

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April 2019

From the Pastor: March Madness

As I start to write my article for the April Newsletter, the first game in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament has just finished. Minnesota upset Louisville. One game in my bracket is already busted. (I wanted Minnesota to win, but didn't think they would do it.) One of the great things about the NCAA Basketball Tournament is all of the upsets. Americans love when the underdog wins unless our favorite team is upset. I finished last in the Peace Bracket Challenge last year. (I never said I was a prophet who could predict the future.)

There was another upset that took place at this time of the year over 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem. It was the biggest, most important competition of all time. On the surface it looked like the mighty Roman Empire and the Jewish Supreme Court vs. Jesus of Nazareth. The odds makers put all their money on the Roman & Jewish coalition. It looked like they had won when Jesus was sentenced to death and nailed to a Roman cross. No one had ever walked away from a Roman cross.

After the buzzer sounded, Jesus' body was taken down from the cross and placed in a nearby tomb. A stone was rolled in front of the tomb. A seal was placed on the stone to make sure no one tried to move it, and Roman soldiers were posted to keep everyone out. They were trying to keep people out, not trying to keep anyone inside. They forgot that the One whose body lay inside the tomb said that He would rise from the dead on the third day. (Unlike in the West, Jewish thought it inclusive. So Friday, Saturday and Sunday gives us three days when counted inclusively.)

After the tomb was sealed, the chief official (God the Father) looked at an instant replay and declared that the game had been called too soon. At sunrise that Sunday morning, the ground shook, the stone was rolled away from the entrance to the tomb and Jesus came back to life. The grave couldn't hold Jesus' body. The combined forces of Rome and Israel could not keep Jesus inside. Sin and death were defeated. But it wasn't an upset because God is all powerful. Jesus had promised that He would arise on the third day, and He did.

Some people think it is madness to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it is not. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God."* (1 Corinthians 1:21-24 New Living Translation)

I doubt that I will win the Peace Bracket Challenge. But I know that Jesus Christ won the biggest victory of all time. And I know that He wants us to share in His victory over sin and death. It may be madness to some. But it is the power and the wisdom of God. That's what really counts.

Thanks for being partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Traditional Service
9:45 AM Sunday School &
Bible Class
11:00 AM Praise Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship
6:45 PM Youth

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Morning Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:45 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Confirmation & Youth: 6:45 PM Youth Praise Band: 7:45-8:15 PM

Sunday Message Series “Overcoming”

(Based in part on *Overcomer* by David Jeremiah)

We all face challenges in life that are not easy to overcome on our own. God wants to help us. The Sunday message series will give us the opportunity to see how God cares about us and wants to help overcome the challenges in our lives. April 7th *Overcoming Confusion with Wisdom*

Wednesday Mid-Week Lenten Evening Worship, Meals & Message Theme

Soup suppers will be served at 6:00PM, prior to the 7:00 PM Worship Services during Lent (April 3 & 10). Sign up sheets are posted for those who would like to bring either soup or a side dish. The Midweek Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship theme: “Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey.” All journeys must have a starting point; and in this Lenten season we will consider our starting point a land of exile

Holy Week Worship Schedule

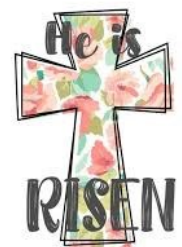
April 14 Palm Sunday Celebration with David Paul Britton
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM

April 18 Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion, 7:00 PM
From Passover to the Lord’s Supper

April 19 Good Friday Worship, 7:00 PM
From Scapegoat to Sacrificial Lamb

April 21 Easter Sunday Celebration Services, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Easter Breakfast Served at 9:45 AM

Please sign up if you will be attending the Easter Breakfast, so the Santoro’s know how much food to prepare. Also note if you are able to bring a side dish (potato dish, coffee cake, muffins, rolls, fruit, milk, juice).



Post Easter Message—April 28 *Eye Witness News* Based on John 20:19-31

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class at 9:45 AM

Pastor Courson continues the “Meet Gen Z” The study looks at the generation of children born in 1999 and after. All adults who are concerned about our young people or how to engage our culture should consider being part of this presentation / discussion class. For more information about this topic, visit <https://genzlab.impact360institute.org/> and click on “Join Gen Z” in the upper right hand corner.

Sunday Evening Worship Service

Join us at 6:00 PM Sundays in April. The 6:00 service is a casual, abbreviated version of the 11:00 AM Service. Please note, there is no Evening Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 21.



**Peace's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
April 13, 2019 @ 10:30 AM**

Invite Your Friends!

The event will be held Rain or Shine!

Schedule of Activities for the Day:

- Registration
- Program with David Paul Britton
- Egg Hunt
- Lunch



We are looking for donations of small, individually wrapped candy that will fit inside plastic Easter eggs. You may bring your donations to Peace at any time and place them in the large Easter Basket in the Entryway. Thank You!

The Easter Egg Hunt is one of Peace's Largest Outreach Events!

There are many ways you can help—from donating food, to hiding Eggs or helping out during the event! Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the entryway at Peace for you to sign up or contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Hide Easter Eggs
Kitchen Help

Welcome Table
Clean Up

Lead Kids to Egg Hunt
Food Donations



Confirmed Youth Meet Sundays at 6:45 PM!

Nick and Maxine Santoro and Alexander Kauffman will continue to provide leadership and direction for the youth. They would love to have a couple parents join with them in working with our youth and inviting their friends to be part of the special events and activities. The Youth meet Sunday evenings from 6:45—8:00 PM. Food is provided. This is a great time for the youth of Peace and their friends!

On April 14th the youth will be going to the Clueless Escape Room in Ann Arbor (5204 Jackson Rd, Suite F). The group will play in the afternoon, early enough so everyone can make the 6:00 PM Worship Service. Cost is \$27.00 at time of sign up. Deadline for signing up for this event is Sunday, April 7th. Contact Alex Kauffman (alexckauff@gmail.com) to sign up or if you have any questions.



"Fixin' Up the Thumb Youth Servant Event ~ June 22—30

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro, Michigan (Thumb area of Michigan), has been organizing servant trips for 23 years to fix up homes for the elderly, disabled and others in need. Peace youth and friends (15 years and older or have completed their freshman year) are invited to participate in this opportunity!

This servant event includes painting, roofing, insulation, plumbing and repairing damaged floors, walls and ceilings. Housing, Bible Study, and community building activities will be held at St. Paul Lutheran in Caro.

Cost per person is \$195.00, with \$75.00 due as a deposit at sign up. You may sign up at Peace or contact Alexander Kauffman at alexckauff@gmail.com.

Confirmation Class Schedule

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| April 7 | Last Class for 1st year students | April 16 | 2nd Year Confirmation Review |
| April 21 | Easter Sunday—No Class | April 28 | Confirmands Statement of Faith Night |
| May 5 | Confirmation during the 11:00 Worship Service | | |



Congratulations to the Dexter Chapter Special Olympic Basketball Team!

The team took the Bronze Medal in the State Championship!

Peace Coaches: Craig Lennon and Dave Clark.

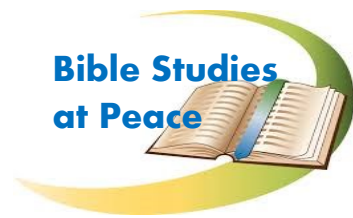
Peace Player: Jonathon Clark

Great job Team!!

Sitting Volleyball

Sitting Volleyball was originally started for athletes with physical disabilities. It can and is played by everyone, young or old, male or female, disabled and able bodied! For more information about sitting volleyball and to find clinic locations, visit their Facebook Page, Michigan Sitting Volleyball, or email MI.sitting.volleyball@gmail.com.





Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study—10:00 AM

The group will study the books of Luke and John, using the DVD series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School," from the Lutheran Hour Ministries with Bruce Wurdeman. Through the DVD series, Bruce will look at what Luke and John have to say about the purpose of Jesus' life, ministry and mission, from the manger to the cross and beyond.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study—9:30 AM

Jesus loves you! We practice loving Him in return in various ways. You can grow closer to Him by joining a Bible Study. We have one that meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 at Peace. We chat a bit then begin our lesson at 10:00 and are usually done about 11:00(ish). Since we have a variety of ages and backgrounds we most often have interesting, if not lively, discussions. You are sure to be blessed. And YES, children can be accommodated. More info from familyofpauluns@charter.net or 734-426-1535.

Kroger Store's Community Rewards Program for Not for Profit Organizations

If you shop at Kroger and have their Rewards Plus Card, you can attach your card to Peace Lutheran Church online and a portion of everything you spend at Kroger is donated to Peace. We will receive the money quarterly to a maximum of \$300.00 per quarter, based on how much is spent and assigned to Peace. Friends and family who shop at Kroger can also sign up to donate. For questions or assistance, contact Debbie Stone (734) 780-4180.



Kindrid is an automatic withdrawal opportunity through the Michigan Church Extension Fund.

With Kindrid you may set up recurring or one time offerings using your phone or computer.

If you were previously enrolled in automatic withdrawal through Vanco, and would like to have your withdrawals made from Kindrid, please contact Nate Lamb (email: n8lamb@gmail.com) or the Church office to receive a form for your signature to stop auto withdrawals from Vanco.

Click on the link below and follow the steps to set up an account with Kindrid!

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/Peac9999957>



Thrivent Action Teams

If you have life insurance or investments with Thrivent Financial, you are eligible for two “Thrivent Action Team” grants each year. These grants give you a \$250 gift card that can be used as seed money for a fund raiser or to support a variety of service and educational activities.

The Thrivent Action Grants have helped Peace reach many people in our community beyond our budget. Here are some suggestions for how you may be able to use a Thrivent Action Team grant to support the ministry of Peace and the service outreach to people around us.

- ~ Provide snacks and any additional equipment for Spring Soccer for 3-6 years old beginning April 27th
- ~ Purchase supplies and food for the Spring Clean-up at Peace
- ~ Purchase plants and food for the Spring outdoor planting at Peace
- ~ Purchase food and supplies for a Peace *End of Sunday School Cookout* on May 19th
- ~ Purchase food for the End of the Season Wheel Chair Basketball Team party on June 3rd

Help us Update our Files with your Emergency Contact Information

Peace is often contacted when there is a family emergency. In order for us to best help out, we are asking everyone to update emergency contact information on the sheet below and return it to Peace. *The information will be kept confidential and used only in an emergency.* Additional forms are located at Peace. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name(s), Relationship & Contact Information:

1) _____

Name

Relationship

Phone: (Cell): _____ (Home): _____

Email: _____

2) _____

Name

Relationship

Phone: (Cell): _____ (Home): _____

Email: _____



Lay Readers for the 11:00 AM Worship Service ~
Use *Sign up Genius* to sign up to read Bible Scriptures during the 11:00 AM Sunday Worship services.

Click on the link below to sign up for the Sunday that works best for you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4ea4ae2da64-readers>

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



Meal Helpers. . .



Do you enjoy baking or cooking and love to help others? If so, we can use your help.

From time to time, families of Peace may be in need of a meal due to an illness, birth of a baby or other hardship. Meals are also needed for funeral luncheons. If you would like to be on the call list for helping out with meals, please contact the Peace Meal Coordinator, Eileen DeLancey at 734-662-5309. When the need arises, Eileen will contact you for a dish to prepare. Thank You!

Faith in Action (FIA) Food Drive

The First Sunday of each month at Peace is Faith in Action Food Drive Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies to Peace and place them in the bins located by the coat racks in the church entryway. Thank you!

Church Building Cleaning Support Needed!

We are in need of people to help keep our Church building clean on a weekly basis. This includes, vacuuming, mopping, emptying trash bins, cleaning glass entryway and sanctuary doors. A complete list of duties and a sign up sheet are posted on the bulletin board at Peace. Please consider signing up to help. Have a friend join you. We can really use your help! For more information or questions, contact Jim Korcek at korcekjames@yahoo.com Thank You!



Peace Spring Soccer League (kids ages 3-6)

League Begins April 27th

Only a few spots available!

Registration Forms are available to download on the Peace website: peaceaa.net. You may also pick up forms from Peace on the counter in the entryway. Email your completed forms to peaceaasports@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed to help coach, setup and clean up and serve refreshments.

Youth and Adult Coaches are Needed! If you would like to help coach, email Emily Burr at peaceaasports@gmail.com.



**May 5 Confirmation during the
11:00 Worship Service**

May 12 Mother's Day

**May 19 End of Sunday School
Year Picnic**

May 23 Dexter Co-op last day

**May 26 Summer Sunday Worship
Schedule Begins**

May 31 Dexter Co-op Clean Up

Pastor's Courson's Daily Blog

You have been invited to join Pastor Larry in reading through the New Testament in 2019. His plan is to read the Book of Proverbs and reflect on it. This is the Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament. Instead of a list of daily readings, Pastor Larry will write about the verses he reads each day. So please join in the search for God's gift of wisdom.

<http://www.larrycourson.wordpress.com/>

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please contact the Church office so we may update our records



April Daily Bible Reading Plan (Daily readings are printed in the weekly bulletins)

April 1 James 1-5
 April 2 Acts 15-16
 April 3 Galatians 1-3
 April 4 Galatians 4-6
 April 5 Acts 17 &
 Acts 18:1-18
 April 6 1 Thess. 1-5 &
 2 Thess. 1-3
 April 7 Acts 18:19-28 &
 Acts 19:1-41
 April 8 1 Corinth. 1-4
 April 9 1 Corinth. 5-8
 April 10 1 Corinth. 9-11
 April 11 1 Corinth. 12-14
 April 12 1 Corinth. 15-16
 April 13 2 Corinth. 1-4
 April 14 2 Corinth. 5-9
 April 15 2 Corinth. 10-13

April 16 Acts 20:1-3 &
 Romans 1-3
 April 17 Romans 4-7
 April 18 Romans 8-10
 April 19 Romans 11-13
 April 20 Romans 14-16
 April 21 Acts 20:4-38,
 Acts 21; Acts 22
 Acts 23:1-35
 April 22 Acts 24-26
 April 23 Acts 27-28
 April 24 Colossians 1-4 &
 Philemon
 April 25 Ephesians 1-6
 April 26 Philippians 1-4
 April 27 1 Timothy 1-6
 April 28 Titus 1-3
 April 29 1 Peter 1-5
 April 30 Hebrews 1-6

Carter Hackett	4/1	Laura-Jean Siggins	4/22
Janelle Ruhlig Walker	4/1	Ron Talbot	4/22
Carolyn Ruhl	4/6	Karen Walworth	4/23
Evelyn Rosentreter	4/8	Evelyn Rendzio	4/24
Brent Courson	4/12	Mike Ruhl	4/26
Ruth Koch	4/16	Cindy Schloss	4/26
Ben Polens	4/16	Will Lennon	4/27
Brendan Hackett	4/17	Bob Gardiner	4/28
Sarah Schimelfening	4/17	Chad Wetzel	4/29
Marlene Ballman	4/18	Samantha Towers	4/30

Rick & Dorothy Paulun	4/8	41 years
Jay & Kim Fredericks	4/11	27 years
Charlie & Jennifer Yuan	4/17	15 years
Carroll & Eileen DeLancey	4/18	54 years
Juan & Kathy Ramos	4/27	51 years
Bob & Emilie Polens	4/30	53 years



Official Church Acts

Funeral: Herb Jones, March 26, 2019

Order Easter Flowers to help decorate the altar for Easter. You may call the church office to place your order or pick up an Easter Flower order form from Peace. Deadline to order is April 11.

Available Flowers and Cost:

Easter Lily \$11.00 each
 Mums (yellow or lavender) \$11.00 each
 Kalanchoe Succulent w/ Pink Blooms \$11.00 each
 Hydrangea (pink) \$20.00 each
 Cana Lily \$20.00 each

Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church and note "Easter Flowers" on your check

Peace Board of Directors

President ~ Matt Burr
 Vice President ~ Todd Stites
 Treasurer ~ Nathan Lamb
 Secretary ~ Rebecca Luken,
 At Large ~ Jessica Towers
 Head Elder ~ Carroll DeLancey

Board of Elders

Tom Arbaugh
 Mark Bacon
 Carroll DeLancey
 Larry Jones
 Edward Krzysik
 Ken Visel
 Charlie Yuan

◀ March	~ April 2019 ~					May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30 AM Jackson Trippers 5:30 PM Daisies 6:00 PM UMAISE Basketball 7:30 PM Men's Basketball	2 Spanish Classes 6:30 Beginning 7:30 Advanced	3 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Worship	4 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM AA Grp	6 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Praise Team Practice
7 <i>Communion</i> Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 5:00 PM Hand Bell 6:00 PM Evening Worship 6:45 PM Youth 6:45 PM Last Conf. Class for all students 7:00 PM 12 Step Grp 7:45 PM Youth Praise Band	8 6:00 PM UMAISE Basketball 6:45 PM Director's Meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 PM Men's Basketball	9 8:00 AM Pastor Courson @ Tri-Circuit Pastors Meeting 9:00 AM Quilters Spanish Classes 6:30 Beginning 7:30 Advanced 7:00 PM Dexter Co-Op Board Meeting	10 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 5:30 PM Brownies 6:00 PM Lenten Soup supper 7:00 PM Lenten Worship	11 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Dexter Co-Op VIP Night	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Set up for Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 PM AA Grp	13 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM Choir Practice 2:00 PM Praise Team Practice 6:00 PM Saturday Night Bible Study
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 5:00 PM Hand Bell 6:00 PM Evening Worship 6:45 PM Youth 6:45 PM Confirmation Review 7:00 PM 12 Step Grp 7:45 PM Youth Praise Band	15 5:30 PM Daisies 6:00 PM UMAISE Basketball 7:30 PM Men's Basketball	16 Spanish Classes 6:30 Beginning 7:30 Advanced	17 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	19 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 PM AA Grp	20 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Praise Team Practice 2:00 PM Set Up for Easter Breakfast
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Celebration Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM 9:45 AM Easter Breakfast Served 7:00 PM 12 Step Group	22 6:00 PM UMAISE Basketball 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 PM Men's Basketball	23 9:00 AM Quilters Spanish Classes 6:30 Beginning 7:30 Advanced	24 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 5:30 PM Brownies	25 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM AA Grp	27 9:00 AM Soccer (3 & 4 year old) 10:00 AM Soccer (5 & 6 year old) 10:00 AM Walker Soccer in the gym 6:00 PM Saturday Night Bible Study
28 <i>Morning Worship</i> 8:30 & 11:00 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 5:00 PM Hand Bell 6:00 PM Evening Worship 6:45 PM Youth 6:45 PM Statement of Faith Night for Confirmands 7:00 PM 12 Step Grp 7:45 PM Youth Praise Band	29 7:30 PM Elder's Meeting	30 Spanish Classes 6:30 Beginning 7:30 Advanced	Notes:			

Peace Helper List for April 2019

Sign up online:

<http://goo.gl/APhYGZ>

April 7 — Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: Ken Visel
Usher: R. Ponitz & C. DeLancey
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Charlotte Wetzel
Greeter: Eichenberg
Altar Guild: Joan Savery
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: Edward Krzysik
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Joan Courson
Altar Guild: Natasha Lennon
Coffee Setup: Cleanup:
Counters: C. Roberts / N. Woodruff

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones
Altar Guild: Diane Bacon

April 14—Palm Sunday

8:30 Service

Elder: Mark Bacon
Usher: C. DeLancey & T. Biggs
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Charlotte Wetzel
Greeter: Gardiner
Coffee Setup: Ann Schebor

11:00 Service

Elder: Tom Arbaugh
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Pam O'Hara
Coffee Setup: B. Klaus Cleanup: B. Klaus
Counters: Ruth & Ted Aufdemberge

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones

April 21 Easter No Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: Mark Bacon
Usher: C. DeLancey & B. Stone
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Jason Biggs
Greeter: Dick & Ginny Koester
Altar Guild:
Coffee Setup: Debbie Stone

11:00 Service

Elder: Charlie Yuan
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Tracey Melody
Altar Guild:
Coffee Setup: Cleanup:
Counters: K. Piatek / P. O'Hara

No 6:00 PM Service

April 28

8:30 Service

Elder: C. DeLancey
Usher: R. Ponitz & T. Biggs
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Cayden Cappelli
Greeter: Carolyn Ruhl
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: Tom Arbaugh
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Nancy Woodruff
Coffee Set Up: Cleanup: B. Arbaugh
Counters: Ray & Karen Essell

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones

Special Services

April 3 Wednesday 7:00 PM Lenten Worship

Elder: Ken Visel

April 10 Wednesday 7:00 PM Lenten Worship

Elder: Charlie Yuan

April 18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Worship

Elder: Charlie Yuan

Altar Guild: Eileen DeLancey

April 19 Good Friday 7:00 PM Worship

Elder: Ken Visel