

Peace **†** Grue

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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

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

April 2: Grue, The Camel reveals a warning Savior April 9: First 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

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.

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SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY Sunday, April 27th, 2025 at PEACE & GRUE during worship service. Coffee and cake served to honor our Seniors

> Please join us in honoring our Seniors during coffee hour

PEACE Seniors Addi Olson, Easton Nelson, Levi Rossum, & Jessica Schlundt

<u>GRUE Seniors</u> Trinity Miller & Daniel Runningen

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Pastoral from the Pastor

April 2025

Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue,

In every season of life, God calls us to serve others.

Whether graduating from school or into a new season of life, it is important to end well. Ending well allows us to honor what was and to enter fully into all that is to come. Many life transitions are uneventful. For instance, we tend not to think much about the passing of each day. However, some transitions require more intentionality to end well. A graduation ceremony, for instance, distinctly marks the end of one's academic career. It's a finale that leaves no question of status –the student is now an alumnus. Without such a clear ending, a student might be stuck in limbo – neither letting go of the past nor fully living in the present.

Most of us love new beginnings. Very few of us enjoy endings. And therein lies our dilemma. We can't start something new without ending something old. What's curious is why we choose some beginnings and resist others. Here's what I think: We tend to select the beginnings that don't come with complicated endings. However sometimes it is unavoidable so here are six things to keep in mind, six things your Interim Pastor will help you with:

1. Focus on the ending before you launch a beginning. Beginnings are exciting, but when you fixate too much on the new without proper focus on the old, you can't end well. When you don't end well, you struggle to start strong. Ending well is the best way to begin something new.

2. Acknowledge what is lost. Every ending brings loss. In most cases, endings bring multiple losses. Every loss matters to someone.

3. Before you begin something new, you need to grieve, Grieve a loss now or it will create grief for you later. And that takes some intentional time.

4. During the ending experience, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Intentionally work at clarifying the mission and vision that drive the new beginning you're hoping to create so the emotions of ending don't unnecessarily derail your new beginning.

5. Accept that life will be uncomfortable for a while. To move forward with any beginning, you must get out of the La-Z-boy recliner and live in the discomfort for a while, trusting that a new comfort will be found after the conclusion is complete and the new beginning is afoot.

6. Celebrate what was before beginning what's to come. In all the excitement of a beginning, reflection and introspection aren't always natural, but it helps to process where you've been, how to end, and what's to begin.

Whatever you are leaving behind has shaped you into who you are today. As such, your past should hold an honored place in your story. This does not mean you hold on to it any longer than necessary or have any desire to repeat it. Ending well allows you to bless what has been and live with an eager expectation of all the good God still has in store for you. Knowing you are still on the way toward the good God has for you allows you to freely let go of what is passing and be fully open to all that is yet to come.

Pastor Dan

RI	EADINGS FOR TH	E MONTH OF APRI	L 3
April 6, 2025	April 13, 2025	April 20, 2025	April 27, 2025
First Reading	Processional Gospel	First Reading	First Reading
Isaiah 43:16-21	Luke 19:28-40	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 5:27-32
Psalm	First Reading	Psalm	Psalm
<u>Psalm 126</u>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</u>	<u>Psalm 118:14-29</u>
Second Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Second Reading
Philippians 3:4b-14	<u>Psalm 31:9-16</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 15:19-26</u>	<u>Revelation 1:4-8</u>
Gospel	Second Reading	Gospel	Gospel
John 12:1-8	Philippians 2:5-11	<u>Luke 24:1-12</u>	<u>John 20:19-31</u>
	Gospel <u>Luke 22:14—23:56</u>		



PEACE CHURCH **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE 2025**

<u>April</u>

- 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

May

- 4 Joey Johnson / AJ Olson
- 11 Coffee Cup Sunday
- 18 Darian Holte / Gage Norby
- 25



***If you are unable to acolyte on the Sunday that you are listed please contact another youth and switch or ask them to cover for you, Thanks.

April Birthdays

April 1st Charles Hanson Maddy Thompson April 2nd David Balgaard Zach Barry April 3rd Heidi Grove Daniel Martinson April 4th Jennifer Holte Gregory McPike Erin Peterson April 5th Isaiah Anderson Darcy Sorenson April 6th Fynn Miller Kristyn Fick Reuben Sorenson April 7th Brenda Johnson April 8th Erica Smith (Runningen) Aaron Dahlen April 9th Jackie Anderson Reyna Langlie April 10th Carmen Odegaard April 11th James Sumstad April 15th Haley Skibness (Ness) April 16th McKenzie Drexler April 17th Carolee Hokanson

April 18th Jade Bjornson Mya Roley April 20th Deb Hanson Wayne Vorland April 21st Kathleen Johnson Abby Evavold April 23rd David Grover Ryan Palm April 24th Robert Anderson April 25th Emily Johnson Joyce Langlie April 27th Alexander Hammer Amv Maunumaki Sarah Goerdt Aubree Runningen April 28th Erika Goette (Sorenson) April 29th Samantha Olson April 30th Cory Fiedler Jackie Huseth





<u>GRUE Bible Study:</u> Tuesday, April 15th @ 1:30pm.

PEACE Bible Study: Tuesday, April 15th, 9:00am @ PEACE

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 4

	Peace - APRIL 2025- Sunday School at 10:10
6	10:10 a.m.
13	10:10 a.m., Palm Sunday, SS playing bells
20	No SS, Easter
27	10:10 a.m., Last Day

	Grue - APRIL 2025- Sunday School at 10:15
6	10:15 a.m.
13	10:15
20	No SS, Easter
27	10:15 a.m., clean road ditch



PEACE WELCA NEWS

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APRIL PEACE WELCA MESSAGE

Signs of Spring.....:)

Thank you to Candy Catoe for organizing and leading volunteer services for March.

Hope you have had opportunity to attend Lent services either at noon in our very own community room or at one of our local churches. We are learning important lessons from the animals. We are fortunate to have Pastor Paul and Dan sharing their expertise and talents.

Val Fick attended the WELCA Conference at Calvary Church in Alexandria in March. Pastor Maddie from Luther Crest was in attendance and reminded us that Women's Week at Luther Crest is June 22 thru the 27. Early bird Registration is past however, we are encouraged to attend for the week or a day. It would be great if we could have a car load of ladies from Peace attend, if even only for a day. Let Cindy know if you might be interested. The Luther Crest Auction, which raised over \$35,000 last year to help with scholarships for those attending camp, will be July 26th, this year. Thank you to Dorothy Sorenson for her Thrivent card and to Lynette Rohloff for making the quilt for us to donate for the auction.

Thank you to Kristyn Fick for her Thrivent card to purchase cleaning supplies for homeless going into transition housing. We were able to fill TEN, yes 10 bags with kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies and thank you to Nancy Purdon for her potholders and scrubbies for the bags. Funds from the card were also used to do a Welcome Basket for Kylanda Nelson the young lady that just moved into the Habitat House in Dalton.

WANTED BAKERS!!! BAKE SALE on Saturday, April 12th at Senior Community Center. We will serve coffee and rolls starting early for those regulars and BAKE SALE official start at 9am and going until sold out or 1:00. Please drop off your baked goods that morning before 9 or at church Friday afternoon and/or evening. Also mark your items if possible – thank you!!

Luther Crest still have openings for this summer....this could be a life changer for your child and we would like to help fund!

The Northwest Synodical Women's Convention will be at First Lutheran in Alexandria September 19 and 20. Again, it would be great to have a few women attend these 2 days of fellowship and spiritual renewal. There is an application for a First Timer's Grant (scholarship).; registration and lodging will be paid by the NWMN Synod and our local treasury responsible for transportation. Grant applications will be in the office, Deadline to apply is August 1. Last year in Moorhead the Silent Auction was a real hit and they will be looking for theme baskets again this year. We will find a Thrivent card to cover the expense of a basket or maybe a couple of baskets.

Winner of the quilt drawing at Second Chance Thrift this month is Tasha from Battle Lake . The quilt at the store for the April drawing is in pink and purple spring colors. If you have a little girl in your family, you might want to stop in and shop at a local business and register. Stop in anyway, it is an amazing place to find almost anything you might need at a very reasonable price.

Sister in Christ and WELCA Co President,

Janet Novak

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

GRUE WELCA NEWS

Women ELCA 💁 7

Grue Welca News, April 2025

Patty Van Santen, Sharon Hermanson, Melissa Runningen & Bea Runningen attended the Welca Conference in Alexandria at Calvary Church in March from Grue.

Pastor Maddie reminded us that Women's Week is June 22 thru the 27th at Luther Crest. She encouraged us to attend for the week or a day.

The Luther Crest Auction will be July 26th this year to help with scholarships for those attending camp.

With the money we received from our quilt raffle we were able to purchase a good amount of cleaning supplies for the homeless going into transitional housing. Making us aware how many families are homeless. It is a good feeling that we can those in need.

Our last Quilt Raffle was won by Sharon Hermanson, a large blue jean quilt made from the used blue jeans donated to our church from our community. Thank you all who donate the Jeans. The quilts are strong and will keep you warm for a long, long time.

The Northwest Synodical Women's Convention will be at First Lutheran in Alexandria Sept. 19th & 20th.

Spring & Summer is coming. It's just around the corner. Enjoy it.

Blessings, Bea Runningen Sec.





GRUE COUNCIL MEETING

Grue Council Meeting: March 9, 2025

Attending: Char Woldahl, Darlane Miller, Melissa Runningen, Sonia Evavold, Gwen Lillemon

Absent: Randy Koefod, Bob Torgrimson, June Bjornson

Sonia called the meeting to order following church services.

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

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

Old Business:

*Basement bathroom update: The hot water hose under the sink is leaking and needs to be repaired. Greg will get that done this week.

New Business:

*Call committee: We discussed the requirements to follow & we listened to the video that was sent to us from the Synod on preparing for the steps in calling a new Pastor. Peace & Grue will have 3 volunteers each, to serve on this committee. From Grue it will be Annah Evavold, Bea Runningen & Greg Lillemon. More information will be available when the Synod sets up meetings with the committee.

*Painting the decks: After discussion, we have decided to have Gwen check with Brandon Sethre on getting an estimate for power washing and paint both decks. M/S/C to have Patty VanSanten purchase the paint.

*Post Prom: M/S/C to donate \$100 to both Ashby & Battle Lake School Prom parties.

*Lent Supper: Grue will host the soup & sandwich meal on April 2^{nd} . There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers to donate food & to help with serving the meal.

The next council meeting will be April 13th following the 9 am church service.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting was adjourned. M/S/C

Gwen Lillemon, Council Secretary

PEACE COUNCIL MEETING

3/9/2025 peace council meeting

Attendance

Duane Spielman Pres., Wayne Vorland V. Pres. Linda Bahnson council member, Dee Holt Sec., Brenda Johnson Sec., Tim Cunningham Treas. Others: Candy Catoe

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

Team Report:

The cemetery board has been gifted an endowment and memorials. One memorial was designated for the replacement of the fence. Also an individual will be earning their Eagle Scout badge and helping with this project. A church member has already volunteered to oversee the project.

Cemetery needs:

- 1. The fence around the cemetery needs replacement.
- 2. Different entrance to the cemetery similar to those on hwy.
- 82 at the entrance to the two cemeteries by Dalton.
- 3. Maintenance and upkeep of grave sites. More details will be forthcoming.

New Business:

Candy Catoe presented to the council that the current sound system is outdated, and parts can't be purchased anymore because it is an analog system. It quit working during a funeral service and is currently only partially functional. Candy has spoken to Jason Walkup who orders the parts and helps with maintenance to the current system. Candy was given a quote of \$3500 to replace. The new system would work with previous speakers. Other expenses could include rewiring and set up.

Motion to replace sound system: M/S/C

Dee volunteered to update and provide the confirmation pictures and display method some much needed TLC.

Tim is going to contact someone about the elevator. It's very noisy and uncertainty when in it. He is also looking into the possibility of putting the locking units on all church doors like the unit on the church office door.

The Ashby Fire Department reached to the church for a donation towards their calendar gun raffle. A 100 donation will be given. M/S/C.

Council discussion and meeting with synod rep. on the preparation for Pastor Dan's retirement.

Call Committee Members: Val Fick, Heidi Balgaard, Jeremy Anderson M/S/C

Parish picnic will be a 4 church picnic this year; Peace, Grue, Our Saviors, and Presbyterian. M/S/C

Other committee members and duties were discussed and will be submitted when received, as some members are still being asked.

Meeting adjourned: M/S/C Council Secretary's Brenda Johnson/Dee Holte

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes March 16, 2025, 10:00am

Members Present: Brenda Risbrudt, Candy Catoe, Cindy Vorland, Pastor Dan, Carol Koefod, Teresa Ohren

Members Absent:

Old Business:

I. New sound board is coming soon.

New Business

I. Flower Orders:

A. Order forms will be announced in the bulletin or order through the church office. Order form will also be in Newsletter and in the entry way.

5-6 Bloom Lilies - \$15, Yellow or Purple Mums - \$20

All orders for lilies or mums are due April 7, 2025.

B. Order palms for Palm Sunday – have been ordered.

II. Maundy Thursday Services at Peace.

WC members will cover the altar with black etc.

III. Easter Sunrise Services: 7:00am at Peace Easter Services 10:45am at Peace Suggestion for ONE service for next Easter 2026

IV. Spring Services

- A. March. Services
 - 1. Potluck March 16
- B. April. Services
 - 1. Senior Recognition April 27th
- C. May. Services

1. Pastor Dan's last service May 4, 2025

WC will work with Grue on the specifics for this service.

V. May Meeting to discuss summer services will be on: May 18, 2025, after 9:00 Services.



Easter Lilly & Mum order form

White Lilies and Mums (lavender and/or yellow) will be used to decorate our altar and Chancel for Easter at Peace Lutheran Church.

Lillies 5-6 blooms - \$15 Yellow or Purple Mums - \$20

<u>Deadline</u> for ordering your plant is Sunday, <u>April 7th</u>. Plants will be delivered to the church before Easter, April 20th.

I would like to order _____ Lilly _____ Mums.

Plant is given In memory of: _____

In honor of:

Amount paid _____

Given by: _____

Checks should be made out to Peace Church.

Payment must accompany order blank and be returned to **Candy Catoe, 218-770-0311**, please call her if you have questions. Or you may drop it in the office.

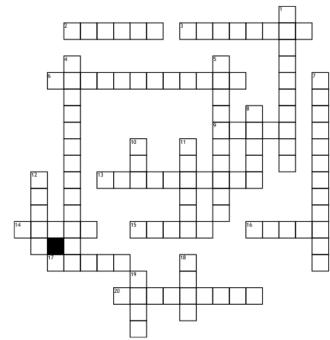
You can pick up your plant after the 10:45 Easter Sunday worship at Peace on April 20th.



Lent and Holy Week

Across

2. What is the color for Lent? 3. Who was released instead of Jesus by Pontius Pilate? 6. What day is the Last Supper? 9. Jesus was stabbed on the cross by what weapon? 13. What day was Jesus crucified? 14. Who tempted Jesus in the desert while he was fasting? 15. Who denied Jesus three times like Jesus predicted? 16. What station is when Jesus falls for the first time? 17. Who cut off the soldier's ear in the garden? 20. On Palm Sunday, what town did Jesus ride into? Down 1. What is the day before Ash Wednesday called? 4. Who ordered Jesus to die on the cross? What day starts Holy Week? 7. On what day does Lent start? 8. How many days are in Lent?



10. How many people were crucified with Jesus?
11. What city was Simon who carried the cross from?
12. Who betrayed Jesus for silver?
18. On Good Friday service, you go up to the front of church and _______ the cross.
19. Priests wash peoples' ______ during Holy Thursday mass.



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	God's Pe	ople in Se	rvice - Ap	oril 2025 -	Peace +	Grue Luther	an			
GRUE 9:00 a.m. Early Service SS 10:15 a.m.	APRIL 2 Purple Lent Service @ Grue 7PM	APRIL 6 Purple Holy Communion	APRIL 9 Purple Lent Service @ Presbyterian 7PM	APRIL 13 Red PALM SUNDAY	APRIL 18 Altar stripped GOOD FRIDAY @ OSTML 7pm	APRIL 20 Gold Holy Communion EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 27 White Senior Recognition			
Janitors/ Ushers	Randy & Sor	ia Heibel and S	Stephan & Sar	ah Goerdt						
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Music	Cindy Vorland	Denise Juven	•••••	Cindy Vorland	•••••	Denise Juven	Contemporary			
PEACE 10:45 a.m. Late Service SS 10:10 a.m.	APRIL 2 Purple Lent Service @ Grue 7PM	APRIL 6 Purple Holy Communion	APRIL 9 Purple Lent Service @ Presbyterian 7PM	APRIL 13 Red PALM SUNDAY Coffee Cup Sunday	APRIL 17 Red Holy Communion MAUNDY THURSDAY @ PEACE 7pm	APRIL 20 Gold Holy Communion EASTER SUNDAY 7am Sunrise & 10:45 am	APRIL 27 White Senior Recognition			
Music	•••••	Brenda Risbrudt		Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Contemporary			
Ushers		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family	Novak Family	7:00 am: Novak Family 10:45 am: Novak Family	Novak Family			
Readers		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family		7:00 am: Kevin Fick 10:45 am: Janet Novak	Dee Holte			
Psalms Readers	•••••	Darian Holte		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family		7:00 am: Finn Thompson 10:45 am: Liam Hanson	Evan Rossum			
Acolytes		Darian Holte Gage Norby				7:00 am: Finn Thompson Lola Thompson 10:45 am: Liam Hanson Jaxon Hanson	Evan Rossum Gavin Balgaard			
Commun- ion Helper (set up, serve, clean)		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family			Novak Family	7:00 am: Novak Family 10:45 am: Novak Family				
Cookie Servers		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family		Russ/Darcy Sorenson Family		Coffee and Rolls served in between services	Novak Family			
Serving Team Peace Lutheran Month of April 2025 Chairpersons: Frank & Janet Novak *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!										

Peace + Grue Lutheran Parish - APRIL 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WORSHIP TIN GRUE: 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL PEACE: 10:45, SUNDAY SCHOOL PQ - Peace Quilting - 1 st 9:00 am	1, 10:15AM AM, 10:10AM	1	2 No In Person Confirmation <u>LENT SERVICE</u> Peace Church @ noon with a light lunch served. <u>Grue @ 7 pm with</u> <u>light supper served</u> <u>starting at 5:30pm.</u>	3	4	5
⁶ Holy Communion Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Peace service 10:45am, SS 10:10am	7	8	9 No In Person Confirmation <u>LENT SERVICE</u> Peace Church @ noon with a light lunch served. <u>First Presbyterian @</u> <u>7 pm with light</u> <u>supper served</u> <u>starting at 5:30pm.</u>	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Holy Communion Grue service 9 am, SS 10:15 am Peace service 10:45 am, SS 10:10 am SS playing bells	14	15 Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Grue Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	16 No In Person Confirmation	17 <u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u> Peace Church 12:00 p.m. with light lunch served <u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u> Peace @ 7:00 pm with Holy Communion	18 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>service</u> <u>OSTML</u> @ 7:00 pm with	19
20 EASTER Grue service 9am, No SS Peace service 10:45am, No SS	21	22	23 Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM	24	25	26
27 Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Peace service 10:45am, SS 10:10am Last day	28	29	30 Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM	31		

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