

# The Witness of Peace

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## The View from the Tomb

The one gospel account I wish I could read would be the gospel according to Jesus. I would like to see the new creation from the tomb looking out at a whole new world. Yes, the desert looked the same, dusty, hot and unforgiving. The Roman soldiers still policed the streets. The Judean rulers still policed the temple. The market still filled with the sound of haggling as sinners sought to exploit buyers with greedy prices and sinners sought to steal from sellers with unfair offers. Beggars still sat hungry, lost, and demoralized in their ostracism. People still sat outside the tomb, weeping because of their grief and lost hope. In fact, nothing would have seemed different at all. Suffering, violence, sin, disobedience, despair--they would all still appear to have won the day.

Jesus looked out from the tomb and his first thought, I imagine was, "Yes, Father, We did it!" His first emotion had to be elation that the creation was accomplished all over again. The new world was completely established, and God had won back his own. All critics on that day to critics of this day would say, "That's insane! Nothing has changed. Look at the people! Look at the earth! All that happened here was the death of one man, and IF he resurrected, so what because he disappeared and left us in this stinking mess. There is no victory here. Christ lost, and we lost."

They are correct. Christ lost. God lost. In the game of spiritual chicken we were playing with God's judgment and wrath, God lost. That's how he won by giving us what we wanted. He tried to tell us that sin brought death, but we kept insisting that death is what we wanted. He tried to tell us that we couldn't have it both ways--God as our King and our own needs wants and desires as the rulers of our lives. Over and again, when he tried to tell us, we drank the poison instead of the tonic. We died a thousand times, insisting loudly that we wanted death even as we claimed that death was painful and hateful to us. Over and again, we ate of the poisoned fruit. So God gave up on changing us and set out to change death. *Go ahead and have your so-called lives*, he said. *I will take away your so-called death.*

From the tomb, Jesus looked out at a new creation, a new relationship between God and man that would never depend on man. God's new creation would not rely on our faithfulness, but rest instead on his grace. We would have new life not because we obeyed nor because we were good little children who ate our peas and carrots and avoided the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. Our new life would depend on God's generosity, his love, and his desire to be one with his creation. "Look, Father," Jesus said from the tomb, *"Nothing will ever be able to separate them from our love again. Not angels or demons. Nothing that happens today or tomorrow. Nothing is tall enough, wide enough or deep enough to ever take them away from us again. Nothing in life--not even death will separate them from our love."*

God's Peace and a Blessed Easter,

*Pastor Jeff*

## Peace Lutheran Council ~ March 21, 2011

**Present:** Mike Cairus, Pastor Jeff Driscoll, Coni Moyer, Bill Niegemann, Jesse Driscoll, Pedro Gonzales, George Daoura, Ernie Fosse, Sunny Moyer, Mary Fuentes

**Absent:** Ashley Stoffel, Whitney Holden, Joe Holden, Robyn Canteras, Donna Hefty

Call to order by President Ernie at 7:10pm

### Focus Items

- Pastor's report by Pastor Jeff
  1. The church has had a number of visitors; Worship statistics are available
- Treasurer's report given by Bill
  1. Finances are healthy for the moment
  2. Bill was concerned about bringing a person in and them being in the dark
- Communications and minutes
  1. Minutes approved with amendments MMSC
  2. Sunny read letters of thanks
- Treasurer's position
  1. Two people said they would like to help but not hold the position
  2. Ernie was to talk to Larry Sather Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011
  3. People to be considered are Karen Hopper, Larry Sather, and Mary Morcom
- Photo Directory
  1. Coni was going to check into the directory and give report at next month's meeting
- Nursery
  1. Questions were raised about major holidays such as: would the nursery be staffed or how do go about getting it staffed
  2. We as a council are giving serious thought to restaffing the nursery and discussion was brought up about a cry room in which parents could take their children and still see and hear the service
- Sunday School
  1. May 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday school students will sing in church
  2. Program will be held in January
  3. Vacation Bible school will be June 27<sup>th</sup> thru July 1
  4. There will be two services on Senior Sunday

### Action Items

- Cemetery Treasurer LWCH
  1. Donnella Rod stepped down but not before finding someone to replace her
  2. Mike made the motion that Carol Maurstad was appointed as LWCH financial secretary- George seconded, motion passed
  3. President Ernie will send Donnella a thank you note for her decades of service
- Cemetery Custodians
  1. This will be an on-going discussion
  2. Coni made a motion that we instruct Ernie to have a conversation relative to cemetery sextons about the help they may need or may not need in order to do that job properly. Jesse seconded. Motion carried
  3. Gutters are being looked at
  4. Paid staff reviews
  5. We are all over the place with the answers received
  6. Executive board will meet Wednesday and Ernie will meet with staff Thursday

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted: A.M. Sunny Moyer

## Scripture Texts For May

### May 1 **Second Sunday of Easter**

First Reading Acts: 2:14a, 22-32  
 Psalm Psalm 16  
 Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

### May 8 **Third Sunday of Easter**

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
 Psalm Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
 Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

### May 15 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm Psalm 23  
 Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

### May 22 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm Psalm 31:1-5,15-16  
 Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

### May 29 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm Psalm 66:8-20  
 Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 Gospel Reading John 14:15-21



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## Easter Message From Moscow

Dear Russia Partners,

Just this morning I received these greetings from Bishop Dietrich Brauer in Moscow, who was elected to the position of Bishop of ELCER at their Synod Assembly last month. (Until then he had functioned for a year as "visitation bishop".) Here is a translation of his message:

Dear sisters and brothers,

I greet you most sincerely during this Easter season. Christ is risen! Lent is a time for examination, for every congregation and for each and every Christian personally. It is not something we should fear and try to avoid. We are tested so that we can differentiate between wheat and thorns and can determine what takes priority in our lives. Lent is the time when the congregation and the entire church looks at its very foundation, which is Christ. No human being, no external customs may usurp this holy space. In the Christian Church the most holy element is Christ and the entire service on the part of believers is concentrated around this. We kneel before the cross of Jesus and His suffering for our salvation. We are filled with joy and amazement at his resurrection from the dead so that we might live!

Jesus lives! Now death is also the entrance into life.  
What comfort in the throws of death will he give my soul,  
When it speaks to him in faith: " Lord, Lord, in whom I trust."



In Christ's love,  
Dietrich Brauer

Bishop Brauer speaks of a time of examination. These words have never been more painfully true for our brothers and sisters in Russia, most specifically in Moscow. At the Cathedral of Peter and Paul the congregation is divided over the removal of its two pastors on the grounds of immoral conduct with some members and the administrative office is in the process of an overhaul. Not only Japan is experiencing a shaking of the ground. Clean up and reconstruction are a formidable task. A lot of people are hurting.

Holy Week is a dark time for us all, especially today, on Good Friday. But Easter will come and with it resurrection and new life and new hope. I ask you to please keep Bishop Brauer and his flock in your prayers, that the light of Christ will bring to all healing and a new beginning and the realization on the part of the faithful that Christ is the foundation of the church and that the faithful must live accordingly.

Last night at the Maundy Thursday service the choir sang : *Jesus, our teacher and our Lord, stooped to wash the feet of his disciples and he told them: "This is an example; just as I have done, so you must do."*

Let us show that humility and love to all. Have a very joyful Easter!

Eva Mader, Grace Lutheran (Bellevue)

## Lutheran World Relief

Our May shipment will go down to Seattle on May 6. Thanks to all who donated all the items for the kits that were made. Special thanks again to Else Danner for all the quilt tops she has made. It takes many hands to get so much done and I thank all who helped do the packing, tying up of the kits and all the diapers, receiving blankets and kimonos that were sewed. I know the people who get all these things will greatly appreciate all of our efforts to make their life just a little better.

We will be working on our school back packs next. I'll let you know when the work will begin. We have work for anyone interested in helping. A lot of things don't involve sewing so all can help and the packs are really cute.

Mary and I will be going down to Chehalis to pick up more batting. Many other churches depend on us for their batting so they too can keep quilting. It's a good feeling to help others. So, come join the fun, work and fellowship we have when we work together on such a worthwhile project.

Again, many thanks to all! Also, anyone that would like to donate monies for the 1,000 ft. rolls of rope for the backpacks would be appreciated. I'll be ordering rolls at \$39.95 a roll and each roll should make 93 backpacks. Let me know if you are interested.

### Stats for May Shipment:

Quilts	140 (more held for local use)
Health Kits	187
Baby Layettes	51
Sewing Kits	15
Soap	47 lbs.

- Donna Hefty, LWR Chair

**Editors Note:** Many thanks from the congregation for the incredible amount of work, time and monies that Donna expends on this project. Also, thanks to Bill and Linda Legler for delivering the shipment to Seattle!

## May Birthdays

- 1 Aisling Cuchna
- 2 Jeff Erwin  
Brian Vanwinkle
- 4 Randy Libby
- 9 Maudie Gedstad
- 10 Judy Camp
- 11 Jim Jones
- 15 Lars Stangeland
- 16 Carol Maurstad
- 19 Elise Driscoll
- 22 John Gedstad
- 23 Karen Hopper
- 25 Kristian Stangeland  
Louis Stangeland
- 26 Barbara Pulliam
- 28 Eric Stangeland
- 29 Annabelle Birkestol  
Lana Hanson  
Jeff Olseene  
Seth Olson
- 30 Selvin Stensen
- 31 Ashley Stoffel

## Raising The Rooftop

Come celebrate the Trinity Lutheran College Rooftop Garden/Learning Area! TLC welcomes area businesses, organizations, leaders, alums and friends to join them on Tuesday, May 3, 5-7 P.M. at the rooftop of Trinity Parking Garage. Enjoy free parking on the rooftop, music, refreshments, tours and great conversation!



## Grief Care

What is Grief Care? It is a group that is open to all who have experienced a loss whether recently or decades ago, and it is hoped that as we meet we can provide some mutual ministry and healing.

The journey of grief really begins in earnest after the funeral, when relatives and friends are no longer around as much and you have “alone time”. You start feeling your own feelings—that unique blend of sadness, loss, regret, anger, resentment, guilt, relief—and accepting them. Suppressing grief buries these emotions alive.

I hope you will allow those in Grief Care to walk alongside you through your grief journey—not as an expert or even a guide, but as a companion who has seen much of the same terrain.

Grief Care meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. Please call Joan Johnson at 360-435-6299 for more information or with your questions.

*“Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. He will cover you with His feathers, He will shelter you with His wings.” (Psalm 91:1,4)*

- Joan Johnson, Grief Care Coordinator

## WHAT? .....I DIDN'T KNOW THAT?

Recently it has occurred to me that many of you may not know that:

- Every one of you ladies is a member of PLCW...even if you have never come to a meeting
- Some **men** actually stop in to join us for lunch...you can too!
- We have great speakers (presentations) each month....which have been uplifting and inspiring
- Monthly bible study groups (circles) meet once a month.....all are welcome at any of them
- The ladies at Peace are so incredibly busy with:
- Making quilts; school kits; health kits; sewing kits; and layettes for Lutheran World Relief
- We have created a new local mission we named “Friends in Need” that supply health kits and hygiene supplies to local families in need.
- Serving at funerals, weddings, and serving coffee after each service on Sundays
- Maintaining the kitchen
- The BAZAAR that funds roughly \$12,000 in mission work...most of it goes to local organizations

We invite all of you to come and be a part of this great group!

- Jolene Rod, PLCW President

## Youth and Family

**Relay for Life Update:** Peace Lutheran has three teams with one of them being 10 years and under. Each team has been raising money to go to the American Cancer Society. We've had some very successful fundraisers and would like to thank all those who came out for the BBQ and silent auction. We had a great time with lots of great memories. The kids team had a bake sale at Silvana Meats which went extremely well. As a whole—the fundraising has been going well as has each of our individual fund raising. We set our team goal at \$17,000; yes, it's high but we decided that we could reach it with some hard work!

The Relay for Life event will take place May 21-22 at the Stanwood High School stadium. Opening ceremonies are at 3:00 pm; the luminaries ceremony will be at 10:00 pm. There will be lots of good food and fun activities for the whole family throughout the entire event. Live music, bouncy house, costume contests and much more will keep you awake and walking! We hope that everyone can come out and stop by our campsite, visit and share a cookie or two!

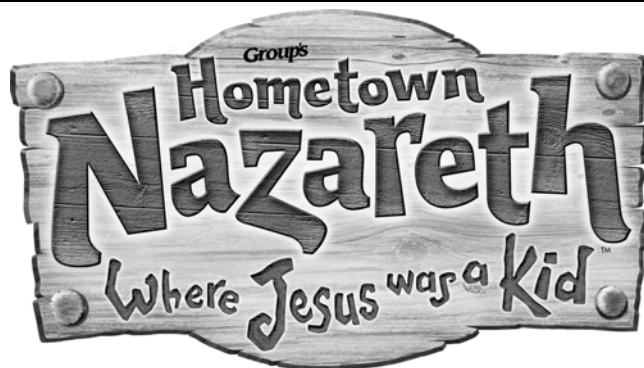
**Green Tip:** Buy eco-friendly cleaning products; fewer chemicals mean fewer pollutants getting into our water, land and air.

**Out To Lunch Bunch:** We will be going to Seattle on May 17 to try out one of the **new** Tom Douglas restaurants near Pike Place Market. The bus will leave PLC at 10:30 am; please let me know if you plan to go!

**Youth Group:** The youth will begin meeting again on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm. All are invited to come and help plan summer activities!

**Gathering Place:** As you know (hopefully!) Peace serves dinner at the Gathering Place in Stanwood on the third Thursday of each month. This past month we served over 80 people and all enjoyed a meal of salad, chicken fettuccine and birthday cake. Volunteers are always needed to help cook and serve. Please let me know if you, your family unit, or your Circle, Garden Club or other group might like to take a turn. You'll be amazed at the incredible time you will have!

- Mary J Fuentes



**Save the dates!**

**June 27 ~ July 1**

**Vacation Bible School**

## May 2011 Faith and Care

### 8:30 Service

1st/15th

8th/22nd

<b>Head Usher</b>	Joe Johns	Pedro Gonzales
<b>Usher</b>	Jesse Driscoll	Andrew Bean
<b>Greeter</b>	Claire Driscoll	Victoria Sather
<b>Lector</b>	Carla Driscoll	Larry Sather
<b>Acolyte</b>	Elise Driscoll	Zach Keefe
<b>Communion</b>		
<b>Serving Group</b> (Fellowship)	Lana Hanson's Group	Lana Hanson's Group

### 11:00 Service

1st/15th

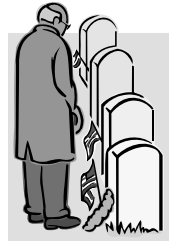
8th/22nd @ \*10:00 AM  
29th



<b>Head Usher</b>	Sonny Moyer	Sonny Moyer
<b>Usher</b>	Toby Rapose	Ernie Fosse
<b>Greeter</b>	Joan Rapose	Joan Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Leilani Erps	Debra Compton
<b>Acolyte</b>	Simon Fuentes	Shawn Moyer
<b>Communion</b>	Robin Canteras	* 29th—Robin Canteras
<b>Serving Group</b> (Fellowship)	Laura Kellogg's Group	Laura Kellogg's Group

\* Please note that there will be one service on May 29 at 10:00 AM when we will celebrate Confirmation.



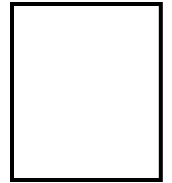
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 8:30—Worship 9:45—Sunday School 11:00—Worship	<b>2</b> 10:00—Women's AA 11:00—Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 12:00—AA	<b>4</b> 11:30—PLCW 6:00—Youth Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00—6:00 Garage Sale 12:00—AA <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;"><b>Garage Sale</b></div>	<b>7</b> 9:00—Noon Garage Sale  2:00—Cow Pie Drop
<b>8</b> 8:30—Worship 9:45—Sunday School 11:00—Worship 	<b>9</b> 10:00—Women's AA 11:00—Staff Meeting	<b>10</b> 12:00—AA 3:30—Stephen Ministry Training 7:00—Grief Care	<b>11</b> 9:30—Naomi Circle 12:30—Esther Circle 6:00—Youth Group	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12:00—AA	<b>14</b> 8:00—Men's Breakfast Study 11:00—Falcon Ridge Women's Event
<b>15</b> 8:30—Worship 9:45—Sunday School 11:00—Worship	<b>16</b> 10:00—Women's AA 11:00—Staff Meeting 7:00—Council Meeting	<b>17</b> 12:00—AA 3:30—Stephen Ministry Training	<b>18</b> 12:00—Women's Event at Freeborn 6:00—Youth Group	<b>19</b> 5:00—Gathering Place Dinner	<b>20</b> 12:00—AA	<b>21</b> Relay for Life Stanwood 
<b>22</b> 8:30—Worship 9:45—Sunday School 11:00—Worship  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00—Women's AA 11:00—Staff Meeting	<b>24</b> 12:00—AA 3:30—Stephen Ministry Training 7:00—Grief Care	<b>25</b> 6:00—Youth Group	<b>26</b> 5:30—Clean Water Board	<b>27</b> 12:00—AA	<b>28</b> 8:00—Men's Breakfast Study
<b>29</b> 10:00—Worship  <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>	<b>30</b> Office Closed for Memorial Day  10:00—AA	<b>31</b> 12:00—AA 3:30—Stephen Ministry Training				

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**May Worship Schedule**

8:30 A.M. Early Service

9:45 P.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Second Service

**5/29 Confirmation Sunday**

**10:00 A.M. One Service at Peace Lutheran**

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You Are Invited To Join Us

For Our Annual

*Women's Cluster  
Spring Luncheon*

Wednesday, May 18 12:00 Noon

**Freeborn Lutheran Church**

2304—300th NE, Stanwood (Exit 215)

**Lunch**

**Program**

*Soloist—Anna Ronning*

*Pianist—Connie Ronning*

*Update on Michelle Brekhus'*

*mission work*

