

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017



Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

40 DAYS WITH JESUS is a series of eyewitness accounts that dramatically retell the course of Christ's ministry leading up to his crucifixion. We invite you to worship with us each Wednesday at 11:30am, 5:15pm or 6:45pm and relive these major events in Christ's life and how they impact people's lives today.

A Series of Special Services for



Lent

	11:30 am Worship/Lunch	5:15 pm Contemporary Worship	6:00 pm Supper	6:45 pm Worship
Wednesday MAR 1	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Place	40 DAYS WITH JESUS John the Baptist	Chicken Noodle Soup or Chili & Sandwiches	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Place
Wednesday MAR 8	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Reason	40 DAYS WITH JESUS Simon Peter	Sloppy Joes & Chips	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Reason
Wednesday MAR 15	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Banquet	40 DAYS WITH JESUS Temple Cleansing	Tater Tot Hot Dish	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Banquet
Wednesday Mar 22	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The First Course	40 DAYS WITH JESUS Nicodemus	Chicken & Biscuits	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The First Course
Wednesday Mar 29	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Main Course	40 DAYS WITH JESUS God's Voice in the Thunder	Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Main Course
Wednesday APR 5	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Hour	40 DAYS WITH JESUS Palm Sunday	Haystacks	JOIN THE CELEBRATION The Hour

A Series of Special Services for



Holy Week

	6:30am Worship	8:00am Worship	9:15 am Contemporary Worship	10:30am Worship	11:30 am Worship	12 noon Worship	5:15 pm Worship	6:45 pm Worship
Palm Sunday APR 9		The Grand Entrance	The Grand Entrance w/Communion	The Grand Entrance	Palm Sunday 9:15am Service - Sunday School children will participate in palm branch procession			
Maundy Thursday APR 13					Peters Denial w/Communion Lunch to follow		Peters Denial w/Communion in Peace Center	Peters Denial w/Communion
Good Friday APR 14						Swallowing up Death w/Communion		Swallowing up Death Tenebrae
Easter Sunday APR 16	LET US Rejoice & Be Glad Easter Breakfast 7-9:30am	LET US Rejoice & Be Glad	LET US Rejoice & Be Glad	LET US Rejoice & Be Glad w/Communion				

Official Acts



Baptisms

Jan. 29 Anakin Kenneth Jindra, son of Jason & Jennifer Jindra

February 8:00 = Team #4 10:30 = Team #6
March 8:00 = Team #2 10:30 = Team #5

Funerals

Jan. 29 Scott Schwartz, 69, passed away Jan. 24
 Jan. 30 Shelly Teubert, 43, passed away Jan. 21
 (Funeral at St. Paul's, Lester Prairie)
 Kevin Kizer - Deceased - Arizona

Wednesday Lenten Services

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 11:30 a.m. Midweek Ushers

March 1 6:45 p.m. Team #4
 March 8 6:45 p.m. Team #3
 March 15 6:45 p.m. Team #1
 March 22 6:45 p.m. Team #2
 March 29 6:45 p.m. Team #5

January Membership Changes - None

GREETERS SCHEDULE

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
8:00	Eric & Cassie Padrnos & Family	George & Sally Moehring	Wally & Pat Kohls	Robert & Marjorie Streich
9:15	Marc & Michelle Max	Bob & Sandi Dietz	Darrel & Shelley Rusch	Lee & Sharon Gruenhagen
10:30	Paul & Carolyn Lind	Judy Radunz	Jason & Mandy Sturges & Family	Ed & Sheryl Hoffman
	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
8:00	Bo & Stacy Miller & Family	Shirley Miller Melissa Wanous	Delton & Arliss Haag	Scott & Shannon Streich & Family
9:15	Scott Lang & Family	Tony & Kim Borka	Jim & Barb Wendling	Robbie & Sara Peterson
10:30	Ron & Barb Kirchoff	Lee & Shirley Uldbjerg	John & Sandi Lietz	Gus & Beth Wurdell & Family



	February 4/5	February 11/12	February 18/19	February 25/26
6:15	Joanne Keilen	Dick Higgins	Char Havelka	
8:00	Eleanor Weckwerth	Shirley Wurdell	George Moehring	Barb Wendling
9:15	Pat Bode	Betty Ruskamp	Deb Eggert	Sara Peterson
10:30	Sandra Hall	Ross, Norah & Judson Wendling	Duane Hall	Branden Evenson
	March 4/5	March 11/12	March 18/19	March 25/26
6:15	Joanne Keilen	Corinne Higgins	Char Havelka	Annette Koehler
8:00	Shirley Wurdell	Jeff Weckwerth		Cassie Padrnos
9:15	Pat Bode	Betty Ruskamp	Deb Eggert	Sara Peterson
10:30	Justin Evenson	Hazel Sitz	Sandra Hall	Ross, Norah & Judson Wendling

ACOLYTES



	February 4/5	February 11/12	February 18/19	February 25/26
6:15	Mackenzie Henning	Jordan Schmidt		
8:00		Ellie Streich/Jayna Hettver	Colin Nagel	Jesse Good
10:30	Riley Borka/Austin Lang	Riley Borka/Lily Sickmann	Katrina & Erika Urban	Paul & Isaac Nass
	March 4/5	March 11/12	March 18/19	March 25/26
6:15	Jordan Schmidt	Devon Bode		Jayna Hettver
8:00	Sam & Connor Reiter	Mikayla Brecht/Kaylee Dose	Colin Nagel/Paul Nass	Isaac Nass
10:30	Lily & Ben Sickmann		Katrina & Erika Urban	
6:45 Lent March 1 = _____ Mar.8 = Jesse Good, Mar. 15 = MyKenna Ramgren/Erika Urban, Mar. 22 = _____ Mar. 29 = _____				



Little Lambs Christian Center Sunday

Little Lambs Sunday will be February 26th. In the offering box it is listed on February 11th. You may use the envelope any time during the month of February and it will go directly to Little Lambs Christian Center. Some of the children from Little Lambs will be singing at the 10:30 service on February 26th. Also after the service you can join us for a Spaghetti Dinner in the Peace Center. (See back page). We hope you join us in celebrating Little Lambs and the LLCC by keeping the teachers, children and their families in your prayers .



Little Lambs Preschool Education\Open House


Little Lambs Preschool will have its open house on **Saturday, March 11th, from 9 - 11 a.m.** At that time you may check out the room and also sign up for 2017-18 classes.

Classes are: 3 year Olds (3 before Sept. 2017) Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 - 11:30 am
 4 year olds: (4 before Sept. 2017) Monday and Wednesday 9-11:30 a.m. or Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Also if you are in any of the older classes you may make it a 3 day a week class by signing up for the Friday class from 9-11:30. This will add a special focus on added kindergarten readiness.

Come and check us out for your child's preschool class for next year. We can't wait to meet you and start your child off with an education filled with God's love!

– Mrs. Koglin




Bloodmobile
Tuesday, February 14
Tuesday, March 14
12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

To set up an appointment or if you would like to help, please call Shirley at 587-5064.

2016 Yearbooks

Please pick up your 2016 Yearbook. Books are available in the church office and the rampway.



ANNUAL REPORT



Audio Video Update

The AV committee has unanimously selected Audio Video Electronics (AVE) of Maple Grove, MN as our vendor. AVE has worked with us in the past and we look forward to continuing that relationship with them.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project through your prayers, support and financial contributions! Please continue to pray for this project – that we will be able to complete it in a successful and timely manner. Pray that the new equipment will enhance our worship, help us to produce quality recordings for Channel 10 and the internet, and will “touch lives with the love and saving grace of Jesus.” Finally, pray for additional volunteers that will be needed for the AV crew in order to support all of our worship services.

Audio Video Volunteers Needed

We are going to need many more AV volunteers for the new Sanctuary system. Please see Dr. Joan or Kevin Schmuhl. Once the sanctuary is up and running, both AV systems will be the same but we will need lots more help! Ideally, we will have enough people so that AV crews can rotate weeks. We are also going to need people to work for funerals and weddings.

Live Streaming

We are live streaming and archiving all 9:15 a.m. worship services. See the link on our website—www.plchutch.org. After we record and stream the service, it takes several hours to edit the service, burn the Bluray for HCVN (Channel 10), and upload the files. Archives of each week are available by Monday. We will also be live streaming Wednesday’s 5:15 p.m. worship services throughout Lent.

Youtube

All of the 125th anniversary videos have been uploaded to our YouTube account—[peacehutchinsonmn](http://peacehutchinsonmn.com).

Prayz Team

Students are encouraged to sing for all 5:15 p.m. Lenten services. We will practice from 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. during Lent.

Organ Lessons

Dr. Dixon is offering free organ lessons in February during Youth Group, Wednesdays from 4:00 - 4:45. Piano lessons are a prerequisite.

Brass

Brass will play for Easter morning. Please see Dr. Joan to sign up to play and for music.

Worship Committee

Worship committee will meet Monday, February 13th. The change is due to Valentine’s Day.



February & March Monthly Munchies



Our February Monthly Munchie will be anything made with chocolate and will be sold on Sunday, February 12th, between and after all services in the Commons area.

Our March Monthly Munchie will be anything made with Peanut Butter and will be sold on Sunday, March 12th.

If you would like to donate, please bring your munchies in a throw away container or stop back to pick up your pan after the 10:30 service.

If you are willing to share your recipe we will add it to a Monthly Munchie Cookbook that is in the process of being developed.

We invite the entire congregation to purchase these treats! All proceeds will go to *Tell the Next Generation*.

Interested in Reading through the Bible?



Would you like to read through the entire Bible at a relaxed pace? It is never too late to begin. You may choose to take one year or two years to complete reading the entire Bible. Or you may choose to read through the Bible in chronological order. To assist you, free Bible reading guides are available at the reception desk in the Commons Area.

Peace Youth Congregation Info – February/March 2017

Erika Durheim, Director of Youth Ministry:



Office: **320-587-3031 ext. 19** V Cell or Text: **320-766-9321**

Email: peaceyouthministry@hutchtel.net

January 2017/Winter Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 1 – 4pm

At Peace Place: Wednesdays from 2-9pm **Please don't hesitate to call/text/email me!**

Stay Up To Date with Peace Lutheran Youth Info... Need A Form? See Pictures. Get the Youth Calendar.

Just Scan the Code Here To get to our Google Drive... <http://goo.gl/merDKs>



During February and March 2017 there are so many youth events that the regular “grid” schedule is not sufficient and will not be included in this Messenger.

We have loaded all weekly, monthly and special events onto the youth's google drive (see info above). Youth in grades 6-12 will be sent a detailed calendar. If you are interested in seeing the specific youth newsletter/calendar, grab a copy from the

youth bulletin board in the rampway or at Peace Place.

THANK YOU for supporting Peace Lutheran Church Youth



In the upcoming months, there will be many youth-led fundraisers. We wanted to take a moment and explain how the proceeds will be used in 2017, following our 10-10-80 youth fundraising plan:

10% Youth Assistance Fund (Scholarships to Events),

10% Youth Tithing (Youth chosen projects and causes, like sponsoring a child in Africa)

80% Specific Projects: 2017 Youth Fundraising Goals (including summer mission trips)

2017 Youth Ministry Fundraising Goals: 1) Recharge After School Outreach Program
2) Student Leadership 3) Peace Place Renovations

2017 Summer Mission Trips: Middle School – Green Bay; High School – Idaho;
Special Trip – Alaska Mission for Christ

Valentine's Italian Dinner



Saturday, February 11, 2017

6:30 - 7:00 pm Arrival & Appetizers

7:00 - 8:30 pm Dinner & Entertainment

Join us for a 4-course Italian dinner and an evening of entertainment. Bring a friend, family member or sweetheart and celebrate this day of love!

COST: \$15 per adult \$5 per child ~ includes childcare in church basement and kid's meal (\$10 max per family)

TICKETS: Advance Tickets REQUIRED. Tickets can be purchased Sunday mornings in the commons, or from the church office during the week through February 7th

THANK YOU for supporting this fundraiser for 2017 Youth Ministry Goals & Summer Mission Trips

Skip the crowded restaurants! Celebrate Valentine's Day at Peace!

FYI: It's our turn to host the Thursday Free Lunch on Thursday, Feb. 23rd



(through HEY! Ministries) at Crosspoint (across from Hutch High School) on **Thursday, Feb. 23rd** Please pray for our young people. **We have been serving around 350 students each week!** Adults, consider volunteering your time, if you are available during the day. We start prepping about 9:30am, we serve the first of three lunches at 11:30, and we are usually done and cleaned up by 1:30pm. Talk to Erika if you are able to help for some of the time or the whole day. Thanks!

**Pizza Fundraiser for Youth during Lent
March 4 – April 9, 2017**

We are again collaborating with Unhinged Pizza of Glencoe to offer yummy pizzas at very reasonable prices—

Single Toppings are \$9 and Specialty are \$11.

FRESH MADE PIZZAS! Again, this year, pizzas will be made weekly, so you can take one home each Sunday, if you would like! Pizzas will be on sale before and after services and from ALL youth.

THANK YOU for supporting this fundraiser for 2017 Youth Ministry Goals & Summer Mission Trips



Annual Fish Fry!!!

Friday, March 10th † 11:00am – 6:30pm

(Look for more details in upcoming weekly bulletins)

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS – WE WANT TO WALK ALONGSIDE YOU!

**2017 BIBLE
READING PLAN**

FEBRUARY

Our Family Tree of Faith

Explore these stories about our ancestors of faith in the Old Testament!

Story	Bible Verses	We read it!	Story	Bible Verses	We read it!
Sarah and Abraham	Genesis 15:1-6, 17-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacob and Esau	Genesis 27:1-40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebekah and Isaac	Genesis 24:10-21, 58-67	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph and His Brothers	Genesis 37:1-28	<input type="checkbox"/>

ASK

- These stories start with God's promise to Abraham. What is a promise you made to your family?
- If you could interview someone from these stories, who would you choose and why?
- What will you remember about the family relationships in these stories?

DO

The stories about Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants start with the image of a sky full of stars. Watch the weather for the next clear night and do some stargazing together. Imagine what Abraham thought of God's promise!

PRAY

Say this prayer together, including the names of people in your family tree of faith.
Dear God, You were faithful to Abraham and you are faithful to us. We thank you for the people in our family who help us grow in our faith. [Name the faithful people you know.] Amen.

Adapted from wearesparkhouse.org

In 2017, we will offer some practical advice as you are raising your family in faith. Erika Durheim, Director of Youth Ministry at Peace has put together a family friendly Bible Reading Plan "Get into the Word" (see box to left). Also, we want to highly encourage you and your family to join us for the unique Lenten Worship opportunity on Wednesdays in Lent at 5:15pm in the Peace Center (see info on the front cover of this Messenger for more details).

Get into the Word...a simple Bible Reading Plan that has a short story plus 3 parts: ASK, DO, PRAY.

For February 2017, we explore "Our

Family Tree" (adapted from We Are Sparkhouse.org) in the graphic below. We will publish the March Bible Reading Plan when it becomes available from Sparkhouse. Hint: Escape from Egypt!

You will find story boards scattered throughout Peace Lutheran Church with more stories like the one below. We hope to continue to share these stories each month in *The Messenger*, this is the sixth story in our series.

#thisisMYchurch



The #thisisMYchurch campaign of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) is intended for the sharing of these stories of how, by God's grace, the LCMS is making a difference in lives and communities at home and abroad.

LCMS members everywhere are invited to share these and their own stories of how the Gospel is going forth, with their family members, neighbors and co-workers.

National Mission

Jonathan Clausell is the teacher we remember from elementary school: the caring, passionate, witty and sometimes-snappy disciplinarian.

At Trinity Evangelical Lutheran School in Mobile, Ala., the children stay in rapt attention during story time, and, as the end-of-the-day bell rings, they rush to Clausell for a hug.

As a historically black Lutheran school in Alabama, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran School has special significance for Black Ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

In 1877, just 30 years after the Synod was formed, the LCMS officially began outreach to the country's black population when the first missionary was sent to proclaim the Gospel in the southern United States.

That missionary, the Rev. J. F. Doeshcher, established the first black Lutheran church and school in Little Rock, Ark. Almost 40 years later, in 1916, the Synod partnered with Dr. Rosa Young, an advocate of education for black Americans in the South, to help start 30 schools in the southern states.

Under Young's initiative, Concordia College Alabama, Selma, Ala., was founded in 1922. It continues to hold the distinction as the nation's only historically black Lutheran college.

Today, the LCMS works with about 258 congregations to serve blacks and African immigrants in a variety of ways, including education, mercy projects, and Word and Sacrament ministry.

Learn more: [lcms.org/blackministry](https://www.lcms.org/blackministry)



Reformation and History in France, Germany, and Prague Tour

Paul and Barbara Otte are hosting a European tour this fall to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

Brochures are available in the commons. They'll be hosting eight information sessions here at church on February 7, 21, March 7 and 21 at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Prince of Peace Retirement Living



We've packed away the Christmas decorations and are turning our thoughts to the next holiday; but during the time in between, we reflect on the past happenings and plan for the next year. In 2017, we will be changing things up a little and expanding some "tried and true" activities within our mission. A huge part of the "tried and true" is because of the dedicated volunteers we have. If you have time or a talent, that you would be willing to share with us – please contact our Resident Services Coordinator, Destini Doring at 234-7588. We are looking for musical talent, crafting talent, cleaning talent, serving talent, and all around amazingly talented folks. Some opportunities are during the weekdays and others are for the meal program on the weekend. Please consider what you can give with your time and talent and make the call today.

Prince of Peace Retirement Living currently has apartments open. If you, or someone you know, are thinking about leaving the issues of home ownership behind and moving into a beautiful, Christian setting; call me and we will set up a time to visit. If you are part of a group that meets regularly and would like me to come and talk about POPRL, that too can be arranged simply by contacting me.

Merline Duering, Executive Director



Crafters and Vendors Spring Sale

The second annual spring sale will be on **Saturday, March 18**, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Set up for Crafters and Vendors will be on Friday, March 17, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Last year we had twelve crafters and vendors. This year we hope for 16. You do not have to have a huge inventory to be a crafter or vendor. Space and 1 table is \$20.00 plus suggested donation of \$5.00 to TTNG.

This is also a Youth Fundraiser. Coffee and goodies will be served from 9 - 3 in the Peace Center. Spam salad, and ham-on-a bun will be served at noontime. Free will donations will be used for youth trips.

Registration forms for space and tables in the Commons Area and Peace Center will be available Sunday, February 12, at the desk in the Commons Area, and in the church office. For questions, more information, or a registration form, please call Carole Hannemann, 320-234-8989.

We hope to see crafters, vendors, youth supporters, many "just looking", and buyers on Saturday, March 18. Think spring! Support your local sales people and youth.

-- Carole Hannemann



Peace Lutheran Garage Sale 2017 dates set!!

The dates for this year's sale are June 21-24. Please save these dates on your calendar and consider putting aside items you no longer use. We will once again be sorting donations and pricing items two days prior to the sale. We always welcome your donations and generous offers of help during the week of the sale. If you have questions in the meantime, please call Sandi Lietz at 587-4599 or Lynn Brown at 587-7046 or 320-582-0193 (cell).



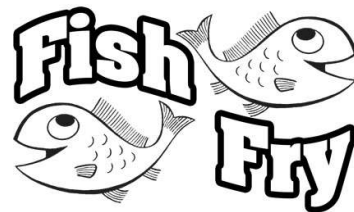
Peace Ministries

Peace Lutheran Church will begin a monthly series early this spring. Each of the presentations will highlight one of the ministries here at Peace.

The goal is to spread the word of how God is using these ministries to "Touch Lives". God tells us in Psalm 78 to "Tell the next generation...the wonders He has done" and that is what we intend to do with this monthly ministry series.

We need 4-6 volunteers to work on this project. If you would be interested in helping please call me at 320-583-1250.

-- Dan Cowger



Annual Fish Fry!!! Friday, March 10th † 11:00am – 6:30pm

(Look for more details in upcoming weekly bulletins)



Soup & Sandwich Sunday

Have you wondered what a true Alaskan lunch would be? Now you have your chance. On Sunday, April 2nd, the Alaskan Mission Trip participants will have an authentic lunch featuring recipes from the Kenny Lake Alaska Cookbook.

The menu will consist of sausage and cabbage soup, cheesy vegetable soup, assorted breads, blueberry and cranberry cake and beverages. Serving will be from 10:30 - 12:30. Suggested donation for the lunch is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-10 and 3 and under free.

Come and enjoy a real Alaskan lunch just like it was offered to the mission team.

All proceeds will go to the team going to Alaska this coming summer. For more information contact Mary Henke, Anita Miller or the church office.



Saturday, April 29 Noon Luncheon

Nationally renowned storyteller Pati Kachel will be presenting her costumed story "Katie Did It All". Join us and hear all about Katharina Von Bora Luther...Martin Luther's beloved wife.

More details will be shared closer to the date.

Mark it on your calendar!



Joanne Ahrens Memorial

Dorcas	\$ 80.00
Tell the Next Generation	\$245.00
Little Lambs	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
	\$340.00



M.A.P. Late Start

M.A.P. (Two hour late start Mission Awareness Program) will be held Wednesday, March 1, from 8:00 - 10:15. The morning will begin with breakfast and a short movie, followed by a mission project. Children grades 2-5 will be escorted by an adult to Park Elementary for the beginning of the school day.

Thrivent Members -

March 31, 2017 is the Deadline for Designating Your 2016 Choice Dollars

THANK YOU for your participation in the Thrivent Choice program. Your Choice Dollars as of December 31, 2016 have amounted to \$8,493 for Peace Lutheran Church and \$2,641 for Little Lambs Christian Center for a total of \$11,134.

Please designate your Choice Dollars for Peace Lutheran Church and LLCC by March 31, 2017. Call 1-800-847-4836 - say - Thrivent Choice Dollars. A representative will then assist you. If you would like assistance contact your local Financial Representative or stop at the church office and someone will assist you in making the call.



Mission and Ministry Minutes January 17, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche, Nancy Rickert, Paul Berg, Justin Evenson, Lee Uldbjerg, Joyce Tews, Nick Brellenthin, Dan Cowger, Mike Eggert, Lynn Brown

Members Absent: Al Koglin

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bode opened with a word of prayer. Pastor Bode asked everyone to be diligent in the study of God's word, especially with the many concerning things going on in the world today.

Call to Order: Nick

Touching Lives: Justin shared a great touching lives story with the council. The parties involved asked to keep the story confidential outside of sharing with M&M council.

Approval of December Minutes: Joyce made a motion to approve December minutes and Mike seconded with all voting aye.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund and Little Lambs accounts ended December with a negative balance of \$93,710.44. Total cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$68,247.07. Dedicated funds had a balance of \$154,451.06; building maintenance account \$35,369.34; and AV account \$54,491.68 with \$14,195.74 additional funds being disbursed for AV installation in the Peace Center. The building fund mortgage account had a balance of \$50,004.62, leaving 3.98 months of reserve. Lynn made a motion to approve

December financial, and Lee seconded with all voting in favor.

Nominating Report Update: On Mission and Ministry Council Nancy Rickert will be resigning. Joyce Tews and Al Koglin are leaving the Council after having completed their elected terms. Nick Brellenthin is the incumbent for the vice-president position, and Lynn Brown, incumbent, for position of secretary. Deanna Puchalski and Cindy Mons will be on the ballot for members at large. Lynn will contact one more potential candidate for the Mission and Ministry Council. Jerry Fischer and Robbie Peterson have completed terms on the Elder Board. Scott Brusehaver is the incumbent for the Elder Board with Gus Wurdell, Jon Bock, and Lester Schuft also on the ballot for two open positions on the Elder Board.

Elder's Recommendation: Pastor Bode had a conversation with Pastor Pasche concerning the possible switching of their positions at PLC. This idea was shared with both the Elder and Mission and Ministry chairs. The Elders' recommendation was to proceed with the steps necessary to make this change in ministerial positions possible. Ken Quast contacted Rev. Dr. Nadasdy from the MN South District regarding Synod requirements to ensure that PLC was following protocol. Lynn made a motion to approve Elder's recommendation, and Lee seconded with all voting aye. The next step will be to form a call committee to review job descriptions of both pastors and minister of operations, budget and financial requirements and transition planning. All recommendations from the District must be incorporated as we proceed with the call process. Dan will appoint a 7 member call committee, comprised of 2 Mission and Ministry members plus 5 more members. A motion was made by Dan to form this call committee and follow the recommendations. Justin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Worship Recommendation: Worship committee had shared a recommendation with Dan to have summer services moved indoors as not enough funds were available to move forward with the AV project. Since the time the recommendation was relayed to Dan, a \$20,000 donation from an anonymous donor came in. The worship committee now has a projected goal of summer 2016 for completion of the AV project in the sanctuary.

Annual Meeting Agenda: Marc Max will be contacted by Dan to see if he is available to talk about the Congregational Fund and how that has allowed PLC to touch lives. Both pastors will address the congregation. Annual budget will be presented and PLC 2017 officers will be elected.



Congregational Annual Voter Meeting January 29, 2017

Presentation of Budget Proposal: Council reviewed two budgets presented by Mike. Youth had requested an increase in their budget but council decided to keep at existing budget. The budget for youth is at \$13,500 compared to expenditures last year of \$7,600 which will allow for a 78% increase in 2017. Money requested for proposed AV position for ten hours per week will instead be added to an AV fund and paid out as a stipend. Recommendation was made to reduce requested \$4,000 for substitute organist to \$2,400 to cover 5 week's vacation plus a small cushion. The request for a 10 hour secretarial position for music department was denied. Ten hours was approved for a new hire for general church secretarial duties and nine hours added to the early childhood ministry position, which also includes website updates, designing brochures, to name just a few of the many duties included in this position. Approval was given for \$1,700 for shrubs around parsonage to replace those that had been removed when the roof was re-shingled. Approximately \$80,000-90,000 above actual donations received for 2016 will be needed to meet these and other budget items in the proposed 2017 budget. Dan made a motion to approve 2017 budget, Lee seconded it, and all voted aye.

Additional: Council explored idea of having monthly video presentations to showcase "ministries in motion" at PLC and how those ministries touch lives.

Minister of Operations: Jerry Janicke is stepping down from his position at PLC. He will work 5 hours per week for the next three months. Max Lucado series is coming to a close. Paul Berg stated that we need to do further exploration for additional small groups.

Pastor Reports: Pastor Bode thanked council members for their service and expressed his appreciation for focusing on touching lives here at PLC. Pastor Bode shared that the District has embarked on a \$3,000,000 fundraising campaign to raise funds for Christian preschool, elementary, and high schools in the Missouri Synod Church.

Adjourn: Lee made motion to adjourn, and Lynn seconded with all voting aye. **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Addendum: A call committee was approved by a majority of the Council via e-mail vote on January 24, 2017 to approve a call committee of: Nick Brellenthin, Lee Uldbjerg, Jerry Haag, Weston Plath, Al Koglin or Ken Quast, Shirley Wurdell, and Dick Higgins, recommended to the Mission and Ministry Council by Dan Cowger, President.
-- Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry, Secretary

Dan Cowger, Mission and Ministry chair, called the meeting to order. He explained that if someone wanted to speak, they would have one turn to speak; it would not be a back and forth debate as most of what was being presented had already been discussed at council meetings. The council then brings forth formal recommendations. Dan mentioned that the focus at mission and ministry meetings has been on touching lives with the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bode opened with a word of prayer.

Dan asked those present to peruse the previous congregational minutes attached to today's agenda. He introduced Rhonda Rokala, the new director of Little Lambs Christian Center. Nick made a motion to approve minutes, and John Lietz seconded with all voting in favor.

Ministers presented overview of reports in the annual report. Pastor Pasche asked for prayers for the post high school ministry.

Marc Max gave a short talk on the Congregational Fund which was established in 1993. Starting at that time people began giving funds to the church with very specific stipulations as to how it could be spent. Only the interest from that fund can be used for needs at PLC. The money in the fund is managed by the Congregational Fund committee. The committee meets at a minimum on a quarterly basis, but sometimes meets more often depending on needs of the church. There is an investment plan for the fund with general guidelines as to how the money can be managed. Little Lambs, Prince of Peace, the Hantge building, parking lot to the north of the church, etc. were some of the things that were funded by the Congregational Fund. Currently, there is \$1.6 million in the fund. Millions of dollars have been paid out for projects within the church since its inception.

New Business:

Proposed Change in Pastoral Roles

Pastor Bode explained what transpired prior to the proposed change in pastoral roles at Peace Lutheran Church. He explained that he had a talk with Pastor Pasche while he was considering his call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN. He had asked Pastor Pasche if he would be interested in switching roles with him. Pastor Pasche also expressed his thanks to Pastor Bode for the opportunity to pursue this possibility as well as

thanked the congregation for their prayers as he considered his call to Bemidji. Ken Quast contacted the District to see what process would need to be followed. The District explained that a formal Call process would need to be followed. The M&M Council has appointed a Call committee with their responsibilities to include: review job descriptions of parties involved, follow Missouri Lutheran Synod requirements, make a formal recommendation to the Mission and Ministry Committee in regards to potential budgetary impact, and transition planning. This committee hopes to have a recommendation to present to the congregation in approximately one month, perhaps early March. A call committee, comprised of seven members, as outlined in the church Constitution, has already been appointed by the Mission and Ministry Council. Dan asked for a motion to accept the process of the call committee to move forward. Linda Kalenberg made a motion to do so and Carol Hannemann seconded it. Ballots were passed out. Motion approved with 76 voting yes and 1 voting no.

Dr. Joan AV Update

Dr. Joan announced that the AV fund now has over \$89,000 to move forward with the installation of the AV project in the sanctuary.

Presentation of Ballot and Vote for Mission and Ministry and Board of Elders—Dan Cowger

Ballots were passed out with Dan explaining that we needed a 2/3 majority vote to have Nick be on the ballot again for another two year term. Nick has already served for two consecutive terms on the Mission and Ministry Committee. Ballots were cast and counted. Nick was approved to be on the ballot with 71 voting yes and 2 voting no. Ballots were distributed. On Mission and Ministry Council Nick Brellenthin was re-elected as vice-president, Lynn Brown as secretary, Cindy Mons, Deanna Puchalski, and Heidi Sickmann as council members at-large. On the Board of Elders Scott Brusehaver was re-elected as elder, and Jon Bock and Gus Wurdell were elected as elders.

Treasurer's Report 2016/Approval—Mike Eggert

Mike presented final figures for the 2016 expenses. He explained that many expenses were incurred by the church this year requiring use of building and maintenance funds including new roof on the parsonage, furnace for Peace Place, repair of rubber roof on Peace Place, and new altar and lectern in Peace Center to name a few. PLC ended the year approximately \$68,000 in the red. Ron Kirchoff made a motion to accept 2016

treasurer's report and Kevin Schmuhl seconded it with all voting aye.

Proposed Budget for 2017/Vote--Mike Eggert.

Proposed 2017 budget has been increased due to a 3% increase in pay for all PLC employees, shrubbery for the parsonage that was removed when the roof was replaced, 9 hours added to Lisa Kirchoff's position for duties of maintaining PLC web page and Facebook page, along with other promotional projects and 10 hours added for a part-time church secretarial position to reduce some of the load off our present church secretary. Melva currently works 40+ hours per week and gets paid for 20 hours. The church needs an increase in giving of approximately 7.5% to meet this budget. Lester Schuft made a motion to accept the recommended 2017 budget and seconded by Sandra Hall. Dan asked if there were any further questions. A question was posed as to whether or not the switch in pastor roles will affect the 2017 budget. It was explained that is unknown at this time. Another member asked that we didn't try and balance the budget at the expense of the **ministers** or missions. Paper ballots were passed out. The 2017 budget was approved with 72 voting yes and 2 voting no. Dan said that if we touch lives, God will make this happen.

Approval of Membership Changes

Kenny Wornson made a motion to approve the membership changes, and Hazel Sitz seconded the motion with all voting aye.

Comments from the Congregation

Jerry Janicke was thanked and given a standing ovation for his dedicated years of service to PLC. Ron Kirchoff asked for blessings on this congregation and not to forget our youth.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn by Al Koglin and seconded by Ron Kirchoff with all voting aye.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Pasche made a few closing comments and asked our congregation to continue praying for Trinity Lutheran and Peace Lutheran Church.

Submitted by:

Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary





Installation of Mission & Ministry Council & Elders

Installation for new and continuing members of Mission & Ministry Council and Elders will be held at the 8:00 and 10:30 services on **Sunday, February 12.**



DORCAS: WOMEN IN MISSION January 12, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.

Meeting was opened by Mary Haag with pledges to the flags.

Devotion - Hazel led the devotion.

Program -

Memorial Service for Dorcas members who have died in the past year: Charlotte Bye, Doris Havemeier, Phyllis Huls, Mavis Plath, Virginia Yerks. Friends/relatives of each member presented tributes.

Recognition of Honorary Members - Lucy Stucke and Shirley Wurdell were recognized as new honorary members.

Election of Officers - There was no election due to no names on the ballot for the vacant offices of Vice President, Secretary and LWML Alternate Delegate.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of December 6 meeting were accepted as printed.

Correspondence - Thank you's and donations for serving funerals of Bernett Schlueter and Joanne Ahrens. Thank you from Lutheran Hour Ministries for our support of 5 broadcasts on KDUZ, from LCMS Disaster Relief for our donation of \$500, from Wheat Ridge for our donation of \$500, from the Sickmann family for our support at OSL School. Publications from various charitable organizations.

Treasurer's Report - Accepted as printed and filed for audit. December 31 balance is \$6237.32.

LWML - RoxAnn reviewed briefly the work of Lutheran Bible Translators and Martin Luther's faith at the time of the Reformation.

Cheer - Gloria reported 24 local visits and 23 cards sent.

Card Shop - Gloria reported 13 boxes of cards and 13 individual cards sold in December for a total of \$104.

Mission Servants - Marlyn reported no sewing this month; no work day at Bethesda due to the holiday.

Membership - There were 18 members and 3 guests present.

Financial Review - Financial review will be done by Judy Radunz and Arlene Benshoof.

Outreach - Executive Board recommended \$500 for PLC AV System, \$100 for replacement tablecloths in Peace Center. Approved.

Other - *The policy for serving funeral lunches has been under review. The updated policy was approved, effective January 1, 2017 to be distributed by Judy Radunz, Funeral Group Chair.

*Meeting Booklets for 2017 were distributed and reviewed. Of special note - there will be a Women's Tea on April 29 with a costumed

presentation by Pati Kachel, the inspiring story of Martin Luther's wife, Katie, titled "Katie Did It All!"

*Fall Mission Fair - Discussion of whether we are able to continue this event. Approved to not have a Fall Mission Fair in 2017, due to shortage of workers and conflicts with other events.

*Annual Meeting - The Executive Board will serve lunch at the PLC Annual Meeting on January 29.

*February meeting will be a presentation by Pastor Pasche on the Orphan Grain Train. Hostesses are Barb Plath and Melva Plath; devotions, Carole Hannemann.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned with the table prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Barb Otte and Shirley Otto.

Respectfully submitted, Hazel Sitz, Secretary



Dorcas: Women in Mission Thursday, February 9 1:30 p.m.

Join us for the Dorcas: Women in Mission meeting. The guest presenter will be Pastor Pasche, who will give information about the Orphan Grain Train. All are invited.

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