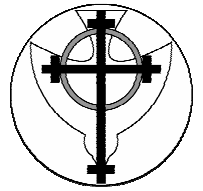
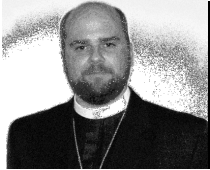


The Peace Post



The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen!



From the Desk of Pastor Messer

The Holiest Week of the Year

Next week, we will enter the most important week in the Church Year. Holy Week is so named because, well, it is the holiest week of the year. Why? Because, during this week, we commemorate the Passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by which He won salvation for us through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death. This is the week when we most fully meditate upon the mysterious and glorious work our Lord did in our place and on our behalf. This is the week when the reason for our celebration at Christmas finds its fulfillment, for the Baby born in Bethlehem came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and became man precisely to do what He does during Holy Week—to suffer and die on the cross to save us, and to rise on the third day to open for us the way to eternal life.

The whole world should stop everything during this week and take time to meditate upon its holy events. But, the whole world won't do that. This will just be another week for the world. Businesses will not close; sports events will not be put on hold; the television will not cease broadcasting its shows, and so on. The world will march through this week without giving its holy nature a second thought.

This is to be expected, of course. The world wants nothing to do with Christ and His salvation. There is nothing holy about this week in the eyes of the unbelieving, dead, and dying world.

But, who would expect Christians to allow this week to come and go without embracing its holy nature? Indeed, how could Christians possibly let this week just pass them by? It seems unthinkable, and yet, this is exactly what many Christians do. They pay the holiest week of the year

little attention, if any—and that is very, very sad.

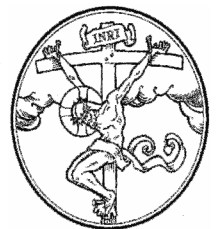
I pray fervently that such will not be the case with the saints here at Peace. Do not let this week just pass you by, dear friends. You are Christians, and Holy Week is all about what your Lord and Savior did for you, so that you may be receive the blessings which belong to Christians.

In order to give all of the saints here at Peace an opportunity to embrace this holiest of weeks, we are expanding our Holy Week Services this year. Every day of Holy Week (Monday through Saturday) will begin with the praying of Matins at 7:00 a.m. On Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday, Divine Service (spoken) will be held at both Noon and 7:00 p.m. We'll follow the same schedule we've followed in the past for Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, but we are adding an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. to our regularly scheduled Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday (breakfast served between Services). More information about our Holy Week schedule can be found on the next page.

I sincerely hope and pray that these additional opportunities to be in the Holy House of the Lord during the holiest week of the year will afford all of you the chance to allow Holy Week to have its way with you, bringing you ever closer to your Lord, that you may come to the celebration of the Paschal Feast on Easter in all sincerity and truth.

In Christ,

Pastor Messer



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Holy Week Schedule



Palm/Passion Sunday—April 5

9:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/Procession of Palms

To commemorate our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall and process into the nave together carrying palm branches and singing, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." Divine Service with Holy Communion, including the responsive reading of the Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew, the Evangelist, will follow.



Holy Monday—April 6

7:00 a.m.—Matins

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

7:00 p.m.—Divine Service



Holy Tuesday—April 7

7:00 a.m.—Matins

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

7:00 p.m.—Divine Service



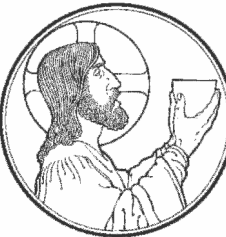
Holy Wednesday—April 8

7:00 a.m.—Matins

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

7:00 p.m.—Divine Service

We will begin each day, throughout Holy Week, with the praying of Matins at 7:00 a.m. Matins will be spoken responsively, using the readings and prayers found in the Treasury of Daily Prayer, and will provide us the opportunity to begin each day during Holy Week prayerfully focused on our Lord and His Passion. Divine Service (spoken liturgy) will be held at both Noon and 7:00 p.m. (same Service) to allow everyone the opportunity to attend and receive the blessings of Word and Sacrament.



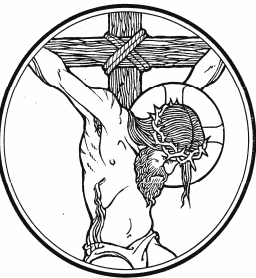
Holy (Maundy) Thursday—April 9

7:00 a.m.—Matins

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

7:00 p.m.—Divine Service (strip altar)

The focus on this Most Holy Day is on the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood, which He instituted on the night when He was betrayed. The Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. will be different from the spoken Divine Service at Noon, and will include the "Christian Questions with Their Answers," written by Dr. Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament, and will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar while Psalm 22 is being read.



Good Friday—April 10

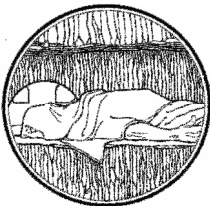
7:00 a.m.—Matins

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

3:00 p.m.—Devotion at the
Sacred Hour

7:30 p.m.—Tenebrae

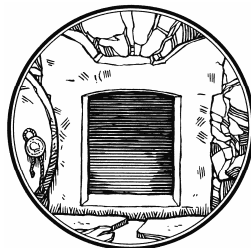
The Sacred Noonday Good Friday Service will focus on the Seven Words of Christ from the Holy Cross, and will include the Procession of the Sacred Cross and the Distribution of Holy Communion. A short devotion will take place at the Sacred Hour (3:00 p.m.) in which our Lord gave up His Spirit and died. The evening Tenebrae Service will be completely different from the Noon Service. Please note the later start time, which will allow it to be a little darker in the church for the dramatic conclusion to this Most Holy and deeply profound Service.



Holy Saturday—April 11

7:00 a.m.—Matins

10:00 a.m.—Divine Service



Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m.—Festival Service

We are restoring the ancient custom of holding an Easter Sunrise Service this year. The Sunrise Service will be different from the Festival Service. Both will be festive in nature, and both will include the Holy Sacrament, but they will have different readings, hymns, and sermons. So, you are welcome to attend both, and, if you do, you are most welcome to receive the Sacrament at both. Easter Breakfast will be served in between Services at 8:30 a.m.

HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 11:00 A.M.

Synopsis of January 25, 2009 Voters Assembly Minutes

Call To Order & Opening Prayer

President Brown called the meeting to order at 11:03am. 25 members were present. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Sharyn Greening, supported by Jon Penzien to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Financial Secretary Miller, supported by President Brown to approve the minutes from October 26, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Report(s)

- **Pastor** – Pastor Messer presented his report and informed the Assembly of potential new members.
- **Treasurer** – Treasurer Zeile asked to have her reported postponed until discussion of the 2009 Budget.
- **Financial Secretary** – Financial Secretary Miller informed the Assembly that financial statements would soon be available for 2008.

Boards

- **Board of Elders** – Larry Elliott informed the Assembly of activities of the Board of Elders: shut-in visits, new members in districts and adding reverence to their duties during Divine Service.
- **Board of Trustees** – President Brown informed the Assembly that Vern Jakolat had been appointed to the Board of Trustees. Motion made by Larry Elliott, supported by Jon Penzien to elect Vern as Chairperson of the Board of Elders. Motion carried unanimously. Vern informed the Council of activities of the Board of Trustees: locks on doors and storage shed.
- **Board of Christian Education** – Sharyn Greening informed the Assembly that Sunday School was continuing as usual and they are entering the mid-winter quarter.
- **Board of Evangelism** – Andrea Elliott informed the Assembly of activities of the Board of Evangelism: East Egg Hunt, camping trip, supplies are being sent to Kenneth Barry, food pantry, adopt-a-family, apparel order and Issues, Etc. CDs.
- **Board of Stewardship** – President Brown informed the Assembly that the Council had taken on some of these responsibilities.

Organization and Committee Reports

- **Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – Cookie Walk was successful, new banner rods had been purchased, storage shed has been purchased with the Council, Ash Wednesday dinner fundraiser will take place.
- **Peace Youth Group** – Jon Penzien thanked the Assembly for their support and provided information about fundraisers for Higher Things. 6 youth will be attending.

Business

- **2009 Budget** – The proposed 2009 budget was presented with supporting documentation from previous years. Following discussion on the proposal, members of the Council presented information on giving. Following additional discussion, including an option to revise the proposed budget, motion made by Dave Zeile, supported by Bill Harmon to accept the proposed budget. The floor was open for discussion on the motion. Following discussion, Vern Jakolat called for the question to close discussion. The Assembly voted in favor to close the discussion. Motion made by Vern Jakolat, supported by Jo Wendt to approve the originally proposed budget. The floor was opened for discussion on the motion. Following discussion, Financial Secretary Gary Miller called for the question to close discussion. The Assembly voted in favor to close the discussion and to approve the originally proposed budget. The motion passed by a vote of 20-5.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Motion made by Jon Penzien, supported by Financial Secretary Miller to adjourn at 12:56pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Brown, Secretary (Note: Complete minutes with all attachments are available in the church office for review.)

Synopsis of March 3, 2009 Church Council Minutes

Call To Order & Opening Prayer

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present: Chris Brown, Vern Jakolat, Carol Zeile, Gary Miller, Larry Elliott, Andrea Elliott, Sharyn Greening and Megan Brown. Pastor Messer was also present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add Higher Things under Business. Motion made by President Brown, supported by Treasurer Zeile to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Treasurer Zeile, supported by Financial Secretary Miller to approve the minutes from February 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Report(s)

- **Pastor** – Pastor Messer presented the attached report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached report. The Council received the report into record. Treasurer Zeile also informed the Council of a request from Mary Jakolat to attend the Laugh and Learn Office Personnel Conference, May 3-5 in Frankenmuth. Motion made by Financial Secretary Miller, supported by Councilmember Greening to approve funds for registration and fees as well as travel costs. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Financial Secretary** – No report.

Boards

- **Board of Elders** – Councilmember L. Elliott presented the Board of Elders report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Board of Trustees** – Councilmember Jakolat presented the Board of Trustees report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Board of Christian Education** – Councilmember Greening presented the Board of Christian Education report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Board of Evangelism** – Councilmember A. Elliott presented the Board of Evangelism report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Board of Stewardship** – The Council discussed the next steps to take.

Organization and Committee Reports

- **Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – Treasurer Zeile provided some information on upcoming events and activities.
- **Peace Youth Group** – No report.

Business

- **Locks on Interior Doors (Church Office)** – The Council discussed the lock on the office door. Motion made by Councilmember Jakolat, supported by Councilmember L. Elliott to repair or replace the lock on the office door at a cost of no more than fifty (50) dollars without further permission. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Higher Things** – Youth Group is in need of funds to pay for Higher Things. They have plans for fundraising, but those will not be completed before the deadlines for submitting payments. Motion made by Financial Secretary Miller, supported by Councilmember L. Elliott to loan Youth Group the funds needed for Higher Things. Motion carried unanimously.

General Comment

The Council discussed an idea of using the back portion of the property for a garden. No action was taken.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Motion made by Councilmember Jakolat, supported by President Brown to adjourn at 8:54pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Brown, Secretary

(Note: Complete minutes with all attachments are available in the church office for review.)

PEACE NEWS & NOTES

Easter Breakfast - Sunday, April 12 - 8:30 am



Come Join Us for Easter Breakfast!

Once again this year the Ladies' Guild members will prepare an Easter breakfast for our Peace family. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 12, and includes strata, fresh fruit, coffeecake, milk, juice and coffee. This is a great way to start the day and spend some time in fellowship with your church family before the Divine Service. All members of Peace are welcome and encouraged to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Brostrom.



to all who provided the Sewing Kits
for the **February-March LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF Sewing Kit Collection**
sponsored by the Ladies Guild.

In Christ,
Dorothy Trgina, Charitable Donations Chair

PYG NEWS

April Events

Host Potluck—April 1, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Decorate Church—April 11, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Pop Can Drive Collection—April 18, 2 pm to 6 pm

Monthly Meeting—April 19, Noon to 2 pm

Greetings in Christ,

First off, I want to thank everyone for your abundant support in the bake sale we held in March. The Lord has blessed the youth here at Peace with a very supportive congregation. God Bless You.

As we continue to raise funds for our conference this summer, we will be hosting the evening Potluck on Wednesday, April 1. The Youth will be providing Sloppy Joes. Please join us on this last potluck of this Lenten season if you are able.

On Saturday, April 18, we will be having a Pop Can Collection drive for our on-going fundraiser. We will have teams set up to collect cans that are dropped off. Flyers will be available if you would like to pass the word along or post a flyer where you work.

I have received interest in non-youth attending the Higher Things conference this summer. I will check on the status of one-day passes and post this on the Youth bulletin board and in the Sunday bulletin.

Thank you all for your continued support.

May the Spirit of the Lord be with you,

Jonathan Penzien



PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD

and



Ladies Guild is collecting the
following items to send to
Lutheran World Relief:

Hand towels
Wash clothes
Toothbrushes
Combs (wide tooth)
Metal nail files
Nail clippers (w/file attached)
Band-aids (1/2" to 3/4")
Soap (bath-size bar)

Collection Dates:

Come join us on the Trail!

*The Wittenberg Trail is the online
community for people exploring and
confessing the Lutheran faith. To join the
community, go to:*



www.wittenbergtrail.ning.com

To join our Peace Lutheran group on the Trail:
[www.wittenbergtrail.ning.com/group/
peacelutheranalmamichigan](http://www.wittenbergtrail.ning.com/group/peacelutheranalmamichigan)

PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd



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Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

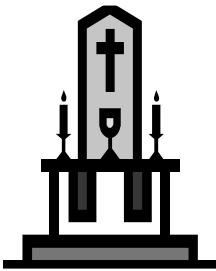
Thank You *and* HELP WANTED!

A huge **thank you** to all of you who donated towards our "Issues, Etc." fundraiser. I am happy to report that we have reached our goal of \$500.00 and will be sending our pledged donation of \$1000.00 to support this Christ-centered, Cross-focused, Worldwide outreach ministry soon. If you missed the opportunity to donate and would still like to do so, you can visit the "Issues, Etc." website (www.issuesetc.org) to find out how you can make a donation, or you can see me and I'd be happy to assist you. Now for the **help wanted** part of this message: I am looking for help in making the "Issues, Etc." CDs available to our congregation. Anyone who would be willing to assist me in this endeavor, or even to take the whole job over, please see me. All you need is a computer, iTunes, and a little time each week. The CDs will be provided, and I'll show you how to do what needs to be done.

Thanks,

Pastor Messer

NEW PARAMENTS (ALTAR CLOTHS)



Through the generosity of the Ladies Guild and a couple of members, we will have new paraments to use this year for Holy Week. They are the color scarlet to remind us of the blood our Lord shed for us and will be a striking reminder of the pain and suffering He endured to save us from our sins.

In addition to the new Holy Week paraments, we also have ordered a new white altar covering and chalice veil. They will be used for the first time on Easter Sunday to augment the celebration of our Lord's resurrection and will continue to be used throughout the church year on occasions for which white is the liturgical color. Donations to help defray the cost of these beautiful white altar cloths will be graciously received. If you wish to donate, please see Carol Zeile.

You are invited to

VBS

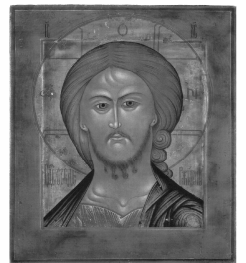
Age range: 4-12

Dates: June 15-19

Time: 9 am–12 pm

Place: Peace Lutheran Church

Theme: I Am



COMING SOON!

SECOND-TIME-AROUND SALE

Please save your "throw-aways" for the sale planned in the Spring. Watch for more information in future bulletins and postings.

PEACE MOVIE NIGHT: "The Passion of the Christ"

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

We will watch this movie once again this year as we prepare to enter the most holy week of the Church Year. No matter how many times you watch this movie, it is edifying, so please join us!

6:00 pm—FELLOWSHIP & FOOD

(Pizza, popcorn, chips, candy, and soft drinks will be provided)

6:30 pm—INTRODUCTION & DEVOTION

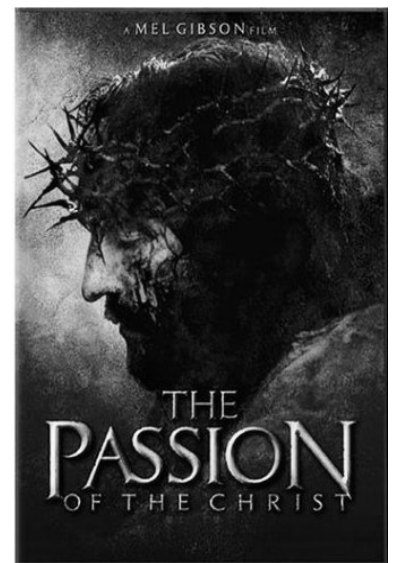
6:50 pm—THE MOVIE (Length: 2 hours, 6 minutes)

9:00 pm—DISCUSSION LED BY PASTOR MESSER

Bring your own comfy chairs if you wish

A freewill offering will be collected to support future movie nights.

NOTE: This movie is rated R for sequences of graphic violence (children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult or parents must speak with Pastor Messer to give their consent)



WEDNESDAY STUDY & SERVICE

Beginning Wednesday, April 29, we will offer a weekly Study and Service on Wednesday evenings. The Study will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by Service at 7:00 p.m. The first study on the agenda is titled, “Christian History 101”, and will take a look at the history of the Christian Church from the time of the apostles to today. Few Christians today really know and understand the history of the Christian Church, so this is a study that will benefit all who attend. The Services which will take place each week will rotate between Vespers, Evening Prayer, Compline, Prayer and Preaching, and one of the orders of Divine Service. During the summer months, these Services will be shortened versions of the Divine Service from the previous Sunday, to allow those who were not able to make it on Sunday the opportunity to receive the blessings of Word and Sacrament. A detailed Service schedule is still in progress and will be made known when finished. It is my sincere hope and prayer that these additional opportunities to be in the Word, both in Study and Service, will be a blessing to many. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Messer

TABLE TALK

There are three things I vowed to do when I became a pastor: 1) I would never be too busy to spend time with any member who needed me; 2) I would never delegate my pastoral care responsibilities to others; 3) I would provide an opportunity for our church family to get together in an informal setting and just shoot the breeze. Oh, and of course, there is that fourth thing I vowed to do, namely to remain faithful to Holy Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. ☺

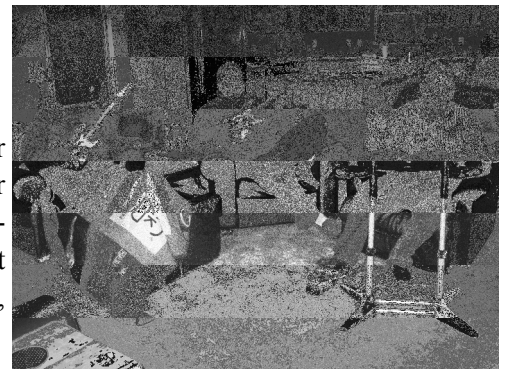


Table Talk is my way of fulfilling that third vow above. I started Table Talk pretty early on in my ministry here at Peace. I did so because, when I was a layman, I always wished I had more time to pick my pastor's brain on the many questions I had about the Christian faith. “Wouldn't it be nice,” I thought, “to be able to just shoot the breeze with my pastor about things.” That's what Table Talk is, first and foremost. But, it's more than that.

It's also an opportunity for brothers and sisters in Christ to spend time with, and get to know, one another; to kick back, relax, and just shoot the breeze, not only with their pastor, but with each other. But, it's even more than that.



It's also a time to just have fun; to laugh and goof around. At times, we get serious and dig into deep topics; at other times, we're far less serious and just cut it up with one another; at all times, we simply enjoy each other's company. There's no set agenda. We just wing it. And, it's great! I thoroughly enjoy our Table Talks. The only thing I wish is that more of you would come and enjoy them with us. Please consider doing so. Our next Table Talk will take place on Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Chris and Megan Brown's house. All are welcome! If you need directions, see Chris or Megan, or me!

— *Pastor Messer*

Ladies & Altar Guild

Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild next meets on Monday, **April 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Hostess is Beth Brostrom. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

PLC Women's Prayer Chain

If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, see Carol Durst or Beth Brostrom. If you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," call Carol Durst at 463-2270.



Altar Flowers

There is a Flower Calendar for 2009 posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please fill your name in on the calendar and contact the church office with any information that you wish to have included in the bulletin. A bouquet costs \$25 and usually lasts about one (1) month. **We would like to encourage 2 persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand.** If paying the church for the flowers, checks should be made payable to Peace Lutheran, Church with a separate sizeable note marked "Flower Fund," attached and placed in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel. Questions? See Beth Brostrom, Cheryl Henry or Marilyn Oswald.

Altar Guild Duty

April

Carol Zeile/Jennie Harmon

May

Megan Brown

June

Beth Brostrom



Coffee Hostesses

April

5 Janice Sager
12 EASTER
19 Peace Youth Group
26 Carol Zeile

May

3 Coaline Luplow
10 Gretchen Harrison
17 M. Isaksson/H. Meyers
24 Lois Ramsey
31 Lisa Messer

June

7 Tina Schafer
14 Beth Brostrom
21 Cheryl Henry
28 Shawanna Greening



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Peace Lutheran Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, April 21, at 1:30 p.m. at a place to be determined. Please watch for postings and bulletin announcements. All ladies of Peace are welcome and also may invite a guest—someone without a church or someone living alone. Please join us!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School meets at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. There are four Sunday School Classes (Pre-K-2nd Grade; 3rd-5th Grade; 6th-8th Grade; 9th-12th Grade).
- Adult Bible Class is offered **every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.** for all adult members of Peace and guests. We will finish up our study of the Augsburg Confession on **Sunday, April 5**. On **Sunday, April 12** (Easter Sunday), we'll complete our "Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Bible Study series (if you haven't attended these studies, you're still most welcome, as each study deals with a specific topic). Then, on **Sunday, April 19**, we'll get back into the Bible and begin a detailed study of **Hebrews**.

Together in the Word

- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study meets on **Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome as well. We are currently studying the book of **Leviticus**. Please plan on joining us soon.

"Christian History 101"

- We will begin this study on **Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.** (see article on page 7).



Happy Birthday to:

1 Freda Hill	16 Greg Rodriguez
1 Roger Humphrey	17 Danielle Hinton
1 John Row, III	20 Carol Zeile
6 John Rodriguez	21 Jack Langan
7 CJ Oswald	25 Janice Langan
10 Lauren Penzien	28 Mike Byers
15 Jenny Baughman	30 Samantha Messer

Happy Anniversary to:

8 Chris and Megan Brown
22 David and Carol Zeile

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 3/22/09)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 158; Confirmed - 136

Membership gains: 2

Ken and Aleta Russell—Adult Confirmation (3-1-09)

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report as of 3/22/09

YTD Receipts: \$24,254.29

YTD Budgeted Needs: \$26,820.00

ADDITIONAL DIVINE SERVICES COMING UP

Easter Monday—April 13

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Easter Tuesday—April 14

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Easter Wednesday—April 15

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Feast of St. Mark—April 27 (Note: Schedule change!)

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Feast of St. Philip and St. James—May 1

12:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Update from the Treasurer

Through January 31, 2009, our offering total was \$7659.01 and our expenses \$10,902.08. This compares to an offering of \$7,869.31 and expenses of \$9437.26 through January 31, 2008. I did not transfer any funds from savings during January 2009.

There are a few reasons for the higher expenses in 2009 as compared to 2008. The snow removal bill which was paid in January 2009 was \$648, \$308 more than the bill in the same month of 2008. Another expense item that almost doubled in January 2009 over January 2008 was utilities. We paid \$737 in 2008 for all utilities and \$1500 in 2009. The main reason for the 2009 increase is that we were billed twice in January by Consumers Energy. The December 2008 automatic withdrawal did not happen until January 2009.

PLC Income and Expenses 2009

As of 1/31/09

	Total Actual
<u>Income</u>	
Offering	\$7,637.23
Rental Income : City	\$0.00
Rental Income : Weight Watchers	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Soc. Security	\$13.18
Miscellaneous Medicare	\$8.60
Total Income	\$7,659.01
<u>Expense</u>	
Church and Worship : Altar and Worship	\$121.65
Church and Worship : Christian Education	-\$28.00
Church and Worship : Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Church and Worship : Music	\$0.00
Church and Worship : Stewardship	\$0.00
Church and Worship : Evangelism	\$0.00
Church and Worship : Youth Group	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Missions : Issues, Etc.	\$0.00
Missions : Local	\$0.00
Operating Expense: Administrative Assistant	\$740.00
Operating Expense : Advertising	\$0.00
Operating Expense : Building Maintenance	\$59.50
Operating Expense : Insurance	\$0.00
Operating Expense : Janitorial	\$0.00
Operating Expense : Lawn/Snow Removal	\$648.00
Operating Expense : Maintenance Supplies	\$130.50
Operating Expense : Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Operating Expense : Office Expense	\$656.93
Operating Expense : Telephone/Internet	\$165.82
Operating Expense : Utilities	\$1,500.49
Pastoral Expense : Benefit Package	\$1,806.38
Pastoral Expense : Conferences and Training	\$0.00
Pastoral Expense : Down Payment Loan	\$185.00
Pastoral Expense : Guest Pastors	\$0.00
Pastoral Expense : Mileage	\$0.00
Pastoral Expense : Book Allowance	\$48.77
Pastoral Expense : Salary	\$4,867.04
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$10,902.08
Total:	-\$3,243.07

It probably is not totally indicative of our financial situation to compare only one month from year to year. As the year progresses we should get a better sense of our comparative status. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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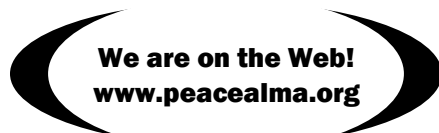
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5 pm—Bible Study 6 pm—Podluck 7 pm—Judica Vespers	2 10 am—Together in Word 5 pm—Weight Watchers	3 6:00 pm - Peace Movie Night "The Passion of the Christ"	4
5 Palm/Passion Sunday 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS	6 Holy Monday 7 am—Matins 12 pm—Divine Service 7 pm—Divine Service	7 Holy Tuesday 7 am—Matins 12 pm—Divine Service 7 pm—Divine Service	8 Holy Wednesday 7 am—Matins 12 pm—Divine Service 7 pm—Divine Service	9 Holy Thursday 7 am—Matins 10 am—Together in Word 12 pm—Divine Service 5:00 p.m.—W/W 7 pm—Divine Service	10 Good Friday 7 am—Matins 12 pm—Divine Service 3 pm—Devotion 7:30 pm: Tenebrae	11 Holy Saturday 7 am—Matins 10 am—Divine Service 11:00 a.m.—Decorate Church
12 Resurrection of Our Lord 7:00—Sunrise Service 8:30—Easter Breakfast 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—Adult Bible Class No Sunday School	13 Easter Monday 12 pm—Divine Service 7 pm—Ladies Guild	14 Easter Tuesday 12 pm—Divine Service 7 pm—Church Council	15 Easter Wednesday 12 pm—Divine Service	16 10 am—Together in Word 5 pm—Weight Watchers	17 10 am—Elders Mtg.	18
19 Quasimodo Geniti (Easter 2) 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—PYG Mtg.	20 Newsletter articles due	21 1:30 pm—Lunch Bunch	22	23 5 pm—Weight Watchers	24	25
Pastor Messer at Association of Confessional Lutherans Conference in Minneapolis						
26 Misericordias Domini (Easter 3) 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—VOTERS' ASSEMBLY	27 12 pm—Divine Service Feast of St. Mark	28	29 6 pm—Bible Study 7 pm—Service	30 10 am—Together in Word 5 pm—Weight Watchers 7 pm—Table Talk (see p.7)	May 1 12 pm—Divine Service Feast of St. Philip and St. James	2

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Serving in April

April	ELDER	ACOLYTES	ORGANIST	USHERS	GREETERS
1 - 7:00 pm <i>(Judica - Midweek)</i>	NA	NA	Mary Jakolat	Vern Jakolat Daren Johnson	NA
5 - 9:30 am <i>(Palm/ Passion Sunday)</i>	Dave Zeile	Samantha Messer Phillip Schafer	Beth Brostrom	Jonathan Penzien Vern Jakolat	James and Janice Sager
9 - 7:00 pm <i>(Holy Thursday)</i>	Dave Zeile	Sarah Messer BJ Henry	Mary Jakolat	Vern Jakolat Daren Johnson	NA
10 - 12:00 pm <i>(Good Fri. Noon)</i>	Terry Luplow	NA	Mary Jakolat	Jonathan Penzien Vern Jakolat	NA
10 - 7:30 pm <i>(Good Fri. Tenebrae)</i>	Miguel Ortiz	NA	Beth Brostrom	Burt Henry Bill Hendrick	NA
12 - 7:00 am <i>(Easter Sunrise)</i>	Dave Zeile	NA	Mary Jakolat	Vern Jakolat Gary Miller	NA
12 - 9:30 am <i>(Feast of Resurrection)</i>	Bill Harmon	Aaron Messer Melanie Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Burt Henry Bill Hendrick	Michael & Anna Gilbert
19 - 9:30 am <i>(Easter 2)</i>	Larry Elliott	Tyrel Harwager Sierra Luplow	Beth Brostrom	Bill Brostrom Michael Gilbert	Lois Miller, Lillian Manns
26- 9:30 am <i>(Easter 3)</i>	Terry Luplow	Jordan Henry Natalie Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Chris Brown Gary Miller	Larry and Andrea Elliott
May					
3 - 9:30 am <i>(Easter 4)</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Sarah Messer BJ Henry	Beth Brostrom	James Sager Curt Oswald	Bob and Jo Wendt

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" (Eph. 6:7)