

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

February 2020

From the Pastor. . . “What Would Jesus Do Today?”

Back in the 1990’s the letters “W.W.J.D.” became very popular. They stood for the question, “What Would Jesus Do?” Our times and culture have changed dramatically since then. We are now a very divided nation. We have forgotten how to agree to disagree. We have turned disagreement into disapproval. We think that if you disagree with someone you must hate them. We have forgotten the value of each and every person as someone loved and given life by God.

What would Jesus do today? To answer that question I think we need to look at what Jesus did during His time on earth. Jesus ate with the “Tax Collectors and Sinners.” He didn’t agree with the things “the sinners” did. He didn’t do the things that they did that were against God’s will. But Jesus welcomed them when they came to Him. He reached out to them in love.

I hope that is what we are doing at Peace. We don’t have to agree with people or go along with the things that they do, to welcome them. Opening the doors of our church to those who may not share our faith is an important part of what we do together at Peace.

Think for a minute about the people who come to Peace during the week. We open our doors to people struggling with addictions on Friday and Sunday evenings to help them overcome their addictions. We open the gym to Wheelchair and Special Olympics basketball players and their families to give them a place to play and let them know they are important to us and to God. We share our building with the Dexter Coop Preschool because we know that young children and families are important to Jesus. After all, Jesus welcomed the little children into His arms and blessed them. We provide room for training for Foster Parents so that they can give homes to children who do not have a home. We have a variety of scout groups that meet at Peace to help youth learn important life lessons. There are many more individuals and groups who see Peace as a community center.

We don’t check anyone’s faith, occupation, marital or income status at the door before they come. We welcome them with the hope of letting God’s love reflect off us on to them.

My hope is that Peace will always be a place where both members and community members feel welcome. That can happen if the people in our Peace family look for opportunities to welcome our guests, to serve their needs, to find a way to make them feel more welcome. After all Jesus didn’t tell us to just sit in church on Sundays. He sends us out to engage the people around us and to reach out to our neighbors in service and love. What can or will you do to welcome our guests? That is a question we all need to answer.

Thank you for being part of our open, welcoming community.



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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am Traditional Service
9:45 am Sunday School
& Bible Classes
11:00 am Praise Service
5:00 pm Youth Praise Band
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 Meet: 6:45 PM

Message Series for Sundays in February - "Beginnings"

February 2	<i>It All Begins with God</i>	Genesis 1:1-5
February 9	<i>Did God Really Say?</i>	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
February 16	<i>God's Justice and Mercy</i>	Genesis 6:9-22, 7:24; 8:1;4-15
February 23	<i>It's Not All About Me</i>	Genesis 11:1-9

Wednesday Lenten Series "Watchers on the Hill"

Mount Calvary was not empty that Friday. There were witnesses, watchers on the hill. The Wednesday Lenten Series attempts to overhear the conversations between those historical and fictional characters who witnessed Jesus' death. Each drama works to draw us into the reality and significance of Jesus' death and resurrection and conclude with some thoughts from the Pastor.

We are looking for people willing to help with the dramas each week. Let Pastor Larry know if you are interested in being part of one or more dramas.

Ash Wednesday, February 26th "The Cross Carrier" *2 people for drama: Simon & Street Urchin*
Just as Simon of Cyrene left the cross in the dust, we too leave our sins behind.

March 4th "Father, Forgive Them" *2 people for drama: Judas & Zealot*
As Judas visits the cross of the master he betrayed, we discover that Jesus' sacrifice means that even the greatest of sins can be forgiven.

March 11th "The One in the Middle" *2 people for drama: Thief's Sister & Bystander*
In a dialog between a callous observer and the sister of a thief we discover that heaven is ours.

March 18th "The Good Son" *2 people for drama: 2 women who are onlookers*
As two women contemplate "The Good Son" we are led to contemplate Jesus' obedience even unto death.

March 25th "Forsaken" *2 people for drama: Roman guards*
Two soldiers stand guard at the cross, turning out thoughts to a journey only the Son of God could return from, the descent into hell.

April 1st "The Gift" *2 people for drama: Mary Magdalene & Nicodemus*
As Mary Magdalene and Nicodemus await Jesus' death, we witness God's great gift of salvation.

Adult Bible Studies

Sunday and Wednesday Morning Bible Classes

The Sunday morning (9:45 AM) and Wednesday morning (10:00 AM) Bible Classes lead by Pastor Larry will continue the "That the World May Know" series that uses videos with Ray Vander Laan followed by study and discussion. The study takes us to different places in the land of Israel and looks at how to bring God's Shalom (Peace) to a world in chaos.

Dates	Title	Key Location
February 2 & 5	<i>City of the Great King, Part 2</i>	Jerusalem
February 9 & 12	<i>The Lamb of God</i>	Mount of Olives
February 16 & 19	<i>The Weight of the World</i>	Capernaum / Gethsemane
February 23 & 26	<i>Roll Away the Stone</i>	Garden Tomb

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study, 10:00—11:00 am

A Note from Dorothea Paulun. . . . Our smiley and positive group has finished the Pentateuch, the first Five books of the Bible written by Moses. Please join us if you've been thinking about it for awhile as we will begin in Joshua. Meet at Peace for Fellowship at 9:30 with prayer and study time from 10 - 11. We try to be prompt because we know people have things to do and places to go. It is a wonderful time with the Lord. Call Dorothea at 734-426-1535 or Ruth Aufdemberge at 734-645-8352 with questions.



Confirmation Classes & Middle School Youth in February—Sundays at 6:45 pm

Youth Group

Youth Morning Bible Study with Alexander Kauffman, Sunday mornings in the loft at 9:45 am.

Youth Evening session with Alexander Kauffman and Nick & Max Santoro meet Sunday evenings in the loft at 6:45 pm. Friends are always welcome!



All Youth! February 16 at 6:45 pm
We will sort and pack donations
for our Veterans at the VA Hospital
and have a Valentines Day Party!



Are you interested in joining the Youth Praise Band? Singers, Instrumentalists and a drummer are needed!

Join us as we praise God and grow in faith!
Interested? Want more information?
Contact Juliette Harrison at 734-808-1904
or juliette@sweetwoodfarm.org

LEGACY: Reclaiming A Lost Generation

Ephesians 4:1-3

**“Legacy: Reclaiming a Lost Generation”
Simulcast at Peace
February 1, 8:45 am—3:15 pm
(you may come and go as your schedule allows)**

Christians in general and Christian families

are under spiritual and cultural attack. The result has been more families being broken and more individuals, especially the young, leaving their faith and church. The goal of this conference is that we develop the capacity to engage the culture and especially our young people through healthy interactions under the blessing of our Lord.

This is a free event. Food will be provided. For food and other planning, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the entryway at Peace website or sign by clicking on the following SignUpGenius link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4EA4AE2DA64-legacy>

As a follow up to this simulcast, we are looking for a study host to lead a Sunday night study and discussion using the video, “So the Next Generation Knows” by Sean McDowell and J. Warner Wallace. This is an 8 week study that would start February 9th at 6:45 pm (following the 6:00 worship service and during the youth and confirmation class). If you are interested in leading this study (ask a friend to help!), please contact Pastor Courson.

VA Collection for our Veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital

The Youth of Peace will be sorting and packing hygiene kits for patients at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor on February 16. The kits will be delivered to the VA Hospital for distribution to patients.

You may bring your donations to Peace now through February 16th:

Items being collected:

Chap Stick Razors (with 3 blades), T-Shirts, Soap (liquids only, no bar soap), White Socks, Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo, Combs, Shaving Cream, Puzzle Books

Snack items: Lifesavers or other hard candy, Rice Krispie bars and Granola bars
Plastic utensils, Ritz snacks, Trail Mix, Easy open canned meats





Wednesday, February 26th marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday Service with Communion will be held at 7:00 PM. Mid-Week Lenten Services will be held at 7:00 PM each Wednesday in Lent. (March 4, 11, 18 & 25 and April 1).

Thank you to Ruth Aufdemberge and Eileen DeLancey for volunteering to be our meal coordinators for the Wednesday mid-week suppers.

Meals will be served at 6:00 pm each Wednesday in Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. The main entrée will change each week. Sign up sheets for the main entrée and side dishes will be posted each week. Please sign up to bring either a main entrée or side dish, if you are able.



Winter Gym Use at Peace when Dexter Schools not in session Families/individuals are welcome to use the gym for play time during the break or any other time when Dexter is not holding class.

If you are interested in using the gym, please call the church office (734.424.0899) to see if someone is available to open it.

If you have a key, the alarm may be set and you will need to disarm. When you are finished using the gym, please sweep the floor, make sure the lights are off and lock the door.

If you would like to schedule the gym for any events during the year, or when the church office is closed, please email Damon Cappelli at cappelli27@yahoo.com.

NOTE: Please ensure you schedule the gym with Damon or the church office to make sure your desired time slot is open. We have many groups/individuals using our facilities!

Kindrid!

An Easy and Free Electronic Offering Program

Set up an account today!

Kindrid is a free electronic giving opportunity through the Michigan Church Extension Fund. It is very easy to set up and allows you to enter the date and amount you would like to have your monthly offerings deducted from your bank account. Click on the link below and follow the steps to set up your recurring or one time giving options!

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



Peace's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4th

Peace can use at least 3 Thrivent

Grants to purchase food, party bag gifts and other program supplies as needed for this event.

New this year! Students from Concordia University Ann Arbor's Family Life class will be planning the program portion for this day.

We still need volunteers to coordinate food, fill and hide Easter eggs, set up and clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Calling all Crocheters, Knitters and Sewers!



Juliette Harrison, a member of Peace, is looking for sewn, knitted or crocheted animals to donate to U of M Motts Children's Hospital this spring. Animals must have all parts sewn on-nothing that can be taken off or apart. Two or more red patches should be sewn onto the joint area of the animal. Size: 5-10 inches tall (not including the limbs, just head and body). For more information please visit <http://arthritisanimals.org> or Juliette@sweetwoodfarm.org.



The Secret Sisters will meet at Peace on Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 pm.

All women of Peace and friends are welcome!

Peace Call Committee Update

The Call Committee met with Pastor Neuendorf (St. Paul Ann Arbor) on January 16th. We discussed the results of the survey and the final document that we discussed at the December 18th meeting with Rev. Kasper.

The Call Committee is in the process of generating review questions to present to the candidates derived from our priority list in that document. We need to evaluate the candidate's personal skills in perspective to the needs of Peace as we (the congregation) have decided.

The Committee is also collecting and generating information we will need for the Call Document. The candidates will need this information about Peace to be able to decide if his talents will fit with what Peace requires. How does Peace impact the surrounding community and how do we relate to it? Are we an island sitting in the middle, taking care of ourselves or are we a hub with spokes going out into the community? Are we going to be the motivating force or will we rely on him to carry the burden. Put yourself in his position, what do you find in Peace that attracts you and what do you find that would be of great concern? What changes should be made and am I willing to be a part of those changes?

This is a team/family effort and each one of us needs to ask ourselves, "Am I using the gifts God has provided me to keep Peace growing our family for God?"

May this be a great New Year for you and Peace. Please keep the Call Committee, Pastor Larry and our future pastor in your prayers.

Carroll DeLancey, Head Elder of Peace

Thoughts from Peace's Head Elder

The December Elder meeting was basically to demonstrate what the role of Elder is during the worship service for the newly elected Elders. The Elders are responsible for maintaining the smooth running of the Worship services. Elders are to make sure the acolyte is present, the video person is present, the ushers are present, the readers are present, the sermon is being recorded and operate the sound board as required. This can be a challenge when scheduled individuals are unable to attend and serve in their role! The Elder's also assist with baptisms, funerals, weddings, and help serve communion. The 8:30 am Worship Service Elder leads a prayer with the pastor and the music person prior to the start of the Worship service.

We wish to thank all the members who volunteer to perform these listed services to make sure the Worship experiences are enjoyable for everyone. We are always looking for more people to help us serve others as Christ has instructed. Please pray about how you could volunteer to help fill one of these needs. We are a family of Christ and need to make sure we act as members of a family. We are all working together for the benefit of God's family.

I think about some of the areas that could use improvement as we are gathering information to present to a new candidate to call as our pastor. We are gaining new members for God's family for which we can be grateful. We need a strong volunteer base to make sure our church building is presentable for our visitors both physical and spiritually. We especially need the ability to continue our worship services and outreach programs in a way to not put an extreme burden on the new pastor. Carroll DeLancey, Head Elder

New Look for the Bulletin Board at Peace Underway!

The family of Peace would like to pray for the generation of younger and older adults as well as our Military and those that are Shut-In (temporarily or permanently). We want all of these people to know we care and pray for them as they meet the challenges of life's milestones. To match faces with names as we pray, we are asking for pictures of our Youth, Confirmands, College students, Military and those that are shut-in. *Confirmands and High School students, your pictures are optional and would need the consent of a parent or guardian by signing a photo release form (to be available at Peace).*

For students at college, we would like to post their address, so we may occasionally send them "care packs". For our Military, we ask that you supply us with a picture of them in their military uniform and their address as well, so we may send them letters and care packs as well. For our shut-ins, we will post their pictures and addresses so we may visit them, send them cards or letters, and keep up to date with how they are doing. In addition, we will be adding pictures of our Board Members, Elders and Call Committee so everyone knows who they are as we pray for them. Further information will be available on the Bulletin Board.

Please place your pictures in Laura-Jean Siggins' Peace Pocket or contact her at siggenslj5@gmail.com.

Pastor Courson's Blog and Monday—Saturday Daily Readings

You are invited to join Pastor Larry in reading selected chapters of the Bible. He is using *Meet the Bible: A Panorama of God's Word in 366 Daily Readings and Reflections* by Philip Yancey & Brenda Quinn, in his personal Bible study and devotion time. This book covers at least one chapter from every book in the Bible during the course of the year. Pastor Larry will try to post his personal thoughts and reflections on his blog each weekday.

Pastor's blog: <http://www.larrycourson.wordpress.com/>

February Readings

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| 1. Genesis 35:1-15 | 17. Exodus 10:1-11:10 |
| 2. Genesis 37:1-36 | 18. Exodus 12:1-30 |
| 3. Genesis 39:1-23 | 19. Exodus 12:31-42 |
| 4. Genesis 40:1-23 | 20. Exodus 13:17-14:31 |
| 5. Genesis 41:1, 8-43, 53-55 | 21. Exodus 16:1-26, 31 |
| 6. Genesis 42:1-26 | 22. Exodus 18:1-27 |
| 7. Genesis 42:27-38 | 23. Exodus 19:1-6, 17-19;
20:1-17 |
| 8. Genesis 43:1-2, 8-31 | 24. Exodus 32:1-35 |
| 9. Genesis 44:1-18, 27-34 | 25. Leviticus 26:3-43 |
| 10. Genesis 45:1-46:4; 47:11,
49:33 | 26. Numbers 9:15-23 |
| 11. Exodus 1:1-2:15 | 27. Numbers 11:4-23, 31-34 |
| 12. Exodus 3:1-22 | 28. Numbers 12:1-16 |
| 13. Exodus 4:1-17 | 29. Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33 |
| 14. Exodus 7:14-8:15 | |
| 15. Exodus 8:16-9:7 | |
| 16. Exodus 9:8-35 | |

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Lutheran Hour Ministries provides free online training classes in a variety of topics.

Click on the link below to see if one or more of these classes interests you!
<https://www.lhm.org/learn/>

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

February 2020



Ted Aufdemberge	2/1
Abigail Tabaka	2/2
Jane Harlow	2/8
Jason Biggs	2/15
Megan Bauer	2/17
Louise Howland	2/18
Suzanne Korcek	2/20
Vance Albers	2/21
Chris Bacon	2/22
Nate Polens	2/28



Ron and Alice Talbot	February 25	70 years
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Keep up with events at Peace, read the Newsletter, view the calendar, listen and/or read Pastor Courson's messages and more!

Visit the Peace website:
<https://www.peaceaa.net/>

Peace Facebook Page:
fb.me/PeaceLutheranA2

Donate to Peace!

Peace opens its facilities to a variety of groups, agencies and sporting events at no cost. You can help us pay for the utilities and other related costs. Please donate using this PayPal QR code. Thanks!



◀ Jan 2020	February 2020						Mar 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 <i>Reclaiming a Lost Legacy Simulcast</i> 8:45 am—3:15pm 12:30 pm Helmke In gym	
2 <i>Communion</i> Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class 6:00 pm Worship Svc. 6:45 pm Confirmation Class 6:45 pm Youth Activity 7:00 pm 12 Step Group	3 10:30 am Jackson Trippers	4 9:00 am Quilters Spanish Classes 6:30 pm Beginning 7:30 pm Advanced	5 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	6 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Upwards Basketball	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5:30 pm Arbaugh in gym 7:00 pm AA Grp.	8 8:00 am Foster Parent Training 12:30 pm Helmke In gym 6:00 pm Bible Study & Dinner	
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Peace Helper List for February 2020

Sign up online:

<http://goo.gl/APhYGZ>

February 2 Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: Carroll DeLancey
Usher: Randy Ponitz & Mark Bacon
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Charlotte Wetzell
Greeter: Ruhl
Altar Guild: Joan Savery
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: Craig Lennon
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter:
Altar Guild: Louise Howland
Coffee Setup:
Counters: Roberts / Woodruff

6:00 pm

Elder: Brad Helmke
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter:
Altar Guild: Jessica Towers

February 9

8:30 Service

Elder: Todd Biggs
Usher: R. Ponitz & C. DeLancey
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Jasmine Biggs
Greeter: Gardiner
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: Tom Arbaugh
Usher:
Video: Brady Arbaugh
Acolyte: Brady Arbaugh
Greeter: O'Hara
Coffee Setup:
Counters: Ted/Ruth Aufdemberge

6:00 PM Service

Elder: Brad Helmke
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter:

February 16 Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: John Forrester
Usher: Randy Ponitz & Barry Stone
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Cayden Cappelli
Greeter: Koester
Altar Guild: Karen Walworth
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: Edward Krzysik
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Koch
Altar Guild: Alice Jopps
Coffee Setup:
Counters: K. Piatek / P. O'Hara

6:00 PM Service

Elder: Brad Helmke
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter:
Altar Guild: Joan Courson

February 23

8:30 Service

Elder: Mark Bacon
Usher: C. DeLancey & T. Biggs
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Jason Biggs
Greeter: Mangold
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: Craig Lennon
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Lennon
Coffee
Counters: Ray/Karen Essell

6:00 PM Service

Elder: Brad Helmke
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter:

February 26th Ash Wednesday

Elder:
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Altar Guild: Eileen DeLancey
Greeter: