

# The Peace Post

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



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## From the Desk of Pastor Messer

*Since I had a few members ask me to share the text of this sermon with them, I thought I'd just share it with everyone here. This is the sermon I preached at Easter Vigil this year. It was inspired by a sermon written by Pr. David Petersen (Redeemer Lutheran, Fort Wayne). I hope those who couldn't make it to Easter Vigil will be edified by its inclusion here.*

### EASTER VIGIL

30 March Anno + Domini 2013

**“I’d Like to Know the Angel’s Name”**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

*In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

“And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.”

I would like to know this angel's name. I like him. I like his style. He's a bit of a showman and a jokester. It's not enough for him to descend and roll the stone away. He causes an earthquake first, then rolls the stone away, and then sits on it. That's my favorite part, that he sits on the stone. I like to picture him sitting on top of the stone with his arms crossed and staring at the guards with a look on his face that says, “How's that whole guarding the stone thing going for you fellas?” Whatever the case, when they see this angel, clad as he is in vestments like lightning and white as snow, sitting on the stone he just moved away from the tomb's entrance, they tremble and become like dead men.

The guards are afraid, but the angel doesn't say anything to them. He ignores them. Evidently, the guards have good reason to be afraid, and they should be glad the angel doesn't go over and sit on them. But, when the angel sees the women, he immediately says, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.”

This, by the way, is the reason the angel moves the stone. It's not so that Jesus can get out. It's so that the women can see that He is gone. That stone was puny and incapable of keeping Jesus in the tomb. In fact, that may be the reason the angel sits on the stone – to mock it as the stupid, weak, and lying stone that it is.

For Jesus had already risen by the time the angel comes to mock the puny guards and the wimpy stone, and to announce our Lord's Resurrection to the women. In fact, Jesus is doing in hell what His angel is doing on earth. Jesus descends into hell to mock the devil, to thumb His nose at him and proclaim His victory. For Jesus, who had gone as weak as a kitten to the Cross, like a helpless Lamb let to the slaughter, has sapped the devil of all his strength. The trickster has been tricked. The deceiver has been deceived. The father of lies had believed his own lie.

Did Satan really think that a puny stone and a guard of soldiers could keep Jesus dead? The angels laugh at such a thought. Can a thimble hold the ocean? Can a dolphin swim to the moon? It's lunacy, and Satan and his band of idiotic fallen angels are lunatics for believing that by taking a bite out of God, by bruising His heel on the Cross, and by rolling a large stone in front of His tomb and placing soldiers there to guard it, they could somehow keep Him dead. He is the Author of Life, goofballs! He is Life itself; Life Incarnate – you can't keep Him dead.

And so, on Easter morning, the angel descends to sit on the stone to mock it and the soldiers sent to guard it, and Jesus descends into hell to mock Satan and his minions. Death is dead. It has been undone by Jesus. Satan is defeated. He spent all the fury of hell on bruising Jesus' heel on the Cross, but Jesus has crushed his head. He died, but He lives, and Satan has nothing left. He cannot lie anymore. He cannot accuse the sinners made saints - you! - any longer. He's done. Put a fork in him.

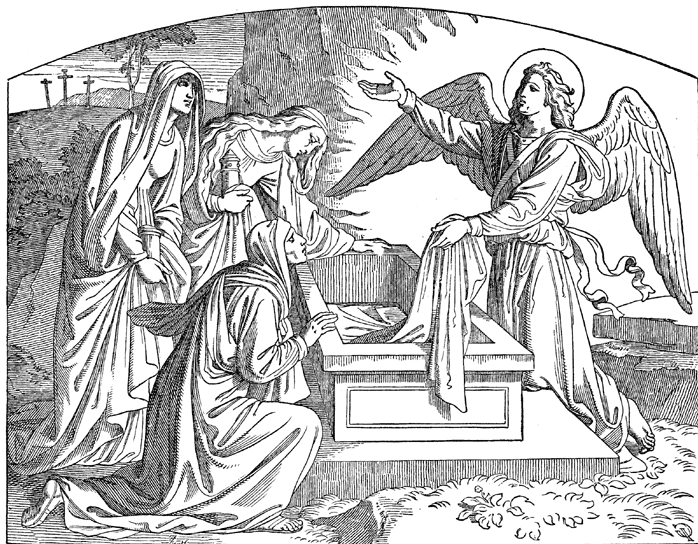
This holy night is a night to mock sin, death, and the devil, along with our Lord and His angel, for all sin – including all your sins, dear friends – has been buried in the tomb from which Jesus emerged alive and victorious as the Light of His new creation. Death has forever lost its sting, and the devil has forever been rendered impotent.

Thus, we sit on the stone with the angel this night mocking sin, death, and the devil, for Jesus lives. Tonight is for feasting. Tonight, we celebrate. The fast is over. The victory of our Lord's Crucifixion has been validated by His Resurrection. We celebrate this night without moderation or self-control, for the Lord our God is generous and extravagant. Our cups overflow. He forgives more sins that we'll ever commit. His grace, mercy, and love know no bounds. They flow out of Him and into us freely and without end here in His Holy House.

Beloved, Jesus lives, and you live in Him. Do not be afraid. Come, see the place where He lays His Body and Blood for you to eat and to drink. For He brings you greetings and welcomes you to His life-sustaining Feast. Come, it is time to celebrate. Feast on the Fruits of the Tree of Life. Jesus lives!

I really would like to know this angel's name. I like him a lot. I like his style. Because our Redeemer lives, one day I will get to know his name, and so will you.

*In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



# *Washed Clean in the Blood of the Lamb!*



*The conclusion of the sermon I preached at our Holy (Maundy) Thursday Divine Service this year . . .*

. . . For on the night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord instituted not merely a Sacrament, but the Church itself. What He gave to the apostles that night was His lifeblood and His legacy. He gave them Himself. He established a sacramental union with the Church. He left His Father and mother and joined Himself, as one flesh, to His bride. He is intimately joined to her in the Holy Communion. He and His beloved, His bride, the Church – you! – are one flesh at the holy altar.

This is what Jesus is teaching the disciples in the upper room with the foot washing, by the way. It is not a mere lesson about humility and service; it is a picture of the intimacy our Lord will share with them and all who have been baptized into Him until He returns on the Last Day. In other words, it is a picture of Holy Communion itself. This is made clear by our Lord's interaction with St. Peter, who doesn't yet understand the meaning of this. Jesus tells Him that he need not be bathed again, but only needs to be washed.

So it is with you, dear friends in Christ. You have been bathed in the water of Holy Baptism and clothed in Christ Himself. You have no need to be bathed again, for you remain clothed in the white robe of Christ's perfect holiness and righteousness. But, you have dirtied that robe with your sins. So, you need to be washed. And, washed you are – washed in Holy Absolution and in God's Holy Word read, sung, and preached to you, all of which leads you to the holy altar, where you are washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb Himself, and your baptismal gowns are made white as snow again. You live your Christian lives to and from the Table your Good Shepherd prepares for you here in His Holy House.

Come, then, and be washed. Come and kneel before Jesus not to have your feet washed, but to be cleansed through and through in body and soul. Take, eat, take, drink, for Jesus' Flesh is Real Food and His Blood is Real Drink. This is your lifeblood and the center and source of your faith in Christ. This is your sustenance during your pilgrimage in the wilderness of this sinful world. This is your pledge and guarantee that you are in Christ and He is in you – that eternal life is yours. This is where the love of Christ enters you, so that you may love one another.

*In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



# Ceremonial Catechesis

## On Consuming the Reliquae

First things first: What does *reliquae* mean? It is a Latin term that simply means “remaining,” and has been used in the Church in reference to what remains of our Lord’s Body and Blood after all communicants have been served and fed. The *reliquae*, then, are the Sacramental “left-overs.”

The question is: What do we do with what remains of our Lord’s Body and Blood after all have been served and fed? The way one answers that question depends a lot on what one believes the *reliquae* is. Is it our Lord’s Body and Blood, or is it merely bread and wine? Does it cease

being His Body and Blood after the last person has eaten and drank, or does it remain His Body and Blood? If it is our Lord’s Body and Blood, it stands to reason that we would treat it reverently, however we dealt with it. If it is merely bread and wine, then it wouldn’t matter how we dealt with the *reliquae*.

For Lutherans, this should be a no-brainer. We are the “Is means Is” people, after all. When Jesus says, through His called and ordained servant, about the bread and wine upon the altar, “This is My Body . . . This is My Blood,” that bread and wine IS His Body and Blood. No Lutheran would argue with this, would they? Sadly, some who claim the name Lutheran do, in fact, argue with this. They adhere to a false teaching known as “Receptionism,” which posits that the Body and Blood of Jesus are only Present in the bread and wine when people eat and drink, and that His Body and Blood are no longer present after the last communicant has received.

This error of “Receptionism” has done great damage to the Sacramental understanding and piety of Lutherans, especially here in America. It has led to the elimination of ceremonies surrounding the Holy Sacrament, which, in turn, has shaped what people understand, believe, and confess about it. As I have noted throughout this series of articles: Ceremonies teach; so does the lack of ceremonies. The result has been a sort of nonchalance or informality during the Consecration (Words of Institution), since it is supposedly not yet the Body and Blood of Christ until it is eaten and drank. And, worst of all, it has led to some seriously disturbing practices with regard to the *reliquae*, since it is supposedly no longer the Body and Blood of Christ. Thus, we have congregations throwing the Consecrated Hosts away or putting them in the freezer or mixing them with unconsecrated hosts or throwing them outside for the birds to eat or placing them in a used Jif peanut butter jar in the cabinet, etc., and we have congregations using plastic throw-away individual cups and throwing the used ones with Consecrated Wine in them away or pouring what remains down the drain or outside on the ground, and so forth (*Note: This is one reason why our own LCMS Altar Guild Manual discourages the use of individual cups and promotes the use of the chalice, and states that, if individual cups must be used, then they should be glass or metal and NEVER plastic, throw-away cups*). In most cases, the dear people who do these things are simply doing what they’ve been taught to do. They don’t know any better. They’ve been taught that they’re only dealing with bread and wine, so that’s what they believe.

But, dear friends, “Is means Is.” The bread IS the Body of Jesus and the wine IS the Blood of Jesus the moment He says they are. To confess this, we include the ceremonies of elevating the Body and Blood and genuflecting before our Present Lord at the Words of Institution, and holding His Body and Blood before the con-

gregation to worship and adore at the Pax Domini (as I've discussed in a previous article). Furthermore, we have no word from our Lord to indicate that His Body and Blood cease being Present after all have communed. He did not say, "This Is My Body and Blood *only until the last person has eaten and drank, and whatever else remains is simply bread and wine.*" No, we only have His Word that whatever is Consecrated IS His Body and Blood. Is means Is.

I was talking about this once with someone who said, "Oh, you silly theologians and your petty arguments. What does any of this matter?" Silly? Petty? Are we not talking about our Lord Jesus Christ here? What could possibly be silly or petty about this?

This matters, dear friends. This is far from silly or petty. On the contrary, we should take this very seriously, and seek to be as reverent as possible when dealing with our Lord's own Testament. And, since we have no word from Him on when His Body and Blood cease being Present, we should take Him at His Word we do have from Him, believing and confessing that what He declares to be His Body and Blood is, and remains, His Body and Blood, and deserves our reverence and adoration.

It is for this reason that we consume the *reliquae* right at the holy altar, immediately after every communicant has been served and fed, which is a practice that goes as far back as the apostles, and was the very practice of Dr. Luther and company themselves at the time of the Reformation. In fact, there was a dispute about this already in Luther's day, which he was called upon to settle. In true Luther fashion, he settled it simply by reminding those involved in the controversy that "Is means Is" and that our Lord Jesus gives us His Body and Blood to eat and to drink. His counsel was to reverently consume the *reliquae* immediately, so that no abuses could arise against our Lord's Body and Blood, and since, well, that's what our Lord has told us to do. Pretty sage counsel, I'd say.

So, this is our practice here at Peace. I consume whatever remains of our Lord's Body and Blood immediately after everyone present has been communed. Our altar guild has been trained to only prepare as much as will most likely be needed for each Divine Service, and our elders have been trained to estimate how many are in attendance, so that they can prepare only as many hosts as are needed (there are a set amount of hosts placed both in the ciborium and in the extra ciborium on the credence table by the altar guild, and the elder will either remove hosts from, or add hosts to, the ciborium he will hand me to place on the altar for Consecration). We have gotten pretty good at this over the years, but on those rare occasions when there is a lot left, the elder will assist me in consuming what remains.

The rubrics for consuming the *reliquae* are thus: 1) What remains of our Lord's Body is consumed; 2) The ciborium (the vessel which houses the Hosts) and the paten (the plate upon which the large Host is placed) are reverently wiped clean over the Chalice; 3) What remains of our Lord's Blood in the flagon (the large vessel that houses the Consecrated Wine) is poured into the Chalice; 4) What remains of our Lord's Blood is consumed (along with the remnants of His Body that had been wiped into the Chalice); Water from the ewer is poured into the flagon to rinse all remaining Blood out, then poured into the Chalice and consumed; 5) The elder reverently wipes the flagon clean with a purificator; 6) I reverently wipe the Chalice clean with a purificator; 7) The sacred vessels, now reverently cleansed, are returned to their places either on the credence table or the holy altar. Thus, nothing remains of our Lord's Body and Blood, as all has been consumed and the vessels cleansed, which assures us of avoiding any possible abuse with regard to the *reliquae*.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*



# PEACE NEWS & NOTES

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## *Lenten Thoughts*

*by Carol Zeile*

*For the past few years we have been blessed at Peace to have several Services available to us each Wednesday during Lent. I will admit, when I saw that the Services this year would begin at 7:30 a.m. and end after 10:00 p.m. each Wednesday, I did not respond in a very Christian way. It is difficult in this busy world in which we live to set aside time for four Services in one day. It is physically tiring and requires Christian discipline to stick to a schedule such as this.*

*During the Lenten Season, being blessed to attend these Services helped me to think about the pain and suffering that Christ endured for me. Losing a little sleep is nothing compared to that. Also, I was reminded each day that our pastor was there for every Service, not knowing whether anyone else would show up, but ready to pray with whoever was there.*

*Each Service was different, primarily based on the time of day. Matins is such a wonderful way to start the day and Compline a comforting way to prepare to go to sleep. We all would benefit from praying like this every day, but I, for one, do not have the discipline to do so. However, we are all blessed to be led in prayer each Wednesday in Lent. I pray that many of us will be able to participate again next Lenten Season.*

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**DON'T FORGET OUR MISSION BOX, LOCATED ON THE WALL BY THE BROCHURE TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED YEAR ROUND, AND WE'LL SEND THEM OUT QUARTERLY TO THE VARIOUS MISSIONS WE SUPPORT. QUESTIONS? SEE CASSIE TENNANT OR PASTOR MESSER.**

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## SALT NEWS

Next SALT meeting will be held April 30, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the church. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

*Please see our Meeting Minutes on the SALT Bulletin Board*

### SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

This is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. Please get in touch with Carolyn if you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad. (email [ckj1969@yahoo.com](mailto:ckj1969@yahoo.com)).

### SECOND TIME AROUND SALE

SALT and the Ladies' Guild are planning another Second Time Around Sale. The dates are July 12 and 13. Please begin setting aside any items that you might like to donate to the sale. As the date gets closer, we will let you know when you can begin to bring items to the church.

Thanks for your support!

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**Stay tuned for information concerning two upcoming events sponsored by SALT; the Spring Tea and the Fathers' Day Cookout. Details will be available soon.**

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### LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet on Monday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the church to carpool to Hemlock for lunch at 1:00 pm at the Farmer's Home Tavern (215 W. Saginaw Street). Please note the time change. Do join us. We would love to see you.

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# PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd



## APRIL

### Happy Birthday

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Roger Humphrey  | 22 Mabel Elliott   |
| 1 John Row III    | 22 Kyle Stahl      |
| 10 Lauren Penzien | 25 Janice Langan   |
| 15 Jenny Baughman | 28 Mike Byers      |
| 20 Carol Zeile    | 30 Samantha Messer |
| 21 Jack Langan    |                    |

### Happy Anniversary

- 8 Chris and Megan Brown  
22 Dave and Carol Zeile

*If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.*

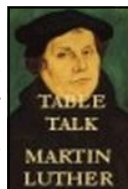
## USHERS

If you find that you are unable to serve as usher on the day you have been assigned for an upcoming service, please contact Vern at 463-3067 ([vernjakolat@gmail.com](mailto:vernjakolat@gmail.com)) or Gary at 463-3710 ([mkmgem78@charter.net](mailto:mkmgem78@charter.net)).

Thank you,  
Vern Jakolat

### Table Talk

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Table Talk is a great time to take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Our next Table Talk will be held on **Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 pm.** Hope you can join us!



## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

We all love to receive greetings from people who care for us. What better way to remember our shut-ins (when it is difficult for us to make a personal visit) than to send a note or a card periodically to let them know we are thinking of them and to give them something to look forward to in the mail, and especially at this time of the year! Please consider dropping a few lines to our shut-ins during the course of each month.

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Vivian Strom  
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Joan Burch  
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St. Louis, MI 48880

Also, while correspondence is not requested for him, please remember our dear brother in Christ, Dick Wiser, who is at Pine River in St. Louis, in your prayers.

## BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST!

We were blessed to witness God's work of bringing Gavin James Packard into His Divine Family via Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday. We have also received his mom, Samantha, into our fellowship via Affirmation of Faith. We welcome them both to our Peace family!



# Ladies' Guild

## Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will meet on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 at 12:00 pm.** with Charlotte Dargie as hostess. 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

The current list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

## Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2013 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile or Coaline Luplow. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel.

## PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD



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

## PERSONAL CARE KIT

- 1- BATH SIZE TOWEL
- 2- BATH SIZE BARS OF SOAP
- 1 TOOTHBRUSH (IN ORIGINAL PKG)\*\*
- 1- STURDY COMB
- 1 METAL NAIL CLIPPER (REMOVE FROM PKG.)

\*\*TOOTHBRUSH MULTIPACKS MAY BE USED BY SEALING AN INDIVIDUAL TOOTHBRUSH IN A BUSINESS ENVELOPE.

## COLLECTION DATES:

**April 1 - June 30**

## PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are available for \$10.00 and can be purchased during fellowship time from any member of the Guild. Please see Coaline Luplow with any questions.

## LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3rd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour., We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



## April

Coaline Luplow

- 7 Amy Blair
- 14 Cassie Tennant
- 21 Lois Ramsey
- 28 Y. Elenbaas/M.Girard

## May

### Altar Care

Megan Brown

### Coffee Hostesses

- 5 Carol Zeile
- 12 Peace Youth Group
- 19 S.Greening/M.Brown
- 26 Dorothy Trgina

## June

Carol Zeile

- 2 Janice Sager
- 9 Andrea Elliott
- 16 Gretchen Harrison
- 23 M. Isaksson/H. Meyers
- 30 Katie Logan-Dinco





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

## Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class (currently studying *Revelation*) is offered on **Sundays at 11:15 a.m.**

## Together in the Word

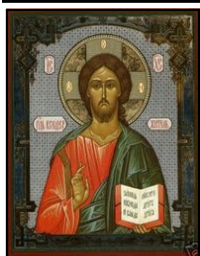
- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** We are currently studying *2 Kings*. All are welcome to join us!

## Wednesday Bible Study

- Meets every Wednesday at 6 pm for a study of *Acts*.

## First Communion and Confirmation Classes

- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation Class meets Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

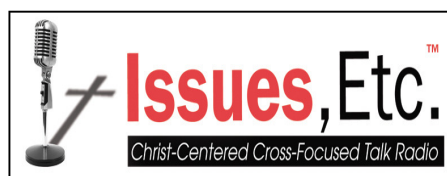


## PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

[www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com](http://www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com)

*Check in from time to time  
to see what's on his mind.*

**The Board of Christian Education will meet on April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.**



## TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN!

Listen to what you want, when you want, at:  
[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

## PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 3/31/13)

### Membership at Peace

Baptized - 144; Confirmed - 113

### Membership gains: 2

*Samantha Packard - Profession of Faith (3/31/13)*

*Gavin Packard - Baptism (3/31/13)*

### Membership losses: 0

### Financial Report through 3/31/13

YTD Budgeted.....\$28,275.00

YTD Receipts.....\$22,983.36

Difference.....-\$5,291.64

## Peace Book Club

In March, the Book Club discussed *Cloud Cover* by David Iseminger. It is an interesting read and a fairly fast paced depiction of what happens when the wrong people get their hands on information in the Cloud.

For the April book, we chose *Lunatics* by Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel. If you have never joined us for Book Club because you think our books are boring or too churchy or too academic, this is definitely the time for you to read this book and join the fun. *Lunatics* is about as far from "churchy" as we will ever get! Dave Barry is an amazing humorist. It's hard to imagine how he comes up with such wild adventures!



We will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm at the home of Sharyn Greening. Please join us for fun, laughter and an all around good time.



# CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION



**WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 5, 12:30 P.M.**

**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WHAT: A TACO BAR FUNDRAISER FOR SALT**

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY ON MAY 5 FOR A TACO AND NACHO BAR AND OTHER MEXICAN TREATS. A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN AS A FUNDRAISER FOR SALT. IT WILL BE A TIME OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. GUESTS ARE WELCOME, SO INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**










**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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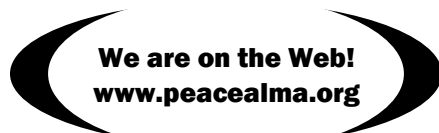
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# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm - Council	<b>3</b> 12:00 pm - Ladies' Guild 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Serv. Easter Monday (Obs.) 	<b>4</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers <i>No Confirmation Class</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> <i>Quasimodo Geniti (Easter 2)</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service Easter Tuesday Obs. 	<b>11</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation Class 7 pm - Board of Christian Education meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>Misericordias Domini (Easter 3)</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 	<b>15</b> 12:30 pm - Ladies' Lunch Bunch meet at church to carpool to Hemlock	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm - Peace Book Club	<b>17</b> 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service Easter Wednesday (Obs.) 	<b>18</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation Class 7:30 pm - Table Talk	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. - Sewing/ Knitting Group
<b>21</b> <i>Jubilate (Easter 4)</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm - Stewardship meeting	<b>24</b> 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7:00 pm -Divine Service St. Mark, Evangelist (Obs.) 	<b>25</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation Class	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <i>Cantate (Easter 5)</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Voters' Assembly 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm - SALT meeting	<b>May 1</b> 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7:00 pm -Divine Service St. Philip & St. James 	<b>2</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - WW 6 pm - Confirmation Class	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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## *Serving in April*

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
<b>April</b> 7 - 9:30 am <i>Quasimodo Geniti</i> (Easter 2)	Larry Elliott	Myka Luplow Natalie Penzien	Jon Penzien James Sager	Dave and Carol Zeile
<b>14</b> - 9:30 am <i>Misericordias Domini</i> (Easter 3)	Terry Luplow	Aaron Cross Morgan Johnson	Chris Brown Troy Cross	Blair family
<b>21</b> - 9:30 am <i>Jubilate</i> (Easter 4)	Miguel Ortiz	Aaron Messer Farrah Blair	Tyrel Harwager Daren Johnson	Jenny Baughman
<b>28</b> - 9:30 am <i>Cantate</i> (Easter 5)	Gabriel Blair	Sierra Luplow Savannah Blair	Miguel Ortiz John Lemmermann	Charlotte Dargie Marlene Miller
<b>May</b> 5 - 9:30 am <i>Rogate</i> (Easter 6)	Larry Elliott	Paige Harwager Myka Luplow	Gabriel Blair Gary Miller	Yvonne Elenbaas Mary Girard

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