



# SAINTS ALIVE

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 31, 2024

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### TODAY AT PEACE

The **Monthly Mission & Ministry** offering for March is the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund. The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund, a ministry of the LCMS Foundation, serves our two Concordia seminaries by seeking and securing essential funding that permits flexibility in addressing areas of greatest needs that are indispensable to pastoral education: Teaching and researching, curriculum and materials development, facilities construction and maintenance, financial aid to students, recruitment of highly qualified faculty and staff, continuing education, and distance opportunities. In turn, our LCMS seminaries prepare pastors who will be called to proclaim God's Word, Law and Gospel, that works saving faith in lives that will be changed now and eternally!

**Serving Today** - Elder: Jim R; Communion Assistant: Dennis T; Reader: Dave O; Ushers: Gary & Cathi K; Organist: Church Music Solutions

### NEXT WEEK AT PEACE

SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship (Holy Communion)  
MONDAY 10:00 AM Elders Meeting  
WEDNESDAY 1:00 PM Bible Study  
FRIDAY *Office Closed*

### THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

**Weekly Devotions:** The Scripture readings for Sunday April 7th are Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 148; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

**Hearing assistance devices and large print copies** of the worship service are available. Please ask an usher.

**CD recordings** of today's worship service are available at no charge by calling the church office at 358-8338.

### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visits by Pastor:** Pastor is available for visits by phone or in-person. If you have something you'd like to talk to him about, please call the church office to make an appointment.

**Interested in becoming a new member?** If you are interested in becoming a member of Peace Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Rathjen at [pastor@peacearborvitae.org](mailto:pastor@peacearborvitae.org) or call him at the church at 715-358-8338.

**Changes in leadership at Peace:** As of Wednesday March 20, 2024, for personal reasons Bob Johnson has resigned as President of Peace Lutheran Church. The Church Council approved a motion accepting the resignation of Bob Johnson with deep regret and with thanks for his years of service. In such a situation, per Bylaw 4.B.2, the Vice President succeeds the President. On November 8, 2023, Jim Russler was appointed Vice President. Jim will be President to finish Bob Johnson's term until July 31, 2025. Thank you Bob for your service as President of the Peace Lutheran congregation.

**To the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church.** I would like to thank everyone for your support and well wishes on my resignation as president. Bob Johnson

**For Your Information:** A letter has been received from Trinity Lutheran (LCMS) in Boulder Junction inquiring about the possibility of entering a dual parish agreement with Peace, Arbor Vitae. The purpose of such an agreement would be to share the service of the pastor. The Board of Elders and the Church Council are in the process of acquiring/putting together information in order to prepare for a special voters' meeting to discuss this request and make a decision about whether to pursue it or not. Please watch for more information and please keep this in your prayers. Thank you!

**Thank you to everyone** who purchased flowers for the altar today. Please take your flowers home after the worship service.

**Orphan Grain Train** is in need of Hygiene Kits. We will be collecting supplies during the month of April. Items Needed are: Bath Towels (Dark Colors), Wash Cloths (Dark Colors), Bath Size Bars of Soap, Adult Toothbrushes, Sturdy Comb, Stick Deodorant, Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4"), Plastic Soap Box Holder, Nail Clipper, and Small Packages of Facial Tissue. NO SUBSTITUTIONS PLEASE. There is a box in the library where you can place your items. If you have any questions, please talk with JoAnn L. Thank You for your service to The Lord!

**From the Kitchen:** Our supply of kitchen dishcloths, towels and tablecloths is way down so if you nicely took some home to wash after a church event, please bring them back.

**Lawnmowing:** If you would be interested in mowing lawn here at Peace, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please indicate if you prefer to use the rider or the push mower, or either. We are predicting the schedule to start in May (subject to change of course). If you have questions about mowing, talk with Bill W or Kris.

**The Lakeland Food Pantry:** This quarter (Jan-Mar), they are collecting adult dog food/treats, laundry detergent and fabric softener, and all sizes of sweatpants.

**The sign-up sheet for coffee fellowship** is available. Please consider bringing a treat to share and indicate if you can set up/make coffee and or clean up. Join us for coffee, delicious treats and conversation after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

**Altar Flowers: The 2024 Flower Chart** is on the bulletin board. Please fill out a request form when you sign up for flowers and return it to the church office. The order forms are next to the Flower Chart on the bulletin board. Thank you.

## LAST WEEK AT PEACE

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Total Contributions</u>	<u>03/18/24 to 03/24/24</u>
Mar 20: 31	General Contributions:	\$3,342.00
Mar 24: 51	E-Giving General	\$10.00
	Property Maintenance Fund	\$ 0.00
	<i>General Fund Total:</i>	\$3,352.00
	Other Contributions:	
	Flower	\$102.00
	Social Ministry	\$75.00
	Wish List ( <i>Stained glass</i> )	\$85.00
	<i>One in memory of Dennis L. Mnichowicz</i>	
	Reimbursement: <i>church clock</i>	
	<i>Dave &amp; Melodie Ohlinger</i>	\$61.25
	<i>Bob &amp; Mary Johnson</i>	\$61.25
	Monthly Ministry for March:	\$85.00
	<i>LCMS Joint Seminary Fund</i>	
	Total Mar Monthly Ministry:	\$ 315.50

**The electronic giving** option is available on the church website. Options to give electronically can be done by credit/debit card, or by checking account. Call the church office at 715-358-8338 if you have any questions.  
 (General Contributions of \$4731 are needed each week to meet our budget.)  
 Thank you for your generosity.

