scattered floral treasures the Lord has planted for viewers? Take a spin with water containers ready to receive ones that may be picked from the ditches. The sunny areas will display yellow, purple, and white violets, blue hare bells, dark purple leather flowers, bright yellow balsamroot, white and pink pussytoes, and purple larkspur. Above 5,000 feet yellow glacier lilies are found. At the same high altitude bright pink calypso orchids are hiding in the shade of the forest.

A few of the above May flowers can be seen on the table with open Bibles where ladies are continuing their study of the Book of Acts. Come and enjoy the fellowship that goes along with learning May 6th and 13th from 1-3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South.

On Friday, May 20th Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be held at Highgate House, 3000 11th Avenue South. Prior to the Highgate activity, the monthly no host lunch will gather at 11:45am at Jaker's, 1500 10th Avenue South. Join the group for both activities or just lunch. The fellowship is delightful!

Vacation Bible School dates set

The dates for VBS have been set for **June 6-10, 2022 from 9 AM to 12 noon.** The theme is **This We Believe** based on the Apostles Creed. Come and join us!! If you would like to help in any way, please contact Linda Aguiar at 406-402-9521.



May Anniversaries

May 1 - Leonard and Eva Sivumaki
 May 10 - Mitch and Val Martin
 May 10 - Mike and Cheri Magnuson
 May 25 – Greg and Kaye Franczyk

Baptismal Anniversaries

May 7 Gary Link
 10 Cindy Greenwood
 21 Madeline Creek
 21 Shannon Birkholz
 31 Ann Nimmick



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

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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
Pam Schaaf, Ovarian cancer
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 We Disciples!

Ushers for May

May 1 ----- Kevin Aguiar
 ----- Gary Link
 May 8 ----- Greg Franczyk
 ----- Arnie Gidlow
 May 15 ----- Lyle and James Onstad
 May 22 ----- Mitch Martin
 ----- Pat Lewis
 May 29 ----- Darrell Greenwood
 ----- Peter Doscher

Family Night continues through May

Family Night meets every Wednesday at 6 PM with a themed meal followed by Bible study lead by Pastor Reinke at 6:30 PM. The students in midweek classes are joining us for this study.

Offering Counters needed

We are in search of people to help count the offering each Sunday for a month at a time. If you are interested in helping serve the Lord and the members of Peace Lutheran in this fashion, please contact Darrell Greenwood.

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. The positions that still need to be filled are 1 elder, 1 vice chairman, and 2 trustees. If you would like to serve the Lord and the members of Peace in any of these positions, please contact Greg Franczyk.

Installation of officers

Those officers who are elected at the voters meeting will be installed on **Sunday, May 29** during our 10 AM worship service.

Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study meets at Missouri River Diner now. They meet at 6:30 AM each Wednesday. ALL men are invited and welcome to join!!



Rummage Sale

The Camp Committee and members of Christ for the Deaf
have set the date for the rummage sale as
June 18 beginning at 7 AM
and going until we are done.

Proceeds will help defray costs for camp in August.

If you have some things to donate or are interested in helping in any
way, please talk with
Linda Aguiar or Tim VanderMolen.