



April 6/7, 2024

Welcome to Peace Church – We are glad you are here. We would love to connect with you, be sure to fill out a Connect Card located in the pews or the Gathering Place.

We Love Seeing Children in Church! For small children, there are worship bags located next to the water wall. We also provide a staffed Nursery for children under 4 years old.

This weekend's donut sponsors are Oscar & Beth Brandser in celebration of Rorie Standen's 3rd birthday. If you would like to sponsor donuts in honor of someone, a birthday, or a special occasion, please contact the church office to secure a date. The cost is \$100.

A Huge Thank You to all who helped with the Holy Week services and planning. It was a glorious celebration of Jesus Christ! We couldn't do it without the help of volunteers, thank you!

Baptized this weekend is *Sophia Christine Kowalski Wilczek*, daughter of Kyle and Lakhiah, godchild of Ashley Fenske and Tyler Kowalski.

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WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Gifted! Basics of Being Gifted

There are a number of reasons the Bible gives that our lives matter to God beginning with the truth that we are created in His image. This month, we'll explore another reason: our lives matter because we are gifted by the Holy Spirit to serve and extend His kingdom. This week's Scripture readings will provide the basics to understand the gifted lives of Jesus' followers.

Monday | Romans 1:1-13

The Apostle Paul begins his letter to the Christians in Rome by stating that God has called and gifted him as a messenger (apostle) of the Gospel of Jesus. His readers have also been called and gifted to be part of this Gospel outreach (more on this in chapter 12). He states that it is the desire to visit them and to impart to them some spiritual gift. How would you describe Paul's calling given by Jesus? In what sense was Paul's calling unique and in what sense are all Christians called to be "apostles" of Jesus? What particular spiritual gifts do you think Paul wanted to give to the Roman Christians? How can different gifts lead to a stronger church?

Tuesday | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 & I Corinthians 12:27-31

These are among the most important lists of spiritual gifts given in the New Testament. The first list emphasizes Spirit-inspired abilities. The second list emphasizes Spirit-called "jobs" (that also require certain abilities). Who is the giver of all gifts and responsibilities? What percentage of Christians are so gifted (see verse 7)? What is the purpose (also verse 7)? Do you think the Holy Spirit continues to give them more "supernatural" gifts? Why or why not? From these lists, how do you believe you have been gifted?

Wednesday | 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

In addressing the issue of spiritual gifts, Paul is immediately drawn to talk about the context in which the gifts are given and utilized: the church, the body of Christ. Describe how the church functions like a human body. How will keeping the "body" in mind make us humble? How will keeping the "body" in mind make us grateful? How will keeping the "body" in mind make us motivated?

Thursday | Galatians 5:13-26

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians emphasizes the saving grace of God in Christ apart from the works of the law. However, that doesn't mean that how we live is unimportant. Here he emphasizes how the Holy Spirit produces in us Good News-inspired fruit. What's the difference between fruits and gifts of the Holy

Spirit? How are the fruits necessary to using your gifts well? Which of the fruits are greater strengths for you? Which tend to be weaknesses? How does the Holy Spirit bring about greater fruitfulness in your life of faith (if you need help, see John 15)?

Friday | 1 Peter 4:1-11

The Apostle Peter also teaches his readers the importance of turning from a life of pleasure-seeking to serve Jesus and his people. What influences does he suggest were present then and are still around today that tempt Christians to live like the surrounding culture? How are we to be different? What characteristics of the Christian's life will strengthen the church and influence the surrounding culture? What does it mean for you to faithfully "administer God's grace"?

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My Faith Journey Plan: Have you filled out your plan? Paper copies are available in the Gathering Place and office. The online form can be found at www.mypeacechurch.com/faith-journey. Our goal is to have 150 plans submitted. Currently, we have 83 - help us reach our goal.

GROW

Parent Connect: Beginning Wednesday, April 3, parents of kids 0-18 are invited to attend this new weekly group. Parent Connect is a time to meet with others, support one another, build community, and pursue Jesus together. It is conveniently scheduled from 5:45-7 pm in the Refuge while kids are involved in Discovery Club, Confirmation, or the (free!) Nursery. See you then!

NOW Worship Night: We need God – right here, right NOW! In the midst of our struggles, our busyness, our triumphs, and our failures, God is available to you and me. He is here now. Even as you take a breath and read these words, God is here—NOW. Come and meet with God with us on April 19th at 6:30 pm for our N.O.W. (Night Of Worship).

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study: The first two sessions in April will be Post-Easter Gospel Stories. What do the Gospels tell us about Easter morning and the weeks to come? Come join us on Wednesday night from 6-7 pm in the Adult Study Room as we do a deep dive into post-Easter Jesus

stories. Following this mini-series, a five-week session titled "Cultivating Health" will begin, watch for more details coming soon.

Middle School can be a very confusing time - especially when you are going at it alone! Middle School students are invited to join Allie and other youth leaders on Saturday, April 13, from 6:30-9 pm for a special night. There will be a time of games, discussion, and community to talk about the pressures of being in middle school, what Christian sexuality looks like, and how to navigate social relationships and media. Register at AllieU@mypeacechurch.com by Wednesday, April 10.

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Men's Service Day: Peace Men are invited to come together for service and fellowship on Saturday, April 20. We will start at Peace with prayer at noon. There will be a variety of jobs and locations at member's homes and onsite at Peace. All will gather back at Peace at 5 pm for an evening meal and devotions. Please email Pastor David if you plan to participate.

Women of Peace Community Project: The Women of Peace invite ladies who enjoy bringing joy to others through hymnal music to join together and sing with the residents of Grace Lutheran Communities River Pines in Altoona. We will present each resident with a Blessings Bag filled with useful items donated by Peace members. "Johnny Cash" will also make an appearance. Join us Sunday, April 14, from 1-2:30 pm as this promises to be a blessed and fun event! Please RSVP to Beth Schultz at lakeglamgram@gmail.com.

AROUND PEACE

New Wednesday Night Meal Pricing—Kids Eat Free! We are changing the price for Wednesday evening meals at Peace for the rest of the school year. Kids in 5th grade or younger eat for free. Confirmation students are \$5, and high school students through adults are \$7. We hope to see

more families eating together on Wednesday nights – dinner is served from 4:45-6 pm.

Parents Night Out will be Friday, April 12, from 5:30-8:30 pm (or anytime in between). Children 0-5th grade are invited for supper and a fun night at church while parents can step out and have some quality time. This is a free event, please register by Sunday, April 7 at www.mypeacechurch.com/pno.

Registration is Now Open: Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21, 2024. VBS is open to children who turned 3 before January through those completing 5th grade. Register at www.mypeacechurch.com/vbs. Any questions can be emailed to marleef@mypeacechurch.com.

On-Going Clothes Drive: Rescue and Redeemed is a local organization providing support to survivors of sex trafficking. Peace has partnered with them to be a drop-off site. Bins are located in the coat rooms on both ends of the building. They are seeking clothes and soft home goods. Please place your donations in a plastic bag. For more information, check out their website, www.rescuedandredeemed.org/clothing-drive.

Do You Need Prayer? New to our website is a link to request a prayer. There is a button toward the bottom of the home page, or go directly to the prayer page at www.mypeacechurch.com/prayer.

Consider Becoming a Stephen Minister: When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about the undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. Stephen Ministry serves God by bringing Christ's healing love to hurting people. If this sounds like something you might consider, reach out to Lynette and she would love to have a conversation with you. A new training class will be starting in August. Lynette's contact information is 715-579-6710 or lynettes@mypeacechurch.com.



Flip the Script: A Conversation About Mental Health for Students and Parents: Jacob's Well is hosting this event and will feature

guest speaker, Will Hutcherson. The student session is Friday, April 19, from 6-8 pm, and the parent session is Saturday, April 20, from 9 am-12 pm. The goal is to empower them with a fresh perspective—one that aligns with the teachings of God regarding mental health. To learn more about this event or to register, visit <https://jacobswellchurch.church/flip>.

Foster Care: Eau Claire County has a huge need for foster parents. If you feel you're being called to this, please contact Christa Dutter with the county at christa.dutter@eauclairecounty.gov.

Spring Sing: The Eau Claire Male Chorus performs on Friday, April 12, at 7 pm at Lake Street United Methodist Church. Tickets can be purchased at Festival Foods, online at volumeonetickets.org/organizations/eau-claire-male-chorus, or by calling 715 720-9092. Advance tickets are \$15 per adult or \$20 at the door. Children under 12 are free.

Dinner Concert: The Eau Claire Male Chorus will serve you dinner and a concert on Saturday, April 13, at the Masonic Ballroom, 616 Graham Ave. Cocktails start at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The Clearwater Connection Barbershop Quartet will be a special guest. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Ron Gjerner at 715-797-5254 or email rgjerner123@gmail.com. The cost for the dinner and show is \$30 per adult. Proceeds go to the Masonic Angel Fund helping needy elementary students.

Longfellow Elementary Puddle Jump: Peace has long supported Longfellow Elementary. One way you can help is by participating in the Puddle Jump, a 5K run/walk that starts at Phoenix Park. Race day is Saturday, April 20, starting at 9 am. Registration information can be found at <http://ecasd.us/Longfellow-Elementary/Activities/Jeanne-Richie-Memorial-Puddle-Jump>.

2024 LWML NWD Zone 9 Spring Rally: All women are invited to St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Eau Claire on Saturday, April 27 for a morning of devotions, speakers, and opportunities to serve. Registration starts at 8:30 am and the cost is \$6 which includes lunch. Optional items to bring are used eyeglasses, canceled postage stamps, and

square potholders. Questions can be sent to Linda Burrows at dburrows@charter.net.

My Faith Journey Plans Completed: 83 of 150

Attendance Last Weekend: 948

Bulletin Announcement Requests:

Submission requests for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday. Please send it to kristinb@mypeacechurch.com.



Ushers:

5:30 Tim & Angela Hite
8:00 Daryl & Harriet Dehnke, Garnett & Joann Boernke
9:00 Dave & Barb Colba
10:15 Rick & Judy Israel, Marlynn Krause, Stan Norman

Communion Servers:

5:30 Dave Vollmer
8:00 Chuck Falch
9:00 Anni Bjerke
10:15 John Lump, John Roffler

Sacrament Team: Judy Valen, Nancy Marek

Scripture Reader:

8:00 Ruth Collis
10:15 Diane Govin

Worship Leaders:

Auditorium Dan Molitor
Sanctuary Lynette Schulz

Sound Engineers:

Auditorium Robert Haake
Sanctuary Kate Martin

Livestream Broadcast: Kristin Brantner

Slide Operators:

Auditorium David Peterson
Sanctuary Eva Martin
Traditional Jeff Shearier

Coffee & Donut Servers: John & Julie Lump



SUNDAY – April 7, 2024

8:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
9:00 am Modern Worship – Auditorium
Sunday School & Childcare Available

10:15 am Blended Worship – Sanctuary
Childcare Available
6:15 pm Winkler Life Group
6:30 pm High School Ministry

MONDAY – April 8, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
9:30 am Staff Operations Team
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Yoga
7:00 pm Navigators

TUESDAY – April 9, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
10:00 am Lead Team Meeting
10:00 am Lynette’s Women’s Study
2:00 pm Women’s Book Club
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
6:00 pm Cesal Men’s Life Group
6:30 pm Lynette’s Bible Study
7:00 pm Falch Men’s Life Group

WEDNESDAY – April 10, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
9:30 am Policy Team
12:00 pm Pastor Mark’s Men’s Group
4:45 pm Supper – Spaghetti & Meatballs
5:45 pm Parent Connect
5:45 pm Discovery Club
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study
6:15 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Bjerke Women’s Life Group

THURSDAY – April 11, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm
11:30 am Pastor David’s Men’s Group
1:30 pm New Life Bible Study
6:00 pm Modern Worship Rehearsal

FRIDAY – April 12, 2024

Office Hours 8:30 am – 3 pm
5:30 pm Parent’s Night Out

SATURDAY – April 13, 2024

4:00 pm Blended Worship Rehearsal
5:30 pm Blended Worship
6:30 pm Middle School Boys/Girls Night

SUNDAY – April 14, 2024

8:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
9:00 am Modern Worship – Auditorium
Sunday School & Childcare Available
10:15 am Blended Worship – Sanctuary
Childcare Available
6:30 pm High School Ministry