

Peace Lutheran Church

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"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Psalm 34:19-20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Tertullian once stated, "But do your worst, and rack your inventions for tortures for Christians--it is all to no purpose; you do but attract the world, and make it fall the more in love with our religion; the more you mow us down, the thicker we rise; the Christian blood you spill is like the seed you sow, it springs from the earth again, and fructifies the more." To Paraphrase, "The Blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church".

This statement still holds true these many years hence. Just look at what is going on with our Brothers and Sisters in Afghanistan and around the world. They are facing persecution and even death for the faith. They are dying for no other reason than simply having a Bible in their possession, or holding a worship service. How many of you would be willing to die for the faith? I pray that day never comes, but if it does come that we too would be willing to face such a death boldly.

How can we face such a death boldly without fear? Because of Jesus' death. The suffering and death that we go through mirror the suffering and death of our Lord. Jesus suffered horribly on the cross, all for us. He took our sins, our pain, and our agony, and rose from the dead to give us new life. As the Psalmist says, not one of his bones was broken. By dying, He has destroyed death. Death is crushed under His feet. Jesus has promised that to all who believe, they shall have eternal life. This fact we confess every Sunday when we confess the Creed. When we confess the Third Article, we state that we believe in the resurrection of the body. That this body, no matter how it has died, will be raised to life again. Everyone's body will be fully restored, and made perfect forever. That the perishable will put on the imperishable, that the mortal will be clothed with immortality to use the words of St. Paul.

Face death? Yes, knowing that as evil as death is, Christ has in His victory over it made death the gateway into everlasting life. That we pass with Him to the bliss of heaven, awaiting that glorious day, when body and soul will be united, and we will join with all the saints, around the throne of grace forever.

Your Servant in Christ, Rev. Joshua Reinke

LWML

- **▼ Thank you to everyone who donated items for Wee Disciples.** Your continued support is very much appreciated!
- ♥ Our next meeting and Bible study will be Monday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of Peace are invited to join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!
- Wrapping up in the Psalms is the theme for the LWML Fall Retreats this year! The dates are September 17-19, 2021. The cost is \$90 per person for either camp. There are 2 to places choose from: one at Trinity Camp in Bigfork and another at Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman. Ladies from Peace are attending both. Rides are available if you would rather not drive. Contact Brook Gerard or Ruth Denning to go to Mountain Top Retreat or Elise Huss or Val Martin to go to Trinity Camp. Registration forms are in the latest Missive, which are in your mailboxes now. Plan now to come and join us for Bible study, food, fellowship and fun!
- ▼ September 25 is the date for the Central Zone Fall Rally at Zion Lutheran in Power. Tara Onstad will be giving a presentation on their trip to South Africa and Central Zone President Lynette Nussbaum will be speaking about the LWML National Convention she attend this summer in Louisville, Kentucky. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM and the cost is \$6. Pastor Scot Kerns will be leading the devotions and Bible study. The theme is "Daughters of God". We will be collecting monetary donations to help Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett who recently lost their home and belongings in a flash flood. Plan now to attend!

Now Hiring!

Wee Disciples Child Care is looking for a new employee to join our team. Qualifications required for this position are: preferred experience in the field; willingness to learn with a strong work ethic; ability to pass a background check; willingness to clean and have flexibility; optimistic outlook; enjoy working with children.

We are hiring for 20-40 hours/week. Hourly income depends on experience and training. If this interests you, please contact Wee Disciples by phone or email. **phone:** (406) 799-5881 email: wee.disciples@gmail.com.

Confirmation Class begins

Children in grades 7 and 8 will begin Confirmation class on **Sunday, September 19 at 12 noon. Please Bring your own lunch!**

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Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ during our worship services. All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes.

Everyone who came and helped or cleaned or fixed or mowed or trimmed or did any work around

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.

Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.

All of the people who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.

Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

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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.



September Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Darrell and Cindy Greenwood Sept. 8 Ernie and Judy VanVleet
- Sept. 19 Richard & Charlene Schottey
- Sept. 27 Jason and Brook Gerard Sept. 29 Robert and Angela Fletcher

Raptismal Anniversaries

September Tara Onstad

- Carl Kangas
- 1 Kate Baumer
- 7 Jessamy Blomgren
- 13 Jayden McPartlin
- Cole McPartlin 13
- 19 Elsie Huss
- 20 Kate Creek

Ushers for September

Sept 5	Kevin Aguiar
	Pat Lewis
Sept 12	Greg Franczyk
	Tyler Denning
Sept 19	Darrell Greenwood
	Peter Doscher
Sept 26	Pat Lewis
	Eric Fletcher

Family Night resumes

Family Night will begin on Wednesday, September 15. This is a time for brothers and sisters in Christ to be together, share a meal, and study the Word of God. We begin with a potluck dinner at 6 PM. The theme for this week's meal is Italian food. At 6:30 PM, there will be preconfirmation classes. We will continue our study of the liturgy and pick up at Holy Communion. We close with a short devotion at 7:30 PM. Come and join us for this time to be together as the family of God at Peace Lutheran Church.

ASL Class beginning

Pastor Reinke is starting a beginner ASL (American Sign Language) class on Wednesday evenings directly after Family Night. The class will begin on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30 PM. It is only a half hour long so people with children can attend and it will not run too late. Let Pastor Reinke know if you are interested in joining his class.



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 Jane Nicolaus – cancerous tumors

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 **Cheryl Walker**



Peace Block Party to be held outdoors on Sept. 12th on Rally Day.

It is requested that you bring a dessert/salad for sharing with hamburgers, hotdogs and the related fixings provided.

We need a considerable amount of help to set up the prior Saturday and for tear down after the event. Please contact

Arnie Gidlow (mobows@mcn.net or 468-9385) or Peter Doscher (doscherp@gmail.com) for assignments to help.

It is requested that you bring a neighbor, co-worker or any acquaintance with you to the event which will be held after Bible Study in the open lot next to the parking lot.

See ya there!