



**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
— BARRETT, MN —

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**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

9:00am Messiah Lutheran-Hoffman

9:00am United Lutheran-Elbow Lake

10:30am Peace Lutheran-Barrett

**Pastor's Message**

**May 2024**

## **Acts 4: 1-4**

“And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of men came to be about five thousand.”

The beginning of Acts 4 testifies to the Apostles Peter and John preaching and teaching the word publicly, boldly. They were testifying to Jesus Christ crucified and risen from death to life! There was nothing, even arrest that was going to stop them from proclaiming this truth, from sharing it with the world. This is why we are worshipping Jesus in 2024 in churches in Barret, Hoffman, and Elbow Lake! It was because of this bold preaching and testifying of the Apostles.

The preaching and testifying to the Good News of/about Jesus of Nazareth, is vital to the world, the salvation of Jesus is transformative. We, the church, are called to this work every day of our lives. It doesn't take much to invite a person we meet to come worship with us at Peace, Messiah, or United. In a real sense, we are simply (but powerfully) inviting a person to “come and see”, like Jesus invited Peter and Andrew to do one day when he “saw” them.

What (who?) do we “see”? It is divine love that invites another human being to come and see Jesus, with us. Worship, hear God's life giving word. I think the challenge is we don't think we can be bold enough to invite, but its simply that—an invitation. It's the number one reason a person ends up in a church worshipping the God of Jesus the Christ. It's number one. It isn't even close to any other method of outreach. Invite! Share the Good News! Testify to it in way of word and deed! Let's do it!

Peace In Christ

Pastor Mark

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Minutes of the Council Meeting  
March 12, 2024

Members Present: Terry Lien, Joel Volker, Diane Puchalski, Ron Hanson, Pastor Jean, Pastor Mark, Jennifer McLaughlin, Lori Sommers, Jenna Lang, Marlene Dreier and Tami Weigel via phone.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Terry Lien.

Pastor Mark gave a devotion from Exodus 33:11 – The Lord speaks to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Additions to the agenda: none

The Secretary's Minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Lori S, seconded by Ron H, no further discussion, MCU.

The Treasurer's Report given by Tami W. Discussion on when to apply the donations to the building repair loan. It was agreed to apply the accumulated donations once a month to the loan. Diane P made a motion to approve Treasurer's report and building fund monthly donations, seconded by Jennifer M, no further discussion. MCU

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jean and Pastor Mark reported that the Lenten services are well attended and going well. Maundy Thursday services will be at Peace Lutheran and due to the large attendance last year, Pastor Mark suggested having 2 lines for communion.

#### Committee Reports

Alter Guild They will be serving breakfast on Palm Sunday, before and after church.

Family/Youth Table (Jennifer McLaughlin)

- No youth have signed up for camp.
- Due to the lack of snow, the outing at Andes Tower Hills didn't work out.
- Since there are not many "Fifth Sundays" this year, they are possibly doing a youth activity on Palm Sunday.
- Pastor Mark had a suggestion for the Early Out kids to help clean up around WCA Secondary campus.
- The youth leaders have contacted the Quilting Ladies to possibly make

Sensory Quilts for the ambulance. Anita Volker has ordered a sample quilt.

Library (Lori Sommers) More books have been ordered and will arrive shortly. A party will be held after Easter for the youth readers.

Mutual Ministry (Terry Lien) The Concordia Choir will be giving a concert at Concordia College in Moorhead on March 17th.

Men's Breakfast (Ron H & Terry L) They continue to have good attendance. The Men's Meatball Supper is scheduled for Sunday, April 7th, starting at 4:00 pm.

Property (Ron Hanson)

- The building repairs are ahead of schedule. Additional work on the downspouts and extra insulation will be needed.
- The new sign will be installed this spring and assistance will be needed.
- Tami received a letter from Green Stripe Lawn Care regarding the lawn care contract. Ron & Terry will review and decide. - Barnes Pest Control comes once a month.

Ruby's Pantry (Tami Weigel) It is going well. Last month they sold out so they are planning on more shares for March 18th.

Hospitality Team Karen Ellis has agreed to continue leading this group. One item that the Council would like the Hospitality Team to look into is ideas for the entry. Some members have expressed interest in removing the Freedom Alter and making that area more welcoming.

#### Old Business

Defibrillator: Tami confirmed delivery will be soon.

Vision of Peace: Waiting for the questionnaires to be returned. Chery Simpson will collect them and the team will meet after Easter. Eventually the Vision Team would like to meet with Messiah and United Lutheran.

Foster Closet: On Sunday, March 10th, the committee met at United Lutheran to reorganize the Foster Closet. Due to space limitations, a decision was made to limit number of items such as swings, walkers, car seats, etc. Pastor Mark's wife, Reba, has volunteered to be a representative for Messiah.

#### New Business

Offering Option: Council members asked if we should be passing the offering plate again. Other options were discussed and it was decided to keep the offering plate in back with the exception of holidays. Offering plates will be passed on holidays. Motion to approve by Marlene D, seconded by Joel V, no further discussion. MCU

Sandy designed an envelope with designations for general fund, building fund, library, youth, memorials & etc. Envelopes would be by the Sunday bulletins. By eliminating the current envelopes, it would be a substantial savings annually.

Stephen Ministries: Pastor Jean shared information on a new Stephen Ministries course that will be starting soon. Pastor Jean will be including information in the next newsletter for anyone who wishes to attend.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Lori S, seconded by Jenna L at 7:54 pm. No further discussion. MCU

Submitted by, Marlene Dreier, Secretary

• Confirmation quickly coming to an end with our last day on April 24. It has been an amazing year of learning, connection, and relationship-building. We are so grateful for all the youth who have attended and to all of the amazing small group leaders. Confirmation will resume in September, so stay tuned for details.

• Breakfast Club—we have one more Breakfast Club on Friday, May 17. Thank you to all of the groups who have so generously contributed time and food to support this awesome outreach ministry. A big thanks to Messiah Lutheran Church for serving food in April.

• HS Mission Trip—we are gearing up for our HS Mission Trip this summer, July 28-Aug 3, to the Cheyenne River Reservation. In addition to pre-trip gatherings, we are planning several fundraisers throughout the summer. One of those fundraisers includes offering service work to our members who would in turn donate funds toward the trip. See information below:

**Service Work Fundraiser for Church Members—**

In addition to serving a few meals and concessions to raise money for the trip, we are inviting church members to “hire” our youth to do work they have around their homes, such as cleaning windows, raking yards, tending to gardens, or any other odd jobs. You can call Natalie Hanson at 701-730-6760 to sign up or there will be a sign-up sheet at church inviting members to write down the number of youth needed, the work to be done, and the estimated hours of work. Please note, we can’t guarantee work within a certain timeframe, but will certainly do our best to coordinate with you and the youth. We are looking forward to serving our members who have so graciously supported the youth throughout the years.

ONE Youth Summer Schedule—please stay tuned for details on summer activities. We are hoping to plan some events to stay connected throughout the summer!

We have the new defibrillator! If you are interested in taking a training on how to use it, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin table or contact Tami Weigel.

We are going to start passing the offering plates again on Holidays only. The next holiday that offering plates will be used is on Mother’s Day.



Graduating Seniors  
Ayden Danner, Sami Went, Tristian Fagre,  
Alex Fosberg, Camden Anderson, Isaac Overson



**Christian Education**  
**VBS** Vacation Bible School will be at United Lutheran Church in August. Please watch for more details in June's Newsletter.



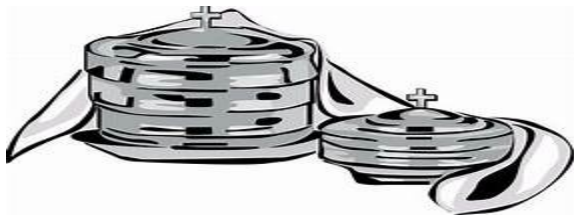
## May Servers & Ushers

May 5th Terry and Maureen Volker

May 12th Tom and Sandy Perry

May 19th Todd & Kim Lang

May 26th Gary Huemoeller



May & June Altar Guild

Gaylene Hanson

Anita Volker

We would like to thank everyone that made it out to the 24th annual Meatball Dinner on April 7th! Thank you to our Men's Breakfast Group for a delicious meal and all of the time and work you pour into making this a wonderful event each year! A huge thank you to our Peace kids for all of your help!! You all worked incredibly hard and brought so much energy to the kitchen and dining room! Thank you- Camden, Jenna, Seeley, Oliver Ryker, Cashten and Graham!



Happy 75th Birthday to Terry Volker. Cake and Coffee will be served on Sunday, May 5th in his honor.

Peace Cemetery Association will have there Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 5th at 11:30am at Peace Church.

Peace Cemetery clean up day will be on May 11th at 9:00am, if weather permits, if not May 18th at 9:00am. Any questions call Doug Ostenson at 320-288-8613.



Sunday School Children will be singing on Sunday, May 12th and that will be their last Sunday School of the year. Join us for "Faith 5" Worship (Share, Read, Talk, Pray, and Bless)



**Vacation Bible School will be at United Lutheran Church this summer.**

Parent: Please keep an eye on when VBS will be this summer. United Lutheran will be hosting and will need plenty hands to make this work. Details to follow next month.



# May 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

**Color Code:**  
**Peace:**  
**Black**  
**Messiah:**  
**Blue**  
**United:**  
**Green**



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9am Quilters

2 8:00am

Men's Group Meeting

1:30pm Quilting

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7:30am-Messiah Men's Bible Study

5 Communion

9:30am S.S.  
 10:30a.m. Worship

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10am Bible Study  
 6:00pm Mops  
 6p.m.-Messiah Bible Study on their Facebook

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9:00am Bible Study  
 7p.m Spiritual Growth Support Group

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9am Quilters  
 2pm -Barrett Care Service

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7:30am-Messiah Men's Bible Study

12 Mother's Day

9:30am S.S. (last Sunday)  
 10:30a.m. Worship/ S.S.

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 6p.m.-Messiah Bible Study on their Facebook

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9:00am Bible Study  
 9am Quilters  
 6:30pm Peace Council

15 9am

Quilters  
 2pm Barrett Care Service  
 5-6:30pm Community Meal-United

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8:00am Men's Group Meeting

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7:10am Kid's Breakfast Club

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7:30am-Messiah Men's Bible Study

NW MN Synod Assembly  
 All Tri-Churches - Moorhead MN

19 Communion

**PENTECOST**

10:30a.m. Worship

20 10am Bible Study

6:00pm Mops  
 6pm Ruby's Pantry  
 6p.m.-Messiah Bible Study ON their Facebook

21 9:00am Bible Study

7pm Circle of Hope at 814 1st Street SE  
 7p.m Spiritual Growth Support

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1:00pm Book Club at Knotty Pine-Elbow Lake

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9:30am Women's Morning Circle Meets

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7:30am-Messiah Men's Bible Study

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10:30a.m. Worship

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9:00am Bible Study  
 7p.m Spiritual Growth Support Group

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