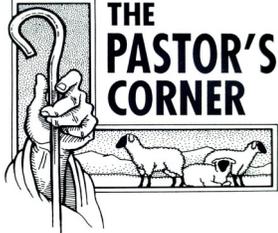


# Peace Lutheran Church

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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

### And the Holy Ghost

#### LITURGICAL SONGS FROM ANTIQUITY: THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

We continue our examination of the ancient hymns that are incorporated in the liturgy of the church.

Here is a description of the "Gloria in Excelsis" by Luther Reed from his book entitled, Worship. (This was one of my textbooks when attending the Seminary.)

"This hymn of praise follows the Kyrie immediately. It is, in a sense, a response to the Kyrie itself, as it voices the joy of the whole church in the merciful goodness of God in the sending of His Son into the world to be the Savior and Lord. It is more than a hymn of praise to the Father, being, rather, a "jubilant anthem of redemption". In it our worship grounds itself in the Incarnation, the Atonement and the thought of perpetual intercession of our Lord. For a brief moment it stoops to invoke mercy and help, but then soars to the gates of heaven in its Trinitarian ascription of worship and praise to Christ and the Holy Ghost As "most high in the glory of God the Father."

Furthermore, Reed writes...

"Luther thought highly of the "Gloria". He said it, "did not grow, nor was it made on earth, but it came down from heaven"".

Indeed, this is true. The opening sentence of this hymn is taken from Luke 2. These words are the hymn of the angelic hosts after the heralding angel had announced the good news to the shepherds who were in the fields on that first Christmas eve.

As has been a part of the practice of the historic church, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during the Season of Lent.

Please take a moment to ponder on these comments the next time that you have the opportunity to sing this hymn as a part of the liturgy.

Next month we will focus our attention on the "Create in Me".

To God be the glory!!

*Pastor Ricky P. Schroeder*

#### ODDS AND ENDS

**QUARTERS FOR CHRIST RECIPIENT FOR JANUARY-MARCH 2018:** Mothers of Unborn Children

**MIDWEEK LENT 2018** The overall theme for the 2018 Lenten sermons is "**Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest.**" The theme focuses on one of the three roles of Christ: Prophet, **Priest**, and King. Through a study of selections from Hebrews, worshipers will see how Jesus was and is *the* High Priest of high priests and how his role as the ultimate High Priest affects the lives of his followers by faith now and for eternity. The remaining schedule of services, themes and texts can be found in this newsletter.



Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted,  
See Him dying on the tree  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected,  
Yes my soul, 'tis He 'tis He.  
'Tis the long expected Prophet,  
David's Son yet David's Lord.  
Proofs I see sufficient of it:  
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

This is one of my favorite Lenten hymn. These powerful words are found in Isaiah 53:3-6 where it was foretold the suffering Jesus, God's only Son, would have to endure for our salvation. In my prayers for our Peace congregation this Lenten season is that we remember to use these 40 days to reflect on how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent Jesus to pay the price for our sins and transgressions with His horrendous death on the cross. This debt was a debt we owed but could never have paid ourselves. God loves each and every one of us is as if **we** were His one and only child. Let us remember to thank and praise God for His incredible gift of Salvation for all believers in Jesus.

I can't wait to celebrate this great joy with all of my Peace family and friends on Easter morning. When we sing our Easter "Alleluias" together and greet one another with "He is Risen!"... "He is Risen indeed!" Praise God for all His blessings.

As we continue our journey into the Lenten Season, our lessons for March, April and May will take us back to the beginning starting with Creation in the Old Testament. Of course we will learn about Holy Week, including Palm Sunday and Easter with a special lesson and activity on Palm Sunday so be there because you won't want to miss it! As always be sure to ask your children about their Sunday School lessons and discuss with them what they've learned. As their parents **YOU** are the most important teacher your children will ever.

**Acolyte Reminder:** Remember that if you acolyte on a Sunday, during Lent you are also scheduled to acolyte at the **following** Wednesday Lenten service. If you are unable to do so, please arrange for someone to sub for you. Thank you.



## Splash Canyon

### God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride

**Vacation Bible School 2018** will look a little different this year and yet not so much. The "BIG" difference is that it will be much later in the summer, July 30th thru August 3rd. This year Neenah's schools continue to get out of school early in June but most of the other school districts do not. We want to include our children outside the Neenah school district so a change was

discussed. At this time with the later VBS date we are looking at having the church picnic along with "Peace Out" the Sunday after VBS making it all a week long evangelism outreach to our church and out community as well. Prayerfully start thinking about where you can be a part of fulfilling our mission statement...Reaching Out...Serving Jesus...Celebrating His Love. Watch for more info to follow and please be willing to share your ideas.

**Calling all Senior High YOUTH!**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH**  
**6:00PM – 10:00 at Peace!**

**UPCOMING Sunday School / Youth Events - SAVE THE DATES**

**Friday, March 16th:** Sr. High “2nd” C.O.U.C.H. event for 2018 6:00PM -10:00 PM Come and check it out! Bring a friend or 2, or more! Food & Fun & Service...anything is possible.

**Sunday, March 18th: at 11:35 PM Fundraiser Meeting.** In the Fellowship Hall, Grades 6-12 and parents.

**Saturday, March 31st: 9:00AM** Easter breakfast prep & set-up, both parents and youth needed. Sign-up on the youth board!

**Easter Sunday April 1st: 7:00 AM** Help serve and cleanup after breakfast, both parents and youth needed. Sign-up on the youth board!

**Thursday, April 19th: 5:00ish-7:00ish** The youth and leaders to serve dinner at the “Warming Shelter”

**Sunday, April 22:** Sunday School Fellowship. Info to be announced

**Sunday, May 20:** Confirmation & Last day of Sunday School.



**Join Us For  
Breakfast**

**Easter Celebration on Sunday April 1st.**

The Easter Breakfast sign-up sheet is out and in the Narthex. The Easter Breakfast is an annual servant event for our Middle school & Sr. High youth, with any proceeds going to help the youth groups save for their Youth trip in 2019 as well as other activities.

As in the past a sign-up for food donations for the breakfast will be up in the Narthex. There is NO cost for the breakfast and donations are NOT required. A free will offering will be taken at the door. Most important is that you know that you are more than welcome to join us in our Easter Celebration with our Peace family. It won't be the same without you! Come celebrate Easter with US!



**Sunday School Children to sing during Lent.**

**SUN., March 18th :** Gr. N-K Children will sing in church...and

**PALMSUNDAY** March 25th: Gr. 1-8

**MOTHER'S DAY:** May 13th: All Sunday School Children Nursery thru 8th grade.

**Considering Lutheran Education?**

Did you know that if you are a member of Peace, your children are eligible to receive a scholarship to attend a Lutheran school? In an effort to support Lutheran schools in the area, the Board of Education budgets money each year to help with the cost of a parochial education. The only requirement is to be a member at Peace Lutheran Church with regular church and Sunday School/Youth Group attendance. Scholarships will be evaluated each year by the Bd. of Christian Education at Peace to determine the amounts given based on the availability of funds. High school and college (for those pursuing a career in church work) scholarships are also available. *Applications for scholarships will be available at the end of May and due by early July.*

**SCHOLARSHIPS, THE YOUTH GROUP AND SCRIP!** What do these three things have in common? Well, by buying SCRIP you can help fund our Lutheran School Scholarship program as well as help our very own youth group raise funds for youth activities including the Youth Gatherings. Please consider checking out the SCRIP program. Our goal is to have a “new” customer each week. Could this be you? See you at the SCRIP table.

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### Odds & Ends Continued

**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS WINTER 2018** On Saturday, March 10, Adult Instruction Class will be offered. Class will be held from 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. The course's title is, "Basic Bible Teachings: An Introduction to the Lutheran Faith. This is a one day workshop.

Invited to attend are those who are seeking membership in the LCMS and the congregation, those who are curious as to what the LCMS believes, teaches and confesses, and for those who would simply like to review the basic doctrines as drawn from the Holy Bible as believed, taught and confessed in the LCMS.

Coffee, lunch and class materials will be offered at no cost to the participants. Please call the church office if you plan on attending by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Schroeder will serve as the facilitator for this class.

**ANNOUNCING "THE ULTIMATE FIX" - STEWARDSHIP PROCESS 2018** Beginning on the second weekend of April, the Sunday after Easter, we will embark on a four-week Stewardship Process. The theme, "The Ultimate Fix" addresses the "Image of God" that was lost at the time of the Fall into Sin (Genesis 3) and is restored when one comes to faith, when one is baptized in the Christian faith, and is fully restored upon one's entry into the Lord's heaven. The sermons will focus in various groupings, characteristics of the Image of God and how they are witnessed in our stewardship. Featured in this series will be a celebration of many ministries and opportunities to express our stewardship, a Volunteer Fair and an opportunity to commit time, talent and treasure. Commitment Sunday will take place on the last weekend of April. More details will be presented in the Aril Newsletter.



"Has the cold weather got you singing the blues? For Peace sake, mark your calendars for the annual "Golf for Haiti Missions" outing, Monday June 18th -10:00 a.m. shotgun at High Cliff golf course. Fellowship, fun, prizes, silent auction. Get your team ready and come join us. More details to come. Questions? Contact Jim Smith 920-540-9332."

### The Church Office staff has new emails!

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Please update your email list and start using these emails to reach us as the old one will be unavailable in a few months.



**Generous Members of Peace:** You have supported our trip(s) to Haiti, and have astounded us with your gifts and prayers! Our trip is near, and we have one final request, for the children of Haiti, who have many health needs. We are hoping to take the following items with us:

- Baseball caps (used are also OK, we will clean them)
- Sunglasses (to prevent eye damage from the blazing sun)
- Chewable vitamins
- Tylenol, Ibuprofen
- Pepto-Bismol
- Antibiotic Ointment (ie: Neosporin)
- Band-aids, Gauze bandages and tape
- Bactine

Any items that you wish to donate can be placed in the suitcase in the Narthex. The children of **Haiti thank you!!!!**



### MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers to meet on Tuesday March 13th at 8:45

**A.M.** "MOPS exists to equip, encourage, and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother, and leader in the name of Jesus Christ". If you're a local mom of young kids who is interested in this amazing resource to meet and engage with other moms; or if you're someone who wants to ensure this resource remains available by providing childcare at the meeting...please contact Missy Wilson at 920-851-2335 or [missy516@live.com](mailto:missy516@live.com).

**ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING:** We are going to have a meeting and training session about an active shooter if there would be a need at Peace. We hope to never need to use this knowledge, but are trying to be proactive. The meeting is for Elders, Ushers, and anyone else interested in attending. The program is given by Officer Stuart Zuehle, Community Liason Officer for the Neenah Police Department. The date will be March 11, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will not have to register before hand, just come to the meeting. Any questions please contact Mike Blank or Gary Hobart.



It's time again to place an order for an Easter Lily to help beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. **Cost will be \$13.75 for a single stem plant with 5+ blooms/buds.** The pots are wrapped in foil. The order sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex, along with envelopes for your payment. *Make your check out to Peace*, enclose it in one of the provided envelopes, and drop the envelope in the offering. **Be sure you put your name on the sheet**, and mark if you will take your plant home after Easter. *(Please note: we cannot take these to nursing homes. They do not want them there.)*

**Deadline\* to order your lily will be SUNDAY, March 18th .**

**\*Please place orders as soon as possible so we can notify the greenhouse. They need our order as soon as possible.**

**HELP FOR THE HOMELESS Hygiene Drive  
Feb. 18 to March 11**

For Area Crisis Shelters Programs for Those 'At Risk'

The Family's 'Help for the Homeless' hygiene drive works with area homeless coalitions to stock the shelves of homeless and crisis programs in Wisconsin communities in our listening areas. The goal of Help for the Homeless is to supply a year's worth of product to each agency *(In many cases, this is happening!)*. **Donations remain in the communities where they are collected.**

- Soaps: Laundry, Dish, Bar, Soft, Shower Gel, Shampoo
- Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups)
- Deodorant (unscented)
- Wet Wipes for babies
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Disposable Razors
- Tampons and pads (pads for young teens)

**A collection box for your donations is in our Narthex by the coat racks.**

Any help you can offer will be *greatly appreciated!!*

**March Knitting Dates:**

**Mon. March 5 - 9:30 A.M.**

**Mon., March 19 - 9:30 A.M.**

Don't know how to knit? Join us and we'll teach you.



Plan ahead . . . and join us for  
**"SPLASH CANYON"**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 30 –August 3rd, 2018**  
More information to come.

**LERT TRAINING COMING IN THE FALL**

**Lutheran Emergency Recovery Training** is coming in the Fall. This is an opportunity for members of our congregation to learn how to assist our neighbors in the event of an emergency. Helping does not necessarily mean muscle. You can cook, clean, pick up debris, and share Christ's love. Strongly consider this unique opportunity for our congregation to learn how we can share God's love by helping others in times of disaster.



**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED**

There are *many* open dates to serve coffee after our Sunday morning worship services. Complete instructions to make the coffee are posted behind the coffee pots in the kitchen. *Treats are your option, and not required.* Please consider this Fellowship opportunity and sign up soon on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

**We need Greeters too - sign up on the Narthex bulletin board today.**



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**

**March 3** – SPA Ladies Retreat, sessions for restoration of body and soul  
**March 5** - Balance Bible study, and again March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
**March 12** – 9:30 a.m. everyone welcomed to freshen the sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. ladies welcomed to fellowship while sprucing up the sanctuary. Bring a bucket, cloths, and rubber gloves.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Mites, offerings given in support of mission work, will be collected. Currently, in the South Wisconsin District, mites will be “Telling the Story” in a DVD Devotional Series for Shut-ins. On the national LWML level, the Education Loan Repayment Assistance grant will help church workers to turn away from financial worries and focus on spreading the Gospel.

Please pray with all Lutheran Women in Mission, *Dear Father, as I drop my monetary thank offerings into a mite box, remind me to pray for these missions and the hearts and souls that they will touch with the love of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen*

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Travel to Divine Savior Lutheran in North Fond du Lac to rally for mission service and education. More details to come.



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" - Isaiah 52:7

Women of the LCMS, the **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League** is YOUR organization doing God’s work throughout the world. Join us as we meet in convention June 22 & 23, 2018 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha. This convention is a great opportunity to witness how, *“LWML can assist in affirming your relationship with the Triune God so that you are enabled to use your gifts in ministry to the people of the world.”* (LWML Mission Statement). Registration available at - [www.lwml-swd.org](http://www.lwml-swd.org) after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

**HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED (OR ARE YOU PLANNING ON MOVING) OR HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR GONE “CELLULAR”?** *Please let the church office know so we can keep our information current and save on return postage charges.*

### IMPORTANT REMINDER MARCH Sunday, March 12

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME to begin. Be sure to set your clock ahead an hour before you retire on Saturday night, March 10th!

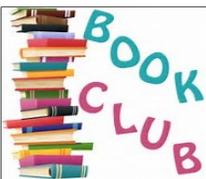


### TREASURES IN THE TRUNK – Recipient

“Treasures in the Trunk” is an annual event intended as a fund raiser for persons in need of financial assistance for medical bills. It is preferred that this be a member of Peace. If you would like to submit the name of a potential recipient, please call the church office to speak with Pastor. Deadline for requests will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.



**BALANCE...Christ Filled Living Bible Study**  
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., **Mondays: March 5th, (skip March 12th), March 19th, March 26 and April 2nd or 9th (TBD).** It is NOT too late to join us for this Women’s Bible Study. We have only done lessons 1&2, due to the February LWML meeting and the cancelation of a study because of an “ice storm”. We still have a few books (just for YOU!) and the cost is \$4. We start with a short fellowship, then our Bible study and end with a craft and/or activity. Hope to see you there!



Book Club will meet on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Shellattes, 300 N. Commercial St. Neenah. The book we will be reviewing is "YEARS," by LaVyrle Spencer.

This book takes us back in tie to life in North Dakota in the early 1900's. Linnea Brandonberg stepped off the train looking as grown up and worldly as her 18 years would allow. The golden fields and fragrant wheat in the area around Alamo, ND were as new and different to Linnea as the Westgaard family with whom she would live while beginning her school teaching job. Farm life in 1917 was hard and bitter but tiny, spirited Linnea was determined to brave all challenges. "YEARS" is a story of happiness and heartache and a way of life that will long be remembered.

Copies of the book are available in the Church Library. Please remember to sign out the books on the form provided in the book bag. Please return the books to the book bat at the March meeting. If you are unable to join us at Shellattes please return the book to the Neenah Public library within 4 days. We invite additional readers to join us at our Book Club gatherings on the second Saturday of each month. For more information please contact Jeanne Ralston, Carol Brandt, Barb Bergner, Phyllis Nickolas or Carolyn Wagner.

*Happy Reading!*

The Fox River Zone LLL is holding its spring rally on Saturday, April 28th, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, WI. Registration will start at 9 am with the meeting starting at 9:30am. Our featured speaker is Julaine Appling, Exec. Director of the WI Family Council. She will be speaking on family issues and new and proposed legislation impacting them from 10:30 am to 11:30 and taking questions from 11:30 to 12:00.

Our second speaker is Keith Peterson, our LLL/LHM Regional Manager. He will be speaking on new LHM programs like THRED and how it is reaching out to the Millenials. He will also be talking about the upcoming 100th LLL Celebration being held in Milwaukee, WI, on August 3-5, at the Pfister Hotel.

Please put these meeting dates on your calendar and plan on attending.

For further information contact Edward Perkins at 920-358-7242.

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Number of Baptized Souls 489  
Number of Confirmed Souls 417  
Number of Families 244

#### Address change:

#### Deaths:

February 5:  
Joyce Oppermann

#### Baptisms:

February 10:  
Christian Cole Schmidt  
February 18:  
Thomas Joseph Doyle



**SCRIP: Have a Dirty Car? We have KWIK TRIP CAR WASH CARDS AGAIN. Cost is \$36 (you get five \$10 car washes . . . a savings of \$14.00) The profit for Scrip on this is \$16!! A win - win for ALL! We also have Subway, Taco Bell, Shellate's, Papa Murphy's and Little Caesars as well as Fleet Farm, Menards, and Marcus Theaters. We still have the usual Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Culvers, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, PickN'Save, Festival Foods & Woodman's, and an assortment of other Scrip Cards available for purchase. ALL profits at this time are divided between our Youth Group and the Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Please check out the SCRIP table if you are interested in purchasing SCRIP.**

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**Worship Services**

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Sundays

**MIDWEEK LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2018  
OVERALL THEME: JESUS CHRIST IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST**

**MIDWEEK LENT 4** Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 P.M. \*  
THEME: "Jesus is Our Self-Sacrificing High Priest"

**MIDWEEK LENT 5** Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 P.M. \*  
THEME: "Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves at a Great Altar"

**MIDWEEK LENT 6** Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 P.M. \*  
THEME: "Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests"

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 P.M. \*\*  
THEME: "Jesus Our Great High Priest is the Mediator of the New Covenant"

**GOOD FRIDAY** Friday, March 30 at 7:30 P.M.  
THEME: "Jesus Our Great High Priest is Better Than Any Other High Priest"

**EASTER SATURDAY – NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

**EASTER SUNDAY – SUNRISE** Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 A.M. \*\*  
THEME: "Jesus is Our Eternal High Priest"

**EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT FOLLOWING SUNRISE SERVICE**

**EASTER SUNDAY – FESTIVAL** Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 A.M. \*\*  
THEME: "...For They Were Afraid"