



# The Peace Messenger

Peace Lutheran Church  
2090 Commerce Drive  
North Mankato MN 56003

Newsletter  
April 2020

## Worship Schedule

Sundays **8:15 & 10:45 a.m.**  
**Online**

### Serving Peace

**Pastor Tim Hartwig**  
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### Church Council

President:

**Eric Woller**

Vice President:

**Eric Halvorson**

Secretary:

**Greg Miller**

Spiritual Leadership:

**Jeff Huber**

Christian Education:

**Joel Kom**

Property Management:

**Jesse Wolff**

Stewardship:

**Sergio Salgado**

Gospel Outreach:

**Jonathan Stadler**

### Jesus' Lambs Preschool

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### Crossed - Youth Group

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[crossedyouth@gmail.com](mailto:crossedyouth@gmail.com)

### Special Interest Dates

**1<sup>st</sup>** Lenten Service - Online

**7<sup>th</sup>** Board of Education Meeting **6p**

Stewardship Meeting **6p**

Spiritual Leadership Meeting **7p**

**9<sup>th</sup>** Maundy Thursday **6p - Online**

**10<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday **6p - online**

**12<sup>th</sup>** Easter Service **8a - online**

**21<sup>st</sup>** Council Meeting **6:30p**

**25<sup>th</sup>** Spring Clean-Up **9a**

## Afraid? Don't Be...You Have Peace!

John 20:19-20 On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Are you afraid? Are you anxious? Are you worried? Right now, as our world still faces COVID-19, many people are distressed. They are worried for themselves and for their loved ones. The entire world is standing face to face with its own mortality—and it is not comfortable!

This is, of course, not new to human experience. Throughout history, humanity has faced times where we are forced to stop and change many things. There have been many times where the entire world has been shaken—thrown into fear and worry. This also happens to us individually. There are frightening times in our own lives where we face our own individual difficulties and hardships. There are times where we don't see a clear path forward or out of the trouble that we are facing.

Jesus' disciples found themselves in a situation like that after Jesus had been crucified. In a sense, they were "self-isolating." They had locked themselves away because they were afraid. Those

disciples who only days before had boldly proclaimed that they would gladly die with Jesus were now hiding out by themselves afraid of dying. And it wasn't an unfounded

threat that they faced. The threat was real. Jesus had told them just days before: "You are not of the world...for that very reason the world hates you." (John 15:19) Jesus warned them to expect persecution

and even death because they followed him. But now, having witnessed Jesus being brutally tortured and killed upon a cross, they were suddenly filled with fear, anxiety, and worries—they were shaken and didn't see a clear path forward.

But in that moment, Jesus himself, risen from the dead, appeared in front of them and proclaimed some amazing words: "PEACE be with you!" They had all seen him die. But now, here he was in their midst, proving himself to be no longer dead but alive! And better yet, because he wasn't separated from them by death, he



was in their midst assuring them that they had peace!

Jesus' resurrection from the grave and from death brings peace. What is there to worry about? Even a brutal crucifixion can't stop Jesus! And neither can death stop those who trust in Jesus! The fact that Jesus is risen from the dead gives peace because it assures us that everything that Jesus said is true and that his work had been accomplished! It means that before God, Jesus' perfect, righteous life now counts for us who have been imperfect and unrighteous. It means that his suffering and death upon the cross has redeemed us—bought us back—from sin and death; our sins and guilt are all paid for! And it means that even though we will have to face our own physical death, that's not going to stop us! We too have a promise

from almighty God that we will rise with body and soul to enjoy new eternal life!

What great PEACE belongs to you and me because of our resurrected Lord Jesus! Especially in this time as our world is hiding out in fear of death, those who have Christ have peace. We have nothing to fear! Even if the coronavirus reaches us and brings death to us, we have peace with God. And so death itself doesn't need to frighten us. Those who have faith in Jesus their Savior have the peace of knowing that eternal life is theirs!

Rejoice in the PEACE that comes from our resurrected Lord Jesus! May God's PEACE be with YOU in this time!

- Board for Home Outreach

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### **Our Mission**

The purpose of our congregation is **to worship** God, who gives life through Word and Sacrament; **to serve** one another in love and fellowship; and **to proclaim** forgiveness and salvation to all through Jesus Christ alone.

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**Digital resources at Peace** – Happy 2020! The Gospel Outreach Board wants to let you know of the different types of digital resources that Peace is using. These resources provide multiple opportunities for outreach, as well as spiritual encouragement for members. We pray that these resources will be beneficial to you and to people to whom you reach out with the Gospel in the new year.

**Vimeo:** <https://vimeo.com/peacemankato>

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNk3WgwmGT67SHFOCIPeJdQ>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/peacemankato>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/peacelutherannorthmankato/>

**Sermon Podcast:** <http://www.anchor.fm/peace-mankato-sermons>

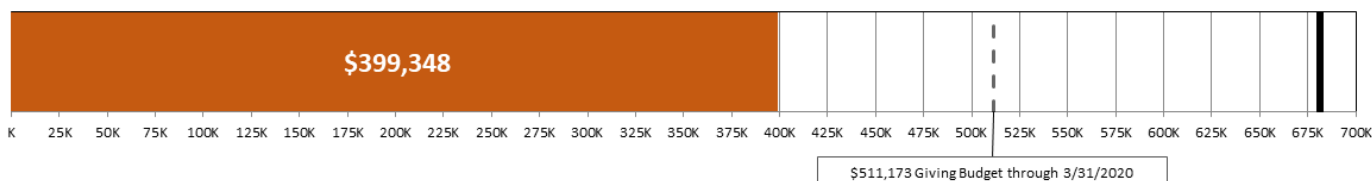
(Sermon podcast is available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Overcast, PocketCasts, Podbean and other services.)

**Access to the Peace App through the Apple App Store:** <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/peace-lutheran-north-mankato/id1485749962?ls=1>

**Access to the Peace App through the Google App Store:**  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=io.pushpay.peacemankato>

### Congregation Contributions as of 3/31/2020

Total Contributions  
Budgeted \$681,560



## OFFERING

*The members of Peace Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world.*

*"God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work."*

*(II Corinthians 9:8)*

**Please continue to give your offering:** by either mailing your offering to the church, or using our online giving option (fees are deducted, up to 3.5%).

Thank you.

### Happy Birthday!



Mikaela Lemke	5 years old
Linus Londgren	2 years old
Arthur Heyer	1 years old
Samuel Ringen	9 years old
Jakob Hermanson	13 years old
Mallory Novak	10 years old
Emma Dueck	5 years old
Annaliese Schrader	5 years old
Elsa Schrader	10 years old
Abigail Hartwig	14 years old
Jeremiah Lukasek	7 years old
Benjamin Ringen	7 years old
Claire Bindert	3 years old

**Also** – Amy McCabe, Nicole Moldstad, Chris Harstad, Annette Schmeling, Jen Stadler, Cindy Chopp, Alisha Schuch, Kenzie Lindstrom, John Moldstad, Jim Howson, Rose Reiner, Brian Koch, Dan Quist, Brandon Smith, Ben Geistfeld, Casey Ohotto, Benji Inniger, Mike Oliver, David Schrader, Sara Traylor, Carolyn Urke, Shelly Clausen, Emily Wolff, Derek Meyer, Matt Moldstad, James Wentzlaff, Brittany Cordes, Eric Theiste, Allison Lowrey, Katherine Kjeer, Gloria Loe, Jeff Lin, Cody Anderson.

***May the Lord bless you, today and always.***



### March Anniversaries:

Dana & Jennifer Gates	4/02/05	15 years
Paul & Karen Wold	4/13/91	29 years
Peter & Thalia Londgren	4/22/16	4 years
Jon & Lisa Wendinger	4/25/98	22 years
Roger & Tammi Emmons	4/26/93	27 years

***Congratulations!*** *May the Lord continue to bless you, and may your Christian marriage serve as an inspiration to others.*



*The following was taken from 'Martin Luther's Little Instruction Book':*

### HE BORE OUR PUNISHMENT

*"Christ is the One who stepped into the place of our sinful nature, loaded upon Himself, and appeased for us all, the wrath of God which we had deserved by all our works."*





## Preschool News



We certainly are in uncertain times at *Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool* these days with the Corona Virus Scare. However, God does not want us to be afraid. He wants us to be certain of His love and forgiveness through all times. In Isaiah 41:10. God says: so do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Through all of these days of April, God wants us to continue to trust that He keeps all of His promises in Jesus Christ. This is why our preschoolers will continue to be given their Bible story sheets with their preschool homework. Two of our Bible stories also have been taught on line and you will be able to view these on our Peace website. In good times and in bad times, God wants us to reach for His word and to be assured that He is in absolute control of our lives, our bodily health and our spiritual health.

It was only a few days ago that we enjoyed a visit from Officer Paulson from the North Mankato Police Department and Derek from Topper's Pizza. Only a few days ago, we celebrated Dr. Seuss Day, enjoyed a field trip to Mt. Olive Lutheran School, talked about St. Patrick and practiced our play. Now, we enjoy a different kind of learning with our families as we wait to return to school. We hope our preschoolers will be able to listen to many stories and Bible stories, play many tabletop games and games of pretend with their toys and to help around the house.

We invite everyone to watch our video services on line and to call Pastor Hartwig and Pastor Moldstad for spiritual guidance. We pray for you all, for our leaders and for those doctors and nurses fighting so hard to keep people healthy and to aid those who are sick. We pray that soon we will be able to come back to school, but whatever the future brings, it *will* be a Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Our sins are forgiven!


If you have any questions about the play, our Open House, school for this year or next year's enrollment, please call Joslyn at 507-594-8929.


## Events:

### Tre Ore Service — Good Friday, April 10, 2020 – Online

Noon – 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran in N. Mankato — [www.stpaulsnorthmankato.com](http://www.stpaulsnorthmankato.com)

A joint ELS & WELS three-hour worship service based on Jesus' seven last words on the cross. This service is made up of seven 25-minute mini-services with hymns, a devotion, and prayer. Pastors Hartwig and Moldstad will be taking part in the service.

 **Bible Study Solid Grounds Bible Study** is held on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM - online. An email will be sent out with a link on Tuesday mornings. Join us for a discussion of the gospel lesson for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

 **Bible Study Sunday Bible Study Resumes Online** – Sundays at 9:30am we will have our regular Sunday Bible Study in an online format. The link to connect into the online Bible Study will be sent to you via email at the end of the week. We are picking up our study of eight key stories from the book of Genesis – Everything New. We hope you can join us.


**Sunday School at Home** – Since we are not able to have our regular Sunday School gatherings at church on Sunday morning, the Board of Education has decided to take a different approach for the remainder of the semester. We will be emailing parents the Sunday School lessons for their children each week. We encourage you to print out the lessons and work with your children on them. A teacher guide will be also included in the email. Contact Paul Agenten: [pagenten@blc.edu](mailto:pagenten@blc.edu) if you have any questions.

**Continued Pastoral Care** – While we certainly want to follow the guidance of our government and shelter at home these next two week, both pastors will continue to be available to offer spiritual encouragement and care. We are available to meet with you over the phone, the internet, or in-person at your home, if the need arises. We will also make ourselves available to provide private communion at your home, upon request. We plan to resume the private communion at church again after the shelter in place directive is lifted on April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm.

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**Need help?** – During this time many are homebound and might have difficulty getting the food and supplies they need. If you are in need of assistance in getting items from the store, please contact the church office: [karen@peacemankato.com](mailto:karen@peacemankato.com) or 507-385-1386, and we will work to try to find a way to assist you.


 **The Annual meeting of New 2 You Family Thrift Store** that was scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>, is cancelled. An alternative meeting date has not yet been determined. New 2 You is temporarily closed for shopping and for donations, and it will reopen as soon as possible. New 2 You looks forward to receiving all of your donations when we reopen, so clean out those closets during all this extra time at home!

### Upcoming YOUTH Activities (see more information on the bulletin boards)

Camp Indianhead (ages: 11 – 16) in Henning, MN, July 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

LYA Convention (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) Utah, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. **CANCELLED**

(Peace will reimburse half of the registration fee to attend Camp Indianhead or LYA)

 **amazon.COM Do you shop on Amazon?** An easy way to generate donations to Peace year-round is to go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose to support Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Mankato Inc. Always shop through smile.amazon.com (same website and prices as amazon). You will have a running tally of how much you have generated in donations to Peace! Donations are deposited in our account quarterly. **Thank you!!**

## Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

**MODIFIED: Tiaras & Ties** – MVL will not be hosting the Tiaras & Ties father-daughter dance event this year. Instead, each and every one of your living rooms or backyards will! More details will be coming, but we're working on creating a music playlist, activities, and online environment for April 18<sup>th</sup>, so that you can still make some wonderful memories at home. Please stay tuned to the MVL Facebook event and feel free to contact Kristin Matzke at [kmatzke@mvlhs.org](mailto:kmatzke@mvlhs.org) with any questions.



DON'T TAKE A  
VACATION  
FROM CHURCH

To watch our service live, go to:  
[www.peacemankato.com/livestreaming](http://www.peacemankato.com/livestreaming) or  
our Facebook page. The service will start  
automatically when it is live (8:15AM & 10:45 AM  
regular service).

For recorded services, go to:  
[www.vimeo.com/peacemankato](http://www.vimeo.com/peacemankato) and you can choose  
which service you wish to watch.



*Foot Care*

### **Are you unable to care for your feet?**

Your church home is offering a service to  
help you care for your feet and toenails.

By appointment, a registered nurse, using sanitary  
equipment, will soak and wash your feet, trim  
toenails, and finish with a lotion foot massage. If the  
nurse feels further medical attention is needed, she  
may suggest an appointment with your health care  
provider. This service is free; however, donations will  
be accepted to go to a church cause.

For more information, or to set up an appointment,  
please call Amy Jo Reiner at 507-340-2061.



**Electronic  
Fund Giving**

**Just a reminder** of the option you have of using “electronic giving” for making  
your regular church offerings or special fund offerings. Contributions can be  
debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using  
your debit or credit card (*Peace is charged a larger percentage (up to 3.5%) of your  
donation for card usage*). The electronic giving program offers convenience for you  
and much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare  
52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this  
program will allow your weekly offerings to continue in an uninterrupted basis.

**You can set it up yourself** by going to our website, [www.peacemankato.com](http://www.peacemankato.com), click the “Online Giving” box  
and put in your information. You choose how often you donate (weekly, monthly, certain date(s), etc.).

# Camp Indianhead

You can make the difference!



## Promote Camp Indianhead at Home

- **Start a Camp Scholarship Fund**  
Camp this year costs \$300 per child. Congregations can help send kids to camp by starting a fund to offset that cost.
- **Sponsor a Camper - \$300**  
Perhaps you know someone who needs a Christ-centered Camp experience? You can donate a private gift through your church.

## Keep Camp Indianhead Affordable

- **Sponsor Your Pastor - \$60**  
Is your pastor coming to camp? A simple donation of \$60 covers his expenses!
- **Sponsor a Camp Counselor - \$200**  
Twelve college students give up a week of their summer to be counselors. One generous gift can cover a counselor's camp registration and stipend for the week!
- **Whatever God puts in Your Heart to Give**  
Your gifts go a long way to keeping this ministry running year after year. Thank you!

Please designate checks to "Camp Indianhead, MN" and address to Pastor Shawn Stafford, PO Box 188 Hartland, MN 56042.

# Camp Indianhead

July 12-17 2020

TASTE AND SEE THAT THE **LORD** IS GOOD!

- For youth ages 11-16
- At Lutheran Island Camp, Henning MN
- Cost is \$300 per camper
- Includes Free T-shirt (if registered by June 12th)
- Ask your pastor for registration forms



(Peace will reimburse half of the registration fee to attend Camp Indianhead)