

#### Peace Lutheran Church

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"Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name." Hebrews 13:15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

What is praise? The dictionary defines praise as a social interaction. It is something that we do as a society to "express warm approval or admiration of someone or something." Typically, praise is good. We have the expression, "To sing the praises of someone." To go on and on about how well someone is doing something. We might expect the boss to praise us when we get that deadline met or that important deal signed. We might hope that our spouse sings our praises when we do something without being asked. We sing the praises of our children when they do well in school.

Yet, our praise has a limit. There are only so many times and so many things we can say about someone before our limit is reached. No matter how many times we think we can hear of someone praising us, eventually we will get bored of hearing about it!

Yet, what about God? The author of Hebrews states that through Jesus, we continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. We may have limits, God does not! As His dear beloved, blood-bought children, through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we constantly praise Him for what He has done for us in and through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We praise Him for the wonderful weather He has given to us, of safeguarding us through another restful night, of defending and protecting us from Satan's temptations and attacks and many more.

Particularly, praise shows itself in bold confession of Jesus' name. "Look what Jesus has done for me; look what he would do for you," faith boldly confesses. What a reminder for those who, because of persecution were tempted to grow quiet about, or even go away from, that Savior and what he offered. What a reminder for us who have so much for which to praise him and so many to whom to confess his saving name!1

Tired of praise? Never, our whole lives are ones of praise to our God, for all of the good things He has granted to us out of His Fatherly mercy, especially for the sending of His Son, Jesus, to suffer, bleed, die, and rise again all for our salvation.

Your Servant in Christ, Rev. Joshua Reinke

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lauersdorf, R. E. (1986). *Hebrews* (p. 178). Northwestern Pub. House.

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

Linda Aguiar, Donna McPartlin, and all of those who helped with the planning and organizing of the meals and activities for camp.

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 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.

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**

- ♥ Our next meeting and Bible study will be Monday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of Peace are invited to join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ▼ Grab Your Shoes and Go is the theme for the LWML Fall Retreats this year! The dates are September 16-18, 2022. There are 2 to places choose from: one at Trinity Camp in Bigfork and another at Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman. Rev. Keinath will be leading the Bible studies at Mountain Top and Rev. Miller will be leading them at Bigfork. The cost is \$100 per person and includes all meals and lodging. Registration forms are in the church office and are due by September 2, 2022. Plan now to go and join us for Bible study, food, fellowship and fun!
- ▼ Fall Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in Power beginning at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$6 per person. Pastor Scot Kerns will lead the bible study and devotions. Carly Tuss from the Angel Center in Great Falls will be the guest speaker. The in-gathering is for the homeless people and items needed include new or used for men and women: belts walking shoes, (athletic shoes) or warm snow boots (no dress shoes or cowboy boots), sleeping bags and blankets. ALL ladies of Peace are welcome to come and join us!

# **Ladies Bible Study**

How quickly the hot dry days of summer have gone! The school year has begun for students with all of its academic and extra-curricular activities, and all the fun that goes with it.

As the school year commences, the Friday Ladies Bible Class restarts their activity, also. They are studying the Book of Acts on Friday afternoons. If you are not a part of this group, please come and enjoy the fellowship of studying a small portion of the Bible with them. You won't be disappointed! They will meet September 9th, 16th, and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Assisted Living Ministry opportunities abound! Ladies in the Friday Bible Class have added yet another facility as a monthly event to "enhance the spiritual life" (those are the words of the Life Enhancement Director... not mine) at The Lodge, where long time Trinity members, Millie Birkholz and Jean Ann Craven, are residents. On Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am they will be at The Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South, for an hour of hymn singing and a devotion. -- The same activity is scheduled for Highgate Senior Living where more of our friends are residing, Vi Biberdorf, Eleanore Boumans, Ken Brandt, and Ken Meske. Come and sing with these members of Trinity and Peace at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South, on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Prior to the Highgate event will be a no host lunch at 11:45 at The Montana Club, 907 Smelter Avenue NE. The Lord always blesses our time together!



## September Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Darrell and Cindy Greenwood Sept. 8 Ernie and Judy VanVleet
- Sept. 9 Tim and Kathy VanderMolen
- Sept. 19 Richard & Charlene Schottey
- Sept. 27 Jason and Brook Gerard
- Sept. 29 Robert and Angela Fletcher

#### Raptismal Anniversaries

September 1

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

# **Ushers for September**

Sept 4	Arnie Gidlow
	Pat Lewis
Sept 11	Greg Franczyk
	Kevin Aguiar
Sept 18	Darrell Greenwood
	Peter Doscher
Sept 25	Gary Link
	Tyler Denning

## **Family Night resumes**

**Family Night** will begin on Wednesday, September 14. 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. 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 resumes**

Pastor Reinke is resuming a beginner ASL (American Sign Language) class on Wednesday evenings directly after Family Night. The class will resume on **Wednesday, September 14 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** – 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, shut-in Ron Van Horn – Fort Benton Van Oman family – Fort Benton

We pray for **Eric Fletcher** who is deployed with the military.

## **Confirmation Class begins**

Children in grades 7 and 8 will begin Confirmation class on **Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 AM.** 

Fuddruckers' Burgers for Benefits fundraiser for Wee Disciples is the third Tuesday of each month from 5 to 9 PM. (The next fundraising evening is on September 20.) No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of the total ticket to Wee Disciples. You can use dine-in or takeout. Thank you for supporting Wee Disciples!

#### Offering Counters for 2022-2023

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.