

Peace Notes

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From Pastor Kruse's pen

Spring comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.

As I write the April newsletter, I sit shivering inside my office and gaze out my pastoral window sipping hot coffee as I look at the copious amount of snowfall we received on March 16th. One week prior we were in the 70's but now we are in the mid 20's or less. Spring, where art thou?

The apostle Paul charged Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 to "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

Whether it's snowing or blue skies and sunny; whether it's planting or harvest season, always be ready to share the good news of Jesus with others.

As we prepare this spring, let us first ponder all that Jesus did for our salvation on Holy Week. Let us be ready to celebrate Christ's resurrection as our resurrection on Easter morning.

Also, let us surround the Vision Steering Team, our congregation at Peace, and LLA with prayer coverage as together we work through the next 10 months of Visioning for the ministry and mission of Peace Lutheran. Peace at Peace!

Pastor Kruse



Ministry Council Report

Greetings!

We have begun our visioning journey with Auxano, and the Visioning Steering Team held its first meeting on March 19. The team includes Ben Aranda, Luke Boesel, Elizabeth Borneman, Carol Fontanez, Griff Gundersen, Kyle Jones, Jennifer Lehmann, Dori Loppnow, Darcy Luling, Josh Shaffer, Sherri Weiss, and Pastor Kruse.

Rev. Jeff Meyer from Auxano is serving as our facilitator.

As we begin this process, we are grateful for the opportunity to reflect prayerfully on where God has been leading our congregation and where He may be calling us next. We will continue to keep you updated, and we look forward to the upcoming “wet cement” sessions when members of the congregation will have the chance to share their thoughts and feedback. Your prayers and participation are an important part of this journey.

April also marks the beginning of our budgeting season. The staff at Peace and Little Lambs Academy, along with our treasurer Marcia Schelle and the Ministry Council, will work together to prepare a budget for the coming fiscal year. The congregation will vote on the proposed budget at the voters’ meeting on June 28. Please keep this process in your prayers as we seek God’s guidance in faithfully stewarding the resources He has given us.

As we move through the Lenten season, we are invited into a time of reflection and deep joy. Each year, Easter seems to take on even greater meaning. What a blessing it is to know a God who loves us so deeply that He gave His only Son for us. Through Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection, we are given forgiveness, hope, and new life.

My prayer is that as you and your families walk through Holy Week, your hearts will be touched by the story of Jesus’ final days and then filled with joy at the celebration of His resurrection.

Blessings to you and your family this holy season.

Carol Fontanez



LLA NEWS & NOTES

April showers bring May flowers! The Little Lambs children (along with all of us in Southeastern Wisconsin) are hoping for signs of spring in the coming weeks!

Here is a little bit about what the LLA children will be doing in April:

- Our Infant and Child Care classes will get outside as much as the weather allows to watch the birds, rabbits and squirrels that visit the feeders outside their window and in the yard.
- Our 2 Toddler Parent and Me class will be reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and creating their own special book in their new session.
- The 3K classes will be learning about Spring and Science during the month of April. With a traveling science box filled with supplies to do three age-appropriate experiments, the children get to build on the skills they learn during our class lessons. We observe, ask questions, make guesses and try out new things all the time. We’ll continue to work on writing our names and developing our number and scissor skills, too.
- The 4K students will continue their alphabet study with letters Vv, Ww and Xx. They will finish their study of the planets with a field trip to Retzer Nature Center (they’ll learn about Animal Adaptations) and Planetarium right after Easter. Then they’ll have Western day and even make (and eat) waffles! They continue to grow their math skills with subtraction, as they prepare for 5K.
- During our weekly Jesus Time and Chapel lessons, we will hear about the Ascension of Jesus and celebrate Pentecost as well. The children love hearing about Jesus and his friends, the Disciples!

Stacy Abraham, 3K Lead Teacher

April Birthdays & Anniversaries



- April 1 Bruce Roller
- April 3 Sophia Gnirk
 Gabriella Stridde
- April 4 Shannon Gliniecki
 Mary Lou Hoffmann
- April 6 Bill Erblich
- April 7 Matthew Welden
- April 8 Maxwell Abel
- April 9 Sara Shaffer
- April 12 Dale Borneman
 Linda Montano
- April 14 EJ Peterson
- April 15 Delores Coleman
 Bob Davey
 Kaia Jakubowski
- April 16 Dave Schopf
- April 19 Mike Paddock
- April 22 Ann Aranda
- April 23 Alaina Hazelberg
 Eric Thompson
- April 25 Gary Barg
 Julie Disseler
 Zack Malinauskas
 Matt Schneider
 Wendy Tyler
- April 26 Amalia Borneman
- April 28 Kim Jakubowski
 Jacob Lau
- April 29 Kristina Stridde



Brad & Janet Rosandich
April 1, 1978

Jim & Ilene Wadkins
April 11, 2015

Bill & Melody Erblich
April 22, 1989



“None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.”
—Martin Luther

