



# Share, Serve, Celebrate

Week of May 5, 2024

In today's reading from Acts, Peter is in the house of Cornelius, a Gentile and centurion in the Roman army. Peter, a Jew, should never have crossed the threshold of a Gentile's home. Yet, here he is in the house of Cornelius, talking with all of Cornelius' household about Jesus, proclaiming the Gospel to them.

Peter begins: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35 ESV). Peter recognizes that God has removed the barrier between Gentile and Jew (in Ephesians 2:11-22, Paul proclaims the very same thing). He has done so through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. "Everyone who believes in him [Jesus] receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43 ESV).

As Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon the Gentile believers in Cornelius' house. Thus, Peter baptized them in the name of Jesus, fulfilling Jesus' command: "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV).

We, too, share the Gospel with all people, regardless of race, culture, socio-economic status, gender, age, and so on. The good news of Jesus, crucified and risen for the sake of the whole world, is news for all to hear. Christ has died for the sake of all, so we take that good news to all. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless our efforts individually and corporately to bring forth the name of Jesus to all the nations and within our own neighborhoods.

~Pastor Kevin Mann

## IN OUR CONGREGATION...

### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

**Stewardship Thoughts** [www.lcms.org/stewardship](http://www.lcms.org/stewardship)

**1 Timothy 2:5-6** – "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all." To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so because we are ransomed. We belong to God: that's the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

### **Election Hosts Needed - Tues., May 7, 6am-6pm**

Several shifts for hosts need to be filled for the primary election that takes place at Peace. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with the shift times that need covered. There will be snacks and beverages available for all volunteers.

**Church Directory Update:** "Online Church Directory Update" forms are in the church office. If you haven't yet, please complete a form and put in the Rutkowskis' mailbox. Contact Dick at 260-760-8529 with questions.

### **Mother's Day Carnation Sale**



Celebrate moms, grandmoms, and all those that embody the calling of motherhood with a beautiful carnation this Mother's Day.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Right to Life of Northeast Indiana and help continue our life-saving work in our region.

Look for these flowers in the narthex on May 12th! Look for more information in the announcements. Suggested donation is \$2.00.

### **Preschool Registration:**

Come join our preschool family! It is time to enroll your 3-5 year old child into our program at Peace Lutheran Preschool. Contact Barb Bradtmueller at (260)456-6605 for more information. Registration forms are available in the church office, the Sharing Peace Café, or in the preschool hallway. Don't delay! Enroll today!

### **CLHS Sunday**

Today we welcome the Concordia Lutheran High School Orchestra as they enhance the music of our service during out hymns and other special music they are playing. The CLHS Orchestra is under the direction of Mr. Brandon Eiler. We also welcome other members of the administration at CLHS as they share "News from Concordia" with us.

### **Partners in Prayer**

Partners in Prayer meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 5:30-6:30, in the church lounge.



### **Diaper "Sprinkle" - Sunday, June 2**

Abigail Dawson and Kelsey Gatchell are both welcoming their second babies in July. Help them get started with a diaper shower! We will start collecting diapers in the narthex beginning May 12. You can contribute diapers of any size or brand. Kelsey is having a boy and requests "boy books", and Abigail is expecting another girl. We will have special treats for all congregation members on June 2 and gift these families what we have collected. Please keep both families in your prayers!

### **May Communion Schedule Change**

Our communion schedule for May will be adjusted to accommodate the CLHS Orchestra's presence on May 5. Communion will be celebrated on Sundays, May 12, 19, and 26. Wednesdays in May will follow the previous Sunday's schedule. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Mann.

### **WinGS Meeting**

Join the ladies of the congregation in the cafe for treats, a devotion, and brainstorming upcoming ladies ministry at Peace on June 1st at 10:00am!

## **FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YAMz** (Young Adult Ministry on Zoom) meets (usually) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month at 7:30pm. Young adults 18 and out of high school are welcome to join. If you would like to be a part of the conversations, contact Rose at [cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org](mailto:cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org) or 260-402-1679.

**Youth Group** is for youth in grades 6-12. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 6-8pm for devotions, prayer, to share highs and lows and where we find Christ in all of them. There's also time for games and snacks too. Bring a friend!

## **IN OUR CAFÉ...**

### **Soup & Songs on Tuesday, May 14**

Soup & Songs is a simple but powerful experience of fellowship and worship through songs and hymns. This event will be held Tuesday, May 14 at Sharing Peace Cafe! Soup will be served at 6pm with Songs to follow at 6:30. The goal is to build up the community of faith through the words of hymns, Psalms and songs and do life together over a bowl of soup. All are welcome to join us for this unique event. Registration is not required but helpful for soup preparations (sign up in the back of Sanctuary). Additionally, there is no cost to you! Come and enjoy some Soup and Songs!

**Sharing Peace Art Gallery**

Café Gallery display for May will feature creations by former Sharista, Hannah Wenndt! It will be so good to see Hannah, and to see her beautiful pieces displayed in the Café! All art is available for purchase with payments going directly to the artists. If you or someone you know is interested in displaying their work in our gallery in 2024, have them contact Rose Murphy at [cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org](mailto:cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org) or 260-744-3869.

**Cards & Games in the Café**

Join in the fun and friendly competition at the Cafe on the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 1-3pm. We're playing Euchre, as well as Rummikub and a favorite game you may want to add to the mix! It's always a great time, and we enjoy some tasty snacks too! Bring a friend!

**Exercise Class Schedule**

Classes are held in the Wellness Room below the stairs. Enter via door #3 from the parking lot. No previous experience necessary. Everyone is welcome for fun, fitness, and fellowship. \$5 per class session, except yoga with Tara is \$10.

- Chair Yoga: Monday and Friday, 11am-12pm
- CardioTone: Monday and Thursday, 5-5:45pm
- Yoga with Tara: Tuesday, 5:30: Saturday, 11am

**IN OTHER CONGREGATIONS...**

**LCMS Tax Tip**

Gift planning offers solutions for donors wishing to support ministry through their gifts. One of those solutions might be the simplification of the plan. Instead of trying to support 30 different ministries, maybe the estate should focus on the special ones in your heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think and pray about this. Contact Mark Muehl (260-241-4845, [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org)) for more information.

**Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church—  
Rummage and Bake Sale**

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 7819 Decatur Rd., in Fort Wayne will be holding their Spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Thursday, May 2 from 4:00pm-7:00pm, Friday, May 3 from 10:00am-6:00pm, and the \$3 Bag Sale will be on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

**Lutherans for Life**

“The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ’s goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven.” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Get Excited for Summer 2024**



Archery, hikes, boating, crafts, games, swimming, and many more activities are all a part of the summer experience at camp. Come for one of our weekend camps, register for a week of youth or high school camp, or help Lutherhaven celebrate its 75th anniversary! For 75 years, Lutherhaven has been providing the setting and resources for people to grow in their relationship with others and—more importantly—in their relationship with God. Come see what camp is all about! Register online today at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org), or call 260.636.7101 for more information.

**“Singing of Jesus Christ”**

The Fifth Biennial Exhibition of Sacred Visual Art, sponsored by the Good Shepherd Institute of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), invites artists to capture the spirit of "Singing of Jesus Christ" from hymns of the first Lutheran hymnal published in 1524. Artists may submit up to three pieces of work for the exhibit by July 10, 2024. Works will be displayed in the Wayne and Barbara Kroemer Library on the campus of CTSFW from October 31, 2024, to January 31, 2025. For detailed information and an entry form, visit [ctsfw.edu/gsi-art-exhibit](http://ctsfw.edu/gsi-art-exhibit).

**Rummage Drop Off**

Consider taking your donations to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a sale to benefit LSUS. The best time is Thursdays 10am-12pm. Go to door 7 (back of the building) and use buzzer to left of door to have Rhonda Cheng or Sharon Shediack let you in. For larger furniture items, call Bethlehem office to schedule a time, cart, and volunteers 744-3228. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this LSUS sale - talk to Lizzy Hoham for more info.

**This Week at Peace May 5 - May 12, 2024**

Sun May 5	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with CLHS Orchestra Education Hour
Mon May 6	11:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Chair Yoga Board of Elders CardioTone
Tues May 7	1:00 5:30pm	Peace Bible Study Yoga with Tara
Wed May 8	5:30pm 6:30pm	Partners in Prayer Worship Service
Thurs May 9	5:00pm 7:00pm	CardioTone Choir Rehearsal
Fri May 10	11:00am	Chair Yoga
Sat May 11	11:00am	Yoga with Tara
Sun May 12	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Mother’s Day Carnation Sale Education Hour

**Next Sunday Scripture Readings (Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 1:12-26      1 John 5:9-15      John 17:11b-19