

# Peacefully Yours



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By Pastor Kevin Mann

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (*John 1:29 ESV*).

Dear Friends in Christ:

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John announced these words when seeing Jesus from a distance in the days after John had baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.

A lamb was used as a sacrificial animal throughout the Old Testament. For example, the Passover required the death of a male lamb one year old and without blemish (Exodus 12). So also, the sin offering in the tabernacle and temple – a female lamb without blemish (Leviticus 4). When someone was offering a sacrifice after being declared clean from a leprosy disease, they were to offer as a sacrifice two male lambs without blemish and a female lamb one year old and without blemish (Leviticus 14).

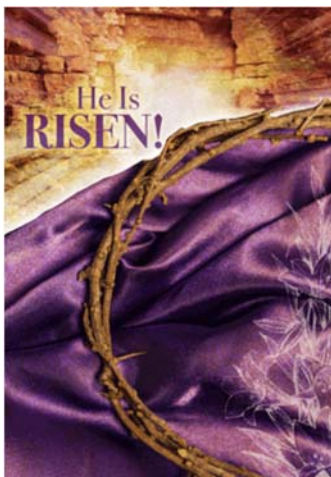
One sacrifice in the Old Testament called for something completely different: a human son. This was God's command to Abraham in Genesis 22: "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." Abraham did as God commanded and went on a journey with his son Isaac to the place where God directed him. As Isaac and Abraham drew near, Isaac asked his father, "Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" – where is the sacrifice?

Abraham responds that God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering. Then, Abraham sets up the altar and wood, binds his son, and raises the knife to sacrifice his son. God calls to him to stop. Looking up, Abraham sees a ram in the thicket that he sacrifices in Isaac's place.

The ram – the lamb provided by God – became the substitute. Instead of Isaac's death, God accepted the death and sacrifice of this sacrificial animal. Isaac foreshadows our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, the very Son of God and Son of Man, follows His Father's will and goes willingly to be sacrificed. His body is prepared by flogging and mocking by Jew and Gentile. Just as Isaac carried the wood to offer the sacrifice, Jesus carries the wood of His sacrifice – His cross. Jesus is led to the place of sacrifice – a hill called Golgotha. There, He is bound and raised up on the cross of death. There, Jesus willingly gives up His life as our sacrificial lamb. He has taken upon Himself all of our sins and faced the consequence of sin: death.

Yet, He rises in victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. He lives and gives to us His own righteousness in exchange for our sinfulness and wretchedness. Truly, He is our lamb of sacrifice – the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

During the season of Lent, we focus on Jesus' willing obedience of going to Jerusalem and serving as our substitute lamb on the cross. On Easter, and really, every



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** By Mike Nowling

**"Let your light shine"**

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**Matthew 5:14-16**

Jesus pointed out the importance of individuals and the church to let our light shine so that others may see God's glory. We are blessed at Peace to have many members and staff members that show the light of God's love in their actions and work for the church.

I would like to thank our departing Church Secretary, Heather Sovine, for her dedicated service and work that she has completed for Peace Lutheran Church. Although she is not a member at Peace, she has let her light shine in the way she went about doing her work at Peace and her work for the Lord. She has managed the church office, answered the phone, greeted visitors, organized and printed the bulletins and messages, kept records accurately, prepared packets for new members, assisted the Pastor and Staff, directed deliveries, and completed many other office tasks. Peace Lutheran is very thankful for her many contributions as a church secretary that have benefitted our church. In addition, she has filled in many times working as a Sharista in the Sharing Peace Café. Heather has been friendly, kind and generous with her time and work. We appreciate her work and wish her well with her family and her new job.

In addition, we are very thankful to all of our members that volunteer time and effort in the many ministries of Peace Lutheran Church. Each of our ministries and activities shine the light of God's glory throughout our community.



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH SECRETARY!**

Peace Lutheran Church is happy to introduce our new Church Secretary, Carolyn Meyer.

Carolyn graduated from Concordia University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with her major field of study in Music. She has many skills in management, communication, problem solving, and leadership.

Carolyn's husband, Jonathon, is a Pastor and serves as Shepherd of the School at Emanuel St. Michael Lutheran School. They have three daughters-Charlotte, Josephine, and Adeline.

Carolyn begins working at Peace on March 4, 2024. She will assist Pastor Mann and manage duties as Church Secretary. Peace is excited that Carolyn has joined our office staff.





## SHARING PEACE CAFÉ

By Rose Murphy, Café Ministry

**Live Podcast:** Saturday, March 2 at 7pm is another live recording of 2 more episodes of the comedy podcast, The TEMP event! A fun, free event you won't want to miss!

**Drum roll...** We are very excited to announce...at the request of many of our cafe friends...that the Cafe will begin opening on Fridays as of **April 12** from 8am-1pm. Be sure to spread the good news with your family, friends and neighbors!

**Cards & Games in the Café** continue to happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 1-3pm. We're not only playing Euchre, there's also been a little bit of Rummikub going on! If you have a favorite to add to the mix, bring it along! Enjoy some friendly competition and some tasty snacks too! Bring a friend!



**Sharing Peace Art Gallery:** The Café Gallery display for March and April features the beautiful art created by Paper Girls, Valerie Nowling and Diane McGregor. All of their artwork is available for purchase with payments going directly to them. See a Sharista for more details! 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.



**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 30 from 10-11am. This wonderful event will include kids hunting for colorful eggs full of a variety of goodies; games; a reading of the Easter story and door prizes too. Watch for more details and for volunteer sign-up sheets soon!

### Sharing Peace Café Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
8:00am to 1:00pm

**Friday - Saturday**  
CLOSED

**Sunday**  
8:30 - 11am

*Note: Café will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 31 and Monday, April 1*

**Open on Fridays!**  
*Starting April 12, the Café will be open on Fridays, 8:00am-1:00pm*

## YOUTH and FAMILY MINISTRY

### Youth Group

Youth in grades 6-12 meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 6-8pm. We spend time in God's word, share highs and lows, plan activities & get some game time in! Join us and bring a friend!

### National Youth Gathering (NYG) – July 19-23, 2025

The LCMS National Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana under the them "ENDURE," and centered around Hebrews 12:1-3. All youth age 14 or entering high school at time of gathering, up to those youth who just graduated in 2025 are eligible to attend. Watch for more information about upcoming youth and parent meetings.

### NYG Fundraising

As with any mission trip or gathering, there is always a need to help defray costs. There will be upcoming fundraisers that the youth will have. Watch for fun and easy ways that you can help us get to New Orleans in 2025!

### Young Adult Ministry on Zoom (YAMz) – Staying Connected

Those young adults (age 18 and out of high school) meet up on Zoom once a month, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7:30pm. If you are a young adult and would like to get connected, contact Rose for Zoom info at 260-402-1679 or [youth@peacelutheranfw.org](mailto:youth@peacelutheranfw.org).



## PARISH HEALTH and WELLNESS

By Cheryl Erickson, RN, FNP-BC

**Irritable Bowel Syndrome** April is Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month. Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) affects up to 5-10% of individuals worldwide, making it one of the most common gastrointestinal (GI) disorders. Although IBS does not shorten a person's life span, it can severely impact one's quality of life. The sharing of this condition may be uncomfortable, but should be addressed with one's primary care provider.

The following symptoms characterize IBS:

- Recurring or chronic episodes of abdominal pain or discomfort
- Abdominal pain or discomfort in association with a change in bowel habits, such as diarrhea or constipation
- Other symptoms may also occur, such as bloating, gas, or urgency

Symptoms can change over time. There can be periods when symptoms get worse, as well as periods when symptoms lessen or disappear. For example, some people who suffer mainly from constipation (or diarrhea) may later experience a change to the opposite or develop a mixture of both constipation and diarrhea. Sometimes changes in diet, behavior, or using over the counter remedies or prescription drugs can lead to changes. Other times, the cause for the change is not known.

A key to achieving relief for irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is the understanding that IBS is a complex motility (motor) and sensory disorder. It may have physical and stress-related dimensions. Up to 2/3 of IBS patients associate symptoms with eating food, and up to 90% of IBS patients exclude certain foods in an attempt to avoid or improve GI symptoms.

A dietary approach is helpful for patients who identify a dietary component to their symptoms. Use of a food diary may help to find factors that worsen, bring on, or relieve symptoms. If dietary factors seem to influence symptoms, guidance needs to be provided by a knowledgeable health care professional who can assess individual circumstances while helping make sure that nutritional needs are being met through a balanced diet and healthy eating habits.

General dietary recommendations include:

- eating regular meals at a slower pace
- eating until feeling full and not more
- drinking at least 8 cups of fluid per day
- limiting intake of tea and coffee to 2 cups per day
- reducing intake of alcohol and carbonated or sugary drinks
- avoiding garlic and onions and any other foods that consistently trigger symptoms
- Consuming 25-30 g of fiber per day and avoiding fatty foods and spicy foods are helpful for some IBS patients.

Among the currently tested diets for IBS, the low FODMAP diet has been shown to be the most beneficial. FODMAP stands for fermentable oligosaccharides, disaccharides, monosaccharides, and polyols. FODMAPs and other nutrients are broken down by bacteria in the small bowel and colon via a process called fermentation. This process of

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### Parish Nurse Office Hours:

10-11:30am  
March 8 and 22; April 5 and 26

For immediate assistance with health-related questions, call  
Cheryl at 260-341-8215

Parish Nurse Email is [Parishnurse@peacelutheranfw.org](mailto:Parishnurse@peacelutheranfw.org)



Second Wednesday  
and  
Third Sunday  
each month  
before and after  
worship

# PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

By Barbara Bradtmueller, Preschool Director



## Our Mission

*Peace Lutheran Preschool exists to reach out with the Gospel and love of Jesus to young children and families in our congregation and community by providing excellence in early childhood education.*

Our preschool is so blessed to have former Lutheran teacher Pat James, lead our chapel services once a month. She has a unique way of grabbing the children’s interest and keeping them engaged. Our February chapel was about Jesus’ love for us. We sang “Jesus Loves Me” and “You Can’t Keep Jesus’ Love in a Box” – two of my favorites. Our lesson was based on 1 John 4:7, ‘Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.’ What a wonderful reminder for us all!

We also have other learning going on in our classrooms and it is especially exciting when the learning becomes apparent at home and when you least expect it. Our example: Since Katrina has a hearing impairment, she feels that it is important to share sign language with the children. You can imagine our delight when they use it at home and share it with their families. Just the other day, one student and his sibling were being wild before bedtime – wrestling, running, yelling – all the loud things possible. Their mom warned them that the next person to make a sound would be going to bed without a story! They both became very quiet. Our student turned to his mom and signed – ‘Sorry, Mom. Jesus loves you!’ His mom couldn’t help but laugh, especially when he said (verbally), ‘Good thing Mrs. Marcum taught me sign language so I can still talk to you AND be quiet!’

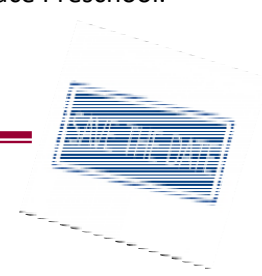
God bless him and all the other children as they continue to learn and grow in our little preschool!

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for March 8.

Registration forms for the fall are now available in the church office, the café, and in the preschool hallway. Be sure to enroll your child or pass it on to friends and family so they can experience the love we share at Peace Preschool.

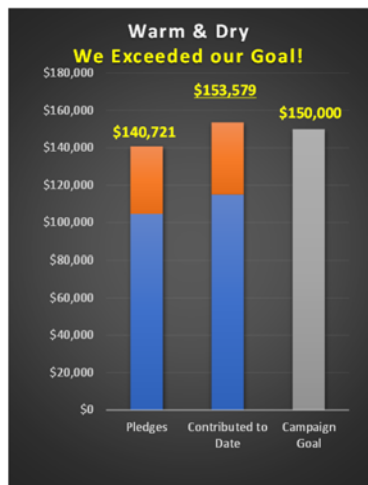
## SOUP and SONGS ENCORE

**Tuesday, May 14 at 6pm** There will be another Soup and Songs event in the Café! The one in February was such a wonderful evening and we can’t wait to do it again! Watch for more information soon!



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY MESSAGE By Dick Rutkowski

### Warm and Dry Campaign



As of December 31, 2023, the official Warm & Dry campaign has concluded. We thank our Lord that supporters of Peace have allowed us to meet and exceed the \$150,000 Warm & Dry goal! The total given to the campaign, over 4 years was \$ 153,579. The campaign has allowed us to complete many delayed and overdue maintenance and improvement projects, including heating system updates and the most critically needed roof repairs.

You may have noted that your 2024 Offering Envelope box still contains an “Improvement Fund” envelope for each quarter of 2024. Why did we do that? Very simply, because we want to keep up on our building maintenance and improvement needs to avoid a future crisis. As each quarter of the year comes around, please consider contributing to the ongoing “Improvement Fund.”

### Offering Counters are still needed

The church needs 2 or more new volunteers to help with counting and depositing our weekly offerings. Volunteers will count one Sunday per month. It typically takes about one hour after the service to complete this important job. Please contact Dick Rutkowski (260) 760-8529 to volunteer or learn more.

## ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE By Dick Rutkowski

We introduced the Peace Church Directory Update Project on page 4 of the January-February issue of Peacefully Yours. To review that article, you can go to:

<http://www.peacelutheranfw.org/home/180017023/180017023/Images/Jan%20Feb%202024.pdf> and scroll down to Page 4. You can also go to the Peacelutheranfw.org website, click on the Media dropdown box, then Peacefully Yours Newsletter, the Jan Feb 2024.pdf.



Check out this issue’s insert to update your records. Quite likely, many of you have Address, Phone, or eMail changes since we last did our update. And some of you have lost or added family members.

So, please complete the form inserted in this newsletter; cut it out and put it in our church mailbox (Rutkowski) in the Founders’ Hall hallway. Notice the checkbox tell us if you would like to have an updated picture in the directory. We’ll contact you to arrange a time to have a new picture taken.



## PEACE PARTNERS IN PRAYER



Prayer partners has been suspended until after Lent and Holy Week in order to allow members and guests to enjoy our Lenten Suppers held at 5:30pm before the Wednesday Lenten Worship Services at 6:30pm. The group will resume meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, starting April 3rd.

## WinGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE

By Elaine King



Sponsored by WinGS

Peace Women are invited to a  
Baby Shower  
For Autumn Lehman Brinneman

Sunday, March 10  
In the Sharing Peace Café  
Following the 9:00am Worship Service

In lieu of a card, please bring a book to get Baby's library started!



*Helpful info: Baby Girl Brinneman is due April 22; Autumn and Josh are registered at Amazon and Target; colors are pink and grey; and diapers are always welcome.*

*\*Please sign up on the Shower RSVP sheet in the narthex.\**

*(Expectant grandparents and great-grandparent are Eric and Pam Lehman and Shirley Lehman)*



## EXERCISE CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes are held in the Wellness Room below the stairs. Enter 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 (no class 4/4)
- Yoga with Tara: Tuesday, 5:30; Saturday, 11am (no class 3/30 and 4/2)
- Latin Fitness Dance (formerly Zumba): Wednesday, 5:30-6:15pm  
(Same class, instructor, and time, just a new name.)

*No previous experience necessary.*



Missed a service? Have a question about an announcement? You can find a written copy of the service and announcements on our website at [peacelutheranfw.org](http://peacelutheranfw.org) Click on the "Media" tab and then "Worship Service Bulletin". You will see the most recent Sunday and Wednesday bulletins as well as announcements.

## LENTEN SEASON

**Midweek Lenten Services and Suppers** The Lenten season has already begun. On Wednesdays, we have a dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm, with worship service at 6:30pm.

Based on King David’s words in Psalm 41, our Lenten Midweek and Holy Week services will focus on God’s grace for us. In Psalm 41, David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks the divine flow of grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic voice, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers – including you!

Our thematic schedule for the season is

- March 6 – Soon and Never (Psalm 41:5); supper menu is beef stew, homemade bread, applesauce, salad, dessert
- March 13 – Empty Words (Psalm 41:6); supper menu is BBQ pulled pork sandwich, chips, fruit, pasta salad, dessert
- March 20 – Vindication (Psalm 41:7); supper menu is chicken noodle soup, cheese and sausage tray, fruit, casa style salad, carrot cake
- March 28 (Holy Thursday) – My Close Friend (Psalm 41:9); no supper
- March 29 (Good Friday) – Be Gracious to Me! (Psalm 41:10); no supper
- March 31 (Easter) – Because of My Integrity (Psalm 41:12-13)



*Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches available; water, lemonade, milk and coffee included*

## EASTER SUNDAY



Join us for a delicious **Easter Breakfast**, prepared and served by our Elders and the Men at Peace, between the Easter morning worship services (about 8:20am) on Sunday, March 31. The menu for our Easter Breakfast includes: scrambled eggs, pancakes, fresh baked pastries (by Mike), fresh fruit salad, coffee and orange juice. **To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, we ask that you sign up on the sheet located in the narthex.** A suggested donation of \$10 is asked due to rising food costs.

Soon it will be time to order Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary for Easter.

A sign-up sheet will be located in the narthex for you to add your name to donate a lily. The plant will be yours to take home following the 9:30am Easter service.



"Then go quickly and tell his disciples: **'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'**"  
MATTHEW 28:7, NIV

## Holy Week Schedule

March 24	9:00am	Palm Sunday (with Communion)
March 28	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday (with Communion)
March 29	6:30pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service (no Communion)
March 31	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Service (with Communion)
	8:20am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30am	Easter Festival Service (with Communion)





## HEARING—LIVING—SHARING PEACE

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At the voters' meeting in June, Pastor Mann presented the outline of a vision plan that had been developed for Peace. That Vision, centered on the word "Peace" aims to focus our congregation's efforts for ministry. Peace, as the name of our congregation, reflects the very Peace of God which comes to us through our Savior Jesus. The Apostle Paul writes, "For in Him (Jesus) all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross" (Colossians 1:19-20 ESV). This peace of God is what we proclaim in our sanctuary and the peace that we live in as God's holy people. This same peace is what we share with everyone through our words and acts of love that we perform in the name of Jesus.

*Hearing Peace:* "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17 ESV). The first aspect of Peace's vision is hearing the Word. Through the Word, God acts in our lives to save us, to redeem us, to cleanse us, and to teach us. For "all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (1 Timothy 3:16 ESV). Hearing God's Word is how faith is kindled in our hearts and the source of our spiritual growth and nurture. We hear the Peace of God given to us through Jesus as we preach and teach God's Word in our worship services, Bible studies, catechesis, and other aspects of our life together as God's people here at Peace Lutheran Church.

*Living Peace:* Jesus said: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you love one another" (John 15:16-17 ESV). Having heard the Word of God, we, as God's children, go forth and live our lives in accordance with it. As the Apostle Paul states, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, *that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work*" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV).

As disciples of Jesus, we utilize in our daily lives the things that we have in and through the Word. We live in love for God and our neighbor. Our walk of discipleship entails so many different aspects of life. We each have different experiences and vocations within our homes and communities. The specific ways that each of us is "Living Peace" might look different, yet each of us is molded by the same Jesus, the same Word, the same Holy Spirit. Thus, as a congregation, one aspect of "Living Peace" will be practical teachings on stewardship, discipleship, service, and how live and love as God's people.

*Sharing Peace:* "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10 ESV). As we live as God's people, there will be opportunities for us to share what we have heard and believed. Sometimes (perhaps many times) we will share what we have heard and believed with the lost or erring in our community. As we look to how we as a congregation can share the love of God in Christ Jesus, many opportunities may exist for our congregation to partake in sharing God's peace with those in our neighborhood.

One of the biggest ways we currently are "Sharing Peace" is through the Sharing Peace Café. But this is not the only way that we can and ought to share God's peace with others. We also share God's Peace through our partnership with other congregations in operating schools (both LSUS and CLHS) and partnership with other external organizations (such as A Hope Center, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Senior Care Ministries, and Worship Anew). We also work on Sharing Peace as we support the work of our church body through the Indiana District and the LCMS.

As we move forward into 2024, we are looking to establish some goals under our vision that will guide us to the future work of Peace Lutheran Church. If you would be interested in working with a focus group to assist in establishing goals for Peace Lutheran Church, please contact the church office, Pastor Mann, Mike Nowling, or Marty Blessing.

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Sunday when we gather as God's people, we celebrate His resurrection. We celebrate that Jesus has saved us. But we do not celebrate it just as an event in history. Jesus' death and resurrection continue to save us, for we are still sinners in need of His forgiveness and mercy. Thus, we gather together, hearing again and again of His great salvation and love.

My prayer for you this Lententide and Easter – and every day – is that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, each of us truly understand the depths of the Father's love for us in sending His Son, Jesus, to be our Lamb: the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

In Christ,

*Pastor Kevin Mann*

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## PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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fermentation produces gas and draws water into the intestines. The increased gas and water can cause diarrhea, bloating, and flatulence (passage of gas). Following a low FODMAP diet improved GI symptoms in approximately 52% to 86% of IBS patients.

Any diets that include restricting or avoiding many types of foods, including the low FODMAP diet, should be guided by a dietitian. Restrictive diets for treatment of IBS typically include a few weeks of strict avoidance followed by slow re-introduction of foods to identify food triggers. The strict avoidance phase is not intended to be continued long-term. Restrictive diets are typically not recommended in patients with a low Body Mass Index (BMI), ongoing weight loss, or nutritional deficiencies. It is best to talk to your healthcare provider regarding any concerns related to IBS. It is a complex process and treatment modalities need to be chosen which fit each individual's circumstances.

Resource: <https://aboutibs.org/treatment/ibs-diet/>

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## SEMINARY EVANGELISM PARTNERSHIP

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On Saturday, March 16, students at Concordia Theological Seminary will be hosting an evangelism conference that includes a door-to-door experience. They are partnering with congregations to facilitate a door-to-door evangelism event for the afternoon (until about 4pm). A light lunch will be provided for participants. Students from the seminary will help prepare congregation members for door-to-door evangelism and go out into the neighborhood. A debriefing session will be held to end the event. Peace has been selected as a congregational partner. To get a good count for lunch and have the proper amount of materials ready, **please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.**

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## ALTAR GUILD IS LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS

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If you are able to volunteer for the Altar Guild, contact the church office. New members always welcome and no experience is needed.

## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Concordia invites parents of 5th-8th grade students to attend a guided 'Twilight Tour' of our high school on March 12 and March 19 at 7 p.m. Expect a peek at the day in the life of a freshman, admission information and a sweet treat. Questions? Contact CLHS Director of Admissions and Retention Dawn Schuller at (260) 483-1102, ext. 298 or [dschuller@clhscadets.com](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com). You can find more info and register at <https://go.clhscadets.com/twilight>

### CLHS Summer Programs Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for summer camps and classes at Concordia! CLHS hosts a number of Summer Camps and Summer Academic programs for students of all ages (K-12 during the 2023-24 school year). Camps range from sports to computers to band and drama. There's something for everyone! And if you're looking to get ahead on your classes, sign up for one of our Academic programs. Classes are available onsite or online. Students from all schools in grades 8-12 are welcome!

We are offering an online registration and payment system for all Summer Camps and Classes through CampBrain. To learn more about our summer programs or to register, go to: [clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS](https://clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS)

Payment is due at the time of Registration. Many camps offer a t-shirt to campers, included in their registration fees. The registration deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt is May 10, 2024. After that date, a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

For any questions, please contact our athletics office at (260) 969-6868 or [athletics@clhscadets.com](mailto:athletics@clhscadets.com).

For questions regarding the summer classes, please call Nancy Koehler, summer classes coordinator, at (260) 483-1102, ext. 313 or email [nkoehler@clhscadets.com](mailto:nkoehler@clhscadets.com).

### CLHS Day of Giving is March 13

The Concordia Day of Giving will take place on Wednesday, March 13th. It will be an online, social media campaign for **one day only** to help fund multiple small projects throughout the school. Students from whichever class or program raises the most in donations that day will compete in the Students vs. Faculty basketball game. Make sure to keep an eye on CLHS social media feeds leading up to March 13 to find out more about which classes and programs are involved and what they are raising funds for.

### CLHS Band Tour, March 5-11

Concordia's band tour will begin on Tuesday, March 5 and will conclude with a final performance which will take place at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

### Concordia Hosts Middle School Musical, *Dear Edwina, Jr.*, March 23-24

*Dear Edwina, Jr.* is our middle school musical and will be presented on March 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the CLHS auditorium. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door. Students from eight different area middle schools are involved.

### CLHS Orchestra coming to Peace

The CLHS Orchestra will be here for our service on Sunday, May 5. They will be playing several pieces and leading some of our hymns that morning. Because they will have to set up in the front of the sanctuary, Communion will not be celebrated on that day. We will have communion on May 19<sup>th</sup> instead.



## For the Record

### Giving and Attendance

December 31, 2023 through February 25, 2024 contributions and attendance were as follows:

Dec 31 am/pm	\$2,830	45/22
Jan 7/10	\$3,924	58/16
Jan 14/17	\$6,699	54/13
Jan 21/24	\$4,560	72/11
Jan 28/31	\$3,458	63/13
Feb 4/7	\$12,871	88/11
Feb 11/14	\$24,272	82/91
Feb 18/21	\$6,316	68/47
Feb 25	\$3,538	67

#### Budget

Yearly 2024:           \$ 341,585.00  
 Weekly 2024:           \$   6,568.90



## ALTAR FLOWERS



We still need donors for altar flowers for this year. Check the calendar across from the office for available dates.

Cost of the flowers is \$30 and you can take them home after the Sunday service. Payment envelopes are under the chart and can be put in the collection plate.

### Soul Accounting

No Changes

### Directory Changes

*Please contact the church office with any changes of address, phone numbers and email addresses.*



Treva Strasen	3/4
Kevin Mann	3/5
Patricia Easterday	3/10
Herbert Koenig	3/12
Gene Koch	3/14
Spencer Strasen	3/15
Connor Gastineau	3/16
Adam Koch	3/19
Amelia Zeimet	3/20
Jerry Branstrator	3/23
Bill Moore	3/24
Sally Brandon	3/24
Ryan Zellers	3/25
Kyle Strasen	3/26
Vicki Beeks	3/27
Jordan DeBoer	3/27
Chuck Miller	3/27
Anna Bishop	3/28
Chris Till	3/29



Katelyne Stier	4/4
Sam Klage	4/5
Aniyah Wilson	4/7
Lance Selking	4/9
Joan Thompson	4/10
Ted Hoham	4/11
James Uffelman	4/12
Jillian Gatchell-Ward	4/16
Gideon Hapner	4/18
Sonja Stier	4/18
Luke Klage	4/21
Maliciah Garner	4/21
Sarah Brandon	4/23
Sarah Myers	4/23
William Lubke	4/24
Emily Till	4/28
Peter Hoham	4/28
Wyatt Strasen	4/28
Nicholas Stier	4/30

*If your birthday, anniversary or change of address is not listed, kindly contact the church office with your information.*

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. – Mark 10:9

No March Anniversaries



Bob and Erin Floyd	4/7
Sally and Jay Brandon	4/24



# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga	<b>2</b> 11:00am Yoga with Tara 7:00pm The Temp (p. 3)
<b>3*</b> 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour	<b>4</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga 4:00pm Board of Elders 5:00pm Cardio Tone	<b>5</b> Bulletin Items Due 1:00pm Small Group Bible Study 5:30pm Yoga with Tara 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group	<b>6*</b> 10:30am Grief Share 5:30pm Latin Fitness Dance 6:30pm Worship with Communion	<b>7</b> 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 10:00-11:30am Parish Nurse Is In 11:00am Chair Yoga	<b>9</b> 11:00am Yoga with Tara
<b>10* Daylight Savings Begins</b> 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour 10:30am Brinneman Baby Shower	<b>11</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga 1:00-3:00pm Cards in the Café 5:00pm Cardio Tone	<b>12</b> Bulletin Items Due 5:30pm Yoga with Tara	<b>13*</b> 10:30am Grief Share 5:30pm Latin Fitness Dance 6:30pm Worship with Communion BP Screenings	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga	<b>16</b> 11:00am Yoga with Tara
<b>17</b> 9:00am Worship Service BP Screenings 10:30am Education Hour 7:30pm YAMz	<b>18</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Cardio Tone	<b>19</b> Bulletin Items Due 5:30pm Yoga with Tara 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Board of Directors	<b>20</b> 10:30am Grief Share 5:30pm Latin Fitness Dance 6:30pm Worship Service	<b>21</b> 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 10:00-11:30am Parish Nurse Is In 11:00am Chair Yoga	<b>23</b> 11:00am Yoga with Tara
<b>24*</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:30am Education Hour	<b>25</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga 1:00-3:00pm Cards in the Café 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed	<b>26</b> Bulletin Items Due 5:30pm Yoga with Tara	<b>27*</b> 10:30am Grief Share 5:30pm Latin Fitness Dance No Worship Service	<b>28</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 5:00pm Cardio Tone 6:30 Worship with Communion 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga 6:30 pm Tenebrae Worship Service	<b>30</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> 9:00am Men at Peace 10-11:00am Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am Yoga with Tara
<b>31* Easter</b> 7:00am Sunrise Worship Service with Communion 8:20am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Easter Worship with Communion						



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>April Fool's Day</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Cardio Tone	<b>2</b> 1:00pm Bible Study in the Café 5:30pm Yoga with Tara 6:00-8:00pm Youth Group	<b>3</b> 10:30am Grief Share 5:30pm Latin Fitness Dance 5:30pm Partners in Prayer No Worship Service	<b>4</b> 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 10-11:30am Parish Nurse is In 11:00am Chair Yoga	<b>6</b> 11:00am Yoga with Tara
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<b>21</b> 9:00am Worship Service BP Screenings 10:30am Education Hour 7:30pm YAMz	<b>22</b> <b>Earth Day</b> 11:00am Chair Yoga 1:00-3:00pm Cards in the Café 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Bd of Christian Ed	<b>23</b> Bulletin Items Due 3:30pm Board of Worship 5:30pm Yoga with Tara	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Latin Fitness Dance 6:30pm Worship Service	<b>25</b> 5:00pm Cardio Tone 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 10:00-11:30am Parish Nurse Is In 11:00am Chair Yoga	<b>27</b> 11:00am Yoga with Tara
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# ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM



Please complete the form below and put it in the Rutkowski's church mailbox in the Founder's Hall hallway. We'll take it from there and begin making the needed updates. There is also a checkbox to tell us if you would like to have an updated picture in the directory. We will contact you to arrange a time to have a new picture taken.

Provide the following information and mark the "OK" box to permit us to use the info as indicated.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **head/spouse/child/other**  
Prefix First Preferred Middle Last Household position

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family email: \_\_\_\_\_ OK for App\_\_ Personal email: \_\_\_\_\_ OK for App\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ OK for App\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ OK for App\_\_ OK for Text\_\_

Please update my/our photo: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please update my/our photo: \_\_\_\_\_

## Children:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ OK for App\_\_

Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ OK for App\_\_

Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_





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