



## Peace Lutheran Church

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Jesus says, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather this month, we have many joys for which to celebrate and give thanks. We have our quarterly voters meeting in which we can give thanks over the resources and blessings God has given us to steward. We also have Confirmation on the 21<sup>st</sup> when we will celebrate the Confirmands, as well as Graduates, confessing their baptismal faith for themselves.

As we celebrate, it is important to remember what we confess as we rejoice, no matter where we are in life, whether new to faith or have been a believer for years, whether going off to college or near retirement, that we are confessing only way to salvation

The only way to salvation is in and through Jesus Christ. As He states, He is the Door. He is the One by which we enter into eternal life. Our sinful nature does not like this. Many in our world today would say that there are multiple ways to eternal life. You can believe in Allah, or Buddha, or practice mysticism. So long as you believe something then you are good. Some people even say that you do not have to believe anything at all, merely just be a good person and live a good life, and you will get into heaven. Just do your best and it will be good enough as God will have mercy, that's what our sinful nature and world state.

The reality? Your good works get you nothing. Salvation is not simply a reward given for your good deeds. There is only one reason, one way into heaven. One way into eternal life. That reason? Is through the Cross of Christ. He is the only door, the only way into eternal life, the only way into heaven. He is the only way to salvation because only He paid for every single one of your sins upon the cross. He suffered, bled, died, and rose again from the dead for you.

This we confess and believe for the entirety of our lives, even unto death. As we ask in the Rite of Confirmation, do you promise to hold fast to this confession, and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it? *Yes, I do.* This confession we hold to, no matter what may happen to us in the world or our lives. Jesus is the only way to salvation. He is the way to salvation for every single believer across all of time and space.

As we gather to celebrate all the various blessings God has given to us, let us always rejoice that we have a way to heaven given to us through the mercy and grace of God, the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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**The youth** for making breakfast on Easter.

**Kaye Franczyk** for organizing 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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**Tristin Reinke** for leading the adult voice choir and 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.

**Robert Fletcher** 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 13.**
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 15 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!
- ♥ **Our annual planning meeting will be on Monday, July 17, 2023 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

With all the generous moisture with which the Lord has blessed us during the past winter and spring, expect a "super bloom" of wildflowers! Pasque flowers and yellow bells are still blooming at the beginning of May but will soon be followed by groups of purple flowers such as larkspur, leather flower, and hare bells. Delicate shades of pink and white are the colors of spring beauties and pussytoes. Love yellow? Look for bunches of balsam root on the sunny side of the mountain with glacier lilies in meadows above 5,00 feet. Flashy magenta calypso orchids will be a treat to see in the shade of a stand of stately Lodgepole pines. Don't miss the big spring show!

A display of these Montana treasures can be viewed at least once during the month on the desk in the church's administrative assistant or on the table where ladies will continue their study of the Book of Mark. Join the group of ladies who meet from 1-3pm on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for their final Bible study of the spring.

Assisted Living Ministry continues through May with hymn singing and a devotion at the following locations. Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-10:45am the group will gather at The Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South. The monthly no host lunch will be held on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:45am at Boston's located at 1101 7<sup>th</sup> Street South. Join those who will go afterward to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

## 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 22 – Blair and Alix Johnson  
 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:

**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 Schotley**, The Lodge  
**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 Fuddruckers! No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of your meal proceeds to We Disciples!

## Ushers for May

May 7----- Mitch Martin  
 ----- Darrell Greenwood  
 May 14 ----- Kevin Aguiar  
 ----- Arnie Gidlow  
 May 21 ----- Gary Link  
 ----- Greg Franczyk  
 May 28 ----- Lyle Onstad  
 ----- 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 Greg Franczyk.

## Spring Voters meeting set

The Board of Directors has chosen **May 14 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 vice chairman, treasurer, elders and 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 28** during our 10 AM worship service.

## Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study

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

Save Your  
Items for Our  
Rummage Sale



## Rummage Sale

The Camp Committee and members of Christ for the Deaf  
have set the date for the rummage sale as  
**June 24 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 Pastor Reinke.

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### 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!