# PRINTS OF PEACE

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** 

Easter Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

Good Friday @ 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM



#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Service at 9 AM in-person and YouTube Live

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 AM Sunday mornings in room 203

### **SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR**

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10 AM

# FROM THE PASTOR

Holy Week Lingo, explained to help you know what's going on at church from April 2nd - 9th.

**Holy Week** is the week leading up to Easter. Every Sunday we gather to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but during Holy Week we really sink our teeth into the story and think about what it means for us as Christians today. We gather for worship more often to hear the full scope of the drama and intensity as Jesus enters Jerusalem and heads towards the cross.

**Palm Sunday** is also known as **Passion Sunday**. Palm Sunday is always the Sunday before Easter and the beginning of Holy Week. On this Sunday we mark Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We cry out "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" and wave our palms along with the voices from scripture who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, expecting a political overthrow of the Roman government. Then we shift tones and hear the story of Jesus' trial and commendation to death on the cross. Again, joining with the voices of the crowd in scripture that called out, "Crucify him!"

**Maundy Thursday** gets its name from the Latin mandatum which means "mandate" because on this night we hear the new commandment, or mandate, from Jesus to follow his example and humbly love and serve one another. We commemorate two accounts of Jesus' last night with his disciples – one from John's gospel in which Jesus kneels and washes the disciples' feet, and one from Luke and Matthew in which Jesus takes the bread and the cup and commands us to "do this in remembrance of me." This is where communion comes from, so we always have communion during the Maundy Thursday service. This service ends with the stripping of the altar. The front area of the worship space is stripped of all furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment by the very disciples whose feet he just washed.

**Good Friday** seems like a strange name for the day we remember the death of Jesus. But because we know the power of Jesus' death – that it fills all of the human experience, even death with God's love – we call this day Good. Good Friday services are different from church to church and even year to year at the same church. Some honor the cross; some focus on Jesus' words from the cross; some focus on light and shadows and song (Tenebrae), but at the heart of each is the story of Jesus' death, for you.

**Easter Sunday** is the high holy day of the church year. It is the most important story because Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there really is nothing at all that can separate us from the love of God – not even death, and that God brings new life into hopeless situations.

I hope you join us for worship this Holy Week to hear the story of God's great love, the story of death and resurrection. This is your story, too.

In Christ, Pastor Maggie



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been just over a year since the sale of the parsonage was finalized. Now that the dust has finally settled, literally, it's time to share how the congregation has benefitted from that sale. Below is an outline of how the proceeds have been used to date to pay for projects without impacting the general fund. If you have questions about the parsonage sale, or how the funds have been used, please feel free to talk with Randy Hartman, Peace's Treasurer, or me.

Dirk Kagerbauer Leadership Team President

Parsonage Sale Price: \$135,000 + \$32.41 in recycling proceeds = \$135,032.41

Sale Related Expenses

• Commission: \$8,100.00

• Closing Costs & Fees: \$1,595.00

• Rent Proration: \$1,016.13

• Balance: \$124,321.28

#### Pre-sale Expenses

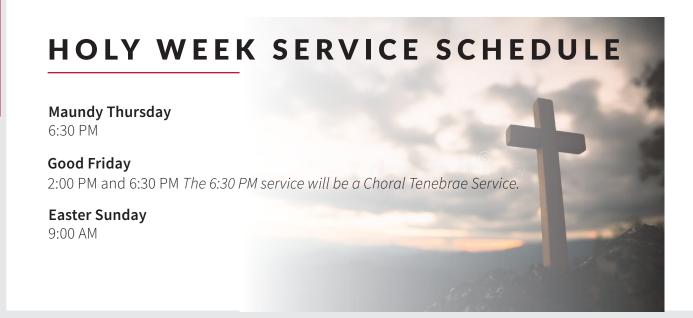
- Subdivide Property: \$4,080.00 (Had to separate parsonage from the church property.)
- Mold Remediation: \$8,880.00 (Had to be done, even if we kept the parsonage.)
- Balance: \$111,361.28

### Expenses Covered by Sale Proceeds

- Payoff 2nd Mortgage: \$43,148.92 (Cost to resurface the church's flat roof.)
- Dumpster Enclosure: \$9,472.42 (Enclosure was required by the City of Oshkosh.)
- Landscaping for Dumpster Enclosure and New Sidewalks: \$1,940.00

Remaining Balance: \$56,799.94 (Has been placed in Capital Improvement Fund)

Note: One project that the remaining balance will be used for is the replacement of the elevator motor and starter. The Leadership Team has identified this as a priority project based on a recommendation from Otis, the company that provides regular service on our elevator.



### **NEWISH\* MEMBER CLASS**

Are you interested in learning more about Peace? Join us, no matter how long you've been coming to worship on Sunday, April 23rd from 10:30AM-11:30AM.

It will be a time for learning...

Topics covered:

- The origin and history of Peace Lutheran Church
- What is distinct about the ELCA?
- Our current mission and values statements
- Ways to get involved
- What church membership means

And connection!

Meet the staff and connect with others who are also newish to Peace.

We will celebrate new members in worship on Sunday, May 7th. Questions? Email pastor.maggie@peaceoshkosh.org



\*Note on Newish from Pastor Maggie: It's my understanding that it's been a few years since we've had an official new member group gathering. If you haven't been to one at Peace, this is for you!

- Pastor Maggie

## FIRST COMMUNION

#### Communion Education and Bread Baking in preparation for First Communion

When: Saturday, April 15th and 22nd, 9-11AM;

First Communion will be celebrated in worship on Sunday, April 23rd.

What: Communion Education (4/15) and Bread Baking (4/22)

Who: Open to curious kids (and adults) who want to explore the sacred meal we share. Children must attend with at least one adult with whom they attend worship.

It is Pastor Maggie's practice to let first communion be a family decision. We will offer this class once a year. It has been the tradition of this church for children in 2nd grade to learn about communion, so the teaching will be geared towards around that age. That said, parents are the biggest influencer of their children's faith and you know your child best. ANY CHILD you feel is ready for a learning experience about communion - what we do and why we do it - is welcome to join us to prepare for their first communion on 4/23.

If your child(ren) already shares in the meal and you've never attended an official learning time, please join us when you are ready!

Questions? Email pastor.maggie@peaceoshkosh.org

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# CHURCH CONSTITUTION

We are going to be updating the church constitution. We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to help out with this on a team that will be formed soon. If you are interested please contact Jean Andersen @ 920-233-5325.

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# EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday April 9th following the Easter Service join us for an EGGciting Egg hunt.



# **FAMILY TIES**



Family Ties is a group of families that love parenting but find it to be even more rewarding with faith, friends, fun, and of course food. The group is open to families young and old, big and small, many or just one. After all, we are all family at Peace. If you are interested in being included in our events and want to join our mailing list, please sign up with Nicki. If you have any questions or would like further information, please email nicki@peaceoshkosh.org

Additionally, all are welcome to reach out and plan a game night, a meal, movie or anything else that serves as a good reason to get involved with your Peace family. Reach out to Nicki to see if the church is available as a hosting site.

### Wrapping Up Family Ties Lent Journey 2023.

Lent activity for 2023 that walked us through the Sundays of Lent using a devotional book from Saltproject.org called Love Builds Up. I hope you had a chance to spend some time reading the chosen Bible passage together.

### ROOTS

Not just for confirmation students. We invite and welcome any youth grades 6th through 12th

**April 5th** No class for Holy Week

April 6th 6:00 Report for Maundy Thursday service help

April 7th 5:45 Report for Good Friday service help

April 9th 9:00 Easter Service

April 12th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

April 12th 6:30 Confirmation class

April 19th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

April 19th 6:30 Confirmation class

April 26th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

April 26th 6:30 Confirmation class



For the most up-to-date information, be sure to read the weekly Roots Review



#### **CROSSWAYS Summer Camp**

Fun times are in our future! It seems early to talk about summer, but the best way to make sure you can register for your first-choice camp week is to sign up early! Summer camp registration is now open! With Crossways, there is a camp for everyone both young and old.

- Pioneer Camp for 1st-3rd graders which offers three days and two nights of immersion fun.
- Pathfinders camp for 3rd-5th grade has both ½ week and full week options.
- Maverick Camp for 6th-8th graders a week of outdoor adventures and fun.
- Settlers Camp for 9th -12th graders even the older kids can be a part of the fun.
- LIT (Leaders in Training) for 10th-12th grade leaders at camp and beyond.

They didn't forget the moms, dads and even grandparents with options like Family Camp and Grandcamp.

In addition to all your favorite camp experiences, this year Crossways has added:

- Mission Camp, a week for campers and congregations that may not be able to organize a traditional mission trip experience.
- Onsite Day Camp, a week for younger campers to experience camp without staying away from home overnight.
- Wilderness Backpacking Trip, a week to get far out into the wilderness of the Porcupine Mountains with experienced leaders.

There are multiple camp locations to choose from. Find the group, dates and locations that best fit your family's adventurous dreams at crosswayscamps.org/summer-camp.

Thanks to our Mission Endowment Fund balance, all camp fees are 100% covered for Peace members and Peace will offset the cost for your friends who are not members at Peace. Please see Nicki for details before registration.



# **CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Volunteers are needed to clean up and beautify the Peace Cemetery. Dirk Kagerbauer is in charge of the clean up efforts and has once again asked for any willing bodies in the confirmation class to lend a hand. We are always looking for a great service project. Our spring work day is set for Saturday April 15th from 9:00 to noon. Please let me know if you are available to help, parents and siblings are invited to lend a hand as well. Be sure to bring along some work gloves. If you have any questions please see either Dirk or Nicki.

### **CEMETERY POSITION AVAILABLE**

The cemetery is currently looking for one person to work as part of a 3-person team, one day a week (7 - 9 hrs.), maintaining the cemetery lawn during the summer of 2023. The day of the week will vary depending on how the grass grows. Pay is 15.00/hr. Must be able to operate a zero-turn mower and gas trimmer. For more information, call or text Dirk Kagerbauer at 920-988-2476.

# EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

#### Given this Easter in Memory of:

Eldor & Elma Boeshaar, Wayne Bradley, Doris Martin and Germaine Nelson

from Elaine Bradley and Susan & Steven Sorenson

Ann & Marion Books, Karen Andersen, and Frode Andersen

from Jean & Jesse Andersen; Kelsey & Drake Gutsmiedl;

Cory, Emily, Elijah, Nora & Isaiah Andersen and Gail & Gary Pucci

Burton Bradley from Bonnie & Harry Barkelar

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Cornell from Karen & Al Newbauer and Reg Jennerjohn

Robert Cornell from Marilyn Cornell, Reg Jennerjohn, and Karen & Al Neubauer

All Family Members from Mary Davis

Al & Alice Demler from Mary & Norm Salomon

Ed & Della Eiden, Ralph & Lorraine Johnson from Chet & Diane Eiden

Our deceased Loved Ones and Family Members from Mike and Patti Fox

George Fredrick from Marge Fredrick and Family

Jean Hielsberg from Gordon Hielsberg

Carol Jennerjohn from Reg Jennerjohn and Karen & Al Neubauer

John & Doris Kieckhaefer from Joyce & Mike Christianson

Michael A. Nelson from Ann Nelson and Family

My Mother and Father from Danny Porter

All Family Members who have passed from Lucinda Porter

Mrs. Hilda Rank from Reg Jennerjohn and Karen & Al Neubauer

Paul E Schmidt, Sr, Nannie Horn and Alice & William Schmidt from Paul E. Schmidt, Jr.

Sue & Jim Schneider from Carole & Kenley Steinert

**Shannon Clark Showers** from Mark, Kellie, and Ryan Showers

Jeanie & Mike Stecker from Pr Roland & Bonnie Lindeman

Michael Stecker-Our Son and Jean Stecker-Our Daughter from Roger & Joanne Stecker

Warren Steinert from The Steinert Family

Sally Wilde from Jan Steinert

William & Mildred Weitz from The Weitz Family

You are loved. You are missed. You are remembered.

#### Given this Easter in Honor of:

EASTER from The Gorski Family
The Care of Congregation Team
for their kindness and thoughtfulness
given Anonymously

# **APRIL FLOWERS**

**April 16th:** In memory of Sally Wilde by Jan Steinert

April 23rd: In memory of Dorothy and Donald Steinfort by Karen Steinfort

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

You can sign up for Altar Flowers on the calendar located in the Peace narthex or by calling the church office. The cost of sponsoring altar flowers is \$30. If you opt to pick up the flowers from our florist and deliver them to the church on the Friday before your selected Sunday, the cost is \$25.



### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

In the hallway between the church sanctuary and the church office is a lovely bulletin board called Our Church Family, created by the Care of Congregation Team. This bulletin board reminds us to keep in our prayers the members of our Church Family who may not be able to worship with us each week. Some have moved to different home arrangements, some are serving in the military, and some have passed away. We do our best to keep the board up to date so we can all remember these members in our prayers.

If you are able to help us with any updates, please reach out to Heather Miller.

heather.miller@peaceoshkosh.org | 920.231.4730



#### **ASPIRE**

Kathleen Achterberg

#### **BELLA VISTA**

Carol Hintz

#### **CARMEL**

Ruth Vorpahl Ken Reinert Nancy Hiebel Dennis & Joyce Nikolaus Darlene Gehrke Sandra Kriz

#### **EDEN BROOK**

Dawn Springborn Margaret Voss

#### **EDEN MEADOWS**

Carol Schrock
Suzanne Lannbrecht

#### **EVERGREEN**

Arlene Augsburger Herb & Bev Dieckmann Joan Duwell Donna Lord Lucy and Paul Lund

#### **GABRIEL'S VILLA**

Marillyn Campbell

#### MIRAVIDA LIVING

Donna Miller Bernice Clark Ellen Bruce

#### **OMRO COUNTRY VILLA**

Rev Ralph & Doris Hanusa

#### **PARKVIEW**

Al Neubauer

#### **SIMEANNA 3**

Mary Jo Becker

#### The Residence

George Reischl

#### AT HOME OR WITH FAMILY

Paula Albee
Arlene Augsburger
Jan Kornder
Jeri Ann Kunde
Doris Otto
Annette Rice
Don Patt
Elmer Hielsberg (with Family)

#### **SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Captain Andrew Duwell Sr. Airman Samantha Hall

# PRAYER REQUESTS

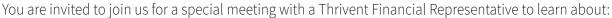
If you or someone you know (with their permission) would like to be on the prayer list, contact the office by phone (231-4730) or email office@peaceoshkosh.org.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS HOSPITALIZED.

### **CARE OF CONGREGATION**

Our Care of Congregation Team is trying to reach you! You can help us by connecting with us when you need help with Meals that Heal or to be a recipient of a Sunshine Bag. Meals may be helpful when you are ill, have been hospitalized or other events have made life challenging. Self-reporting is not selfish, it is helpful to our team!

# THRIVENT FINANCIAL



• Thrivent's member benefits • Thrivent Choice Dollars • Thrivent Action Teams



Did you know that Peace receives Thrivent Choice Dollars from people who invest with Thrivent. Those funds are being allocated to our Capital Improvement Fund. Did you know our Care of Congregation Team has been benefiting from Thrivent Action Team funds?

Learn more about all of this at a special coffee hour on Sunday April 30th @ 10 AM in the Fireside Lounge. There will be coffee and donuts! We would love for you to join us there!

# FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

#### LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Food donations can be put by the altar. Food donations can also be brought anytime the church is open. Those donations should be put in the gray cabinet next to the elevator at the Ninth Avenue entry by the Circle Drive.

#### LITTLE FREE PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Donations can be put by the altar. Nonperishable food, personal care items and gift cards may be left in the Pantry at any time. Overflow donations can be placed on the shelves near the elevator at Ninth Avenue entry of the Circle Drive anytime the church is open. Cash donations should be dropped off or sent to the church office.

#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you have additional information for the Newsletter, please contact communications@paeaceoshkosh.org by the 18th of each month.

#### 2023 IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

Feb. 22	14	Mar. 08	54	Mar. 19	91
Feb. 26	107	Mar. 12	62	Mar. 22	49
Mar. 01	48	Mar. 15	55	Mar. 26	89
Mar. 05	95				

### **OFFERING REVENUES**

Annual Target: \$278,800.00 Monthly Target: \$23,233.33

# OFFERINGS TO THE GENERAL FUND IN 2023

January: \$24,063.06 February: \$21,257.45

March:



"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."







# **REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD**

Below are verses from the month's Bible readings that made me stop and ask, "What is this telling me about my relationship with God and other people?" When time allows, re-visit the Sunday Bible readings. Look for verses that help answer that question for you.

Dirk Kagerbauer, Leadership Team

### Week of April 2, 2023

**Philippians 2:5-8** 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Again, we're reminded what it means to be a Christian. Like Jesus, we humble ourselves before God, becoming servants to others as we share with them the news of His forgiveness through Christ's death and resurrection.

### Week of April 9, 2023

**Acts 10:43** 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is Step 1. Believe that God sacrificed His only son so that we may be saved. Step 2: Trust that God will always be there with and for us. Step 3: Out of thankfulness to God for his unwavering love and forgiveness, work to develop a relationship with Him through praise, prayer, thanksgiving, and service to others.

### Week of April 16, 2023

**Acts 2:25-28** 25For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; 26therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. 27For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

These assurances from God give me the freedom and strength to fulfill His mission for me. Although this mission is the same for every Christian (to share the news of God's forgiveness through the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ), how I complete it is a product of the spiritual gifts God has given me.

### Week of April 23, 2023

**Psalm 116:12-16** 2How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me? 13I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. 14I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people. 15Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants. 16O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

The what and the why of Christianity.

### Week of April 30, 2023

1 Peter 2:23-24 23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

It isn't always easy being a Christian. Doing the right thing does not guarantee that we won't experience difficulties, hardship, rejection, and even suffering. But Jesus provides us with an example of how to handle the challenges we face and, in the process, shows us the reward that God has prepared for us in doing so.

# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers keep our church office running smoothly! Our church office is a busy place! Did you know that we have volunteers who give their time and talents weekly to keep the office running smoothly?



**Monday - Patti Auger** Records contributions and prepares the weekly paid invoices for mailing



Tuesday - Jean Andersen

Data entry of contribution information,
washes communion elements, in charge of
all altar flowers



Wednesday - Kim Jungwirth
Prints all Sunday Service
materials, prepares the
sanctuary for Sunday and preps
all envelopes for mass mailings



Thursday - Lucinda Porter
Folds all bulletins, maintains the Little
Free Pantry and lounge fridge, odds and
ends detail cleaning, and writes thank
you cards from the office.



**Friday -** Mary Jo Becker Stuffs the Sunday bulletins with the inserts, records communion visits and does the weekly paper shredding.



# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Have you been considering being a Sunday Service Worship Assistant? Could this person be you? You are invited to sign up digitally through the sign up link shared in the Tuesday email blast. Don't do emails? You can call Heather in the church office.

#### We are always looking for:

- Ushers and greeters
- Readers
- Join the altar guild
- AV booth volunteers

### STAFF

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

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