



Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

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1 Corinthians 9:16-27

“For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.....To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”

1.) God brings us into a relationship with Him by His loving grace.

God worked in Paul this deep desire and passion for lost souls. Few could appreciate the grace of God like Paul. He was the ISIS or the Al Qaida terrorist of his day. When he wrote that he was the (Worst) of the sinners, few could argue the point. He was a Pharisee and a son of a Pharisee. As a young and ambitious man, he was intoxicated with hatred for the Gospel. He breathed threats and murder against the disciples of Jesus. Although we don't have specific reports that he killed Christians, he went before the high priest and saw to it that they were imprisoned and executed.

It should tell you something about God that he would take the very chief of first century sinners and turn him into the very best of the missionaries. How did God do that? He started the process with a bright light from heaven as Saul approached Damascus; with a question, “*why are you persecuting me?*”; with a man of God named Ananias who prayed for and laid hands on and instructed and then baptized Saul. That's how God got his attention and as the years went on, God molded and shaped Paul into a preacher, who wanted nothing more in life than to preach the Gospel at no charge, and into a free man who was subject to nobody who made himself into a servant to all.

2.) God calls, gathers and enlightens – to love Him and our neighbor.

To be a disciple is to be a follower of Christ. It is to spend your days knowing that you have been given a place within God's story, that you have an active role to play, that not a one of you is unimportant, and that no vocation is insignificant. What we do in our own little corners of the world matters here and now, and beyond.

The Holy Spirit doesn't just call and gather and enlighten us with His gifts. He keeps on sending us back into this world not just to wander around aimlessly, but to love as you have been loved - forgive as you have been forgiven - serve as you have been served.

May we find ourselves more and more – kneeling before God, admitting that we have fallen short and reveling in the forgiveness of sins. And standing up straight and tall and going about our business day after day with an absolute desire “to be all things to all people” to “**Touch Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus**” - for our Lord's sake and to Him be the glory!

In Jesus' Name and for His sake. Amen.

-Pastor Pasche

Official Acts



Confirmation

Baptisms

Mar 11 Aubrey Jan Wanous, daughter of
Chris & Amanda Wanous

Mar 18 Amelia Elizabeth Hines, daughter of
David & Rozetta Hines

Apr 21 Brecken Allen Suess, son of
Cody & Danielle Suess

Apr 28 Eli Jon Nass, son of
Justin & Kalee Nass

Apr 29 Oliver Andrew Ulrich, son of
Andrew & Heidi Ulrich

Funerals

Mar 2 Emily Ulrich, 28, passed away February 25

Mar 10 Elaine Nass, 86, passed away March 7

Mar 24 Janet Zeiss, 80, passed away March 20

Apr 12 Curtis "Curt" Schuft, 48, passed away April 6

Apr 16 Elizabeth "Beth" Berghuis, 31, passed away April 8

Apr 21 Anton Heuer, 46, passed away April 10

Apr 23 Lorraine Meyer, 88, passed away April 18

Membership Changes

Received by Profession of Faith

Tim & Michelle Franzen

Received by Confirmation

May 6

Benjamin Anderson

Devon Bode

Riley Borka

Brianna Brousseau

Nicholas Cox

Megan Hausladen

Justin Henke

Mackenzie Henning

Jayna Hettver

Makenzie Jenneke

Keygon Jepsen-Lee

Elizabeth Johnson

Mason Johnson

Camden Kron

Bryce Maki

Molly Meyer

Colin Nagel

Paul Nass

Ellie Petersen

Miranda Piehl

Mitchell Piehl

Austin Raduenz

Nathan Rannow

Nicolas Rannow

Alexis Rowley

Cade Salmela

Taylor Schroeder

Ellie Streich

Blake Theuringer

Nathan Weir

Trey Wittman

Dylan Wolff

Samantha Yurek

USHERS

May 8:00 = Team 4

10:30 = Team 6

June 8:00 = Team 2

10:30 = Team 5

*-Never be lacking in
zeal, but keep your
spiritual fervor, serving
the Lord.*

-Romans 12:11

-Train up a child in the way he
should go: and when he is old he will not
depart from it.

-Proverbs 22:6



GREETERS SCHEDULE

| | May 6 | May 13 | May 20 | May 27 |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 8:00 | Allan and Shirley Fuchs | Allan and Shirley Fuchs | Scott and Shannon Streich | Bo and Stacy Miller and Family |
| 9:15 | Dale and Judy Schumann | Tony and Kim Borka | Tony and Kim Borka | Sharon Christensen |
| 10:30 | John and Sandi Lietz | Jason and Mandy Sturges and Family | Cyndy Fallon | Lloyd and Evangeline Dettman & Melvin Dettman |

| | June 3 | June 10 | June 17 | June 24 |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8:00 | Robert and Marjorie Streich | Erlin and Ruby Thran | Bo and Stacy Miller and Family | Chris and Karen Solien and Family |
| 9:15 | Darrell and Shelley Rusch | Eric and Kari Gehrke and Family | Ross Wendling and Family | Scott and Liz Brusehaver |
| 10:30 | Robbie and Sara Peterson | John and Sandi Lietz | Judy Radunz | Lee and Shirley Uldberg |



| | May 5/6 | May 12/13 | May 19/20 | May 26/27 |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 6:15 | Jan Klockmann | ? | Joanne Keilen | Annette Koehler |
| 8:00 | George Quast | Deb Eggert | Cassie Padrnos | Nona Anderson |
| 9:15 | Pat Bode | Anita Miller | Betty Ruskamp | ? |
| 10:30 | Ross, Norah, Judson Wendling | Marlene Hamlin | Marion Fenske | Darlyn Egge |

| | June 2/3 | June 9/10 | June 16/17 | June 23/24/30 |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 6:15 | Kevin Heikes | Corinne Higgins | Joanne Keilen | June 23-? June 30-? |
| 8:00 | George Quast | ? | Deb Eggert | Nona Anderson |
| 9:15 | Jeff Miller | Eric Gehrke | Betty Ruskamp | Monica Padrnos |
| 10:30 | Jim Warnke | Hazel Sitz | Marlene Hamlin | Darlyn Egge |



Treat Mom to Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 13
Serving from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
In the Peace Center
Proceeds go to Alaska Summer Mission Trips



Menu includes: Egg bake, Fruited French Toast, Frosty Fruit Cup, Dessert Buffet and Beverages.
Cost: Adults \$8, Children 5 - 12 \$5, Children 4 years and younger are free.



Memorials

Earl Fitzloff Memorial

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| Music Ministry | \$ 190 |
| Tell the Next Generation | 10 |
| | <u>\$ 200</u> |

Elaine Nass Memorial

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| Little Lambs Christian Center | \$ 510 |
| Tell the Next Generation Prin. | 495 |
| Altar Guild | 15 |
| | <u>\$1,020</u> |

Stella Rauch Memorial

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| Dorcas | \$ 150 |
| Tell the Next Generation | 10 |
| Undesignated | 623 |
| | <u>\$ 783</u> |

Herb Schulz Memorial

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| Tell the Next Generation | \$ 1,052 |
| Organ Fund (pending) | 1,031 |
| Taxi | 50 |
| | <u>\$ 2,133</u> |

Emily Ulrich Memorial

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Peace Cemetery Fund | \$ 1,000 |
| Little Lambs Christian Center | 1,000 |
| Tell the Next Generation | 5 |
| | <u>\$ 2,005</u> |



1st Annual Stroke and Stride for Common Cup Ministry, Inc.

**Lap Swim, Walk the Lazy River,
and/or Do a 5K Walk**

**Saturday, August 18, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Hutchinson Aquatic Center**

\$50 per person \$100 family maximum

All proceeds will be used for Outreach Ministry Programs of
Common Cup Ministry, Inc.

For more information please call Ralph Johnson 320-587-6733 or
Bev Bonte 320-234-8344.

Registrations are available at the Receptionist Desk at Peace
Lutheran Church.

NEW for Elementary Age Kids “Art at the Park”

Join us as we learn about the Bible through Artwork.

This program will be held at South Park from 9:00-10:00 on
Wednesday mornings beginning June 13.

This program will be free and is supported through donations of
supplies. No registrations are necessary, come when you can.
Questions? Please call Sandy 587-3031.



Children's Ministry is looking for donations of Art supplies for our
new “Art in the Park” program.

If you have Art supplies that you do not need, please bring them
to Sandy in the church basement.

Some ideas are glue, paint (not house paint), paint brushes, color
pencils, markers, fun fabric, beads, different kinds of paper or
tissue, pipe cleaners, pom poms, glitter, egg cartons, etc.

May Monthly Munchies

Our May Monthly Munchie will be
Chocolate Chip Cookies. We will be selling
Monthly Munchies on Sunday, May 20th
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
container after the 10:30 service.

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



Bloodmobile
Tuesday, May 8th
Tuesday, June 12th
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.






The dates for this year's **Garage Sale** are **June 20-23**. This year's sale will begin on Wednesday, June 20 from 3:00-6:00. Hours of the sale will be from 9:00-6:00 on both Thursday and Friday and 8:00-noon on Saturday. Saturday is bag day with all you can stuff into the bag provided for \$3.00.

Donations can be dropped off on June 18 and 19 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds at the 4-H building, from 10:00-6:30 on each of those days.

Only those suitcases on wheels will be accepted. Please . . . no televisions (flat screens ok), computers, or printers. Call if you have larger furniture items or exercise equipment to donate. Mattresses, cribs, and car seats can't be accepted.

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 the first week in June. If you aren't able to physically help with the sale, monetary donations are needed to help defray the rental fee at the fairgrounds, as well as lunch donations for workers.

Not only do the proceeds benefit Tell the Next Generation (75%) and our youth mission trips (25%), many others benefit from unsold items. Just like last year, Orphan Train, DAV (Disabled Veterans), Hutch Health Auxiliary Thrift Shop, and Thrift Shop of Common Cup Ministry located in Glencoe will be recipients of unsold items. If you have any questions, please call Sandi Lietz at 587-4599 or Lynn Brown at 320-582-0193 (cell) or 320-587-7046 (home).



**You're Invited To
The **Ultimate** Pep Rally!**

The Bible is filled with examples of God's people **shouting** and **cheering** in response to His mighty acts of power. **Victory** invites children to do the same by remembering **who God is**, **what He has done**, and **what He promises to do!**

Victory features music & videos from **Go Fish** combined with teaching that clearly presents the gospel of Jesus Christ while consistently modeling a **high view of Scripture**. Along with snack, craft, and game rotations, children will build team unity as they compete for the spirit stick, create cheers of praise, and **worship God together!**

June 4-8 Summer VBS 9:00 – 11:30 at Peace Lutheran Church

The theme for our **Summer VBS** is **VICTORY by "Go Fish"**. Join our Pep Rally and learn about the Bible with the upbeat music of the "Go Fish Guys". Open and free to all children age 3 to Grade 4. Register at www.plchutch.org or in the church office. Upon registration each child will receive a free music CD.

If you would like to help with VBS this summer by donating your time to help lead a small group, do crafts, help with games or prepare and serve snacks, please contact Lisa or Sandy at 587-3031.

We are in need of 3M decorative tape, decorative wrapping paper, and we need 150 cardboard tubes from empty paper towel rolls. Please drop these at the church office. We will also have a board with sticky notes on it in the rampway. If you would like to help by donating an item please take a sticky note and return it with the item by June 4.

***** Students Grade 5 and older please join us and be a small group leader. There will be a VBS leader training session on May 16 from 6:00-7:00 in the church basement.**

Peace Lutheran Youth Congregational Info: May/June 2018

† **High School Bible Study last day is May 9**

Sunday School last day is May 13. We will have a large celebration in the sanctuary with all ages together to celebrate Mother's Day and end of the year recognition. We will welcome in the new 6th graders and recognize the 8th graders moving to high school. Anyone is welcome to attend!



Celebrating our 2018 High School Seniors!

Peace's Graduation Celebration – Sunday, May 20th @ 9:15am Service/Brunch to follow. Peace will honor our Grads at the 9:15am worship service, followed by a special brunch for the grads (and their parents/family) in the Peace Center. Families should have received an invitation. Please talk to Erika if you did not receive one.

† **Hutchinson Baccalaureate – Wednesday, May 23rd @ 7:30pm at Crosspoint Church**

The community-wide Baccalaureate Service (coordinated by Hutchinson Area Youth Ministry) will be held at Crosspoint Church, instead of the High School again this year because of construction. Questions? Please talk to Erika.

Please pray for Peace's Graduating Seniors:

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| 1. Ahlers, Katelynn (GFW) | 9. Elder, Maddie | 17. Oeltjenbruns, John |
| 2. Baumgardt, Colton | 10. Hempel, Madison | 18. Plekkenpol, Jackson |
| 3. Beilke, Cameron | 11. Henke, Stephanie | 19. Poquette, Zafre |
| 4. Brygger, Jennah | 12. Heuer, Brianna (NCA) | 20. Schwartz, Brianna |
| 5. Carrigan, Allyson | 13. Hilgemann, Mary | 21. Telecky, Brooks |
| 6. Cassens, Brandon | 14. Huls, Riley | 22. Uecker, Mykenski |
| 7. Chiotti, Peyton | 15. Kellerman, Kaitlyn | 23. Wacker, Zack |
| 8. Dostal, Logan | 16. McKimm, Colin | 24. Weir, Nick |

Summer Mission Trip – Watch the weekly bulletins



We are so grateful for all of the support you have given to the youth and adults headed out on mission trips this summer. We appreciate every cinnamon roll or pizza that you have purchased, every event you have attended, or flower you dedicated to the youth, and especially all of the prayers you have shared!

We know that only some people will actually GO on these service trips, but ALL of Peace Lutheran can SEND us out to see God's work in other places in our world. In the upcoming weeks we will be asking you to consider "sending" youth by sponsoring a trip or a student. We will also have some specific donation requests that we will be collecting. All information will be in upcoming weekly bulletins, including dates for our commissioning services for each mission trip.

If you have any questions about the 2018 Youth Mission Trips, please talk to Erika Durheim, Director of Youth Ministry 320-766-9321 or email: youth@plchutch.org

June Outreach/Family Event:

Parade Watching Outreach Party Sunday, June 17 @Noon– 2:30pm

Join us on Father's Day for a Water Carnival Parade Watching Party. All Families are welcome to join us on the side yard of Peace Place! Come celebrate a part of your Father's Day with your church family! **Free Lemonade and popcorn provided!!**



FYI: Peace's final turn (this year) to host Thursday Free Lunch May 3





(through HAY! Ministries) at Crosspoint on **Thursday, May 3**. 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 1:00pm. Can you help prep, serve or both? We can use lots of hands! Please talk to Erika if you are able to help. Thanks!

Summer 2018 - Peace is joining up with HAY! Ministries for weekly programming

(HAY = Hutchinson Area Youth) weekly programming. Because of the number of mission trips, Erika will be there when she can be, you should go every week! Qs? Please call/text Erika.

Detailed schedule and registration information coming soon!



| <u>WHO</u> | <u>WHAT</u> | <u>WHEN</u> |
|---|--|---|
|  <u>Middle School</u> Grades 6-8 Those entering 6 th grade thru completed 8 th grade |  MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS Weekly fun with HAY! Again this year we will have a different "event" each week, like a water day, crud wars, go karts, etc. | Tuesdays 10am – Noon June 5 – August 7 Meet at St. A's |
|  <u>High School</u> Grades 9-12 Those entering 9 th grade thru completed 12 th grade |  THE AMAZING RACE Weekly Amazing Race with HAY! This will be a fun weekly challenge similar to the TV show. FYI: This will replace HAY high school softball. Flyer coming soon | Thursdays 1-4pm June 7 – August 9 Meet at AFS Park |

Valleyfair trip – save the dates:

Registration forms (& more details) will be out with HAY! Schedules for both middle and high school groups.

☼ **Middle School Trip: Tuesday, June 19** **High School Trip: Thursday, June 28**



Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship 8:15 am & 9:15 am

There will be two opportunities to participate each Sunday Morning and enjoy coffee, fellowship, and time in God's word. The 8:15 am class will be held in the office conference room and the 9:15 am class will meet in Room 207 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 Creation, Flood, and Tower of Babel"

Have you ever had a hunger for a greater understanding of Creation, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel according to the Word of God as recorded in the Book of Genesis, Chapters 1-11? You are not alone, and that is why it is the topic at the Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship Hour. Plan to attend and invite a friend!!



Baptismal Blankets Tyers

A special thanks to the children that tie the baptismal blankets. They are put in the baptismal bags that newborns and their families receive on the day of their baptism. Your help is so appreciated by the families and me.

I am always looking for more children to be called on to tie the blankets. If you are in grades 1st through 6th and would like to be a baptismal blanket tyer, please have your parents leave your name and phone number in the office for me.

When I need some more tied, I might be calling you. Thanks again. Debbie Koglin



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.

The 4-hour re-certification classes will be on **Monday, June 25th at 12:00-4:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, June 26th 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 on line at www.mnsafetycenter.org.

Additional classes will be scheduled for September.



Dorcas - Women in Mission – MARCH 8th, 2018

Program was the Prayer Service: “Living as God’s People” presented by RoxAnn Lauer and Nona Anderson, Hazel Sitz accompanied the hymns.

Meeting was opened by Pres. Delores Reiner with pledges to the flags.

Secretary’s report was approved after a correction was made.

Correspondence: A thank you card and donation of \$200 for serving Herb Schulz funeral. A thank you card from Campus Crusade for our \$500.00 donation and a thank

you from the Orphan Grain Train for the \$500.00 donation.

Treasurer’s report was read and accepted to be filed for review. Balance on Feb. 28th was \$4,544.56.

Committee Reports: LWML Gloria reported for Sandra. The LWML Spring Rally will be at First Lutheran, Glencoe, on Sat. April 21st from 8:00 A.M. until 11:30. Gifts from the Heart will be gas cards from Super America and Holiday stations, for the speaker, missionary Nader Alarj, from People of the Book or POBLO. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Christian Life : RoxAnn read a Lenten devotion about Passover.

Cheer : Gloria reported that 27 local visits were made, and she mailed 7 birthday cards, 11 praying for you and one sympathy card for a total of 19 cards.

Card Shop: Gloria reported that 8 boxes and 16 single cards were sold making a total \$ 72.00.

Funeral: One funeral was served.

Mission Servants: Marlene reported that 4 members volunteered at Bethesda Thrift Store on March 2nd. Eleven quilts have been completed so far this year.

Outreach Projects: \$400.00 to Common Cup Backpack Program for two students for supplies for one year, and \$500.00 to LCMS Disaster Relief Fund.

Other Business: RoxAnn made a motion that Dorcas will donate \$50.00 toward the Gifts for the Heart and the motion was approved. Membership: 12 members attended.

Group 2 will prepare and serve the Matt. 14 Dinner on March 16th.

There will be no April Meeting as members are encouraged to attend the Rally.

A thank you to hostesses Linda Butzin and Karen Gruett.

Meeting closed with the Table Prayer. -Marianne Johnson, Secretary



Prince of Peace Retirement Living May/June 2018

Volunteers Needed...

We are always updating our volunteer list for both weekend serving and monthly entertainment. Feel free to call Destini if you would like to offer your talents. On that same note, we are inviting a family member to serve one day a month and dine with their relative

who is living here. If your relative resides at Prince of Peace or you would just like more information on other opportunities, please call.

As always, please pray for the success of Prince of Peace Retirement Living as we continue to live out our mission of providing a dignified Christian home for all of our residents.

-Merline Duering, Executive Director



THINK SUMMER-OUTDOOR WORSHIP

9:15am Outdoor Worship will take place in June, July and August. Having said that, we need the weather to cooperate. The outdoor service is very popular,

and when we decide to move inside, worshipers often wonder why, "because the sun did come out". We need about a five-hour window of time during which the rain has stopped and no further rain is forecast. If it has not stopped raining by 6:00am, the ground will be too wet. If rain is forecast before 11:00, there is not enough time to move all the equipment back inside after the service. Scattered showers and thunderstorms in the area can be very unpredictable. If you have further questions or suggestions, please contact someone from the Worship Committee, or write down your thoughts and leave them at the church office.

Thank you. The Worship Committee

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday Programs 12:00-12:30pm Free concert followed by a buffet salad luncheon for \$8.00.

June 27 A Patriotic Celebration: Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon and the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad

July 4 No concert

July 11 Dr. Mary Newton, Organist, St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN

July 18 Chuck Thiel, Concertina, Lester Prairie, MN

July 25 Mons Brothers, Gary and John Mons

August 1 Alice Fiedlerová, Pianist, Prague, Czech Republic

Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry at Peace. Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL and POLKA SERVICE

Saturday night, July 7--Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers

4:30-6:00pm Ice cream social for \$8.00; 5:00 Free concert; 6:15pm worship in the Peace Center. Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry at Peace. Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial.

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS

If you qualify for a Thrivent Action Grant and would like to support one of the summer concert programs, please see Dr. Joan or Marlys. Thank you!

QUILT SUNDAY

The weekend of June 9th and 10th will be the blessing of the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who has assisted with sewing and tying quilts this year!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee will meet on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30pm. Our quarterly meetings are in January, May, September and November.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many musicians who have participated in the Praise Team, PRAYZ Team, Hosanna Handbells, Brass Ensemble and Peace Singers this year.

Three Crosses on a Hill

By Doris Oldre (Member of Peace)

Three Crosses on a Hill for the world to see;
They all look alike, how can it be?
The first is a thief, the third is too,
But the One in the center, What did He do?

With swords and staves the soldiers came
And took them to be judged.
As the crowd cried "Crucify. Transgressors must surely die!" –
But wait. The One was not a thief, how does He hang there too?

The three on the crosses were treated the same;
Whipped, beaten, spit upon and shamed.
A special crown of thorns for One.
Whatever in the world had He done?

The thief on the left may have thought to himself,
"If I had a chance I'd steal again, but this time I would win . . .
Now there is no chance except – maybe –
This Jesus who is next to me."

He cursed and swore in ugly words,
For he hated the cross that was cruel.
He yelled at Jesus, "If you are the Christ,
Save yourself and us, too."

The other thief was appalled at his words.
"Dost not thou fear God? Jesus is His Son;
No wrong and no sin has He done!"

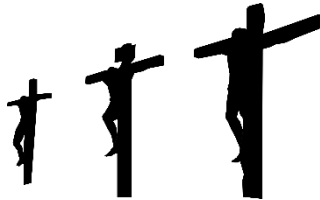
"I deserve the cross for I've broken the law; according to man I must die.
The sentence is just, for I was a thief; what I lived in my life was a lie.
I refused His offering for sin, for I didn't believe what God said, but now
I can see what he has done for me, when they pushed the thorns in His head."

As I watched them pound the spike in Jesus' feet, He lay on the cross
submitted.
No angry words of hate and defeat, but to a purpose firmly committed.
"Forgive them, for they know not what they do!" He prayed.
If He can forgive such a cruel act, I believe He has forgiven me too.

It appeared the thief had new hope in his heart,
For he turned to Jesus and questioned once more,
"May I be with you when we both shall be dead,
What is there for me in store?"

Jesus replied with all kindness and love,
Though His body was bleeding and torn,
"Today you shall be in Paradise too,
Just as my Father said He would do."

Three crosses may have looked the same that day;
But no power on earth could make Jesus stay.
He rose again and lives you see,
For He purchased the pardon for the thief and me.



YOU CAN HELP

The Minnesota South District of the LWML is gathering items for its **"Gifts from the Heart"** for its convention in June. Items gathered here at Peace Lutheran will be assembled into Baby Kits for pregnancy and family service agencies in three Minnesota communities and Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries.



Dorcas: Women in Mission ask you to bring the following items to the collection box in the Commons Area anytime between **now and June 1st**. Members of our Human Care Committee will assemble the kits and our delegates will take them to the convention in late June.

We need:

- Baby Wipes (flat packet) Baby Shampoo (unscented) Baby Wash (unscented)
- Baby Lotion (unscented) Baby Combs or Brushes Receiving Blankets
- Onesies: NB to 24mos. Pullups Formula Pack-n-Play sheets (new)
- Boxes of diapers: NB to sz 5/6 Christian Story Books and Lullaby CDs
- Bath towels (not to exceed 48" long) Wash cloths Wrapped and unscented soap bars
- Toothbrushes in original individual packaging Band-Aids Pick-style combs
- Jars or tubes of petroleum jelly, 4 oz. or larger Kitchen type gloves

We appreciate your help in reaching out to people in need with
The Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

Mission and Ministry Minutes –March 20, 2018



Call to Order: Nick

Opening Devotion: Pastor Pasche opened with a scripture reading from Galatians and a word of prayer.

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellethin, Mike Eggert, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Deanna Puchalski, Kim Borka, Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche

Members Absent: Lee Uldbjerg, Troy Puckett

Touching Lives: Kim shared a personal story about a family member who grew up in the Missouri Synod Church, struggled with substance abuse, is now in recovery, and is coming back to church.

Approval of February Minutes: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes, and Cindy seconded with all voting aye after the correction was made to delete Cindy's name as being present.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: PLC had to borrow \$20,000 to meet payroll, but so far giving has been good this month and will be able to pay it back. General fund has a negative balance of \$42,267.01. Little Lambs has a balance of \$4,326.36. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$31,454.40. Building maintenance fund had a balance of \$67,586.67. Building Mortgage Fund had a negative balance of \$22,201.30, leaving 1.77 months in reserve. Lynn made a motion to approve, Heidi seconded with all voting aye.

Fundraiser Policy Update: Mike drafted a proposed fundraising policy and shared with the council. Council members will review and give feedback at April's meeting.

Discussion of Council's Role: Pastor handed out a book to each council member entitled *Structure Your Church for Mission*.

Miscellaneous Items: Nick encouraged council members to lead or be part of a small group, including reaching out to the community. Pastor Pasche shared that worship is connecting and small groups help us to grow.

Minister of Operations Report: Paul shared that we are trying to gather hosts for the next small group session, which is called *Be Anxious for Nothing*, by Max Lucado. The plan is to expand into the community. Applications for the 20 hour per week secretary position will be accepted until March 28.

Pastors' Updates: Mid-week Lenten service is tomorrow. Of course, next week is Holy Week. Confirmation is winding down, and Confirmation Sunday will be the first Sunday in May. Pastor asked for prayers for the confirmands. Dr. Phil Johnson will come to PLC on Sunday, April 15th and facilitate the 9:15 adult Sunday school hour. Staff leadership training is going well with four sessions completed and two remaining.

Pastor Prayer: Pastor Bode closed with a word of prayer. Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

Mission and Ministry Minutes –April 17, 2018



Call to Order: Nick

Opening Devotion: Pastor Pasche opened with some passages from the book *Structure Your Church for Mission*, by Kurt Bickel and Les Stroh. Some churches have a tendency to focus too much on who they are *being*, while others focus too much on what they are *doing*. Either way those churches may "neglect the work of the Spirit in the lives of the unbelievers." Pastor Pasche opened with a word of prayer.

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellethin, Mike Eggert, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Lee Uldbjerg, Deanna Puchalski, Kim Borka, Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche, Troy Puckett

Touching Lives: Kim told a story about sharing time with her five-year-old kindergarten students. One student said that he was thankful for Jesus. Another said, "Who's that??" First student said, "You go to church to see Jesus." Maybe a seed of curiosity was planted that day.

Approval of March Minutes: Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes and Lee seconded with all voting in favor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Mike stated that March report looked improved due to \$20,000 income from youth fundraisers. The April 15th offering was half of the normal giving due to the large snowstorm. About a dozen people are currently using electronic giving. General fund had a negative balance of \$49,686.82. Little Lambs Christian Center had a balance of \$9,437.62. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$10,559.70. Building maintenance account had a balance of \$69,594.42. Building mortgage fund had a balance of \$18,010.35, leaving 1.43 months in reserve. Lee made a motion to approve and Deanna seconded with all voting in favor.

Renewing Line of Credit: Lynn made a motion to renew the line of credit at Citizen's Bank for \$200,000, and Heidi seconded the motion, with all voting aye.

Re-visit Missing Receipts: Receipts for purchases by staff MUST be coded to the proper account and turned into the accounting office in a timely manner.

Discussion of Fundraising Policy: Council reviewed the fundraising policy drafted by Council effective September 1, 2018. Applications for fundraising event need to be submitted to the Operations Manager at least one month prior to the event. Lynn made a motion to approve, and Troy seconded, with all voting aye.

Bookkeeper Position: Boni, our current PLC bookkeeper has resigned. Lee made a motion to post the part-time bookkeeper position, and Kim seconded with all voting aye.

Small Group Study: Nick encouraged church leadership to participate in the current Max Lucado small group study which is beginning the last week in April.

Minister of Operations Report: Paul is looking at creating a flow chart for PLC to be included in the PLC handbook. Several service anniversaries will be recognized this year for the following PLC employees: Debbie Koglin, Erika Durham, and Sandy Kephart. Church is reviewing church usage for non-missional purposes as well as being considerate of the custodial budget.

Pastor Updates: Attendance was good at mid-week Lent services as well as Easter—about the same as last year. Interview process has started for part-time secretary vacancy. Confirmation will be on May 6th at the 10:30 service. New this year in the confirmation program is that students test out of each section.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bode closed with a word of prayer. **Adjourn:** Lynn made a motion to adjourn and Lee seconded the motion with all voting aye. Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

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MAY 2018 PRAYER CHAIN CALDENDAR by Boni Schanil

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| May 1 | Considerations for the Poor (Psalm 41:1-3) |
| May 2 | Workers and staffing for nursing/assisted living homes |
| May 3 | VBS preparations and details |
| May 4 | India VBS Outreach ministry |
| May 5 | Pastors and their families |
| May 6 | "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise" (Ps. 51:15). |
| May 7 | Church and support staff, custodians, parish nurses, and volunteers |
| May 8 | Mission & Ministry, Elders, Trustees |
| May 9 | Financial Provision throughout the entire year at PLC |
| May 10 | Dorcas ministry and activities |
| May 11 | That PLC be a house of prayer |
| May 12 | Safety of children on school outings and activities |
| May 13 | Mothers, especially those whom have an aversion to Mother's Day |
| May 14 | PLC Property care and upkeep needs to be met |
| May 15 | For all Muslims and non-believers that they will turn to Jesus as Lord and Savior |
| May 16 | Music ministry plans, details and activities |
| May 17 | For all unborn babies for health and development |
| May 18 | For all people undergoing medical treatments |
| May 19 | For all people awaiting medical test results |
| May 20 | For God to "be exalted among the nations" (Psalm 46:10) |
| May 21 | For youth and families to worship throughout the summer months |
| May 22 | Homeless and people in need among us to be lifted up |
| May 23 | PLC youth and adult mission trip plans and details |
| May 24 | For those called to ministry from PLC to hear and discern the call |
| May 25 | Blessing of Graduates to remain connected with PLC family of faith |
| May 26 | Safety for all travelers |
| May 27 | For all who mourn: "Restore....the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit" (Ps. 51:12). |
| May 28 | U.S.A. veterans and families (Psalm 33:12) |
| May 29 | That each child in Hutchinson has sufficient food and care |
| May 30 | Little Lambs staff and families |
| May 31 | PLC fellowship to be a sweet aroma to God |



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JUNE PRAYER CALENDAR

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and requests." Eph.6:18a

Please pray:

- Fri. 1.** For young people who are considering a career in church work, that the Lord would guide them to seek His will for their lives.
- Sat. 2.** For our Youth who will be going on mission trips in service to others.
- Sun. 3.** Blessings on all who come to Outdoor Sunday worship that they will be strengthened by the Word.
- Mon 4.** For teachers and children at VBS that the week will be a time of learning and faith building.
- Tues. 5** For peace among siblings that the Lord would help them love and support one another.
- Wed. 6** For parents that they would see their role in raising children as a holy calling from the Lord.
- Thurs. 7** For widows that they will know Christ as their faithful Lord who will supply their needs.
- Fri. 8** Thanksgivings for the dedicated volunteers who have work at Peace.
- Sat. 9** For blessings on Amanda Tronick - Zach Rynning that their marriage hold Christ at the center.
- Sun.10** For our pastors who are our shepherds leading us into the green pastures of God's Word, during worship.
- Mon. 11** For thankful hearts for our many blessings, and contentment for what we have.
- Tues. 12** For hearts that imitate the generosity and graciousness of Jesus: feed the hungry, clothe the poor and give drink to the thirsty.
- Wed. 13** For Peace that the Lord would preserve his Word and Sacraments in our midst, strengthening our faith.
- Thurs. 14** For the people of God that they would find joy and purpose in giving to the Lord.
- Fri. 15** For rich and poor in the Church that those who have much may be a blessing to those who have less.
- Sat. 16** For the marriage of Ashley Bryant - Hunter Weber that they will find joy in serving the Lord.
- Sun. 17** On Father's Day - a day to give thanks for Christian fathers and their love for the family.
- Mon. 18** For our elderly that they be faithful examples to the young as they are patient in tribulations, joyful in hope and firm in their faith.
- Tues. 19** For the seminarian Dorcas supports: Brian Shane as he has received his call to pastor a church.
- Wed. 20** For the HAY youth ministry, that those involved will be led to a lifetime of service to the Lord.
- Thurs. 21 , 22nd, 23rd.** That the Peace Garage Sale have many buyers that many ministries may be aided.
- Sun. 24** That we might have a spirit of compassion, that we might speak words of mercy to all that will hear.
- Mon. 25** Christians around the world that are being persecuted for their faith. Strengthen them with your Spirit.
- Tues. 26** Thanksgivings for many freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States, and for the noon recitals that start today.
- Wed. 27** That God would preserve these freedoms here and around the world.
- Thurs. 28** For the youth trips to Valley Fair for good weather, safety and Christian fellowship.
- Fri. 29** For life that children around the world be welcomed as gifts of God.
- Sat. 30** For the wedding of Megan Dolly and Ross Peterson that they will establish a Christian home and hold the Lord first in their marriage.

