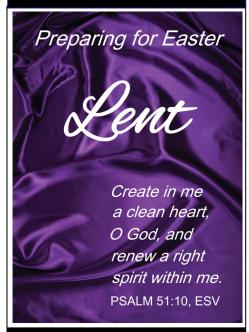




The Voice of Peace

PEACE MISSION STATEMENT . . .

To witness and live as followers of Christ; serving one another in Christian love, so that God's Holy Spirit may save the lost and strengthen the saved.



"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you PEACE." Numbers 6:24-26

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FEBRUARY 2021



Dear friends in Christ,

February 2021

As I shared with the Voters Assembly, 2020 was a year to be remembered.

Lucille Richley, Joan Rich, Elaine Mitchell, Duane Brown, Kathy Zolbe, Dale Pace, Richard Rutz, Heinz Hoffmann, and now Karen Bond, all Peace members who've enriched our lives in many and various ways are now with the Lord. Some have been very active and some homebound, but we thank the Lord for their presence at Peace with us over many years.

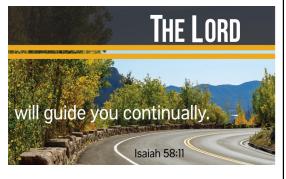
We closed the church for 90 days in March, shut off sections of our church building when we resumed services in June, and limited seating in our sanctuary pews - but God opened online access, daily devotions, and Facebook Live to bring into God's house his people and to bring the word of God into theirs. This has been a great blessing for so many reasons. God continues to use these means for His purpose in bringing to faith and sustaining faith in those who need to hear.

Many regular forms of church activities and worship remain on hold. I ask for your patience. Some members are ready to return to more normal activities, and others are not. Please bear with one another in love. I understand the concerns of both. While we all wish to get back to normal worship, I also wish to keep our in-person services as well as our online availability accessible. Visitation is difficult, so please call if you need a home visit. If you would like to come to the church, call, and I will make an appointment to see you and give you the Lord's Supper.

We pray that the Lord will get us all through these troubled times, and we thank Him for his protection and blessing as we begin a New Year. I don't think that any of us could have imagined the upheaval of 2020, but despite it all, God brought us through and continues to bless us. He exceeded our budget, gave us a new alarm system, bought and installed a security system with cameras for the protection and safety of the members of our building, as well as opened online services thanks to the gifts of a new IPad mini and tripod and Wi-Fi extender in our sanctuary.

It is impossible to prepare fully for all that might come our way in 2021 but thanks be to God He is prepared, and He will be our hope and guide as we make our way through this New Year, clinging to the blessed hope that is Jesus.

God bless, Pastor Tkac





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Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship 6:30 p.m. **Sunday Divine Worship** 10:30 a.m.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, no classes Memorial Day — Labor Day

No Sunday School until further notice.

in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class

Cancelled until further notice.

Confirmed—High School Class "Life With God" Suspended

Monday 6:30—7:30 p.m.





- 11 Tyler Blum
- 12 Kimberly Gray
- 13 Ruth Dow
- 14 Shad Street
- 18 Lori Smithson
- 20 Carolyn Wilson



Ladies Guild Covid Expenses Memorial Fund

The gift of desperation

In a 2012 interview with NPR, author Anne Lamott shared: "I've heard people say that God is the gift of desperation, and there's a lot to be said for having really reached a bottom where you've run out of anymore good ideas, or plans for everybody else's behavior; or how to save and fix and rescue; or just get out of a huge mess, possibly of your own creation. And when you're done, you may take a long, quavering breath and say, 'Help.'"



Amid the pandemic and life's other, more typical trials of life, have you found a silver lining — a gift that has arisen out of your desperation? Sometimes we're more open to God during times of struggle than when all flows smoothly. As long as we think our ideas and plans for ourselves and our loved ones are pretty good, we don't feel we need a Savior. But when life is so challenging that we call to God for help, "the gift of [that] desperation" is finding that God's loving arms have embraced and strengthened us all along.

BIBLE QUIZ

What was the name of Moses' wife?

- A. Miriam
- B. Jochebed
- C. Zipporah
- D. Leah



Answer: C (See Exodus 2:21.)

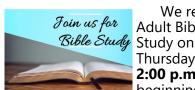
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PREPARING Easter	1	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Groundhog Day	3	2:00 pm Adult Bible Study Resumes	5	6 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion
7 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion	8	9 9:00 am Pastors' Virtual Circuit Meeting 7:00 pm Elders Meet	10	2:00 pm Adult Bible Study	12	13 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion
14 The Transfiguration of our Lord 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion "Lord, it is good that we are here." Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion Ash WEDNESDAY	18 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study	19	20 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion
21 First Sunday in Lent 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 1ST SUNDAY LENT	Newsletter DEADLine	23	7:00 pm Midweek II Lenten Worship MIDWEEK Lent II	2:00 pm Adult Bible Study	26	27 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion
28 Second Sunday in Lent 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 2ND SUNDAY in L E N T			A Seasor of Preparation	on	January 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	March 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Our monthly Prayer Meeting is Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. Join us and bring your prayer requests, needs, and desires to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.

Adult Bible Study



We resume **Adult Bible** Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. beainnina

February 4. Join us and be strengthen in faith and life. Our Lord will bless you abundantly.



Discover the identity of a biblical person. First, assign a number value to each letter, starting with M=1, N=2, 0=3,... A = 15, etc. Then use the code to complete the clues.

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Who is this person? _

Answer: Moses

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Thank You

From the bottom of my heart for all those who reached out to me and my family at the passing of Heinz to his heavenly rest. Whether you offered a word of condolence, a card, flowers, or a memorial donation, I appreciate each one. Thank you so much! — Erika Hoffmann

Lent Is Here



Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 17 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Lent Midweek II	Wednesday, February	/ 24	7:00 p.m.
Lent Midweek III	Wednesday, March	03	7:00 p.m.
Lent Midweek IV	Wednesday, March	10	7:00 p.m.
Lent Midweek V	Wednesday, March	17	7:00 p.m.
Lent Midweek VI	Wednesday, March	24	7:00 p.m.

Paddling through Lent and Life



Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a guick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in Homiletics



Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We're sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words, and our actions — and often through our inactions, too. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.