

APRIL/MAY 2017



# Messenger of PEACE

*Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.*

*Our Lenten journey is drawing to a close as we approach Holy Week. Holy Week is the culmination of our Lord's ministry.*

*Beginning with the triumphal entrance of Jesus on Palm Sunday, the institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, His suffering and death on Good Friday and glorious Resurrection on Easter Morning.*

**Come and join us as the Lord renews our faith in His great sacrifice for each of us!**



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 <b>APR 9</b>		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 <b>APR 13</b>					Peters Denial w/Communion Lunch to follow		Peters Denial w/Communion in Peace Center	Peters Denial w/Communion; Confirmants 1st Communion
Good Friday <b>APR 14</b>						Swallowing up Death w/Communion		Swallowing up Death Tenebrae
Easter Sunday <b>APR 16</b>	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				



**JOIN US FOR**

## *Easter Breakfast*

**Sunday, April 16**

**7:00am - 10:30am**

**FREE WILL OFFERING  
SUGGESTED \$4 p/p**



Proceeds support the  
PLC Youth Program

*Serving*

Scrambled Eggs with Ham • Warm Cinnamon Rolls

Fruit • Coffee • Milk • Juice

## Official Acts



### Baptisms

Feb. 18	Nathan James Reiersen, son of Brian & Stephanie Reiersen
Feb. 26	Anakin Kenneth Jindra, son of Jason & Jennifer Jindra
Feb. 26	Diem Adria Plath, daughter of Derrick & Chelsie Plath
Feb. 26	Parker William Christensen, son of Jason & Annalisa Christensen
March 4	Sydnee Evelyn Nass, daughter of Justin & Kalee Nass
March 12	Avery Lynn Feider, daughter of Christopher & Jaimie Feider
March 19	Madison Marie Handeland, daughter of Jason Handeland & Holly West
March 19	RaeLynn Grace Mackedanz, daughter of Brandin Mackedanz & Courtney Hanson
March 24	Gracie Leeann Tatro, daughter of Keith Tatro & Krystal Schulte
March 26	Rosalie Elizabeth Brigden, daughter of Daniel & Melissa Brigden

### Weddings

March 11 Michael Murphy & Patty Litau

### Funerals

Feb. 13 Larrie Schulz, 79, passed away Feb. 7

### Membership Changes

#### Received Profession of Faith

Dawn Rauch  
Blake Rarick\*

#### Transferred Out

Desiree Teubert to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie, MN  
Karlee Klabundee to St. John's Lutheran Church, Cedar Mills, MN  
Roger Goetz & Linda Goetz to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

**April** 8:00 = Team  
#1 10:30 = Team #3  
**May** 8:00 = Team #4 10:30 = Team #6

### Wednesday Lenten & Holy Week Services

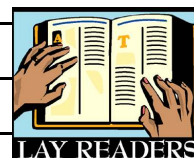
April 5 & April 13, 11:30 a.m., April 14 12 Noon - Midweek Ushers

April 5, Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. - Team #6  
April 13, Maundy Thursday - 6:45 p.m. - Team #4  
April 14, Good Friday - 6:45 p.m. - Team #6  
April 16, Easter Sunday - 6:30 a.m. Team #2, 8:00 a.m. Team #1, 9:15 a.m. Team #5, 10:30 a.m. Team #3



April 1	6:15	Devon Bode & Trey Wittman
April 2	8:00	Sam & Connor Reiter
	10:30	
April 5	6:45	Taylor Schroeder & Lexie Rowley
April 8	6:15	Jordan Schmidt
April 9	8:00	Jayna Hettver
	10:30	Lily & Ben Sickmann
April 13	6:45	Jesse Good
April 14	6:45	Kierra & Porter Dennis
April 16	8:00	Kaylee Dose
	9:15	Nicholas Cox
	10:30	MiKayla Brecht
April 22	6:15	Ellie Petersen & Miranda Piehl
April 23	8:00	Ellie Streich
	10:30	Katrina & Erika Urban
April 29	6:15	Avarie & Ellie Petersen
30	8:00	Ellie Streich
	10:30	Jesse Good
May 7	8:00	Ellie Streich & Miranda Piehl
	10:30	Jesse Good

	April 1/2	April 8/9	April /16	April 22/23	April 29/30
6:15	Joanne Keilen	Dick Higgins	6:30 am Sandra Hall	Char Havelka	Cyndy Fallon
8:00	Melissa Weckwerth	Monica Padrnos	Paul Otte	Nathan Weckwerth	Cassie Padrnos
9:15	Greg Ewing	Betty Ruskamp	Jeff Miller	Joyce Mathews	Marlene Hamblin
10:30	Sandi Lietz	Marion Fenske	Lee Uldbjerg	Lynn Brown	Darlyn Egge
	<b>May 6/7</b>	<b>May 13/14</b>	<b>May 20/21</b>	<b>May 27/28</b>	
6:15	Joanne Keilen	Corinne Higgins	Char Havelka	Annette Koehler	
8:00	Scott Brusehaver	Shirley Wurdell	Nona Anderson	George Quast	
9:15			Betty Ruskamp		
10:30	Ben Sickmann	Heidi Sickmann	Marion Fenske	Lynn Brown	



## GREETERS SCHEDULE

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
8:00	Troy Kurth	Scott & Liz Brusehaver	6:30 Duane & Sandra Hall 8:00 Margaret Messner	Gary & Carol Mons	Erlin & Ruby Thran
9:15	Gail & Nicholas Cox	Randy & Mary Nass	Jeff & Anita Miller	Sharon Christensen	Nick & Leslie Brellenthin
10:30	Lloyd, Evangeline & Melvin Dettman	Ross Wendling & Family	Marlys Palmer	Judy Radunz	Don & Marion Fenske
	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	
8:00	Don & Irene Rasmussen	Gus & Beth Wurdell & Family	Bo & Stacy Miller	Shirley Miller	
9:15	Tony & Tim Borka	Dale & Judy Schumann	Eric & Kari Gehrke	Holly Brenhaug	
10:30	Tim & Deanna Puchalski	Robbie & Sara Peterson	Cory & Heidi Sickmann & Family		



### Children's Ministries

**The final 2 hour late start MAP (Missions Awareness Program) will be held April 5**, from 8:00-10:15 in the church basement. Students grades 2-5 will be escorted to Park Elementary before the beginning of the school day.

**The End of the Year Sunday School graduation and celebration for all students will be Sunday, May 14** during the 9:15 worship service. We encourage families to come and worship together in the Peace Center as we celebrate this milestone.



**VBS at Peace will be held May 22-26 from 9:00-11:30.** The theme this year is "Operation Arctic" where we will learn about The Bible. For more information please contact Sandy Kephart or Lisa Kirchoff. This program is free and open to all students ages 3 to grade 4 (2016-17 school year). Grades 5 and above please sign up as leaders. (Registration form inside of back cover)

**Would you like to help share the love and saving grace of Jesus with children?**

Children's ministry is looking for people with a heart for children to help with VBS. This is a huge task and takes an incredible amount of volunteers with a variety of abilities.

Some of the tasks are taking registration, supervising games, preparing and serving snacks, preparing and/or supervising crafts, monitoring opening and closing, greeting families and children, cleaning up, ..... For more information please contact Sandy Kephart or Lisa Kirchoff.

**There will be NO elementary youth group during Holy Week.** The final elementary youth group will be April 26. A special Thank you to those who helped make this year an awesome experience for our youth by sharing your talents.





## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Doves

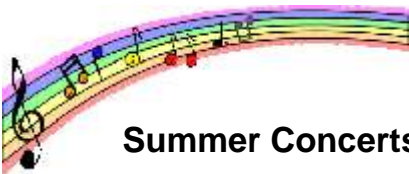
In anticipation of the audio-video installation, we will be taking down the dove sculpture. Each string of doves will be wrapped and stored for possible use in the future.

## New Worship Bags

The worship committee is assembling new worship bags for children. If you are interested in donating a bag or items (backpacks, Christian books, Christian coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, or small stuffed animals), please see Dr. Dixon. We estimate the cost at \$25 per bag. We also need one or two red wagons (possibly with racks on each side).

## Easter Brass & Timpani

Music is ready for you to pick up. If you have not played with us in the past but wish to join the ensemble, please contact Dr. Joan.



## Summer Concerts

Our 2017 Summer Concerts will feature Wednesday programs at 12:00 followed by a 12:30 salad luncheon. Suggested donation: \$8 for adults, children free.

- June 28 The Hutchinson Brothers: Paul Otte, Jim Nelson and Brian Brosz
- July 5 A Patriotic Celebration: Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon & Honor Guard
- July 12 Blake Klaustermeier, Concertina, Lester Prairie, MN
- July 19 Jill Warner and Rev'd Up: Jill is joined by area clergy and friends
- July 26 Mons Brothers: Gary and John Mons
- Aug. 2 Erin Bode, vocalist and Syd Rodway, guitar

We are also adding a Saturday night series with 4:30-6:00 dinner (Proceeds benefit our Alaska Mission Trips), 5:00-6:00 concert, and 6:15 worship. A freewill donation will be taken to support the cost of the bands.

- June 24 Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers
- July 15 The Plath Family Band, Cairo, GA
- August 19 The BASICS (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Singing), Stewart, MN

## PRAYZ Team

Thank you to the children and youth who have been leading our worship music on Wednesdays at 5:15pm. All of the PRAYZ team and Sunday School children will be singing at 9:15am on Palm Sunday and Mother's Day. Contact Dr. Joan for more information.



## Audio Video Update

A contract has been signed with AudioVideo Electronics of Maple Grove, MN. We are hoping the installation will begin the week of April 24th. Please pray that the installation will go smoothly, and that youth and adults will volunteer to help run the new equipment. If you have a son or daughter who enjoys technology, this would be a great way for them to share their talents and help touch lives with the love and saving grace of Jesus!

We are in need of team leaders for Saturday nights at 6:15pm and Sunday mornings at 8:00am. Team leader for 9:15am is Kevin Schmuhl. Team leader for 10:30 is Justin Evenson.

## Audio-Video Fund Update

Total funds raised	\$ 97,818.42
Expenditures	
Audix Microphones	\$ 1,000.00
Peace Center video system	\$ 13,225.79
Sanctuary video system	\$ 13,316.81
Contract with AVE	\$ 63,531.70
Sanctuary booth & carpet	\$ 2,327.06
Balance remaining	\$ 4,427.06
Rebate, Sony projector	\$ 1,000.00
Rebate, Menards 11%	\$ 67.00
Remaining expenditures:	
Possible cost overruns, misc. items, PC tablets, and TV monitors.	

## Thank you

Thank you to the many musicians who participated this year in Peace Singers, Hosanna Handbells, Praise Team, PRAYZ team, Brass ensemble, Confirmation music, Sunday School music, and the Anniversary Choir!

Thank you to Rikki Hilgemann and PRAYZ team students for leading the Elementary Sunday School music each week.





We are now taking registrations for this fall's pre-school education class. Please call Little Lambs to register - 587-2629.

Classes are:

**Younger class** must be 3 before September 2017  
**Tuesday and Thursday a.m.** class 9 - 11:30

**Older class** must be 4 before September 2017  
**Monday and Wednesday - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Or Tuesday and Thursday - 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.**  
(All 2 day a week classes are \$85 a month)

You may turn either older class into a 3 day a week class by adding Friday a.m. to the class. Three day a week sessions are \$115 a month.

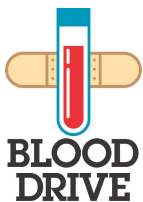
A registration fee of \$30 must be paid when you sign your child up for a class.

We would love to have your child join us in September.

Mrs. Koglin

## Monthly Munchies

Our May Munchies will be all types of Chocolate Chip Cookies. We will be selling Monthly Munchies on **Sunday, May 7th**, between and after all services. Our location is in the Commons Area. If you would like to donate please bring your chocolate chip cookies in a throw away container or stop back to pick up your pan after the 10:30 service. We invite the entire congregation to purchase these treats! All proceeds will go to *Tell the Next Generation/Building Loan Payment Fund*.



**Bloodmobile**  
**Tuesday, April 11**  
**Tuesday, May 9**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

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

## Call Committee Update:

The Call Committee has completed 9 meetings as of March 15<sup>th</sup>. We have worked on making the necessary changes to the job descriptions for the Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Minister of Adult Education, Outreach and Operations. Plus additional details related to these changes; including formal call documents per the Synod/District.

We will be submitting our recommendations to the board of Elders and the Mission and Ministry Council. After their approval has been obtained, it will be necessary for the Mission & Ministry Council to call a special voters meeting for the purpose of gaining approval for issuance of the call.

The process has gone very well. The voters meeting will be called as soon as all the documentation is in place. – Lee Uldbjerg,

Secretary - Call Committee

## May 7, 2017 Confirmands

There are 25 students in this year's confirmation class. We wish them many blessings as they confirm their Christian faith.



Class members are:

Elise Bock  
MiKayla Brecht  
Madison Carrigan  
Kierra Dennis  
Jaden Dostal  
Branden Evenson  
Cheyenne Fischer  
Cole Gartner  
Jerome Hilgemann  
Jacob Huls  
Austin Lang  
Austin Losievski  
Isaac Nass

Megan Nelson  
Avarie Petersen  
Cole Rahne  
Branna Rasmussen  
Connor Reiter  
Jordan Schmidt  
Benjamin Sickmann  
Paige Telecky  
Myranda Uecker  
Katrina Urban  
Audrey Weckerth  
Ashley White



## Free TVs Available

Peace Lutheran Church has three 23 inch TVs looking for a new home. These units are about 5-7 years old and are in good working condition. Contact the church office (320-587-3031) and ask for Paul.

If you are looking for a great place to take Mom for Mother's Day . .



**Sunday, May 14**  
**10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Menu:** Blueberry French Toast  
Apple French Toast  
Ham Patties  
Fruit  
Juice Milk Coffee

\$8 adults, \$4 children 4 - 10, Free children 3 and under. Proceeds help support the Alaskan Mission Teams.



### **An Open Invitation to Older Adults** "Here We Stand!"

"Here We Stand!" is the theme of S.A.G.E.S. Gathering XXIX On May 1 and 2, 2017, in North Mankato. Dr. Rich Bimler is the presenter. "Grace Notes" will provide entertainment for the Monday Evening banquet. Registration and Best Western Inn reservation forms are available at the church office. You may get more information by contacting James Vehling at 651-501-5611. S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) is the older ministry of the MN South District.



### **Spring Cleaning Time For Purses**

Is your closet a sanctuary for unused purses? We have just the answer. Bring them to Peace Lutheran for our spring & summer purse collection by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Small personal items are also needed such as small bottles of lotion & shampoo, small packages of tissue (Kleenex), small soaps, etc. Purses and personal items will be delivered to the Domestic Violence offices for distribution. So, clean those closets and put them to good use.

## **Save The Date**

On August 13<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Pastor Bode's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry.

Plans are underway and will be announced in upcoming Messengers and bulletins. Put the date on your calendar now so you won't miss a wonderful celebration.



## **Back to Branson**

Back by popular demand we are making another trip to Branson.

The departure date is November 13<sup>th</sup> and we will be returning on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Shows included in this year's trip are: The Haygoods Christmas, Christmas Light Tour, The Brett Family Christmas Show, Texas Tenor's Christmas '17, Miracle of Christmas at the Sight And Sound Theatre, Down Home Country Christmas and The Letterman. As you can tell they are all Christmas Shows. I believe these are some of the best shows we have ever seen. Cost for the trip is \$670.00 for double, \$621.00 for triple and \$811.00 for single. This includes everything except meals on the road and two lunches in Branson. Baggage handling at both hotels is also included. First half of the payment is due August 1<sup>st</sup> with final payment due October 1<sup>st</sup>. No refunds will be given after October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is going to be a great trip with some wonderful people. If you have gone before you are sure to have another great time and if you are a first-timer you are in for a real treat. All Peace members and friends are welcome and I am looking forward to spending time with friends old and new. To sign up or for more information contact Marlys at the church office, 320-587-3031. This trip is already 2/3 full so think about it soon.

## **Spring Sale March 18**

I was very pleased with the items displayed in the Commons Area, and at one end of the Peace Center at the Spring Sale, March 18. The Youth Ministry served delicious goodies and items for lunch.

We didn't have many buyers. One crafter commented, "At least I didn't get skunked." Maybe the Spring Sale should be held early in April? We did raise \$260 for Tell the Next Generation and \$68 for the Youth Ministry.

– Carole Hannemann, Sales Coordinator



# Peace Youth Congregation Info – April/March 2017



Erika Durham, Director of Youth Ministry:

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

Email: [peaceyouthministry@hutchtel.net](mailto: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 on the left to get to our Google Drive... <http://goo.gl/merDKs>

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**



**Spring and Early Summer has so much to look forward to! There are so many youth events that trying to include them all in this Messenger would be too difficult.** 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. Complete Summer Schedule will be out at Easter. 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  
VERY MUCH!**

## Thank you for continuing to support the youth of Peace Lutheran!

The Annual Lenten Fish Fry was a HUGE success – due to the help of so many members of the congregation! We served 1,051 people on March 10<sup>th</sup>! We think the healthy additions we made were well received, and we would love to hear your feedback about the new salad bar and baked fish options. Please talk to Erika Durham, or Robbie Oeltjenbruns with your comments.

## Fundraiser Update:



Please keep watch in the weekly bulletin announcements and on the church website for information regarding upcoming youth fundraisers! Thanks for supporting our youth!



## FYI: Peace's final turn to host Thursday Free Lunch – April 27

(through HEY! Ministries) at Crosspoint on **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** Please pray for our young people. Adults, consider volunteering your time, if you are available during the day. We start prepping about 9am, we're usually done and cleaned up by 1:30pm. Can you help prep, serve or both? We can use lots of hands! Please Talk to Erika if you are able to help. Thanks!

## Hutchinson Area Youth Ministries bringing in a Speaker Molly Sandborn... "Keep Your Pants On" at Peace on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm

Hutchinson Area Youth Ministries are sponsoring a unity gathering at Peace Lutheran on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The event is for all youth grades 6-12, featuring speaker Molly Sandborn. Yes, we will have confirmation and high school youth group as usual starting at 6:15pm. The main event is from 7-9pm, we will need adult volunteers to be greeters and hosts for this event. Please talk to Erika if you can help.





## **Please PRAY for our 2017 Confirmands!**

Please keep praying for our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders as they are preparing for their Rite of Confirmation. It is an exciting time for these young people and their families as they celebrate their becoming an “adult” in the church. This spring the youth:

- † Will attend a special Confirmation Retreat at Camp Omega on April 7-8
- † Will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13
- † Have their Questioning/Presentation of Bibles will be on Sunday, April 30
- † Will Re-Affirm their Baptism (aka Confirmation Ceremony) 10:30 service on Sunday, May 7

\*NOTE: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and families, please check the letter you received in the mail for more details about the following events. Please call Pastor Pasche with questions.

## **Celebrating our 2017 Seniors!**



Hutchinson's shortened school year (due to construction), means celebrating our seniors will look a little different. The community-wide Baccalaureate Service will be held at Crosspoint, instead of the High School. And Peace will honor Grads at the Saturday night worship service, followed by a special dessert reception for the grads (and their parents/family) in the Peace Center.

Save the Date NOW! Detailed invitations will be sent to families. Questions? Please talk to Erika.

**Hutchinson Baccalaureate – Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm @ Crosspoint**

**Peace's Graduation Celebration – Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm Service**



## **May 5-6 High School Youth Lock-in Event – ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

On Friday, May 5 – Saturday, May 6 we will hold a lock-in event for our High School Youth. We call this event “MORP” which is prom spelled backwards. Through this event we will be focusing on how Jesus asks us to be counter-cultural and not follow what everyone else does. We'll ask “How can we turn the consumerism and vanity of prom upside down and get to the truth of what God wants for us?” We need adults to help make this event happen. Would you be willing to spend a part of the night with our youth? We need adult volunteers to accompany our group. Please consider donating 2-3 hours! Please talk to Erika if you are available to help. Thanks!

## **DO YOU LIKE BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL?**



**HAY! Summer Church Softball League is Coming Soon!**

**We need adult volunteers, especially men, to help!**

This year Peace Lutheran will again, be fielding a team on our own...we'll need all our high school youth to come out and play for us! We are recruiting players NOW! If you want to play on our Peace team talk to our Team Captain, Mitchell Marvan (Class of 2019) or Erika Durheim.

We play two games at Roberts Fields on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS at 1 & 2pm, you need to be available from 12:45pm – 3:00pm. Cost: \$20 per youth for the season. (Includes team fee, a t-shirt, & game-day treats.) Adult volunteer costs are covered.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND ADULTS: CONSIDER JOINING THE TEAM!**



## **Special Event for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents – April 30<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School**



This April we will be hosting a special event for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents during the 9:15 Sunday School hour. We are partnering with Thrivent Financial to help families maneuver through the dicey waters of money, summer jobs and gaining independence of our young teens. Save the Date

NOW! Detailed invitations will be sent to families. Questions? Please talk to Erika.

### **#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.

## **International Mission**

LCMS Mercy Medical Team members went door-to-door in rural Africa to introduce the nearby medical clinic, and word spread like wildfire through the small villages surrounding the school where the clinic was stationed.

By the time the medical volunteers arrived, a queue already formed outside the registration tent. The first patient, who arrived with tattered clothes and yellowed eyes, was one of approximately 2,000 patients treated during the week.

Mercy Medical Team volunteers worshipped with a local parish of our partner church in Africa, and held team members held nightly devotions. They shared stories of a power loss at the hotel (or no power or hot water), flaming showerheads, traveler's sickness, outhouse bathrooms and – of angst to some – very little, if any, Internet access.

"While the physical healing and relief that we provide is needed and necessary, we are only there for a short time," said Tracy Quaethem, manager for LCMS Life and Health Ministries. "We come, we serve, and we return home to share our stories."

Each year, the LCMS sends several teams with about 12 volunteers per group. Volunteers choose whether to fund raise trip or pay for the trip on their own.

"A Mercy Medical Team lasts far longer than the week or two that we are there," Quaethem said. "After we leave, there is follow-up medical care available for those who need it most through the partner church. ... Most team members remember their patients in prayer long after the trip is over – many times for months or years."

**Learn more:** [lcms.org/mercysteams](https://lcms.org/mercysteams)

## LWML McLeod Zone Rally

April 18, 2017

All women are invited!



We are in for a treat at the McLeod Zone LWML, Rally on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel, Brownston! The speakers will be Rev. Dr. Fung Lo and his wife, Kalia. They have been recently working in ethnic missions in the Twin City metro area. Before that they were missionaries in Indonesia and Cambodia. Soon they will move to Thailand and be missionaries among the Hmong population there.

Dr. Lo and Kalia were both born to non-Christian families in Laos. (Near Viet Nam) Through the grace of God they have come to know our Savior Jesus and are now actively proclaiming the Savior they love to ethnic populations in the USA and abroad. Kalia is well known in LWML circles. She has been active for sometime and was a recent LWML "Heart-to-Heart" sister.



## Gifts of the Heart



The following items will be collected and taken to the Spring Rally on April 18<sup>th</sup>. A box is located in the Commons Area if you would like to bring a donation.

Small boxes of cereal  
Fruit cups/Applesauce cups  
Hot chocolate packets  
100% juice boxes  
Pudding cups  
Instant oatmeal packets  
Kraft Easy Mac packets  
Granola bars  
"Jif to Go" small peanut butters  
Chef Boyardee cups  
Teddy Graham packets  
Carnation Instant Breakfasts  
Small boxes of raisins  
Cheese & breadstick crackers



**Thank you for your support!**

## Prince of Peace Retirement Living



Prince of Peace Retirement Living would like to thank PLC members for supporting our mission and saying "yes" when asked to help serve noon meals on weekends, entertain us monthly, or just do odd jobs as asked. Because of your willingness to help, we can provide extra services. In order to show our gratitude, Prince of Peace Retirement Living is having our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea in April and if you have volunteered at Prince of Peace throughout the 2016 year, your personal invitation has been mailed. It will be held Thursday evening on April 20<sup>th</sup>. RSVP is required due to limited seating. Our staff is planning tea sandwiches and other goodies, including coffee for our non-tea drinking friends. Entertainment has been lined up for this event and it sounds like a delightful afternoon. Please call 234-7588 and let us know if you will be joining us.

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2017 year, please call Destini and she will get you on the list.

Remember to check out our Monthly Newsletters "The News", web page at [www.poprl.org](http://www.poprl.org), and local media for other upcoming events. Like our page and follow us on Facebook. POPRL currently has open apartments, please call me if you are interested in setting up a tour.

– Merline Duerig, Executive Director



### Reba Radtke Memorial

Audio Video Fund	\$1,090
Tell the Next Generation	410
Little Lambs Christian Center	950
Parish Health - Taxi	100
	<u>\$2,550</u>

### Larrie Schulz Memorial

Little Lambs Christian Center	\$2,340
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## Relay for Life Friday, August 4, 2017 5 p.m. - 5 a.m.



Peace Power Team will again participate. We are looking for additional team members, new ideas, silent auction items, and just having fun! Please contact Renee Clabo at 320-583-1578 or 320-587-7275. Feel free to leave your name and number if I am unable to answer the phone.

Looking forward to meeting new friends and/or providing more information!

– Renee Clabo



## Peace Lutheran Garage Sale is only three months away!!!

The dates for this year's sale are **June 21-24**. This year's sale will begin on Wednesday, June 21, from 3:00-6:00. The sale will run from 9:00-6:00 on both Thursday and Friday and 8:00-noon on Saturday. Saturday will be bag day with all you can stuff into the bag provided for \$3.00. You can drop off your donations on June 19 and 20 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds, 4-H building, from 10:00-7:00 on each of those days. All suitcases will be accepted this year as we have been made aware of an outreach mission. Please . . . no televisions, computers, or printers. Flat screen t.v.'s will be accepted.

Call if you have furniture items to donate. Mattresses, cribs, and car seats can't be accepted due to existing laws. Help will be needed every day that week to set up, sort, price, help with the sale, and clean up on the last day. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Commons area closer to the sale dates. If you can't physically help with the sale, donations are needed to defray the rental fee at the fairgrounds, as well as lunch donations for workers.

If you have **any** questions in the meantime, please call Sandi Lietz at 587-4599 or Lynn Brown at 320-582-0193 (cell) or 320-587-7046 (home).

Not only do the proceeds benefit Tell the Next Generation and our youth mission trips, many others benefit from sale leftovers. Just like last year, Orphan Train, DAV (Disabled Veterans), Hutch Health Auxiliary Thrift Shop, and new this year, Thrift Shop of Common Cup Ministry, located in Glencoe, will be recipients of those items.



## Mission and Ministry Minutes February 21, 2017

**Members Present:** Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche, Nancy Rickert, Paul Berg, Justin Evenson, Lee Uldbjerg, Nick Brellenthin, Dan Cowger, Mike Eggert, Deanna Puchalski, Heidi Sickmann

**Members Absent:** Lynn Brown, Cindy Mons

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Bode opened with a word of prayer.

**Call to Order:** Nick

**Welcome New Members:** Dan

New Members: Cindy Mons, Deanna Pulchalski, Heidi Sickmann

Thanks given to the out-going members.

Dan touched/reviewed portions of the constitution,

procedures and responsibilities as they relate to the M&M Board.

**Open Representation:** Little Lambs Christian Center, Monthly Ministry Series, Congregational Fund Committee

**Touching Lives:** Justin

REACH program-Chad Harlander heads up the program at the high school. PLC had a supper for the REACH children and a couple of the kids wrote letters. Justin shared one of the letters.

**Approval of January Minutes:** Justin made a motion to approve January minutes and Lee seconded with all voting aye.

**Treasurer's Report: Mike-**For the first time we are in the black in January. This is quite a blessing! Lee made a motion to approve January Treasurer's Report and Justin seconded with all voting aye.

**Scholarship: Paul-**Suggestion was made to revisit the scholarship funding that currently exists for parochial and seminary students to explore broadening the policy/use of the funds, document and review with the M&M board. Dan will work with individuals to get this started and will report back to the M&M Board in one month.

**Employee and sick time changes: Mike**

Reviewed existing vacation and sick policy and proposed changes. Mike will update the documents per the discussion and will discuss again at the next meeting to gain approval. Paul commented on the great job that Mike did on creating the Concordia Plan Services and Personnel Manual. Mike created, distributed and reviewed the dedicated account listing.

**Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Should PLC be planning on anything related to the Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration? Nick will chat with Dr. Dixon to see if anything has been planned for this.

**Call Committee Update:**

Call Committee process is going well. Currently reviewing the job descriptions for the Senior and Associate Pastor positions as well as Paul Berg's role. Met on Monday with Pastor Pasche. Running a bit behind schedule with a goal to completion being the end of March.

**Monthly Ministry Series:**

Focus to allow the members who are not familiar with the ministries to understand how they are touching lives. Would like this committee in place to discuss at the next meeting.

**Non-Agenda Item:** Handout from Dr. Dixon – live streaming reports

**Matthew 14 Supper Schedule:**

M&M is scheduled to work at the supper June 16th, serving begins at 5:00 pm. M&M must create a menu and donate the food/supplies. Looking at adding a group leader and message to the supper. More to follow on this.

Reminder: PLC's turn to serve at Crosspoint Church. Additional help would be appreciated.

**Minister of Operations:**

Discussed the dedicated staff process. Discussed the maintenance position that needs to be filled.

**Pastor Reports:**

Pastor Pasche will be leaving for the Best Practices conference at the end of the week. Lisa Kirchoff and Dr. Dixon will also be attending. Next Wednesday is Ash



Wednesday. Kudos to Lisa Kirchoff, she is doing wonderful work.

**Adjourn:** Dan made motion to adjourn, and Mike seconded with all voting aye.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Submitted by: Nancy Rickert



## Mission and Ministry Minutes March 21, 2017

**Members Present:** Pastor Pasche, Pastor Bode, Nick Brellenthin, Mike Eggert, Justin Evenson, Paul Berg, Lee Uldbjerg, Lynn Brown, Dan Cowger, Cindy Mons, Deanna Puchalski

**Members Absent:** Heidi Sickmann

Pastor Bode opened with a word of prayer.

### Touching Lives

Mike shared a story about an individual from our church family who reached out to Pastor Pasche about a year ago. He was in financial need and wanted to know if the church could help. Pastor Pasche asked Mike Eggert if the church had any money to assist with this kind of need. Mike said there was a very small amount. He asked Pastor if he could go and visit the man. Pastor asked the man if that would be ok with him, and he said that it would. Mike went out to the man's home, learned that his wife had health issues, cupboards were bare, and the electricity was going to be turned off that day. Mike asked if there was family that could help. That had already been done; family had been tapped out. Mike decided that he would go to the utility company and pay the bill. Mike started delivering Meals on Wheels to this family. One month went by, and the man again told Mike that his electricity was going to be turned off. Mike learned that he had actually only paid the money owed from previous months. The man finally broke down and shared with Mike that he had a gambling problem. Mike made the decision to pay the utility bill, again out of his own pocket. Time went by, and one day the man repaid \$100 to Mike, only a fraction of what Mike had paid out. Many more months went by. The man stopped by church one day and gave Mike an envelope with the rest of the money although Mike had never asked to be repaid. Many tough changes have occurred in the man and his wife's lives. They also have started coming back to church. It is heartwarming to hear how individuals, along with faith in the Lord, can help to touch lives. (retold with permission)

### Approval of February Minutes

Justin made a motion to approve minutes, and Mike seconded with all voting aye with Cindy and Lynn abstaining since they were not present at the February meeting.

### Approval of Treasurer's Report

General Fund had a negative balance of \$17,580.85 and Little Lambs accounts had a positive balance of \$2,814.67. Cash flow in all accounts had a positive balance of \$44,523.62. Building maintenance account had a balance of \$90,001.97 and AV account had \$64,000 with \$11,364.32

being disbursed for the new AV system. The building mortgage fund had a balance of \$45,236.82, leaving 3.60 months of reserve. Lee made a motion to approve February report and Lynn seconded with all voting in favor.

### Authorized Signers

Mike explained that we need proof from Peace Lutheran Church who authorized signers are. Mike suggested that officers from Mission and Ministry always be authorized signers. Two signers are always needed for loans, safety deposit boxes, and Lutheran Church Extension Fund withdrawals. One signature is needed for check signing, contracts, and legal documents. Lee made a motion to authorized signers on financial and legal documents for PLC to be the four elected officers from mission and ministry council, and Cindy seconded the motion. Current officers are: President: Dan Cowger; Vice-President, Nick Brellenthin; Secretary, Lynn Brown, and Treasurer, Mike Eggert.

### Review of official reimbursement policy

The final draft of the official policy for reimbursement of incurred expenses for PLC employees was reviewed; no changes were made.

### Approval of sick time policy change

Mike passed out the sick leave policy with a proposed revision to the policy stating that PLC employees' sick leave will not carry over from one anniversary year to the next anniversary year. Sick time that is not used will be lost. Maximum hours for sick leave will be 40 hours per year. After initial 60 days of employment, all employees will be granted 40 hours of sick time per year. Nick made a motion to approve, and Lynn seconded with 7 voting in favor, and Dan abstaining. One employee has 300 sick hours accrued. Nick made a motion that \$1 for every hour of accrued sick time be paid to all employees; Justin seconded it, with 6 voting in favor, one voting nay, and Dan abstaining.

### Review of Vacation Time Policy

Vacation policy was revised and reviewed. Justin made a motion to accept the revised policy, Lee seconded it, with all voting aye. The policy is available for review in the finance office. Revisions have no budgetary impact.

### Transfer of accounts from Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)

After Mike proposed the suggestion to merge accounts, Dan made a motion to merge (3) LCEF accounts with related dedicated accounts, and Lee seconded it with all voting aye.

### Results of e-mail vote to hire custodian

Hiring of custodian was unanimously approved, per hiring committee recommendation, via email vote on March 11, 2017.

### Katie Luther Event

Dan asked who would be available to serve lunch at the Katie Luther Event on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> as Mission and Ministry had been asked to help by Dorcas. Four people currently are available to serve.

### Audio Visual Update

Contract was signed with Audio Video Electronics, Maple Grove, MN, to finish the AV equipment grade level into Outlook. Also, more adult volunteers to help with cleaning

at Peace Place would be great. Five paid custodial hours per week are allocated for Peace Place.

#### **Special Events Update**

Cindy met with Marlys to update the council on upcoming activities at PLC.

#### **Call Committee Update**

Lee presented the call committee update. As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, nine meetings have taken place to make changes to job descriptions and additional details to formal call documents. These recommendations will be submitted to the Elders and the Mission and Ministry Council. When their approval is received, a special voters' meeting will be scheduled to approve the issuance of the pastor calls.

#### **Minister of Operations Report**

18 people applied for the part-time custodian position at PLC. Three were selected to be interviewed, with one declining an interview. Paul Eitel was offered the position. He was the unanimous choice of the hiring committee. Each custodial staff will now be assigned a portion of the building to clean.

#### **Pastors' Reports**

Melva is back at work, and Pastor Pasche stated that she was really missed. Attendance at Lenten services has been good. This year confirmation instruction has continued through Lent.

#### **Adjourn**

Lynn made a motion to adjourn, and Nick seconded with all voting aye.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor Pasche closed with a word of prayer.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown

Mission and Ministry Secretary



### **DORCAS: WOMEN IN MISSION**

**February 9, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.**

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

**Devotion** - Carole Hannemann led an opening devotion on Love.

**Program** - Presentation on the Orphan Grain Train by Pastor Pasche and his parents, Eugene and Darlene. The Orphan Grain Train is a mission providing food, clothing, medicine and the love of God to those in need, both in the United States and Mexico and throughout several continents. It was originally begun by Lutheran Hour Ministries and Lutheran Layman's League and is operated from 23 branches in the U.S. The Pasche's have been active volunteers in this work for many years, serving in the MN North District of LCMS. They told the compelling story of this worldwide mission through slides and a short video.

**Election of Officers** - Marianne Johnson was elected as Dorcas Secretary.

**Installation** was conducted by Pastor Pasche, for Marianne, Melva Plath (one more year as treasurer) and RoxAnn Lauer (LWML delegate).

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of January 12 meeting were accepted as printed.

**Correspondence** - Thank you and donation for serving funeral of Scott Schwartz. Thank you from Dr. Dixon for our support of the PLC AV fund. Publications from various charitable organizations.

**Treasurer's Report** - Accepted as printed and filed for audit. January 31 balance is \$6175.49

**Mission Servants** - Marlyn Kruger reported a total of 48 quilts have been made this year. Four people worked at Bethesda Thrift Store this month.

**LWML** - RoxAnn reviewed one of the LWML Mission Grants for this biennium - The Dwelling Place - a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

**Cheer** - Gloria reported 26 local visits and 12 cards sent this month.

**Card Shop** - Gloria reported 2 boxes of cards and 6 individual cards sold in January for a total of \$20.

**Membership** - There were 23 members and 5 guests present.

**Financial Review** - Financial review has been completed by Judy Radunz and Arlene Benshoof and the records have been found to be in order.

**Outreach** - Executive Board recommended \$500 for The Orphan Grain Train, \$500 for the proposed Terebinth Shelter (for victims of sex trafficking) in St. Cloud, and continuation of the large print Portals of Prayer subscription for PLC. All projects approved.

**Other** - Dorcas serves the Matthew 14 dinner on March 17. Volunteers requested.

Planning is proceeding (groups 3 and 4) for the Women's Luncheon on April 29, with program by "Katie Luther."

**Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned with the table prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Melva Plath and Barb Plath. Next month's program will be a LWML Prayer Service. Hostesses, Judy Radunz and Donna Reetz.

— Respectfully submitted, Hazel Sitz, Secretary



### **DORCAS: WOMEN IN MISSION**

**March 9, 2017 - 7 p.m.**

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

**Program** - The LWML Prayer Service was presented by RoxAnn Lauer, Sandra Hall and Nona Anderson - "Commending Christ from one Generation to Another."

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes of February 9 meeting were accepted as corrected.

**Correspondence** - Thank you and donation for serving funeral of Larrie Schulz. Thank you from Terebinth Refuge for our \$500 donation. Letter from Seminarian Brian Shane. Publications from various charitable organizations.

**Treasurer's Report** - Accepted as printed and filed for

audit. February 28 balance is \$5322.76.

**Cheer** - Gloria provided report of 27 local visits and 16 cards sent this month.

**Card Shop** - Gloria provided report of 2 boxes of cards and 9 individual cards sold in February for a total of \$23.

**Mission Servants** - Shirley Burmeister reported a total of 57 quilts have been made this year. Four people worked at Bethesda Thrift Store this month.

**LWML/Christian Growth** - Roxann Lauer reported attending the zone LWML board meeting. At that meeting, Linda Butzin was re-elected secretary, Pastor John Grein pastoral counselor. We will provide a copy of our current by-laws to the zone, as requested. Plans are proceeding for the April 18 rally at Immanuel, Brownton, where gifts from the heart will be backpack items. The National convention in Albuquerque in June will have two cars of attendees from the zone, with room for one more person. For that event, gifts from the heart could be gift cards; the thank offering will be the LWML endowment fund. Fall conference rally will be at St. James Lutheran, Howard Lake.

**Membership** - There were 13 members and 1 guest present.

**Outreach** - Executive board recommended \$500 for LCMS Disaster Relief and \$500 for the LWML National Mite Offerings. Approved.

**Other** - Planning is proceeding for the Women's Luncheon - "Lunch with Katie" -on April 29. Mary Haag reported that Thrivent funding has been secured for the event. Dorcas serves the Matthew 14 dinner on March 17, coordinated by Judy Radunz.

Those attending the zone rally in Brownton on April 18 should inform Mary and meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. for ride sharing. There will be no regular Dorcas meeting in April.

**Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned with the table prayer. Dessert was served by Judy Radunz and family.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Sitz for Marianne Johnson, Secretary

### **Dorcas: Women in Mission**

(No meetings in April and May)

All women are encouraged to attend the Spring LWML Rally on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton (See page 10) and the Women's Luncheon/Katie Luther Presentation on April 29<sup>th</sup>. (See back page of Messenger.)



### **Flowers for Easter**

Easter Lilies and Mum plants will be used this Easter, April 16<sup>th</sup>, to adorn the altar. The cost will be \$10.00. Fifteen lilies and 10 Mum plants are needed.

If you would like to buy a Lily or Mum plant as a memorial, or to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry listed below, you may stop by the church office **by April 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Number of Easter lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Mum Plants \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation to \_\_\_\_\_ Tell the Next Generation/Building Loan Payment

\_\_\_\_\_ Alaska/Bless India Vacation Bible School

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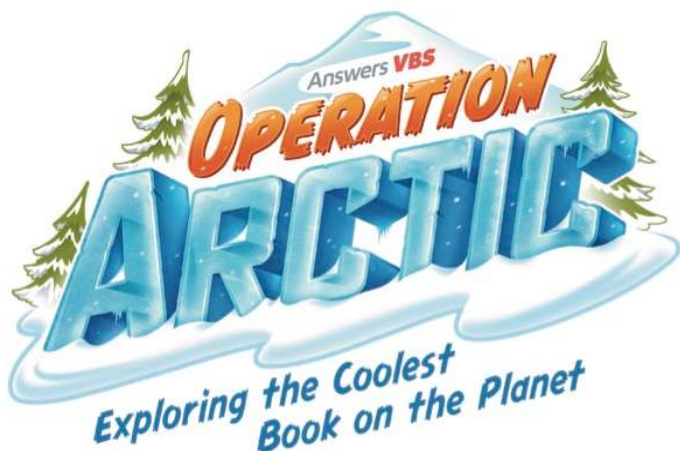
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