

HERALD OF PEACE

Vol. 15 No. 3

March 2017

5590 Kings Highway, King George, VA 22485

540-775-9131

PLC@PeaceLutheranKGVA.org

PeaceLutheranKGVA.org

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to serve God by sharing Christ's love in order to make a difference in people's lives.



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

MARCH 2017

Some of you may be wondering, "What happened to Lent?" Usually by the time the March edition of *The Herald of Peace* comes out, we're about halfway through our annual six-week penitential season, which leads up to Holy Week and Easter. This year, thanks to the late arrival of the full moon after spring begins, we have to wait until April 16th to shout "The Lord is Risen, indeed! Hallelujah!" Therefore, Ash Wednesday does not fall until March 1, and, yes, we are again having special Midweek Lenten services (see below for details on these services).

The forty days leading up to Easter (don't count Sundays) give us a great opportunity to concentrate on the reason God decided that we need a Good Friday and Easter: OUR SINS! Yes, I know that each Sunday worship begins with a confession and absolution, but Lent helps us to delve a little deeper into our need to repent and receive God's forgiveness which comes to us because of His grace centered in Jesus.

Our Lenten services this year will assist us in this endeavor by concentrating on the various people associated with the Passion account who are facing a "Crossroad" in their relationship with God. On Ash Wednesday, we see how King David is led by God to admit his sins, and to seek God's forgiveness. We'll grieve as we realize that the devil led Judas not only to betray Jesus, but to think his sin was unforgivable. Next is Pontius Pilate and his cowardly choice to not decide about the accused "Criminal" standing before him.

The theme of choice continues in week three, by looking at Jesus' compassion, even for those who were arresting Him when He heals the wounded servant of the high priest. We can't forget Peter, whose fear caused him to make a declaration of NOT knowing Jesus. And finally in week five, we again watch Jesus' completion of His pledge of obedience to His Father's will in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Join your fellow worshipers as we relate to these accounts in the Bible, because we are all called to look to Jesus and His great love for us, as we face the various "Crossroads" of life.

In His Service,

Terry Naumann

Dates and Events in March

March 1 - Ash Wednesday* *7 pm Lenten Worship: March 9, 16, 23, 30

March 12 - Daylight Savings Ends (Spring forward)

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day* *March 20 - Spring Begins

March 25 - Annunciation of Our Lord

THANK YOU!

Renee and I would like to thank all who have expressed their sympathy over the loss of my brother, Paul, who died on February 13th. Your prayers, kind words and greeting cards have been a blessing to us as we go through this difficult time. Please continue to remember us and especially my brother's son Dylan in your prayers. The funeral service and visitation are being held in Reading, Pennsylvania on February 22nd.

Pastor Terry Naumann

AT THE CROSSROADS

A Series of Special Midweek Services for Lent

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, and continuing on subsequent Thursdays.

Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a *crossroads* and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads help us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and His cross lead us to decide the path of God's will for us.

- **Ash Wednesday** (March 1)— *Confession* • Psalm 32:1-5 As a model for us, the psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord. We are called to confess our sins to the Son of David and find forgiveness in Him.
- **Week 1** (Thursday, March 9)— *Betrayal* • John 13:21-30 • When Judas Iscariot comes to the point where he must either listen to Jesus or listen to the devil, he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted by satan to betray our Lord, we gain strength from our Savior to say "No" to the devil.
- **Week 2** (Thursday, March 16)— *Judgment* • Matthew 27:11-26 • When Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgment call about Jesus, his decision not to decide results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ to make definitive judgment calls in our lives.
- **Week 3** (Thursday, March 23) — *Compassion* • Luke 22:47-51 • When Jesus is taken into custody, He chooses to show compassion to a wounded participant in the arrest. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those whom we might consider our enemies.

- **Week 4** (Thursday, March 30) — **Declaration** • Luke 22:54-62 • When Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus, he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ.
- **Week 5** (Thursday, April 13) — **Obedience** • Matthew 26:36-46 • When Jesus nears the time when He must die for our sins, He asks His Father if the cup might pass from Him. But when the time comes, He obeys His Father's will. When we are called upon to follow God's will, we are also led by the Holy Spirit to obey.

Each of these services begins at 7 p.m.

Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will be offered at the Ash Wednesday Service.

Join us for Chili Cook Off and Dinner!

Saturday March 18th, 4:30-6:30 pm

We are looking for Cooks and Consumers of Chili!! Entry info is in the Narthex. With your purchased ticket you may sample different interpretations of chili, and VOTE for your favorite. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!! Drinks, hot dogs and desserts will also be available for purchase. POC Hazel Baseler: 540-775-0493

ALL proceeds benefit VBS 2017.

Bring your family and invite your friends to this spicy event!



Summer Sunday School

Looking ahead to summer break...and giving our dedicated weekly Sunday School teachers a well-deserved break. We are seeking **YOUR** help and caring for our children during the Sunday school hour. If no one signs up we will **NOT** have summer Sunday school. Information is in the Narthex

on the Education Board. June 18, 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23

Thank you in advance for your service!



VBS July 24-28 9-11:30, "Mighty Fortress"

We are looking for help for that week, organizing and decorating prior and supplies! Please **MARK** your calendarsthis is our **LARGEST** outreach from our congregation. Working together we can make this a **SUCCESS!**

POC: Hazel Baseler

DID YOU KNOW . . . that your tax return could be the perfect start to a Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) StewardAccount®? This money market type account has a tiered interest rate as your balance grows, with funds accessible through checks or a Visa debit card. It's an easy way to use Uncle Sam's gift to earn interest and to help build ministry! For more information and an investment application, please see Stan Meyerhoff or visit lcef.org.



Peace Christian Preschool

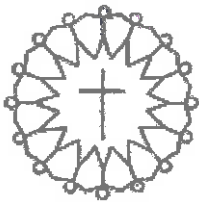
March 2017

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the last 1/3 of the school year! The boys and girls have really progressed in the past 6 months and are having fun playing, learning and growing in their love of Jesus Christ. What a joy it is for all of us who see them each week and to witness this growth!

We have been learning that Jesus loves us and calls us to love one another. We have just enjoyed making and mailing Valentines to our parents and having Valentine parties in our classrooms. We also enjoyed and learned from visits from therapy dogs and made dog treats for our visitors, the shelter dogs and our pets at home.

We look forward to March when we will start to leave those cold weather topics and begin to focus on spring. We will have fun with Dr. Seuss, learn about St. Patrick's Day, dental health, firefighters and continue to work on surprises for our mothers and the Mother's Day tea. Most importantly, we continue to learn about Jesus' miracles and the events leading up to Easter.

Registration for next year continues. Please tell those you know with preschoolers about our program. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers for this ministry of Peace.



The staff of Peace Christian Preschool:

Wendy Brooks and Tina Boyd
Johnna Seale and Bethany Husson
Christine Turro and Terri Crocker
Connie Tanner and Tracy Sullins

New Dinner Schedule for 2017



**BRISBEN
CENTER**

built by love

It is time to decide which month you want to help with or plan! The dates in 2017 are April 5, June 7, August 30, and October 4. Generally 5-6 people plan, shop, prepare, and serve dinner to around 80 residents, and if enough food is prepared, to some homeless. Peace has been participating for many years with this, and teens over 16 are allowed to assist in preparation, while early teens may help serve. POC is Kathy Zimmerman

Time and Talents Survey

Dear Families of Peace,

As you are probably aware, Peace did an “envisioning” event on Feb. 10th and 11th in which we discussed how we as a church can grow and share Christ’s Gospel with more people. One of the ideas which came out of that discussion was a discovery process, whereby we seek to find the talents which God has blessed us with in our congregation. To that end, we have come up with a “time and talents” survey, which we would like everyone to fill out. Watch your email or visit Peace’s website ; check the Narthex or go to “The News of Peace” newsletter for your copy. After you complete the survey, please put it in the envelope that is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours in Christ, Your PLC Family

+ Bible quiz +



In Luke’s gospel, as Jesus prepared to enter the city, Jesus said that He thought many in Jerusalem would not accept Him and His ministry. Even so, He said that He had the desire to “gather your children together as a _____, and you were not willing!”

Which statement below belongs in the blank above?

- A. mother dog gathers her pups to her side
 B. hen gathers her brood under her wings
 C. father protects his wife and his children D. shepherd gathers his flock
 (The answer is in Luke 13:34, NRSV, and last page)

Do you want to go to heaven?



Sunday school teacher: “How many of you children want to go to heaven?”


Everyone raised a hand except one little boy.

Teacher to the boy: “Johnny, don’t you want to go to heaven?”

Johnny: “I can’t. Mother told me to come home right after Sunday school.”

Remember Who Made Us


We have forgotten the gracious hand which has preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving Grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. —Abraham Lincoln



Just for KIDS

Remember to Pray

There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philemon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.



Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

" R Z O D Z B H G S Z M P N B
T L W Z H R I V N V N Y V I
B L F R M N B K I Z B V I H"

... Philemon 1:4, NIV

Answer: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers

A PRAYER REMINDER

Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

What you need:

- 2 sheets of 8½" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)

What to do:

1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger.
4. Write a message on each finger:
(Pointer finger) God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)
(Middle finger) Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)
(Ring finger) Sick and old people
(Pinky finger) Myself
(Thumb) My family
5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.

Quiz answer: B

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Thank you very much!

Time and Talent Survey

Arts

- Sing in a group
- Liturgical dance
- Play an instrument
- Direct musicals or plays
- Direct children's choirs
- Work with sound or lighting
- Work with multi-media
- Make videos
- Build drama sets
- Acting
- Work with puppets
- Sewing
- Make banners
- Woodworking
- Use calligraphy
- Photography
- Maintain bulletin boards
- Arrange flowers
- Designing/graphic arts
- Knitting/Crocheting
- Using sign language

Helping Others

- Make hospital visits
- Prepare or supply meals
- Write letters or notes
- Provide transportation
- Visit homebound members
- Organize local mission work
- Speak a foreign language

Fun/Recreational

- Book Club
- Cooking/Baking
- Women's Group
- Men's Group
- Youth Group
- Bible Study
- Small Group
- Food Pantry ministry

Faculty Ministries

- Teaching
 - Elementary
 - Youth
 - Adult
- Substitute teaching
- Nursery assistance
- Food/Snack Prep
- Serve in Children's Ministry
- Serve in Youth Ministry
- Vacation Bible Camp
- Church-wide event planning

Service in Worship

- Greeting/Ushering
- Parking attendant
- Help with Children's Time
- Help to set up Holy Communion
- Help to serve Holy Communion
- Set up the altar

General Care

- Gardening or landscaping
- Lawn maintenance
- Painting
- General repairs
- Flooring
- Room set up
- Dry wall
- Electrical
- Plumbing

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>26</p> <p>Transfiguration of 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Traditional 12pm - Voters' Mtg.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday 5:30pm - Pancake 7pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7pm - Ash</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am - Adult Bible 7pm - Council Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Teen Grp. @ Planet Wisdom</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Traditional</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7pm - Preschool</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm - Adult Bible 7pm - A&Fin. Mtg. 7pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7pm - Junior Youth</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am - Adult Bible 7pm - Lenten</p>	<p>10</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Traditional</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6pm - Adult Bible 7pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7pm - Junior Youth 7pm - Pack 38 Mtg.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am - Adult Bible 7pm - Lenten</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>4:30pm - Chill Cool</p>
<p>19</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Traditional</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline Spring Begins 7pm - Men's Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm - Adult Bible 7pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7pm - Junior Youth</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am - Adult Bible 7pm - Lenten</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>Annunciation of Ot</p>
<p>26</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Traditional</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm - Adult Bible 7pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7pm - Junior Youth</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am - Adult Bible 7pm - Lenten 7pm - Worship Mtg.</p>	<p>31</p>	



Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission. Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN ASIA — MARCH 1-15 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has been working in Asia since sending its first missionary to India in 1895. Today, the Asia region is home to both well-established Lutheran churches and fledgling Lutheran groups — all of which are hungry for solid, distinctively Lutheran instruction. At their request, the LCMS continues to assist them in various ways with theological education.

Remember God's work through theological education in Asia as you pray:

- 1.** for Christ's work throughout the world, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to all people and the forgiveness of sins be delivered through the Means of Grace.
- 2.** for LCMS partner churches throughout Asia, that God would guard them from the assaults of Satan that would lead them into despair or grievous sin and uphold them by His Word and gifts.
- 3.** for the LCMS and her work throughout the world, that Jesus Christ would shine the light of His Gospel through the work of her missionaries, both foreign and domestic, and preserve her from false teachings and despair.
- 4.** for Concordia Theological Seminary, Hong Kong, that it would be a place where pastors are trained to proclaim the Gospel to a world in need of forgiveness.
- 5.** for Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, Papua New Guinea, that God would strengthen and preserve the seminary to prepare the pastors of the Gutnius Lutheran Church to convict people with God's law and then heal them with the word of Absolution.
- 6.** for Japan Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo, Japan, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, would make the seminary a place where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity.
- 7.** for Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagercoil, India, that the Lord would preserve the seminary from all evil and lead it to become a bastion of the Gospel against the attacks of the wicked foe.
- 8.** for Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip, Papua New Guinea, that the Lord would use the instructors to shine His Word upon the path of students preparing to serve His Church.
- 9.** for students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, that they might serve the Lutheran Church in the Philippines faithfully.
- 10.** for the Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram, LCMS theological education facilitator for Asia and instructor at Japan Lutheran Seminary, that the Lord would use him to encourage and build up seminaries throughout the Asia region.
- 11.** for the Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver, LCMS theological educator at China Lutheran Seminary, Taiwan, that he would continue to point his students to Christ and Him crucified for the sins of the world.
- 12.** for the Rev. Dr. Michael Paul, LCMS theological educator at China Lutheran Seminary and church planter, that the Lord would bless his labors as he assists in planting a new church in Taiwan.
- 13.** for the Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann, LCMS theological educator to South Asia, that the Lord would grant him courage to teach the students of the Lanka Lutheran Church and the India Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- 14.** for the Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein, LCMS theological educator in Seoul, South Korea, that, as he learns the language and culture of the country, the Lord would equip him to faithfully teach and preach the Word of God.
- 15.** for Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, that the Lord would preserve those who teach and those who learn to hold fast to His Word in all circumstances.



Vicar A. Francis Silva studies under the Rev. Roger James, LCMS missionary and South Asia area director, during a class at Lanka Luth Church in Sri Lanka.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Want to know more about the location of the Synod's missionaries and partner churches? Visit lcms.org/asia to download a free map of the Synod's work in the world.
- Learn more about the history of the Synod's work in Japan at lcms.org/japan.
- Did you know there are Lutherans in Bangladesh? Read about two grants the LCMS recently gave to assist these believers at blogs.lcms.org/2016/lcms-provides-life-giving-water-bangladesh.

JAPAN — MARCH 16–31 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) began work in Japan in 1948. In 1976, the Japan Lutheran Church (JLC), or Nihon Ruteru Kyodan, became a partner church of the LCMS. To this day, LCMS missionaries continue to support the work of the JLC in the areas of Lutheran school education and theological education at the seminary.

Remember God's work in Japan as you pray:

- 16.** *for the Japan Lutheran Church (JLC).* Pray that the Lord would preserve the Means of Grace in the JLC so that they would be edified to bring those gifts to those who do not yet belong to God's kingdom.
- 17.** *for those still suffering from the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake in northeast Japan,* that the Lord would use the JLC to show mercy to those in need.
- 18.** *for Urawa Lutheran School (ULS) in Saitama, Japan,* that the Lord would guide teachers as they provide both mental and spiritual food for the children in their care.
- 19.** *for Tom and Debi Going, LCMS educators in Japan who teach at ULS,* that the Lord would use them to share the light of the Gospel with the students of ULS.
- 20.** *for Hiromasa Fukushima, principal of ULS,* that he would guide and direct the school for the education of students and the glory of God.
- 21.** *for the Rev. Shin Shimizu, president of the JLC, and the rest of the JLC's leadership,* that the Lord would equip them with wisdom and insight to deal with the struggles and trials of church administration.
- 22.** *for the pastors of the JLC as they proclaim the Gospel,* that the Lord would grant them fidelity to the Word of God and a bold confession of the Christian faith.
- 23.** *for the members of the JLC,* that God would use them to serve their neighbor and to share the message of the forgiveness and love Christ bestowed on them.
- 24.** *for the teachers and educators of the JLC,* that God would enable them to rightly apply Law and Gospel to equip students both to share the good news of salvation and to serve their neighbors.
- 25.** *for the JLC's Sunday schools,* that God would use those opportunities to nurture His little lambs and prepare them to grow into full maturity in the faith.
- 26.** *for the congregations of the JLC,* that our Lord would keep and preserve them through His Word and Sacraments, so that all who receive them would be strengthened unto eternal life.
- 27.** *for the husbands and wives in the JLC,* that God would use their sacrificial love for each other to demonstrate His love for sinners everywhere.
- 28.** *for the young people of the JLC,* that God would use their youthful zeal to spread the message of Christ's love to all those in Japan.
- 29.** *for all those who bear the name of Christ in Japan,* that God would grant them a holy desire to share the love of Christ with those who do not yet belong to the kingdom.
- 30.** *for the Word of God in Japan,* that it might have free course and be preached for the joy and edification of Christ's holy people.
- 31.** *for the leaders of Japan,* that God would use them to keep and preserve peace and harmony, both domestically and abroad, so that the Gospel might be shared and God's people preserved from all persecution and harm.



Japanese students gather in the home of Tom and Debi Going, LCMS missionaries to Japan, to bake Christmas cookies and hear the Christmas story.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS
Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- March 2** Ryan McDermott, Ghana
March 4 Joan Jastram, Japan
March 5 Joel Klammer, Asia
March 13 David Warner, Spain;
 Georgia Witt, Kenya
March 15 Molly Christensen, French-speak Africa
March 16 Adam Lehman, Spain
March 19 Jonathan Naumann, Dominican Republic
March 20 Clinton Hoff, Czech Republic;
 Antonio Lopez, Brownsville, Tex
March 21 Yanela McMiller, Dominican Rep.
March 23 Lunda Braun, Germany
March 24 Lalra Hoff, Czech Republic
March 31 Amanda Groshok, Taiwan;
 Anton Lutz, Papua New Guinea;
 Richard Sovitzky, Eurasia

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH:
 Chaplain David Wollenburg, MAF Commit member; Chaplain Jonathan Lorenz, Fort Bliss, Texas; Chaplain Pon Chanthaphon, Mayport Fla.; Chaplain Tristen Engle, PAX River, Md
 Chaplain Mark Steiner, Washington, D.C.,
 Chaplain Michael Sneath, Quantico, Va

