

The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, April 2017

FROM PASTOR STEVE

This year it feels like the weather has been spring for a long time. In March we were mowing lawns and trees were budding. By the time you read this it will be April, and Easter comes on the 16th.

Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday; some still call it Palm Sunday. This year at all services on this Sunday we will hear the passion read. It will recap our focus for all of Lent: *What Wondrous Love is This*.

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 13, we will worship at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday is a night of great passion. This is the night Jesus washed his disciple's feet. However, in our worship this night, we will experience his passion through two key events: the Lord's Supper and Stripping the Altar. Stripping the altar, the final act of the Maundy Thursday liturgy, has both practical and symbolic value for the Church's worship. Practically, it sets the stark stage for Good Friday. Symbolically, it represents the indignation Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers, specifically the stripping of His garments in the humiliation of the crucifixion. We remove the altar's ornaments and clothing in remembrance of that violent deed.

On **Good Friday**, April 14, we will worship at 7:00 p.m. We plan to have a service of Tenebrae as in past years. Tenebrae literally means "the darkening." As with each nocturne, we physically experience the sanctuary darkening, and we ponder Jesus's sacrifice for us. The service ends with the removal of the Christ candle and the *Streptis* (earthquake). Finally, the candle will be brought in illuminating the hope we have in the resurrection of our Lord.

Easter services will celebrate Christ's resurrection at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday! We invite everyone to come to the Easter Brunch between services in the fellowship hall and the subsequent Easter egg hunt for the little ones out in the back yard of the church at the appropriate time.

God is good -- all the time, and all the time -- God is Good. Many times we experience that through other people. On Ash Wednesday our projectors were knocked out, dead. We announced this and asked for people to give to this cause. We needed approximately \$12,000. Thank you for your overwhelming response! In two weeks we are more than three quarters of the way there. Thank you for your gifts. If you are planning to make a donation, we can still use it. Thanks again for being so generous with this need in our church!

Peace and Love,
Pastor Steve

FROM PASTOR CAREY

HUNGER IS THE WORLD'S #1 HEALTH RISK!

Every minute 16 people around the world die from starvation.

Here in the United States, 1 in 6 families struggle with hunger.

Hunger kills more people than AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis combined.

1 in 7 people in the world live with daily hunger.

1 in 3 children are starving right now.

15 million children die from starvation every year.

98% of hungry people in the world live in developing countries, but even in the United States 14.5% of households experience food insecurity.

Hunger related issues spill over into struggles with housing, safety, education, mental health, spirit, community: all aspects of life.

The challenge is how do we, as individuals and as a faith community, respond to the struggle of hunger.

Our **food and hygiene pantry is hosted here at Peace** on the last two Saturdays of the month. Talk to Amber Spragg to learn more or to volunteer at the food pantry.

We participate in the **Community Dinner** at Christ Lutheran Church in downtown Dayton once a month. Talk to Marlene Fosheim to learn more or to volunteer at the community dinner.

We also support **Interfaith Hospitality Network** by providing meals and overnight hosts at the Schneider House of Hope Office. Talk to Pam Gale or Connie Leimbach to learn more or to volunteer at the Schneider House of Hope.

We also support **Feed the Creek** which provides weekend food bags for students in the Beavercreek Public School System. Call 937-426-3926 to learn more.

Also, on **April 22 from 9:00am – 12:00pm** we will have the opportunity to join our Youth (6th – 12th grade) for their **Food Packaging Event with Harvest Pack**.

Harvest Pack brings together the community to help package meals for those who are hungry. Last year, Peace's Youth Group packaged 7,500 meals that went down to a local distributor in Cincinnati to help feed families right here in Ohio. This year we plan to pack 10,000 meals on April 22 from 9:00am to 12:00pm to help make a difference for those living in hunger. Each meal pack that we will be preparing contains six servings of a vitamin-packed, protein-rich meal that can be prepared with boiling water. They also contain rice which is the most recognized food on earth. These meals cost \$0.25 (that's all, 25 cents). They can be sent overseas to Haiti, Guatemala, Tanzania, Philippines, or they can be sent to another community right here in Ohio.



CONTINUATION OF PASTOR CAREY'S ARTICLE

This is an opportunity for us as a congregation to come together to live into our baptismal covenant with God to: **live** among God's faithful people, **serve** others following Jesus' example and **strive** for justice in the world.

If you can't come on Saturday morning, please know that Harvest Pack will deliver a shipment on a pallet and we will need volunteers during the week to come and help us move food into our building. We will also need some early risers on Saturday morning around 8:00am to get everything all set up so that we are prepared to pack food starting at 9:00am.

Come and join us for a memorable service event!

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, ^[g] you did it to me.'"

Matthew 25:34-41

FROM LINDA LALLY

A big THANK YOU to Al Gunderson and Bob Bader for designing the crown of thorns hanging in the front of the sanctuary.

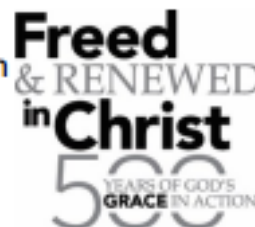
HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.
 Easter: Saturday at 5:15 p.m.
 Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

REFORMATION CORNER

Through the season of Lent, our Wednesday 12:10 p.m. services will be focused on a different part of Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Join us for worship. A soup lunch will follow beginning March 8.

Watch this space for information about a Reformation concert coming in May.



FINANCIAL STANDINGS

February 2016

GOAL	\$59,784
INCOME	\$53,782
EXPENSES	\$61,696

February 2017

GOAL	\$55,856
INCOME	\$50,493
EXPENSES	\$63,279



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:15 p.m.

Praise Service

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

Heritage Service

9:30 a.m.

Faith Formation

10:45 a.m.

Celebration Service

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