



Tidings of Peace

come grow with us

From the Pastor's Desk...

April 2025

Soon we will gather to remember the sacrifice Christ Jesus made for us on the cross, and just 3 days later, we will proclaim his truth: the tomb is empty. But I don't want it to end on Easter Sunday. The answer to life's challenges and consequently to our sense of hope and peace does not remain in darkness of a cave; the answer is found in something we often miss as we rejoice in the proclamation of Easter. Jesus didn't hang around his tomb, so why do we think he did?

"Do not be afraid;

I know you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

He is not here; for he has been raised." Matthew 28:5b-6a

"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth,

who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." Mark 16:6

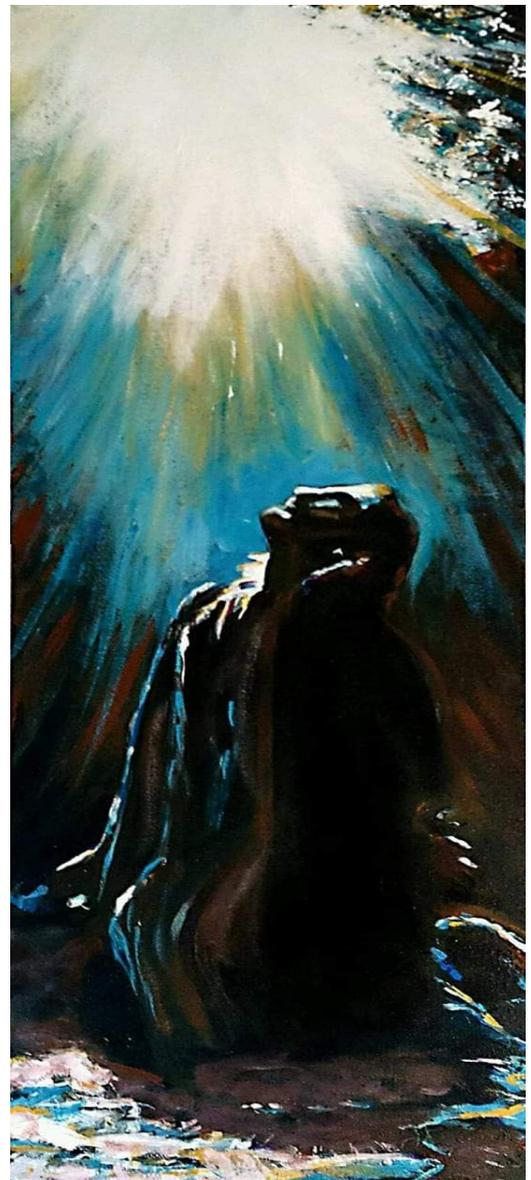
"Why do you look for the living among the dead.

He is not here but has risen." Luke 24:3b

"Woman, why are you weeping?

They have taken away my Lord and

I do not know where they have laid him." John 20:13



On many occasions, I have heard the phrase, “*We are Easter people.*” Perhaps you have heard it as well. We believe Christ Jesus was raised from his tomb, to sit once again at the right hand of his Father in heaven. We recite the words the Creed from memory - from there he will come to judge the living and the dead – words of our faith. Some would think it all ends there, but it doesn’t, does it?

You know me, you know my faith – especially if you listen each Sunday morning as I reveal to you the truth that is Christ Jesus. Most of us spend a lot of time looking for Jesus, especially in challenging and difficult times. And when we can feel his presence, we just assume he is not here. It’s like all those who went looking for him on that Easter morning only to discover the tomb was empty, and Jesus was not there. In John’s Gospel, it was Magdalene who weeps, not for Jesus but rather for herself. She looked for herself and he wasn’t there. That is, until she turned around, until she heard his voice. It was her faith that gives us another look as to where Jesus went, and where he remained.



The answer to life’s challenges and consequently to our sense of hope and peace is found in his voice, as he calls our name. Whether we hear it or not is our problem. The answer is found in our mornings and our evenings – and everything in between.

The answer is Jesus, as he walks with us each and every day, a part of our journey as we engage in the complexities and detours of this life. The answer is Jesus when our journey is finished, when we close our earthly eyes for the last time. And the answer is Jesus as we reawaken to our new life, knowing it will be his face we see, and it will be his arm outstretched, seeking our hand to walk us home. This is our Easter; this is our answer in Christ Jesus.

Easter will not end at 10:30am on the morning of April 20, 2025. Easter is our every day; Easter is our every relationship; Easter is our every challenge. Easter is his empty tomb. Easter is Jesus Christ, risen and alive, in our lives, today and forever. Fear not, Sisters and Brothers, for the tomb is empty and he is not there. Jesus is with us.

God’s Blessings and Peace

Pastor Neil

Pastor's Office Schedule for April 2025

As of today, my schedule "in-office" will normally be: **Wednesdays from 9am to 4pm.** Please check with the office as I will use these days for visitation as well. Of course, I will be attending team meetings, and I am available throughout the week. Please call me or text me at 419-303-7718. Thanks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Lenten Soup Suppers and Bible Study Start: April 3rd & 10th

Palm Sunday: April 13th, 9:30 am Worship & Palm Processional @ Peace

Maundy Thursday: April 17th, 7:00 pm @ Peace

Good Friday: April 18th, 7:30 pm @ St. Mary's Catholic Church

Easter Sunday: April 20th, 8:00 am Breakfast, 9:30 am Worship

Newsletter Articles Due: April 23rd

Confirmation Class: April 27th



Men's Breakfast – March



We will meet at **Eaton Place** for breakfast and fellowship on... **Thursday, April 10th at 8:30am.** Hope to see you there!

Men's Night Out

Let's gather on Tuesday, **April 22nd at 6:00pm.** Let's plan on meeting at the **Texas Roadhouse in Lansing (delta Township).**



Confirmation



The final class will be held on **Sunday, April 27th** beginning at **4:00pm through 8:00pm**. Pastor Neil will buy dinner for parents and youth. If you haven't already, please remember the bible verse for Confirmation Sunday and the picture. Thanks.

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday, April 16th
11:30 am at Evelyn Bay



Pregnancy Center

The pregnancy center is need of **wipes, pull ups, diapers (4T and up)**. Please place your donation in the basket under the Pregnancy Center bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Church Clean-up Day

Mark your calendars for **Saturday May 10th from 9:00 until noon** for the annual Church cleanup day. As usual, there will be plenty of jobs to choose from, from picking up sticks and limbs, and pruning bushes in the yard to washing window and dusting window sills and book shelves. A list of jobs will be posted in the gathering area. For more information, please contact a member of the Property Team.



Please prayerfully consider joining us for a little work and some fellowship.

Lenten Midweek Soup Supper and Bible Study



Lenten midweek soup suppers and Bible study are on **Thursdays 5:30 pm**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering area where you can sign up to bring soup or bread or dessert. We'd like one vegetarian soup and one non-vegetarian soup if possible. As always, coffee or tea will be provided. Any questions, ask Pastor Neil or anyone on the Worship team. Looking forward to our time together to enjoy fellowship and Bible study.

Palm Sunday

Please join us on **April 13th** for our **Palm Sunday worship service**. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall in preparation for our processional into the sanctuary. **We begin at 9:30 am**— please come a little early to gather your palms for our service. Pastor Neil would like **EVERYONE** to wave their palms as we enter the sanctuary – everyone will go up the center aisle to the cross and then disperse to their seats.



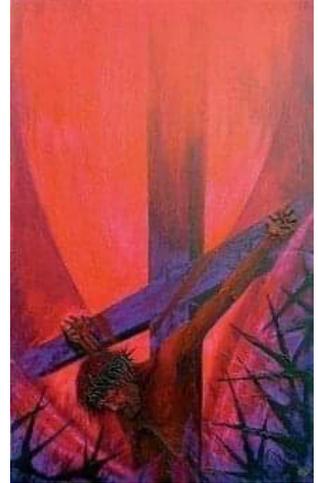
Maundy Thursday worship...



Please join us for **Maundy Thursday worship service at Peace Lutheran Church, April 17th beginning at 7:00p.m.** Our Charlotte ecumenical group of churches will be leading our service and there will be communion. Our joint choir from area churches will be singing. Our sisters and brothers from St. Mary's Catholic, Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church, First Congregational UCC, and St. John's Episcopal Church will also join us. Hope to see many of you there!

Good Friday worship...

Please join us for worship on **Good Friday, April 18th beginning at 7:30pm.** Our ecumenical service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church. We hope you can come and experience this meaningful worship service. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.**



Easter worship...

He Is Risen. He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia.

Come to our Easter worship service on **Sunday, April 20th beginning at 9:30am.** There will be instrumental music and accompaniment along with our choir.

It is a day to rejoice for He Is Risen. Alleluia!



Livestock instead of Lilies



This year, as in the past, at Peace Lutheran church instead of purchasing Lilies, for Easter we are asking for donations to be used to purchase chicks, honeybees, pigs, or goats or a share of a cow. These animals will be given to needy families throughout the world. In return for your donations your name will be listed in the Easter bulletin that you have made a donation that was “Given in memory of: or Given in Honor of” or “To the Glory of God.” Also, a Lilly card will be placed on our Easter cross. Each card will be \$10.00 each. Checks are to be made out to Peace Lutheran Church and indicate on the memo line of the check, *Livestock instead of Lilies*.

Your gifts to God’s Global Barnyard also provide education, training and resources to support people receiving chicks, honeybees, pigs, goats, or a share of a cow.

Forms will be out on March 30th in the church bulletin. **Please return the forms by Sunday April 13th** and **indicate on your check or envelope, Livestock for Lilies project**. For more information you can contact Dian Leckrone
Thank you, the Worship team

Compassion Sunday May 4, 2025



To all of the current Compassion International sponsors:

Let's show off our Compassion children. I will put up a world map on the bulletin board and I invite you to bring a picture(s) of the children you sponsor. Then we can mark where they live on our map. Also bring letters you may have received lately and tell everyone what a joy it is to know that you are making a difference in one child's life, giving them hope and telling them about our Lord.

Help me make this an awesome year for Compassion. I would love it if we could find sponsors for at least 3 more children! You're the best.

Thanks, Barb Myckowiak

PEACE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) MANUAL

The first ten items in the Index of the PEACE SOP are:

- CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
- BUILDING USAGE
- COUNTERS
- CONTINGENCY PLAN
- DESIGNATED FUNDS
- E-MAIL
- FUNDRAISING
- FUNERALS
- INCLEMENT WEATHER
- MEMORIALS

If you would like to view the SOP MAUAL, or a specific SOP, let me know.

After the Index is completed, a specific SOP will be featured in the Tidings.

Beverly Leffler,Chair
Personnel/IT Team

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

For over two decades, Jim and Louise Bradley have been keeping our church looking great. Every week they took out the trash, swept the floors, wiped off tables, cleaned the bathrooms and so many more tasks. So, now they would like to step back from this responsibility. The Property Team, and the whole church, would like to thank them for their many years of service!!!

There is no easy way to fill the shoes of Jim and Louise, but the Property Team is proposing that we all chip in and help clean the church. So, to that end, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Gathering area for you to sign to clean the church for the week. Along with the sign-up sheet will be a check list of what needs to be done and when, and the approximate time it should take to do the work. There will also be a list of supplies and where to find them. The Property Team will be happy to be with you on your first time. Please prayerfully consider helping with this endeavor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe Crigier, Jim or Louise.

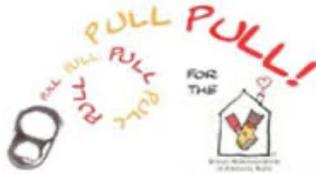
Again, we want to express our gratitude to Jim and Louise for their exceptional service to this church for these last 20+ years!!



When buying ink from Staples for you or your family please consider using Peace's phone number when checking out. Your purchase of ink can apply to Peace's Rewards program. The office uses the rewards dollars for supplies for our church.

Did you know that we recycle pull tabs here at Peace?

Pull for Ronald McDonald House!



Pull tabs are taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing

They turn these tabs in to cash to help support the House. The House provides care, comfort, and a free place to stay for families to heal together while their child receives medical treatment.

This is a simple way to help support the House, just pull those tabs off the cans and **place them in the container at church** and Dar will see that they get over to Ronald McDonald House.

Worship Ministry April 2025

Date	Sunday 4/6	Sunday 4/13	Sunday 4/20	Sunday 4/27
Altar Guild	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris
Audio/ Visual	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert
Choir Director/ Musician	Bryan Guarnuccion	Bryan Guarnuccion	Bryan Guarnuccion	Bryan Guarnuccion
Fellowship	Rosalie Bazzett	The Bradley's	Easter Breakfast	Volunteer Needed
Flowers	Bev DeFord	Kathy Cook	Rosalie Bazzett	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Susie Moore
Pastor	Pastor Neil Brady	Pastor Neil Brady	Pastor Neil Brady	Pastor Neil Brady
Ushers	Joe Crigier	Joe Crigier	Joe Crigier	Joe Crigier
Worship Assistant	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak

Church Calendar – April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm CAT Team Meeting	2 11:30 am Caring Team Meeting 1:00 pm Personnel/IT Team Meeting 6:00 pm AA Meeting	3 5:30 pm Soup Supper and Lenten Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00 pm AA Meeting	5
6 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering 10:45 am Sunday School	7	8 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9 6:00 pm AA Meeting	10 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 pm Soup Supper and Lenten Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00 pm AA Meeting	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering	14	15 7:00 pm GFS Team Meeting	16 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon at Evelyn Bay 6:00 pm AA Meeting	17 7:00 pm MAUNDY THURSDAY @ Peace with Holden Evening Prayer Service	18 7:30 pm GOOD FRIDAY Service @ St. Mary's Catholic Church 6:00 pm AA Meeting	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship Service 10:30 Gathering	21	22 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	23 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting 6:00 pm AA Meeting	24 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 6:00 pm AA Meeting	26 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
27 NOISY BUCKET OFFERING 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Gathering 6:00 pm Confirmation	28	29	30 6:00 pm Building Rental (CROP Walk Meeting) 6:00 pm AA Meeting			

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for the Tidings to the editor, Kristin Shannon
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*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your
neighbor as yourself.*



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