

# PRINTS OF PEACE

FEBRUARY 2025

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WORSHIP & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Feb. 1 Really, Really Free Market (10:00-2:00)
- Feb. 2 In-Building and Online Worship (9 a.m.)  
Coffee Hour (10:15 a.m.)  
Home Visitors' Meeting (10:15 a.m.)
- Feb. 5 Finance Committee Meeting (3:00 p.m.)  
Choir (5:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 6 Alzheimer's support group for women (1:00 p.m.)  
Bells (4:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 6&7 Ana's Place Afterschool Program (4:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 9 In-Building and Online Worship (9 a.m.)  
Coffee Hour (10:15 a.m.)  
Information on Solar Panel Initiative (10:15 a.m.)
- Feb. 11 Green Team (3:00 p.m.)  
Council (6:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 12 Choir (5:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 13 Bells (4:00 p.m.)  
Ana's Place Afterschool Program (4:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 16 In-Building and Online Worship (9 a.m.)  
Coffee Hour (10:15 a.m.)  
Congregational Meeting (10:15 a.m.)
- Feb. 17 OFFICE CLOSED - Presidents' Day
- Feb. 18-27 BSC Immersion Group YAGM Mexico
- Feb. 19 AARP (2:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 20 Mobile Food Pantry (7 a.m.)  
Women In Motion (11:30 a.m.)  
Alzheimer's support group for women (1:00 p.m.)  
Bells (4:00 p.m.)
- Feb 20&21 Ana's Place Afterschool Program (4:00 PM)
- Feb. 23 In-Building and Online Worship (9 a.m.)  
Coffee Hour (10:15 a.m.)
- Feb. 26 Choir (5:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 27 Bells (4:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 27&28 Ana's Place Afterschool Program-4:00 PM
- March 1 Prayer Retreat (9:00 - 2:00)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS



### February 2

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 84  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

### February 9

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### February 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

### February 23

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

## PLC STAFF

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## Pastor's Message

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

*"Each of us must keep faith in the future.*

*Let us not despair.*

*Let us realize that as we struggle for justice and freedom, we have cosmic companionship.*

*This is the long faith of the Hebraic-Christian tradition: that God is not some Aristotelian 'unmoved mover' who merely contemplates upon Himself.*

*He is not merely a self-knowing God, but an other-loving God forever working through history for the establishment of His kingdom.*

*And those of us who call the name of Jesus Christ find something of an event in our Christian faith that tells us this.*

***There is something in our faith that says to us, 'Never despair; never give up; never feel that the cause of righteousness and justice is doomed.'"***

--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his speech, "Give Us The Ballot" (May 17, 1957)

As the choirs of "Gloria in excelsis deo!" have dampened, the visiting family has returned home, and the cold has driven us all inside, this can be a hard time of year. In general, things like depression and seasonal affective disorder hit harder toward the end of January.

Notwithstanding what's happening in our world and our country, many are struggling. Friends, I've heard and seen some despair these last couple of months, and this past month especially. Uncertainty, loss, doubt.

Know this: God meets you wherever you are at. God entered our world in the vulnerability of a fleshy, needy, beautiful baby, revealing that the Divine is not some far-away deity pulling strings and keeping distance. Rather, God is in the midst of us—in the despair, in the loneliness, dwelling in the sacred darkness *with* us.

I pray for peace a lot. Not just peace in our world, but peace within our souls. Peace comes to us in moments of rest—taking the few minutes or hours to just breathe and be. Peace comes to us in coffee with a friend just to chat or to cry or to vent. Peace comes to us in the comforting sip of a warm beverage or the warmth of a cozy blanket. Peace comes to us in the "I'm here for you" from a friend or partner when we are sick or struggling.

Make room for Peace. Not only do those moments make us feel better, they can remind us that Something Bigger than us lasts, even when we feel crummy.

Show up even when it's hard. Sign up for the Prayer Retreat. Come to church even if you're running late. Linger a little longer at coffee hour. Serve at the food pantry. Call the friend. Try something new.

In these moments, make room for creativity, connection, nourishment. God promises: You will get through this—we will get through this. And that promise is something that will never change.

"The power of our collective care is ferocious."

Oppression and devastation come in so many forms, but so do resistance and resilience, nourishment and sweetness, togetherness and love. Creativity, too, emerges from chaos. The power of our collective care is ferocious.

- anna blaedel



# Worship

**Council Representative:** Ginny Acosta

## COMMUNAL WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 2025

This new year has already brought experiences, concerns and joys. Now we enter into the month of February. We don't often get the bleak midwinter days that many other parts of our country experience after the holiday times of Christmas. The sun continues to shine and warm us all and this short month can still be full of blessings.

We are, in the church calendar, in the Time after Epiphany. We remain in that period until Lent begins, on Ash Wednesday, on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

There are dates to note in February: The Presentation of Our Lord is noted on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Jewish custom of ancient times required Mary and Joseph to take the infant Jesus to be presented in the Temple. We recall that event in Scripture. The Lord, as a helpless infant, returns to His temple, unknown really except for two people, Anna and Simeon, who recognize this baby. Both filled with the Holy Spirit, they each see the baby Jesus for who He is and are filled with joy. When you experience Jesus in your life, aren't you also filled with joy?!

As Lutherans, we commemorate the date of February 18<sup>th</sup> as Martin Luther Day, who began the Protestant Reformation.

Thanks to all who volunteered to assist in our worship experience. To those of you still considering volunteering somehow at the church, know you will be welcomed by all. There is a place for you here. Enjoy your month of February! Hands are for helping, hearts serve the Lord.



## LENT 2025 – Looking Ahead

*Plan to join us as we journey to the cross with Jesus.*

- March 5: Ash Wednesday  
(ashes-to-go & evening service)
- Wednesdays in Lent: Soup Supper & Evening Prayer
- Holy Week: April 13-19  
(Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday,  
Good Friday, Easter Vigil)
- Easter Sunday: April 20

## FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART

There is a new flower chart in the narthex for those who wish to provide flowers for Sunday worship. Dates are available February 2 - March 2 and resume on April 27 after Lent and Easter.

The cost is \$45 (unless you choose to bring your own flowers); designate flowers on your check. Please be sure to circle 'In Memory' or 'In Honor' of on the signup sheet. You may pay ahead and any time, but please be sure you have paid by the date you have signed up for.



# Service

Council Representative: Amanda Goodluck



## WHY SOLAR?

from the Green Team

### What is solar power?

Solar power is derived from sunlight and converted into electricity using solar panels. It's a clean and renewable energy source that offers a sustainable solution to energy poverty.

### How does solar power combat poverty?

Solar energy directly and positively affects the people who are most in need. It provides a reliable energy source at reduced cost. It increases access to electricity. It empowers small businesses, especially in rural areas. It's the key to reversing the harmful effects of global warming everywhere, but especially in economically underserved communities where mitigation resources are lacking.

### How does solar power help the earth?

Solar power is amply available. It doesn't produce greenhouse gases and can reduce the need to use fossil fuels. It improves air quality, preserves ecosystems, and reduces water usage. Solar power reduces carbon dioxide emissions by more than 100 tons over a solar panel's lifetime. A single solar-powered household can have the same effect as planting over 100 trees. Solar power also provides ecosystem services like pollination, carbon sequestration, and ground and stormwater management. A widespread transition to solar power could help the world achieve international climate goals.

### How can Peace Lutheran Church serve the underserved through solar power?

The Green Team, with the support of the Peace Church Council, Finance Committee, and Property Committee, has been studying the possibility of installing solar panels on the church roof. We are also considering becoming a community-based organization to help members of our congregation and the surrounding neighborhood access power through local community solar farms when they become available. We invite you to support these initiatives that will reduce global warming and preserve God's creation. Stay tuned for how you can help!




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## THE WINNER OF THE VEGAN/VEGETARIAN COOK-OFF

Mark Lusk's recipe for spinach balls was the winner on January 12, 2025. Here's his recipe:

### SPINACH BALLS by Mark Lusk

2 10 oz. pkg. chopped frozen spinach, thawed, squeeze out moisture  
 1 pkg. stove top stuffing (cornbread)  
 1/2 c. butter, melted  
 1 c. Parmesan cheese  
 3 eggs, slightly beaten

Mix and roll into balls. Place on prepared cookie sheet.  
 Bake at 350 degrees, 10-15 min.

# Pastoral Care

Council Representative: Marty Avelsgaard

## FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

The Pastoral Care Committee invites members to provide contact information requested on the form enclosed in this newsletter. A complete explanation and instructions are on the form.

## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE –

The Peace Lutheran Prayer Chain is an active group of parishioners who take time to pray when a request has been made.

Common requests made to the group have been regarding upcoming medical issues, surgeries, difficult life events, as well as celebrations and good news they want to share.

Perhaps you are interested in sharing your gift of prayer by being a part of this chain as someone who prays for requests. Please leave your name and email on the list in the Narthex.

If you are in need of prayers from the prayer chain, please enter your request in the form on our website or contact the office.

## INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS?

There will be an orientation on Sunday, February 2nd at 10:30am after worship for anyone who wants to take on a more active role as a church home visitor. Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Pastoral Care Committee should also plan to attend. This meeting is for any Peace people who would like to learning about visiting our homebound and other in-need church members. Whether you are most comfortable making phone calls, visiting people at home, visiting in the hospital, or extending other types of care, we are so grateful that you want to offer your gifts and time to extend our community and God's love to those who are not able to join us in-person or are in need of support. Please join us!

*What?* Home & Hospital Visitors' Orientation & Conversation

*Who?* For any Peace people who would like to help visit our homebound and other in-need church members

*When?* Sunday, February 2nd, around 10:30am after worship

*Where?* Room 107 at church

*Why?* To train, equip, organize, and coordinate our visits and care efforts

## PASTORAL CARE VISIT REMINDER

Pastor Hannah and members of our Pastoral Care Team and Eucharistic Minister Team are available to visit you in the privacy of your home or in the hospital at your request. Please telephone or email the Peace Lutheran Church office to request a visit or a visit with communion.



## Faith Formation

Council Representative: Carol Eggers

### CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

#### A Prayer Retreat

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30 am to 2:00 p.m. (retreat begins at 9:00 a.m.)



Do you yearn for a closer relationship with God?

Do you wonder how to nurture your prayer life  
in the midst of a world filled with chaos?



Join us for Conversations with God where we will talk to God and listen for God as a Lenten spiritual practice that you can carry with you throughout the year. We'll provide light morning snacks, lunch, & many opportunities to deepen your prayer life.

Please sign up on the table in the Narthex no later than Sunday, February 23.

Suggested donation to help cover the cost of the retreat is \$10 on the day of the retreat.

If you can't afford to donate, come anyway. Leave your busy life behind and join us in prayer.

Retreat Leaders: Rev. Lyn Bussian  
Rev. Hannah DiPasquale  
Lay Leaders

## Advocacy

Council Representative: Gene Quandt

### LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY IN NEW MEXICO

The **2025 Issue Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, **February 20, in Santa Fe!** Contact Lynette Schurdevin for details.

### NOURISH OUR FUTURE: A CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD HUNGER

The "Nourish our Future" campaign to end child hunger is sponsored by Bread for the World and an informational Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 4**, 7:00 PM EST (5:00 PM local time). <http://qrco.de/nourishourfuture> (will take you to the registration page), *Nourish Our Future* is the theme for this year's Bread for the World letter writing campaign, which will be held the beginning of May 2025. Lynette Schurdevin will hold an informational meeting in person in the near future to discuss the letter writing campaign and this year's theme.

# Administration

Council Representative: Lisa Bates

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES - DECEMBER & JANUARY

In December, the Church Council approved several policy updates relevant to the afterschool program and heard an update from the afterschool planning committee. They also approved staff salary increases and the purchase of an AED.

In January, the Church Council heard a proposal for the Solar Panel Initiative from the solar sub-committee of the Green Team and discussed presenting the initiative to the congregation. They heard an update from the Deacon Call Committee and talked about changes and requests from the Border Servant Corps.

## DEACON CALL COMMITTEE

The deacon call committee has completed our interviews, reference checks, and will be presenting our recommendation for deacon at the next church council meeting.

We are excited to receive the council approval, and, prior to the church members vote, we will have a meet and greet with church members and the candidate.

Committee: Lynette Schurdevin, Kathie Rich, Carol Eggers, Julie Phillips, Mark Lusk, Clark Alves

# Fellowship

Council Representative: Karen Harvey

## WIM - WOMEN IN MOTION

Our WIM (Women In Motion) February gathering for a potluck lunch will be on Thursday, February 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Peace. All women are welcome to come, even if you don't have time to make a dish to share! We always have enough food. We will celebrate the February birthday ladies with cards and a lovely rendition of the birthday song. We take a collection for our end of the year project - this year, we are working towards sending a complete farm to someone through ELCA Good Gifts.

To receive the WIM emails if you aren't already on our list or for more information, please contact Karen Harvey @ [khpollype@gmail.com](mailto:khpollype@gmail.com) , 435.720.2520 or the Peace church office.

## BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Brian Gilbert	2/8	Dorothy Steiner	2/19	Marcus Dunbar
2/1	Karen Quandt	2/11	Kendra Hernandez	2/22	Mary Bosshardt
2/4	Jeanne Brown	2/13	Chris Sanders	2/24	Shirley Steinmetz
2/5	Bob Mitchell	2/16	Tom Hillmer	2/26	Pat Walton
2/6	Adam Winkles	2/19	Scott Smith	2/27	Liz Schirmer

*Please let us know  
if your  
birthday or anniversary  
is missing or incorrect  
or you have updated  
contact information.*

## ANNIVERSARIES

2/12 Debby & Lou Sarabia  
2/15 Cheri & Jim Coyle  
2/25 Martha & Mark Hallamore



## FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

*An invitation from the Pastoral Care Committee at Peace Lutheran Church*

We are an aging congregation and many of us do not have family located close by. Because of this, the Pastoral Care Committee has an idea that may be helpful. We would like to have the available contact information of family or friends who could be notified in case of emergency or other need. This information is completely voluntary and will be kept confidential in a locked location. If this is something you would like to have available at the church, please complete this form and put it in the offering basket on Sunday or return it to PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Family / friend you would like us to contact

*(If more space is needed, please use the back or attach another sheet.)*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Their Phone #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Their Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I am okay with any of the following people making contact with family / friend listed above:  
Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Peace Lutheran Church clergy
- ☐ Pastoral Care Committee of Peace Lutheran Church
- ☐ Office staff of Peace Lutheran Church

I give permission to the persons in the roles checked above to contact my family/friend in case of emergency or other care concern

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_