

# The Peace Post

Peace Lutheran Church ~ Alma, MI

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



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## *From the Desk of Pastor Messer* **"How a Christian Should React to the Killing of Osama bin Laden"**

*Since President Obama interrupted network television late last Sunday evening with the momentous announcement that Osama bin Laden had been killed by U.S. Special Forces, there has been endless debate among Christians regarding how they should react to the news. What follows is an excellent little essay written by a good friend of mine, Pastor Jacob Ehrhard, which faithfully answers this question.*

When news of the killing of Osama bin Laden broke, my Facebook profile was flooded with comments, mostly of joy and excitement. Mixed among them was a spattering of comments that seemed to condemn anyone celebrating bin Laden's death. A true Christian would only feel remorse and sadness that someone died. After reflecting on these thoughts, I did some study this morning (the morning after the President's announcement) and offer these thoughts on how a Christian should react to the killing of Osama bin Laden.

1. The prophet Ezekiel writes, "Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?" (Ez. 33:11) A Christian does not find delight in any person dying, except in the death of the saints. Our delight would have been in OBL's repentance.
2. God relented of His wrath and punishment for ten years following OBL's most vicious attack. He had ample time to repent of his wickedness, but showed himself time and time again to be an enemy of both the Church and the State.
3. Though we do not delight in his death, it is a cause for rejoicing.
4. After Moses and the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea and the host of Pharaoh's army was drowned, they sang, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea" (Ex 15:1). While this certainly has a spiritual meaning in Christ's victory over sin,

death, and hell, we must not forget the historical fact that the saints rejoiced over the death of their enemies. Psalm 68 says, “God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! (Ps 68:1, 3).

5. But we live in the New Testament. Jesus has died for the sins of the world. Doesn’t that mean that Christians should condemn any act of violence? First, the essence of God’s nature did not change from Old to New Testament, for it was also in the Old Testament where God says that He does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked (see point 1 above). Also, the path to salvation has not changed. Even in the Old Testament, people were saved by repentance and faith in the promise of Christ.

6. Second, Sts. Paul and Peter reaffirm that God has instituted the government to punish wickedness. “Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good” (1 Pt 2:13-14. And, “For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God...Then do what is good and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer” (Rom 13:1b, 3b-4).

7. The Lutheran Reformers also teach, “that the spiritual kingdom does not change the public state. Therefore, private remedy [i.e. personal revenge] is prohibited not by advice, but by command (Matthew 5:39; Romans 12:19). Public remedy, made through the office of the public official, is not condemned, but is commanded and is God’s work, according to Paul (Romans 13). Now the different kinds of public remedy are legal decisions, capital punishment, wars, and military service” (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XVI)

8. Luther writes, “This is why God honors the sword so highly that he says that he himself has instituted it [Rom. 13:1] and does not want men to say or think that they have invented it or instituted it. For the hand that wields this sword and kills with it is not man’s hand, but God’s; and it is not man, but God, who hangs, tortures, beheads, kills, and fights” (Martin Luther, *Whether Soldiers, Too, Can Be Saved*). See additionally, *Temporal Authority: To What Extent It Should Be Obeyed* and *On War against the Turk* (all are found in *Luther’s Works*, vols. 45 & 46).

9. How should a Christian react to the killing of Osama bin Laden? We do not delight in his death, for he was an adamant enemy of Church and State. Yet we rejoice that God has given us the sharpest sword ever borne by Caesar in the history of the world in the U.S. military. Everyone from the Commander in Chief to the special operators of the Navy Seals performed well within their vocations to protect the citizens of this country, to bring justice to a wicked man, and to carry out God’s wrath on a wrongdoer. They are all to be commended. And, as an American, there is reason to celebrate.

*Pastor Ehrhard serves as Associate Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight, Illinois*



## Save University Lutheran Chapel!



# UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL

## LC-MS CAMPUS MINISTRY & STUDENT CENTER

### AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

#### A Brief Overview

On April 19th, 2011, the Minnesota South (MNS) District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod unveiled a plan to "expand campus ministry" within the District. The keystone of the plan is to sell the chapel of University Lutheran Chapel and use the money to start other campus outreach posts at schools around the state. The rationale being that buildings cost too much money to maintain, and that church buildings really have nothing to do with mission work.

We at University Lutheran Chapel believe our chapel building is extremely important to our work of campus ministry at the University of Minnesota and to the life of our congregation.

#### Why should you care?

University Lutheran Chapel is the only LC-MS congregation near the University of Minnesota and is extremely important to the spiritual welfare of our students and for outreach to those whom Christ would call to faith from the campus community. ULC is not only important to our students at the U of M, but also to our entire church body. Our chapel is a flagship ministry in the LC-MS. We are one of the campus ministries that others look to for how faithful and successful campus ministry can be done. ULC impacts the entire synod through our students who leave our chapel to become leaders in churches throughout the world.

#### Consider the following:

- ULC's campus ministry is one of the synod's oldest, having been active on the U of M campus since 1925, and in its current chapel since it was built in 1949/50.
- ULC has sent 26 men to seminary over the tenure of pastors Pless and Kind. She has also had students become deaconesses, Lutheran school teachers, LC-MS camp directors, missionaries, etc.
- ULC has had students and members who have done mission work in Haiti, in Kenya, in New Orleans, in South America and in many other places around the world.
- ULC provides confessionally faithful and liturgical services to students throughout the year, numerous catechetical opportunities, Bible studies, social events, outreach events, and community service opportunities.
- ULC is the only congregation in the city of Minneapolis that has shown consistent numeric growth (members, attendance & giving).
- ULC as a congregation has become home to many young families throughout the Twin Cities metro area, with a thriving Sunday School, VBS program, confirmation classes, youth group, choir, etc.
- ULC has worked very hard to become self-supporting and now costs the MNS South District very, very little to operate (see "MNS District's Campus Ministry Budget" at the right of this page. Please note that based on this budget it is not zero dollars as previously reported, but still a relatively small amount of money. We are sorry for any confusion on this.)

#### What can you do?

Contact the MNS District Board of Directors, MNS District President and MNS Mission Executive and let them know that you oppose the selling of University Lutheran Chapel. You can contact the Board of Directors by letter: MNS District, LC-MS, c/o President Seitz, 14301 Grand Ave. South, Burnsville, MN 55306. The District President, Rev. Dr. Lane Seitz can be contacted at [mnsPRES@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:mnsPRES@mnsdistrict.org) or 952-223-2150; the Mission Executive, Rev. Peter Meier, can be contacted at [peter.meier@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:peter.meier@mnsdistrict.org) or 952-223-2151.

Above all else, you can join us in praying that the Lord will uphold this congregation and her students in the midst of all of this; for as He has said, even the gates of Hell shall not prevail against His Holy Church.

*For more information, including several documents related to this matter, please visit:*  
<http://www.ulcmn.org/Files/Pages/SaveULC.html>

## Sacred Meditations by Johann Gerhard



### MEDITATION VIII: The Certainty of Our Salvation

*A Good Hope Cannot Be Confounded*

What disturbs you, my soul? What do you still doubt about the God's mercy? Remember your Creator, who created you without you, who formed your body in secret when your frame was formed in the depths of the earth (Psalm 139:15).<sup>43</sup> Would he who undertook your care when you did not yet exist, who fashioned you according to his image, not also act with concern for you in things now? I am the creation of God. I turn to my Creator. But even if my nature has been infected by the devil, if I have been injured and wounded by robbers, that is to say by sins, nevertheless my Creator still lives. The One who created me will also be able to restore me. He

who created me without any evil will be able to raise me up from every evil, that is, from the suggestion of the devil, the transgression of Adam, which is also properly my own action, having entered into me and worked through my whole substance.

My Creator will be able to restore me, provided that he merely wishes to do so. Surely he wants to for who indeed has hatred for his own work? Are we not in his presence as clay in the hands of the potter (Jeremiah 18:6)? Even if he would have hatred for me, he doubtless created me out of nothing. "He is the Savior of all, most especially of those who believe" (1 Timothy 4:10). Very marvelously I am created. Most marvelously I am redeemed. It never has shone forth more clearly that the Lord loves us, than in his passion and wounds. Truly that one, on account of whom the one and only Son has been sent out from the bosom of the Father, is loved by him. In addition, if you do not desire my salvation, Lord Jesus, why did you descend from heaven? Indeed, you have descended into the earth, into death, into the cross. So that the slave may be redeemed, the Son has been seized. Certainly then the human race has been embraced with a great Love, who on account of the redemption of the human race, handed over His Son to be afflicted, beaten, and crucified.

He who has redeemed us is truly beloved in every way, and very precious. Beloved therefore and great is the compassion of the Redeemer. Anyone can see that God loved his chosen sons with a very equitable love, with his one and only Son. To whom, indeed, may we extend something dearer than that which has been extended to us?<sup>44</sup> In order that he might have adopted sons, he did not spare his natural and co-essential Son. How great it is then that he has prepared mansions for us in his heavenly house by giving his Son, "in whom is all the fullness of the deity" (John 14:2; Colossians 2:9)? Certainly where the fullness of the deity is, there also is the fullness of eternal life and glory. For if in Christ He has given the fullness of eternal life,<sup>45</sup> how will he deny even the smallest part of it? Surely, the heavenly Father has embraced his adopted sons with a great love on account of which he handed over his one and only Son. Surely the Son, who handed himself for our sake, has enveloped us with a great love. In order to make us wealthy he endured extreme poverty. He indeed had nowhere to rest his head (Matthew 8:20). In order to make us sons of God he himself was born a man. He also did not once despise working for us after he had accomplished our redemption but still intercedes for us since he is seated at the right hand of the Divine Majesty (Romans 8:34). What necessary for my salvation will I not receive since the one obtaining salvation has bestowed it upon me? How will the Father despise the Son who has become obedient to Him all the way to death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8)? How will the Father reject the Son from whom He has already accepted the ransom?

Although my sins accuse me, I trust in this Intercessor. He who excuses is greater than he who accuses. Although my weaknesses terrify me, I glory in his strength. Although Satan accuses me, this Mediator now excuses me. Although heaven and earth and my iniquities mark me as a criminal, it suffices for me that the Creator of heaven and earth and righteousness itself makes supplication for me. It suffices for me to know the Merit whom my merit could not substitute.<sup>46</sup> It suffices for me to have propitiation from him whom alone I have sinned against. Whatever he has determined not to impute will thus be as if it had never happened. Neither does it trouble me that my sins are serious, various, and often repeated. Indeed, unless I am overwhelmed with sin, I would not desire His righteousness. Unless I have a disease, I would not seek the help of medicine. He is the Physician (Matthew 9:12). He is the Savior (Matthew 1:21). He is Righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30). "He is not able to disown himself" (2 Timothy 2:13). Have mercy on me, O Medicine, O Savior, O Righteousness, Amen.

## Synopsis of April 5, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

### Call To Order & Opening Prayer

- Elder Zeile called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present: Carol Zeile, Dave Zeile, Chris Brown, Gary Miller, Sharyn Greening, Carolyn Johnson, Vern Jakolat, Larry Elliott and Cassie Tennant. Pastor Messer was also present.

### Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve Carolyn Johnson, supported by Gary Miller, motion carried unanimously

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Elder Elliott supported by Gary Miller to approve the March 1st meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### Report(s)

- **Pastor** – Pastor Messer presented the attached report. The Council received the report into record; **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached report; **Financial Secretary** – Quarterly reports to be delivered April 10th.
- **Boards:** **Board of Elders** – Elder Zeile has been appointed as Chair. Clarification requested on the policy regarding the counting of money. Elder Zeile will discuss with Elders at their next meeting; **Board of Trustees** – Parking lot to be repaired this summer, need volunteers and funding, Elder Elliott will put together an estimate for May meeting. Business with Orkin will continue but we are now on a bimonthly rotation, any bug issues should be reported to Trustee Jakolat. Gary Miller and Chris Brown will maintain lawn again this year; Chris Brown and Darin Johnson are waiting for nicer weather to repair the roof. Vern will contact Coaline, Ladies Guild, about setting a Spring Cleaning Day; **Board of Christian Education** – VBS scheduled for June 20-24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday school ends June 5th; **Board of Evangelism** – Next meeting May 5th, Mexican dinner raised \$106; **Board of Stewardship** – Bill Harmon has resigned as Chair and Larry Elliott has been appointed as the new chair. March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting was a brainstorming session, Larry will be contacting youth about areas where they can get involved. Next meeting is April 26th;
- **Organization and Committee Reports:** **Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – making plans for Easter services; **Peace Youth Group** – No report.

**Business** - No new business

**General Comments** - No comments

### Adjournment & Closing Prayer

- Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Trustee Jakolat, adjourn at 7:58pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Tennant, Secretary

## Update from the Treasurer

For those of you who were unable to attend, following is the income and expenses report presented at the May 1, 2011 Voters' Assembly. Please see me if you have any questions.

In Christ,  
Carol Zeile, Treasurer

### Peace Lutheran Church Income and Expenses 2011

**As of 4/30/11**

	Total Actual	Total Budgeted	Difference	YTD Budgeted	Difference
<u>Income</u>					
Offering	\$29,275.55	\$108,005.00	\$78,729.45	\$35,309.33	\$6,033.78
Rental Income : City	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rental Income : Weight Watchers	\$360.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,200.00	\$510.00	\$150.00
Total Income	\$29,635.55	\$109,565.00	\$79,929.45	\$35,819.33	\$6,183.78
<u>Expense</u>					
Church and Worship : Altar & Worship	\$783.65	\$1,000.00	\$216.35	\$326.92	(\$456.73)
Church and Worship : Christian Ed.	\$113.42	\$400.00	\$286.58	\$130.77	\$17.35
Church and Worship : Music	\$375.00	\$1,300.00	\$925.00	\$425.00	\$50.00
Missions : Issues, etc.	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$130.77	(\$269.23)
Operating Expense : Admin. Asst.	\$1,700.00	\$5,200.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00
Operating Expense : Building Maintenance	\$262.62	\$1,000.00	\$737.38	\$326.92	\$64.30
Operating Expense : Insurance	\$379.50	\$2,000.00	\$1,620.50	\$653.85	\$274.35
Operating Expense : Office Expense	\$572.20	\$900.00	\$327.80	\$294.23	(\$277.97)
Operating Expense : Photocopier	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$523.08	\$523.08
Operating Expense : Telephone	\$395.34	\$1,600.00	\$1,204.66	\$523.08	\$127.74
Operating Expense : Utilities	\$2,584.16	\$5,000.00	\$2,415.84	\$1,634.62	(\$949.54)
Pastoral Expense : Benefit Package	\$7,995.08	\$23,000.00	\$15,004.92	\$7,519.23	(\$475.85)
Pastoral Expense : Book Allowance	\$155.75	\$500.00	\$344.25	\$163.46	\$7.71
Pastoral Expense : Conf. and Training	\$255.55	\$1,000.00	\$744.45	\$326.92	\$71.37
Pastoral Expense : Down Payment Loan	\$740.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,480.00	\$725.77	(\$14.23)
Pastoral Expense : Guest Pastors	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$65.38	\$65.38
Pastoral Expense : Mileage	\$330.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$653.85	\$323.85
Pastoral Expense : Salary	\$20,192.00	\$60,245.00	\$40,053.00	\$19,695.48	(\$496.52)
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$37,234.27	\$109,565.00	\$72,330.73	\$35,819.33	(\$1,414.94)
Total	(\$7,598.72)	\$0.00	\$7,598.72	\$0.00	\$7,598.72



# PEACE NEWS & NOTES



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Spring is here so Summer and Vacation Bible School will be here soon! The Board of Christian Education has chosen the program "River of Life" provided by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. VBS will take place June 20-24 from 9:00-12:00 for preschool to age 12. We will need volunteers in the following areas:

- Teachers
- Teacher assistants
- Decorating
- Printing student materials
- Providing snacks or menu items for the closing lunch
- Providing craft materials
- Donations to help defray costs

Please be thinking of children in your family/extended family, friends or children in your neighborhood you could encourage to attend VBS in June.

See Sharyn Greening for any questions you may have or to volunteer.



## Confirmation Sunday

**Sunday, May 22**

**Service of Public Questioning**

**@ 8:30 a.m.**

**(Please join us for this!)**

**Rite of Confirmation during  
Divine Service**

**Sierra Luplow and Aaron Messer are our  
Confirmands this year; please keep them in  
your prayers as they complete their studies!**

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

*Will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, May 16 at the China Garden Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. We will meet at church to carpool, leaving at 1:00 pm. All ladies of Peace are welcome and also may invite a guest - someone without a church or someone living alone. Please enter your name on the signup list posted in Fellowship Hall. We have a wonderful time together. Please join us!*

## SALT NEWS

### BOWLING NIGHT

Friday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

\$5 unlimited bowling; \$2 shoes

Everyone Invited!

See SALT bulletin board for more details!

### CAMPING WEEKEND

July 15-16

Wilson State Park in Harrison, MI

Spend the day with your church family  
on Saturday (July 16) for food, fun, and  
fellowship!

### LUGNUTS BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, August 14, 2:05 pm

Kids Day

See Postings for Info and Signup

### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. If you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad, please contact Carolyn Johnson (email [ckj1969@yahoo.com](mailto:ckj1969@yahoo.com) or telephone 463-3052).

Check the SALT bulletin board for more info and announcements! SALT will meet during the summer as needed, resuming regular monthly meetings in September.



## TABLE TALK

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Plus, THEY'RE FUN! Our next Table Talk will take place in June (not May, as previously announced) around the campfire at Pastor Messer's house. Look for date and details in next month's newsletter. We hope you'll be able to join us!

# PEACE NEWS & NOTES CONT'D



## Baby Bottle Boomerang

### Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County

#### Baby Bottle Boomerang

Begins Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8

Ends Father's Day

Sunday, June 19

We have a wonderful opportunity to support Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County and their many life affirming programs. Please see their display and take a bottle home on Mother's Day, fill it with your spare change, cash or a check and return it to church on Father's Day.

*Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County is a faith based ministry that exists to affirm life by educating and supporting those who are facing unplanned pregnancies. Facilitating hope and healing for those who have experienced an abortion, and empowering unmarried individuals to choose a life of sexual integrity.*

*Life Begins at Conception!*

*Support Life!*

## BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST!

We were blessed to witness the Holy Baptisms of Savannah and Farrah Blair during our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 23.





# Ladies Guild

## Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will meet on **Monday, May 2 at 1 pm**. Hostess will be Sally Pease. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

## PLC Women's Prayer Chain

The current list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

## Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2011 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar and contact the church office with any information that you wish to have included in the bulletin. If there is a specific date in the month that commemorates an occasion, please also enter that date. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel.

## PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are now available; price is \$13.00 and can be purchased during fellowship time from any member of the Guild. There are flyers available in the fellowship hall to be used for posting on bulletin boards at grocery stores, offices, and the like. You may use your phone number for contact information or Coaline's name and number. Questions, ask a member of the Guild.

## LADIES GUILD ON THE WEB

Ladies Guild coffee hostesses, Altar Guild assignments and Ladies Guild events appear on the Peace website. See [www.peacealma.org](http://www.peacealma.org) and click Ladies Guild.

## PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

For the next portion of the Lutheran World Relief project, the Ladies Guild is asking for your help in supplying the following personal care items:

hand towels  
wash cloths  
toothbrushes  
combs (wide tooth)  
metal nail files  
nail clippers (w/file attached)  
band aids (1/2 to 2/4 ")  
soap (bath size bar)

Collection period: April 1 to June 30

## LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour. We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



### May

M.Miller/C.Dargie

### June

#### Altar Care

C. Zeile/J. Harmon

#### Coffee Hostesses

- 1 Coaline Luplow
- 8 Gretchen Harrison
- 15 M.Isaksson/H.Meyers
- 22 Mary Jakolat

- 5 Tina Schafer
- 12 Peace Youth Group
- 19 Lois Ramsey
- 26 S.Greening/M.Brown

### July

Lois Ramsey

- 3 Carol Zeile
- 10 Andrea Elliott
- 17 Dorothy Trgina
- 24 Mary Jakolat
- 31 Jenny Baughman



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

## Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School (studying Sunday's Gospel) and Adult Bible Class (currently studying *Galatians*) is offered on **Sundays at 11 am.**

## Together in the Word

- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 am.** We are currently studying *Ruth*. All are welcome to join us!

## Christian History 101

- Weekly Wednesday classes meet at 6 pm, followed by Divine Service at 7 pm (during Advent and Lent, class is at 5 pm).

## First Communion and Confirmation Classes

- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation Class for our 2nd-year confirmands (Sierra Luplow and Aaron Messer) meets on Thursdays at 5 pm. (no 1st-year confirmands this year).



## The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Thursday, June 2**

**Divine Service**

**7:00 P.M.**

**This is a High Feast Day!**

**You should be there!**

## Atheism

The belief that there was nothing and nothing happened to nothing and then nothing magically exploded for no reason, creating everything and then a bunch of everything magically rearranged itself for no reason what so ever into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

Makes perfect sense.

*And WE'RE the crazy ones?!*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### MAY

**Happy Birthday to:**

2 Natalie Penzien	29 Brandy Pease
4 LeRoy Isaksson	29 Gordon Slick
4 Daren Johnson	30 Benjamin Elliott
10 Mary Girard	31 Aaron Messer
21 Paige Harwager	

**Happy Anniversary to:**

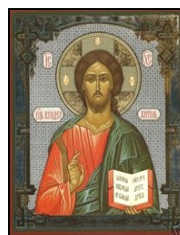
10 Dick and Dorothy Wiser

*If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.*

## TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN!

Listen to what you want, when you want, at:

[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)



## PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

[www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com](http://www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com)

*Check in from time to time to see what's on his mind.*

## PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 5/1/11)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 134; Confirmed - 114

Membership gains: 2

Savannah and Farrah Blair - Baptized at Easter Vigil on 4/23/11

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report as of 5/1/2011

YTD Budgeted ..... \$ 37,926.00















YTD Receipts..... \$ 30,357.50

Difference ..... \$ - 7,568.50

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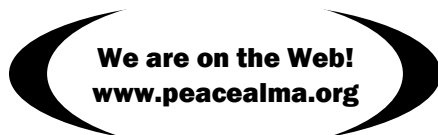
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Quasimodo Geniti (Easter 2)</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship <b>11:00 - VOTERS' ASSEMBLY</b> 	2 1 pm - Ladies Guild 	3 7 pm - Church Council	4 6 pm - Christian History <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>Easter Tuesday (Obs.)</i> 	5 10 am - Together in Word <b>12 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>Feast of Sts. Philip and James</i> 5 pm - WW 5 pm - Conf. 6:30 pm - SALT 	6 	7 
<b>8 Misericordias Domini (Easter 3)</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS <b>Mother's Day</b> 	9 	10 7 pm - Elders	11 6 pm - Christ. Hist. <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>Easter Wednesday (Obs.)</i> 	12 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 5 pm - Confirmation Class	13 	14 
<b>15 Jubilate (Easter 4)</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS 	16 1:30 pm - Lunch Bunch 7 pm - Church Council	17 	18 6 pm - Christian History <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>C.F.W. Walther (Observed)</i> 	19 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 5 pm - Confirmation Class	20 7 pm - BOWLING NIGHT	21 
<b>22 Cantate (Easter 5)</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 8:30 - Service of Public Questioning <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS 	23 	24 	25 6 pm - Christian History <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>St. Bede the Venerable</i> 	26 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers	27 	28 
<b>29 Rogate (Easter 6)</b> <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS 	30  <b>Remember Our Veterans</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	31 7 pm - Stewardship <div>Newsletter articles due</div>	<b>JUNE 1</b> 6 pm - Christian History <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> 	2 10 am - Together in Word <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <b>Ascension of Our Lord</b> 5 pm - WW 	3 	4 

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## *Serving in May*

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
<b>May</b>				
1 - 9:30 am ( <i>Quasimodo Geniti - Easter 2</i> )	Terry Luplow	Myka Luplow Natalie Penzien	Jonathan Penzien Chris Brown	LeRoy and Maxine Isaksson
8 - 9:30 am ( <i>Misericordias Domini - Easter 3</i> )	Miguel Ortiz	Paige Harwager Melanie Penzien	James Sager Daren Johnson	Helen Meyers
15 - 9:30 am ( <i>Jubilate - Easter 4</i> )	David Zeile	Aaron Messer Morgan Johnson	Kevin Sellke Phillip Schafer	Miguel and Susan Ortiz
22 - 9:30 am ( <i>Cantate - Easter 5</i> )	Larry Elliott	Samantha Messer	Miguel Ortiz Chris Brown	Jon Penzien and Family
29 - 9:30 am ( <i>Rogate - Easter 6</i> )	Terry Luplow	Myka Luplow Natalie Penzien	Tyrel Harwager Vern Jakolat	James and Janice Sager
<b>June</b>				
2 - 7:00 pm ( <i>Feast of the Ascension</i> )	Larry Elliott	Aaron Messer	Vern Jakolat	
5 - 9:30 am ( <i>Exaudi - Easter 7</i> )	Miguel Ortiz	Paige Harwager Melanie Penzien	Gary Miller Jonathan Penzien	Dorothy Trgina

*"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" (Eph. 6:7)*