

FEBRUARY 2018



Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

JOIN US FOR SPECIAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

11:30am | 6:45pm | SANCTUARY

"How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure - that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure." Written in 1995 by Stuart Townend, the song is comprised of three simple verses, but they teach the basics of our faith. The song discusses not only the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the love of God and sin of man. In this 6-Week Series, we consider in particular what it cost the Father to give up His beloved Son to a torturous death on a cross. "But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom." Those words bring us back to the fact of our own sin, but also the glorious salvation brought about by Jesus Christ.

SIGNS OF LENT

5:15pm | PEACE CENTER

Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along the way on our Lenten journey that show us the way to Christ. This 6-Week Series (listed below) will remind us to make a U-Turn, turning away from our sins and turn back to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. There is only One Way to God and only one name by which we can be saved. That Way and name is Jesus. And unlike other paths in life, Jesus is not a Dead End, but a start to life everlasting.

As we walk through these 40 days of Lent, we encourage you to set aside time to worship with us each Wednesday at 11:30am, 5:15pm or 6:45pm.

Lent

	11:30 am Worship/Lunch	5:15 pm Contemporary Worship	6:00 pm Supper	6:45 pm Worship
Ash Wednesday FEB 14	How Deep the Father's Love for Us A Grieving God	SIGNS OF LENT U-Turn	Chicken Noodle Soup & Sandwich	How Deep the Father's Love for Us A Grieving God
Wednesday FEB 21	How Deep the Father's Love for Us Unsearchable Judgements	SIGNS OF LENT Stop	Sloppy Joes & Chips	How Deep the Father's Love for Us Unsearchable Judgements
Wednesday FEB 28	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Mind of the Lord	SIGNS OF LENT Merge	Chicken & Biscuits	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Mind of the Lord
Wednesday Mar 7	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Greatest Gift	SIGNS OF LENT Yield	Baked Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Greatest Gift
Wednesday Mar 14	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Father Turns His Face Away	SIGNS OF LENT One Way	Potatoes with Toppings	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Father Turns His Face Away
Wednesday MAR 21	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Transformation - Vast Beyond All Measure	SIGNS OF LENT Dead End	Haystacks	How Deep the Father's Love for Us The Transformation - Vast Beyond All Measure

Official Acts



*-Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing.
-Psalm 100:2*

Baptisms

Jan 6 Ben Charles Sauck, son of Roy and Amy Sauck
Jan 6 Wyatt Roger Lueck, son of Aaron and Niki Lueck
Jan 20 Elizabeth Hope Nyhus-Ralph, daughter of Karen Klimp and Vincent Ralph

Funerals

Jan 20 Walter "Wally" Teich, 82, passed away Jan 1
Jan 21 Leslie Carl Knacke, 77, passed away Jan 15

Membership Changes

Received

Brad Wick & Stephen Wick from St. Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington, MN
Tara & Bret Oberg, Eric, Catherine & Bennett from Bethlehem Lutheran, Grand Marias, MN

Transferred

Gail & Stanley Evenson to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hector, MN

USHERS
THIS MONTH

February 8:00 = Team 4

10:30 = Team 6

Wednesday Lenten Services

Feb. 14, 21, 28
11:30 am. Midweek Ushers

Feb. 14 6:45 pm. Team #6
Feb. 21 6:45 pm. Team #1
Feb. 28 6:45 pm. Team #3

GREETERS SCHEDULE

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
8:00	Gary and Carol Mons	Merle Schlueter	Allan and Shirley Fuchs	Wally and Pat Kohls
9:15	Tony and Kim Borka	Dale and Judy Schumann	Darrel and Shelley Rusch	Jeff and Anita Miller
10:30	Norb and Dee Hemmann	Hazel Sitz	Lee and Shirley Uldjberg	Jason and Mandy Sturges and Family



	February 3/4	February 10/11	February 17/18	February 24/25
6:15	Joanne Keilen (or Annette Koehler)	Corinne Higgins	Char Havelka	Joanne Keilen
8:00	Barb Wendling	Melissa Weckwerth	George Moehring	Eleanor Weckwerth
9:15	Anita Miller	Betty Ruskamp	Deb Eggert	?
10:30	Hazel Sitz	Marion Fenske	Johanna Markgraf	Norah, Judson, & Ross Wendling



Prince of Peace Retirement Living February 2018

As we find ourselves already moving away from the holiday season, we would like to express to everyone how blessed Prince of Peace Retirement Living has been in the past year. We've had some very dear friends and residents part from us but have also gained new ones.

We also experienced a change in board members; we extend our thanks to Doug Brown, whose term have expired. With welcoming new board member, Gary Havemeier and some new residents, we also welcome new ideas and experiences. I look forward to their enthusiasm about Prince of Peace Retirement Living and would invite each of you to consider touring our building; we are taking names for our waiting list and still have an apartment available.

As always, thank you for remembering our residents, volunteers, and employees of Prince of Peace Retirement Living in your prayers and may each of you experience the glory of God, the love of Jesus, and the hope of the Holy Spirit this year.

-Merline Duering, Executive Director



Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship Come Join Us!!!

8:15 am & 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship will resume. There will be two opportunities to participate each Sunday Morning. The 8:15 am class will be held in the office conference room and the 9:15 am class will meet in Room

209 on the upper floor of the education building. This schedule allows you to select a worship service of your choice and still participate in one of the Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship opportunities.

"The Foundations-- Genesis 1-11"

Have you ever had questions or a hunger for a greater understanding of what is recorded in the Book of Genesis, especially the first eleven chapters? Have you ever thought about what is revealed to us in Genesis and how it affects the foundation of our personal faith?

On **Sunday, January 14th** at both Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship Sessions, we began a Bible Study based on video presentations by Ken Ham from "Answers in Genesis" and group discussion. Please feel welcome to join in anytime! Participants will come to a greater understanding of Genesis and its foundation for their faith.



Driver Improvement Program

If you are 55+ here is an opportunity to take the Driver Improvement Program and save 10% on your insurance for 3 years.

An initial 8-hour class for first time students will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, March 5th and 6th at 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

The 4-hour re-certification classes will be on **Thursday, February 22nd at 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and March 1st at 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

All classes will be held in Room 207 in the Education Building. Register by calling 1-888-234-1294 (toll free), Minnesota Safety Research Center, or online at www.mnsafetycenter.org.

Bloodmobile

**Tuesday, February 13th
12 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

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



ICE FISHING CONTEST Sunday February 25th



Contact Paul Otte or Scott Brusehaver for information.

Monthly Munchie

Our February Monthly Munchie will be anything made with chocolate to kick-start Valentine's Day. We will be selling Monthly Munchies on Sunday, February 11th between and after all services. Our location is in the

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



All proceeds will go to *Tell the Next Generation*.

Little Lambs Sunday

Little Lambs Sunday is planned for February 25th. Debbie Koglin's students will sing at the 10:30am worship service. The Little Lambs Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held the same day beginning at 10:30am. See advertisement on back of the Messenger for details.



Dorcas - Women in Mission - January 11th, 2018

President Delores Reiner opened the meeting with the pledges to the flags.

Hazel Sitz read a devotion titled "Serve the Lord with Gladness" and she introduced the new LWML hymn, "With Joy We Come Together," and with Sandra Hall leading, it was sung by the group.

Program: Memorial ceremony was conducted for Irma Katzenmeyer and a tribute by her daughter Nona. For Emma Rewerts, a tribute by daughters Jane Dressel and Lorraine Mielke. A candle was lit in each woman's memory, and the roses in their memory will be placed on the altar on Sunday.

Honorary members were Joyce Tews, Sandra Hall and Judy Radunz.

Election of new officers was held. Nominees were Vice President: Judy Radunz, Treasurer: Joyce Tews, LWML Delegate Sandra Hall and alternate LWML delegate Nona Anderson. President Delores called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations were closed. The ballot was accepted unanimously. Pastor Bode installed the new officers.

Correspondence: The following funerals were served, Albin Plath and \$300.00 donation, Helen Renstrom and \$125.00 donation, and Janice Dascher and \$200.00 donation. The following thank you cards were received from Wheat Ridge for our \$200.00 donation and Bethesda for our \$500.00 donation, and Brian Shane for our \$500.00 donation. A thank you from the Sickmann family for our \$200.00 donation to OLS tuition for Naomi.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$4,406.28 accepted as printed on Dec. 31, 2017.

Cheer: Gloria reported 28 local visits with Christmas Cards, 22 Christmas cards mailed, one with \$10.00 to LWML in memory of Earl Fitzloff, Fern's husband.

Card Shop: 18 boxes of Christmas cards were sold and 41 single cards: total amount \$167.00. One get well and 19 Noah's Ark birthday cards given to Sandy Kephart for children's ministry, and 18 dog and cat Christmas cards to Debbie Koglin for Little Lambs ministry.

Mission Servants: Fifty quilts have been tied and 4 workers went to Bethesda on Dec. 22.

LWML Marianne read a letter from the wife of a seminarian family at Concordia about an LWML mite project, the Food Bank, and how appreciative they are for it and what a blessing.

Membership: 14 members and 2 guests attended.

Outreach Projects: The executive board recommends three KDUZ Lutheran Hour broadcasts at \$94.00 each, a total of \$282.00 and for quarterly payments for one year for Large Print Portals of Prayer. Motion was made and approved.

Other business: Dorcas present and past officers will serve the Peace Luncheon at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 29th, 2018.

Sandra Hall expressed a thank you from Carole Hannemann for assistance at the sale.

The Dorcas book for 2018 was distributed to members. Books may be picked up at the reception desk in the Commons.

The meeting was adjourned with the table prayer. Hostesses were Pat Bode and Annette Koehler replaced Arlene Benshoof. Hostesses for Feb. will be Shirley Burmeister and Sharon Christensen.

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Johnson, Secretary



FAMILY WORSHIP - Sunday, February 11th there will be a special family worship service in the Peace Center. No Sunday School that week. The children will be passing out Valentines and singing!

PRAYZ TEAM - PRAYZ team will sing on Sundays at 9:15am on February 11th, March 25th and May 31st. We will also sing for the Wednesday

5:15pm Lenten Worship Services on February 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21. Practice is 15 minutes before worship on the Peace Center stage. This ensemble is open to all children and youth. See Dr. Joan for a T-shirt!

2018 SUMMER CONCERTS – THRIVENT GRANTS

2018 will be our 32nd year of Wednesday Noon Summer Concerts. This year will include a Patriotic program with Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon and the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad, Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers, Gary and Jon Mons, Alice Fiedlerova from Prague, Czech Republic, and Erin Bode.

Marlys Palmer and the kitchen staff graciously support these programs with a wonderful salad luncheon each week. Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry at Peace.

There are seven programs, each of which is eligible for a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant. If you have a grant and would like to help support these programs, please contact Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon or Marlys. Applications must be submitted one month prior to the concert date.

SUMMER POLKA SERVICE - The Summer Polka Service and Supper is scheduled for Saturday night, July 7th in the Peace Center.

AUDIO-VIDEO MINISTRY - HCVN broadcasts our services four times each week. The 8:00am worship service plays on Sunday nights at 7:00pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00am. The 9:15 service plays on Wednesdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 10:00am (one week after the actual service).

All our Sunday worship services are “live streamed” and the number of online viewers continues to steadily rise, including over 20 states and few foreign countries. In December 2017, we had over 300 different IP (computer) addresses that watched us online, including over 125 locations in Minnesota.

Many thanks to our many AV team leaders and volunteers for their support of this ministry. We wish to continue to look at ways to expand this ministry to reach those who do not have a church home, are looking for one, or are unable to worship in person because of health or travel concerns.

WALKER PIPE ORGAN - The Walker Pipe Organ is now 20 years old. It is a magnificent instrument that continues to serve this congregation well.

The organ needs some repairs. The festive trumpet needs to be re-racked and the keyboards need to be regulated. We have been working with Walker for over a year to schedule these repairs. Some of the work might be covered under the organ’s warranty. Several fundraisers are planned, and we are hopeful that either Walker Organ Company or Dobson Organ Company will complete the trumpet repairs in 2018.



Let Us Help You Celebrate
Valentine's Day!!

Surprise your favorite valentine(s)
with a delicious homemade 10" deep dish pie.
(8 large pieces)

All orders must be submitted with payment by
12 pm Thursday, February 8th

\$20 per pie
(that's only \$2.50 per slice)

Pies will be wrapped and
tied with a pretty bow.



**Available for pick up
Tues. Feb. 13th
between 9 am - 12 pm.**
(Also by arrangement).

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All proceeds will benefit repairs  
for the pipe organ.



**CHOOSE FROM:**

- ♥ APPLE
- ♥ CHERRY
- ♥ BLUEBERRY
- ♥ PECAN
- ♥ BANANA CREAM
- ♥ PUMPKIN
- ♥ SOUR CREAM RAISIN
- ♥ LEMON MERINGUE
- ♥ FRENCH SILK

# Peace Lutheran Youth Congregational Info: February 2018

For more information about our Youth Programs, please contact Erika Durham, Director of Youth Ministry Office: 320-587-3031 ext. 19 ☎ Cell or Text: 320-766-9321 ☎ E-mail: [peaceyouthministry@hutchtel.net](mailto:peaceyouthministry@hutchtel.net)

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

## Valentine's Surf & Turf Dinner



**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**6:45 – 7:15pm Arrival & Appetizers**

**7:15 – 8:45pm Dinner & Entertainment**

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

**COST: \$18 per adult** Childcare Available ~ \$5 per child (\$10 max per family) Includes activities in church basement and kid's meal

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

***THANK YOU for supporting this fundraiser for 2018 Youth Ministry Goals & Summer Mission Trips***

| LENT                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                            | YOUTH PROGRAMS<br>CONTINUE<br>THROUGH LENT:                       |                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Confirmation                                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday<br>After School – Middle School<br><b>RECHARGE</b>                                               | Wednesday<br>High School<br><b>Bible Study</b>                    | Thursday<br>After School – High School<br><b>RECHARGE</b> |
| <b>Please see front cover<br/>for schedule</b><br><br>Please contact Pastor Pasche at<br>the church office 320-587-3031<br>for questions about<br>Confirmation during Lent. | <b>2:30 – 5:00pm</b><br>then we will join the<br><b>Family Worship at 5:15,</b><br>dinner to follow at 6pm | <b>6:30 – 8pm</b><br>Come early for dinner<br>together (optional) | <b>2:30 – 5:30pm</b><br>Dinner at 5:30<br>Pick-up by 6pm  |
| Please contact Erika Durham, Director of Youth Ministry<br>Cell/text 320-766-9321 for questions about these youth ministry programs during Lent.                            |                                                                                                            |                                                                   |                                                           |

### **FYI: It's our turn to host the Thursday Free Lunch – Feb 22, 2018**



(through HAY! Ministries) at Cross Point Church (across from the high school) on **Thursday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Please pray for our young people. Adults, consider volunteering your time, if you are available during the day.  
We start prepping about 8:30am, serving from 10:50 – 11:50am, we're usually done with clean up by 1pm.  
Can you help prep, serve or both? Please talk to Erika if you can help.

### **Culver's Youth Fundraiser – Donate while you dine!**



Please visit our local Culver's on **Tuesday, February 13 from 5-8pm.**

10% of sales will be donated to Peace Lutheran's Youth Ministries. THANK YOU to all who came out in January, we were able to raise \$185 for youth programs. Please help us spread the word and increase our funds. PLEASE tell your friends!



**Save the Date: Annual Fish Fry Friday, March 9th 11:00am – 6:30pm**  
(Look for more details in upcoming weekly bulletins)

### **Toby Mac, Mandissa Concert – Sunday, February 25th!**

We are excited to be taking a group of youth to this Christian concert at the Target Center. We would love to have older congregation members join us. If you would like to attend, please talk to Erika Durham.

## Pizza Fundraiser for Youth during Lent



**February 17 – March 25, 2018**

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.

**NEW in 2018:**

**Breakfast Pizzas, Chicken Broccoli Alfredo & more!**

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 2018 Youth Ministry Goals & Summer Mission Trips



### **Read Through the Bible using a Two-Year Plan**

Would you enjoy reading the entire Bible at a relaxed pace? If your answer was yes, the good news is there is a two-year reading plan available to guide you through the Old Testament and New Testament in an organized process. The additional good news is this plan can be started any week of the year!

Printed copies of this two-year plan will be available on the reception desk in the Commons Area for your convenience. Also available will be copies of a one-year reading plan and a plan to read the Bible chronologically.



A new Phone System has been installed in the church and Little Lambs Christian Center allowing the option of direct dialing to reach specific departments and people. You may use these direct dial numbers, or continue to use the **587-3031** main number to call the church as has been available in the past.



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|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Welcome Center | 484-2760 | Sandy Kephart     | 484-2771 | Dorothy Butler       | 484-2783 |
| Paul Berg      | 484-2761 | Lisa Kirchoff     | 484-2772 | Little Lambs Main    | 587-2629 |
| Marlys Palmer  | 484-2762 | Finance Office    | 484-2777 | Rhonda Rokala        | 484-2764 |
| Melva Plath    | 484-2763 | Office Conf. Room | 484-2778 | Sara Wersal          | 484-2765 |
| Pastor Bode    | 484-2767 | Parish Nurse      | 484-2779 | Infant Room          | 484-2773 |
| Pastor Pasche  | 484-2768 | Upper Conf. Room  | 484-2780 | Toddler Room         | 484-2774 |
| Erika Durheim  | 484-2769 | Church Basement   | 484-2781 | PreSchool Education  | 484-2775 |
| Dr. Joan Dixon | 484-2770 | Peace Kitchen     | 484-2782 | PreSchool Child Care | 484-2776 |



## Mission and Ministry Minutes –January 16, 2018



**Call to Order:** Dan called the meeting to order. Pastor Pasche opened with a word of prayer.

**Members Present:** Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Mike Eggert, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Lee Uldbjerg, Dan Cowger, Pastor Pasche. **Absent:** Nick Brellethin, Deanna Puchalski, Pastor Bode, Justin Evenson, Pastor Bode. **Guest:** Ken Quast.

**Communion Policy:** Ken Quast, president of the Elders' board, attended the Council meeting to explain the Elders' stance on PLC's communion policy. Lee explained why this invitation was extended to him. Both he and Dan shared that they were concerned about the communion statement recently posted on church video screens. The primary concern related to the statement about needing to talk with an Elder or Pastor prior to receiving communion. Ken was asked if this policy could be more welcoming. Ken explained that we really don't have a policy, but, rather a communion practice. Pastor Pasche explained that it is important for people to spiritually understand what it means to receive communion. The Elders will discuss PLC's policy/practice at their next meeting.

**Update on Pastor Transitions:** Ken, Lee, and Pastor Pasche met last week and reviewed the transition. Ken will make a presentation at the annual meeting.

**Approval of December Minutes:** Lee made a motion to approve the December minutes as well as the special January 3<sup>rd</sup> budget meeting, and Cindy seconded it with all voting aye. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** General fund had a negative balance of \$57,776.57. Little Lambs had a positive balance of \$8,263.70. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$122,109.40. Building maintenance account had a balance of \$61,826.26. Building mortgage fund had a balance of \$23,238.64, leaving 1.85 months in reserve. Lynn made a motion to approve, and Heidi seconded, with all voting ayes.

**Organ Update:** Mike clarified that when the organ was tuned, ripples were seen in two pipes. This will be investigated further. Mike stated that the organ is working fine. The pie fund raiser for organ repair will continue.

**Ministry in Motion:** Dan explained the goal of these monthly videos. We want the congregation to know what is happening here at PLC, how lives are touched, and show people the opportunities at our church.

**List of Candidates for Elders/Council:** Elder candidates are Ross Wending and Jeff Weckwerth. Mission and Ministry candidates are Kim Borka and Troy Puckett.

**Delegates for District Convention:** Pastor Pasche and Lee Uldbjerg will be the delegates for PLC.

**Coffee Meeting Update:** Dan reported that the first two coffee meetings were held with nineteen attending the first meeting, and three attending the second one. Three more informational coffee meetings will be held. Budgeting process was explained. Response was favorable.

**Church Annual Meeting:** Agenda was discussed for upcoming congregational meeting. Pastor Pasche also shared that he will report highlights from staff members, and individual staff reports will be included in the yearbook given to congregation members. Marc Max, chairman of the congregational fund, will either present or submit a report for the congregational meeting.

**Minister of Operations Report:** Dorothy Butler will be taking over responsibility for updating video monitors in the church. Spring small group sessions will be studying Max Lucado's book, Be Anxious about Nothing. Adult Sunday School is now studying Genesis.

**Pastors' Updates:** Pastor Pasche explained that local businessman, Steve Gasser, is leading PLC staff in team development. "Mission Formation", led by Phil Johnson will begin after church elections.

Dan asked that we thank Justin for his service on the board. Dan expressed his thanks to the council and the staff for what they do. He expressed that we are all doing the Lord's work and doing the best we can.

**Adjournment:** Cindy made a motion to adjourn, and Heidi seconded with all voting aye. Pastor Pasche closed with a word of prayer.

**Submitted by:** Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

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# Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday February 25**

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Peace Center

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BARS  
COFFEE • JUICE

Adults .... \$8.00  
Children (4-10) .... \$4.00  
Children 3 & under .... FREE

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