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NOTEWORTHY DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Apr. 9	7:00p	Maundy Thursday
Apr. 10	7:00p	Good Friday Tenebrae
Apr. 11		Holy Vigil – to be decided
Apr. 12	6:30a	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	8:00a	Easter Breakfast-Youth
	9:00a	Easter Divine Service
Apr. 13		Office Closed - Easter
	9:30a	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	7:00p	Right to Life Board
Apr. 14	6:00p	Bd. Finance
	7:00p	Bd. Elders and Bd. Trustees
	8:15p	Church Council
Apr. 20	7:00p	L.W.M.L. Quarterly
Apr. 26	10:30a	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	Divine Service 9:00a & 10:30a Sunday School & Bible Class
	4:00p Youth Group April 12 Easter Breakfast Fundraiser, April 26
Tuesday	9:30a Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00p Choir & 6:00p Midweek Classes



Lamplighter

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7 ESV



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – HASTINGS, NE

April 2020

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9:00a-12:00p
1:00p-4:00p

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In 1527, the bubonic plague hit Wittenberg Germany, causing much suffering and claiming many lives. Elector John ordered Luther to leave for the city of Jena. Instead, Luther remained in Wittenberg to serve the sick spiritually as well as physically. His home was turned into a hospital of sorts. That same year, Luther wrote a little tract entitled, "Whether One May Flee From A Deadly Plague." He essentially says those who are not called to serve the sick are free to leave. Those whose vocation it is to serve the sick must stay (i.e. doctors, civil authorities, pastors). I commend the following excerpts to you for rumination as we are dealing with the coronavirus at the present.

Yours in Christ,
PG

"When anyone is overcome by horror and repugnance in the presence of a sick person he should take courage and strength in the firm assurance that it is the devil who stirs up such abhorrence, fear, and loathing in his heart. He is such a bitter, knavish devil that he not only unceasingly tries to slay and kill, but also takes delight in making us deathly afraid, worried, and apprehensive so that we should regard dying as horrible and have no rest or peace all through our life. And so the devil would excrete us out of this life as he tries to make us despair of God, become unwilling and unprepared to die, and, under the stormy and dark sky of fear and anxiety, make us forget and lose Christ, our light and life, and desert our neighbor in his troubles. We would sin thereby against God and man; that would be the devil's glory and delight. Because we know that it is the devil's game to induce such fear and dread, we should in turn minimize it, take such courage as to spite and annoy him, and send those terrors right back to him. And we should arm ourselves with this answer to the devil:

'Get away, you devil with your terrors! Just because you hate it, I'll spite you by going the more quickly to help my sick neighbor. I'll pay no attention to you: I've got two heavy blows to use against you: the first one is that I know that helping my neighbor is a deed well-pleasing to God and all the angels; by this deed I do God's will and render true service and obedience to him. All the more so because if you hate it so and are so strongly opposed to it, it must be particularly acceptable to God...If Christ shed his blood for me and died for me, why should I not expose myself to some small dangers for his sake and disregard this feeble plague? If you can terrorize, Christ can strengthen me. If you can kill, Christ can give life. If you have poison in your fangs, Christ has far greater medicine. Should not my dear Christ, with his precepts, his kindness, and all his encouragement, be more important in my spirit than you, roguish devil, with your false terrors in my weak flesh? God forbid! Get away, devil. Here is Christ and here am I, his servant in this work. Let Christ prevail! Amen.'



The second blow against the devil is God’s mighty promise by which he encourages those who minister to the needy. He says in Psalm 41, ‘Blessed is he who considers the poor. The Lord will deliver him in the day of trouble...’”

“Therefore, I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me as I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely, as stated above. See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.”

Fr. Gaunt

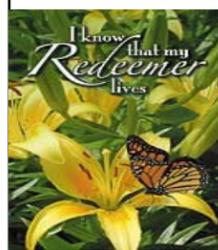
In your prayers, you might include... The people of our congregation and the church throughout the world, that we might witness to the resurrection with faith, hope, and love. Those in our congregation who live in nursing homes, assisted living, and any other place under isolation. For those affected – the sick, the bereaved, the quarantined. Medical Personnel that they would be given stamina and wisdom. Our leaders, especially President Donald Trump and Governor Pete Ricketts that they would lead with wisdom. Church leaders in our church body, especially Synod President Matthew Harrison and District President Richard Snow, all pastors and servants of the church.

MEMBERS: Peace Lutheran Church now offering Communion Services in groups of 10 - Monday thru Thursday at 11 am; Monday thru Wednesday at 5 pm; and Saturday at 9 am. Sign up for these services using [Sign Up Genius](#). Please sign up only once per week. If you are unable to use a computer, call the church office and we will sign you up.

These services will take less than 30 minutes. Both individual cups and chalice will be offered. We will, of course, take every precaution available to us to be as clean as possible.

Those who are considered "at risk" are free to make up their minds about whether they will attend these Communion Services. Christians are free to determine the best course of action for themselves. Those "at risk" persons who would like me to bring communion to them should call the office to set up a time.

Pastor Gaunt



Share the Joy of Easter

Donation for a lily is \$9.00, checks payable to Peace LWML. Give form and payment to Janelle Ham 722 S Hastings, or Diane Gundlach 1425 Highland Dr. Hastings, NE 68901 or the Church Office by new extended date - Sunday, April 5th. Again this year we ordered 20 Easter Lilies. Please circle **yes** If you wish to pick up an Easter Lily on Sunday, April 12th. **Janelle Ham**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES (subject to changes)

Apr. 9 7:00p Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Apr. 10 7:00p Good Friday Tenebrae Apr. 11 8:00p Holy Vigil
The Resurrection of Our Lord Apr. 12
6:30a Sunrise Divine Service
8:00a Easter Breakfast-Youth 9:00a Easter Divine Service

“MEN’S STEAK NIGHT”

WILL HOPEFULLY GATHER IN **MAY FOR “STEAKS”** BEFORE WE TAKE OUR SUMMER BREAK IN THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST. **GARY OCKINGA**

Save the Date! VBS 2020

VBS will be held the week of June 22-26, 2020, provided we have the “all clear” from the coronavirus.



If not, the date will be postponed. Classes will be held Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Our theme is “Mystery Island, Tracking Down the One True God.” The following Department Leaders have volunteered: Opening and Closings: Rev. Micah Gaunt

Bible Lessons: _____ Teachers: _____ Helpers: _____

Music: Micah Hesterman Crafts: Barbie Hoins Snacks: Sandy Nissen

Recreation: Brenda Christensen & High School Youth Decorating: _____

Please volunteer in the area that interests you. Please save me from having to call 100 people to line up the volunteers needed to carry out this wonderful and important ministry of sharing Jesus with children! Joan Primrose, Chair, Board of Education and VBS Director

Therefore, we stand against these actions and against all laws that sanction abortion or the taking of innocent life. We cannot stand silent when people elected to positions in which they are to protect citizens continue to pass laws and advocate for legislation that undermines the sanctity of human life. Our conscience is bound by both the Word of God and reason to speak for life as a precious gift of God and to speak against any and all who promote the killing of unborn children. We cannot hide the evil of these laws under the banner of “rights” or “privilege.” Children’s lives are at stake. They cannot speak for themselves. We will speak for them, and we will work to protect their lives.



Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

4. Write, to your Senators at both the state and national level when there is an issue that your opinion or support should be shared. Senators figure receiving one letter from one constituent equals the thoughts of 50 like-minded people. Your letter does matter! Ask to be put on an email list to be notified when issues need to be voiced. Information in this article pulled from a *Heritage House 76* publication. For information on how to get involved or to be put on an email list. **Joan Primrose**

Many thanks for the special “Goodie Baskets” delivered in the last week from Peace Lutheran Human Care Committee. So enjoyable for the goodies and special items included in our baskets. Sure made A very bright spot in our day and so comforting to be looked after!
Sincerely, *Marydae Eigenberg*



Abortion-Continued

But What Can I Do?

1. Pray. Pray for our country. Pray for our leaders. Pray for the people on the front lines in this battle—the counselors at Pregnancy Care Centers, the sidewalk counselors who take the truth to the abortion clinic doors, and the post abortion ministries that help women who have had abortions find Christ’s love and forgiveness.

2. Educate yourself and those around you. Don’t turn a blind eye and avoid learning the truth about abortion. Find out about abortion and share what you find with your friends and church members. South Central Nebraska Right to Life is a great source for material. They meet at Peace once a month. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Their purpose is to educate and make known what is going on with abortion. Speak with Joan Primrose for more information.

3. Act. Financially help support South Central Nebraska Right to Life and Wellspring Pregnancy & Health Center in Hastings. Volunteer your time at a maternity home, pregnancy center or other pro-life organization, such as South Central Nebraska Right to Life.



Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Larry Hammond + Josh Schroetlin Expecting + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler Health Issues + Allen Glathar + Esther Dush + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell Cancer + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Kent Coghagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston Military + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

4:48 PM
03/09/20
Cash Basis

**Peace Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of February 29, 2020**

	Feb 29, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - Five Points Checking 6504	56,939.01
1100 - Savings 3753 0.75% (VANCO)	50.00
1150 - Petty Cash	150.00
1160 - LCEF Partners Plus	13,918.25
Total Checking/Savings	71,057.26
Total Current Assets	71,057.26
Fixed Assets	
1500 - 906 N California	1,422,546.00
1600 - 306 Forest Blvd	270,566.00
1700 - Passenger Bus	39,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,732,112.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,803,169.26
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2050 - DESIGNATED FUND Accounts	
Benevolence Fund	1,301.37
Church Bus Fund	4,456.50
Memorial Funds	14,329.76
New Organ Funds	595.00
Property Improvement	4,713.83
Tue Morning Bible Study	121.15
Youth Ministry	
Junior Youth Ministry	100.00
Senior Youth Ministry	4,453.58
Total Youth Ministry	4,553.58
Total 2050 - DESIGNATED FUND Accounts	30,071.19
2100 - Payroll Liabilities	6,566.34
Total Other Current Liabilities	36,637.53
Total Current Liabilities	36,637.53
Total Liabilities	36,637.53
Equity	
Asset Value by Insur Unrealized	1,732,356.95
Retained Earnings	48,073.83
Net Income	-13,899.05
Total Equity	1,766,531.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,803,169.26

PRAYER

Almighty God, have mercy on us poor sinners, who suffer from the weakness of our mortal nature and are susceptible to sickness and death. In our trial teach us of Your great compassion toward us in that Your Son Jesus bore our sins and carried our griefs. Grant wisdom and discretion to our leaders in this crisis, strengthen and grant health to those who serve us in the medical community. Send Your Spirit into our hearts that we may be disposed to love and charity in difficult times, casting all our needs into Your gracious hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever,

Amen.

*Dr. Phil
Mr. David
Witt*

“Choir”
Wednesday’s,
at 6:00pm.

Members!

Recorded Services are available. We only need to know how many to get ready by Sunday’s.

1. How many audio CDs.
2. How many video DVDs.

People who want the most current Sunday Service unless told otherwise, will need to call the Church Office 402-462-9023.

No Charge has ever been set in the past, though some Members’ have chosen to donate money anyway!

David Witt

“OGT” still plans to Pick-up new & gently used Goods



CARE BANDS

here at Peace Lutheran Church, Hastings.

Thanks for Your Support !!!



- Monday, Apr. 13th 9:30a Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
- Monday, Apr. 20th 7:00p Quarterly Meeting Hostess: Ruth Albers, Mary Galliard

- Send Greeting Cards (Apr.-Jun.) Sue Fintel
- Altar Flowers-Lilies
- INGATHERING: ITEMS FOR LAYETTES - TOTES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

2020 Theme,

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5: 15-16). "All In - Being Present in Age of Distraction"

1. I'm on Facebook now so as to offer devotional thoughts and other information.
2. Feel free to stop by the church and check out a hymnal for devotional use and for following along with the online services. You can also buy one here at <https://www.cph.org/p-98-lutheran-service-book-pew-edition.aspx>
3. Here's a great opportunity for those who can sew. Thanks Jackie Russell for passing it along! We have been asked to help spread the word that our local doctor's offices are in need of face masks and surgical hats. They are asking that anyone that has the resources and is able to sew, to please consider taking the time and making a few of these. They can be dropped off by appointment at Children and Adolescent Clinic, PC here in Hastings, if you have any questions give them a call at (402) 463-6828. Here are links to tutorials courtesy of Calico Cottage they would love to help those who need materials. Call ahead to arrange your order (402) 463-6767. Pr. Micah Gaunt There are copies of sewing instructions on table - Narthex.



- ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN LAYETTE: OPTIONAL ITEMS
- 2 receiving blankets
- 2 undershirts or onesies
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 4 cloth diapers or 6 disposables
- 1 sweater
- 2 wash cloths 1 bar soap
- 1 plastic pant
- Band aids
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Lotion or Shampoo
- Travel Size
- Totes for Layette's supplies - Fellowship Hall

Nadeen Debban LWML Human Care Chair