



**Peace Lutheran Church**  
 Making Christ Available to All..  
 by Rejoicing, Renewing and  
 Reaching Out

# Herald of Peace



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## Peace Office Hours

See Schedule on page 4  
 Call Ahead Before Stopping By

## Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
*In-Person and on Facebook*

Sunday: 10:00 am  
*In-Person*

Sunday: 11:00 am, 5:30 pm  
*Community Channel 7*



Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church  
 in America

I happened upon a poem as I was reading recently. The poem was shared in the context of a reflection on one of the Psalms we were reviewing for the Thursday Morning Bible Study. It struck me deeply and stuck with me for a number of reasons. I'm hoping that maybe these words will connect with you as well:

"Time to come in now!"  
 the mellow voice of love in the  
 darkening dust of a distant day,  
 my barefoot, carefree days  
 of firefly lanterns,  
 cricket-chirped curfews  
 and the serious business of play.

No harshness to remember,  
 but firmness born of care,  
 the living care of Mother;  
 she knew how much we liked to play.

"Time to come in now!"  
 I seem to hear God say  
 in the deepening dusk of my  
 sunset day.

God knows how much I want to stay.

-Gerhard Frost, "God Knows"

As we turn the calendar to the month of May, we return to the days when the twilit sun keeps us warm well into the evening. The days (and nights) when children and young adults are able to run barefoot, making memories that they are unaware will sustain them through the challenges and difficulties of their coming years.

As I read the poem above, I also think of the memories Ariella and Nathanael will make with each other and with their playmates. How will they remember riding their bikes, chasing the dogs around the backyard, grilling out and eating dinner on the patio? *Continued on Page 4*

## Prayer Concerns of those we prayed for in March

### For praise and thanksgiving

Elizabeth A. Eaton – Presiding Bishop, ELCA  
Laurie Jungling – Montana Synod Bishop

### For people around the world in need

Peace in Ukraine  
Victims of violence and war in Israel and Gaza  
President Donald Trump and officials at all levels of government

### For illness or injuries of members

Gertie Gross  
Leroy & Luella Ketterling  
Lisa Grimsley  
John & Rosanne Modde  
Ron Zech  
Howard Albers  
Jim & Geri Frasch  
Hank Tungstall  
Ken Peterson  
Darlene Thompson  
Marlene Thomson  
Lawanda Sherseth  
Rita Wyman  
Eva Wilker  
Gayle Bummer  
Chuck Sider  
Marlin Overstreet

PRAYER  
...list...

### For illness or injuries of family and friends

Taryn Grinsteiner – Ken Peterson's niece  
Carol – Lois Gorseth's sister, cancer treatment  
Kelly Miller – Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, cancer  
Gary Boje – Darlene Thompson's brother, recovery  
Denise – Bonnie Hovik Clausen's daughter in law  
Garry Fink – cancer treatment  
Laura Fisher – Jodi Peterson's cousin, cancer  
Bud Leuthold – friend of Joy Lindberg, leukemia  
John – friend of Mike Brown, health issues  
Melanie – Joan Brown's sister, throat cancer  
Josh Wilker – son of Kim & Terri, navigating life in prison  
Kyle Welliever – son of Dean & Peggy, health concerns  
Drew Echales – friend of the Ramage family, medical diagnosis  
Erik Aslakson – Kathi's son, recovering from surgery  
JC – John Modde's Son, lung cancer  
Tommy Murphy – Nephew to Susan Andersen, Medial Reasons

**P** rayer Concerns is a published list of those on the prayer chain, who have given permission to publish their names. If you are interested in praying for these, as well as others, please join the prayer chain. They have leaders who call or email.

Please call lone Bloom at 406-671-4030

## Congregational News

### Peace Quilters News!

The quilters of Peace meet each first, second, and fourth/fifth Wednesday morning at 9:00 until around noon. Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcome. If you don't know how to tie a quilt but would like to learn, with all the willing teachers we have, this is a good opportunity for you. We gather for coffee round 10:30 a.m. which is a good chance to socialize.

Peace Quilters will be hanging quilts in the fellowship hall each week to showcase their work. Please take a look to see what we're up to!



Happy Birthday to you all!  
*If your birthday is incorrect or missing,  
 please contact the office at  
 peaceoffice1301@gmail.com  
 to let us know!*

Bob	Bakko	May 04
Debbie	Sider	May 11
Seth	Rumage	May 13
Sharon	Schatzke	May 13
Aubrey	McGough	May 14
Molly	Johnson	May 15
Lee	Sherseth	May 17
Meghan	Foran	May 17
Dewey	Anderson	May 18
Weyland	Zeller	May 19
Chris	Conat	May 20
Nathanael	Rumage	May 26
Deborah	Hedrick	May 27
Ava	Syverson	May 29

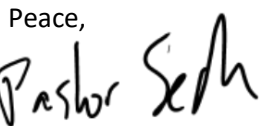
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Will they discern Katrina’s and my “firmness born of care?” Will they sense their memory-making is just as important to us as it is to them? Will they look back on these days with grace for their parents, who eventually had to call them in from their play?

Aside from the nostalgia this poem evokes, what really grips me is the way the writer connects the summer evening play imagery to the sunset of life. The final line, “God knows how much I want to stay,” brings this metaphor home for me.

If we can conceive of our lives as creative play, sharing with our family, friends, and loved ones in making meaning together as we explore the world God has given us, we may be able to see that every day of our lives are like those summer nights of our youth. God as parent is one who treads the line between letting us wander and learn, while also providing boundaries for our safety. Eventually, just as our mother or father or other adult in our lives called us home for the evening, God our parent will eventually call us home to the eternal comfort that is awaiting all of us.

God knows, just as I know for my children, that we want to stay in this “serious business of play.” And God, in infinite love, calls us home from our play at just the right time.

Peace,  


## Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

Spring 2025

Staff Key= Pastor Seth Kim Braaton Natalie

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 AM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
9:30 AM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
10:00 AM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
10:30 AM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
11:00 AM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
11:30 AM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
12:00 PM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
12:30 PM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
1:00 PM	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
1:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton
2:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton
2:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton
3:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton
3:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton
4:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton
4:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton
5:00 PM					
5:30 PM			Pastor Seth		
6:00 PM			Pastor Seth		
6:30 PM			Pastor Seth		
7:00 PM			Pastor Seth		
7:30 PM			Pastor Seth		

## Congregational News

# facebook

Find Peace Lutheran on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranBillings>

Watch worship live or on your own time. Keep up-to-date with goings on at church. Even send a message to chat with Pastor Seth

Also check out our website at <https://www.peacelutheranbillings.com/> Find monthly newsletters and calendars, information about worship, food pantry, and youth ministries!

### Staff E-mail Addresses

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### Peace Lutheran Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
March 2025	\$23,649.43	\$21,688.22	1,961.21
2025 Year-To-Date	\$55,710.86	\$65,679.71	-9,968.85

As Council looked at the March financial report, we were pleased to see the largest month of giving so far in 2025. We were also able to keep our costs for the month lower, as we fulfilled most of our contract fees for the new year in January and February. While we are still nearly \$10,000 behind in giving Year-To-Date, Easter was in April and we expect to see most, if not all, of the Year-To-Date deficit be covered by the extra giving that happens on Easter.

This note gives a good opportunity to remind us all that we do not receive our financial reporting for a month until the first or second week of the following month. Although this is the May newsletter, we will not receive April financials until about three weeks after the Newsletter deadline. This is why we will be a month behind in the newsletter reporting of financial information. You can see giving statistics for the preceding two weeks in each worship bulletin. You can also come to the office anytime to ask for a fuller budget report if you would like.

Thank you for your continued giving and your concern for the financial health of Peace!



Do you want to support Peace Electronically? Follow this QR Code to be taken to our giving portal!

## Family Promise

I was reading Isaiah 58:6-9 during my Lenten devotion ~

*“Is not this the fast that I choose:*

*To loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,*

*To let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house?”*

That last one stopped me. To bring the homeless poor into my house? Nope. I can't do that. That just doesn't sound like a good idea.

But then I thought about **Family Promise**, a place for homeless in our community to come to our house at Peace. I thought about things I *can* do. I *can* be part of a program that helps families find homes, shares bread, beds, and space with those people until they do find a home. That is a sacrifice I *can* make. And in that, I see God's grace in all the people involved ~ guests and hosts.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Family Promise in March! Deanna, Natalie, Melissa, Amelia, Linda, Paul, Weyland, Dwight, Ruby, Ann, Rhonda, Jody, Kinsley, Deb, Pastor Seth, Molly, Margie and Sharon. We had a full house and really appreciated everyone's help with setup, laundry, tear down, food, overnights. (Again, I hope I didn't miss anyone ~ remember ~ there's a volunteer sign in sheet that everyone needs to sign when they help! It's usually in the kitchen by the stove).

Our next **Family Promise** week is **May 18-25**. We will know more about how many guests we will have the week before. The sign up board will be in the narthex beginning May 4.

Also ~ Please consider donating diapers, wipes and/or cash to the **Family Promise and United Way Diaper Drive!** 1 in 4 parents miss work because they can't afford the diapers required to provide for their children while in childcare. Diapers and wipes keep babies AND moms healthy! And it's Mother's Day month! What a gift we give when we help Mom's with diapers for their children. Bring the diapers (and wipes) to Peace the weekend of May 3 and 4 (or during the week by May 7) and we will get them to Family Promise.

Thank you for being part of **Family Promise** in any way you are able. If you have questions or comments for us, please contact us!

The last verse in that Isaiah passage says “Then when you pray, God will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, “Here I am”. And then we say, “Here I am, Lord”.

Debbie Smith (406\*670\*0974)

Jan Bakko (406\*208\*4022)

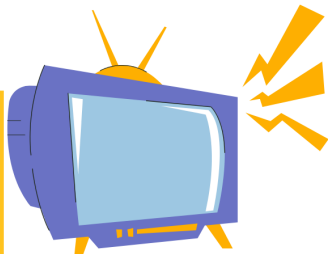




## Community 7 Time Change



Beginning Sunday, May 4, the Peace Lutheran time slots on Community Channel 7 are changing! With this change, we will be utilizing a one-hour slot instead of 30 minutes. This will mean more music, prayers, and parts of worship to enjoy! Our new time slots will be **11:00 am** and **5:35pm**.



Worship will continue to be livestreamed at our normal times on the weekend, and will be available on Facebook.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study May 2025 Schedule



Bible Study will meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am through Memorial Day. See schedule below!

May 1 - Prayer: Looking to the Past, Planning for the Future Pp. 63-70

May 8 - Prayer and the Apparent Silence of God Pp. 71-78

May 15 - Prayer and Waiting on the Lord Pp. 79-86

May 22 - Prayers of Reward and Thanksgiving Pp. 87-94

May 29 - Summer Break



# PEACE YOUTH

May 2025

## Age Ranges Changing

In order to better serve all of our youth age ranges for who attends Peace Pals and who attends Peace Youth are changing. These changes will go into effect for the first time on June 18th and are firm. **Starting June 18th, 2025 Peace Pals will be K - 5th grade and Peace Youth will be 6th grade and above. This is based on the grade you are entering in August 2025.** Any youth entering kindergarten - fifth grade in August 2025, will be in Peace Pals. Any youth entering sixth grade or above in August 2025 will be in Peace Youth. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Natalie.

## Vacation Bible School

Register for Vacation Bible School by 05/15 to be guaranteed a T-Shirt. To be eligible children must be fully potty trained and have completed one year of preschool. The oldest children eligible are entering the fifth grade. If you or your child is too old to participate sign up to volunteer! Volunteers eighteen or older will need to pass a background check.



Child



Volunteer

Registration

## Contact Info

Email: [peacelcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:peacelcyouth@gmail.com)

Phone: 406-252-5504

## Christikon

There may still be spots available at Christikon in 2025. If you have an eligible family member and have not registered do so ASAP! Peace Lutheran will pay for one session per child or family. Letters with registration instructions have gone out. If you have any questions or did not receive a letter contact Natalie!

## Upcoming

Peace Pals

**Peace Youth**

05/07 - Peter and Tabitha

**Hope and Healing**

05/14 - Peter's Dream

**Miracles**

05/21 - Lydia

**Kingdom Ways**

05/28 - Paul and Silas

**Fun Night**

**We need volunteers to help make Wednesday nights happen. If you are interested sign up with Natalie.**



# DINNER OR DIAPERS?

FAMILIES SHOULDN'T HAVE TO CHOOSE

## DIAPER DRIVE 2025

Help families grow



UNITED WAY  
of Yellowstone  
County



Bring diapers, Pull-Ups, and Wipes  
to Peace Lutheran on the weekends of  
**April 26 & 27, and May 3 & 4.**

**Most Needed Sizes are 4, 5, & 6**

### Did you know?

- 1 in 2 families struggles with diaper need-
- Diapers aren't covered by SNAP or WIC-
- Fresh diapers help children stay healthy-
- A \$1 donation helps us buy 3x more diapers!-

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



### **Directory Corrections and Updates**

Please update the following entries in your  
Peace Membership Directory:

#### **MaryAnn & Ron Conboy**

2507 Clark Avenue

Billings, MT 59102

ronaldma23@aol.com

(406) 656-1681 (MaryAnn Mobile)

(406) 794-2669 (Ron Mobile)

## Christikon Clips

May 2025

*Information for our Congregations*



**There is still room to register for camp this summer!** Space remains in youth onsite sessions, Mountaineers 3 and families/adult sessions; limited openings in Wayfarers and Mountaineers 2. Contact the office for availability.

**Work Weekend, May 23-26.** Come enjoy camp, comradery, food and fun while helping us prepare camp to receive our campers and summer staff! Families register online. Remember there is no cost. Just bring your willing hearts and hands! See you there!

**Christikon's first ever Artist-In-Residence,** John Hermanson, will spend the summer engaging with campers and staff through his soul-stirring music and deep theological imagination. This new opportunity is made possible through a partnership with Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman's new Center for the Arts. More information will soon be added to our website!

**Special guest speakers** become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. During Continuing Education Retreat (July 28-31) we feature Dr. Dave Ellingson aka The Paddle Pilgrim.

**Session Topic: Go Outside and Play.**

Watch for more details and updates for both Continuing Ed and Mountain Weekend on our website. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. Full details can be found on our website [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org)

**It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ—exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.**

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Celebration of Life

## Lisa Alice Grimsley

October 12, 1958—April 05, 2025

Lisa's family is planning a "Celebration of Life" in Red Lodge on May 24th 2025. A short service will be held in Finn Park located at the corner of 17th St and Platt Ave S starting at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception and pot luck lunch at the Red Lodge Senior Community Center located at 207 Villard Ave S starting at 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) or the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex so that they can plan the beverages and deserts, or you can call the office to let us know and we will get the numbers to them by the 20th. 406-252-5504.



## PEACE YOUTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Register for Vacation Bible School by 05/15 to be guaranteed a T-Shirt. To be eligible children must be fully potty trained and have completed one year of preschool. The oldest children eligible are entering the fifth grade. If you or your child is too old to participate sign up to volunteer! Volunteers eighteen or older will need to pass a background check.*



CHILD REGISTRATION



VOLUNTEER  
REGISTRATION

## CHRISTIKON

*Christikon Registration is filling up. If your child is eligible and you have not received registration information please contact Natalie!*

## WORSHIP

*We want to see youth in worship! Worship is a great way for the youth to get to know the church members and the volunteers that make youth programming happen!*



## Worship News

### May 3rd and 4th, 2025

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

***Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19***

### May 10th & 11th, 2025

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30***

### May 17th & 18th, 2025

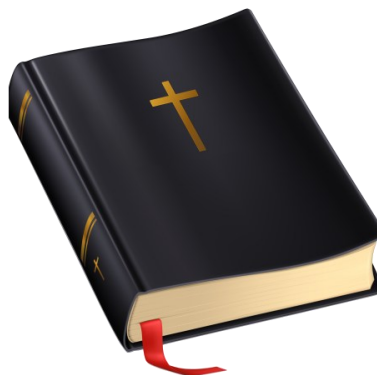
Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

***Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35***

### May 24th & 25th, 2025

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

***Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29***



## PEOPLE OF PEACE

As Peace grows, we want to help people get to know each other. Whether you just joined the church or have been worshipping here for years, we can all learn more about who we are!

Scan the QR Code to fill in the survey! For those who would like to participate, but do not use technology, please call the church office to let us know that you would like to be interviewed.



### THE RUMAGES

**KATRINA  
SETH  
ARIELLA  
NATHANAEL**

Who is your favorite author? Why?  
Seth- Stephen King; I like the twists and turns that King stories take, never really knowing how things will end up.  
What five words describe you?  
Nathanael- Cute, Silly, Energetic, Daddy's Boy, and Clever  
What is your professional vocation? Where do/did you work?  
Katrina began working at St. John's United in Moorberg an Langamo cottages in February 2025, after five years of being a stay-at-home mom. She is a "Life Enrichment Specialist," keeping the residents' minds and bodies engaged through activities and events.  
If you could live in a book, TV show, or movie, what would it be? Why?  
Ariella would live in the Frozen story. She would want to play with Olaf the snowman and explore with Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, and Sven.

Seth is Peace's Pastor.  
Katrina serves on the Education/Youth & Family Ministry Committee and facilitates Peace Parents activities.  
Ariella and Nathanael keep the congregation energized and feeling young.



Completed profiles will be shared in each midweek newsletter, and will be posted on the wall in the upstairs hallway. We will begin sharing and posting in May!



### Congratulations to Jacob Pierce!

Jacob is graduating from Montana State University with a B.A. in Environmental Design. He will continue his graduate studies for a Master of Architecture in the fall. If you would like to send a note or card to Jacob.

His Billings address is 3611 Donna Drive, Billings MT 59102.

## Congregational News

# Women of the ELCA



**Women of the ELCA Circles:**  
Everyone is welcome!

### Ruth Circle

Meets second Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.  
Pizza Hut 2530 King Ave W

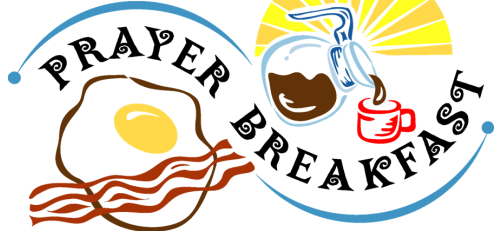
### Katie Circle

Meets second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in  
the Fellowship Hall

### Martha Circle

Meets third Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall

## MEN'S



**Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 am in the  
Fellowship Hall.

New-comers and one-timers are  
always welcome.

Bring yourself and your appetite—  
food and Bible study resources will be  
provided!

**Next Newsletter Deadline:**

**May 22nd, 2025**

Please send newsletter information to  
peaceoffice1301@gmail.com



## Delegates to Ministries

### Christikon

Katrina Rumage  
Tony Pecarina  
Kristi Bummer

### Endowment Trustees

Kristi Bummer  
Dave Draeger  
Greg Popp  
Chuck Sider  
Melissa Sider

### Lutheran Center

Pastor Seth Rumage\*  
Jeff Murray\*

### Shepherd Cluster

Dave Draeger  
Julie Draeger

### St. John's Ministries

Mary Mosdal  
Jerilyn Dukart

### Synod Assembly Delegates

Louis Taylor\*  
Nancy Taylor

†Designates Committee Chair

\*Designates Congregation  
Council Member

## Congregational Committees

### Abundant Life

Bob Bakko\*  
Mike Brown  
Jeff Murray\*  
Bob Peterson†  
Danny Quanbeck  
Rhonda Sappington

### Congregational Life

Joan Brown  
Molly Johnson  
Holli Miller†\*  
Jeff Murray\*  
Deb Sider  
Melissa Sider

### Education/Youth

Jan Bakko  
John Goodheart  
Jody Pierce\*  
Katrina Rumage  
Melissa Sider  
Holly Suek\*

### Mission and Service

Ann & Erl Barsness  
Paula Jackson  
Rick & Barb Olson  
Linda Strosky  
Weyland Zeller†\*

### Mutual Ministry

Mike Brown  
Holli Miller\*  
Bob Peterson  
Sharon Schatzke  
Chuck Sider

### Nominating

Rhonda Sappington  
Gerge Simek  
Peggy Welliever  
(2 slots will be filled by outgoing  
council members in November  
2025)

### Personnel

Bob Bakko\*  
Melissa Sider

### Property

Jeff Murray†\*  
Paul Strosky  
Louis Taylor\*

### Scholarship

Wendy Goodheart  
Holli Miller\*  
Melissa Sider

### Worship

Ann Barsness  
Julie Draeger  
Wendy Goodheart

## May Serving Committee

Ione Bloom  
Rhonda Heidner  
Mary Ann & Ron Conboy  
Carol & Bill Fortune  
Claudia & John Decker  
Kayla Bettise  
Wanda & Barney Helland  
Karen & Keith Hann  
Rosalind Bulger  
Lynn Bulger



## PRAYER VENTURES

May

1 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Praise God for Asian and Pacific Islander members, congregations and ministries of the ELCA, which represent a diversity of cultures, languages and traditions. Pray for the ministry of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders of the ELCA.

2 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Metropolitan New York and Minneapolis Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Minnesota, Northwest Intermountain and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

4 “[Peter] said to [Jesus], ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep’” (John 21:17). Ask God to help us align our expressions of faith and love for God with how we respect, love and care for our neighbors in need and our siblings in Christ.

5 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

6 Pray that compassion and concern for the well-being of people and communities will guide leaders and governments to work diligently for peace, reconciliation, justice and mutual respect.

7 Sing praises and give thanks to God for being our strength in all circumstances and for attending to our need for help, renewal and encouragement

8 Pray for Lutheran Disaster Response and its collaborations with other disaster relief organizations — domestic, international and ecumenical — to provide physical, emotional and spiritual care for people affected by disasters and to support them during short- and long-term recovery efforts.

9 “In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done” (WOV 760). Pray for the Spirit to give us a clear understanding of God’s will and ways, that our concern and love for our neighbors in need will not be hindered by bias, suspicion or judgement.

10 Remember in prayer students at universities, colleges and seminaries as they prepare for exams and graduation, that they will find comfort in times of stress, encouragement when they feel uncertain and renewed hope for what lies ahead of them in their vocational journeys.

11 Mother’s Day Pray for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and expectant mothers. Pray for women who struggle with parenting, who are trying to conceive or who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving and faithful adults in the lives of children and youth.

12 Praise God for the boundless love and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life that stirs hope, joy and gratitude in us. Pray for the Spirit to inspire and equip us to share this good news far and wide.

13 The ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches around the world to participate in God’s work of service, reconciliation and proclaiming the gospel. Praise God for what we accomplish together and for the faith, hospitality, enthusiasm and wisdom of companion churches that energize our own leaders and congregations.

14 Give thanks for ELCA Campus Ministry and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), which serve students, faculty, staff and others on college and university campuses and which bear witness to God’s abundant grace through worship, study, fellowship, service and pastoral care.

15 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington, Pacifica, Saint Paul Area and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.



## PRAYER VENTURES

### May

17 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Southeastern Iowa Synod and Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

19 Give thanks and pray for women from global companion churches who participate in the International Women Leaders program of our church. Ask God to nurture and enrich their leadership skills through seminars, south-to-south exchanges, in-country study programs and degree programs at ELCA colleges and universities.

20 "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!" (Psalm 148:1). Join with all creation to sing praises to God, who creates, loves and sustains all things — including a diverse and complex humankind.

21 Pray for the Spirit to stir our wisdom, skills, creativity and commitment so that we might work together to address the vexing problems of our society, including hunger, poverty, racism, gun violence, mental illness, inaccessible health care and inadequate care for older adults .

22 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

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24 Remember in prayer people who work in seasonal jobs, that communities of faith will welcome and support them and that employers will meet their needs for housing, food, fair wages and recognition. Pray that we might express our gratitude to and affirm those who work behind the scenes.

25 Give thanks and praise to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is always with us to teach us how to serve as compassionate and courageous disciples of Christ throughout our lives.

26 Memorial Day Remember, honor and give thanks for those in the armed forces who have given their lives for the sake of peace, justice and freedom. Remember the families and loved ones who supported their service, grieve their loss and carry forward their memory and legacy.

27 "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us" (Psalm 67:1). Pray that all people and nations will know and give thanks for God's boundless love, forgiveness and power to make all things new through Jesus Christ, even when we can't envision the possibility.

28 Ask the Spirit to help us respond to the call to participate in God's work in the world, no matter where it might lead, who we might encounter or what God might ask of us.


29 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana, North Carolina and Southeastern synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

30 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland, Greater Milwaukee, Metropolitan Chicago, Nebraska, New England, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Northwestern Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Southeastern Minnesota, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southwest California and Western North Dakota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

31 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Upstate New York and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need





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