

# Peace Notes

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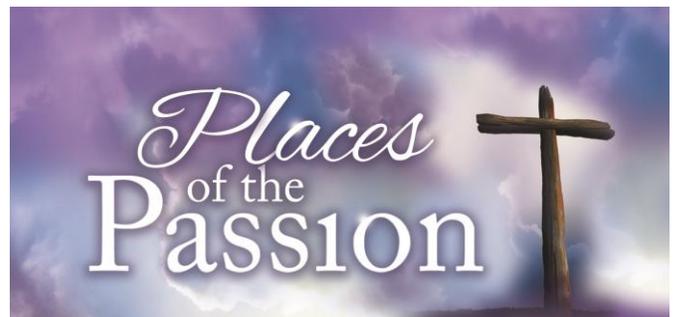
## Past-or Present

### *Journey to the “Places of the Passion” during Lent*

Believe it or not, the season of Lent is approaching once again, as Ash Wednesday will usher in this church season February 17. Lent is that time in the Church Year in which we are encouraged to turn from sin in repentance and to look in faith to our Lord Jesus—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

During this special season, I highly encourage you to participate in worship (either in-person or online) in both our regular Sunday services as

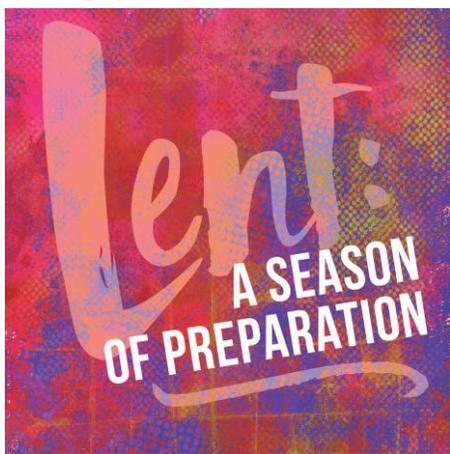
well as our Lenten midweek services on Wednesdays. Each Wednesday in the Lenten season we have service at 6:30 pm, which will be live-streamed and available on our YouTube channel.



*Please note that on Ash Wednesday (February 17) we will also add an 11:00 a.m. service. For the remaining Wednesdays in Lent, there will be no 11:00 service this year.* And although a few months ago we had hoped that we would be able to join together in Founders Hall for Lenten meals, we now realize that just won't be realistic this year.

The scenes of Lent are familiar. The Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hill of Golgotha—these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's Passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He found it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

For this reason, *in our Wednesday midweek series*, we will read and contemplate Matthew's account of our Lord's Passion. Each week, we will read a different section of the story; and each week, Matthew will take us to a different place, the places of the Passion. You may recall that two years ago during the Lenten season, we visited the places of the Passion found in Luke's Gospel. This year we take a similar journey, but this time we see it from Matthew's viewpoint.



*Our Sunday services during Lent* will take us to other places of the Passion. Some of these particular places are usually not associated directly with our Lord's Passion. Yet they are critical points along the way as God leads His people on the journey to heaven, where He gives us a place with Him forever.

In all of our services during this sacred season our focus, however, will not be on these physical places. Instead, we will gaze in wonder on the spiritual work that our Lord does there. Jesus will share His strength in our times of weakness. He will fill us with His praise in the midst of our sorrow. Week after week, we will enter the places of the Passion only to discover our Lord...waiting for us...willing to share with us a love that was set in place before the foundations of the world.

Plan to participate in our Lenten services this year. Prepare to enter into these places of devotion, for there, your Lord will meet you, sharing with you His wondrous love that saves a fallen world.

Stronger together with you,

*+ Pasta*

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13*

## *Blood Drive*

A big thanks goes out to all the people who went to the blood drive on January 16! We were able, after a few deferrals, to collect 24 units of blood, which will help to save the lives of our neighbors in southeast Wisconsin!

Please save the date of Saturday July 17, 2021 for our next blood drive at Peace. This drive will also take place in Founders Hall from 8 am to Noon.

Thanks,

*Marilyn Thompson*



## *Warm Hands. Warm Food*

Warm Hands Warm Food was an effort that we did from the end of December through the whole month of January in support of all First Responders.

We were able to collect hand warmers, that were specifically requested by the New Berlin police department. We also collected funds that will be used at both the New Berlin and Muskego police departments for officers to go to a restaurant and purchase a warm meal to eat while they are on their shift.

We appreciated the people and children who wrote notes or created a picture for the police. These small gestures of kindness mean a lot to the men and women who give a great deal of service to our community.

Peace Lutheran recognizes the first responders in our own congregation. They include Nathan Banks, (Walworth County Deputy Sheriff), Mark Luling (Waukesha Police Reserves), and Garret Luling (Waukesha Police Department).

Thrivent Financial assisted us with funding this project, and we were able to create a Thrivent Action Team. For more information and pictures of what we did, click on the following link <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/473922/detail>.

*Sue Michel*



## *LLA News*

We are busy with learning and growing this time of the year! We're excited that online registration for next year is open. If you have a child, grandchild or friend who is looking for a high quality, faith-filled preschool or childcare program, please contact Ms. Laurie Kieliszewski at [preschool@peacelutheran.org](mailto:preschool@peacelutheran.org) to schedule a tour. You can also visit the website at <https://www.peacelutheran.org/little-lambs-academy>. We are holding an in-person, safe Open House on February 3 for new families.

Our 3K classes are learning about Community Helpers during the month of February. We learn about first responders, dentists, construction workers and much more. We'll have a visit from a real firefighter and a dental hygienist, too! As we wind down our study of our community, we will start learning about how our Five Senses help us experience the world God created, and start to think like scientists. We observe and make predictions about how things work and what will happen.

During February, the 4K classes will be learning letters N, O, and P. They'll learn about President's day with a Lincoln log cabin to work on counting by 10's to 100. They'll also come to school in their PJ's for letter P! During February, they'll celebrate the 100th day of school with many activities to show off their math skills.

Of course, all of the preschool and child care classes will celebrate Valentine's Day the week before February 14. We love to show our love for others by making Valentine's.

During Jesus Time, we'll learn about many of the miracles Jesus did and all about his good friends, the Disciples. And our favorite lesson is during Valentine's week, when we learn how Jesus welcomed, loved and blessed the little children!

Thank you for your continued support of our Great School!

*Stacy Abraham  
3K Lead Teacher*

## *New Bible Study Opportunities*

Its not too late to join one of the women's Bible Studies held each week.

**Monday Night Women's Study** will begin studying Ezekiel on February 8 at 7pm at the Erblich's home. This in depth, 12 week study of the book Ezekiel will be in person as well as on zoom. You will need a study guide which costs \$9.50.

"Ezekiel trusted in the LORD, and the LORD gave him strength, courage and faithfulness. Witness Ezekiel's rugged relationship with God, and let his example lead you into a deeper, more heartfelt relationship of your own."

**Tuesday Evening Women's Study through RightNow Media** is currently meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm for "Resolved" by Lina Abujamra. This 10 week study will teach us ways to stand strong and live what you believe. Contact Jill Hubert [griz3@yahoo.com](mailto:griz3@yahoo.com) or Melody Erblich [merblich@wi.rr.com](mailto:merblich@wi.rr.com) to sign up. A link will be sent to you via e-mail on that Tuesday to join the virtual group for viewing and discussion.

**Thursday Afternoon Women's Study** group meets at 3:30 at the Erblich's house or via zoom. We just started studying "The Shelter of God's Promises" by Sheila Walsh.

This is a 10-week DVD driven study with 5-days of homework for discussion and promises for you to memorize. If we want to "stand on the promises of God", we need to know what they are and keep them close to us.

The cost for the participant's guide is \$9.00.

Contact Melody Erblich if you have questions about any of these studies or to join.  
414.422.1210.

*Melody Erblich*

## *Food Drive Continues Through February*

At the beginning of January, we started a food collection to help our local food pantries in New Berlin and Muskego. Thanks to the contributions of many, we are off to a good start! However, the need is so great because of this extended economic downturn that we are in. Many of our neighbors have lost jobs or even businesses. Many are relying on the food pantries for the first time in their lives.

To help alleviate the suffering, we are continuing to collect food and funds throughout the month of February! Please bring your non-expired, nonperishable food items to the collection barrel by Sunday February 28. Also, envelopes are on the poster by the barrel for you to use for your monetary donations.

Do you know that the Food Pantries are able to purchase food at a much cheaper cost than the average consumer can? So, your money can go even farther to help feed our neighbors! Envelopes should be placed in the offertory basket during Sunday services or they can be given to one of the church Secretaries.

Thanks, and God Bless you for helping your neighbor,

*Marilyn Thompson*

## *Hands of Christ*

"I am lonely and troubled.

Show that you care  
and have pity on me.

My awful worries keep growing.

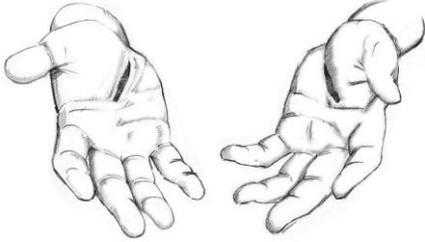
Rescue me from sadness."

Psalm 25:16-17 (CEV)

This was David's plea to the LORD, and it may very well be the words of our fellow Peace members. Many have concerns about what they

hear on the news and are saddened by the lack of compassion that seems prevalent.

What if you are the one who can show that God cares? What if you are the one who can bring the Light and Hope to them at this time? A listening ear, a kind word, a card or Scripture passage does wonders for the soul and heart.



Please consider becoming a Hands of Christ team member. You will be assigned 4 families to contact each month by phone to introduce yourself, then cards, calls, texts or email. Whatever works best for you and them.

I found that families are so appreciative for the attention and community they feel as we care for them in Christian love.

Contact Melody Erblich at 414-422-1210 or [merblich@wi.rr.com](mailto:merblich@wi.rr.com) to join this encouraging team.

*Melody Erblich*

## *A Prayer for Lent:*

*My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they may lovely be.  
Oh, who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die*

Lord, you are our song, and yet during these Lenten days your love can seem unknown, hidden, veiled. We seek you, we seek your love, but our sin gets in the way. Bad habits. Wrong Actions. Our secret, naughty ways.

Lord, bring our hearts to the place that David was at when he said, "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, I

will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin". Psalm 32

Lord, we are the loveless ones, but in Jesus you have made us lovely. Forgiven. Redeemed. When you cast your eyes upon us, in Christ, you no longer see our sins, but you see your Son.

We cling to the words of Paul. We claim the righteousness won for us in Jesus "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God". 2 Corinthians 5:21

Who are we, Lord? What did we do to deserve the sacrifice of your frail flesh and your death? We are nothing. We bring nothing. You are everything. Complete righteousness. Complete and perfect love.

"We have been set apart as holy because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do by sacrificing his body once and for all" Hebrews 10:14

Lord, keep your song of love in our minds and hearts throughout these Lenten days. In love, look upon your loveless ones and sustain us until we fully express our Easter alleluias and shout the good news of your victorious love. In Jesus name, Amen.

*Sue Michel*



# *I Made You on Purpose*

Based on Psalm 139

You knit me together,  
You promised Your presence  
Come wind or come weather.  
I'm the work of Your fingers,  
You say I'm your "poem",  
You made me on purpose,  
And you're leading me home.

I need to stop running  
And hold myself still,  
My heart needs to listen  
As you tell me Your will.  
Though the road may be rough  
And the way may be wild,  
You made me on purpose  
And I know I'm Your child.

So broken and contrite,  
I'm sorry for me:  
For my fears and my phobias  
That are so plain to see.  
But it's never too late  
To trust and obey;  
And walk home together  
And hear Your voice say:

"I made you on purpose,  
You're mine in that hour  
When I make up my Jewels  
By my Almighty power!  
So come live in the Glory  
And hear Angels praise,  
For I made you on Purpose  
For Eternity's days!"  
-God

*By Jill Briscoe 'Barefoot in my Heart'  
Sara Shuler*



# *Peace Lutheran and Lutherans for Life*

Peace Lutheran is in the process of forming a Life Team. Life Teams work with the Pastor, as well as the Lutherans for Life organization, to communicate a gospel-motivated message for life. They consider a wide variety of sanctity of life issues- including abortion, assisted suicide or euthanasia, bioethics, and crisis pregnancy.

In the Peace this Week announcements, you may see either a Life Thought or a Life Quote. Follow our Peace Lutheran Church Facebook page to see periodic updates on events for the Lutherans for Life Organization. If you want further information, go to [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org). Pastor Michel or Courtney Korselt would be happy to talk with you further about the formation of a Life Team at Peace.

*Sue Michel*

## *"P.O.P. People of Peace"*

Peace Lutheran has a private Facebook group called "P.O.P. People of Peace". Our Facebook group can easily be found by searching for its complete title on the homepage of Facebook. All members and regular attenders of Peace Lutheran are welcome to join us.

While our church Facebook page "Peace Lutheran Church" is public, our group is private. We do that so that you don't have to be concerned with anyone outside the church seeing what we post. P.O.P. is a great place to safely share a funny picture, an inspirational thought, wish someone a happy birthday or anniversary congratulations, or be updated on prayer requests. We keep the conversations positive so that you'll feel free to pop in and be uplifted during your day. Our Facebook group is moderated by an adminster, it is checked daily, and group rules are followed.

*Sue Michel*

## *RightNow Media*

Peace Lutheran provides all members of Peace, and friends of Peace, full access to the video library located at [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org). The mission of RightNow Media is to work with the global church to inspire people to love others before self and to love Christ above all.

RightNow Media carries out this mission in three ways. They have an extensive video library that is accessible on their website. They have a branch of ministry called “RightNow Media@work” that focuses on bringing Christian principles into the work place. They have RightNow Media events that provide larger scale in-person or virtual gatherings.

If you have a RightNow Media account, and you have any questions about how to best use it, please either contact Sue in the church office or call customer support at 972-560-4000. If you do not have a RightNow Media account and you would like help in setting one up, Sue can help you with that as well. RightNow Media is easily accessible on your iPhone or Android device using an app. Video content can also be viewed using Roku, Apple TV, or Fire TV.

## *If: Gathering*

Peace Lutheran will host a virtual If:Gathering on the weekend of Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6. Jennie Allen, a Christian author and speaker, will lead a gathering on the topic: “Even if the worst happens, we won’t lose hope”.

Many popular Christian speakers will lead breakout sessions. You can find out more information at [www.ifgathering.com](http://www.ifgathering.com). We intend to not only have an If Gathering weekend, but also table talks that will be available to all ladies at Peace after the weekend. Stay tuned for more details.

*Sue Michel*

## *Google Calendar*

A Google calendar has been set up for Peace Lutheran Church. If you have an iPhone or Android device, you can set up Google calendar to send you notifications of any event at the church.

Go to [www.peacelutheran.org](http://www.peacelutheran.org) and find the word “about” on the top of the home page. Clicking on “about”, will give you a drop-down menu for “member resources”. From there you will find a place to view and then subscribe to Google calendar.

We hope that having a current calendar on our website will assist you not only in scheduling of events in the current month, but for those in the months to come.

*Sue Michel*

## *Fasting from criticalness*

Most fasting involves temporarily giving up something you enjoy. When you long for a cookie or a favorite show, you instead turn your attention to God, reorienting yourself to his best.

Catherine Marshall, in *A Closer Walk*, presents a different approach she calls fasting from “criticalness.” God dealt with her judgmental spirit by prompting her to spend 24 hours without criticizing “anyone about anything.” At first, Marshall felt rather empty when she didn’t engage in a heated political debate. But friends and family didn’t seem to miss her comments. Plus, God replaced the energy she’d spent attempting to correct others with energy and creativity to positively influence them.

A critical spirit can make us lose perspective, joy and even relationships. It also can prevent the good work God wants to achieve through us. Consider what could happen as a result of your own “criticalness fast.” Pray for God to do the correcting while you focus on building up others.

—Janna Firestone



## February Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Lucy Abel             | February 2  |
| Isabella Sholty       | February 3  |
| Valerie Allerheiligen |             |
| Dan Frank             |             |
| Jennifer Langbauer    |             |
| Jill Paque            | February 5  |
| Jasmine Davey         | February 6  |
| Evelyn Kenyon         | February 8  |
| Suzi Banks            |             |
| Sherry Gunderson      |             |
| Deb Hoepner           | February 9  |
| Bret Langbauer        |             |
| Debra Spitzer         | February 10 |
| Michelle Brunn        | February 12 |
| Annalise Abel         |             |
| Suzanne Nievinski     | February 13 |
| Hanna Rewolinski      | February 14 |
| Jeffrey Barg          |             |
| LaRae Malinauskas     | February 15 |
| Chris Fulcer          |             |
| Marcia Schelle        | February 16 |
| Patti Woodard         | February 17 |
| Ava Jakubowski        |             |
| Nicholas Morrell      | February 18 |
| Verl Wolf             | February 20 |
| Jim Dumke             | February 21 |
| Phil Plagge           | February 22 |
| Owen Malinauskas      | February 26 |
| Joe Malinauskas       |             |
| Emily Maris           | February 27 |
| Matt Mansfield        | February 28 |

# PUZZLE

## A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

*Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.*

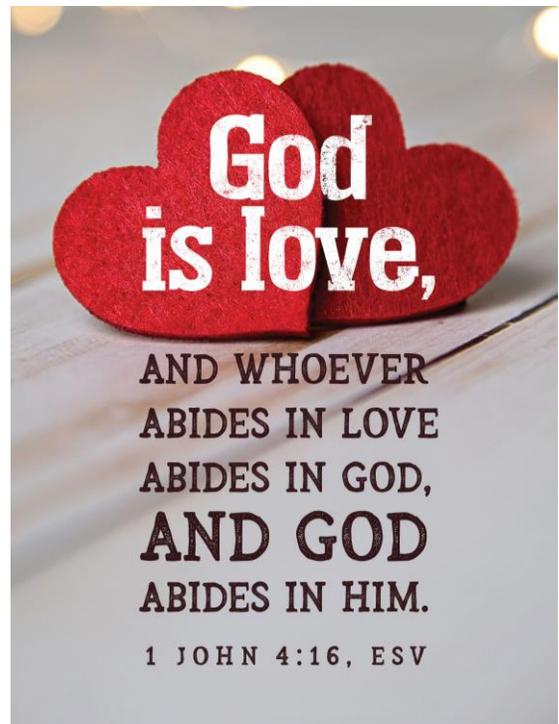
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RUTH 1:16, NIV

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G	R	L	Y
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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV



*LLA Open House Flyer*

# LITTLE LAMBS ACADEMY

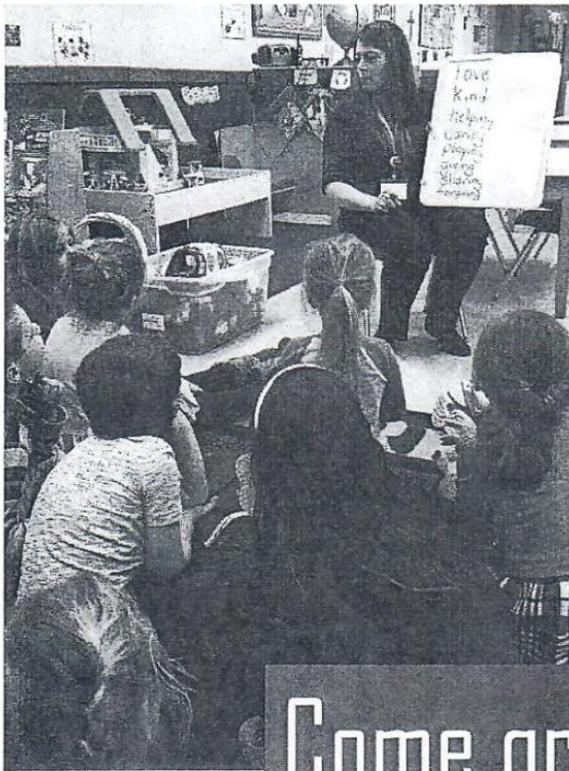
## OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, February 3 from 6:00-7:30pm**

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