

# Peace † Grue

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An ELCA Parish



TO BECOME THE VOICE AND HANDS OF JESUS

# **MARCH 2025**



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#### Reminder Confirmation Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The last day of confirmation class this year will be on Wednesday, May 7th.

## <u>Lenten Theme & Schedule 2025</u> Living Lent - The Animals tell the Story

#### Ash Wednesday Services

March 5th: The Fox reveals a homeless Savior Peace at 12 noon and <u>Grue</u> at 7:00pm imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Weekly services will be held at 7:00pm each Wednesday evening, alternating churches, with light supper served beginning at 5:30pm.

March 12: Presbyterian Church, The Donkey reveals a peaceful Savior

March 19: Peace, The Dove reveals an angry Savior

March 26: OSTML, Pastor Dan preaching no drama-The Rooster crows

April 2: Grue, The Camel reveals a warning Savior

April 9: Presbyterian Church, The Hen reveals a grieving Savior

April 17: Maundy Thursday: Peace, The Lamb reveals a forgiving Savior

April 18: Good Friday: OSTML, The Vulture reveals a coming Savior

Order subject to change.

A soup luncheon and abbreviated service will be held at noon each week at Peace.

#### All are welcome at either service.

Contact Ione Quam 218-747-2838 or Linda Bahnson 218-685-4301 or 218-405-0250 If you would like to volunteer.



March 2025

Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue,

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

After 37 years in ministry, it is time to exchange my Pastor Dan calling for my Grandpa Dan calling. This was not an easy decision in part because I've enjoy serving as your pastor and believe that God will continue to work in and through you to accomplish amazing things. That being said I want to share a few thoughts about ending well.

When we enter a new season, we feel excitement and anticipation, a fresh hope for the future. We invest a lot of dreaming, planning, energy, and often money in our beginnings. (As a former interim pastor, I know the work, the time, and the energy, congregations need to invest to begin well, and the return on that investment when it is done well.) But there is not nearly as much effort in helping us to end well. Probably because we typically don't relish thinking about or planning for endings. Endings are goodbyes. They are chapter closings that often leave us feeling confusion over who we are and what our purpose is going forward.

The Bible says, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning" (Ecclesiastes 7:8). At a beginning, when we're looking ahead, we envision a possible future, not a real one. And our vision is always some mix of good and bad motives, love and selfish ambition, serving Jesus and serving ourselves. But looking back, we see reality with greater clarity. In other words, a review of the day in the evening is more truthful than the caffeinated optimism of the morning's good intentions.

Why is a sobering dose of realistic retrospect better than a hopeful high of optimistic prospect? Because wisdom does not want to build its house on the sand of fantasy. It wants to builds on the solid rock of truth. The truth of our need for a better, more lasting hope than anything we could possibly build here (Hebrews 13:14). Endings are better than beginnings because they more powerfully point us to God as our only hope.

God will help us. There will be a God-given time to exit every role we enter. Some endings will feel sweet and clear; some will feel bitter and confusing. Therefore, it requires a different kind of wisdom to end well than to begin well. It demands humility and faith to trust God's sovereignty, wisdom, and goodness in those transitions, so that like John the Baptist we might point to Christ and say, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Whatever it takes, Lord, increase our love for your sovereignty and our trust in your wise purpose so that, when it's time to step out of something to which you had appointed us for a season, we receive the situation with joyful faith. That being said I will miss being your pastor.

In Christ,

Pastor Dan

Oh, by the way my retirement date is May 4, 2025.

#### READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

#### March 2, 2025

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm Psalm 99

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

#### March 9, 2025

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

#### March 16, 2025

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm

Psalm 27

Second Reading Philippians 3:17—4:1

Gospel

Luke <u>13:31-35</u>

#### March 23, 2025

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel Luke 13:1-9



#### March 30, 2025

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm

Psalm 32

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

#### PEACE CHURCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE 2025

#### March

- 2 Evan Rossum / AJ Olson
- 9 Coffee Cup Sunday
- 16 Joey Johnson / Jaxon Hanson
- Finn Thompson / Lola Thompson 23
- Liam Hanson / Jaxon Hanson 30

#### April

- 6 Darian Holte / Gage Norby
- 13 Coffee Cup Sunday /Palm Sunday
- 20 Easter 7:00 Finn Thompson / Lola Thompson 10:45 Liam Hanson / Jaxon Hanson
- 27 Evan Rossum / Gavin Balgaard



\*\*\*If you are unable to acolyte on the Sunday that you are listed please contact another youth (at least a week before) and switch or ask them to cover for you - thanks.

# **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

March 1

Troy Johnsrud Harold Jensen

March 2

Allen Hammer

Dee Holte

Michael Maunumaki

March 4

**Trevor Beving** 

Lynn Jensen

Keith Nichols

March 5

Evelyn Schamber

March 6

Rachel Cassavant-Bloom

(Runningen) Alexa Griep

March 7

Terry Fick

March 8 Zach Cunningham

March 9<sup>th</sup>

Ethan Roley

March 11

Karl Miller

Michael Wahl

March 12

Kathy Van Santen

March 13

Miles Wing March 15

**Brighton Moen** 

March 17

Susan Casberg

Paul Christensen

Terrance Johnson

Penny Scholl

March 18

Jill Evavold Gordan Rohloff



March 19 Gary Adams March 20 Kirsten Moe (Drexler) **Brady Sunby** March 21

Chloe Runningen

March 22

Katherine Jensen Deanna Thronson

March 24

Vanessa Field Anne Mueller

Becca Lillemon

March 25

Paul Johnsrud Robert Moerke

March 28

Kyle Fick – '97

March 29

Steven Alvstad

March 30

Vance Johnson Aiden Eberhardt

If I don't have your birth date or if I have it listed incorrectly please e-mail or call me peace@prtel.com / 747-2273 Melissa R



**Grue Bible Study** Resume in April

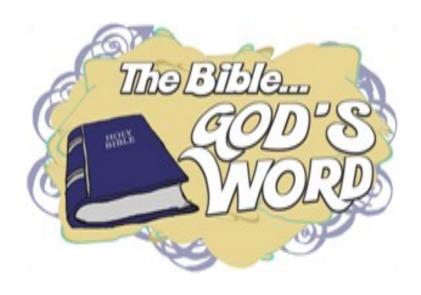


**Peace Bible Study** Tuesday, March 19th 9:30 a.m. @ Peace



	Peace - MARCH 2025 - Sunday School at 10:10
2	10:10 a.m.
9	10:10 a.m.
16	10:10 a.m.
23	No SS
30	10:10 a.m.

	Grue - MARCH 2025 - Sunday School at 10:15
2	10:15 a.m.
9	10:15 a.m.
16	10:15 a.m.
23	10:15 a.m.
30	10:15 a.m.



### GRUE WELCA NEWS



The Grue Women's Bible Study will resume in April.

We had a raffle for a blue Jean Quilt made by Bea Runningen. Raffle drawing was February 16th, proceeds going to our upcoming projects. Winner was Sharon Hermanson.

We are working on finishing our quilting projects and giving them to where they can be used. It is good to get together, great fellowship.

Many things to look forward to.

Have a great day

Bea Runningen, Sec.



### PEACE WELCA NEWS

# Women ELCA

Thank you everyone that helped with Mark Kofoed's and Billy Anderson's funerals, whether you baked, helped in the kitchen, cleared tables; it was all appreciated by the families and your fellow members.

Thank you to Balgaards and Catoes for organizing our worship volunteers for February and March.

The lucky winner of the Valentine quilt at Second Chance Thrift this past month was Jan Jones from Fergus. She was very excited and told us she is moving into the new apartments in Dalton and it would be perfect. So fun to visit with her. I do not remember if we mentioned the drawing winner in January was Cheri Balgaard, she was so excited and appreciative. We had a heartfelt thank you from her telling us her grandchildren have named it "the cuddle quilt".

A reminder that the "early bird discount" for Luther Crest is past for this year; however, WELCA has budgeted funds to help young people in our congregation attend a camp.

Another reminder April 12, Peace WELCA will be hosting a Spring Bake Sale at the community Center. More details in next newsletter and bulletins the first of April.

May God Bless you all!!!

Val Fick WELCA Co-President

P.S. Please check your contact information in the Annual Report and WELCA handbook for accuracy. Call the church office at 218-747-2273 to provide correct information.



# PEACE COUNCIL MEETING

Peace Council meeting Feb. 12, 2025

In attendance: Pastor Dan, Duane Spielman, Wayne Vorland, and Brenda Johnson.

Absent: Tim Cunningham, and Linda Bahnson.

Secretary's report: M/S/C to approve as written.

Treasurer's Report: M/S/C to approve as written.

No Team Reports

#### New business:

• The Endowment Team will meet with a lawyer in April.

• Talked about current method of displaying confirmation pictures. Either fix up current display or put in photo albums. Any ideas are welcome.

• 2025 Council positions:

President: Duane Spielman Vice President: Wayne Vorland Sec: Brenda Johnson/Dee Holte

Tres: Tim Cunningham

• Committee assignments will be discussed at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Duane Spielman,

Peace Council President

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

#### Parish Council Meeting February 12th, 2025

In attendance: Pastor Dan, Wayne Vorland, Duane Spielman, Brenda Johnson, Sonia Heibel, Darlane Miller, Gwen Lillemon, & Melissa Runningen.

Absent: Linda Bahnson, Tim Cunningham, Dee Holte, Randy Koefod, Char Woldahl, Bob Torgrimson, and June Bjornson.

Meeting called to order by Duane Spielman.

Secretary's Report- Read and approved- M/S/C Treasurer's Report- reviewed and approved -M/S/C Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan retiring, May 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Old Business:**

<u>August Parish Picnic</u>, talking about making it a 4-church event with Our Saviors & First Presbyterian.
Grue hosting this year. Will discuss more next meeting.

#### **New business:**

Phonevite: Can it be done as a text?

After discussion it was decided to leave as is due to additional 3.5 cents per call to add text capability.

(Phonevite <u>doesn't support text</u>. We could add texting through Icon for a subscription charge not sure what it would cost or they have an integration with Text-Em-All where texts and calls could be managed in one place. Today it costs 5 cents a call for Phonevite to send calls. If we went with Text-Em-All it is 8.5 cents per call or text.)

(added by Melissa R. for more clarification)

Motion to adjourn meeting. M/S/C

Next Parish Council meeting will be held @ Grue May 14th, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Duane Spielman Peace Council President

# GRUE COUNCIL MEETING

### Grue Council Meeting: February 12, 2025

Attending: Sonia Heibel, Dar Miller, Melissa Runningen, Gwen Lillemon, Pastor Dan
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Absent: Randy Koefod, Char Woldahl, Bob Torgrimson, June Bjornson

Sonia called the meeting to order following the Parish meeting.

Secretary's report was read-there was a correction to the date of Ash Wednesday services, should state March  $5^{th}$  @ 7 PM at Grue. Approval. M/S/C

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Approved. M/S/C

#### Old Business:

\*Basement bathroom repairs are being addressed.

#### New Business:

\*Senior Recognition Day will be April 27<sup>th</sup> during services.

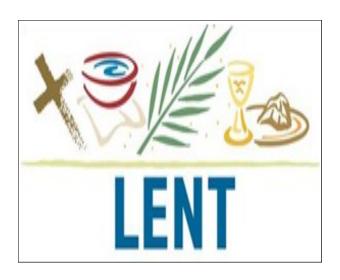
\*Lent soup and sandwich meal at Grue will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion-It was decided to use the meal offerings toward the expenses of the Harvest Meal in November. M/S/C

\*Pastor Dan announced his retirement day as May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting was tentatively set for March 9<sup>th</sup> following services.

The meeting was adjourned. M/S/C

Gwen Lillemon, Council Secretary



# Volunteers needed to bring soup for the Lenten noon meals at Peace.

Dates needing volunteers are March 26th, April 2nd & April 9th.

Please contact Ione Quam at 218-747-2838 or Linda Bahnson at 218-685-4301 or 218-405-0250.

If you would like to volunteer.

## ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

H F D J Z A S H W E D N E S D A Y H R R
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T T M Y B M F J E S U A J A C K A Y U U
N W S P S G O L O V E L E C E D N T R R
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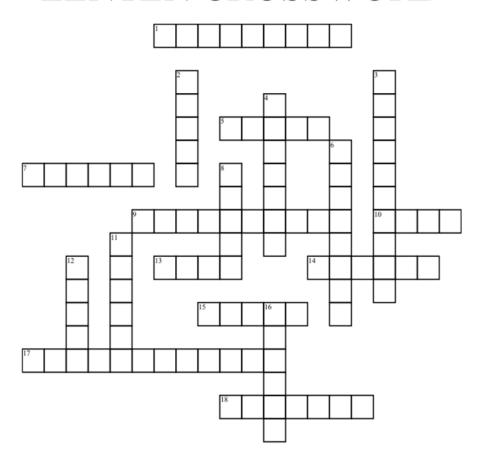
Ash Holy Week Palm Branch
Wednesday Holy Thursday Forty Days
Sacrifice Good Friday Jesus
Almsgiving Holy Saturday Passover

Prayer Easter Foot Washing

Fasting Palm Sunday Resurrection
Lent Purple Love

Purple Love

# LENTEN CROSSWORD



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- 1. ASH
- 5. The Christian holy book
- 7. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal
- **9.** Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
- **10.** Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
- **13.** Was with Jesus at the cross

- **14.** Jesus prayed for 40 days
- **15.** What Jesus died upon
- **17.** We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and

<b>18.</b> Giving to	is a
good Lenten practice	

#### <u>Down</u>

2. What Jesus shed for our sins

- **3.** Holy Communion started after this
- 4. To go without
- **6.** The final week of Lent (2 words)
- **8.** Number of days in LENT
- 11. Season after Lent
- **12.** Disciple who betrayed Jesus

16.	<b>PALM</b>	

God's People in Service			March 2025 Peace <b>†</b> Grue Lutheran			eran	
GRUE 9:00 a.m. Early Service SS 10:15 a.m.	March 2 White Holy Communion	March 5 Purple Ash Wednesday Holy Communion GRUE service 7:00pm	March 9 Purple Lent	March 16 Purple Lent	March 19 Purple EVENING LENT SERVICE @ PEACE 7PM	March 23 Purple Lent	March 30 Purple Lent
Janitors/ Ushers	Greg & Gwen	Lillemon, Alex Lille	emon and Jordo	n & Becca Lillen	10n		
Reader					•••••		
Music	Denise Juven	Cindy Vorland	Cindy Vorland	Contempo- rary		Denise Juven	Denise Juven
PEACE 10:45 a.m. Late Service SS 10:10 a.m.	March 2 White Holy Communion	March 5 Purple Ash Wednesday Holy Communion GRUE service 7:00pm	March 9 Purple Lent Coffee Cup Sunday	March 16 Purple Lent	MARCH 19 Purple EVENING LENT SERVICE @ PEACE 7PM	March 23 Purple Lent	March 30 Purple Lent
Music	Cindy Vorland		Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Contemporary	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt
Ushers	Hanson Family			Gene & Lynn Jensen	Candy Catoe	Tim & Holly Thompson	Hanson Family
Readers	Dee Holte		Linda Ness	Candy Catoe		Candy Catoe	Candy Catoe
Psalms Reader	Evan Rossum		Linda Ness	Joey Johnson		Finn Thompson	Liam Hanson
Acolytes	Evan Rossum AJ Olson			Joey Johnson Jaxon Hanson		Finn Thompson Lola Thompson	Liam Hanson Jaxon Hanson
Communion Helpers (set up, serve, clean)	Dee Holte Jennifer Holte Mary Ann Balgaard						
Cookie Servers	Jennifer Holte		Linda Ness Candy Catoe	Potluck		Candy Catoe	Candy Catoe

**Serving Team Peace Lutheran Month of March 2025** 

Chairpersons: Randy & Candy Catoe

\*Ushers are reminded to pick up bulletins and trash and replace hymnals in racks prior to leaving the sanctuary.

# MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF AND ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED!

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Confirmation Class resumes on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	WORSHIP TIMES GRUE: 9AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM PEACE: 10:45AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 AM PQ - Peace Quilting - 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed., at 9:00 am					
2 Holy Communion Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Peace service 10:45am, SS 10:10am	3	4	5 No In Person Confirmation Ash Wednesday Grue @ 7:00 pm with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion (no meal) Peace Church @ noon with a light lunch served.	6	7	8
* Day Light saving time begins - set your clocks ahead. Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Peace service 10:45am, SS 10:10am	10	11	12 No In Person Confirmation LENT SERVICE Peace Church @ noon with a light lunch served.  First Presbyterian @ 7 pm with light supper served starting at 5:30pm.	13	14	15
16 Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am  Peace service 10:45am, SS 10:10am Potluck after services	17 St. Patrick's Day	Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  Grue Bible Study Resumes April	19 No In Person Confirmation LENT SERVICE Peace Church @ noon with a light lunch served.  Peace @ 7 pm with light supper served starting at 5:30pm.	20	21	22
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