

# PEACE TALKS

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Member of Peace and St. Paul's,

Sometimes in the church we talk about remembering our baptisms. It seems odd when we do. Most of us quite literally do not remember our baptisms. We were far too small to have any memories placed into our long-term memory bank that day. And yet, it is proper to speak this way. After all, we remember the day of our literal birth each year often with celebrations and treats even though we certainly do not literally remember that day either.

There are two kinds of births we can have according to the Scriptures. First, one is born of the flesh and then secondly, if they wish to have a place in the Kingdom of God, they must also be born of the Spirit. Remembering our birthdays is a reason to rejoice in God's gift of creation. Remembering our baptisms is a reason to rejoice in God's gift of redemption in Jesus.

In our midweek Lenten services this year, we will work our way through what the catechism records for us that the Scriptures have to teach us about baptism and all of its gifts. We will talk about what baptism is and what it takes to have one. We will talk about blessings that baptism offers and marvel at how God can accomplish these things through something as simple as water. We will also reflect on how our baptism is returned to each day as we confess our sins and receive the forgiveness and life of Christ anew. Finally, we will talk about how this gift of baptism is for all because all need it.

And as we go through all of this, we will be remembering our baptisms. And in remembering our baptisms, we will be led to thanksgiving before God for He is the One who has given us this gift and all of the other blessings that flow from it.

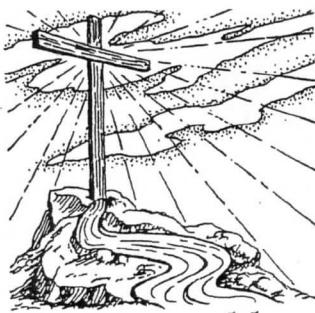
We will also in those midweek services be learning a new hymn that reflects on the gift of baptism. It is hymn number 597 in our Lutheran Service Book hymnal and it is called "Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying." I think you will find the words both beautiful and enlightening and the tune pleasant and easy to learn. It is written by one of our best Lutheran modern hymn writers named Stephen Starke. If you are on the internet, you certainly can type in this title to a search engine and hear the hymn in various places to prepare yourself to sing it.

Lent which we begin on March 6 and 7 with our Ash Wednesday services is a time of remembering our baptisms quite naturally. For each time we are called to repentance, we are being called to do the same thing that was first done at our baptism. We are being called to admit that we are sinners in need of God's help. Thanks be to God that every time we do this, God assures us that He is more than willing to help us. He is willing to save us by connecting us to Jesus's death and his resurrection in order that we might have life now and forever.

I look forward to remembering our baptisms together as we walk through this Lenten season.

In Christ

Pastor Philip Hoppe



... sorrow and love  
flow mingled down.

the Lenten season. This year's theme will be on  
**Baptism**

**Ash Wednesday, March 6 – The Urgency of  
Baptism and Repentance**

**March 13 – What is Baptism?**

**March 20 – What Benefits does Baptism Give?**

**March 27 – How can Water do Such Great  
Things?**

**April 3 – What does such Baptizing with Water  
Indicate?**

**April 10 – Why Baptize Babies?  
A Review of Baptism**

~~May the Lord bless our gatherings~~

Prior to our Lenten services each Wednesday, we will again be having our soup suppers. This is a congregational effort and we are asking the men, women and youth to help out by offering your talents by making soups or baking breads and/or bars. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the narthex and see when and how you can help. We hope you will join us each Wednesday evening during Lent to gather with each other for fellowship and worship.



In a couple of weeks we will again be going back to Daylight Saving Time. It will begin on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> so set your clocks AHEAD ("Spring Ahead") 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night (the 9<sup>th</sup>).

## **LENT BEGINS**

Lent begins this month with  
**Ash Wednesday**

**Communion service** on Wed. evening, March 6 at 7:00 pm. We invite you to join us for a devotional worship service each Wednesday evening during

## **WANTED: BELL RINGERS!!**



**Hand  
Bells**

The Lenten/Easter will be upon us soon and along with it Handbells season. The **Peace Bell Ringers need players** looking to be part of a team that works toward giving glory to God through music and who want to have some fun. You do NOT need to read music in order to play - you just need to be able to count. Interested? Talk to Christine Fiero.

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**BAKE SALE**

Our "Women of Peace" will be sponsoring their annual bake sale on St. Urho's Day, Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00-noon at the Finlayson Community Center.

We are asking for donations of baked goods **from all of our members**. Baked goods may be brought to the church on Friday or bring to the Community Center by 8:00 Saturday morning - **already priced!** Please note if there are any nuts in your products.

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## **SYMPATHY**

We offer our sympathy to Rich & Bev Mensing after the death of Rich's brother, Lawrence, of the Giese area, who passed away last month.

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die." John 11:25,26'*



March is MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE month. Minnesota Food Share was founded in 1982 as a faith-based response to local hunger. During March, Minnesota corporations and individuals will match a percentage of the food and dollars received.

Across East Central Minnesota, over 8% of our neighbors do not have enough money to buy food for their families. Many of them report going hungry or skipping meals to ensure food goes to their children. Half of the individuals who visit Family Pathways are under 18 or over 65 years of age.

**\*\*IN RESPONSE** to this need, Peace church will be having a **"noisy change" collection** **on Sundays March 17 & 24**. Please save your loose change each week and bring it to church when you come on these Sunday mornings in March, and we will pass around a container to gather the change. This would also be a good project for our young children. Have your child/children save their pennies, nickels and dimes so they can participate as well and feel they can help in some small way. Remind them (and yourself) of the blessings you receive from our Lord each day.

**ON MARCH 22, 23 & 24** we will have **"PACK THE PEW"** days. We would like to encourage our members to bring a grocery bag (or 2) of non-perishables to church and **PACK THE PEW** **in the narthex**. You can bring your filled bags to church during that weekend, or when you come to church on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Food shelves need all types of non-perishable food, including paper products, personal and hygiene products, and cleaning products. Think about giving larger cash donations - the food shelf can convert cash into more food than you can. Food and cash raised will be taken to our local Family Pathways Food Shelf in Sandstone which currently serves about 300 families each month, including adults, children and seniors. We hope all of our members will participate in this local mission project!

**KARMA** - You get what you deserve.  
**CHRISTIANITY** - Jesus got what you deserve!

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

- On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we rejoiced that Dustin James Rother-11, and Emily Louise Rother-4, children of Vince and Kristina Rother received the new birth of Holy Baptism. Dustin's sponsor/witness are Vickie & Troy Colsrud and Emily's sponsors are Danny & Amanda Vick.
- We also rejoice at the baptism of Barrett Ray Payne, infant son of Lucas & Clarissa, who was welcomed as a child of God on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Barrett's sponsors are Ryan & Leah Ausmus.

May God bless & keep these little ones always in His tender, loving care.

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONS DRAW ON DIVERSE CAST OF CHARACTERS TO TELL THEIR STORY**

*People of the Passion* is the title of the Lutheran Hour Ministries' 2019 Lenten devotions. Just *who* these people are comprises an ancient and diverse ensemble. Stretching back to Adam and the patriarchs, God was at work setting the stage for His greatest act of love - the sending of Jesus to save sinful mankind. Throughout the Old Testament, through promise and prophet, God was pointing to the cross where Jesus would give His all for you and me. Go to [lhm.org/lent](http://lhm.org/lent) for details on how to download them to a daily e-mail. Audio begins on March 6 with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker for *TLH*, reading the devotions.

### **JOHN 3:16**

***GOD*** - the greatest lover  
***SO LOVED*** - the greatest degree  
***THE WORLD*** - the greatest company  
***THAT HE GAVE*** - the greatest act  
***HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON*** - the greatest gift  
***THAT WHOSOEVER*** - the greatest opportunity  
***BELIEVETH*** - the greatest simplicity  
***IN HIM*** - the greatest attraction  
***SHOULD NOT PERISH*** - the greatest promise  
***BUT*** - the greatest difference  
***HAVE*** - the greatest certainty  
***EVERLASTING LIFE*** - the greatest possession

## **USHERS**

~~Sunday, March 3 & Ash Wed. 6~~ – Tim Koski, H.U., Dwight Hahn, Jacob Thurber, Allen Bennett  
Sunday, March 10 & ~~Wed. 13~~ – Ed Barnick, H.U., Ron Volk, Rich Mensing, Gideon Hoppe  
Sunday, March 17 & ~~Wed. 20~~ – Bruce Pogatchnik, H.U., LeRoy Thurn, Josh & Ethan Alleman  
Sunday, March 24 & ~~Wed. 27~~ – Ron Osladil, H.U., Dick Alleman, Steve & Josh Martin  
Sunday, March 31 & ~~Wed. Apr. 3~~ – John Pitts, H.U., Marcus Pitts, Royce Larson, Larry Alm

## **ELDERS ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, March 3 – Ron Volk & John Pitts  
**\*Ash Wed., March 6** – Roland Henkel & Dwight Hahn  
Sunday, March 17 – Ron Osladil & Don Weiss



**MARCH ALTAR GUILD** - Christine Fiero & Cheryl Petry

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Sunday, March 3.....	Vanessa Meier.....	Kathy Alm & Linda Becker
*Ash Wed. March 6 (7 pm).....	Ella Hoppe	
Sunday, March 10.....	Kenny Ziegler.....	Ron & Veloren Osladil
*Wed. March 13 (7 pm).....	John Colsrud	
Sunday, March 17.....	Eric Fredrickson.....	Ron & Veloren Osladil
*Wed. March 20 (7 pm).....	Vanessa Meier	
Sunday, March 24.....	Ella Hoppe.....	Bernice Bergseth & Elaine Steeg
*Wed. March 27 (7 pm).....	Kenny Ziegler	
Sunday, March 31.....	John Colsrud.....	Bernice Bergseth & Elaine Steeg

## GREETERS

Kathy Alm & Linda Becker

## Peace Lutheran Church

## Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

**Present were:** Pastor Hoppe, Tim Koski, Bill Tvedt, Dwight Hahn, Ed Barnick, Quinton Finley, John Pitts, Roland Henkel, Royce Larson, Dennis Korpi, Ron Osladil

Chairman Tim Koski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Hoppe opened with Scripture and prayer.

The minutes of the December 2018 regular council meeting were approved as read.

The minutes of the December 2010 regular council meeting were approved.

### Pastor's report:

- Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>, and Easter is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- There will be a Circuit Youth gathering on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Peace
- Pastor asked if there was any feedback on the new Constitution. None was mentioned. The plan is to have it approved at the April Quarterly Voters' Meeting.
- Motion by John Pitts, seconded by Roland Henkel and approved to released Debra Sears from Peace.
- Pastor initiated a discussion regarding security at the church. Several people attended a meeting where security in the local churches was discussed. Dwight Hahn was one who attended and will form a committee to make recommendations to the Voters' Assembly.

### Elder's report:

- The Elders continue in the process of reviewing the membership rolls.
- Roland Henkel will assume the duties of Elder Advisor to the Youth.

**Trustee's report:** There are still some problems with lights around the church.

**Youth Group:** The Youth Group made \$400 on the recent sale of chocolate covered strawberries. The Group has a "healthy" amount of money to pay their way to the youth gathering next summer.

The Audit Committee of Bill Tvedt, Dwight Hahn, and Tim Koski found the financial records to be in proper order.

**Old Business:** Painting in various places inside the church will begin soon.

**New Business:** The insurance company for the church was contacted and there is no problem with deep-frying smelt in the church basement. Ron Osladil and Tim Koski volunteered to get the Smelt Fry going again.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:59 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Royce Larson, Council Secretary

# March 2019

February 2019

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April 2019

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					Pastor's day off	
3 Bible Study 9:00 Peace Comm. 9:00 Sun. Sch. 10:15 Bruno Comm. 11:00 Bells 4:00	4 Quilting 9-12	5 Shrove Tuesday Prayer Service @ St. John's-Kroschel 9 am Regional AA Mtg. @ Peace 7:00 NO BIBLE STUDIES DURING LENT	6 Confirmation 3:30 Soup Supper 5:30- 6:30 PEACE ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION 7:00 Elders 8:00	7 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm (B) Conf. 5:00 BRUNO "ASH WEDNESDAY" COMMUNION 6:30	8 Pastor's day off	9 "Men of Peace" 9:00-noon
10 Bible Study 8:00 (F) Worship 9:00 Sun. Sch. 10:15 (B) Worship 11:00 Bells 4:00 Nursing Home 2:30	11 Quilting 9-12	12 Pastors' Winkel	13 Confirmation 3:30 Soup Supper 5:30- 6:30 Peace Lenten Devotional 7:00 Peace Council 7:45	14 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm (B) Conf. 5:00 Bruno Lenten Devotional 6:30	15 Pastor's day off	16
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