Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK
Organist: Kathy May  
Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke  
Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Melody Ruhbusch, Lois Scaffidi  
7:45 Elder: Kent Franklin  
Ushers: Larry, Tom, & Tim Haga  
Acolyte: Daniel Haga  
10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger  
Ushers: Jeff & Travis Dubnicka, Bob Corso  
Acolyte: Derek Larson  
Treats are given by the Uttenreither’s and Thoni’s.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE
Sunday, February 16 – 135 (7:45) 92 (10:30) Bible Class – 85
Wednesday, February 19 – 20 (6:45)
Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study– 40

OFFERINGS:
Last Week’s Offering
General fund: $11,245.96  
(Please Plate $818.96; Gen. Env. $10,427)
Parking Lot Fund: $2,630.00
Last Week’s Total: $13,875.96

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY:
General fund received in February: $24,806.53
Parking Lot funds received in February: $3,040.00
Other funds received in February: $138.00
Wokoma-Nigeria funds received in February: $175.00
Total: $28,159.53

TOTAL PARKING LOT AFTER EXPENSES: $295,906.31

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy
Quinquagesima Sunday
Sunday, February 23, 2020

THEME: JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN
Jesus spoke clearly about His passion, death, and resurrection, yet “these things were hidden” from the disciples, so that they did not understand His words. It was necessary that the Son of Man suffer and die alone, for salvation from sin, death, and hell is entirely the work of our Lord. It must be received by us as a gift alone or it cannot be received at all. For their benefit the disciples were prevented from knowing these words, lest anyone of them boast in his superior knowledge or understanding. The mysteries of the faith are revealed to the blind by the Spirit of God, and so Jesus has mercy upon blind Bartemaeus, opening his eyes, in token that the mysteries of salvation are revealed to us so that we might believe in the Lord and give all praise and glory to God.

Guests—Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us. If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Before you leave this morning, please sign our guest register in the narthex.

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord’s Supper We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord’s Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

Register to Attend the Auction! Please invite friends and family to fill a table of 8. We still need to fill 7 tables! Visit www.plaauction.com to register. If you have any questions, contact John Bender at 262-247-5335.

Cello Recital – The congregation is invited to attend Talitha Schneider’s cello recital today, Sunday, February 23, at 3:30 in the Gerhardt room.
WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD—My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.” (Psalm 119:81). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel when school is in session, or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.

Sunday Divine Service 7:45 and 10:30 Jesus Heals the Blind Man
Bible Class 9:15: Old Testament – Lesson 10 – Abraham
Daily chapel this week Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 to 8:30
Youth Catechesis Monday 4:30: New Testament Lesson 22
Didache Monday 7:00: Lesson 20 – Confession
Wednesday Service 6:45: Ash Wednesday
Thurs. Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 a.m. – Old Testament History

Lenten Schedule begins this week: Ash Wednesday, February 26
The schedule for Lenten midweek services will be expanded this year from two services to three. Some have expressed interest in an early morning service, which would allow them to attend service before their workday begins. Others have mentioned how the demands on their job sometimes prohibit attendance at the 6:45 evening service. Beginning Ash Wednesday, the midweek services will be held at: 6:30 a.m. (40 minutes spoken order) 2:30 p.m. (during the Academy School day as in the past) 6:45 p.m. (during the regular Wednesday evening time slot)

Holy Week Services will also expand to include a simple spoken order of Divine Services at 6:30 a.m. on Holy Monday through Holy Thursday morning.

News and Notes

2019 Contribution Statements are available in the narthex. Please pick up your copy and save us the postage to mail it to you at the end of the month.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m.

Congregational Brewer Game—Saturday, August 8, against the Cubs!
Tickets are going fast for the celebration of George and Sue Kaminski’s years of faithful service as custodians. Cost of tickets is $32. Sign up today! Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church by March 1st.

The Bible in Ruins is a special presentation hosted at Pilgrim West, Bend, featuring Dr. Nathan Jastram of CUW, Saturday, Feb. 29, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Bible is not a book of myths, but speaks of real history, people, places and events. This history comes alive in the archaeological record.

Important Parking Lot Update!
Bid documents have been prepared by our engineering firm for sub-contractors to bid on the project. Bids should begin to be received in March. ALL available matching funds have been released for the project. The parking lot continues to deteriorate over the winter. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to retain a company to plow snow because of the condition of the lot and the damage it causes to their equipment. The Parish Council encourages the members of the congregation to prayerfully consider a gift and/or pledges of gifts to the parking lot fund over the next several months, so that we can make a responsible decision once bids are received. Listed below are ALL funds available, after expenses, for the Parking Lot Project:

- $207,000.00 (Matching Fund Donor)
- $118,337.55 (Offerings from the Congregation)
- $29,431.24 (Engineering Expenses to date)

$295,906.31 Total Net to date in the Parking Lot Fund

We will update this column each week. Bear in mind that additional expenses will be incurred as we move forward with the project which will cause the net total to fluctuate periodically.

The KANTOREI will lead a Lenten evening service including music for the season at St Paul’s, Oconomowoc, on Monday, March 2, at 6:30. Another possibility is St John in Plymouth: Sunday, March 1, at 6:00. The Kantorei is a men’s choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. For more information, see the poster in the hallway or visit www.ctsfw.edu.

Do you have some unused toys in your home? After more than twenty years of being loved and played with, some of the toys in our preschool/kindergarten room could use a refresh! If your children or grandchildren have outgrown some toys in your home, please consider donating them to Peace Lutheran Academy. We would be delighted to receive gently used building toys, floor puzzles, stencils, baby dolls, dress up clothes, cars and trucks, make-believe kitchen/shop/farm utensils, etc. Pretend play is an important part of an early classical education. Talk to Beth Bender (262-247-5334) if you think you might have something to donate. Thanks in advance for helping to stimulate the brains of our youngest academy students.

Scrap Update for the 2019-2020 fiscal year (July 2019-June 2020)
Week of 2/16/2020

| Attendance | 227 |
| Number of families participating | 17 |
| Gross sales | $3,600.00 |
| Profit paid to Academy | $87.02 |
| Total profit paid this fiscal year | $3,711.79 |
Sunday Order of Service
Quinquagesima Sunday
February 23, 2020

Divine Service Setting Five
Lutheran Service Book p. 213

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 213. The ordinary canticles of the liturgy are all hymn versions of those canticles. Follow the hymn board. The service outline is below.

Confession and Absolution (Divine Service Setting Five) 213

Introit sung by the choir
Antiphon
Be Thou my strong Rock,
for an house of defense to save me.
Thou art my Rock and my Fortress;
therefore for Thy name’s sake lead me and guide me.
Psalm 31:2b-3

Psalm
In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed. Deliver me in Thy righteousness.
Psalm 31:1

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Antiphon is repeated

Kyrie Hymn 942
“Kyrie! God, Father”

Gloria Hymn 948
“All Glory Be to God Alone”

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:3-7
Be Strong, Do Not Fear!

Choral Response “Those Who Trust in the Lord” by Zimmermann
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which can never be shaken, never be moved.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds His people
from now on and forever.
God provided a place to shield the righteous,
free from scepters of evil ruling their lives.
Those who trust in our God will be secure,
so they will not stretch their hands out
to do wrong or injustice.
Show Your goodness, O Lord, to all the godly,
unto those who are upright, upright in heart.
Frustrate, Lord, those who leave the King’s highway
for some crooked way of treason.
And give peace to Your people.

Epistle I Corinthians 13:1-13
The nature of God’s love

Hymn of the Day 849
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Jesus predicts His suffering and opens the eyes of the blind man

Creedal Hymn 954
“We All Believe in One True God”

Sanctus Hymn 960
“Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”

Agnus Dei Hymn 962
“Lamb of God”

Distribution Hymns 556
“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”
“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
“O Love, How Deep”

Post Distribution Hymn 937
“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”