



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

Herald of Peace

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On February 18, we sent people out from Ash Wednesday worship with this dismissal:

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
 be of good courage;
 hold fast to that which is good;
 render to no one evil for evil;
 strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
 help the afflicted; honor all people;
 love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

I love these words. It's a little longer than our usual one- or two-line dismissals, but the extra words are worth the time to say and the message they share. In this season of Lent, we are reminded that we are sent out to attend to these tasks, in service of God and neighbor. Rather than allowing Lent to be a time of only inward focus, this dismissal reminds us that our faith is best lived out in action taken in the real world.

This dismissal also gives a wonderful synopsis of what a gospel way of living looks like. When we are in union with the body of Christ, these biddings feel natural, obvious. Why would we be any other way? When connected with God, of course we will serve with gladness, be courageous, hold to that which is good, return no evil, strengthen and support the fainthearted and weak, serve those afflicted, honor all people, and love and serve God with rejoicing. What better way to live as Christ's presence in the world?

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

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Prayer Concerns of those we pray for

For the Church

Yehiel Curry - Presiding Bishop, WLCA
Ben Quanbeck - Montana Synod Bishop

For the World

Peace in Ukraine
Victims of violence and war in Israel and Gaza
Peace in the Middle East
President Donald Trump and officials at all levels of government
Peace in Venezuela
The people of Minneapolis and St. Paul

For illness or injuries of members

Gertie Gross John & Rosanne Modde
Jim & Geri Frasch Hank Tungstall
Darlene Thompson Marlene Thomson
Lawanda Sherseth Eva Wilker
Gayle Bummer Kathi & Erik Aslakson
John Baber

For illness or injuries of family and friends

Pam – Lois Gorseth's friend, 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
Josh Wilker – son of Kim & Terri, reentry after prison
Drew Echales – friend of the Ramage family, medical diagnosis
JC– John Modde's Son, lung cancer
Rena Killmer—Marlin & Muriel Overstreet's daughter, cancer
Nancy– Molly Johnson's mother, recovering from fall
Tommy Murphy—Nephew of Susan Andersen, Medical Reasons
Carol and Gary - siblings of Lois Gorseth - recurring cancer
Adrian Mantei - Connie's son, recovering after hospitalization
Patty- Susan Finn's Sister-in-law, lymphoma
Eddie– Stacey Bowlds' step father, cancer treatment
Darrell– Friend of Laurie Hartford, rare lung cancer
Sydney Overstreet– Radiation Treatment
Les & Helen Postma– Sharon Hogan's brother and sister-in-law
Diane– Friend of Wendy Goodheart, breast cancer diagnosis
Jim Ramage– Pastor Seth's Uncle, recovery from fall
Charles Jackson– Katrina Ramage's Uncle, accident and brain injury
Jim Berve– Cancer treatment

For those who are grieving

Family & Friends of Kathy (Akre) Evenson, who died January 22, 2026.

Prayer 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 Ione Bloom at 406-671-4030



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 reach out to the church office, to Joan Brown, or to Holli Miller to let us know that you would like to be interviewed.



Completed profiles will be shared in each midweek newsletter, and will be posted on the wall in the upstairs hallway. Thank you to everyone who has responded! We look forward to hearing from more of you soon!

MARCH 1ST IS NATIONAL SHARE A SMILE DAY!!



PASS IT ON!

Family Promise, March 1~8

We are getting ready to host Family Promise at Peace. The families will arrive at Peace on March 1 in the afternoon and leave early in the morning, March 8.

The sign-up board is in the narthex. We hope you will look at it and see where you can help. We need set up, tear down help in each room and there's always the laundry to do afterward!

We need to replace a few of our supplies. We need 2 blow up mattresses (twin size), a flannel sheet, and some new mattress pads. If you can help us with any of those things, please let Debbie or me know.

I have been reading a book called "Radical Hospitality." It is the idea that we are to be radically welcoming, like Jesus. To welcome others who are unlike ourselves, and to welcome them with an open heart. (It's a good book ~ worth reading!)

"All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" from Radical Hospitality.

Come and help us welcome the families. If you aren't able to be with us, please keep us and our guests in your prayers.

Debbie Smith ~ 406-6700974

Jan Bakko ~ 406-208-4022

As we spend March in the bulk of this holy season of Lent, I hope that you receive this blessing with purpose and intention as the people of God. As you reflect on your life in God, as you connect with the body of Christ, as you are blown about and live in the Spirit, may you always remember that the actions we take are in response to the love that our creator has blessed us with.

Speaking of blessing, hear these words, also shared toward the end of our Ash Wednesday Worship at Peace:

God, who calls all things into existence,
 Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
 and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Peace,

Pastor Seth

Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

Winter/Spring 2026

Staff Key=

Pastor Seth

Kim Braaton

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 AM					
9:00 AM					
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM		Pastor Seth			
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Peace Quilters News!

The quilters at Peace meet each Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m. to noon, in the basement at Peace. If you are interested in quilting or learning how to tie quilts, come and join us. We take a break for coffee and a visit around 10:30. The quilts you have seen displayed in the basement reception hall are examples of our handiwork. This past year we made 183 quilts which you saw displayed on the church pews at the beginning of May. Three have been given to community causes and 180 have just been sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world where there is a need.

This is an important ministry the Members at Peace are sharing with the greater community.



Kim Wilker	March 1
John Decker	March 8
Kayla Willis	March 9
Donald Foran	March 13
Karen Broeder	March 16
Ariella Ramage	March 20
Terri Wilker	March 20
Ron Conboy	March 23
Will Pritchard	March 28
Kinsley Willis	March 29
Blake Donovan	March 31



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!

Peace Lutheran Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
January 2026	\$16,935.23	\$26,029.39	-9,094.16
2026 Year-To-Date	\$16,935.23	\$26,029.39	-9,094.16

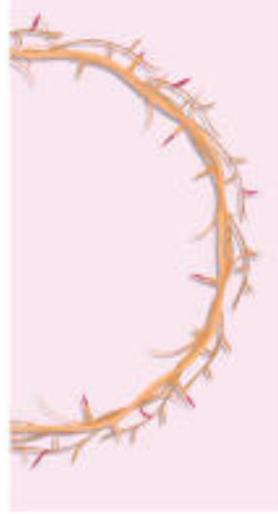
The rollover of the new year always brings a bit of a budget deficit, as we have our first quarter expenses for insurance, worship and music licenses, and taxes all due. This was the highest-giving January since 2022. Of course, we will continue to monitor the budget numbers and keep the congregation up-to-date on how the finances of the congregation are doing. At this early point in the new year, the deficit appears large, but will even out over the course of the next few months.

You may have noticed a change in the bulletin record of giving since the New Year. Before, we had overlooked online giving as a part of the numbers reported there. Starting with the first bulletin in 2026, we included those online giving numbers and will continue to do so. This won't make for a huge jump in reported financial giving, but you may have noticed the giving has been slightly higher than what we had previously reported.

Thank you again and again for your continued giving to Peace Lutheran Church. The many ministries of this congregation are only possible because of your generous support.



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



Holy Week and Easter at Peace

Palm Weekend Worship:

Saturday, March 28, 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday:

Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship:

12:00 noon

Easter Morning:

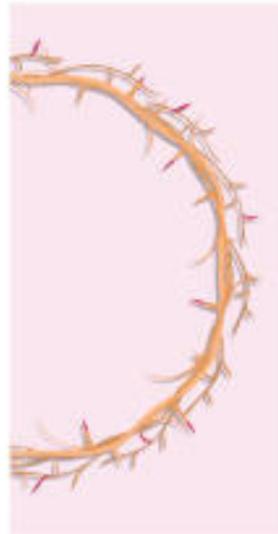
7:00 am SONrise Worship

9:00 am Festival Worship

10:30 am Festival Worship

7:30 - 10:00 am Easter Brunch

10:00 am Easter Egg Grab



LENT WEDNESDAY EVENING OFFERING DESIGNATIONS

During the Season of Lent, Wednesday Evening Worship Offerings and Free Will Offerings from Soup Suppers are designated by the Mission & Service Committee.

This year, the Mission & Service Committee has decided on the following recipients of Wednesday Offerings:

February 18 *Ash Wednesday*- Tumbleweed

February 25- Lutheran World Relief

March 4- Christikon Bible Camp

March 11- Friendship House of Christian Service

March 18- Nations to Neighbors

March 25- Peace Food Pantry

Thank you for helping us support these worthy causes!



PASTOR SETH IN CHICAGO

Pastor Seth will be in Chicago March 9-11 for the ELCA Natural Systems Academy. You can still contact him with any pastoral needs you may have during this time.



WOMEN & WINE

Sip, Sort, & Spark Joy!

Ladies, is your "junk drawer" starting to feel like a permanent roommate? Before spring fever hits, join us for an evening of Women & Wine dedicated to the art of the edit. Whether you're a minimalist-in-the-making or a sentimental collector, come grab a drink and some sanity-saving tips from organizing guru, Kelly Kastelitz.



Thursday, March 12th | 5:00-7:00 PM
Red Door Lounge



Instruction will be held March 14 & 21, from 2 - 3:30 pm

Kids in first grade and above are invited to join!

First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday during worship.

**Wishing you an
egg-cellent
Easter!**

On Easter Sunday, we will take a special Offering for the ELCA Global Barnyard Buck-a-Chick program.

Every dollar earned will purchase a chicken for a family in need- to provide eggs, fertilizer, and meat.

We will pass special easter buckets during the offering times at the 9 and 10:30 AM worship services. Please donate by cash, check, or online at peacelutheranbilings.com.

Thank you!

Easter Continental Brunch

*Join us for coffee, cinnamon
rolls, and fruit*

*Date: April 5
Time: 7:30 AM-10:00 AM*

Lenten Soup Suppers

All are welcome to join in the meal followed by worship. Sign up to provide soup, rolls or dessert for any of the five suppers. Dinner will start at 6 PM. The various committees are asked to host one soup supper. Please arrive at 5:30 PM to set up.



HOSTS:

- February 25th - Abundant Life
- March 4th - Education/Youth
- March 11th - Worship Comm.
- March 18th - Mission & Service
- March 25th - Men's Breakfast



EASTER LILIES

If you would like to provide Easter Lilies for worship on Easter morning, please bring the plants to Peace during the week of March 29-April 4 and place them in the sacristy.

We will arrange the flowers in the sanctuary for worship Easter Morning. You may collect the plants after the 10:30 am Easter worship.



February 28-March 1, 2026

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5,13-17, John 3:1-17

March 7 & 8, 2026

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

March 14 & 15, 2026

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

March 21 & 22, 2026

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

March 28 & 29, 2026

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

March Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in **bold print.*

St. Katharine Drexel

St. Felicity

St. Joseph

St. Casimir

St. John of God

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. Perpetua

St. Patrick

**The Annunciation of
the Lord**

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Godly Play

Sunday, 03/08

**Faces of
Easter 4**

10am- 11:15am



Saturday, 03/14

**Faces of
Easter 5**

5pm-6:15pm

Sunday, 03/22

**Faces of
Easter 6-7**

10am- 11:15am



Saturday, 03/28

**Easter
Break**

No Godly Play

Questions?

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PEACE PALS

5:30-6:45



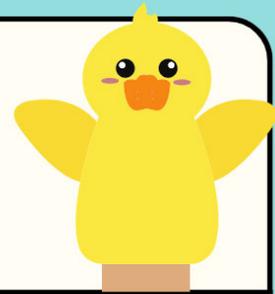
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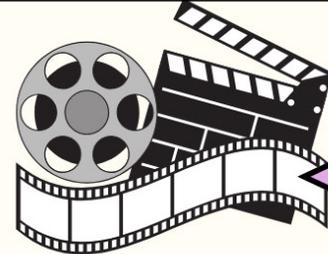
**WED
04**

CRAFT NIGHT
Paper Bag Puppets



**WED
11**

MOVIE NIGHT
Veggie Tales



**WED
18**

GAME NIGHT
Charades/Pictionary



**WED
25**

MUSIC NIGHT



Questions?

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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*

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!

Delegates to Ministries

Christikon
Katrina Rumage
Kristi Bummer
Ruby Olmstead

Endowment Trustees

Joan Brown
Kristi Bummer
Jeff Murray
Greg Popp
Melissa Sider

Lutheran Center

Jeff Murray
Pastor Seth Rumage*

Shepherd Cluster

Dave Draeger
Jluie Draeger

St. John's Ministries

Jerilyn Dukart
Bob Peterson

Synod Assembly Delegates

Clarice Beery
Julie Draeger

† Denotes Committee Chair
*Denotes Council Member

March Serving Committee

Bernie Mason, Chair
Erica Hayshida
Steve Frank
Paula/John Jackson
Jerilyn Dukart
Shelly/Greg Popp
Seth/Katrina Rumage

Scholarship

Wendy Goodheart
Holli Miller†*
Melissa Sider
Michelle Stockton

Worship

Ann Barsness
Julie Draeger
Wendy Goodheart
Michelle Stockton*

Congregational Committees

Abundant Life

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

Congregational Life

Joan Brown
Laurel Collier*
Molly Johnson
Holli Miller†*
Jeff Murray
Deb Sider
Melissa Sider
Michelle Stockton*

Education/Youth & Family

Jan Bakko
Julie Morton-Yates
Ruby Olmstead
Jody Pierce
Katrina Rumage†
Melissa Sider†
Holly Suek*

Mission & Service

Ann Barsness
Deanna Eggum*
Paula Jackson
Rick & Barb Olson
Linda Strosky
Weyland Zeller†*

Mutual Ministry

Bob Bakko*
Ann Barsness
Bob Peterson
Jody Pierce
Chuck Sider

Nominating

Lois Gorseth
Rhonda Sappington
Melissa Sider
(Council Appointed in November)
(Council Appointed in November)

Personnel

Bob Bakko *
Melissa Sider

Property

Mike Brown*
Deanna Eggum*
Jeff Murray
Paul Strosky
Louis Taylor †*
Weyland Zeller *

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>01</p> <p>10:00a Worship Service with Holy Communion [In person and on line] 11:30a Confirmation 1:30p AI Anon</p>	<p>02</p> <p>1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>03</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Prayer Group</p>	<p>04</p> <p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters 5:30p Peace Pals 6:00p Lenten Soup Supper 7:00p Midweek Worship</p>	<p>05</p> <p>9:00a Bible Study (Peace Fellowship Hall) 10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting</p>	<p>06</p> <p>12:00p AI-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry</p>	<p>07</p> <p>5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online]</p>
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