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**LENTEN SPA TREATMENT**



## Lenten Spa Treatment

BY PASTOR PAUL STJERNHOLM

Personally, Lent has never been a season I look forward to. My attitude has been that of going to a 40-day long performance review, knowing that I was going to get “dinged” in every area of my job performance. Lent shines a light on all the reasons I need to “repent”, change course, and get my act together.

But I think I might have been looking at it all wrong. Instead of a job review, what if we looked at Lent as going to a health spa. I’ve never been to one, but, in my mind, an ideal spa would be a place where you not only get a good massage to work out the tension that has found a place in your muscles, but also involves some exercise opportunities tailored to each person, it would have a careful diet of great-tasting food, and it would have a person to talk to and work through some of the things that have been most troubling.

In other words, it would be a place not to evaluate how badly you have been living, but a place that would help heal you and give you a new way to get through each and every day.

It’s hard to believe that God is NOT interested in giving us performance reviews. God instead just wants to take what is making us sick or hurting, frustrated or sad, angry or hopeless, and heal us...one issue at a time.

If I could remember that, then my feelings about Lent would change 180 degrees! It wouldn’t be about “What do I have to be more disciplined about so I can be a better Christian?” The question would be, “How do I want to be healed this Lent?” “What am I ready to be done with?”

I know we’re already a couple of weeks into Lent, but what if you chose one of the negative things in your life that you want to be free from...or something positive you would like to have more energy for...and used this time in Lent like a health spa. Imagine what the next year would be like if your heart and mind found healing around that issue.

If that appeals to you, then for the remaining weeks of Lent do these two things: pray about it. Something simple like, “Lord, I’m ready to be done with this. Show me how.” And say that prayer every day. And then listen. You can trust that God is going to answer your prayer.

Lent is about just spending extra time with Jesus. So, go ahead; spend some extra time with him and let him heal you. Amen.

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# Holy Week at Peace

## Palm Sunday

**Saturday, March 23 | 5:30pm**

**Sunday, March 24 | 8:00am, 9:00am (6g), 10:10am, & 11:15am**

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is both glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, though we fervently desire to follow Christ, we find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst. Just as the crowds welcomed Jesus into the Holy City, they grabbed the palm branches that were around them.

## Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, March 28 | 11:30am & 7:05pm (6g)**

This evening, our Lenten observance comes to an end and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

## Good Friday

**Friday, March 29 | 11:30am & 7:05pm (6g)**

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In Luke's passionate account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days on Easter.

## Easter

**Saturday, March 30 | 5:30pm**

**Sunday, March 31 | 7:00am, 8:15am, 9:45am (6g), & 11:00am**

Christ is risen, and through Him all creation is made new! Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

**Find out all about Holy Week at [EasteratPeace.com](http://EasteratPeace.com)!**

The Senior bus will be available for a ride on Easter Sunday at the 9:45am service. If you're interested in riding, please call the church office at 361-3683 to reserve a spot.



# Easter Garden

Order by Wednesday, March 6 | 5:00pm  
You're invited to help us decorate the Sanctuary for Easter worship by creating an Easter Garden!



To make things a bit easier for everyone, all you have to do is select the price and blooming plant arrangement you'd like to contribute! This may be done in memory or honor of your loved ones, if you'd like. Peace will then order the plant(s) you've selected, put your name on the arrangement, and place them on the chancel and window sills for our Easter Garden.

Easter Garden options:

- \$32 | Azalea
- \$32 | Hydrangea
- \$22 | Tri-colored Easter Mums

Place your order online at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life) by Wednesday, March 6 at 5:00pm.

# WELCA Meeting

Monday, March 18 | 6:30pm | Shalom Room

We'll decide how to distribute the funds collected from the spring Love offering. All the women of Peace are invited to attend this important meeting!

# From the Library

New in the library this month, we have a collection of highly acclaimed children's books by Laura Sassi. Laura is a longtime personal friend of our own Pastor Elizabeth. These are perfect for sharing your faith with your children and grandchildren anytime, but especially during the Lenten season.



As always, we invite you to check us out at [librarycat.org/lib/newpeacelutheran](http://librarycat.org/lib/newpeacelutheran) or just stop by on Wednesday night from 6-8 or Sunday morning from 9-11 when someone will be there to help. Also please feel free to check out any of the books on display beside the book return in the main hallway. Simply fill out a quick checkout card and drop it in the book return.

Library Co-ordinator,  
June Gillespie

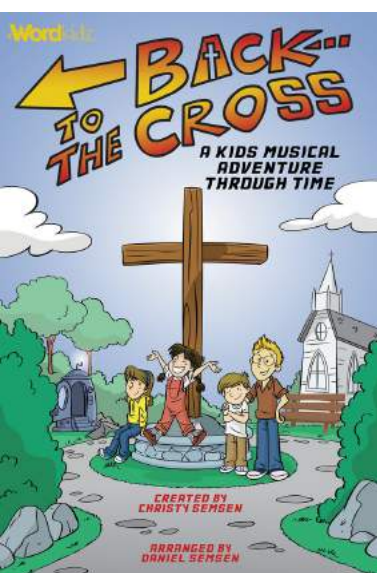


## Stephen Ministry

*"Stephen Ministry has deepened my faith and helped me become a better listener. I have walked with many on their journey toward healing."*

– Cara Hetland, Stephen Leader

- Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay person caring ministry within Peace Lutheran. Stephen Ministers are equipped to provide quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.
- Nearly 50 people have been trained at Peace and dozens of members have received care.
- New training starts Sept 12. There's more information in the gathering area and at [peacelutheran.com/StephenMinistry](http://peacelutheran.com/StephenMinistry).



## Summer Music Camp 2024

**Back to the Cross | June 2-6**

Registration opens April 1!

Kids entering 2nd-8th Grade in Fall of 2024

Join us for a week of singing, acting, and choreography as we prepare and perform *Back to the Cross*, a musical adventure through time! In this musical, we'll embark on a series of time-traveling escapades to strange times and cultures, including the totally tubular '80s, the roaring '20s, the Wild West, and even the Garden of Gethsemane, all leading to a point of discovery about the importance of the Cross and the message of the Gospel.

Registration opens on Monday, April 1 at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)! Cost is \$20 per child.

Any Questions? Please contact Darya at [darya@peacelutheran.com](mailto:darya@peacelutheran.com).

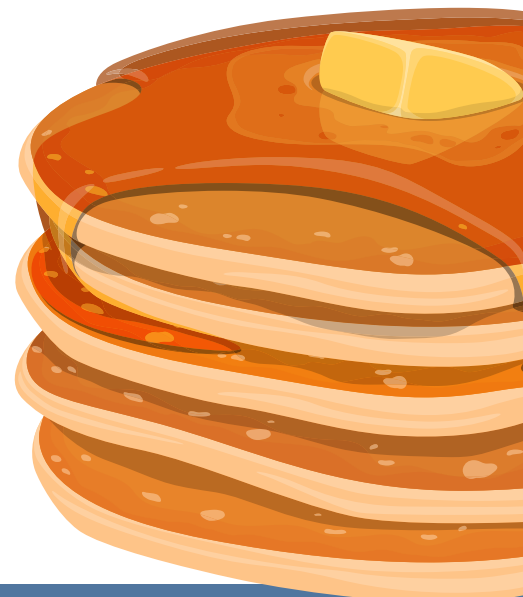
## Scouts Troop 216 Pancake Feed

Sunday, March 10 | 7:30am-12:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Please join us for pancakes, sausages, and beverages in the Fellowship Hall! Free will donations.

Plus a \$1.00 raffle with items from various businesses!



# Youth Gathering Update

## Note from a Gathering Human

Makenna Schmitt

Over the last few months, we've had several team building nights to prepare for the Youth Gathering in June! These nights are something I, as a leader, continue to look forward to. Since I had the opportunity to go to the 2015 and 2018 Youth Gathering as a student, I have some expectations of what's to come. However, it has been amazing to see the excitement build for this new group of students!

During our January meeting, we did a couple activities to really engage with other students going on the trip. Our goal was to have students interact with those outside of their normal friend group. Every table got a bowl of multi-colored beads and a sheet of paper with a prompt marked for each bead color. Every student then picked three beads and went around the circle talking about those prompts. It is important for our students to feel comfortable with everyone going to the gathering as this will be an adventure for everyone. By doing this activity, we were able to build connections amongst students and adults many months in advance.

Another activity was line soccer, and although it is never our student's favorite activity, it shows so many similarities between all students. The leader will split the students into two groups and call out a theme. Something like 'all of those who go to Jefferson High School' or 'all of those who have a pet'. Every time something is true about the student, they'll run out and play soccer. The students left, who don't have a pet (for example), will be the goalies. The team that can hit the back wall of the opposite team first is the team that wins that point! Students begin to find likeness between new students and go home knowing they have someone else on their side for this big trip!

At every meeting, we also talk a little bit about what to expect, both from New Orleans and the Gathering itself. During our first meeting in November, we did New Orleans trivia to get an idea of what this thrilling new city entails. We learned things like: what the Louisiana state flag looks like and what Beignets are (a popular dessert Deacon Amanda keeps raving about). This last month's meeting centered around a video from Rev. Yehiel Curry speaking at the New Orleans Gathering in 2012. He speaks on gumbo, a famous cuisine that compiles rice, beans, chicken, vegetables, and more. Curry says, "God needs your ingredients in his gumbo". This is just one example of the life changing, eye opening, and faith moving speakers our students will have the chance to hear.

We want to thank every member of our congregation and our families, our ingredients in God's gumbo, for helping make this experience a possibility for so many of our students. Without the financial and prayerful support from all of you, this would not be possible! There will continue to be opportunities to support our youth leading all the way up to the Gathering, our on-going fundraiser is the giving envelopes in the crossroads hallway, which you can learn more about on the next page! We cannot wait to share all these adventures with you when we return, thank you all again.





## Easter Egg Fundraiser

Our Youth Gathering students will be selling 30 pre-filled Easter Eggs for \$25. We'll be in the Gathering Area the first three Sundays in March.

Eggs will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday (or earlier).



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering  
**CREATED TO BE INVOLVED**  
 The Table

Peace Lutheran Church

# PRE-FILLED EASTER EGGS

## 30 EGGS FOR \$25

**CASH**  
**CHECK:** Made out to Peace Lutheran Church  
**VENMO:** @PeaceLutheranSF with "Eggs" as the description



## Youth Gathering Bonding

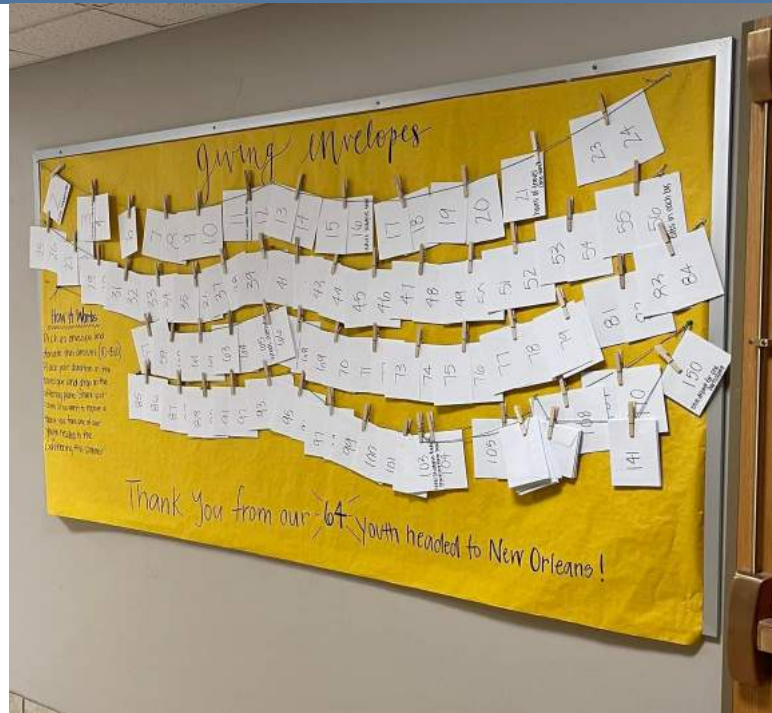
Sunday, March 17 | 5:00-7:30pm

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 17 from 5:00-7:30pm.

## Giving Envelopes

In the hallway by the crossroads, we have a bulletin board set up with a bunch of envelopes. Pick an envelope and place that amount in the envelope (10=\$10). Return them to the offering plate next time you're in worship.

This will help to cover our \$38,000 transportation costs and ease the burden on our families!



A photograph of four people (two women and two men) smiling and looking towards the camera. They are standing in what appears to be a warehouse or storage area with shelves and boxes in the background.

# God's Work. Our Hands.

Contact Pastor Alex at [pastoralex@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastoralex@peacelutheran.com)

## Monthly Mission Moment

Our hands and cheeks were cold, but our hearts were warmed as we greeted and stocked up 100 folks with fresh and frozen food at our monthly Feeding South Dakota distribution. With a dozen disciples from our congregation, Peace was able to provide another month's worth of healthy meals to our neighbors in need. Feeding South Dakota is a mobile food pantry that delivers to locations all over the state, with Peace Lutheran being a dependable, cornerstone site every second Monday of the month. Even on holidays, we have generous volunteers of all ages join us in sharing God's abundance in tangible form. Our parking crew, led by the faithful trio of Holly, Shireen, and Pam, guided cars into orderly rows. Then, our box team greeted folks with a smile, and helped load them up with food for their families. It's always a privilege to share the love of Jesus Christ in such a real, much-needed way. Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers, named and unnamed, for your service to this vital ministry!

## Necessities for Neighbors

Sunday, March 3 | Hygiene products, diapers, TP, & more!

- Volunteers: 1:30pm, Fellowship Hall (park in East parking Lot)
- Guests: 3:00-4:00pm, Peace Gym NEW ENTERANCE! (park in West parking lot)

Register to volunteer online on [PLC.Life](https://www.plc.life) today!

## Feeding South Dakota

Monday, March 11 | Fresh food and produce boxes!

- Volunteers: 5:15pm (distribution crew, 12 people, park on street by East lot)
- Guests: 5:30-6:30pm, East Parking Lot (please follow directions of parking staff)

Register to volunteer online on [PLC.Life](https://www.plc.life) today!



## St. Dysmas Worship

Sign up by Sunday, March 3 | Worship on Wednesday, March 27

Volunteers from Peace regularly visit our brothers in Christ at the St. Dysmas Congregation of the South Dakota State Penitentiary for worship and fellowship. You're invited to join us!

In order to ensure a safe visit for everyone, documents (including a background check) for all volunteers are due about one month prior to visiting — registration ends Sunday, March 3.

If you'd like to join us for our next worship, register online at [PLC.Life](https://www.plc.life)!



# COTS Egg Donation & Youth Fundraiser

We have 5,000 eggs to fill for our friends at COTS, and we need your help! Our youth gathering students will be selling eggs (\$25/30 pre-filled eggs) that you can purchase for Easter celebrations at Church on the Street. Egg filling are available for purchase throughout lent. See their table in the Gathering Area or purchase online at PLC.Life!

Want to find out MORE about regular service and outreach events in our community? Connect with Pastor Alex at [pastoralex@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastoralex@peacelutheran.com) or by calling the church office!



## Worship and Music

Contact Pastor Alex at [pastoralex@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastoralex@peacelutheran.com) or Bob Levesque at [bob@peacelutheran.com](mailto:bob@peacelutheran.com)

### Past Services

Did you miss worship or have problems with the live-stream? Previous worship services are available anytime at [peacelutheran.com/Services](http://peacelutheran.com/Services)

### Sermon Series Go and Do Likewise

Our sermon series for Wednesdays throughout Lent is based on the book *Go and Do Likewise: A Call to follow Jesus in a Life of Mercy and Mission* by Amy DiMarcangelo. As we explore what it means to love God and our neighbor with a servant's heart, we explore stories from scripture in which Jesus models faithful service. See the Lent Study Groups section on Page 3 to dive deeper throughout Lent!

March 6 | The Power of Words | Luke 9:1-6 | Lent 3 Study

Jesus calls and empowers his disciples with the gifts and tasks of ministry. This story reminds us that following Jesus into a life of service requires us to trust in God's ability to care, protect, and provide.

March 13 | The Mission of Money | Mark 12:41-44 | Lent 4 Study

Jesus teaches his disciples through the example of an impoverished widow's generous offering. This story reminds us that in a world marked by scarcity mindset, God's gifts are abundantly good.

March 20 | Our Homes as a Base for Mercy | Luke 7:36-50 | Lent 5 Study

Jesus encounters a generous woman at the house of Simon the Pharisee. This story instructs us that following Jesus into a life of service is connected to acts of outlandish hospitality.

### Called to Serve

Join us this season of Lent as we learn about serving God and our neighbors from the teachings of Jesus, our servant-king. Each week, we'll explore scripture readings from the Narrative Lectionary's gospel of Mark, in which Jesus guides us into faithful service through acts of intentionality, humility, obedience, compassion, and anticipation of God's kingdom come. We hope you'll answer the call to grow in faith and life together as servants of Christ!

March 2 & 3 | Placing God First | Mark 12:1-17 | Lent 3

Jesus stirs things up with local leaders by telling a tough parable and speaking on taxes. We are reminded that serving God and our neighbors involves honoring God first, which often challenges earthly powers and authorities.



March 9 & 10 | Loving God, Loving Others | Mark 12:28-34 | Lent 4  
Jesus teaches foundational scriptures to his disciples. We are reminded that serving God and our neighbors comes from a place of trust, gratitude, and obedience in God's loving and lawful commandments.

March 16 & 17 | Keeping Eyes on the Prize | Mark 13:24-37 | Lent 5  
Jesus reveals signs and signals of the incoming kingdom of God. We are reminded to that serving God and our neighbors is how we watch for, wait, and anticipate the promise of heaven come near.

## Holy Week at Peace

Palm Sunday

March 23 | 5:30pm

March 24 | 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:10am, 11:15am

First Communion

March 27 | 5:30pm & 7:05pm

Maundy Thursday

March 28 | 11:30am & 7:05pm

Good Friday

March 29 | 11:30am & 7:05pm

Easter

March 30 | 5:30pm

March 31 | 7:00am, 8:15am, 9:45am, 11:00am

## Music

February proved to be a great month of special music! We had a great Sunday of Jazz on February 11. The musicians went above and beyond - thank you! It was also great to have our new Pastor Jason be a part of the 10:10 service on the 11th! Bob was especially honored to accompany his son, Joseph Levesque, on his trumpet solo "Napoli" on February 4. This was the first time Bob has been able to accompany any of his children since his stroke in 2021. God is good and has continued to bless Bob's healing!

March will be a busy month. In addition to our weekly Wednesday evening Lenten services, using Holden's "That You May Have Life", featuring our string trio, we'll also have weekly Wednesday morning services at 11:30 am. The Wednesday services will have different themes and sermons from Sunday. A soup lunch will also follow the Wednesday 11:30am services. Don't forget about the time change on Sunday, March 10 when we spring ahead one hour!

There's also lots of special music planned for March! Be sure to check the bulletin board across from the main bathrooms for a listing of our special music in March. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 23/24 and continues with First Holy Communion on March 27, Maundy Thursday on March 28, Good Friday on March 29, and Easter Saturday/Sunday on March 30/31. Please note that there will only be one service at 5:30pm on Easter Saturday.

**There will be NO Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, April 3.**

Be on the lookout for information on our 2024 Summer Music Camp - "Back to the Cross"! Registration will open on April 1. (See page 5 for details)

As always, all of our services will be livestreamed. So, if you can't make it to the sanctuary, you'll still be able to join us online at [peacelutheran.com/Live](https://www.peacelutheran.com/Live).

We'd love to have you be a piece of Peace! If you sing and/or play an instrument, please contact Bob Levesque ([bob@peacelutheran.com](mailto:bob@peacelutheran.com)) for more information on how you can be a piece of Peace.





# Children's Ministry

Contact Pam Tetzlaff at [pam@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pam@peacelutheran.com)

## 3rd Grade Apostles' Creed Milestone Recap

Some of Peace's 3rd graders joined Pam and Pastor Elizabeth on February 6 and learned about the Apostles' Creed. During their learning, they completed a few activities consisting of working together in their family units completing a worksheet about the Creed, making their "I believe" pendants, and watching Pastor Elizabeth do a fun and informative science experiment.

After completing this milestone, the 3rd graders received a keepsake stone to place in their Faith Chest to commemorate their experience! Thanks for learning along with us! See photo above for a snapshot of the event.

## First Communion Milestone

March 8 at 6:00pm | March 9 at 9:00am

You're invited to join us for a special First Communion opportunity for all students who are in second grade or older and their families! This is a two-part opportunity for your child to receive their First Communion and for your family to learn more about the significance of this sacrament and how you can encourage your child's faith development.

We will be doing several activities at the class. Please bring a small bowl, rolling pin, and regular sized spoon. We'll also do some painting.

Classes are either Friday, March 8 at 6:00pm or Saturday, March 9 at 9:00am. Sign up at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)!

First Communion Worship will be on Wednesday, March 27.



## Preschool Prayer Pillow Milestone

Saturday, March 23 | 9:00am, 10:30am, or 12:30pm

You and your preschooler (3-5 years old) are invited to join other families for a time of learning, activities, and a snack. We're going to decorate a pillowcase together with handprints, a prayer, and/or favorite Bible verse!

We'll provide a pillowcase, paint supplies, a short lesson, and cookie treat. You bring old clothes (or a paint shirt) and your creative spirit!

Pick from 9:00am, 10:30am, or 12:30pm on Saturday, March 23. Sign up at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)!





## Vacation Bible School 2024

Registration is now open for VOLUNTEERS for VBS on June 24-27, 2024. Please go to [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life) to register!

VBS Volunteers

## VBS Planning Committee Members Wanted

Do you have an interest in helping with planning and organizing VBS? If so, this would be a great opportunity for you! Sign up by going to [peacelutheran.com/VBS](http://peacelutheran.com/VBS).

## Vacation Bible School Registration

Registration for VBS will open Sunday, March 24!

## Ten Commandments Milestone

Tuesday, April 2 | 6:00pm

All first graders and their parents are invited to come and learn all about the Ten Commandments. Sign up at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)!



# Youth Ministry

Contact Deacon Amanda Randall at [amanda@peacelutheran.com](mailto:amanda@peacelutheran.com) or Holly Marty (DIY Confirmation) at [holly@peacelutheran.com](mailto:holly@peacelutheran.com)

## Confirmation

### DIY Confirmation

This month's DIY Meet-ups

- 6th Grade | Sunday, March 10 at 11:15am in the Shalom Room
- 7th Grade | Sunday, March 17 at 11:15am in the Shalom Room
- 8th & 9th Grade | Sunday, March 3 & 24 at 11:15am in the Shalom Room

### Traditional Confirmation

- **No Confirmation on March 27 or April 3. Happy Easter!**
- 6th Grade
  - No Journey Together



## Confirmation continued...

- 7th Grade
  - Journey Together | March 20
  - During the month of March, our 7th Grade students will be delving into the sacraments of Baptism & Communion, as well as talking about worship.
- 8th/9th Grade
  - No Journey Together this month
  - During February and March, our 8th & 9th Grade Students will be hearing stories of faith in an interview style and work to start crafting their own faith story. Each week they answer a different prompt to help them to put together their story and something to share with their caring adult at their next Journey Together!

## Middle School

### Middle School First Friday

Friday, March 1 | 6:00-8:00pm | Air Madness

Join us for our Middle School First Friday on March 1 at Air Madness in Harrisburg!

Meet at Air Madness from 6:00-8:00pm for two hours of jumping, Virtual Reality, and more! Cost is \$26.25 per person, which will include the socks each participant will need.

Sign up at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)!



## High School Youth Group

Hey, high schoolers! Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm! Join us for fun, fellowship, and time to talk about how we live as God's people.

**No Youth Group on Sunday, March 31. Happy Easter!**

Join the GroupMe chat!



## High School Second Sunday

Sunday, March 10 | 6:00-7:30pm | Kids Against Hunger

We'll be at Kids Against Hunger for a pack from 6:00-7:30pm. The cost is \$25 to help cover the costs of the supplies for our pack.

Please register by **Wednesday, March 6** at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life).





# Adult Ministry

## We Still Do

A Recap of the 2024 Anniversary of Marriage Milestone

22 couples, married as little as one year and as many as 61 years, gathered for the second annual Anniversary of Marriage Milestone.

The evening included a three-course meal catered from Grille 26, a quick game of Couples' Scattergories, table conversations, and some words to live by from Pastor Paul.

## Small Groups at Peace

There are so many educational and small group ministries for everyone ages 18 to 100. How are you growing in your faith life during Lent 2024? Choose one of these studies to flex your Spirit!

## Meditation & Contemplative Prayer

Thursday, March 21 | 7:00pm | Shalom Room

This new group will meet the fourth Thursday of each month (except March) and is led by Pastor Elizabeth.

For those who want to explore silence and reflection as a part of their spirituality, this group is for you. Pastor Elizabeth will do a brief introduction each month on meditation, like what it is and how to do it. Then, we'll have a reading followed by a 15-minute silent meditation, 5-minute silent walking meditation, and another 20-minute silent meditation. This is a great way to immerse yourself in the presence of God!



## Friday Morning Bible Study

Fridays | 10:00am | Shalom Room

This group meets weekly in the Shalom Room, led by Holly Marty and Pastor Elizabeth. Fellowship time is 10:00-10:30am and study is 10:30-11:30am.

We are currently using Augsburg Adult Bible Studies materials (available for purchase). Throughout this month we'll discuss Isaiah 40, Daniel, and Habakkuk.

## WELCA Circles

Thursday, February 15 | Ruth - 9:00am & Hannah - 2:00pm | Shalom Room

We meet the third Thursday of each month for food, fellowship, and Bible study using the WELCA Magazine. This month, we'll collect a special offering for WELCA's ministry.

All women are invited — join the circle that fits with your schedule best!

## Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday, March 12 | 6:00pm | Emmaus Table

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month with Pastor Elizabeth! The book being discussed this month is *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines.

ERNEST J.  
GAINES



A  
Lesson  
Before  
Dying

"The reader is  
confronted by an  
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whose  
book has  
not only  
dramatic  
and is right  
before  
the end of  
the times."  
—Chicago Tribune

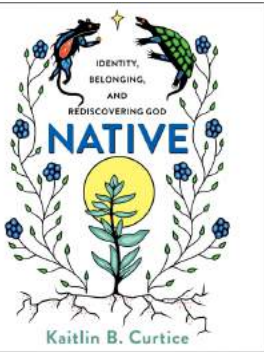


## Men's Breakfast

Tuesdays | 6:30am | Fryn' Pan on 41st Street & Online via Zoom

The men meet each week on Tuesdays with Pastor Paul for breakfast and conversation before tackling the week's text for the next Sunday's sermon.

Contact Pastor Paul ([pastorpaul@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastorpaul@peacelutheran.com)) for the Zoom link!



## Jesus & Justice Book Club

Monday, March 18 | 7:00pm | Online via Zoom

Join us the third Monday of each month for conversations on where Jesus meets us in everyday issues of social justice in our lives, using books written by contemporary voices from our faith community. This is a safe/brave space for conversation where all people are welcome. Led by Pastor Alex.

This month, we're reading *Native* by Kaitlin B Curtis. Come and grow in ministry together! Meeting ID: 845 0798 9632

## Power of Prayer

Thursday, March 21 | 5:30pm | Room C/E

This group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month (except March) and is led by Pastor Elizabeth. We'll gather to spend time in prayer for local to international issues, write cards, and discuss types of prayer experiences. (We want to host a Labyrinth Walk soon!)

## Monthly Online Bible Study

Thursday, March 7 | 7:00pm | Online via Zoom

This new bible study meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month and will be led by Pastor Elizabeth! This Year, we'll focus on the history and understanding of Prophecy through the twelve minor prophets. Join us as we read scripture and discuss how ancient prophecies can speak to us and our current world today.

This month, we'll introduce the concept of prophecy, discussing what the twelve minor prophets are, and focusing on the book of Amos.

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## Women's Weekly Study

Wednesdays | 6:30am | Online via Zoom

We're currently using *The Wired Word* publication, which reflects biblically on current events.

Sign up at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life) and the weekly publication and study guide will be sent to your inbox.



# Seniors Ministry

Contact Holly Marty at [holly@peacelutheran.com](mailto:holly@peacelutheran.com)

## Seniors Ministry Game Days

Thursdays, March 7 & 14 | 1:00-3:00pm | at Peace  
Join us for a game of cards from 1:00-3:00pm. Coffee and treats provided!

## Seniors Ministry Potluck

Monday, March 25 | 12:00pm | Shalom Room

Potluck suggestion by last name:

- A-M | Salad or Dessert
- N-Z | Hot Dish or Entrée
- Beverages, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided

Program at 12:45pm will feature Jessie Schmidt from the Better Business Bureau presenting “Scams and Fraud”.



## Seniors Ministry Program Planning

Interested in helping to plan programs and activities for the next six months for Senior Ministry? Join us at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 27 in the Shalom Room as we come up with ideas for programs for our potlucks, Seniors on the Move activities, and any other group activities you’d like to suggest and help plan!



# Peace Staff

## Pastors

Paul Stjernholm  
Alex Smith  
Elizabeth Platts

## Directors

Pam Tetzlaff - Faith Formation: Children & Family  
Deacon Amanda Randall - Faith Formation: Teens & Young Adults  
Holly Marty - Faith Formation: Adults  
Bob Levesque - Worship and Music  
Dustin Pederson - Communication  
Lisa Fowler - Office Manager  
Teresa Neugebauer - Business Manager  
DeAnna Dreesman - Preschool  
Tara Foley - PeaceCARE and Kids World

## Staff

Gwyn Snaza - Receptionist (Monday-Wednesday)  
Connie Stout - Receptionist (Thursday & Friday)  
Reverend Chris Matson - Church On the Street  
Ron Stout - Transportation Coordinator  
Judy Lucas - Worship Coordinator  
Darya Levesque - Music Coordinator  
Judy Hilleson - Worship Host  
Audrey Prostrollo - Worship Host  
Belinda Prostrollo - Worship Host  
Miranda Fox - Worship Host  
June Gillespie - Library Coordinator  
Jose Nevarez - Custodian  
Jordan Simon - Custodian  
Kristen Seeman - Custodian

## Wedding Coordinators

Amy Stensland  
Sonja Steever

## Music at Peace

Darya Levesque - Children's Music  
Nancy Lenander - Adult Choir, Youth Bells, Handchime Choir,  
& Adult Bell Choir  
Bob Levesque - Peace Brass, Peace String Ensemble,  
& Worship Teams  
Kyle Quanbeck - Organist  
Denise Edwards - Saturday Service Pianist

Saved by  
God's grace,  
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## Worship

In-Person & Online

Saturday

5:30pm - Piano Led

Sunday

8:00am - Organ Led

9:00am - Band Led 

10:10am - Organ Led

11:20am - Band Led

## Lent Worship

Wednesday

In-Person

11:30am - Organ Led

In-Person & Online

7:05pm - String Quartet

## Holy Week

In-Person & Online

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28

11:30am & 7:05pm 

Good Friday

Friday, March 29

11:30am & 7:05pm 

Easter

Saturday, March 30

5:30pm

Sunday, March 31

7:00am, 8:15am

9:45am , 11:00am