

Peace Notes

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REMEMBER?



Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!



Daylight Saving Time
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH



Lenten Midweek Services

March 4, 11, 18 & 25
11:00 am & 6:30 pm

Luncheon will be following worship service
Dinner will be at 5:30, prior to worship service



Past-or Present

Lent is upon us, as Ash Wednesday ushers in this church season February 26. 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. Our forgiveness and life have been secured through His *bodily* suffering, death and resurrection.

Why my emphasis on the word *bodily* in the last sentence? It's because the bodily aspect of our Christian faith is important for us to remember. In fact, God Himself is very much concerned about *bodies*. Many Christians believe that our bodies are secondary to the “spiritual” aspects of our faith. In other words, they believe that Christianity is only about our souls. However, God's Word tells us that our *whole selves* matter to Him. Our bodies *do* matter to God!

The Bible, in fact, is filled with “body language.” At creation, God made us with physical bodies... “*The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature*” (Genesis 2:7). Even though man—body and all—fell into sin, God's will was and continues to be to redeem our bodies through a body—that of our Lord Jesus... “*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us*” (John 1:14). The Lord Jesus took on human flesh and dwelt *bodily* among us, suffered and died *bodily*, and rose *bodily* to forgive our sin and to save us—body and all. During the Lent and Easter season we remember and thank God that He remains active in our lives and bodies to restore them and bring about His new creation that ultimately is in Christ.

For this reason, in our **Sunday services** in Lent this year, we will focus on the *Body of Christ*. Each week we will look at the significance of a different part of Christ's physical body in bringing about the salvation of our souls and bodies.

Our Lenten **Wednesday midweek services** will also take a bodily theme—“People of the Passion.” This series will highlight a number of important people from the events of the Passion of our Lord.

In doing so, once again we hear the story of God's salvation in Christ and how He used actual people in that story. What do we know about them? What if we could have been there? During our midweek Lenten services, we will take a trip back in time to gain valuable insights about the *people of the Passion* and how our Lord's story has become our story.

During this special season, I highly encourage you to come to worship both at our regular Sunday services and also as we gather together for midweek services on Wednesdays. Each Wednesday in the Lenten season we have services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please note the following opportunities for food and fellowship connected to our midweek services:

- Following the 11:00 a.m. service each Wednesday a light lunch will be served.
- Beginning at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday a light supper hosted by various congregation groups will be served prior to our 6:30 service.

These provide wonderful opportunities to enjoy our life together as members of the Peace family. I hope you are able to attend.

Joyfully Living in Jesus,

Pastor

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



News from our President

Since Andrew has accepted a call to a congregation in Texas I have been asked many times if we plan to replace him. How we intend to proceed was our main topic at the Ministry Council meeting on Thursday, January 23.

The council felt strongly that we should not rush this process but take our time and explore all options available to us.

The review process of where we are and where we would like to go doing the Lord's work will be a very healthy process for us. During this process we will also be able to integrate the information we obtained by our participation in the *re: Vitality* survey.

The consensus among the council members was that the congregation would not be satisfied with us just maintaining a "status quo" attitude but rather move forward with a bold plan to aggressively pursue the Lord's work and His Great Commission: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

To assist us in moving forward Pastor Michel is in contact with The Rev. Derek Mathers (LCMS English District Mission Executive & Assistant to the Bishop) to seek his advice and counsel.

The congregation will be kept in the loop on our progress for this exciting process and will be given the opportunity to provide input as our plans are being developed.

As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas that you would like to share.

Jim Dumke

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Little Lambs Academy News

Our Preschool and Child Care classes will be awaiting a visit from the leprechauns this month, and toward the end of March will be learning about the sacrifice God made for us on the cross.

The babies have been watching the birds at the bird feeder right outside their classroom. They get so excited when birds come to visit! We have some babies who are nearing their second birthday and many new babies who are just learning to crawl and roll over so it's an exciting time in the infant room!

Our 2T class will be finishing their Old McDonald had a Farm unit this month. They are gaining independence coming to school and sitting at the rug while still under the watchful eye of their parent or caregivers. There is room in our 10:30 session if you have a child or grandchild who is 2 years old!

Pre3K classes just finished their first session and are starting their second session learning about colors and shapes. They continue to get used to being away from mom and dad for a short chunk of time (1 ½ hour classes) and learning what to do at school. We do have some space in our 10:45 class if you have a child or grandchild who has recently turned 3 and not in school.

The 3K classes made two Valentine's this year: one for someone they love and one for children far away in Nigeria that Jesus loves, as they learned a little bit about people in other parts of the world. In March we will have a visit from

Firefighter Andy, learn all about our 5 Senses and become Scientists as we wonder about things in our world!

The 3K and 4K classrooms will become space stations and pet shops as the 4K classes study outer space in March. 4K will learn to recognize, write and hear the sounds that the letters R, S, T, U and V make. Children are also learning to see and hear the letters in words and are reading and writing their own stories. They continue to explore math concepts and work on adding and subtracting combinations up to 10 and 20.

**Application for 2020-2021 school year
is now open to everyone!**

Registration for 2020-21 is open and spots are filling fast! If you'd like more information or to schedule a tour, please contact our Preschool Director Laurie Kieliszewski at preschool@peacelutheran.org or call 262-679-1441.

**Save the Date – Little Lambs Carnival is
Tuesday April 28.**

Join us for fun! If you have items to donate to the silent auction, raffle auctions or other items please contact Miss Laurie at preschool@peacelutheran.org.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we appreciate your support. We are hoping to purchase new risers for the preschool programs to replace the very heavy and cumbersome ones we currently have.

Stacy Abraham – 3K Teacher

Grace-filled Aging

Our meeting on Thursday, March 19 will continue the discussion on “What Will Heaven be Like” facilitated by Pastor Michel. Join us in the Gathering Place at 11am for this interesting and hope-filled topic.

Julie Dissler

Fun with Numbers

Well, it has been a little while since we actually looked at how we were doing financially at Peace. Jim did a nice presentation in January for those at the coffee sip. I figured we could do a little expansion on that and perhaps provide a little more detail.

In short, it has been a good first five months. At the time this is being written, we do not have numbers for December. As of November, we are ahead of last year and ahead of budget on our “income” side of the equation. Specifically, our budget for this period, and this includes all sources, was \$309,939 while our actual income was \$335,194. Wow, this is a nice 8% or \$25,255 over the budget. When we compare this to the same period of the previous year, the results are even more dramatic. Last year the income for that time span was \$272,025. So, this year's increase is a very good \$63,170 or 23% ahead of the prior year. I do not have any explanation for this beyond viewing it as a blessing from our Lord. Give thanks!!

In looking at the expense side for the first five months, we are both under budget and below what we spent last year. Looking more into the detail, last year's expenditures for the first five months were \$306,769. This year they were \$300,615, or \$6154 or 2%. Not a big number for sure, but it is less.

Then if we look at the results against the budget, we see an even better result. The budget for expenses for this period was \$336,163 which is \$35,548 more than we actually spent. In other words, we spent 10.6% less than we had planned. This too is wonderful news.

Now, it must be mentioned that there are some timing issues that may come in to play as we move forward in the year that may moderate these numbers somewhat, but it remains a reality that we are being given a great blessing this year.

I was once a member of a church where each spring the treasurer would come to the front of

the church, not to say we are in dire straits financially, but to thank the people and praise the Lord that once again the congregation had exceeded expectations, and there was again a surplus in the budget. Could it be that Peace might one day be in that position??

Blessings to all,

Mike Besch



Check Out the New Library

During the Library move we uncovered some Bible Study materials that may be of interest.

Feel free to take these items, located in the “new” library at the back of the Gathering Place.

They include studies on various books of the Bible, raising kids, leading a Christian life. Some have DVD video sessions as part of the study.

Lynette Gerke, Librarian

Compassion for the Grieving

We are looking for helpers for funerals that are held here at Peace. This mission for the grieving is a support to the family in time of sorrow.

While the family supplies the main meal, helpers would supplement the meal with sides and desserts. People are needed to help set up Founder’s Hall, serve and clean up afterward.

Please contact me at 262-710-4268, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sheila Ambelang



March Birthdays

Susan Taylor-Smith	March 4
Brady Allerheiligen Dianne Hubbard Arlene Lassa	March 6
Mike Besch William Kleinhans Belle Nelson	March 8
Sara Machai	March 11
John Hoepfner	March 12
Megan Schopf Amy Sholty	March 13
Lucas Boesel Bob Weber	March 14
Lynette Gerke Paul Smith	March 15
Lea Ann Frank	March 16
Paula Whittow	March 18
Kimberly McArthur	March 19
Sharon Jaeger Dorothy Range	March 20
Brian Gerke Griff Gundersen Steve Langbauer	March 22
Karen Jenks Eric Kleinhans	March 24
Tom Hetrich	March 29
Joshua Nowak Nathan Schopf	March 30
Dawn Thomas	March 31



**Coffee &
Fellowship**

*Who's
Hosting
Coffee Sip?*

Those serving coffee sip for the month of March are listed below. Thank you all for your assistance in this fellowship function.

March 1, 2020

Paque, Scott & Jill	414-243-2413
Paulus, Matthew & Lori	414-587-1047
Peterson, James & Carrie	262-825-6688
Pitcel, Jon & Sara	262-682-4336
Plagge, Phil & Jodi	414-940-5634
Plautz, Christopher & Shawna	414-467-7964
Rewolinski, Tim & Kim	414-331-2463
Roberson, Tom & Kim	414-815-6680
Roller, Bruce & Chris	262-547-3120
Rosandich, Brad & Janet	262-794-3133
Sapienza, Peter & Laurie	262-662-5203
Scalzo, Dave & Cathy	414-427-7756

March 8, 2020

Schmidt, Bruce & Vickie	262-547-1758
Schneider, Matt & Arlene	262-662-4747
Schneider, Matthew & Chelsea	262-744-4155
Schopf, Bonnie	262-679-3235
Schopf, David & Lori	414-385-9003
Schopf, Richard	262-679-3235
Sholty, Amy	414-526-6165
Shuler, Greg & Sara	262-679-2073
Slotke, Heather	414-520-3796
Slotke, Sue & Art	414-422-0277
Smith, Paul	262-662-5262
Springer, Donald & Beverly	262-679-0386

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FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



March 15, 2020

Stachewicz, Don & Bridget	262-349-9198
Stridde, Kristina & Scott	414-315-0309
Taylor-Smith, Susan	414-377-8850
Thompson, Art & Marilyn	262-394-2251
Treptow, Mike & Beth	262-389-4252
Tyler, Wendy	262-347-5090
Vasholz, Daniel & Mona	262-706-3118
Vath, Bill & Bonnie	262-782-3359
Weber, Brian & Jessica	414-324-8897
Weber, Robert & Joan	414-425-9066
Welden, Tom & Rici	262-679-4206
Wolf, Verl	414-422-1466

March 22, 2020

Woodard, Patti	414-531-2335
Wright, Larry III & Sarah	414-416-3523
Young, Bill & Gail	414-235-3515
Ambelang, Terry & Sheila	262-710-4268
Anderson, Dawn	414-529-1586
Aranda, Louis & Ann	262-971-1165
Balistreri, Tom & Mary	262-895-1016
Banks, Suzi	414-322-1380
Barg, Gary & Gretchen	262-971-9767
Barry, Kurt & Betty	414-422-1176
Bartholomay, John & Sharon	414-467-1084
Besch, Mike & Pam	262-786-8896

March 29, 2020

Boesel, Lucas & Carol	262-679-4837
Borchardt, Joe & Amy	262-501-3310
Borda, Mary Beth & Luis	414-328-9985
Brunn, Michelle	262-643-8711
Brunn, Roger & Gail	262-643-8711
Christian, Jean	262-909-8431
Coleman, Delores	414-425-5510
Cushman, Amy	262-332-1354
Davey, Robert & Nancy	262-751-7392
Disseler, Julie	817-421-6544
Dolezar, Mark & Laura	414-801-8108
Dumke, Jim & Jeannie	262-442-6050

The highlighted names will be the leader for the respective Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Gerke 414-529-0207 or mdglag@yahoo.com. Thank you.