

PEACE TALKS

May 2019

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To those who have celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus in sincerity and truth:

The entire month of May we are still celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus in the Church. The Church celebrates for a week of weeks this most important event. So why is it so important? Let me list just a few reasons:

- As I stated in the sermon Easter morning, it is important because it proves that Jesus' words are trustworthy. He prophesied concerning His own death and resurrection and then it happened just as He said. And if this most unlikely prophecy came true, we can trust in all of other Jesus' words.
- Because Jesus has been raised up, you are already raised up yourself. The Bible makes clear that in Baptism you are connected not only to Jesus' death but to His resurrection as well. As we sang throughout the Lenten season, "in a watery grave are buried, all the sins that Jesus carried." All our sins died with Jesus on the cross. But just as He did not remain in the grave, so also our baptism is not just about the death of sin. We are given new life already now. That life is meant to be lived out in thanking, praising, serving, and obeying God.
- Because Jesus has been raised up, the loved ones that trusted in Christ that you miss are not gone from you forever. They will be raised up and bodily so on the Last Day. Jesus told Mary and Martha about Lazarus, "He shall rise again." We comfort each other with this same promise. We all have people that we miss dearly and Easter means we will see all those in Christ again.
- Because Christ has been raised up, you too will be raised up bodily. By taking on human flesh, He has redeemed your whole self, body and soul. You will get to live with a new body and a new heaven and a new earth forever. This is why you confess that you believe in a resurrection of the body.
- Because Jesus has been raised up, He stands above every other religious leader who has ever walked on the face of the earth. All the rest of them are dead and remain so. Only Jesus continues to be the head of His body because He is alive forever.
- Since Christ has conquered death, we are reminded that there is nothing in this world that Christ cannot exercise His dominion and power over. While He does not always exercise such power immediately or even as quickly as we think He ought, we never need doubt that He can. We pray with that confidence.
- Since the Evil One who in the garden overcame Eve through a tree has been overcome by the tree of the cross and the empty tomb, we do not fear the Devil and his power. While his power is great, it is nothing if we rest in Christ who is alive and has defeated him.
- In a world full of despair and anxiety about the future, Easter tells us that there is a future worth the wait. Therefore, the deepest desires of our heart are not be earthly goals but heavenly hopes.
- In the end, Easter is important because Jesus is the yes to all of God's promises. Every promise He has ever made to His people including you is made yes in Jesus' dying and rising.

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Children of God, continue to celebrate this truth and all that it means for you.

In Christ, Pastor Philip Hoppe

THANK YOU

-- Thank you to all the ladies & gents of our congregation who provided soups, breads, and bars for our Lenten soup suppers. \$565.65 was donated to **Treehouse**-a mentoring program for teens in Sandstone where they engage teens through a range of issues teens face i.e. bullying, depression, suicide, self harm, sex & dating, substance abuse, etc. We are happy to be able to have helped them. This was a nice chance to get together for fellowship and visiting. It was all so delicious and your efforts are much appreciated.

-- A big thank you goes to all the musicians who put in so many long hours of practice and hard work in preparation for the **Lenten/Easter season** and who helped make our Easter services up-lifting and joyful. Our Lenten & Easter **organists** -Marge Haefner, LuAnn Alleman & Rachael Henkel; **trumpeters**, Sam Martin, Marcus Pitts & John Colsrud; **Senior Choir**: Marge Haefner, director; LuAnn Alleman, accompanist; Pastor Hoppe, Ed Barnick, Don Weiss, Mary Nelson, Olivia & Ella Hoppe; **Bell Choir**: Christine Fiero, director; Jaimee, Gideon, Olivia & Ella Hoppe, Ed Barnick, Cheryl Petry, John, Jacob & Justin Colsrud; and to Olivia & Ella for the nice duet on Easter Sunday.

-- Also, thanks to all the youth, their parents and other adults for the hard work and preparation that went into serving the delicious Easter breakfast. Thank you to Marge & Mary who did the lily arranging; and a special thanks to Pastor Hoppe for all of his extra time & effort in preparation for the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services.

~~We are thankful for all of these willing hearts, hands, and voices!!~~

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**--Stronger than the dark, the light,
Stronger than the wrong, the right.
Faith and hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter day!**

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**--"Virtues are learned at mother's knee -  
vices at some other joint."**

**-George Washington**

## LAWN MOWING SIGN-UP



We are asking for your help to keep our church property spruced up during the summer months. There is a sign-up

sheet on the table in the narthex. The more people who sign up, the fewer times each has to take a turn. Usually we have had enough volunteers that we've only had to mow twice. The church has all the mowers, weed whips, etc. to use, or you can bring in your own, as several do. In a couple of weeks, a schedule will be printed with a list of instructions included. We hope we can count on your help with this summer project.

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## WELCOME

We would like to welcome Erick Nelson into our family of faith here at Peace. Erick transferred to us from Peace Lutheran in Robbinsdale, and is the son of Danny & Mary Nelson. Welcome, Erick, and we pray you will be blessed by your worship among us.

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We offer our congratulations to this year's Confirmands - John Colsrud, Eric Fredrickson and Vanessa Meier, who will renew their Baptism vows on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. It is the prayer of this congregation that they will not think of Confirmation as an end to their Christian education, but will look at it as the beginning of a closer relationship with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ



Jesus, bless those who are newly confirmed. Bind their hearts to Your Word, that their vows may be fulfilled. Daily, may they grow closer to You. Preserve them in Your truth, so that nothing this world offers ever tempts them to stray from Your side. Give them desire to feed on Your Word, so their faith will be continually strengthened and their love for You may be increased. In Your name. Amen.





## OUR SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Tim & Lisa Koski on the death of Lisa's father, Ted

Hines, who was called home to his Lord on Easter Sunday at the age of 87 years. His funeral is (was) on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Spring Lake Park. May God be with you and comfort you!

*"He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there."*

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## THE SMELT FRY IS BACK!!



After a two year absence, the Men of Peace will be hosting the "Annual" Smelt Fry once again. It will be held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 3-7 pm. This all-you-can-eat meal will

includesmelt, potato salad, cole slaw, breads, beverage and cookies.

In order to serve over 400 people in 4 hours, we need your help. That is, the smelt need to be cleaned/washed on Wednesday-Thursday; set up tables Thursday evening and/or Friday morning; and ready to serve people by 3:00, serving until 7 pm and then clean up. Often, we mostly need to watch tables during the serving time, replenish baskets with bread, and wipe them as other people come in to eat.

If you can work for an hour or two during any of these times, it would be most helpful! Many hands make for light work. There are sign-up sheets in the church narthex for you to see where help is needed.

There are also sign-up sheets for food donations, such as potatoes, onions, celery, etc. and LOTS of cookies!! We hope we can count on your help!

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*"All that I am and all that I ever hope to be,  
I owe to my mother. No man is poor  
when he has a godly mother."*

-Abraham Lincoln



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 5-9

Is it too early to think about VBS? Absolutely not! Much planning has already gone into our program for this year.

Peace VBS is for kids age 4 thru those going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. At "**Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World**" kids will discover the truth about Jesus as they meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks! NOW is the time to prayerfully consider how you will be involved in this wonderful ministry opportunity and learn how you too, can be a part of making VBS 2019 the best year yet!

We appreciate your prayers in the planning process. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior, and to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission. Be watching for further information soon and new displays in the narthex. Thank You!

Mary Nelson, director

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## LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP BROCHURES

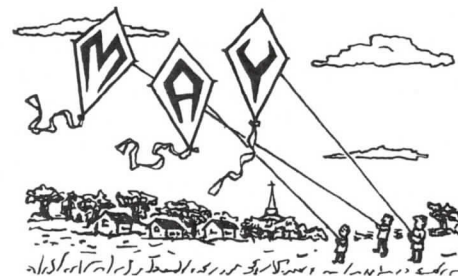


We have an ample supply of this summer's Lutheran Island Camp brochures. Give your child the opportunity to attend one of

the camp weeks. LIC combines excellent outdoor activities with spiritual nourishment - all in a safe and beautiful outdoor environment. There are weekend camps for the "Little Lambs," ages 3-6 and a parent/grandparent; "Sheep Camp," ages 6-8 and an adult; several "Trailblazer Camps for ages 6-11; horse camps, science camp, boys survivor camp, fishing camp, Mother/daughter retreat; father/son retreat; and MANY other camping experiences for the teen kids as well as Family weekend Getaways. Please pick up one of the LIC brochures from the table in the narthex to see the many and varied camping opportunities awaiting our children and families. Whatever your child's interest, there is probably a week or weekend camping opportunity for them or your family. If you are interested, I'm sure we still have campership monies available.



**Sunday, May 5 – Ron Osladil, H.U., Dick Alleman, Steve & Josh Martin**  
**Sunday, May 12 – John Pitts, H.U., Marcus Pitts, Royce Larson, Dwight Hahn**  
**Sunday, May 19 – Bill Tvedt, H.U., Leon & Lucas Payne, Wayne Fiero**  
**Sunday, May 26 – Tim Koski, H.U., Rich Mensing, Josh Alleman, Gideon Hoppe**



**Sunday, May 5 –Roland Henkel & John Pitts**  
**Sunday, May 19 – Ron Volk & Don Weiss**

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**Ella Hoppe (A) Kenny (C) . . . .**  
**Eric Fredrickson . . . . .**  
**Vanessa Meier . . . . .**  
**Ella Hoppe . . . . .**

**LeRoy & Donelda Thurn**  
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The Women of Peace met on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, with 11 members present. Pastor Hoppe led us in our Bible study, "Nameless Women of the Bible," taken from the LWML Quarterly.

President Jenny Alleman opened our business meeting by all joining in the LWML Pledge. Mites & donations were collected; correspondence was shared which included a letter from the Silver Bay Veteran's Home.

Secretary's report was read; Treasurer's balance \$5,370.60 which includes \$586.99 in quilting funds. \$565.65 was collected at the soup suppers for Treehouse (Sandstone) and has been delivered to them. Confirmation will be May 5<sup>th</sup> with three Confirmands. Bernice will order the flowers.

A discussion was held on Baptism napkins. Jenny has been doing them and is willing to continue.

The LWML Rally will be Saturday, May 4th in Esko with registration beginning at 9:00 am. Registration fee is \$10 each. Rides will be leaving from church at 8:00 am.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Food Stand:** No answer yet if we can use the same building as last year. Bev, Mary, Jenny, and Carol will meet on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at church to begin the planning.

**Bloodmobile will be Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**New member coffee will be Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Help is needed on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 for peeling potatoes, and on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for making potato salad for the Smelt Fry.

**Date for cleaning kitchen will be set at the next meeting.**

Carla gave a devotion, "The Names of the Men." Closed with The Lord's Prayer and table prayer.

**Hostess was Jan. Hostess in May will be Elaine.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Steeg, Secretary



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**~~THERE IS A DIFFERENCE~~**

ARMED FORCES DAY = Third Saturday of each May. Honors those serving.

**MEMORIAL DAY** = The last Monday of each May.

Remembers those who died while serving.

VETERAN'S DAY = The 11<sup>th</sup> day of each November. Honors those who served.



**PEACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
COMMUNITY BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**Tuesday, May 21, 12:00-6:00 pm**

**Sign-up sheets are out**

**Or**

**Contact Bev Mensing or Trice Olson  
for more info or questions**

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**"EASTER IS ENDED!"**

It is, you might think. The last lovely anthem has been sung ... the last sermon on the living presence of the Christ has been spoken... the last girl in a pretty bonnet cheering an angelic face has walked out the doors of the church ... and the custodian has just picked up the last scraps of paper that cluttered the empty sanctuary.

Easter is ended!

Or so you might think ... until I see the father stand by a small boy in a hospital bed, confident that God could be trusted with his dying son.

Until I see a mother patiently give of herself to instill love and character into the heart of a daughter.

Until I see one who has broken the grip of one of the most vicious habits that can imprison a person.

Until I see a child give up a cherished toy because a sick friend had seen it and looked at it longingly.

Until I see a teenage girl cheerfully take over the management of the household while her mother went to care for a neighbor in trouble.

And for so long as we see in the lives of others the love and understanding and sacrifice that God gave our world when Jesus came ... then we shall know in the highest sense ...

Easter is never ended!



**MEMORIAL DAY  
PRAYER**

Dear Heavenly Father,

You direct the destiny of all people. The fate of every nation is in your hands. Although we deserve Your wrath and displeasure, You have shown us mercy, redeeming us from our sin through Your Son's death and resurrection. Today we remember with thanksgiving the brave men and women who protect our country. On this day, we especially remember the members of our nation's armed services who gave their lives to preserve the nation You have given us. Graciously order our private lives and public deeds, that their sacrifice has not been made in vain; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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**Somebody said ...**

**\*\* Somebody said it takes about two weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby ... somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "Normal," is history.**

**\*\* Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct ... somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.**

**\*\* Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good" ... somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.**

**\*\* Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first ... somebody doesn't have five children.**

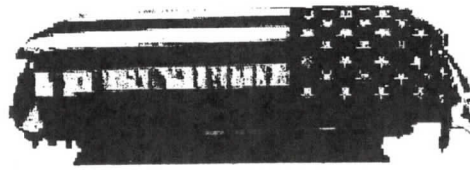
**\*\* Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery ... somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten ... or on a plane headed for military "boot camp."**

**\*\* Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married ... somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.**

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!**



## "The Meaning of the Flag Draped Coffin"



All Americans should be given this lesson. I hope you take the time to read this... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means...Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

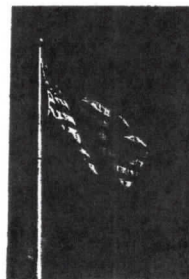
The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.


There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.'





# MAY 2019

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday               | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday                                                        | Thursday                                                                  | Friday                                        | Saturday                          |
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| <div></div> <div>Bible Study 8 am<br/>Peace<br/>CONFIRMATION<br/>W/ Comm. 9:00<br/>Sun. Sch. 10:15<br/>Bruno Communion<br/>11:00</div> | 6<br>Quilting 9-12   | 7<br>Peace Bible Studies<br>3:00 & 6:30  | 8<br>JOINT Church<br>Council<br>Meeting 7:00 @<br>St. Paul's     | 9<br>Pastor office hours in<br>Bruno 3-5 pm<br>Bruno Bible Study<br>6:30  | 10<br>SMELT FRY<br>3-7 pm<br>Pastor's day off | 11<br>"Men of Peace"<br>9:00-noon |
| 12<br>Bible Study 8:00<br>Peace Worship 9:00<br>Sun. Sch. 10:15<br>Bruno Worship 11:00<br>Nursing Home Service<br>2:30                                                                                                    | 13<br>Quilting 9-12  | 14<br>NO Peace Bible<br>Studies          | 15<br>"Women of Peace"<br>1:00                                   | 16<br>Pastor office hours in<br>Bruno 3-5 pm<br>Bruno Bible Study<br>6:30 | 17<br>Pastor's day off                        | 18                                |
| 19<br>Bible Study 8:00<br>Peace Comm. 9:00<br>Sun. Sch. 10:15<br>Bruno Comm. 11:00                                                                                                                                        | 20<br>Quilting 9-12  | 21<br>Peace Bible Studies<br>3:00 & 6:30 | 22<br>**NEWSLETTER<br>DEADLINE**<br>Young Families<br>Group 6:00 | 23<br>Pastor office hours in<br>Bruno 3-5 pm<br>Bruno Bible Study<br>6:30 | 24<br>Pastor's day off                        | 25                                |
| 26<br>Bible Study 8:00<br>Peace Matins 9:00<br>Bruno Matins 11:00                                                                                                                                                         | 27<br>*MEMORIAL DAY* | 28<br>Peace Bible Studies<br>3:00 & 6:30 | 29                                                               | 30<br>Pastor office hours in<br>Bruno 3-5 pm<br>Bruno Bible Study<br>6:30 | 31<br>Pastor's day off                        |                                   |