

Peace Lutheran Church

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¹Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; ²from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,³for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.¹ Psalm 61:1-3

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer. Schedules are filling up fast with school activities, football, soccer, band, choir, and many other practices. There are many times when we feel we cannot get everything done in the day. We cross things off our checklists, only to add another two things on. There's not enough time for everything. There's no time to rest as we rush from one activity or obligation to the next. What are we to do?

We could attempt to do it ourselves. Resign that it is just how life is, we just need to work harder and get everything done, even if we are completely worn out by everything. Yet, as good as hard work is, wearing oneself out is not the answer. David gives us the answer. Rather than depending upon ourselves, we cry to the Lord, turning to Him in prayer. We know well our own frail strength. We know that sometimes there is not enough strength for the day on our own power. So we turn to Him who has unlimited strength. We turn to the One who has promised to always hear and answer us in, and through, Christ Jesus our Lord. David is confident that God, who has been his refuge and tower in the past, will deliver him again. He renounces trust in his own power when he confesses that God is the rock who is higher than he is.² In the midst of the challenges and dangers of this life, we run to One who has given us salvation and life everlasting so that we have nothing to fear. We run to our Rock when our hearts are faint. Who is that? Jesus. Jesus has taken all of our condemnation upon Himself at the cross. There the full wrath of God was laid upon Jesus instead of us. There all of our sins were forgiven. We do not even have to fear the world or anything that happens within it. Jesus promises us, "Take heart, I have overcome the world." Jesus rules and reigns at the right hand of the Father, overseeing everything for our good. His kingdom has no end. Jesus will come again, raise the dead, and we, and all the saints, will live with Him forever.

As we rush from one activity to the next, let us continue to find strength, comfort, help, and support from our gracious and loving God who has given us everything in Christ.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joshua Reinke

¹ <u>The Holy Bible: English Standard Version</u> (Ps 61:1). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

² Brug, J. F. (1989). *Psalms 1–72* (2nd ed., p. 244). Northwestern Pub. House.

G	Everyone who came and helped or cleaned or fixed or weeded or watered or did any work around the church.	
Г Н А	Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ during our worship services.	
71	Pat Lewis and Mitch Martin for filling in while Pastor Reinke and his family were on vacation.	
Ħ	Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.	
0	Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.	
U	All of the men who volunteer to usher.	
•••	Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.	
۸ſ	All of the people who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.	
JV	Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.	
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LWML

- Our next meeting and Bible study will be Saturday, <u>September 14 at 11a.m.</u> All ladies of Peace are invited to join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ✓ Joy is the theme for the LWML Fall Retreats this year! The dates are September 20-22, 2024. There are 2 places to choose from: one at Trinity Camp in Bigfork and another at Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman. The cost is \$125 per person and includes all meals and lodging. Registration forms are in the church office and are due by September 2, 2024. If you would like to ride with us, Ruth Denning, and Tristin Reinke are going to Trinity Camp in Bigfork. 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 6, 2024. 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!
- ♥ Central Zone Fall Rally is at St Paul Lutheran in Lewistown beginning at 9:30 AM on Saturday, September 28. The cost is \$6 per person. The theme is "The Children of the Heavenly Father." The ingathering is diapers size 4, 5, and 6, wipes and new baby clothes 0-3 months for the Inspire Pregnancy Center in Lewistown. The pregnancy center was actually started by St. Paul Lutheran in Lewistown. ALL ladies of Peace, First and Christ for the Deaf are welcome to come and join us!

♥ Calling ALL Young Women ages 18 to 35 years!

We would love to give you the opportunity to attend the National LWML Convention in Omaha, NE, June 26th-29th, 2025. It's at no cost to you! You will be a Young Woman Representative (YWR) for our beautiful state of Montana and be surrounded by women of like-faith with Christ at the center. If you are interested in applying for this unforgettable experience, please reach out to any of your LWML ladies that you know locally, but also contact Whitney Marsh, the LWML MT District Young Woman Chair. We will help guide you in the application process and give you exciting insights to look forward to!



September Anniversaries

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

Raptismal Anniversaries

September

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

Ushers for September

Sept 1	-Lyle and Andrew Onstad
Sept 8	Jeff Blomgren
	Arnie Gidlow
	Greg Franczyk
	Tyler Denning
	- Mitch and Taylor Martin
	Kevin Aguiar
	Pat Lewis

Family Night resumes

Family Night will begin on Wednesday, September 11. 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.

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 17.) 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!



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 11 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, Fort Benton **Connie Juden Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS **Bruce Kempf** – health issues Rachel Manley - cancer **Eloise Morehead** – health issues Becky Schlund - MS **Steven Schlund** – Parkinsons

Ladies Bible Study

Summer 2024 is in its last few weeks of glory. September's moderate temperatures encourage us to get out for those last fishing, boating, and camping trips. Gardens are still producing their final bounty of tomatoes, squash, and potatoes. School schedules are packed with academic, music, and sports activities.

As school bells ring the Friday Ladies Bible Class resumes their meetings beginning a new study of Philippians. They will meet from 1-3pm on September 6th, 13th, and 20th at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South. Starting a new study is a great time to join the group!

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will meet as follows. On Friday, September 27th the no host lunch will meet at the Bar S. 5100 North Star Boulevard, at 11:30 a.m. Afterward many will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South, to share in fellowship and song with the residents. Pastor Reinke will hold a worship service at The Lodge on Wednesday, September 11 at 2:30 p.m. and at Highgate on Monday, September 16th at 1:30 p.m. Transportation to any of these activities is available by calling Marge at 406-788-0180.