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"FOR A BETTER WORLD, I..."



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Act

Sunday, March 15 — Health Fair from 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Nurturing our bodies is one of the ways we “Act” for a better world. Our ability to make the world a better place is greatly enhanced when we take care of ourselves and the Health Fair will help us learn how to make wise nutritional choices. Dietetic interns from the University of Minnesota will present topics on:

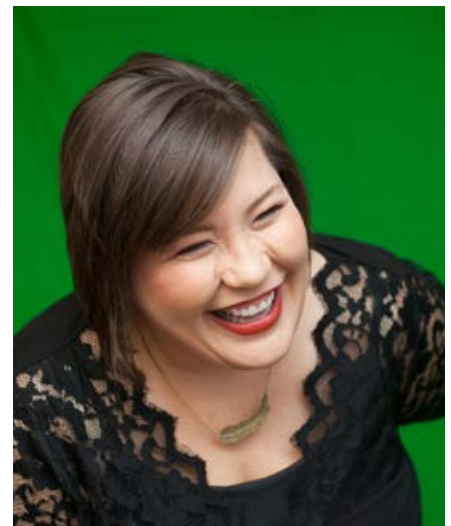
- Carbs vs. Proteins — Which are better?
- Fast Foods — Are there healthy options?
- Why are there so many food allergies?
- What do those food labels really mean?

Children will attend Sunday School. An activity to help them learn about healthy eating will follow class. Childcare for ages three and under is available. The event will conclude with a lunch at 11:45 AM. Sign up in the gathering space for this wonderful event planned by our Health Ministry Team and partially funded by a grant from Fairview Community Health.

Dare

Sunday, March 22 — 9:00 AM Worship with Rachel Kurtz and TreeHouse

During the fifth week of Lent we will investigate how we can make the world a better place by “Daring” and how Peace Lutheran’s relationship with TreeHouse is an important way we make a difference. A group of TreeHouse students and Celebration Singers will be joined by Rachel Kurtz to lead worship.



Rachel Kurtz is a Minneapolis-based songwriter, performer and recording artist. Churches across the country have discovered Rachel’s powerhouse voice and joyful presence. Her song “Make a Difference,” unveiled at the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, has become a widespread sensation sung by worship bands, youth groups and choirs from coast to coast.

TREEHOUSE
loving kids • bringing hope
transforming lives

COUNCIL COLUMN

Notes from the February 10 meeting:

Giving in 2015 started out well, and our expenses were under budget by \$3,000. Gifts totaling \$65,000 have been received for the restoration of our organ, and a contract has been signed so that work can begin on our instrument.

Matt Peterson reported that the Call Committee for our Faith & Life position has submitted our Ministry Site Profile to the synod office, and they should begin seeing information on potential candidates in three or four weeks.

We are all encouraged to sign up for small group discussions that will take place on Wednesday nights following the Lent worship service.

There are many exciting things coming up, including the Spaghetti Dinner on February 22, our Health Fair on March 15, well-known singer/songwriter Rachel Kurtz singing at our worship service March 22, and the Easter Fair on March 29.

A communications team met prior to the Council meeting to begin formalizing procedures that will help us publicize the great things that are happening at Peace. Our new website should be launched by the end of February.

Full, approved meeting minutes can be found in the meeting minute binder in the church office.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joni Sutton, secretary*



Welcome New Member!

We are happy to welcome Lisa Fortin as a new member of Peace Lutheran! She is the daughter of Eddy Johnson who has been a member of Peace since 2004. Lisa is married to Phil Fortin and is a retired dental hygienist. Because of some health problems, she hasn't been able to be present at worship, but we hope to introduce her to you sometime soon.



For more than 30 years, Minnesota FoodShare and Minneapolis Council of Churches has coordinated the March food and fund drive that provides more than half the food distributed by Minnesota food shelves.

Peace Lutheran Church is proud to participate every year and what we collect will go to Interfaith Outreach Community Partners (IOCP).

IOCP serves individuals and families living in these west suburban Hennepin County communities: Hamel, Long Lake, Medicine Lake, Medina, Minnetonka Beach, Orono, Plymouth and Wayzata.

IOCP will also leverage donations to its food shelf through the Feinstein Foundation Challenge. To qualify, cash donations must be received between March 1 and April 30 (indicate "Food Shelf" in memo line). The Feinstein Foundation is dedicated to ending hunger in America by supporting local agencies such as IOCP. The foundation divides \$1 million proportionately among participating agencies.

Your contributions make a difference! There is a display and drop off site at church. For a financial donation, write checks to IOCP ("Prevent Hunger" on the memo line) and place in the offering plate. The event starts March 1 and we will bless our donations on March 29.

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Organist	Steve Peters
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SPAGHETTI DINNER A SUCCESS!

Youth



Take Stock In Youth

A Fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering

Starting in March, our youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan, will be selling shares of stock so our congregation can invest in the trip!

Shares of stock will be available for \$10 per share. You are welcome to purchase as many as you like. You will receive a stock certificate along with an invite to our shareholders dessert in August. Shares are also tax deductible!

Want to know more about the youth gathering? Check out the website at elca.org/YouthGathering.

Look for our youth after worship beginning in March!

OFFICIAL ACTS



Glenn Sampson

We extend our sympathy to the family of Glenn Sampson. His memorial service will be held at Peace Lutheran on April 25, 2015.



Luca A. Letizia

Son of Anthony & Lindsey Letizia
February 8, 2015



First Communion Class

Palm Sunday, March 29 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

We will have pizza and learn more about the sacrament and what it means for us in our daily life. First communion will be held on Maundy Thursday at the 7:00 PM worship. This class is geared for third graders and their parents. Please sign up by calling the church office or talking with Pastor Kjell or Sue Megrund.

Confirmation Retreat

Our 7th and 8th graders had a great retreat together at the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in February. Our theme was on prayer. These youth will help lead us in worship on Wednesday, March 11.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

After January's congregational conversation about the needs of the new part-time associate pastor position, the Call Committee submitted our paperwork to the synod. The synod put together a list of candidates for the position and the Call Committee will review those names on Tuesday, March 3 and begin interviews the following week.

2015 Peace Church Council



Chris Bacon begins Council as president. She and her husband, Jack, joined Peace in 1984. They have two sons, Andy and Paul, and two grandchildren. Chris works as an account director at NAS Recruitment Innovation. In her spare time, she likes to sew and quilt, read and spend time with the grandchildren. Chris has served as Council president in the past and on various committees, including most recently as the Property Committee chair. She is also a member of Senior Choir. Chris says "During the next year I hope to help bring more awareness of Peace to the community, increase our outreach locally and globally, and work to serve the members of our congregation."



Matt Peterson continues his second year on Council, this year serving as vice president. Matt and his wife Nancy joined Peace in 1995. They have three children, Derek (20), Liese (18) and Annika (13). Matt works as a senior buyer at Boston Scientific. Among his hobbies are long distance running, curling, camping and American history. Matt has served for many years as Sunday School teacher, usher, a member of Celebration Singers and the Handbell Choir. Matt and Nancy have been faithful volunteers at Families Moving Forward. "I really love the feeling of 'family' that exists here at Peace," says Matt. "My prayer is that we as a family live out the mission that God has for us in this place."



Joni Sutton continues as secretary in her third year on Council. She has been a member of Peace since 1993. Joni is a retired band director. She loves to be a part of the music program at Peace, and is a member of the Handbell Choir and plays percussion with the Celebration Singers. Her family includes husband, Chip Williams; four sons, Jack and Joe, Stewart and Andrew; plus two granddaughters. Joni and Chip spend most of their time being the state coordinator for the Minnesota Ambassadors of Music. She also enjoys travel and reading. "Peace Lutheran is a very special place," says Joni. "And I look forward to another year of working for our congregation, and also for those members who have not arrived yet, but will!"



Lance Novak begins Council as treasurer, and comes with experience as he has served as treasurer in prior years. He is married to Lisa and they joined Peace in 1981. They have two grown children, Jordan and Natalie. Lance works as Chief Financial Officer for United HealthCare. Among his interests include sailboat racing on Lake Minnetonka! Lance and Lisa have both enjoyed working on Peace's efforts to bring Health Care Chaplaincy to Latvia and the efforts of educating young Maasai women at the MaaSae Girls' Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania. "Peace is an important part of my life," says Lance. "My hope on Council this year is to help Peace honor our legacy and to look to the future to find ways to be welcoming to new generations of families."



Annie Bonow begins Council as a member at large. She joined Peace in 2010 with her husband Nick. They have two children, Nora (4) and Ian (22 months). Annie worked as a math teacher at Park Center Senior High for nine years. She decided to be a full-time mom after Ian was born. She enjoys traveling, camping and group sports and fitness. Annie has helped coordinate our summer Day Camp, volunteers as a member of the Youth & Family committee and is dedicated to teaching Sunday School. "What I love about being a member of Peace is the small-town feel. When I come to worship on Sunday mornings people are friendly; they know our names and they smile at our children," says Annie. She hopes to contribute to our congregation's efforts to showcase Peace Lutheran's strengths and increase the number of new families that enter our doors.



Dave Forsberg begins Council as member at large. He and his wife, Carol, have been members at Peace since 1995. They have three sons, Andrew, Justin and Luke, and one grandson. Dave is employed at Watson-Forsberg, Co. In his spare time he enjoys wood working, cabin building, fishing, ATV and snowmobile riding. Through the years, Dave has served on the Property Committee, been involved in repairs and maintenance at church and served on a kitchen team for Peace-Full Nights. He looks forward to assisting with the infrastructure to make Peace Lutheran a welcoming and attractive church.



Brian Lukis continues his second year on Council as a member at large. He is married to Lisa and they have been members at Peace since 2002. They have three children, Mirah (7), Daniel (4) and Gwen (2). Brian is a web developer at Proto Labs, Inc. His hobbies include collecting Transformers (i.e., toys) with his brothers, and developing a few hobby websites. Free time for him means "being a dad" these days, and he also enjoys reading and walking. Brian has added another male voice to the choir a few times. He says, "I hope to work with fellow Council members this year, and staff, to grow in our mission. It's an honor to serve on Council again this year."



Dave Swanson begins Council as a member at large. Dave is married to Jean and they have four grown children, Molly, Emma, Pete and Britta. They joined Peace in 1995. Dave is a lawyer at Dorsey & Whitney law firm. During his spare time he enjoys golf and reading history books. As a member, Dave has been a dedicated Sunday School teacher and is involved with Families Moving Forward. Dave says, "By serving on the Council, I hope to help Peace grow its membership and be attractive to young families."

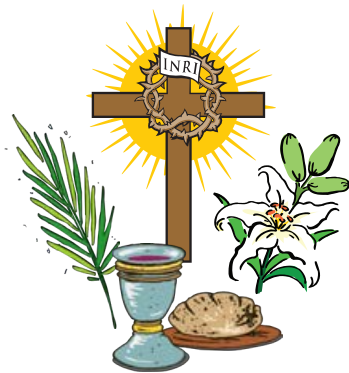


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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday
March 29 at 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday
April 2 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday
April 3 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday
April 5 at 9:00 and 10:45 AM



Palm Sunday Easter Fair

Take a Trip on the Easter Express

Sunday, March 29 from 10:00–11:00 AM

Children will tour the church as they travel to three different “stations” to learn about the joys, sorrows and symbols of the Easter season! Grab your passport and come along for the ride! Activities will include music, paper making using recycled church bulletins, live animals, and a lesson on the story of Holy Week.

Want to join in the fun, but you don’t have young children? We are looking for grown-up “Tour Guides” to partner with the Sunday School children as they explore the Easter Fair. Interested? Contact Annie Bonow at anniebonow@gmail.com or sign up on the Youth & Family bulletin board.

This event is open to all ages. Bring your family and invite a friend to join us!

MARCH

hot sheet

What's hot and happenin' at Peace!

Lent Theme & Bible Readings

Sundays and Wednesdays

FOR A BETTER
WORLD ...

I SEE

March 1 and 4

Story of the Good Samaritan

LUKE 10:25-37



I PRAY

March 8 and 11

Lord, teach us to pray

LUKE 11:1-13



I ACT

Health Fair

March 15 and 18

Jesus heals a crippled woman

LUKE 13:10-17



I DARE

TreeHouse Sunday

and guest musician Rachel Kurtz

March 22 and 25

Jesus and Zacchaeus

LUKE 19:1-10



PALM SUNDAY

Blessing IOCP Donations

March 29

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

MATTHEW 21:1-13



PEACE-FULL NIGHTS LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25

5:15-6:15

6:00-6:30

6:30-7:10

7:15-8:00

7:15-8:00

7:45-8:45

7:45-8:45

Buffet Dinner

High School Handbells

Midweek Lenten Worship

Confirmation Small Groups

Small Group Discussions

Adult Handbells

Senior Choir

Fellowship Hall

Music Room

Sanctuary

Activity Room

Assigned Rooms

Music Room

Sanctuary

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March 29 at 9:00 AM

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April 5 at 9:00 and 10:45 AM



Daylight
Saving Time
Begins

Sunday, March 8

Move your clocks ahead one hour!



YOGADEVOTION CLASS

Another 8-week series will begin in March for Monday and Saturday classes. You can register by completing a form found at the Health Ministry bulletin board.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Sunday, March 1 from 8:30-8:45 AM
and 10:00-10:20 AM

BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, March 18
from 4:00-7:00 PM

Sign up at the information center
in the narthex. Call Pam Jette
with questions.

March 2015

Calendar of Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8:00 a BP check 9:00 a Worship 10:00 a BP check 10:15 a S. School	2 8:00 a ROMEO (meets at Perkins) 5:30 p Yoga Devotion Class	3 10:00a Faithfully Fit 11:00a Small Group 12:30 p Staff Mtg 6:00 p Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p All-Church Committee Night	4 Peace-Full Night #22 6:30 p Midweek Lenten Worship (See the full schedule on the Hot Sheet)	5	6	7 9:00 a Yoga Devotion Class 9 am — 2:30 p St. Barnabas Staff Retreat
8 Daylight Saving Time 9:00 a Worship 10:15 a S. School	9 5:30 p Yoga Devotion Class 6:00 p Girl Scouts	10 10:00a Faithfully Fit 11:00a Small Group 12:30 p Staff Mtg 12:30 p Faith and Hope Circles 7:00 p Congregation Council Meeting	11 Peace-Full Night #23 6:30 p Midweek Lenten Worship (See the full schedule on the Hot Sheet)	12 9:00 a Quilting	13 2:30 p Girl Scouts	14 9:00 a Yoga Devotion Class <u>Afternoon</u> Set-up Fellowship Hall
15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 a Worship 10:00 a Health Fair 10:15 a S. School	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 10:00a Faithfully Fit 11:00a Small Group 12:30 p Staff Mtg	18 8:00 a Women's Breakfast Club 4—7 p Blood Drive Peace-Full Night #24 6:30 p Midweek Lenten Worship (See the full schedule on the Hot Sheet)	19 7:00 p Knitting Club (at Panera Bread)	20 2:30 p Girl Scouts	21 9:00 p Yogadevo- tion class
22 9:00 a Worship 10:15 a S. School	23 5:30 p Yogadevo- tion class 6:30 p Girl Scouts	24 9:00 a Quilting 10:00a Faithfully Fit 11:00a Small Group 12:30 p Staff Mtg	25 Peace-Full Night #25 6:30 p Midweek Lenten Worship (See the full schedule on the Hot Sheet)	26	27	28 9:00 p Yogadevo- tion class
29 Palm Sunday 9:00 a Worship 10:15 a Easter Fair 11:00 a First Com- munion Class	30 5:30 p Yogadevo- tion class	31 10:00a Faithfully Fit 11:00a Small Group 12:30 p Staff Mtg		<div> <p>The Qué Tal Language Program meets at Peace school days from 2:20 to 3:40 p.m.</p> <p>TreeHouse meets at Peace on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 9 p.m.</p> </div>		

Sunday Worship



March 1 — Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
Senior Choir

March 15 — Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
Adult Handbell Choir
Senior Choir

March 8 — Third Sunday in Lent
9:00 am Worship
Senior Choir

March 22 — Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00 am Celebration Service
Worship
Celebration Singers

March 29 — Palm Sunday
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion