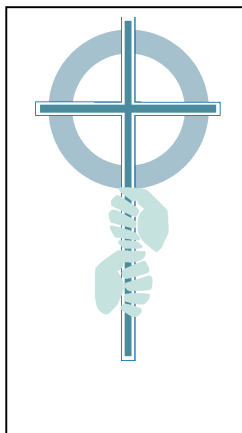


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# Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter



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### Worship Schedule

**Sunday Morning**  
8:30am (Traditional)  
9:45am Sunday School &  
Bible Class  
11:00am (Praise)

## From the Pastor – “March Madness”

For college basketball fans like me, the phrase “March Madness” refers to the NCAA men’s basketball tournament. As most of you know, I love college basketball and the NCAA tourneys. But the phrase, “March Madness” may mean something completely different to you.

Your “March Madness” may be the rush to get your tax returns prepared. Or it may be all of the preparations that go into taking a spring break with your family or having a college student come home for spring break. Could it be in Michigan that “March Madness” means the long winter has gotten to you and you’re suffering from a classic case of cabin fever?

“March Madness” may have been something completely different the year Jesus died. Jesus’ enemies were “mad” and wanted to eliminate any threat that Jesus posed. The people were “mad” for a messiah. So they welcomed Jesus as the long awaited liberator of the nation and hoped to celebrate the newly won freedom that He would bring. Satan was “mad” because he knew he was facing the ultimate battle. All of his attempts to keep Jesus from reaching Jerusalem had failed. The ultimate battle would be played out on a mountain called Calvary and in a tomb nearby.

Some of the people thought Jesus would be “mad” if He came to Jerusalem because of the threats against His life. The odds makers were betting that He wouldn’t come. But He did! It wasn’t madness that drove Jesus to Jerusalem. It wasn’t fate that took His life. Jesus wasn’t a mad man. He was a man on a mission.

It was God’s justice that said that sins had to be punished. It was God’s love that said His Son, Jesus the Christ, would take that punishment on Himself. It was God’s power that raised Jesus from the dead, the greatest victory of all time.

The NCAA men’s basketball tournament is played every year. But the battle on Mount Calvary was only fought one time. Jesus paid the full price for sin. The victory has been won. Sin, death and Satan have been defeated.

March is a time to remember and to celebrate the victory that Jesus won for all people. You may not remember who won the NCAA tourney in years past. You may not even care. But don’t forget who won the battle of Mount Calvary. Remember and put your trust in the God who loves you, forgives you and gives you life.

Thanks for being a part of God’s team at Peace.

*Pastor Larry Courson*

**\* \* \* March 14 – Daylight Saving Time Begins – Turn your clock ahead 1 hour!!\* \* \***

**~ Holy Week and Easter Worship Services ~**

**March 28th, Palm Sunday – Worship Services at 8:30am & 11:00am**  
**April 1st, Maundy Thursday – Worship Service with Communion at 7:00pm**  
**April 2nd, Good Friday – Worship Service at 7:00pm**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30am**  
**April 4th, Easter Sunday – Easter Celebration Services at 8:30am & 11:00am**  
**Easter Breakfast served at 9:45am**

**Faith In Action (FIA) Food Drive**

Peace will be collecting food for the Faith in Action Food Bank on March 7<sup>th</sup> to help stock the Dexter area food bank. A list of items needed is located on the counter in the entryway.

**Wednesday Lenten Meals**

Wednesday Lenten Services will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. A meal will be served at 6:00pm prior to each Worship service. The main dish will be provided. Please sign up if you can help with side dishes and desserts. If your group is willing to coordinate a meal, please sign up on the sheet posted in the church entryway.

**Easter Flower Orders are Due by March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

If you would like to order a flower(s) to help beautify the altar area for Easter, please place your completed flower order form and check payable to Peace Lutheran Church in the basket located on the counter in the church entry. Deadline for ordering flowers is March 7<sup>th</sup>. An order form is attached with the Newsletter. Order forms are also available on the counter in the church entry.

**Next Steps Task Force Report and Follow Up Team**

The members of the Follow Up Team are Bob Boik, Barb McCreadie, Jason McNish, Catherine Larsen-Meuwissen, and Mary Teachout. The group will meet March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Get Involved!**

If you haven't done so already, you may still return your completed "Get Involved" booklet to the basket on the counter in the church entry. Extra copies of the booklet are available next to the basket if you need one. The booklet lists the many opportunities for you to get involved in the ministry of Peace and in our community. Thank you to everyone who has returned their booklet!

**Adult Choir**

Choir rehearsal for Holy Week and Easter Sunday begins this month. We will meet on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. All are welcome to join us! For more information, contact Ann Schebor.

**March Madness!**

Watch for information coming on an NCAA Men's Basketball Tourney bracket. Anyone can join!

**Altar Area Plants and Flowers. . .**

The Altar Guild would like to purchase new plants and planters for the altar area. We are able to purchase these items at wholesale cost. If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of plants and planters, please make a check payable to Peace Lutheran Church and note *altar plants* on your check and place it in the offering basket or send it to the church office. Thank you!

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Peace's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 3 starting at 10:30am. We are in need of individually wrapped chocolate candies (no nuts or peanut butter please) to fill our Easter eggs. Candy donations should be the size to fit in a standard plastic egg, and can be placed in the Easter Basket by the Peace Pockets. If you would like to help with this event in some other way (stuffing bags, hiding eggs, helping with food, setting up, cleaning up, or helping with entertainment) please check out our sign-up sheet. We also need eggs, and chips & veggies for lunch. This is a great chance for us to welcome our community to Peace and proclaim the message of Easter, Christ's victory over sin, death, and the devil. Help us share the good news with our neighbors.

## **Nursery help is needed while our college students are on spring break.**

We need nursery help on March 7<sup>th</sup> during both Worship Services and during the Bible Study hour. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church entry.

## **Get Your New Peace T-Shirt!**



The New Peace T-Shirts are still available for purchase! The shirts have the Peace logo on the front and a baseball diamond on the back with the question, "What Position Would Jesus Play?" A booklet answering the question is also being produced that can be used to either help you answer the question or to give to anyone who asks you about it. The goal is to get our members to wear the shirts to practices and games to open a conversation about Peace, the Tyler Steffey Field and faith in Jesus. Suggested donations for the shirts with the handout booklets will be \$8.00. A special thanks to Scott Kivi for making the shirts for us.

## **Peace Professional Services Directory**

We are looking into putting together a Peace Professional Services Directory. If you have a specialized field (contractor, painter, home/auto sales, etc.) which you would like listed in this directory, please email the church office at [peacelutheran@peaceaa.net](mailto:peacelutheran@peaceaa.net) with your name, email address, contact phone number and the service you can provide.

## **Bible Study Groups Meeting at Peace. . . .**

### **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**

The Adult Bible Study group meets Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. We will continue with "The Scary Stuff in Revelation", from the Lutheran Hour Ministry on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join us!

### **Homebuilder's Bible Study**

The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 6:45pm at Peace. New members are always welcome! For more information, contact Todd or Heidi Biggs at 734-424-0843.

### **Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Class**

In March, we will study the Book of Job. There is always room for more people to join us on Wednesdays at 10:00am.

### **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast**

Men of Peace! – We will meet for our Breakfast and Bible Study on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 9:30am. The group will begin a study of Coach John Wooden's "Pyramid of Success", based on basic Christian principles. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the church entry for you to sign up so we know how much food to prepare. We'll also be starting an NCAA Men's Basketball Tourney bracket.

### **Stress Management Small Group Study**

"Discovering Contentment in Stressful Times" is the title of this study group. The group meets at 10:00am March 13<sup>th</sup> (topic: The Stress of Labor), and March 27<sup>th</sup> (topic: The Stress of Excess Demands). There is still room for more people to join!

## **Bible Study Groups Meeting Outside of Peace. . .**

### **Wednesday Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. Meetings in March will be at the home of Sue Zalucha, 6700 Mast Road, Dexter. New people and children are always welcome. Questions and directions can be directed to Dorothy at 426-1535 or Sue 426-1969.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Are you struggling to find intimacy with God in the busyness of life? This Bible Study group will examine this issue in a 12 week Bible Study based on the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver. The group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at the home of Amanda Varblow. Contact Amanda at 734-433-9659 for directions or more information. You are welcome to bring your children!

### **Moveable Feast Bible Study**

The Bible Study group meets twice a month for dinner and Bible Study. Contact Lynn and Ken Visel for locations, as the group rotates their location each meeting.

### **Moms In Touch**

Moms in Touch meets at 8:30am every Friday morning at Dexter United Methodist Church. We pray for the Dexter School students, teachers and administration. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.

## **Youth News & Events**

### **Senior High Youth & Parent Dinner & Activity Night - Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm**

We'll enjoy some fellowship and food together. We'll take care of the main course please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign-up on the bulletin board with the number of people planning to attend so we can prepare the right amount of food. After dinner we'll have a youth vs. parent's competition on a variety of games and tasks. We'll challenge your physical and mental strength and see who comes out on top!

### **Senior High Youth Winter Jam – Friday, March 26**

We'll attend the year's biggest concert at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. The concert features the best in Christian music including Third Day, Newsboys, New Song, Tenth Avenue North, Fireflight, and more. The concert is first come first serve for seating and costs just \$10. Doors open at 6PM with the pre-show so we'd like to meet at Peace around 4:30PM to carpool together. We'll have dinner together as we "tailgate" in line. We should return to Peace around 10:30PM. A sign-up sheet will be posted so we can make sure we have enough drivers. Parents, let us know if you can help with the driving.

### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation and Middle School Events**

#### **Confirmation Class – Remaining Class Topics:**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| March 4 <sup>th</sup>  | The Passion (Jesus' arrest and crucifixion)  |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup> | The Resurrection   |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup> | The Great Commission   |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup> | The Sacraments & Baptism – <i>Final Session with 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grades together</i> |

*No Class for the Weeks of March 28<sup>th</sup> (Holy Week) & April 4<sup>th</sup> (week after Easter)*

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| April 15 <sup>th</sup> | The Lord's Supper – <i>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only!</i>  |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Confirmation Review                                    |
| April 29 <sup>th</sup> | Confirmation Practice & Reading of Statements of Faith |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Confirmation Service at 11:00am                        |

#### **Middle School Events:**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| March 14 <sup>th</sup> | Volleyball here at Peace at 3:00pm. Bring your friends!                                    |
| April 25 <sup>th</sup> | Ronald McDonald House – meet at Peace at 4:00pm or at the Ronald McDonald house at 4:30pm. |

## March Worship Themes

### Sunday Mornings in Lent

#### *The Journey to the Cross*

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|----------|---|--------------|
| March 7  | “Who’s Going With You?”<br>The parables of the lost. Jesus welcomes sinners         | Luke 15      |
| March 14 | “Are We There Yet?”<br>The proud don’t make it; the humble (child like) are welcome | Luke 18:9-24 |
| March 21 | “Don’t Stay There!”<br>Jesus and Zacchaeus  | Luke 19:1-9  |

#### **Midweek Lenten Series**

##### *Meet the Real Jesus*

|          |   |                  |
|----------|---|------------------|
| March 3  | “Jesus, a Man of Compassion”<br>Jesus ministry of healing, preaching, & teaching with compassion                                      | Matthew 9:35-38  |
| March 10 | “Jesus, a Misunderstood Man”<br>Jesus rejected in His home town of Nazareth<br>(Jesus questioned by the authorities Matthew 21:23-27) | Matthew 13:53-57 |
| March 17 | “Jesus, a Man of Passion”<br>Jesus cleanses the temple  | Matthew 21:12-13 |
| March 24 | “Jesus, a Man who Challenged Hypocrisy”<br>The Seven Woes against religious hypocrisy   | Matthew 23       |

#### **Holy Week**

##### **The Journey to the Cross**

|                          |  |               |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|
| Palm Sunday, March 28    | “Welcome! or Welcome?”                       | Luke 19:28-40 |
| Maundy Thursday, April 1 | “A Traditional Celebration & a New Covenant” |               |
| Good Friday, April 2     | “Day of Darkness ... Day of Hope”            |               |
| Easter Sunday, April 4   | “Celebrate New Life ... with Jesus”          |               |

#### **Weekly Family Devotions in Lent**

*Join us Wednesdays in Lent to receive a special family devotion as we prepare for Easter.  
If you are unable to attend, contact Abby Moss ([abzymoss@peaceaa.net](mailto:abzymoss@peaceaa.net)) to get the devotions*

#### **Lenten Daily Devotions**

“Walking with Jesus” is the title of the Lutheran Hour Lenten devotions. These devotions will be available by audio and daily email. You can find these devotions by logging onto [www.adventdevotions.net](http://www.adventdevotions.net).

## March Daily Bible Readings – from “The One Year Bible”, NLT

1. Mark 10:13-31
2. Mark 10:32-52
3. Mark 11:1-25
4. Mark 11:27-12:17
5. Mark 12:18-34
6. Mark 12:35-13:13
7. Mark 13:14-37
8. Mark 14:1-26
9. Mark 14:27-52
10. Mark 14:53-72
11. Mark 15:1-32
12. Mark 15:33-16:20
13. Luke 1:1-25
14. Luke 1:26-56
15. Luke 1:57-80
16. Luke 2:1-35

17. Luke 2:36-52
18. Luke 3:1-22
19. Luke 3:23-38
20. Luke 4:1-30
21. Luke 4:31-5:11
22. Luke 5:12-28
23. Luke 5:29-6:11
24. Luke 6:12-38
25. Luke 6:39-7:10
26. Luke 7:11-35
27. Luke 7:36-8:3
28. Luke 8:4-21
29. Luke 8:22-39
30. Luke 8:40-9:6
31. Luke 9:7-27

### March Birthdays

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Fred Schebor       | 3/1 |
| Courtney Melvin    | 3/3 |
| Katrina Melvin     | 3/3 |
| Sam Melvin         | 3/3 |
| Craig DeVoogd      | 3/4 |
| Kaden Korcek       | 3/4 |
| Cory Schimelfening | 3/4 |
| Greg Schloss       | 3/4 |

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|------------------|------|
| Ann Ruhlig       | 3/6  |
| Amy Binder       | 3/8  |
| Mark Bacon       | 3/9  |
| Jim Heiss        | 3/11 |
| Andrew Paulun    | 3/12 |
| Katie Korinek    | 3/13 |
| Carroll DeLancey | 3/25 |
| Max Korinek      | 3/26 |
| Kaitlyn Kivi     | 3/30 |

### March Anniversaries

|                    |      |          |
|--------------------|------|----------|
| Marty & Ann Ruhlig | 3/17 | 20 years |
| Herb & Anna Jones  | 3/25 | 60 years |

#### Board of Directors

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| President:      | Jim Korcek          |
| Vice President: | Juan Ramos          |
| Secretary:      | Heidi Morgan-McNish |
| Treasurer:      | Jessica Towers      |
| Stewardship:    | Stephanie Julian    |
| Youth:          | Bryan Varblow       |

#### Elders

Bill Spargur – Head Elder  
 Todd Biggs  
 Carroll DeLancey  
 Jay Fredericks  
 Paul Larsen  
 Fred Schebor

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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <p><b>Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 14!!</b></p> <p><b>Turn your clocks forward one hour on Sat., March 13<sup>th</sup>!</b></p>  | <p>1<br/>9:30am Playgroup</p> <p>10:30am Jackson Trippers</p> <p>7:00pm 4-H</p> | <p>2<br/>9:30am Playgroup</p> <p>6:30pm Spanish Class</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scout Leader Meeting</p>                                  | <p>3<br/>9:00am Staff Devotions</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Lenten Dinner</p> <p><b>7:00pm Lenten Worship Service</b></p>  | <p>4<br/>12:00pm Dexter Kiwanis</p> <p>6:15pm Hand Bells</p> <p>7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p>               | <p>5<br/><i>Abby &amp; Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>7:00pm AA Grp.</p>   | <p>6<br/>8:00am Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</p>  |
| <p>7<br/>8:30am Worship with Communion</p> <p>9:45am Sunday School and Bible Class</p> <p>11:00am Worship with Communion</p>   | <p>8<br/>9:30am Playgroup</p> <p>7:00pm Next Step's Follow Up Team Meeting</p>  | <p>9<br/>9:30am Playgroup</p> <p>Pastor at Tri-Circuit Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Spanish Class</p> <p>6:45pm Home Builder's Study</p> | <p>10<br/>9:00am Staff Devotions</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Lenten Dinner</p> <p><b>7:00pm Lenten Worship Service</b></p> <p><i>Elder's meet after the service</i></p>    | <p>11</p> <p>10:00am Abby at Family Life Mtg.</p> <p>6:15pm Hand Bells</p> <p>7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p> | <p>12<br/><i>Abby &amp; Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>9:00am Quilter's</p> <p>7:00pm AA Grp.</p>  | <p>13<br/>10:00am Christian Growth Meeting</p> <p>10:00am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:00am Stress Management Small Group</p> <p>6:00pm Sr. High Youth/Parents</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Turn Your Clocks Forward One Hour – Daylight Saving Time Begins!</b></p> |
| <p>14 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i></p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Sunday School and Bible Class</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>3:00pm Middle School Youth Volleyball Game at Peace</p> | <p>15<br/>No Playgroup</p> <p>Abby on vacation Through March 23</p>             | <p>16<br/>No Playgroup</p> <p>6:30pm Spanish Class</p>  | <p>17<br/>9:00am Staff Devotions</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Lenten Dinner</p> <p><b>7:00pm Lenten Worship Service</b></p> <p><i>Director's meet after the service</i></p> | <p>18<br/>12:00pm Dexter Kiwanis</p> <p>6:15pm Hand Bells</p> <p>7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p>              | <p>19<br/><i>Abby &amp; Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>7:00pm AA Grp.</p>  | <p>20<br/>8:00am Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</p> <p>10:00am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>4:00pm Dexter Little League CPR Training Class</p>  |
| <p>21<br/>8:30am Worship with Communion</p> <p>9:45am Sunday School and Bible Class</p> <p>11:00am Worship with Communion</p>  | <p>22<br/>No Playgroup</p>  | <p>23<br/>No Playgroup</p> <p>6:30pm Spanish Class</p> <p>6:45pm Home Builder's Study</p>   | <p>24<br/>9:00am Staff Devotions</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Lenten Dinner</p> <p><b>7:00pm Lenten Worship Service</b></p>   | <p>25</p> <p>6:15pm Hand Bells</p> <p>7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team Practice</p>   | <p>26<br/><i>Abby &amp; Pastor's Day Off</i></p> <p>9:00am Quilter's</p> <p>7:00pm AA Grp.</p> <p>Youth Winter Jam at EMU – Meet at Peace at 4:30pm</p> | <p>27<br/>10:00am Stress Management Small Group</p> <p>10:00am Choir Rehearsal</p>   |
| <p>28<br/><b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Sunday School and Bible Class</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p>  | <p>29<br/>9:30am Playgroup</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday School Staff Mtg.</p>           | <p>30<br/>9:30am Playgroup</p>  | <p>31<br/>9:00am Staff Devotions</p> <p>10:00am Adult Bible Study</p>   | <p><b>April 1</b></p> <p><b>Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm Worship Service with Communion</b></p>  | <p><b>April 2</b></p> <p><b>Good Friday</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm Worship Service</b></p>  | <p><b>April 3</b></p> <p><b>10:30am Easter Egg Hunt</b></p> <p><b>April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Easter Celebration Services:</b></p> <p><b>8:30 &amp; 11:00am</b></p> <p><b>Easter Breakfast Served at 9:45am</b></p>                                   |