



## Peace Lutheran Church

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<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> serve the Lord. Romans 12:9-11

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September Seventh is National Feel the Love Day. It is a day set aside to spread “the joys of love as wide as you can. The day is a reminder of how all kinds of love make our lives richer. Love makes us happy, secure, and feel understood. This is the day to count your blessings and cherish the people who bring you so much joy.”<sup>1</sup> Only a day to spread the joys of love. How can one fit love in only a day?! Rather than a single day, it should be an entire life time. Yet, the question must be asked, what kind of love are we spreading?

Many times, we easily spread our love of ourselves, our love of the things that we have or desire, our love of people and those around us. However, we do not love perfectly. Many times and though many years, our love fades, our joy becomes dim. We are not always good at loving those around us all. Tempers flare, grudges get held, words said in anger fester and stab, especially at those we say we love the most. We do not always experience the joy of love.

So how can we regain the joy of love? We can regain the joys of love, not by spreading our love of self or possessions, but our love of Christ. As Saint Paul writes, let love be genuine. Love not falsely but truthfully. Saint Paul is exhorting the congregation at Rome to continue in doing what they have been doing. They know the great love that Christ has shown to them in going to the cross, a love shown by His suffering, dying, and resurrection from the dead. All of this while we were enemies of God. That love, the congregation in Rome, indeed the church at large, rejoices in sharing. We get to show to those around us the great love that Christ has for us, and them, through our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is a love that is seen, not mere spoken about.

That is what we strive to do as Christians, to emulate in some small way, the great genuine love that Christ has shown to the world. To be Christ-ians ‘little Christs’ to those around us as we reach out in love, repentance, and forgiveness for them. We will not always be perfect in showing love, thus why we constantly repent and turn towards the forgiveness of Christ. Yet, we strive to do love and forgive, following the exhortation of Saint Paul in genuine love, not just a single day, but every day of our lives.

As we do so, may God continue to grant us His Holy Spirit, that we may show those around us, His mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke <><

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<sup>1</sup><https://nationaltoday.com/national-feel-the-love-day/>

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**Everyone** who came and helped or cleaned or fixed or weeded or watered or did any work around the church.

**Everyone who helped, served or attended** the service to Matha.

**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.

**Bob Fletcher** 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 18 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited to join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!

- ♥ **Whatever** is the theme for the LWML Fall Retreats this year! The dates are **September 15-17, 2023**. There are 2 places to choose from: one at **Trinity Camp in Bigfork** and another at **Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman**. 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, 2023**. If you would like to car pool, Ruth Denning, Elsie Huss and Brook Gerard are going to the Mountain Top Retreat in Gallatin Gateway. Plan now to go and join us for Bible study, food, fellowship and fun!
- ♥ **As part of LWML Sunday**, the ladies of LWML are sponsoring **Honey Sunday on October 1, 2023**. It is a simple way for us to support Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Honey will be sold for \$10 per bottle. Peace's LWML will keep 30% of the proceeds and the ranch gets 70%. Be watching for more details as it gets closer to the date!
- ♥ **Fall Rally at Peace Lutheran Church** in Great Falls beginning at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$6 per person. Pastor Jonathon Schultz will lead the bible study and devotions. Ruth Denning was the delegate to the convention in Milwaukee and will be the speaker. The in-gathering is for school supplies for Foothills Christian School. Their wish list is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. ALL ladies of Peace, First and Christ for the Deaf are welcome to come and join us!

## Ladies Bible Study

September brings the completion of harvest for farmers in Montana, a bountiful one this year. Gardens in town are giving the last of the fruits of the earth. Out in the foothills and mountain meadows white pearly everlasting is blooming, which keeps its dry bloom as a straw flower rather than wilting. A book about wildflowers relates the Indian legend that Indians would grind up dry pearly everlasting blooms into a powder to blow in their horses' ears to give them endurance and stamina.

The Friday Ladies Bible Class will resume their studies of the book of Mark a bit tardy this month, gathering around the table searching the scriptures on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3pm. Reading, hearing, and discussing God's Word gives comfort, endurance, and stamina for life. Join them at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, where there is always a place at the table just for you.

Sharing God's Word in Assisted Living Ministry continues with joy this month. Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> they will be at The Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South, from 10-10:45am with hymn singing and a devotion. The ever-popular monthly no host lunch will be held at Dante's, 1325 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. Afterward many will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Pastor Reinke will celebrate worship services at these residences, at The Lodge on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm and at Highgate on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Come and sit in on some of these activities to be enriched with God's Word.



## 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

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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

## Ushers for September

- Sept 3 ----- Mitch Martin
- Greg Franczyk
- Sept 10----- Darrell Greenwood
- Arnie Gidlow
- Sept 17----- Pat Lewis
- Tyler Denning
- Sept 24----- Lyle Onstad
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## Family Night resumes

**Family Night** will begin on Wednesday, September 13. 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.



### INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 10 year old with liver cancer
- 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
- Bruce Kempf** – health issues
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Richard Schottey**, shut-in
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

**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 19.) 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!

## Maui Relief Effort

If you are so moved and want to send money to help the people of Maui, Lutheran Church Charities is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS and deployed to Maui to help where they can.

**“LCC never goes where we are not invited.**

**We NEVER charge those we serve!**

**We operate with a Dollar In – Dollar Out funding process where EVERY dollar given for a cause goes to that cause or need, with LCC acknowledging the gift and overseeing that the money is used as intended.”**

It's easy to give by going to their website, [www.lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org), or you can send a check with a note in the memo line marked “Maui Relief” to:

**Lutheran Church Charities  
3020 Milwaukee Ave.  
Northbrook, IL 60062**

Their toll free phone number is 866-455-6466.

