

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019



Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

JOIN US FOR SPECIAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD

11:30am | 6:45pm | SANCTUARY

The Lord's appearance to Moses in a burning bush is a significant episode of the Old Testament Book of Exodus. It occurred on Mt. Horeb, the Mountain of God. Here God told Moses how the people of Israel would be rescued from their bondage in Egypt. This account has many links to God's ultimate deliverance of all his people through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Lenten Series this year will explore these connections. The theme is: "Coming to the Mountain of God".

CROSS PURPOSES

5:15pm | PEACE CENTER

This is a series of worship services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter that helps us to remember and recognize God's purposes as we stand at the foot of the cross. In these services you will come to realize, as we walk through the season of Lent in humility and repentance, that God's promises are fulfilled and sins are crossed out only at the cross of Jesus.

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 MAR 6	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "Held Hostage"	CROSS PURPOSES Cross Examine	Taco Soup & Sandwich	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "Held Hostage"
Wednesday MAR 13	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "The Cry for Help"	CROSS PURPOSES Cross Cut	Sloppy Joes & Chips	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "The Cry for Help"
Wednesday MAR 20	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "The Promise of Rescue"	CROSS PURPOSES Cross Road	Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "The Promise of Rescue"
Wednesday MAR 27	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "The Unexpected Directive"	CROSS PURPOSES Cross Walk	Potatoes with Toppings	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "The Unexpected Directive"
Wednesday APR 3	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "Why Me?"	CROSS PURPOSES Cross Word	Baked Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "Why Me?"
Wednesday APR 10	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "Arriving at Our Destination"	CROSS PURPOSES Cross Reference	Haystacks	COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD "Arriving at Our Destination"

The Future of Peace Lutheran

We recently held our Annual Meeting. In the concluding statements I shared that Peace Lutheran has been working with Dr. Phil Johnson from our Minnesota South District Office. Dr. Johnson works with churches of our district to better understand God's mission for His church and how we fit into that mission.

*"The **Mission Formation Consultation Process** – Is a process designed to help Leaders of churches to Think, Plan, and Act in line with the Great Commission."*

We have completed **Phase One** of the process. Paul Berg, a group of Peace Members and myself collected and provided various reports of information to Dr. Johnson and his consultation team. You may remember a congregational survey. The results are part of this report.

Phase Two involves you. We have identified **Friday, March 22, 2019** as a day when the consultation team will travel to Peace Lutheran. In the afternoon the consultation team will interview staff, congregational leaders, and the Little Lambs Christian Center Board.

That evening – you are all invited to participate in a congregation focus group. The consultation team will divide the group of congregation members into four groups.

Our prayer is that we will have members who are youth to elderly, members of Peace for a short time to life time, people who have recently visited to people who have left for another congregation.

In these focus groups the consultation team will ask questions and listen and listen and listen. That means we have to share our frustrations, our joys and how we are or are not currently carrying out the Mission of God.

Here is an opportunity to be heard and have input on the future of Peace Lutheran.

The consultation team will take the information from the interviews and what they heard in the focus groups and prepare recommendations for our congregation.

Phase Three is when the consultation team present their recommendations or "prescriptions." The following **Sunday, March 31** - Dr. Johnson will share the prescriptions to the congregation. We will have a lunch after the 10:30 service and then Dr. Johnson will present to the congregation. Then we take the results home and think and pray – we ask for God's guidance.

Phase Four After time has passed – we have thought about, talked about and prayed about the prescriptions – we vote on them. The **Sunday after Easter, April 28** we will gather after 10:30 for Lunch and again Dr. Johnson will walk through the process and then ask the congregation to vote on adopting or declining the prescriptions. If we pass the prescriptions – a team from our congregation will be selected to implement the prescriptions over the next two years. Dr. Johnson will assign a coach to work with the team and congregation during that as well.

Write down Friday night, March 22 and let's plan on having our voice heard and providing input on the future of our congregation! Say your prayers that God may guide this process and may all that we do be according to His will and to His Honor!

- **Pastor Pasche**

Official Acts



Baptisms

Dec. 2 McKinley Joy Duenow, daughter of
Jessie & Hannah Duenow

Funerals

Dec. 1 Kayliona Thies, Stillborn baby, born
November 25
Dec. 8 Loyd Tjernagel 83, passed away
November 28
Dec. 13 Viola Falling, 102, passed away
December 8
Jan. 10 Orville Beilke, 78, passed away
January 3
Jan. 14 Daryl "Cisco" Beilke, 64, passed
away January 8

Membership Changes

Membership Changes

Received by Profession of Faith

Jan Klabunde
Mary Dahlke

Received by Adult Instruction

Nathaniel Blom

Transferred Out/Other Lutheran

Rollin Kubasch to St. John Lutheran Church, New
Germany, MN
Donna Meyer to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stewart,
MN
Brittany Opatz, Vayda* & Vince* to Trinity Lutheran
Church, Waconia, MN

*Baptized Member

Memorials

Viola Falling Memorial	
Little Lambs Christian Center	\$1,742
Tell the Next Generation (Principal)	<u>1,412</u>
	\$3,154

Acolytes

Feb. 2 6:15 p.m. Shanessa Millerbernd
Feb. 3 8:00 a.m. Monica Padrnos
10:30 a.m. Chloe Telecky & Jennifer
Hilgemann
Feb. 9 6:15 p.m. Carson Evers
10:30 a.m. Jayden Brecht & Bryce Klancke
Feb. 10 8:00 a.m. Brooke & Brie Kobow
10:30 a.m. Savanna Losievski & Jayden
Brecht
Feb. 17 8:00 a.m. Evan Baumgarten
10:30 a.m. Chloe Telecky & Jennifer
Hilgemann
Feb. 24 8:00 a.m. Brooke Kobow
10:30 a.m. Madilyn Gehrke
Mar. 3 8:00 a.m. Evan Baumgarten
10:30 a.m. Grace Puckett
Ash Wednesday
Mar. 6 6:45 p.m. Chloe Borka & Brie Kobow
Lent
Mar. 13 6:45 p.m. Liam Nelson & Esme Nelson
Mar. 17 8:00 a.m. Brooke Kobow
10:30 a.m. Grace Puckett
Mar. 20 6:45 p.m. Liam Nelson & Esme Nelson
Mar. 23 6:15 p.m. Anton Cox
Mar. 24 10:30 a.m. Savanna Losievski
Mar. 27. 6:45 p.m. Madilyn Gehrke & Kylie
Luedtke
Mar. 30 6:15 p.m. Madison Henning &
Shanessa Millerbernd

Confirmation students and parents –There are several openings for Acolytes in the February and March worship services. Please sign-up on the Acolyte sign-up sheet in the commons area.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 3rd

8:00 a.m. Nancy Pasche
 9:15 a.m. Bob and Sandy Dietz
 10:30 a.m. Tony and Kim Borka and Family

Sunday, February 10th

8:00 a.m. Gary and Carol Mons
 9:15 a.m. Darrel and Shelley Rusch
 10:30 a.m. Lee and Shirley Uldbjerg

Sunday, February 17th

8:00 a.m. Troy Kurth
 9:15 a.m. Chris and Jolene Dennis
 10:30 a.m. Lloyd, Evangeline, and Melvin Dettman

Sunday, February 24th

8:00 a.m. Jerry and Mary Haag
 9:15 a.m. Rory and Amy Paulson
 10:30 a.m. Eric and Kari Gehrke and Family

Sunday, March 3rd

8:00 a.m. Allan and Shirley Fuchs
 9:15 a.m. Jim and Barb Wendling
 10:30 a.m. Robbie and Sara Peterson

Sunday, March 10th

8:00 a.m. Margaret Messner & Dolores Barlau
 9:15 a.m. Dale and Judy Schumann
 10:30 a.m. Don and Phyllis Hecht

Sunday, March 17th

8:00 a.m. Merle Schlueter
 9:15 a.m. Rory and Amy Paulson
 10:30 a.m. Ed and Sheryl Hoffman

Sunday, March 24th

8:00 a.m. Cyndy Fallon
 9:15 a.m. David and Mary Lou Carlson
 10:30 a.m. Ross, Norah, and Judson Wendling

Sunday, March 31st

8:00 a.m. Delton and Arliss Haag
 9:15 a.m. Chris and Karen Solien
 10:30 a.m. John and Sandi Lietz

USHERS

February Ushers 8:00 Team #4
 10:30 Team #6

March Ushers 8:00 Team #2
 10:30 Team #5

Wednesday Lenten Services – 6:45 p.m.

March 6	Ash Wednesday	Team #1
March 13	Lent	Team #2
March 20	Lent	Team #4
March 27	Lent	Team #3



<u>8 a.m.</u>	<u>9:15 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Sunday, February		
3: Cassie Padrnos	Pat Bode	Duane Hall
10: Arlene Benshoof	Sara Peterson	Lee Uldbjerg
17: Nona Anderson	Betty Ruskamp	Sandra Hall
24: Shirley Wurdell	Anita Miller	Marlene Hamblin
Sunday, March		
3: Monica Padrnos		Sara Peterson
10: Arlene Benshoof		Phyllis Hecht
17: George Quast	Betty Ruskamp	John Lietz
24: Nona Anderson	Shari Zieman	Marlene Hamblin
31: Cassie Padrnos		Sandra Hall
Saturday, February - 6:15 p.m. - Saturday, March		
2: Joanne Keilen		2: Dick Higgins
9: Corinne Higgins		9: Joann Keilen
16: Charlene Havelka		16: Jan Klockmann
23: Jan Klockmann		23: Annette Koehler
		30: Charlene Havelka



Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship

8:15 a.m. & 9:15 a.m.

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 Book of Daniel"

Do you remember the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den? Or about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace as recorded in the Old Testament book of Daniel? And guess what, there is much, much more!!

As we travel with Daniel in the first half of the book, we will experience exciting examples of God's power and love followed by the last chapters where God allows Daniel to look ahead to future world events. All of these events lead to the coming of Jesus, the Savior. Once again, we will find in God's Word the assurance that our God is in control of all history, and He directs all things for the purpose of saving His people. The class will also have the opportunity to grow in their understanding of the culture and history during the years of Daniel.

Please watch future Monthly Messengers and Sunday Bulletins for exciting details and registration information on the Spring 2019 Small Group Series.

Daily Devotions

Daily devotions including "Portals of Prayer", "My Devotions" and "Life Light" will no longer be available in the info racks at Peace Lutheran. Order information for having your favorite devotion delivered to your home are included in this month's edition of your devotion. You may also receive these devotions electronically. There is also a free electronic daily devotion available through the "Lutheran Hour" ministries.

Little Lambs Sunday

Little Lambs Sunday is planned for February 24th. Preschool 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 back of the Messenger for details.



The Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday March 30, 2019 at 9:00 am. This year's topic is "Bring Jesus to Your Table". Heidi Breitbarth from Living Christ Lutheran Church in Chanhassen will be speaking on great ideas to bring Jesus to your table. Patty Kark will be singing and leading a sing along. You won't want to miss this special morning of speakers, music, and conversation. Teens to Seniors are invited to attend. Mark it on your calendars and invite your friends. Brunch will be served at 9:30. Childcare will be available with

an RSVP to the church office by March 22. Tickets are \$10 and will be available in the church office beginning March 1.

February Monthly Munchies

Our February Monthly Munchie will be anything made with Chocolate. We will be selling Monthly Munchies on Sunday, February 24th. Each item is \$2.00 unless marked 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. If you are willing to share your recipe we will add it to a Monthly Munchie Cookbook that is in the process of being developed. We invite the entire congregation to purchase these treats! All proceeds will go to *Tell the Next Generation*.



March Monthly Munchies

Our March Monthly Munchie will be anything made with Peanut Butter. We will be selling Monthly Munchies on Sunday, March 24th. Each item is \$2.00 unless marked 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. If you are willing to share your recipe we will add it to a Monthly Munchie Cookbook that is in the process of being developed. We invite the entire congregation to purchase these treats! All proceeds will go to *Tell the Next Generation*.



Driver Improvement Program Opportunity for Adults 55 and Over

This opportunity can help you save 10% on your insurance for 3 years. An initial 8-hour class (\$26) for first time students will be held in March on Thur. 3/14 and Fri. 3/15, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. The 4-hour refresher (\$22) classes for the repeat student will be held Mon. 3/18 from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. and 3/19 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. All classes will be held in Room 207 in the Education Building. Register at 1-888-234-1294 (toll free), Minnesota Safety Research Center, or on line at www.mnsafetycenter.org.

Suicide Awareness Seminar

On Sunday March 24th there will be a free Suicide Prevention Educational Event here at Peace, starting at 1:00 pm. From 1-3 pm there will be three speakers who will focus on Farmers and Youth, no registration is required. From 3:30-5:00 pm there will be a QPR Training Event for which pre-registration is a required. QPR--Question, Persuade, and Refer – 3 simple steps ANYONE can learn to help save a life. Call (507) 381-4082 to register. Class size limited. Event made possible with proceeds raised at We Walk 4 Life.

Peace Lutheran Women One & All

Please join us for a
Tea Party

with Guest Speaker Doris Oldre,
Refreshments, and Door Prizes,
Thursday, February 14th, 2019
1:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Tea Room
(Church Basement)



Hosted by Dorcas, Women in Mission

Peace Lutheran Youth Info: February and March

Youth Contacts During Interim

For General Information:

Robbie Oeltjenbruns Youth Committee Chair 320-583-9070

Confirmation: Pastor Pasche 320-296-9877

Middle School Sunday School: Jodi Evenson 320-583-9964

Wednesday Recharge Program: Teri Friauf 320-510-0666

High School Bible Study: Heidi Sickmann 320-582-2406

2019 Summer Trips: Robbie Oeltjenbruns 320-583-9070

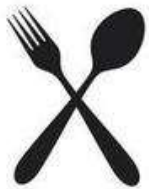
Church Office: 320.587.3031 Youth Ext. 2769

Email: youth@plchutch.org



Cinnamon Roll Sales – Sunday, February 3rd & March 3rd!

The youth will be selling yummy cinnamon rolls at church on Sunday morning, February 3rd & March 3rd. Eat one at church or take some home to enjoy later. \$2 per roll or 12 for \$20. This is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Peace.



Thursday Lunch Change of Date!

Peace hosts Thursday Free Lunch (through Hutchinson Area Youth-HAY! Ministries) at Crosspoint (across from the high school) on **Thursday, April 25**. **Due to scheduling problems we will NOT be serving on March 7th**. ♪ Adults, consider volunteering your time, if you are available during the day. This year there will be 2 lunch times, and they are earlier! This will mean serving lots more kids each shift. Therefore, we will start prepping at 8:30am, and should be done and cleaned up by 1:00 – 1:30pm. Talk to Robbie/Mel

if you are able to help for part of the day, or to help the entire time. Also, please pray for the young people who are able to hear the word of God each week through this outreach ministry. Thanks! **SAVE THE DATES:** Peace will serve Thursday lunches on **April 25 & May 9th**.



Culvers Youth Fundraiser – Donate while you dine!

Please visit our local Culver's on **Tuesday, February 12 & March 12 from 5-8pm**. 10% of sales will be donated to Peace Lutheran's Youth Ministries. This is the perfect excuse to break any New Year's Resolutions...butter burger and custard for a good cause! PLEASE tell your friends!



Pizza Fundraiser for Youth during Lent

March 9 – April 14, 2019

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. 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 2019 Youth Ministry Goals & Summer Mission Trips**



SAVE THE DATE: Annual Fish Fry!!!

Friday, March 8th † 11:00am – 7:00pm

(Look for more details in upcoming weekly bulletins)

If you would be willing to donate your time to cover a shift or are willing to bring in a pan of brownies or bars, please call Judy Radunz (587-5543) or Robbie

Oeltjenbruns (583-9070). **THANK YOU** for supporting this fundraiser for 2019!

A Spring Break Art Workshop for Elementary age students will be held in the church basement March 12, 13, 14, from 10:00-11:30. Students may sign up for one, two, or all three workshops. This program is sponsored by donations and is limited to 20 students each day.

The next MAP (Missions Awareness Program) is scheduled for Feb. 6, 8:00-10:15 am in the church basement. All students grade K-5 are welcome to come for breakfast, learn and participate in a mission project. Students attending Park Elementary school, will be escorted by an adult to school before the beginning of the school day. Those students attending West Elementary will ride the bus with Little Lambs Childcare.

The Youth are looking for a used silage wagon to be modified to hold cardboard for our paper drive. Please contact Wayne Friauf at 320-510-0659, with any information.

Bloodmobile

Tuesday, February 12th

And

Tuesday, March 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.



ICE FISHING CONTEST

Sunday February 24th

Contact Paul Otte or Scott Brusehaver
for information.



Prince of Peace Retirement Living February and March



We've packed away the Christmas decorations and are turning our thoughts to the next holiday; but during the time in between, we reflect on the past happenings and plan for the next year. In 2019, we will be changing things up a little and expanding some "tried and true" activities within our mission. A huge part of the "tried and true" is because of the dedicated volunteers we have; last year we utilized over 1,500 hours of volunteer time. If you have time or a talent, that you would be willing to share with us – please contact Destini

Doring at 234-7588. We are looking for musical talent, crafting talent, cleaning talent, serving talent, and all around amazingly talented folks. Some opportunities are during the weekdays and others are for the meal program on the weekend. Please consider what you can give and make the call today.

Merline Duerling
Executive Director

Worship Committee will meet February 12th at 6:30pm and May 14th at 6:30pm.

PRAYZ TEAM will sing for the Family Worship Services: Sunday, February 10th at 9:15am; April 14th at 9:15am; May 12 at 9:15am and for all of the 5:15pm Wednesday Lenten Services, March 6th through April 10th. All children and youth are welcome to join us!

Many Thanks to all the musicians who "make a joyful noise" with Hosanna Handbells, Praise team, PRAYZ team, LWML choir, and special music!

"Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus"

**Dorcas - Women in Mission –
Thursday, December 13, 2018**

Delores opened the meeting with Pledges to the flags.

Devotions were led by Sandra Hall.

Program: Sandra Kephart spoke and showed pictures of her Clown Mission trip to Wales. A question and answer period followed.

Secretary's report was approved as written.

Correspondence: Thank you cards and donations were received from the Loyd Tjernagel family and \$200, the family of Arlette Anderson and \$250, and from the Bill Ratike family \$150 and a thank you card from his daughter, Sara McClure. Received a thank you from Concordia Seminary for \$500 gift for Adopt a Student, Brian Shane, and from Lutheran World Relief for the 49 mission quilts and 92 Baby Care Kits. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,972.62 and was approved for financial review.

Cheer for Nov. Gloria reported 26 local visits and mailed 2 birthday cards, 2 sympathy cards and 5 praying for you cards. A \$10 memorial for Bill Ratike whose wife Lillian was a **Dorcas member**. A total of 9 cards.

Card Shop: Sold 7 boxes and 16 singles for a total of \$65.

Mission Servants: Phyllis reported that 5 women went to Bethesda Thrift Store. They were there at a very busy time.

LWML: Sandra gave a report on the convention to be held in Mobile, Alabama, June 20 -23rd. The Quarterlies for Winter were available.

Outreach: Motion was approved to send \$200 to "We Raise", formerly known as Wheat Ridge, and \$100. to Sandra Kephart for a mission of her choice.

Business: Nominating committee reported that Sharon Christensen will be on the ballot for Vice President and Carol Kubasch for Secretary.

Upcoming events: The past and present officers will serve lunch at the Annual Meeting. The January meeting will have a Memorial Service for the four Dorcas members who have passed away during 2018. Installation of new officers will also take place.

Membership: 22members and 2 guests.

Following the business meeting, Hazel Sitz accompanied members in a Christmas sing a long.

Hostesses were Carol Kubasch and Mary Haag in place of Carolyn Lind and Marianne Johnson.

Meeting closed with the Common Table Prayer.

- Marianne Johnson, Secretary

**Dorcas - Women in Mission –
Thursday, January 10, 2019**

Judy Radunz, Vice President ,opened the meeting with pledges to the flags.

The program was a memorial service. Ladies memorialized were Helen Koepp, by daughter Irene Schwartz, Fern Fitzloff by daughters Coleen Fitzloff and Brenda Harper, Julianne Tupa by sister-in-law Barbara Plath and Viola Falling by Mary Haag. Others shared memories of these ladies. A candle was lit in each woman's memory and roses in their memory will be placed on the altar on Sunday. There were no honorary members this year.

Election of new officers was held. Nominees were President-Judy Radunz, Vice President-Sharon Christensen, Secretary-Carol Kubasch and LWML alternate delegate-Barbara Otte. Judy called for nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were closed. The ballot was accepted unanimously. Pastor Pasche installed the new officers.

Secretary's report was accepted with an addition; a thank you from Bethesda Communities for our \$200 donation.

Correspondence: A thank you card and \$200.00 for serving the Viola Falling funeral.

Treasurer's report was accepted as printed and filed for financial review, and audit .Balance \$5,350.00. 2018 auditors will be Hazel Sitz and Melva Plath.

Cheer report Dec. 2018: Gloria reported twenty-eight local visits, with each receiving a Christmas card. Mailed 22 Christmas, 3 birthday, 6 praying for you and 1 sympathy card with \$25.00 to be sent to LWML in memory of Viola Falling, who was a long time Dorcas member.

Card Shop 2018: Gloria reported eighteen boxes sold for \$126.00 and 21 single cards at \$1.00 for a total of \$147.00.

Mission Servants: Phyllis reported that three ladies went to the Bethesda Thrift Store. Thirteen quilts were completed and 13 quilt tops were donated.

LWML: Sandra reminded about the importance of giving to Mites. The large Mite Box out for Dec. had a total of \$48.00. A reminder that Dorcas will be host for the fall Conference Rally.

Outreach Projects: The recommendation of \$100.00 to the general fund for paper products for funerals and three Lutheran Hour sermons on KDUZ, were accepted.

Our members were asked to include Pastor and Carole Hannemann in our prayers because of their ill health.

Group 2 will serve the February Valentine Tea.

Hostesses were Sheryl Hoffman and Leslie Keil.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

-Marianne Johnson, Secretary

**Special Mission and Ministry Peace Lutheran
Church Council Meeting - December 4, 2018**

Members Present: Lynn Brown, Kim Borka, Cindy Mons, Lee Ulbjerg, Deanna Puchalski, Heidi Sickmann, Troy Puckett, Pastor Pasche, Paul Berg Absent: Nick Brellenthin

Lee Ulbjerg called the meeting to order at 6:30, and Pastor Pasche opened with a word of prayer. He turned the meeting over to Troy Puckett, interim treasurer. After Troy distributed and explained a proposed financial reduction plan, Lynn made a motion to approve the four phase 2019 Peace Lutheran Church Financial Reduction Plan. Cindy seconded the motion and all voted aye. Phase 1 includes combining three accounts: general fund account, building maintenance, and cemetery accounts into one checkbook. The cemetery account will actually be closed out. There has been no activity for the past five years. This will be part of a plan to help pay off our line of credit and have \$100,000 in the general fund checkbook. Funds will need to be requested from the congregational fund for \$120,000 for the past 4 years of subsidizing the Little Lambs Christian Center facility allocation from 2014-18 at approximately \$30,000 per year. Lee made a motion to approve a request for \$120,000 from the congregational fund

to be used in the financial reduction plan and Kim seconded. Further discussion ensued with all voting aye. Heidi made a motion to adjourn, Troy seconded, with all voting aye. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.
Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Council Secretary

Mission and Ministry Peace Lutheran Church - December 18, 2018

Call to Order: Nick called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellenthin, Troy Puckett, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Lee Ulbjerg, Deanna Puchalski, Kim Borka, Pastor Pasche
Guest: Jeff Weckworth, Elder
Opening Devotion: Pastor Pasche read from Luke, Chapter 1, when Mary was told that she was with child and that the baby would be called Jesus. Joseph had three months to think about this, and we try to imagine how difficult that must have been for him. Our life is like that, too. Things happen in our lives that bring challenges, but we can be assured that God is always by our side.
Approval of November Minutes: Troy made a motion to approve the minutes, Deanna seconded, with all voting aye. Cindy made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from December 4, 2018, Lee seconded, with all voting aye.
Approval of Treasurer's Report: Troy presented the November financial report. November general fund had a negative balance of \$148,241.54. Cash flow loss is a negative \$131,858.20. LLCC had a balance of \$10,191.21. Building maintenance fund had a balance of \$90,275.72. Building fund mortgage had a balance of \$201.77, leaving 0.02 months in reserve. Cindy made a motion to approve the November treasurer report, Lynn seconded it, with all voting aye. Troy updated Council on the status of Phase #1 of the cash deficit resolution plan. It will be completed tomorrow. Troy suggested to the Council that all changes in pay and benefit increases be effective the first pay period after the Congregational meeting in January, Heidi seconded, with all voting aye. Troy discussed the dedicated accounts and suggested that PLC may want to consider having a savings account for dedicated funds so that accounts can be funded again. Undesignated donations that come in would go into this account. Funds should not be co-mingled with operating expenses. After discussion, Heidi made a motion to open a savings account for designated funds, Cindy seconded, with all voting aye. Funds for youth fundraisers have been going into the church general fund. Troy recommended that money collected from fundraisers and deposits made for upcoming youth mission trips should go into a checking account for youth. Lee made a motion to open a separate account for the youth and Lynn seconded, with all voting aye.
Budgeting Process: The Council spent the remainder of the meeting reviewing the needs of the church and revising the draft 2019 budget shared in November. Next step will be to finalize the 2019 budget at the January 8th, 2019 meeting to be presented to the congregation at the voters' meeting on January 27, 2019.
Pastor Update: Pastor Pasche will be compiling information for Dr. Phil Johnson from recently completed surveys and sharing that with Dr. Johnson.
Closing Prayer: Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Adjournment: Troy made a motion to adjourn, Heidi seconded, and all voted aye.
Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

Mission and Ministry Peace Lutheran Church - January 8, 2019

Call to Order: Nick called the meeting to order.
Opening Devotion: Pastor Pasche opened with prayer.
Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellenthin, Troy Puckett, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Lee Ulbjerg, Deanna Puchalski, Kim Borka, Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche
Guests: Jerry Haag (Trustees and Elder), Jeff Weckwerth, Elder
Approval of December Minutes: Cindy made a motion to approve, and Kim seconded with all voting aye.
Approval of Treasurer's Report: December general fund had a balance of \$52,605.08. LLCC had a balance of \$1,250.05. Cash flow had a balance of \$75,514.09. Building maintenance fund had a balance of \$93,448.72. Building fund mortgage had a negative balance of \$3,458.20, leaving a -.27 months in reserve. Lynn made a motion to approve the report, with Kim seconding, and all voting aye.
Jerry Haag came to the Council with a concern about the funds spent from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund to partially pay off the line of credit at the bank. His concern was that money was to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery plots. Plots are being taken care of with the money coming from the general fund and money from a dedicated fund. There had been no activity on the account for the past five years with the exception of quarterly interest payments in the amount of \$126 as reported previously to Council by treasurer.
Nomination Update: Lee said that 4/5 men have agreed to be on the ballot for open Elder positions, three being returning Elders. One person has come forward to have her name on the ballot for the secretary position on the Council. One person has agreed to be on the ballot for the at-large position on the Council, and one more person is considering being on the ballot for the same position.
Minister of Operations Report: 155 people have participated in the fall small group studies. Paul shared that the Trustees have formally adopted the policy that anyone can be buried in the Peace Lutheran Cemetery.
Pastor Update: Pastor Pasche shared that Paul Berg and he compiled the results of the congregational study. Pastor will meet with Dr. Johnson to review those results on Thursday. He is hoping that the objectives resulting from the study will be the impetus for what happens in the year ahead. Pastor Bode has talked with the Council chair and vice-chair and Ken Quast, chair of the Elders and requested that he work 21 hours per week. They were all in agreement, and Pastor Bode's reduced hours will start at the beginning of February.
Approval of 2019 Budget: In 2018 PLC was \$17,577 short for the mortgage payments. Troy has added this amount as a line item in the 2019 proposed budget. The proposed 2019 budget was reviewed, and Lynn made a motion to approve, and Lee seconded with all voting aye.
Adjournment: Troy made a motion to adjourn, and Heidi seconded, with all voting aye.
Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Council Secretary

Peace Lutheran Church Annual Voters' Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2019

Call to Order: Nick Brellenthin

Opening Devotion: Pastor Bode spoke of the astounding changes in our world, specifically organized Christian churches in the world. He said that it wasn't easy, but God has called us to touch people with the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ. He also spoke of the words in the hymn, Abide with Me, to remind us of the Lord's guidance today as we begin our meeting. Pastor Bode announced that he had asked the Council if he could assume half-time status as associate pastor.

Approval of Annual Voter Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2018: Nick Brellenthin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Al Koglin made a motion to approve the minutes, and Robbie Peterson seconded with all voting aye.

Approval of Nominees for LCMS Synodical Convention for President and Vice-President: Nick asked for approval of Pastor Pasche's recommendations for president and first vice-president, who are Rev. David Maier and Rev. Tim Klinkenberg for president and Rev. Scott Sailer and Rev. Jack Preus for first vice-president. Nick called for verbal vote to approve. All voted aye.

Presentation of Ballot and Vote for Mission and Ministry and Board of Elders: Nick called for unanimous vote for candidates: Cindy Mons, Barb Otte, Heidi Sickmann, and Chuck Jones for four at-large positions on the Mission and Ministry Council; Coleen Dostal for secretary; Troy Puckett for treasurer; and five candidates for Elder positions: Robbie Peterson, Matt Evers, Jon Bock, John Housenick, and John Lietz (with 2/3 congregational approval). Robbie Peterson made a motion to approve all candidates, and Sara Peterson seconded, with all voting aye via show of hands.

Treasurer's Report 2018/approval: Troy Puckett thanked everyone for their input. PLC was nearly \$90,000 short of the approved 2018 budget. Long-term maintenance account did well this past year, partly because there were minimal expenses and adequate contributions. John Lietz made a motion to approve, and Lesley Brellenthin seconded, with all voting aye by a show of hands.

Presentation of 2019 Proposed General Fund/Little Lambs Budget: Troy Puckett shared that the proposed 2019 budget has a decrease of \$80,000 in the operating budget. Proposed 2019 budget totals \$715,150. Troy displayed a slide with departmental increases and decreases. He showed all the reductions in Christian education and worship. Human resources expenses has a large reduction due to Pastor Bode being reduced to half-time. Biggest reduction in administrative expenses is in maintenance contracts as PLC is hoping to use a different vendor. Building expense went up \$10,000 due to an increase in insurance on the building. Line of credit at Citizen's Bank had grown to \$200,000 by November 2018, but PLC was able to pay off line of credit on December 19, 2018 due to combining available funds from several different accounts. Troy plans on moving \$15,000 back into a dedicated fund account for perpetual care of cemetery plots. Although PLC essentially borrowed from ourselves, Troy explained that we still need to pay these accounts back, which is a total of

\$241,789. Plan is to pay back 25% of each fund balance from the general fund checkbook until funds are built back up—may take 2 to 4 years. The hope is that during that time percentage will be increased as the general fund checkbook grows. Troy stated that we want to keep a balanced budget and increase the offering plate. PLC had been paying \$10,000 in interest per year on that line of credit. Troy stressed that this is not where PLC wants to be, but where we are right now in order to propose a balanced budget. Troy gave a report on cemetery account history. \$2,774, 858 is the balance on the mortgage. Time was given for questions and answers. These questions were noted, sent to Troy Puckett via email and will be addressed in upcoming bulletins or Messengers. Nick Brellenthin asked for a motion to approve the budget. Doug Brown made a motion to approve, and Lesley Brellenthin seconded the motion. Paper votes were cast with the results being 113 yes votes and 6 no votes.

Little Lambs Christian Center's Report: Little Lambs Christian Center board shared a power point presentation to explain what led to the changes that were made for the center that will take place in September 2019. The current half-day preschool program will end in May 2019, with the transition to two preschool daycare classes divided by age groups and kindergarten readiness embedded in the daycare classroom for older preschoolers starting in September 2019.

Approval of Membership Changes within Yearbook: John Lietz made a motion to approve, and Troy Puckett seconded the motion with all voting yes by show of hands.

Pastors' Reports: Pastor Bode shared his appreciation to the congregation for allowing him to stay on half-time at PLC as the associate pastor. Congregation gave him a standing ovation in appreciation of all that he has done.

Pastor Pasche shared that Dr. Paul Johnson has been working with PLC. Phase one, missional assessment committee has completed this. Phase two, involving consultation and prescriptions, will take place on the weekends of March 2 or March 23. Phase three will be implementation, a two-year process. Coaching will be provided for leadership and pastors. Pastor recognized new staff people: Leslie Korngiebel as early childhood music director, Brianna Quast, bookkeeper, and Rebecca Stark, church secretary. Pastor also recognized Debbie Koglin, Little Lambs preschool teacher, and thanked her for 36 years of service. The congregation responded with a standing ovation. Pastor thanked Heidi Sickmann and other parent volunteers that are working hard to keep youth programs running at PLC. Pastor explained that he had been attending pastoral leadership institute to help with the transition to senior pastor, designed to support both pastors and their spouses.

Adjournment: Nick Brellenthin expressed his appreciation for all that Pastor Pasche has done for the congregation. Congregation responded with a standing ovation. Ron Kirchoff made a motion to adjourn, and Robbie Peterson seconded with all voting aye.

Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown - Mission and Ministry Secretary

Peace Lutheran Church
400 Franklin Street SW
Hutchinson, MN 55350-2493

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Hutchinson, MN
55350
PERMIT NO. 8



little lambs
CHRISTIAN CENTER

Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday February 24

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

SPAGHETTI
SALAD
GARLIC BREAD
BARS
COFFEE • JUICE

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

All proceeds go towards
Little Lambs Christian Center.
Supplemental Funding by Thrivent Financial

LITTLELAMBSMN.COM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

400 Franklin Street SW • Hutchinson • 320.587.3031 • plchutch.org

SAVE-THE-DATE
for our Annual

**PEACE
LUTHERAN**



FISH FRY

Fri., March 8

11 am - 7 pm
or until the fish run out!

Peace Center

If you would like to volunteer,
contact Judy Radunz 587-5543 or
Robbie Oeltjenbruns 320-583-9070

Proceeds support
Peace Lutheran
YOUTH MINISTRY
& SUMMER
MISSION TRIPS

Prayer Calendar for February 2019

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you open your heart to His calling.
2. Pray for a positive attitude about the life God has given you.
3. Thank God for the newly elected church council members and elders.
4. Thank God for your Christian friends.
5. Ask God to help you make Bible study a priority in your life.
6. Thank God for the adults who are willing to serve in youth ministries.
7. Ask God to show you how to share the Gospel with those who do not know Jesus.
8. Pray for the health and well-being of the young children in our community.
9. Ask God for His guidance for the parents of these young children.
10. Praise God in His sanctuary.
11. Pray for the safety of those who work to keep us safe.
12. Ask God for mercy on our nation and for help to return to Him.
13. Pray for God's guidance for our government leaders, from national to local.
14. Ask God to help you show the love and saving grace of Jesus.
15. Pray for a welcoming attitude in our congregation when visitors come into our building.
16. Pray for our young adults, that they would continue to grow in their spiritual relationship with God.
17. Thank God our pastors share His word in truth and not a watered down version.
18. Pray for an "attitude of gratitude".
19. Ask God for help to become less self-centered and more mission minded.
20. Pray for our confirmation students, that they would "read, mark and inwardly digest" the catechism.
21. Ask God to send loving care givers into the lives of our vulnerable members.
22. In the following days, pray for these outreach ministries: for Lutheran World Relief, an interdenominational organization.
23. For the Lutheran Women's Missionary League
24. For the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Missions
25. For the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Disaster Relief and Human Care
26. For Bethesda Lutheran Communities
27. For Common Cup, our community based outreach organization
28. As you pray remember Jesus' words: "whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40b



Prayer Calendar March 2019

1. "Be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name Ps.100:4
2. Pray that each person attending worship this weekend would know the Lord's comforting presence and promises.
3. TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD. At this festival Sunday, give thanks that we, too, will worship our Heavenly Father in heaven.
4. Give thanks for the 45 years that Prayer Chain has been in intercessory and thanksgiving prayers for Peace and the Hutchinson area.
5. Pray that the staff meetings decisions and follow up are within Peace's mission statement.
6. ASH WEDNESDAY Pray the Spirit present in our worship strengthens our faith during the Lenten season.
7. Pray for one bereaved to keep their eyes on God's blessings of eternity with Him.
8. Pray for stamina for the workers at today's fish fry and that many will enjoy fellowship over the meal.
9. Pray God's blessings on our Sunday School teachers that their strong faith will draw their students to the Lord.
10. Pray strength and health for our Pastors Pasche and Bode that their messages will encourage faithfulness among our Peace congregation.
11. Praise God for His promise that your "joy would be full". John 16:23
12. Give thanks for our ministry to the community through Little Lambs Christian Center.
13. Pray that our Lenten services draw us to be less worldly and to have loving hearts.
14. Give thanks for Dorcas-Women in Mission and the support given from the congregation in filling Mite boxes.
15. Are you troubled? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
16. "I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips". Ps.34:1
17. Give thanks for all music that enhances our worship.
18. Give thanks that we have the Bible to encourage us in God's will.
19. Pray that all Bible Studies at Peace grow in members.
20. Pray for our confirmands, especially the class who will be confirmed this spring, to have a growing love for their Lord.
21. Bring your thanksgivings and problems to the throne of God, He wants to hear from you.
22. Pray that you would keep from temptation, instead, to be the light of Christ in the world.
23. Little Lambs Christian Center Open House: Pray that all classes would fill. Pray too, thanksgivings for teachers and staff.
24. Martin Luther said that Sunday worship is a bit of heaven on earth. Pray that our attendance grows.
25. Pray our staff and members have time for personal devotions, focusing on spiritual growth.
26. Pray members of Peace will be faithful in Lenten worship.
27. Lutheran World Relief sends aid around the world. Give thanks for the quilters and sewers from Peace.
28. Give thanks for the men and women who volunteer many hours at Peace. They are a blessing to our congregation.
29. Thanks God that He hears and answers our prayers, 24 / 7.
30. Thank God for the faithful prayers at Peace.
31. "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." 1 Chron.16:29

