

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of April 7, 2024

In Our Prayers:

Ongoing Illness:

Karen Allard, *Ike Watson's daughter (dealing with cancer)*

Ruth Altman (at her sister's in Millersburg)

Neil Claus, *cousin of Dave Schaedig (terminally ill; at Medilodge, RC)*

Norm Elowski (at Medilodge-Alpena)

Gail Martens (at Medilodge-RC)

Marie McDonald (at home)

Ruth Myers (at home)

Neil Repke, (at Medilodge-Alpena)

Ed Rothe (at home)

Heather Scranton (undergoing dialysis)

Opal Wright (recovering at home following hospitalization and surgery)

Undergoing Testing/Treatment:

Sandy Altman, *Phylis Altman's sister (with cancer)*

Dale Rex, (in ICU downstate after falling from a tree)

Address for cards:

Dale Rex
4784 County Road 441
Rogers City, MI 49779

Jerry Wenzel (following a stroke)

Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:

The family of Joyce Zempel, following her death this past week

Also: Our members, family members, and friends serving in the military, including **Jacob Hein** (serving in the National Guard), **Dustin Hein** (serving at Fort Liberty/Bragg, North Carolina), **Robert Entenmann** (serving at Fort Campbell, Tennessee); and **Cameron Bauers**, grandson of Sandy Marshall, currently stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 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, **Michael Winckler**.

Serving our Congregation this AM:

Worship Leader: Randy Martens, Deacon Student

Organist: D. Rothe

Elders: J. Karsten & T. Dullack

Ushers: J. Fenstermaker & W. Augsburg

Members are encouraged to bring additional prayer requests to the attention of an Elder. Prayer request forms are located on the table in the narthex and may be filled out and given to an Elder, or an Usher, or you may drop a note in the church office or send an E-mail to office@peaceclcms.org.

'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance

Needed per week - Operating and Kingdom Work – Home: \$3,258.35

Counter Sheets (3/24/24): General: \$4,404.03

Missions: \$149.00

Maint. & Improv.: \$255.00

Attendance (Easter Sunrise): 39

Easter Festival: 156

Contemporary: 17

Sr. Youth: \$5.00

Easter lilies (2): \$20.00

Sr. Youth Coffee Hr.: \$59.00

Mahlburg Mission: \$10.00

MANY THANKS to Bill Bruning for (again) donating his snow plowing for the month of March. We cannot thank him enough for his generosity this year!

A gift was given to the **Flower Fund** from Lee Bingle in loving memory of Betty Claus. A gift was given to the **Music Ministry Fund** from David & Donna Kaski, also in loving memory of Betty Claus.



The **2024 Flower Calendar** is now up on the bulletin board. If you sign up for a particular Sunday, please contact Lee Bingle at (989) 306-0903 so she knows not to provide them that week. Thank you.

Christian Education Opportunities:

Sunday School is held this year from 10:20 until 11:00 a.m. on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month. Curriculum will be based on Bible stories that have food incorporated into the lesson; they will include an activity and also a suggested family activity. Please contact Leeny at 734-4740 if you have any questions (or suggestions). Thank you!

The Women's Joint Bible Study meets the second Monday of each month (April 8) at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. They are doing the *Forgiving Challenge* book. All are welcome to participate.

This & That at Peace:

Representatives from five area Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches met on April 2 to discuss the **future of ministry in Presque Isle County**. The goal of this task force is to seek ways to creatively address the challenges presented by our shrinking and aging congregational memberships and the current shortage of pastors. Please pray that the Lord will lead and His people will follow.

Prayer starter:

Lord, we seek Your guidance as we undertake a study of ministry opportunities in our community. . .

NOTE: The **BBQ Pork Sandwich Sale** scheduled for April 12 has been postponed. We realized that the VFW Post 607 is hosting a Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on April 13, and being in such a small town, we'd rather support each other than compete! The Fundraising Committee will be looking into a different date and an announcement will be made later.

The church floors will be professionally cleaned on April 15; a time will be chosen on April 14 to remove furniture...help will be needed for that task. More info to come later.

Audio/Visual help is still needed for the 11:15 a.m. Contemporary service. Please contact Todd Schaedig if you can help.

The Board of Human Care Ministry's next mission project involves **collecting for Hope Shores** (for sexual assault awareness month). Items needed are: new (or slightly used) purses, toiletries, hand sanitizer, (new) socks, candy, body wipes, lotion, shampoo, manicure sets, hairbrushes, (various) cell phone chargers, pens/journals. All items need to be brought in to Peace by April 21 so that they can get to the state police post for distribution. Next week there will be smaller shopping lists that you can carry with you as a reminder. Thank you so much for supporting this mission!

This & That from Here & There:

Looking for a spiritual boost? Weekend retreat for women (Thursday, April 11 - Sunday, April 14) will be held at Midland Evangelical Free Church, 7221 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48642. The whole weekend, including overnight sleeping, will be at this one-level, barrier-free facility. Pastor Bob will be one of the leaders; see him for more info. These weekends have blessed thousands, so please pray about attending.

There will be a **Benefit Breakfast at St. John Lutheran School** on Sunday, April 14 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. **for Corey, Rachel, and Paisley Hentkowski.** Rachel is a teacher at St. John. The Hentkowski family is dealing with expenses for Corey, who has brain cancer. Anyone that would like to help donate their time and/or baking talents is welcome to join in the breakfast effort. Please, contact Shari Crawford at (989) 734-7159. If you would like to help but are unable to attend the breakfast, you can bring donations to the school. We are also arranging to have donation boxes at churches. Thank you in advance and please pray for this family.

You are invited to a **Peace Gathering** – April 14 from 7-8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 119 West Dunbar Street, Alpena. Come and take part in an evening of gentle music provided by Mr. David Usher, followed by intermittent readings and quiet reflection. Cookies and punch to follow.

WEEKLY CALENDAR for April 7 – April 14, 2024

<u>Sun/7</u>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7-8 p.m.	Second Sunday after Easter Traditional Service (NO Holy Communion) (Randy Martens, Worship Leader) Coffee Hour (Carrie Lohman & Shirley Haan, hosts) Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary) Informal/Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class for 2 nd Years
<u>Mon/8</u>	9am-noon 6:30 p.m.	Office Hours Women's Bible Study at St. John's
<u>Tues/9</u>	9am-noon 6:30 p.m.	Office Hours Board of Trustees Mtg.
<u>Wed/10</u>	9am-noon 10:30 a.m. 4-5 p.m.	Office Hours Wednesday Bible Study Confirmation Class for 1 st Years
<u>Thurs/11</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Fri/12</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Sun/14</u>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7-8 p.m.	Third Sunday after Easter Traditional Service w/ Holy Communion (Galen Grulke, Guest Pastor) Fundraising Committee Mtg. Coffee Hour (Sr. Youth) Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary) Informal/Contemporary Service w/ Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class for 2 nd Years



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

*Donations are always welcome
and appreciated! The box is located
in the narthex. Thank you!!*

