



Peace Lutheran Church

3340 Eleventh Avenue South,

Great Falls, Montana 59405

Office: 761-7343

Rev. Joshua Reinke, Pastor

Fax: 452-3884

www.peacelutherangreatfalls.org

Pastor Joshua Reinke: peacepastor@bresnan.net

Peace's secretary: Peacesecretary@bresnan.net

May, 2024

“⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.” Luke 24:50-21

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever played where's Waldo? It was one of my favorite activities to do as a child, and still is. I would spend hours pouring over the pages of the magazine, staring at every character trying to find the elusive Waldo.

In a way, our Lord is just as elusive for many today. Jesus has ascended to the right hand of the Father. People today look for Jesus in many and various places. They look inward to see if they can find Jesus in their works or in their feelings. Some even find him on toast in the mornings!

But where is Jesus? He is where He has promised to be, in the marks of the Church. Where His Word is proclaimed and Sacraments rightly administered, there Christ is with, and for, His people giving the means of grace, the forgiveness of sins, and the salvation of souls.

We do not need to search frantically for Jesus. We know where He is, and we know that even though we cannot see Him physically yet, He still loves us. As Luke writes, While He blessed them, He parted from them.” Jesus still has His hands raised in blessing over us. He is at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us, blessing us in and through the means of grace.

At the end, He will come again in power and glory, just as the disciples saw Him go. He will give us the eternal blessing of being with Him in the new heavens and new earth forever and ever.

Where is Jesus? At the right hand of the Father, in His Word and Sacraments as He has promised to be.

May we always find Christ where He has promised to be found until the day when He comes again in power and glory.

You Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

THANKS

Kaye Franczyk for stepping in as congregational secretary at the Voters Meeting.
Val Martin, Gloria Creek, and Tristin Reinke for playing organ during our worship services.
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 11.** More information is available in the church office.
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 13 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 15, 2024 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

After our long winter how anxious we are to plant a garden (at least some tomato plants) and set out a big pot of colorful flowers. Perhaps you have some perennials that are coming up, now that daffodils and tulips are finished blooming for the year. The Lord's perennials decorate the mountain meadows in May. Look for shooting stars, calypso orchids, leather flower, larkspur, lupines, pussytoes, bluebells, and glacier lilies. You will find a sample of these posies in the church office.

Some of the Montana wildflowers will be on the table during the Friday Ladies Bible Class. Join them as they meet May 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 1-3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South, when they finish Donna Snow's study, Love's Priceless Gift.

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be at the following locations. Friday, May 3rd from 10:00-10:45am they will be at The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South. Friday, May 24th at 11:45am the no host lunch will be held at Hardee's, 2615 10th Avenue South. Afterward they will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South. Spend an hour sharing God's love with the residents!

Pastor Reinke will hold worship services on the following dates. On Wednesday, May 8th he will be at The Lodge. On Monday, May 20th he will be at Highgate. This is another opportunity to share your presence with some of "God's older children" as Pastor brings God's word.

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!!



May Anniversaries

May 1 - Leonard and Eva Sivumaki
 May 6 – Jared and Katherine Northrup
 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
 13 Bruce Kempf
 21 Madeline Creek
 21 Shannon Birkholz
 31 Ann Nimmick



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

The family of **Charlene Schottey** who died on April 7.

Echoz Baby Bottle Campaign

Echoz Baby Bottle Campaign will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day again this year. Bottles will be handed out on Mother's Day, May 12.

Vacation Bible School dates set

The dates for VBS have been set for **June 17-21, 2024 from 9 AM to 12 noon**. The theme is **The Great Jungle Journey**. Come and join us!! If you would like to help in any way, please contact Linda Aguiar at 406-402-9521

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 5-----Mitch Martin
 -----Taylor Martin
 May 12 -----Tyler Denning
 -----Jeff Blomgren
 May 19 -----Peter Doscher
 -----Greg Franczyk
 May 26 -----James Onstad
 -----Kevin Aguiar

Family Night ends, clean up begins

Family Night has meet of the last time until September, however on Wednesday evenings around 6 PM people are invited to come and do jobs around the church property. Many things need to be done and many hands make light work. We no longer mow our own lawn but there is weeding that can be done as well as pine cone pick up and window washing etc. Feel free to come for as long as your schedule will allow.

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.

Installation of officers

Those officers who are elected at the voters meeting will be installed on **Sunday, May 19** during our 10 AM worship service.



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
May 17 - 19 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.



Camp Dates

Members of Peace are hosting Camp this year! The dates for camp are **August 15-18, 2024** and will be at Trinity Camp in Bigfork as it has been for many years in the past. The theme is A Christian life in 2 Kingdoms. The individual cost has yet to be determined. Please plan now to come and join us!