



Peace Lutheran Church
 Making Christ Available to All..
 by Rejoicing, Renewing and
 Reaching Out

Herald of Peace

March

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Peace Office Hours

See Schedule on page 4
 Call Ahead Before Stopping By

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
In-Person and on Facebook
 Sunday: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Community Channel 7
 Sunday: 10:00 am
In-Person



Evangelical
 Lutheran Church
 in America

March 5 marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Once again, we will join Jesus as he “turn[s] his face to Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51) This year, we will be using resources from *A Sanctified Art* to help us in our communal and individual spiritual journey. Be on the lookout for devotion books, social media posts, new approaches to weekend liturgies, and a full Wednesday evening worship service each week. Each of these resources will help us dive into the spirituality of the season and lean into God’s promises and expectations for our lives.

As you prepare for the season of Lent to begin, I’d also like to share a few prayers from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the hymnal we use together with many other Lutheran congregations. These prayers have rooted Lenten worship in the twenty years since the *ELW*’s publication. As we embark on this journey, may these prayers foster the connection between you and the divine.

From the Ash Wednesday Communion Liturgy:

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 you have brought us this far along the way.
 In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
 but guided us into the path of love and light.
 In every age you sent prophets
 to make known your loving will for all humanity.
 The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
 our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
 In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
 to preach good news to the afflicted,
 to break bread with the outcast and despised,
 and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
 Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every
 age,
 that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
 we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
 Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer Concerns of those we prayed for in February

For praise and thanksgiving

Elizabeth A. Eaton – Presiding Bishop, ELCA
Laurie Jungling – Montana Synod Bishop

For people around the world in need

Peace in Ukraine
Victims of violence and war in Israel and Gaza
President Donald Trump and officials at all levels of government

For illness or injuries of members

Gertie Gross
Leroy & Luella Ketterling
Lisa Grimsley
John & Rosanne Modde
Ron Zech
Howard Albers
Jim & Geri Frasch
Hank Tungstall
Ken Peterson
Darlene Thompson
Marlene Thomson
Lawanda Sherseth
Rita Wyman
Eva Wilker
Gayle Bummer
Chuck Sider
Marlin Overstreet

For illness or injuries of family and friends

Taryn Grinsteiner – Ken Peterson’s niece
Carol – Lois Gorseth’s sister, cancer treatment
Kelly Miller – Pastor Kim Wilker’s daughter, cancer
Gary Boje – Darlene Thompson’s brother, recovery
Denise – Bonnie Hovik Clausen’s daughter in law
Garry Fink – cancer treatment
Laura Fisher – Jodi Peterson’s cousin, cancer
Bud Leuthold – friend of Joy Lindberg, leukemia
John – friend of Mike Brown, health issues
Melanie – Joan Brown’s sister, throat cancer
Josh Wilker – son of Kim & Terri, navigating life in prison
Kyle Welliever – son of Dean & Peggy, health concerns
Drew Echales – friend of the Ramage family, medical diagnosis
Erik Aslakson– Kathi’s son, recovering from surgery
JC– John Modde’s Son, lung cancer

Prayer Concerns is a published list of those on the prayer chain, who have given permission to publish their names. If you are interested in praying for these, as well as others, please join the prayer chain. They have leaders who call or email.

Please call lone Bloom at 406-671-4030



A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

Art, reflections, & poetry for the season of Lent

Sanctified Art

To go with our Lent Weekend Worship Series, we have devotionals prepared by A Sanctified Art that give daily reflections and artistic vision regarding each week's scripture reading. These will be available in the narthex beginning Ash Wednesday.

Congregational News

Peace Quilters News!

The quilters of Peace meet each first, second, and fourth/fifth Wednesday morning at 9:00 until around noon. Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcome. If you don't know how to tie a quilt but would like to learn, with all the willing teachers we have, this is a good opportunity for you. We gather for coffee round 10:30 a.m. which is a good chance to socialize.

Peace Quilters will be hanging quilts in the fellowship hall each week to showcase their work. Please take a look to see what we're up to!



Happy Birthday to you all!

*If your birthday is incorrect or missing,
please contact the office at
peaceoffice1301@gmail.com
to let us know!*

Wilker	Kim	March 01
Decker	John	March 08
Ketterling	Leroy	March 12
Hausauer	Lillian	March 13
Foran	Donald	March 13
Broeder	Karen	March 16
Bloom	Robert	March 17
Vigesaa	Benjamin	March 20
Rumage	Ariella	March 20
Graham	Jean	March 20
Wilker	Terri	March 20
Conboy	Ronald	March 23
Pritchard	William	March 28
Donovan	Blake	March 31
Hawks	Andraya	March 31

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An Invitation to Lent:

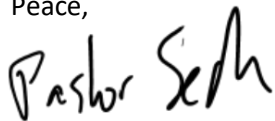
Friends in Christ, with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

God bless your Lenten journey!

Peace,



Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

2025

Staff Key=	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton	Natalie		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
9:30 AM		Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
10:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
10:30 AM		Pastor Seth	Natalie	Pastor Seth	Natalie
11:00 AM			Natalie		Natalie
11:30 AM			Natalie		Natalie
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12:30 PM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Natalie
1:00 PM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Natalie
1:30 PM	Kim Braaton		Pastor Seth		Natalie
2:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton
2:30 PM	Kim Braaton		Pastor Seth		Kim Braaton
3:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton
3:30 PM	Kim Braaton		Pastor Seth		Kim Braaton
4:00 PM	Kim Braaton				
4:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton	Natalie	Pastor Seth
5:00 PM				Natalie	
5:30 PM			Pastor Seth	Natalie	
6:00 PM			Pastor Seth	Natalie	
6:30 PM			Pastor Seth	Natalie	
7:00 PM			Pastor Seth	Natalie	
7:30 PM			Pastor Seth	Natalie	
8:00 PM				Natalie	
8:30 PM				Natalie	

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Find Peace Lutheran on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranBillings>

Watch worship live or on your own time. Keep up-to-date with goings on at church. Even send a message to chat with Pastor Seth

Also check out our website at <https://www.peacelutheranbillings.com/> Find monthly newsletters and calendars, information about worship, food pantry, and youth ministries!

Peace Lutheran Financial Update

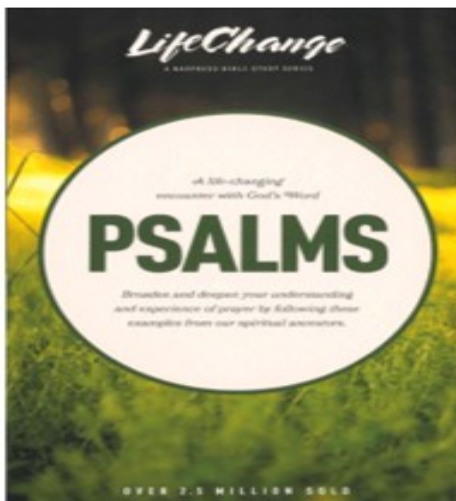
	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$15,821.05	\$23,699.53	-7,878.48
2025 Year-To-Date	\$15,821.05	\$23,699.53	-7,878.48

As you know, Peace ended 2025 with a budget surplus of more than \$50,000. At its February Meeting, the council divvied the surplus up in the following way: \$26,976 to General Fund Reserve; \$5,220 to Christikon Scholarships; \$7,000 to Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain; \$1,500 to Nations to Neighbors; \$1,500 to Lutheran Disaster Response for California fires; \$10,000 to council discretion for distribution throughout the year.

The council also heard many of the suggestions given at the Annual Meeting and is working on ways to fund some of the projects at Peace and in the community. Stay tuned for updates throughout the year!

May the strength of God pilot us,
 may the wisdom of God instruct us,
 may the hand of God protect us,
 may the Salvation, O Lord, be always ours,
 this day and forevermore,
 Amen. ST. PATRICK

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Explore the Psalms with the Thursday Morning Bible Study!

Beginning March 6, the Thursday morning Bible Study will begin a new course on the Psalms. This ten lesson study gives general information about the psalms, and also selects specific psalms that will be the focus of each week's session.

Pastor Seth has a few extra books- please let him know if you would like to join the group, or even study the Psalms on your own.

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall each week.



Peace Youth



March 2025

Christikon

This year the Peace Van will be taking three age groups to Christikon. July 7th -10th will be Pathfinders in 4th-6th grade. July 12th -18th will be prospectors in 6th - 8th grade, July 20th -26th will be Trailblazers in 9th - 12th grade. All of these age groups are completed grades. Your child must have completed 4th grade to be eligible and must have completed the first grade in the age group to be eligible for that age group. A letter with signup instructions has been given to eligible youth. Peace Lutheran will pay for one session per child. For billing and transportation purposes please be registered by April 15th. Please contact Natalie with any questions or if your child is eligible and you have not received a letter.

VBS

June 23rd -27th are the dates for this years Vacation Bible School! VBS will take place at Peace Lutheran from 9am - Noon. Registration will be open soon. Participants must have completed one year of preschool and be fully toilet trained. Students up to age fifth grade can participate. If your child has completed the fifth grade they are eligible to volunteer! We need both child and adult volunteers. All volunteers age 18 or older will need to successfully pass a background check. Please contact Natalie with any questions.

Upcoming In March

March 5th - Ash Wednesday - No Youth Activities

Peace Pals (K-3/4)

5:30-6:30pm

March 12-

God's

Promises to Abraham

March 19 -

Mary Anoints

Jesus

March 26 -

Jesus Enters

Jerusalem

Peace Youth (5-above)

7-8pm

March 12 -

Echo the Story 17, Daniel

March 19-

Echo The Story 18,

Rebuilding

March 26 -

Fun Night

Refuel Meals

6:30-7:00 pm

Lenten Soup

Suppers



Peace Youth



Continued

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



Matthew 28:19-20

“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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Volunteers

There are always opportunities to volunteer! We are looking for van drivers on Wednesday nights. A Peace Pals second adult is also needed on 3/19 and 3/26. Peace Parents is looking for volunteers to help watch kids for about an hour and a half on Thursday March 20th. All regular volunteer commitments are about an hour and no planning or teaching is required! We also have VBS coming up. VBS is a great opportunity to get to know the kids in the community and we will need about 25 volunteers for the week! If you are interested in volunteering please talk to Natalie, use the sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board, or contact the youth office.

Contact

Email: peacelcyouth@gmail.com

Phone: 406-252-5504





FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday March 4th

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a pancake dinner followed by BINGO! A free will offering will benefit the Youth, Family, and Education Fund.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Ash Wednesday, March 5th, will be the first of the Wednesday evening soup suppers. All are welcome to join in the meal followed by worship. Sign up to provide soup, rolls or dessert for any of the six suppers. Dinner will start at 6 p.m.

The various committees are asked to host one soup supper. Please arrive at 5:30 to set-up.

Ash Wednesday Host-Abundant Life

March 12th Host- Education/Youth

March 19th Host- Worship

March 26th Host- Congregational Life

April 2nd Host- Men's Breakfast

April 9th Host- Mission/Service

Maundy Thursday Host- Mutual Ministry



CHRISTIKON CLIPS, MARCH, 2025

Come and meet our new Executive Director , Heather Wigdahl, on March 4th from 6:30—8:30 PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will have an ice cream social in her honor!

Annual Benefit Auction is on April 27th at the Billings Depot. We are looking for items for the auction such as: fishing trip, weekend getaway, dinner out , themed baskets, artisan items. Have an idea? Watch for more details as they become available on our website.

Are you registered for camp yet? Registration is online at www.christikon.org. We are excited about our new registration process! We believe you will be too!

Adults and families: Work Weekend is a great time to get to camp and help us prepare for the 2025 campers. Our Continuing Ed Retreat and Mountain Weekend speaker is Dr. Dave Ellingsen and the program: Go Outside and Play. Come play at Christikon this summer! Register for camping for adults and families online at www.Christikon.org.

Bus Attendants needed for 2025—Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Yes? Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at secretary@christikon.org for details. It pays a daily rate as well!

Family Promise March, 2025

Peace will be hosting Family Promise March 16–23. The volunteer sign-up board will be in the narthex.

Here are some of the ways you can help.

Set Up ~ Sunday, March 16 right after church come one downstairs! We will make the beds and get the rooms ready for our guests.

Evening meals ~ Peace will provide meals for the families on Tuesday, March 18, Wednesday, March 19 and Saturday, March 22. We will let you know before those days how many adults and children we will feed and if there are allergies. Families are usually at the church by 6, so that is when we plan to eat. Most of these families have known food insecurities their whole lives, finding something everyone likes can be tricky (actually, that's kind of like family dinners at my house!). Here are a few ideas ~ breakfast for dinner, tacos, spaghetti, ham, mac and cheese, pizza. Whatever you choose for the menu will be very appreciated (and we'll have hot dogs in the freezer in case there's those picky eaters!).

Please be at the church by 5:30p.m. and plan to leave by 8 p.m. You will be the people who will see the families more than any other volunteer. We'll have coloring, games and toys out for the kids so you can interact with them and their parents. Most go to bed very early because they get up very early!

Overnight Hosts ~ you get to spend the night at the church!! Jody, our cot maintenance person, will be working on the cots so we can get them more comfortable. I have 2 camping mattresses that fit perfectly on the cots. You can put your sleeping bag on top of the pad. It's pretty comfy!

Your job is to help if the families need anything in the night. It rarely happens, but we are there in case. We like to have 2 hosts. We have had hosts that bring their kids for the overnight. We ask that overnight hosts be at the church by 8 p.m. Most everyone is in bed by then! They leave at 6 a.m., so you can leave when everyone has left the church.

Take down ~ this will happen Sunday, March 23 after church.

Laundry ~ Peace is responsible for washing 3–4 bundles of laundry after our guests leave. We wash pillow cases, protectors, sheets, mattress pads, blankets, and quilts. We ask that people take a laundry bundle, wash what's in the bundle and bring it back to church. Please put it in the Family Promise storage room ~ the room off the Fellowship Hall in the basement. We'll put the clean laundry away.

We hope you will consider volunteering during our Family Promise week. We get to be part of the beginning of change for homeless families. It all makes a difference in someone's life.



2025 Lent and Holy Week Schedule



Ash Wednesday ~ March 5

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 PM

Worship ~ 7:00 PM

Lent Wednesday Evenings

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 PM

Worship ~ 7:00 PM

Weekend Worship

Saturday Evenings ~ 5:00 PM

Sunday Mornings ~ 10:00 AM

HOLY
WEEK



Palm Weekend

April 13 & 14

Saturday ~ 5:00 PM

Sunday ~ 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday

April 17

Potluck Dinner Church

6:00PM

Good Friday

April 18

Worship ~ 7:00 PM

with First Presbyterian

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

SONrise Service ~ 7:00 AM

Traditional Worship ~ 9:00, 10:30 AM

IRISH STEW

INGREDIENTS:

2 LB Beef Chuck (cut into 1 in. cubes)
1/4 cup All-Purpose flour
1 tsp Salt
1/2 tsp Pepper
2 tbs Olive oil
1 Onion (finely chopped)
1/2 cup Beef broth
1 Bay leaf
2 cups Baby carrots
4 Russet Potatoes (peeled and cut into 1 in. cubes)

DIRECTIONS:

Place the beef cubes, flour, and salt and pepper in a large zip-top bag or bowl.

In a large skillet, heat oil until shimmering, add the beef cubes and brown on all sides. Do not crowd meat in the pan. Do this in batches if you pan is not large enough. Remove meat to the crockpot.

Add the onions to the drippings in the skillet and sauté until tender. Add onions to the crockpot.

Stir in the beef broth and bay leaf. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 hours.

Add the carrots and potatoes and stir gently to combine. Cook on LOW for another two to four hours or until meat and veggies are tender.

Add salt and pepper to taste.

ENJOY!



Directory Corrections and Updates

Please update the following entries in your Peace Membership Directory:

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH



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- RAINBOW
- MAGICAL
- BLESSING
- LEPRECHAUN
- GOLDEN
- PARADE
- SHAMROCK
- CLOVER
- EMERALD



Worship News

March 1 & 2- Transfiguration

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-43a

March 5 (Ash Wednesday) Everything [in] Between Intention & Action

The "would-be followers" (as the NRSVUE calls them) have good intentions. They want to follow Jesus, but Jesus calls them to put their money where their mouths are. Somewhere between good intentions and impulsive action lies discipleship. On Ash Wednesday, we make a commitment to align our intentions and our actions.

Luke 9:51-62

March 8 & 9 Everything [in] Between Stranger & Neighbor

This parable begins and ends with the question, "Who is my neighbor?" and the answer is surprisingly, "the stranger." The Samaritan, whose place of worship and customs are different from the lawyer who questions Jesus, is both a stranger and a neighbor to the man who was beaten and left in a ditch.

In our world, many of our physical neighbors are strangers to us, and many of our neighbors—those closest to us—feel like strangers in divisive political climates. If we align our intentions and actions, then maybe we need to reconsider who we label as "stranger," and ask ourselves if we have acted as good neighbors.

Luke 10:25-37

March 15 & 16 Everything [in] Between Faith & Works

In many translations, Jesus says that "Mary has chosen the better part," which has been used to create a divide between Mary and Martha. However, in the Greek, Mary has chosen the "good portion," and Martha's tasks are called "ministry." Therefore, perhaps Mary represents our faith, our desire to know God intimately, and Martha represents our good works, our desire to transform the world. Both are needed, and both are good.

Luke 10:38-42

March 22 & 23 Everything [in] Between Rest & Growth

The gardener in the vineyard knows the fig tree needs rest, nutrients, and time—and it also needs to produce fruit. Both things are true, which is also true for us. If we are always striving for more growth without taking time to rest, we will burn out. But if we are only ever resting, we won't bear fruit or grow. The fig tree also teaches us that the in between time—of nurture before fruit—can be where transformation begins.

Luke 13:6-9

March 29 & 30 Everything [in] Between Lost & Found

Herding sheep is a never-ending task. As soon as one is found, another may go missing. Our lives have a similar ebb and flow—in one moment we might feel like we have it all together, and in the next, we're struggling to survive. The promise of this parable is that no matter how "lost" we feel, the Good Shepherd is by our side.

Luke 15:1-7

Congregational News



Women of the ELCA Circles:
Everyone is welcome!

Ruth Circle

Meets second Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
Pizza Hut 2530 King Ave W

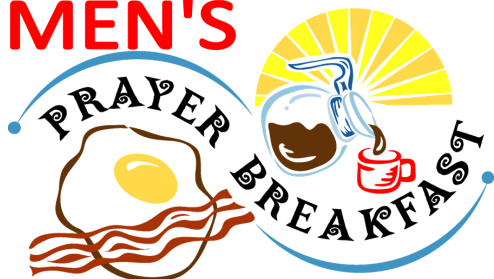
Katie Circle

Meets second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in
the Fellowship Hall

Martha Circle

Meets third Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall

MEN'S



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets
Wednesdays at 6:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

New-comers and one-timers are
always welcome.

Bring yourself and your appetite—
food and Bible study resources will be
provided!



Next Newsletter Deadline:

March 20th, 2025

Please send newsletter information to
peaceoffice1301@gmail.com

Delegates to Ministries

Christikon

Katrina Rumage
Tony Pecarina
Kristi Bummer

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Kristi Bummer
Dave Draeger
Greg Popp
Chuck Sider
Melissa Sider

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Pastor Seth Rumage*
Jeff Murray*

Shepherd Cluster

Dave Draeger
Julie Draeger

St. John's Ministries

Mary Mosdal
Jerilyn Dukart

Synod Assembly Delegates

Louis Taylor*
Nancy Taylor

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*Designates Congregation
Council Member

Congregational Committees

Abundant Life

Bob Bakko*
Mike Brown
Jeff Murray*
Bob Peterson†
Danny Quanbeck
Rhonda Sappington

Congregational Life

Joan Brown
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Jeff Murray*
Deb Sider
Melissa Sider

Education/Youth

Jan Bakko
John Goodheart
Jody Pierce*
Katrina Rumage
Melissa Sider
Holly Suek*

Mission and Service

Ann & Erl Barsness
Paula Jackson
Rick & Barb Olson
Linda Strosky

Mutual Ministry

Mike Brown
Holli Miller*
Bob Peterson
Sharon Schatzke
Chuck Sider

Nominating

Rhonda Sappington
Gerge Simek
Peggy Welliever
(2 slots will be filled by outgoing
council members in November
2025)

Personnel

Bob Bakko*
Melissa Sider

Property

Jeff Murray†*
Paul Strosky
Louis Taylor*

Scholarship

Wendy Goodheart
Holli Miller*
Melissa Sider

Worship

Ann Barsness
Julie Draeger
Wendy Goodheart

March Serving Committee

Bernie Mason—Chair
Steve Frank
Erica Hayshida
Paula & John Jackson
Jerilyn Dukart
Shelly & Greg Popp
Seth & Katrina Rumage



PRAYER VENTURES

March

1 Give thanks for God's compassion, forgiveness and concern for humanity, which extend far beyond rules, borders, ideologies and bias. Pray that we are inspired to do likewise!

2 Thank God for the example of Jesus Christ, focusing not on his crucifixion but on what God reveals to us through his journey of life, suffering, death and resurrection.

3 Pray for lasting and resilient peace in the Holy Land and Middle East, that those who have suffered and lost much will experience justice, hope and healing as they rebuild their lives and communities. 4 Praise God for young people who serve our neighbors through ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), working alongside global companion churches and organizations. Pray that their yearlong journeys will be blessings to the communities they serve and will strengthen their faith, clarity of vocation and understanding of people in diverse contexts.

5 Ash Wednesday Pray that we will wear the mark of the cross on our foreheads with humility and repentance and will remember why we are baptized into Christ: to proclaim the gospel, bear love and mercy into the world, serve our neighbors, strive for justice, grow in faith and glorify God in all we do and say.

6 Ask the Spirit to guide us through the season of Lent, that it might strengthen our faith in God's sacrificial love through Jesus Christ. Give thanks for the knowledge that we live in God's all-encompassing grace, given despite our weakness, uncertainty and arrogance.

7 Lift up praise and thanksgiving that God is perfect, impartial and ever present, defending those who suffer

8 Remember in prayer our national leaders, that they will exercise wisdom, compassion, justice, mercy, respect for the diversity of humankind and attentiveness to those who are neglected and excluded. Pray that our leaders will foster well-being in our communities, nation and world.

9 Pray that the Spirit will give us strength whenever we are tempted to stray from the ways of God, revealed to us in human terms through the life of Jesus Christ.

10 Give thanks for moments of joy and celebration in your life and the lives of your neighbors and siblings in Christ.

11 Who is our neighbor? Pray that we might recognize people everywhere in the world as our neighbors, created by and beloved of God and sharing with us a common lineage.

12 Ask God to bless our congregations' community meals during Lent, that we might build relationships, reflect in prayer and feel renewed in our enthusiasm for doing God's work in the world.

13 "When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them" (Psalm 91:15). Lift up prayers of gratitude to God, who hears our pleading and lamentations and does not ignore or abandon us.

14 Give thanks for the ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program, which supports students attending ELCA seminaries so that they can graduate with less debt and respond to God's call as the church needs and the Spirit leads.

15 Pray for the ELCA AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, ELCA Witness in Society, ELCA World Hunger, Global Refuge, Lutheran Services in America and other partner ministries and organizations that uphold basic human rights, address causes of migration and help immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees rebuild their lives in our country.



PRAYER VENTURES

March

16 “O God, you know all that we think or do, you know the pain we put each other through. Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, grant us peace” (WOV 739). Praise God for the boundless love and forgiveness that create a new spirit within us and enable us to change how we behave toward our neighbors.

17 Remember in prayer the 240 ELCA missionaries who serve alongside global church partners in more than 40 countries, doing God’s work in the world and supporting the growth of new congregations, urban and youth outreach, theological education, pursuit of justice and peace, and leadership training.

18 Remember in prayer congregations that are working through leadership transitions, assessing their missions and resources, and searching for pastors, deacons or others to become teachers and leaders.

19 “The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me” (Martin Luther, Table Talk). Pray that the word of God in Scripture will lay hold of us and reveal something new to us each time we read the Bible, hear it read aloud or reflect on its implications for our daily lives.

20 First Day of Spring Sing praises and lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the new life, light and hope that emerge with spring — awesome gifts from God, the Creator.

21 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor..

22 Water is a gift from God and a vital resource that sustains all living things. Pray for wisdom and discipline that we might preserve, manage and restore water resources essential to food production and life itself for people around the world.

23 Let us repent our sins to God, just as we are, asking God’s forgiveness, guidance and transformation.

24 Pray that our Lenten reflections and conversations will lead us to a clearer sense of our identity, our mission and our calling to proclaim the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

25 Give thanks for godparents and baptismal sponsors who encourage our faith, teaching us to live as children of God and followers of Christ throughout our baptismal journeys.

26 “O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you” (Psalm 63:1). Reflect on the longings of your soul and give thanks that the Spirit moves with us through Lent, leading us to the foot of the cross.

27 Give thanks for ELCA Ministries of Diverse Cultures and Communities, which works with ELCA congregations, synods, agencies and institutions to make the church more culturally diverse, anti-racist and inclusive of all God’s children.

28 God’s pardon of our human shortcomings and sin can never be earned or bought. Pray that, forgiven and freed in Jesus Christ, we will respond with gratitude, compassion and mercy for others.

29 Give thanks for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA), which supports, equips and encourages Lutheran educators, and for our congregations’ faith-based day care centers and pre-schools, which provide safe and nurturing environments for faith formation.

30 Hallelujah! God’s loving embrace surpasses our wildest hopes, restoring us as God’s children through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

31 Ask the Spirit to equip, inspire and guide us as ambassadors of Christ in the world, children of God who love our neighbors in need and share the good news with everyone.

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