

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of February 11, 2018

Guests and visitors: Welcome! You will find a few additional notes, including our Holy Communion practice, in the pew racks.

Please note that we will not be using the TV screens this morning in the Riddles' absence. Our apologies for the inconvenience. Extra copies of today's service folder have been provided. Please be sure to pick one up as you enter.

In our Prayers: Ongoing Illness: Julia Demos; Ruth Rothe; Norma Wirgau; and Tom Wirgau. Recovering from Surgery/Hospitalization/Injury: Eden Darga, granddaughter of Larry & Dianne Darga; Doris Dowdell, at Tendercare; Lilah Elowski; Joe Gabara, currently in Florida; Cam Haan, Bob Haan's son; Bob Heller; June Heller; Althea Luebke; Martha & Duncan Mahlburg (in Sri Lanka); Ardith Mertz (following bypass surgery); LaDonna Nichol; Paul Quaine; and Heidi Scranton. Undergoing Testing/Treatment: Jerry Elowsky, Rose Buck's brother (cancer); John Hudock, Kathy Schalk's grandson; Breanna Jaeger (cancer); and Wilma Trapp (cancer). Also: our members, family members, and friends serving in the military; our adopted missionary family, Rev. Steve and Martha Mahlburg and family, serving in Sri Lanka; and our Adopt-A-Student from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Andrew (and Rebecca) Belt (and family).

Members are encouraged to bring additional prayer requests to Pastor's attention. Prayer request forms are located on the table in the narthex, or you may simply drop a note in the church office or send an E-mail to peggyschautd@peacelcms.org. Prayer requests and concerns may also be shared confidentially at Pastor's personal E-mail addresses: pastorjdriddle@peacelcms.org or pastorjdriddle@gmail.com.

Serving God's People Today:

Guest Preacher:	Mr. Greg Rotter, St. John, Cheboygan	Organist:	Jean Horrocks
Elders:	Jeff Karsten & Larry Grulke	Ushers:	Andy Myers & Isaac Riddle
Layreader:	Shirley Haan	Acolyte:	Ryan Hart

'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance'

Needed per week - *Operating and Kingdom Work*

Home: \$3,189.62

Week of February 4, 2018:

Home: \$2,032.00

Mission: \$140.00

Maint. & Improv. Fund: \$479.00

Note: The Home category reflects monies needed to meet the 2018 budget figures.

+ All monies given to Missions are sent in at regular intervals.

+ The Maintenance & Improvement Fund is used for maintenance projects over \$500 and as savings for future improvement projects.

Peace Attendance –

February 4: 105

Sunday School: 8

Adult Bible Class: 12

Communed: 89

High School Youth: 5

Staff & Helpers: 7

Visitors: 3

Lock Box –

Sunday School: \$3.00

Book Reimbursement: \$8.50

Mahlburg Mission: \$25.00

Sale of Old Sign (Maint. & Improv.): \$100.00



Gifts were given to the **General Fund** in loving memory of Audrey Selke from Thunder Bay Community Health Center and Betty Gapczynski.

Christian Education Hour (10:45-11:45):

Our **Christian Education Hour** includes Sunday School classes through fifth grade and Bible Classes for Jr. High and High School youth and adults. Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall classrooms, Jr. High Bible Class in the youth room upstairs, and Adult Bible Class at the front of the sanctuary. High School Bible Class meets prior to the service, from 8:45-9:15, in the youth room upstairs.

In **Adult Bible Class** this morning, Mr. Greg Rotter, who is filling in in Pastor's absence, will lead a short discussion of Jesus' Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Everyone is welcome!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.....we will "travel" with Jesus as He continues to teach God's Word and shows His power by healing those who believe in Him. His power over death is our focus today. Do you recall the lesson of "Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead?" Refresh your memory by reading John 11:1-44. Ask yourself, "is HIS time necessarily MY time?"



Hearts for Jesus

During the month of February, Sunday School and the Board of Education invite the congregation to join us in collecting items for the Presque Isle Baby Pantry. Items can be placed in the Fellowship Hall in the designated area.

These items are ESPECIALLY NEEDED:

Diapers .. especially Sizes 4 & 5

Baby Wash, Wipes, Shampoo and Lotion

Newborn Clothes .. especially up to size 6 months

Blankets, Onesies, Sleepers, Socks

Note: At this time, they have a good supply of Baby Food, Formula, Baby Oil and Powder.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me" Let Peace share His love through this outreach. Thank you from your Sunday School Staff and Board of Education.

Other Christian Education Opportunities at Peace:

WOMEN'S JOINT BIBLE STUDY – The next session of the LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will be Monday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Peace. If anyone would still like to join us, please show up or contact Linda Schalk at 766-8073.

Thursday Small Group Bible Reading: Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke and are in Chapter 22. Everyone is welcome! Call Bart or Cathy Hellmuth with questions: (810) 599-3525 or (517) 546-0943.

This & That at Peace:

All interested members of the congregation are invited to participate in a monthly study and discussion of a book entitled, ***When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor ... and Yourself.*** This is for all who are interested in being a part of our ongoing congregational discussion of the most effective and faithful way(s) for us to reach out to and serve our community in Jesus' name. We held an initial discussion in November and discussed the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book when we met in January. When we meet again on Thursday evening, February 15 (7:00 p.m.), we will be discussing Chapter 2. It is not too late to join us; if you would like copies of the reading and discussion materials, please see Pastor.



Beginning on February 21, **Soup Suppers** will precede our Wednesday Lenten services. The Youth Group will be hosting on February 21, March 7, and March 21. Phylis Altman and Sherry Enlow have volunteered to host the suppers on February 28 and March 14. They would like to split the free-will offering on those dates with 50% to the Kitchen Fund and 50% to the "Here We Stand" campaign. They will be providing the sandwiches. If you're willing to make up a batch of soup, or donate salad or a dessert, please speak with either Sherry or Phylis. Thank you.

On Sunday, February 25, we are planning a **Hymn Sing Sunday**. You will find small slips of paper in the pew racks. If you are interested in submitting one or more hymn requests for that morning, please do so using those slips of paper between now and Sunday, February 18. You may simply place them in the offering plate or return them to the church office. From the hymns submitted a master list will be compiled, from which selections will be made for that Sunday and for future Hymn Sing Sundays, as well.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS....we have been asked to Share our Voices and Lead our congregation in singing two songs on February 25. "Big People", please watch for information being sent home today and also in Peace Sunday School Happenings.



February 25 at 2:00 in the afternoon in the church fellowship hall the Bd of Evangelism will be hosting a **LADIES AFTERNOON EVENT**. Karen English will show us how to make a sun catcher out of fused glass or kiln glass. It may look hard, but it is just using Elmer's glue to attach glass to glass, and then she will fire it in her kiln. She will have 4 designs to kind of go from so you will at least know where to start. The cost is \$12 to be paid to her on the day of the class. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex; sign up deadline is February 18. This is NOT a fundraiser, just a fun time to learn something new. The board will provide drinks and desserts. Due to the materials being used, we can only offer to ladies from high school age on up. Come join in the fun!

The safeTALK workshop on the topic of suicide prevention originally scheduled for January 22 will be rescheduled for sometime in February. Attendees will receive training in suicide alertness skills and learn basic steps to create a life-saving connection. This workshop is designed for anyone age 15 and older. The steps learned in safeTALK have helped participants from all walks of life to be alert to situations in which suicide thoughts may be present. You don't need any prior training in order to attend – just a willingness to make a difference. Cost to attend is \$10 to cover the cost of materials. To register, call Partners in Prevention at 356-2880 or (800) 354-2880 or E-mail Ruth at ruth@nemcpi.org. For more information, E-mail Mary Schalk, who will conduct the workshop, at mary@nemcpi.org. This workshop is sponsored by the Presque Isle County Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Don't forget to direct your Choice Dollars@! Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2018, to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Help support projects for Peace, selected by you—the Thrivent members. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

ATTENTION PEACE RCHS SENIORS AND FAMILIES.....

SAVE THE DATE Peace will host its 2nd Annual "Senior Recognition Luncheon" on APRIL 29, 2018. This celebration is also open to the congregation, so mark your calendars!! More details to come!

Our **Informal Midweek Service** will not be held during the months of January and February. We will use this time to take a break between Advent and the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We will tentatively plan to resume following Easter in early April and continue until the beginning of the summer.

From Pastor: Having had several deaths and funerals in recent weeks and months, I have been reminded of the value of making funeral preparations beforehand. Not everyone will consider doing so necessary, but for the benefit of those who do, Concordia Publishing House publishes a wonderful resource entitled, ***"Final Victory: Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian."*** Those who have recently lost loved ones may also find this resource beneficial. It contains helpful sections on Life, Death, and the Resurrection; Christian Burial; Grief; and Planning for the Funeral Service, including a Funeral Planning Worksheet. If you are interested in a copy of this resource for your own library, it may be purchased through the church office any time for \$8.50. If you'd like to glance at the book before ordering, a copy is available in the church office. See Pastor with questions.



Also from Pastor: I have been mulling over the idea of scheduling a series of "Share Your Story" Sundays in coming months. Towards that end, I am looking for members who may be interested in sharing the story of their personal journey in faith during an upcoming service. If you would be interested in doing so, please see Pastor. If you would feel uncomfortable sharing your story in front of the congregation but would possibly be interested in writing about your journey in faith and having someone else share it with the congregation, please see Pastor, as well.

The Hygiene Pantry helped 54 adults and 36 children by giving away 41 bags during the first month of this year. This month we are asking for **donations of dish soap**. If you can donate, we thank you, but we also need your prayers. Jesus came to earth to be among the poor and to help them. He commands us as Christians to follow His lifestyle and help the poor also.



Here We Stand Campaign: As we enter 2018, we enter the second year of our five-year commitment to participate in the Michigan District's Here We Stand Stewardship campaign. Our total pledge was \$10,000 over five years or \$2000 per year. We fell a few dollars short of our goal for 2017, but now it is time to set our sights on our goal for 2018. If you are able to assist us in reaching our \$2000 goal for this year, please prayerfully consider doing so at any point during the year. Here We Stand envelopes remain available in the narthex for this purpose. Additional information about the four-fold purpose of the campaign also remains available in the narthex.



Would anyone be interested in making a cross that would hold the Easter Lilies on Easter? We used to have one, but it has turned up missing. Please let Lee Bingle know if you would be willing to do so.

This & That From Here & There:



They're here! **LIGHTHOUSE PIZZA CARDS** have arrived. The Lighthouse Restaurant has once again offered St. John the opportunity to raise funds by selling pizza cards. A 12-punch card (one 6-topping pizza per month) costs \$99.99; a five-punch card costs \$49.99. Stop in the school office 8am-1pm on weekdays to purchase. Call 734-3580 for more information. Pizza cards make great gifts!

WEEKLY CALENDAR February 11 - February 18, 2018

<u>Sun.</u> 11	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	NO Sr. Youth Bible Study (<i>upstairs Youth Room</i>) Divine Service (Scout Sunday / Options Pregnancy Center) Coffee Fellowship Christian Education Hour NO Jr. High Confirmation
<u>Wed.</u> 14	9:00 a.m. 9am-1pm 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pastor has Chapel at St. John's Peg's Office Hours NO Soup Supper prior to tonight's service Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion Handbells
<u>Thurs.</u> 15	4:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tendercare Service Board of Stewardship Mtg. <i>When Helping Hurts</i> Book Study
<u>Sun.</u> 18	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth Bible Study (<i>upstairs Youth Room</i>) Service with Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship Christian Education Hour Jr. High Confirmation