

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of April 11, 2021

In Our Prayers:

Ongoing Illness:

Pete Demos (at home)
Norm & Lilah Elowski (at home);
Lilah recovering following
hospitalization)
Peg Grulke (at home)
June Heller (at home in Holt)
Marie McDonald (at home)
Bea Mosher (at home in Gaylord)
Ruth Rothe (at home)
Shirley Wenzel (at Orchard Manor)
Norma Wirgau (at Medilodge)

Undergoing Testing/Treatment:

Sherry Enlow's god-daughter
Leanna (undergoing testing) and
Leanna's sister, Amy (recovering
from back surgery)
Dennis Fauver, friend of Rick &
Nonnie Bannasch (undergoing
testing)
Polly Haselhuhn (undergoing
chemotherapy)
Jan Latz (awaiting additional
testing)

Janet Quillen (preparing to begin
radiation treatment)

Recovering from Surgery/ Hospitalization/ Injury:

Sandi Gellar, friend of Jane
Macomber (following extensive
cancer-related surgery during the past
week)
Chuck LaLonde (recovering at home
from illness)
Ed Rothe (from a blood clot and a
broken shoulder)
Heather Scranton (recovering at
home)
Heidi Scranton (experiencing health
issues)
Linda Summers (following recent
hospitalization)

Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:

The family of Erin Saddler, niece of
Jeff Karsten (following the recent
death of her daughter, Heather
Rensberry, at just 34 years old)

Also: Teachers, school staff,
students and parents, as COVID
continues to complicate the school
year; our nation, as the COVID-19
crisis continues; our members, family
members, and friends serving in the
military, including **Jacob Hein**
(recently deployed), **Dustin Hein**
(now stationed in Tennessee), **Daniel**
Pflug (currently stationed in Virginia)
and **Robert Entenmann** (currently
stationed in Tennessee); our adopted
missionary family, **Rev. Steve and**
Martha Mahlburg and family,
serving in Sri Lanka; and our Adopt-
A-Student from Concordia Seminary,
St. Louis, **Harold Stevens**.

Serving our Congregation this AM:

Pastor: Rev. J. Derek Riddle

Organist: Dan Rothe

Elders: Jeff Karsten & Tom Dullack

Members are encouraged to bring additional prayer requests to Pastor's attention. Prayer request forms are located on the table in the narthex and may be filled out and given to Pastor or an usher, or you may drop a note in the church office or send an E-mail to peace@peacelcms.org or to Pastor directly at pastorjdriddle@gmail.com.

'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance

Needed per week - Operating and Kingdom Work – Home: \$3,258.35

Counter Sheet (4/5/21): General: \$5,632.00

Missions: \$255.00

Maint. & Improv. Fund: \$435.00

Attendance (Good Friday): 52 (Easter 7:00 am): 32, 29 Communed

(Easter 9:30 am): 131, 98 Communed

Insurance Refund: \$180.00

Easter Lily: \$10.00

Christian Education Opportunities at Peace:

Sunday School (during the service) and **Sr. High Bible Class** (pre-service), as well as **Jr. High Confirmation** (following the service), resumes today.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL....We will conclude our "Journey to the Cross" as we travel with the women on Easter morning. Imagine their feelings of grief as they mourned the death of their beloved friend, Jesus. I'm sure they had so many questions as to why He had to die. How can they go on? How can they cope with this tremendous feeling of loss? Have you experienced this kind of loss? Have you asked yourself these questions? In their grief, I would guess that their faith was faltering...human nature. However, what did they find when they arrived at the tomb? What was their reaction? Shock? Fright? Confusion? Do these feelings sound familiar? Knowing what you know of His Resurrection and the Promise of life eternal with Him in heaven, does that give you comfort? The women knew of the Love of Jesus and His Promises...You do, too....Keep the Faith. Because He Lives, You can face tomorrow.

A **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is now meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Our discussion topic is Heaven and Hell. Our current session is entitled, "The Justice of God and the Fate of the Wicked, Part 2."

A **Wednesday Evening Bible Study/Discussion** meets immediately following Wednesday Praise. We are currently reading and discussing a classic Lutheran novel by author Bo Giertz entitled, "The Hammer of God." You will best be able to participate in the discussion by obtaining a copy of the book and reading along as we go; see Pastor for details.

The **Women's Bible Study** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the basement room of St. John Lutheran Church on Monday, April 12.

This & That at Peace:

We are in the process of moving a little bit closer to "normal" on **Sunday mornings**, including celebrating Holy Communion on our regular Communion Sundays (first and third Sundays of the month). For those who are comfortable doing so, you are welcome to remove your masks once you are seated. However, please continue to wear your masks as you enter and exit and as you move around and interact with others. Please also continue to be sensitive to those around you who may not yet feel comfortable

removing their masks. Please also note that the pews in the back half of the sanctuary have been opened up in order to provide a little bit more space as attendance increases. Please continue to heed appropriate social distancing and to be sensitive to those around you, however. For those who prefer more space, half of the pews in the front portion of the sanctuary will remain roped off for the time being.

For those who prefer not to attend in person currently, all services will continue to be streamed live on our Facebook page, where they will also be available on-demand later. They will also continue to be broadcast live in the back parking lot and may be listened to by tuning to 1210 AM. They may also be viewed on-demand later by visiting our Vimeo channel. You may now access both our Vimeo channel and our livestream by visiting our web site at www.peacelcms.org and simply clicking on the appropriate button. Sermons will continue to be uploaded to our web site as soon as possible following each service, as well.

Noontime devotions are being provided live on our Facebook page most weekdays and remain available afterwards for on-demand viewing. They are also now being uploaded to our Vimeo channel, which can be accessed on our web site.

Looking for a little fun?? We're in need of a few volunteers for a fun work-bee project scheduled for this Tuesday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Shirley Haan at 734-3939.

There is a wonderful assortment of **cards that can be purchased** for fifty cents each; in fact, they have just been restocked with some new ones! The card rack is just outside of the Church Office door.

Items are always needed for the **PI County Food & Baby Pantry**...boxes are located in the narthex. Thank you!

Don't forget about our Service Project, too, where we are collecting **cleaning items for the Franklin Avenue Mission** in Flint! Examples of what is needed are in the paper sacks across from the Hygiene Pantry. Items need to be in by May 9 and will be picked up later in May. **You can also donate money if you'd like.** Drop it in the lock box or offering plate and designate "Flint Mission." Feel free to write an encouraging note to include with your items. As always, thank you for supporting these projects!

This & That from Here & There:

Homemade Sauerkraut & Roasted Pork Dinner – Rogers City VFW Post 607 is hosting this dinner on Saturday, April 17 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out). Price is \$10/meal; take-outs only. Meal includes pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, and dessert. All are welcome; proceeds will benefit the post. Questions? Contact Duane Dembny at 734-2260.

Daily Bible Reading: During 2021 you are invited to continue reading through the Old Testament, at the rate of one chapter per day. We are currently reading Jeremiah, and from there we will continue on to the rest of the prophets until we reach Malachi at the conclusion of the Old Testament. *This week's readings:* Ezekiel 5-12 (today-next Sunday). As you read, please feel free to submit your questions to Pastor any time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR April 11 - April 18, 2021

<u>Sun/11</u>	8:45-9:20am 9:30 a.m. 9:30-10:15am 11am-12:30pm	Sr. High Bible Study 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday School (Preschool thru 5 th grade) Jr. High Confirmation
<u>Mon/12</u>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (at St. John's)
<u>Tues/13</u>	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Board of Human Care Ministry Mtg. Work Bee Project (in Fellowship Hall) Board of Trustees Mtg.
<u>Wed/14</u>	9am-12pm 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7-8 p.m.	Peg's Office Hours "Heaven and Hell" Bible Study (in Fellowship Hall) Wednesday Praise "Hammer of God" Bible Study (in Fellowship Hall)
<u>Thurs/15</u>	9am-12pm	Peg's Office Hours
<u>Fri/16</u>	9am-12pm	Peg's Office Hours
<u>Sun/18</u>	8:45-9:20am 9:30 a.m. 9:30-10:15am 11am-12:30pm	Sr. High Bible Study 3rd Sunday of Easter w/ Holy Communion Sunday School (Preschool thru 5 th grade) Jr. High Confirmation