

# Peace Offerings



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A monthly publication of Peace Lutheran Church of Robbinsdale

## Peace Lutheran Church

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## Mission Statement

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church of Robbinsdale, as members of the body of Christ it to gather to receive and share Word and Sacraments; to worship and serve the Triune God; to minister to the needs of all members and the larger community.

## Worship Service Times

Sunday Worship is at 10:30 AM  
Education Hour at 9:15 AM  
Nursery Available

## Staff

*Pastor:* **Chris Bode**  
*Organist & Director of Music:*  
**Leah Galaudet**  
*Dir of Peace Choir & Bell Choir:*  
**Libby Laufers**  
*Director of Peace Praise Singers:*  
**Julia Fahey**  
*Resource Coordinator:*  
**Jacalyn Schulze**  
*Director of Christian Outreach & Education:*  
**Bethany Paulus**  
*Preschool/Director Daycare:*  
**Patricia Siedenburg**  
*Office Administrator:*  
**Annette Flaig**  
*Webmaster*  
**Stephanie Hofhenke**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *Lent: Taking Another Look*

Years ago just before Easter, I received a phone call at the church where I was serving at the time, and the man on the other end of the line asked when Lent was officially over. It seems that he had given up eating ice cream for those six weeks, and he wanted to know how soon he could dig back in to the *Ben and Jerry's*. Many people think of Lent along those lines: a time to give things up. There's certainly a place for fasting and sacrifice in the life of Christians. But Lent is more than just that.

Perhaps we could think of it instead as a time to *look in*, to *look out*, and to *look up*.

During the Lenten season we "*look in*" in the sense that we take time to contemplate and examine our lives. As we receive the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, we remember our mortality and we recall our sinfulness and our need of a Savior. It's a season that beckons us back to the spiritual disciplines of prayer and reading the Scripture and of solitude. During Lent we look in and recall our great need for God. Let this season be such a time for you. We invite you to our midweek evening services starting February 22.

But Lent is also a time for us to "*look out*" – outward, that is. There is a place for looking inward, but a life whose focus is solely on itself is unhealthy. So Lent is also a time to "look out" beyond ourselves to the people and community who surround us. "How can I be a blessing to my neighbor? What are the needs of the

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people on my street? How could I pray for someone else? What act of kindness could I render that would reflect the love of Christ?"

On March 31 Peace is serving the neighborhood at Trinity First in Minneapolis. Feel free to take part in that event with us, or look for another way to be outward-focused as a follower of Jesus. Let Lent be a time to recall those around us who are also in need of God and His great love.

And that reminds us that this season is also a time to *"look up."* Who is it that will ultimately meet the needs of our neighbor and us? It is Jesus. Just as Jesus is "the reason for the season" during Christmas, He is the One on whom we focus during Lent. He is the One who provides for our great needs of body and soul. He offers forgiveness through His death on the cross. He is the One who is able to transform not only our lives, but the lives of the people in our community. Lent is a time to "look up" to Him.

Looking in, looking out, looking up – may this season be for us a time of reflection, service to our neighbor, and hope in Jesus our Savior!

Pastor Chris



## Thank You Office Volunteers

A huge thank you to the folks who regularly come to the Parish Center and help out the Administrative Assistant. The office work could not be done in a timely manner without the help of the following people:

Office Help Volunteer Coordinator:  
**Bob Dalluge**

The people who come in monthly and fold the worship folders and bulletin announcements:

**Bob Dalluge**  
**Wally Mohr**  
**Bill & Kay Niederloh**  
**Barb Sandberg**  
**Marvyl Fisher**  
**Lloyd & Luverne Toll**  
**Wendla Young**  
**Dave & Joanne Neumann**  
**Tiffany Schmidt**

Those people who stay after Bible Study on the last Wednesday of the month to compile the Newsletter:

**Lois Brue**  
**Bob Dalluge**  
**Barb Sandburg**  
**Marvyl Fisher**  
**Vern Wendt**  
**Karen Minge**  
**Jean Dalchow**  
**Shirley Johnson**  
**Phyllis Benson**  
**Kay Herrmann**

## **Adult Education**

### **Transformational Impact – What the Kingdom Looks Like in Our Neighborhood**

***Sunday, February 12, 9:15am***

In this study we've been exploring a Biblical framework which motivates and equips the local church to participate as an active partner in its community's holistic transformation. Don't miss the last week of discussion on how the Church must be missional in its mindset, holistic in its approach and transformational in its impact. Don't worry if you missed the previous class; be a part of the conversation as we, as a congregation, prepare to work effectively with our community.

*Gary Roberts of LINC (Lutheran Inner-City Network Coalition) will be leading this study*

Several learning opportunities are available this winter and spring! Check out the **weeknight Bible studies** below for a chance to study God's Word in community and grow in your relationship with Christ.

### **Let Us Pray: Living & Walking with Jesus** ***Thursday evenings, February 9<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm***

Be a part of one or all three studies offered in February, exploring our congregational theme for the year: Let Us Pray. Some of the staff at Peace had an opportunity to attend prayer workshops at a local conference this fall. Bethany, Annette and Pastor Chris will share what they learned.

### **Celtic Spirituality: Prayer, Work & Missions** ***Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the Parish Center*** ***Bethany Paulus, Facilitator***

The examples of the early Church and the Ancient Celts have much to teach us about living lives that swing naturally between work and recreation, outward action and inward prayer. The ancient Celtic communities combined prayer and mission, and in doing so, transformed a nation. Come and learn how an inward rhythm of prayer and outward works of service can cooperate powerfully in your life to proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God. Bethany Paulus will facilitate this study.

### **Healing Prayer: Soaking in God's Love** ***Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the Youth Room*** ***Annette Flaig, Facilitator***

Nothing empowers our hearts like the revelation of God's love for us. When we are confident in His enjoyment over us, we can trust the goodness of His heart no matter what our circumstances may be. Sadly, the ability to receive from God is often blocked by our own experiences of fear, rejection, or trauma and we cannot free ourselves. In this class Annette Flaig will share insights and testimonies from the workshop she attended. Come and learn more about "soaking prayer" in your life and others' lives

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**Authenticity & Prayer**  
**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm**  
**Facilitated by Pastor Chris**

What does it mean to be authentic as a follower of Christ? Who is vulnerability meant for—the weak or the strong? When is vulnerability healthy and when do we cross the line? As Christians we are called to model personal weakness and dependence upon God, and prayer is the language of dependence. Come to learn more about giving and receiving prayer, and what it means to be authentic in our relationship with the Lord. Pastor Chris will lead this study.

**Church History**  
**Monday evenings,**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm**

Have you ever wondered how the Christian Church evolved into the Church of our day? Join Pastor Jack Jacobsen as he shares his passion for the history of our faith and the important events in our church history. Six sessions will cover church history from the Day of Pentecost to our present day.

*Sessions 1 & 2*

Brief History of the Christian Church

*Sessions 3 & 4*

Church History from 600-1500 AD

*Sessions 5 & 6*

The Reformation to Present Time

*Dr. Rev. Jack Jacobsen*  
*will be teaching this class*

**An Exploration of Grace**  
**Monday evenings,**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

Be a part of a thoughtful and deeper look at the concept of Grace. Bill Niederloh will help us explore the history of the word, and understand its relationship to faith and justification. As we share our own experiences of grace, we'll reflect on noted theologians' descriptions and finally, what it means for us each day.

*April 9*

The Last Best Word:

The Many Uses and Meanings of "Grace"

*April 16*

Searching the Scriptures: Christian & Lutheran Understanding of Grace

*April 23*

Experiences of Grace:

From Noted Authors & Our Own Lives

*April 30*

What Does it Mean to Live by Grace?

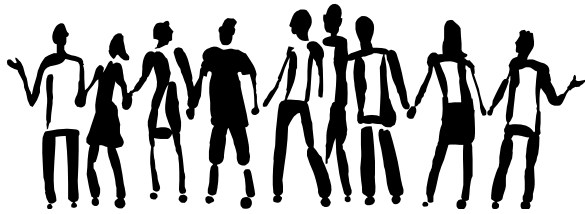
**Ongoing Bible Studies:**

Sunday mornings,  
9:15am with Pastor Chris

Wednesday mornings,  
9:30am with Pastor Chris –  
Fellowship at 9:00am

**Unless otherwise noted, all Adult Education classes are held in the Parish Center.**

**Questions about Adult Education?**  
**Contact Bethany Paulus.**



## Youth Ministry

### **High School Bible Study - Discovering the Bible Sundays, 9:15am in the Youth Room**

It's the all-time best-seller since the beginning of printing. It has produced passionate controversy for centuries. What is the book that is like none other in the history of the world? Where did it come from? What does it come from? What does it consist of? Does it still speak to us today? We're taking a break from the TRUE U series to explore how the Bible came to be!

*Feb 5*

Getting Acquainted with the Bible

*Feb 12*

The Ancient Book of the Old Testament

*Feb 19*

Where Did the

New Testament Come From?

*Feb 26*

Survival, Spread, and Influence

### **Snow Tubing**

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm**

We're going to enjoy some winter fun together – tubing at Elm Creek! Ride a moving sidewalk up a hill 10 stories high and then soar back down on a specially designed inner tube. Once you get to the bottom, do it all over again! Bring your friends, boots, snow pants and \$12 for two hours of fellowship and fun. Meet at Peace at 1:00pm.

### **30 Hour Famine Kick-Off Meeting Sunday, March 4th**

Save the Date! This year's 30 Hour Famine will be April 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>. Come to the kick-

off meeting on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> after worship to see the Famine video, give and hear ideas for this year's weekend plans, pick up your fundraising materials and get excited to save lives! We'll meet in the Youth Room.

### **Kickball Tournament in the Dome Save the Date & Sign-Up now! Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Are you ready for some kickball? Our youth group has been invited to participate again in the Night In The Dome Kickball Tournament at Concordia University. Youth groups from around the twin cities will hang out and compete. Spots for teams are filling up quickly so we need to form our team soon! Sign-up with Bethany. Cost: \$3.

## Confirmation Youth

### **Kickball Tournament in the Dome – Save the Date & Sign-Up now! Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Are you ready for some kickball? You are also invited to participate in the Night In The Dome Kickball Tournament at Concordia University. Youth groups from around the twin cities will hang out and compete. Spots for teams are filling up quickly so we need to form our team soon! Sign-up with Bethany. Cost: \$3.

### **Save the Date: April 20-21**

#### **Junior High Youth Gathering**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Remember to mark your calendars for April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> to be part of the Junior High Youth Gathering at Concordia. It's a fun weekend of meeting other students from around the city/state and growing in faith through exciting music, speakers and service projects. You won't want to miss the inflatables and evening games, either.

## Small Groups

### CONNECT Groups

#### Beginning Next Month

Small groups are wonderful opportunities to get to know each other better, receive and offer care and support, and grow in faith together. New short-term small groups will be beginning in March! Each group will meet twice a month, March – June (8x total). Connect with Christian friends for faith conversation and care. Connect with our Living God. Connect or reconnect with the Peace community. Specific information about group meeting times, topics and leaders coming soon! Please let Bethany know if you are interested in leading or participating in a group.

## Quilting

Our small group of ladies that quilt meet regularly twice per month in the chapel basement &/or Youth Room @ 1:00--3:00 PM on the first & third Mondays.

Please join us if you are interested OR if anyone has any materials, yarn, thread & etc. We do WELCOME any & all donations.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to either Mary Fisher or Joanne Neumann.

## Outreach

### Thank you for your ministry in Joplin!

Thank you to all the servants of Peace who prayed for, traveled to, and financially supported our week of service in Joplin, Missouri, during Missions Month. The help, support and prayer we were able to offer were a tremendous blessing to those who are recovering from the devastating tornado last May.

Check out pictures from the trip on Peace's Facebook page

([www.facebook.com/PeaceLC](http://www.facebook.com/PeaceLC)).

If you are interested in a future servant event trip to Joplin, please contact Gary Schmidt or Bethany Paulus.

### MISSION U:

#### Everyday Evangelism

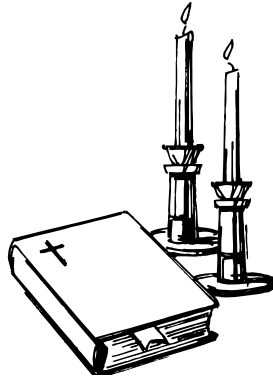
Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm

Peace and Redeemer Lutheran Church here in Robbinsdale are partnering once again to host a MISSION U course from Lutheran Hour Ministries! *Equipping To Share: Everyday Evangelism* will take place right here at Peace. See the newsletter insert for more information!

Please sign-up on our website at [www.atpeace.org/MISSIONU](http://www.atpeace.org/MISSIONU) or on the east entrance bulletin board.

If you are interested in helping host this event with members from Redeemer, let Bethany know.

# Serving in February



Church Announcements  
Board of Worship

## Children's Message

5<sup>th</sup> Ken Tonn  
12<sup>th</sup> Pastor Chris  
19<sup>th</sup> Karen Pitschka  
26<sup>th</sup> Bethany Paulus

## Lectors & Communion Assistants

5<sup>th</sup> Jessica Olson  
12<sup>th</sup> Bill Lindig  
19<sup>th</sup> Gary Schmidt & Steve Galaudet  
22<sup>nd</sup> Steve Galaudet & Tom Flaig  
26<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Schueller  
& Jeff Niederloh  
29<sup>th</sup> Ken Tonn

## Communion Preparers

12<sup>th</sup> Joanne Neumann  
Wendla Young  
19<sup>th</sup> Hauschildt's  
22<sup>nd</sup> Bill Lindig  
26<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Lindig

## Candle Bearers

5<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Odens  
12<sup>th</sup> Alex Schulze  
19<sup>th</sup> Johnny Reiter  
26<sup>th</sup> Elaine Charlton

## Ushers:

5<sup>th</sup> Team #4  
12<sup>th</sup> Team #5  
19<sup>th</sup> Team #1  
22<sup>nd</sup> Team #2  
26<sup>th</sup> Team #3  
29<sup>th</sup> Team #4

## Greeters

5<sup>th</sup> Bob & Vicky Frank  
12<sup>th</sup> Maryann Thomas &  
Berit Gerhardson  
19<sup>th</sup> Betty Werner & Bill Lindig  
26<sup>th</sup> Peggy Gaspard &  
Wendla Young

## Nursery Care Takers

5<sup>th</sup> Jodi Odens & Maryann Thomas  
Karen & Katrina Schmidt  
12<sup>th</sup> Cheri Schwalbe & Liz Reiter  
Haalands  
19<sup>th</sup> Diane Nilson & Beth Nilson  
Angela Bode & Aly Legg  
26<sup>th</sup> Anne & Max Pitschka  
Jeff & Lisa Niederloh

## Welcome Center Hosts

5<sup>th</sup> Lois Brue  
12<sup>th</sup> Mary Lou Gorres  
19<sup>th</sup> Jerry Benson  
26<sup>th</sup> Jeff Glasenapp

## Van Drivers

5<sup>th</sup> Bob Wadsworth  
12<sup>th</sup> Kurt Niederloh  
19<sup>th</sup> Gary Schmidt  
26<sup>th</sup> Bob Frank

## Weekly Bulletin Preparers

1st Week: Bob Dalluge & Wally Mohr  
2nd Week: Bill & Kay Niederloh,  
Barb Sandberg  
3rd Week: Marvyl fisher,  
Lloyd & Luverne Toll  
4th Week: Wendla Young,  
Dave & Joanne Neumann  
5th Week: Tiffany Schmidt &  
Volunteers

## **Resourcefully Yours...**

What a wonderful timing of events. This month's newsletter deadline happens to fall on January 15<sup>th</sup>, the exact day on which you, my Peace Church Family, set aside to recognize my 25 years of ministry with and among one another. It has been a wonderful day as well as a most meaningful and affirming weekend. I celebrated my birthday with all my siblings and some of their children and grandchildren; how large our family tree has grown and will continue to spread. I am so very thankful that Mom and Dad raised all seven of us to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior, trusting that in Him all things work out as is best for our good, His will and to His glory. I cherish the deep roots of faith that have grounded and assured me during all my days. My personal mission statement is brief: I am a Teacher of the Faith and a Catalyst to Creativity.

This weekend served to show me in so many ways that I have been allowed to practice this and to believe that Jesus is guiding and protecting me – no matter what. I have been blessed with love so warm and so penetrating that it overflows to the people God puts in my life's path. And, I have been the recipient of that same type of love from so many of you.

Thank you for the special day of celebration – 25 years sounds like a very long time. As I looked back over the albums of pictures taken from almost every event we did, I lingered in thought and prayer for the people I saw and remembered. Many have already passed into glory! Many (including myself) have passed into an older age category! As a Resource Coordinator I know full well that people, Peace People, are among our greatest resources.

Thank you, my Peace Family for the most special card and the gift found within it. Thanks, too, for the kind thoughts and cards and gifts I received from individuals.

I know without a doubt how much I am cherished and loved by my companions on this journey. I look forward to the weeks and months ahead, waiting and wondering what God has already set into motion. I am thankful we walk the way together, trusting that we shall continue to encourage and support one another as we are called to do. "Here I am Lord! What would You have me do through You for that other?"

Blessings and love,

Jacalyn Schulze, Resource Coordinator

## **THANK YOU Peace / Thrivent Members**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has a program whereby Thrivent members earn what are called "Choice Dollars." The amount each member earns depends on the amount of business they do with that company. These dollars can then be donated to various churches or charitable organizations that the members select. Some of our church members have designated our church as the recipient of these dollars. Our church had received \$6,562.00 through last November and now an additional \$858.00 has been received so far this year. That makes a total of \$7,420.00 that has come to our church due to Thrivent Financial and our Thrivent/Peace members. Obviously this is good news for our church's finances and obviously many thanks are in order to our members who participate in this program.

We will keep you posted as monies are received throughout the year. Also if you would like more information on this program you should contact your Thrivent agent.



# Pontius Pilate: A Novel

## Peace Church Library

### February 19<sup>th</sup> Book Discussion



Paul Maier, a nationally recognized teacher of History broke ground with this classic historical biography of Pontius Pilate.

If you want to read the Christ story from a new perspective, this book will give you an eyewitness account from the eye sockets of one of the key players in Christ' life. You will understand the political background to the New Testament and gain a new appreciation for how the miraculous events in Jesus' ministry were interpreted.

This book taught me more about the New Testament than 20 undergraduate and graduate classes in Biblical Studies.

Rejecting the carelessness that dominates the genre of historical fiction, Dr. Maier created his own genre which could be called "documented historical fiction".

He adopts 3 rules:

- 1) He doesn't invent characters and only uses names of real people
- 2) He uses information in the primary sources whenever possible and only speculates on plot features where the sources are lacking.
- 3) He includes documented footnotes for a great number of events in the life of Pilate, these not only lead you to the

primary sources, they also give the author's justification for how he interprets them and incorporates them into the story.

5.0 out of 5 stars **Historical Fiction**  
**Researched by the Master**, December 10, 2002

[Robert Wormley](#):

This review is from the Amazon Website (adapted)

Paul Maier is an excellent author, drawing you into the historical times of which he is writing.

He is indeed a master and I look forward to a larger number of people joining with us to discuss this timely topic.

We meet in the Peace Church Library on the third Sunday of each month, alternating books and topics so that adequate time is given to read.

Our combined newsletter these last two months cut back a bit on that time, yet I am certain we will be able to encourage and wet your appetites to read, discuss and learn.

Talk with me if you have any questions or difficulty finding the book.

Jacalyn Schulze,  
Resource Coordinator

## From the Board of Stewardship

The month of February will involve a special focus on Stewardship here at Peace. We encourage all our members to prayerfully consider their participation in, and financial support for our ministry here. Pledge cards, and Time and Talent surveys are available in the narthex through 2/5. Please pick up your envelope from the table set up there. The envelopes remaining will be mailed out the week of 2/6.

The pledges of financial support help our congregation with planning for the upcoming year. The figures will be used in preparing the proposed budget that will be acted upon at our Annual Meeting. Completed pledge cards can be returned in the provided envelope, by placing them in the offering plates, or to the office. This can be done throughout the month of February.

New copies of the Time and Talent survey are also being distributed. People have asked why the surveys are distributed so often. This is done intentionally, to give all members an opportunity to consider new or different areas of service.

As time, interests, skills and circumstances change, the survey gives another opportunity to consider all the areas in need of involvement by our members. Stewardship Month is always focused on recognizing the many blessings our Heavenly Father provides to us, and our thankful response to Him.

We are all encouraged to generously support the mission and ministry of Peace, with our time, talent and treasure.

## Peace Family - Shared Lives Birthdays & Anniversaries this Month

### Birthdays

Tiffany Schmidt .....	February 1
Ann Parpart .....	February 2
Steve Lemberg .....	February 4
Denise Hainlin .....	February 7
Logan Trombley.....	February 8
Billy Windsperger.....	February 8
Molly Mills .....	February 10
Jeremy Haefs.....	February 13
Neil Friederich .....	February 14
Brad Skerik .....	February 14
Bill Steuber .....	February 17
Tom Vogel .....	February 17
Jacob Friederich.....	February 20
Kaye Lindig .....	February 20
Erin Haefs .....	February 22
Taylor Niederloh.....	February 24
Brynn Schmidt .....	February 24
Dick Beck.....	February 25
Jean Haefs .....	February 25
Kay Herrmann.....	February 26
Harold Dalchow .....	February 27
Leah Cota .....	February 28
Aaron Gage .....	February 29

### Anniversaries

Mike & Suzanne Scherschligt	February 19
Rock & Marsha Rochow.....	February 20
Steve & Leah Galaudet .....	February 26

# News from two of the Missionaries Supported by Peace

## Jack & Cathy Carlos

Thank you to those of you who donated medical supplies to our missionaries, the Carlos family, in Guinea. Thank you, too, for your ongoing prayer support of them. Below is an update from their ministry.

"Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, After two wonderful months in the US, we are headed back to Guinea. We had a great time connecting with family and friends and were able to share the news of what God is doing among the Maninka people with many church families. As we leave, please pray:

- thanksgiving for a wonderful time in the US
- thanksgiving for good doctor visits for Jack and new medication to help manage his Parkinson's Disease
- for safe travel back to Guinea, by air and by road
- for our children, Raymond & Hannah, as they return to their studies at UW-River Falls
- for guidance as we return to our health care ministry
- for wisdom as we discern the next steps to take in God's mission in Guinea

Thanks again for your prayers & support. TOGETHER we reach out to the Maninka people with the love of Christ!

In Him,  
Jack & Cathy Carlos

## Pastor Jacob Gillard

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have peeked in the manger and seen the Father's great love for us—a savior born to save all nations! From our home in Africa to yours—wherever you may be—we wish you the richest of God's blessings in these Holy Days.

Our family will soon leave Uganda for good. It is no longer possible nor desirable for us to secure our work permits through the LCMU. In these days we find ourselves wrapping up the work here and selling personal and mission property. We returned to the USA in late January and will begin a 6-month furlough while another posting is sought. The furlough will include some speaking but we'll wait until we're settled before we whip up a schedule. I'll continue to serve South Sudan during those 6-months. These plans are the outcome of my boss' visit in early December.

Thank you to so many of you who have communicated your love and concern as we grieve the loss of this part of our life. We've been through a lot but we are going to miss so many dear Ugandans, dear expat friends, and so many aspects of Ugandan society.

Our bodies are made of clay, yet we have the treasure of the Good News in them. This shows that the superior power of this treasure belongs to God and doesn't come from us. In every way we're troubled, but we aren't crushed by our troubles. We're frustrated, but we don't give up. (2 Corinthians 4:7-8, GOD'S WORD)

We are, your missionaries, sending you much Christmas Joy and many prayers for a safe and healthy New Year,

Jake (and family)

## Board of Worship News

Now that we're already into the second month of the year, we wish you all a belated very happy and successful 2012. We trust you have learned to write that new date by now.

We finished 2011 with the beautiful Christmas services and all the trimmings have been put away for another year. But never let us forget the reason they were up in the first place. "HE WAS BORN, ALLELUIA" The trees were decorated with sparkling stars, doves, crosses and red shiny ornaments added to the white lights. Peace's nativity scene was arranged on the altar. Poinsettias and sparkling branches added a final touch. Next Christmas we must remember to invite our members, especially the children, to come up to the altar area after services for a closer look. Also not to be forgotten and most important were the meaningful spoken words from Pastor Chris and the beautiful carols and hymns played and sung by musicians and members. These memories hopefully will keep the beauty and the spirit of Christmas in our minds all year. And now February is already upon us. Lent this year begins in just three weeks on Feb. 22nd with our usual Ash Wednesday service. Communion will be observed and ashes placed on foreheads to signify that it was the ground from which we came and it is to dust that we shall return (see Genesis 3:19). This and all other Lenten services will be at 7:00 PM, with a soup supper held in advance. Plan now to include these special Lenten services in your hour schedule.

As we go from "HE WAS BORN" to "HE IS RISEN" much happened in Christ's life which allows us to sing for joy at both occasions. Blessings to all as we relive HIS life to redeem us from our sins.

Your Fellow Members of the Board of Worship

## Music Ministry Minute- February 2012

As the Christmas season winds down, we find ourselves amidst the Epiphany season and already gearing up for Transfiguration Sunday and Lent. Thanks to all of the staff and volunteer musicians who made celebrating the birth of Christ a truly wonderful time.

The Music Ministry is pleased to announce that Concordia's Christus Chorus, under the direction of Dr. David Mennicke, will be helping to lead our service with their beautiful voices on Sunday, February 26, at 10:30am. There will be a free-will offering taken at the exits following the service to help defray the costs of their upcoming concert tour to South Korea. The choir will also offer their performance CD's and tapes for sale in the Narthex service to raise additional funds.

Please join us for a small reception in the Narthex while you browse the CD's and chat with some of the students after the service about their upcoming tour. Many of you will be able to reminisce with Dr. Mennicke about his time as choir director, here at Peace quite a while ago.

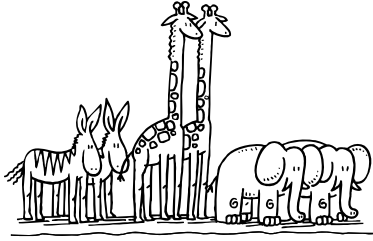
Remember, I am always looking for any musicians who would like to share their talents with the 10:30am service. There are many opportunities at the Wednesday night Lenten services, as well. It's never too late, and you're never too old praise God with music.

Musically Yours,

Leah Galaudet

Director of Music

[leah@atpeace.org](mailto:leah@atpeace.org)



## Preschool/Daycare News

Happy Valentine's month to each of you!

The seasons are flying by quickly and we will soon begin our journey once again to the cross; God's gift as a baby that we celebrated for Christmas, fulfilling for us the greatest gift, our salvation!

In this month when we focus on love, what better way is there to show love? God's love for us has no limits, He gave us His all. As we remember what He gave, may we be able, with His help, to share our love with those we meet each day.

Our lessons and activities will focus on this love.

We will learn what love is (1 Corinthians 13:4). We will make special valentines and mail them to some important people. We will experience a fun day of special games and activities for Valentines Day.

Our children will be doing some cooking projects and will be 'mailing' letters in our Post Office in the Dramatic play area.

Our daily Bible lessons will focus on Jesus ministry and teachings among His people, and learn how that applies to us as well.

We have welcomed several new children to our center this past month. We also lost a couple due to moves the families made.

Please keep our program in your prayers. Pray for God's blessing as we daily teach His lambs and pray for more children to attend and enjoy God's gifts here.

In His love,

Ms Pat

## Peace Phone Directory Changes

*If you haven't picked up a directory, please find one in the Coat Room off of the narthex.*

*As Changes come through the office they will be communicated through the newsletter each month.*

*Please make the following changes to your directory.*

*Please change or add copy in bold face*

Gary & Karen Schmidt:  
**763-536-0599**

Monty & Adrienne Notts  
**763-432-6542**

## Thank You

**Thank you to Jan Hurley for the two pine trees that adorned the welcome center this past Christmas Season.**

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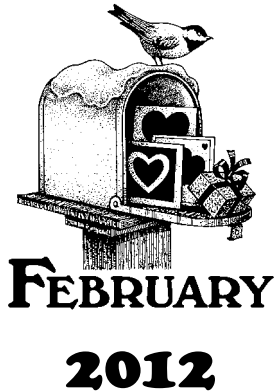
**Thank you to Denise Hainlin for the poinsettia plant that adorned the altar in loving memory of Larry Torell.**

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## Lenten Schedule



**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM

**Midweek Lenten Worship Services**  
7:00 PM on the following Wednesdays:  
February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

**Soup Suppers before Lenten Services**  
From 5:30—7:00 PM

**Palm Sunday Worship**  
Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 AM

**Maundy Thursday Worship**  
Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday**  
Friday, April 6 at 7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday Worship**  
7:30 AM & 10:30 AM