

#### Peace Lutheran Church

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"Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statues." Ps. 119:124

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How do you treat those around you? Depending on the person, the answer to that question can be wide and varied. I am sure that you do not treat your bosses with the same love that you treat your husband or wives. Rather you treat your spouses with great love and your bosses with respect. In worldly terms you treat them differently. Is the same true of God? Does He treat us differently?

In some ways, yes, in others no. God treats us the same as sinners. Because of our many great and grievous sins against Him and against other people, all the multitude of times we have violated His Law, God should utterly destroy us, both presently here and for eternity. Our sins anger Him, our sins cause Him pain.

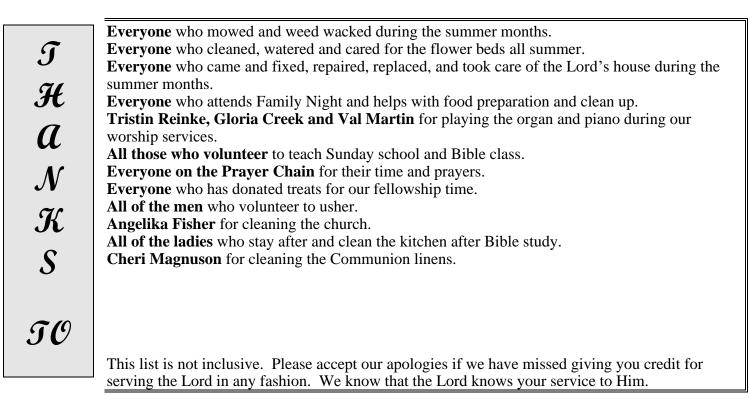
Indeed, they did cause Him pain, the pain of the nails, spear, and, cross. Jesus suffered, not because of anything that He had done, but for us on our behalf. Jesus bore our suffering, our pain, by taking our sins and the punishment we have earned upon Himself. By His suffering, bleeding, dying, and rising again from the dead, God does deal with us differently for the sake of Christ.

Rather than destroying us, God deals with us as the Psalmist prays, "according to His steadfast love." God shows us His Hesed, His love in action, in and through Jesus Christ's life, suffering, death, and resurrection on our behalf. God does not treat us with destruction. Instead, He treats us with His great love.

This great love we share with the world. We tell friends, neighbors, family members, about the great love that God has for us and for them. That they too are not doomed to destruction, that there is hope, there is joy. We treat them the same. We see them as God sees them, as sinners in need of a Savior. As those whom Christ died to save.

Until our Lord calls us to His nearer presence, may we continue to share this good news with the world around us, that God has treated us according to His steadfast love.

Your Servant in Christ, Rev. Joshua Reinke



# Ladies Friday Bible Study

Apples are picked, garden put to bed. Now we deal with October's leaves, leaves, leaves. Praise the Lord for His beautiful trees and the changing seasons!

The Friday Ladies Bible Class is finishing up their study of the Book of Acts soon, moving on to a yet to be decided new study. This month they will meet from 1-3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 21st. Come and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea as they study God's plan for the early church and ours.

Assisted Living Ministry is busy and welcomes new participation. This activity involves leading the residents in hymn singing with a short devotion. On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am they will be at The Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South. Closer to Reformation Day the group will be at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, on Friday, October 28th . The Highgate activity is preceded by a no host lunch at 11:45am at JB's Restaurant, 1322 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Invite a friend to join you for lunch with this group. Then if your schedule allows, continue on with the group to enjoy the folks at Highgate.

### **Trunk or Treat anyone?**

We will again be having our Trunk or Treat in our parking lot on Sunday, October 30 around 5 PM. You may decorate your car trunks, park in the parking lot, and hand out candy to the kids who come and Trick or Treat. Notes will go out to the neighbors so they are aware that we will be having this the day before Halloween. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to participate!

## **James Onstad Eagle Ceremony**

The ceremony for James Onstad to receive his Eagle Badge will be at Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 16 at 2 PM. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend and there will be a reception afterwards. Congratulations James!



# October Anniversaries

- Oct. 10 Kevin and Kristen Jacobsen
- Oct. 10 Steven and Trisha Hasselstrom
- Oct. 15 Bill and Elsie Huss

#### **Baptismal** Anniversaries

- October
- Lyle Onstad
  Gloria Creek
- 3 Molly Whitesitt
- 25 Logan Rubino
- 27 Lee Henselin
- 28 Ruth Denning
- 31 Ruth Rozokat

### **October ushers:**

- 2 James and Lyle Onstad
- 9 Pat Lewis and Greg Franczyk
- 16 Arnie Gidlow and Darrell Greenwood
- 23 Kevin Aguiar and Peter Doscher
- 30 Tyler Denning and Mitch Martin



**INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 9 year old with kidney cancer 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 Ed Ostlund, in assisted living in Billings Pam Schaaf, Ovarian cancer Becky Schlund, MS Steven Schlund, Parkinsons **Richard Schottey,** The Lodge Ron Van Horn – Fort Benton Van Oman family – Fort Benton

### Montana District Pastors Conference in Billings

Pastor Joshua Reinke will be attending the Montana District Pastors Conference October 11 - 13, 2022 in Billings. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at 761-7343 or one of the elders.

### **LFL Life Quotes**

"It is easy to look at others in the world and label them as enemies, especially when they have different political, religious, or ethical beliefs than we do. But, when God looks at those individuals, He wants them to belong to His family, too. A fruit of faith can be to show other individuals, made in God's image, that they, too, are chosen!" *Marie K. MacPherson, author* - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

"Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ!" *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

"By God's grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!" *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org* 

"We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know about Lutherans For Life ... Support leaders who embrace these words, 'All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.' ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus." *Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org* 

# LWML

- ♥ LWML Sunday will be October 2. LWML has an updated display on the bulletin board with some historic facts and information about where the Mites go and some of the projects and events that we have sponsored locally, nationally and around the world. Thank you to Linda Aguiar and Helen Lewis for organizing the display. The LWML worship service will be used for the 10:00 service and altar flowers will be provided.
- ♥ LWML Purple Pockets The Purple Pocket concept goes back many years and was started at the Montana District level by then President Pam Kercher. The idea is to put a penny in, and each month for a year, double what you put in. So the first month = 1 cent, then 2 cents, then 4 cents, then 8 cents, then 16, then 32, then 64 then \$1.28, then \$2.56, then \$5.12, then \$10.24, then \$20.48. At the end of the year the total is \$40.95. These funds are very important because they go toward our missions. We send them to Stinnetts in Ethiopia and Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia. If you don't have a Purple Pocket, please see Elsie Huss and she will get one for you. Thank you for your support!
- ♥ Have you noticed our new neighbor Alliance for Youth? Do you wonder what they do and who they are? LWML is hosting a tour of their facility on Saturday, October 29 at 10 AM. This is open to all members of the congregation and we are inviting members of our congregations in the surrounding areas. The tour should take about an hour. Also, during the month of October, we will be collecting items from their Wish List, which is below:

Cup of Noodles, Mac and cheese, Rice A Roni Individually wrapped snacks: chips, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks. Granola bars, etc. Frozen Family meals (Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, Chicken Pot Pies, Enchiladas etc.) Dishwasher pods, laundry pods, dryer sheets Women's and men's deodorant Socks and gloves Cases of bottled water Paper towels, paper plates, plastic cutlery and serving gloves Kleenex, hand soap, Band-Aids, Clorox disinfectant wipes Chocolate candy, hot chocolate, hot drink cups Canned soup, chili, canned tuna, pasta Beef A Roni Gift cards and Birthday cards from Target, Walmart, McDonalds, Burger King, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Little Caesars