



Peace United Methodist Church
Pastor Rob Kopp
303 Ninth Avenue South
Virginia MN 55792

Our Mission at Peace United Methodist Church
Peace in our Communities, offering healing and wholeness to all in life's journey

The Methodist Messenger

February 2023

Church Office
Hours: Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Our Staff

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Administrative Assistant	
Custodian	Esa Bay
PORCH Director	Rachel Bodas

Worship Schedule

10:30 AM Peace UMC
303 South 9th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792

Note: 1st Sunday of each month is
Communion Sunday

Thought for the month:

Happy Valentine's Day

We love, because he first loved us.

John 4:19



From the Pastor

Dear Peace family,

Grace and Peace to you as we enter the season of Lent later this month. We have been making plans for an active and reflective 40 days together. It all begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Reverend Amy Janssen, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church and I will be co-leading services in the afternoon and evening. Peace will have a "daylight" service at 3:30 PM while Gethsemane will have an evening service at 6:30. Together, we will host a meal at Peace at 5 PM. Each week during Lent until Holy Week, we will alternate hosting meals and worship each Wednesday. A simple soup supper will be served at 5PM with the worship at 6:30. (You will find the full schedule on the church calendar.)

Our devotional material will be from ELCA World Hunger's Forty Days of giving. Our worship services will be centered on the Psalms. This will be a great opportunity to build relationships with our next door neighbors while working together to serve the neighborhood.

Michelle and I are also taking a break from leading worship together at Peace and Wesley. This will give Wesley more time to get to know their pastor after worship while offering Peace more opportunities to work with Pastor Amy and Gethsemane.

Pastor Amy and I will be serving Holy Communion together on February 5. Pastor Amy will be preaching. This will be a great opportunity to hear her message and visit.

I am looking forward to our time together. As the winter sun starts to give its first hints of spring, may we get our first taste of the promise of resurrection through our risen Lord.

Friends-- we are made of stardust, and to stardust we will return. Our souls will be with Christ forever. This is the hope of our faith and our common inheritance with all of God's children. Blessings!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rob

PASTORAL CARE

Please notify the church office (218-741-7739) if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization, surgery or emergency.

Pastoral Calls:

Email: revrmkopp@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study every Wednesday
"Book of Exodus"
Wednesdays at 3:00 PM
Led by Pastor Rob
Join us, even if it is your first time.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Missions Committee

Outreach ministry would like to thank everyone for their donations for our Youth Foyer Christmas project. Each resident received a gift card in a mug filled with hot chocolate, tea and candy. The three children received a toy, quilt and hats. The gifts were greatly appreciated. Happy New Year.

The Missions Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month (except summer) at noon in the library. We are always looking for new members, new ideas, and new opportunities. Please consider joining us.

Missions have been getting to know members of the Generosity Group at Gethsemane through a variety of projects. Most recently the United Way Buddy Backpack filling in Chisholm. We will continue to look for ways we can serve our community together, knowing there is strength in numbers.

Schokolade is an outreach planned by Gethsemane as a fundraiser for KIVA, a charity that offers 0% interest loans to help people improve their lives. Please read the attached interesting and informative letter from committee member Dan Karlin. We are encouraging your support of this project by attending, baking, maybe even helping at the event. If you would like to know more, Sheila Davidson is their committee chair. Tickets may be purchased for \$12 in the Gethsemane church office. (letter included after Charge Conference minutes)

METHODIST MOONLIGHTERS – The Methodist Moonlighters group will meet Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 PM at Boomtown Woodfire Grill in Eveleth.

UPDATED DIRECTORY- An updated directory is in the works, please contact office with updated addresses/phone numbers or if you would like your information withheld.

COMMUNION STEWARDS - Communion stewards are needed for upcoming months. Please sign up in the library if you are able to serve any month. Thank you

It is with deep regret that we accept the resignation of Administrative Assistant Cindy Haugen, effective 1/27/23. Although Cindy has been with us for a relatively short time, she fit in well as a member of our staff. She greeted everyone with a friendly smile and was always willing to help in any way she could. Cindy has accepted a new position with better suits her and her children. Thank you, Cindy. We wish you the very best and we hope you have enjoyed your time at Peace UMC.

The search has begun for a new Administrative Assistant. In the interim, Rachel Bodas will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays to answer the phone and perform some office tasks. Joan Schriber has generously volunteered to come back to work and will be in the office on Tuesdays and Friday, as well as working from home when necessary. Thank you, Joan and Rachel. Your dedication and commitment to Peace UMC is greatly appreciated.

ROOTED IN PEACE

December was a great month for opening young hearts to the joys of advent! The children and their mentors made candy and snack bags for the Youth Foyer. And boy were they fast, completing over 30 bags in less than 20 minutes! January was full of sloppy snow, but these kids aren't losing any traction. February is the annual Souper Bowl food shelf can drive. That means "souper" jokes can be anticipated each Sunday leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. The kids will be collecting soups, stews, and the like in cans with pop-top lids to restock our church's food shelf. Monetary donations can be collected in the offering plate as well. Please write "Souper Bowl" in the memo line or on your envelope so the counters know where to put your generous donation.

Community Table

In place of PORCH, we will be having weekly soup suppers Wednesday's for LENT. We will be alternating between Peace UMC and Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Lent soup suppers will start on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday. There will be a dinner at 5:00 and worship service at 6:30. The meal and service will alternate between Peace UMC and Gethsemane. Please refer to schedule below.

DATE	Peace UMC	Gethsemane Lutheran
2/22/23	3:30 PM Worship 5:00 PM Meal	6:30 PM Worship
3/1/23	6:30 PM Worship	5:00 PM Meal
3/8/23	5:00 PM Meal	6:30 PM Worship
3/15/23	6:30 PM Worship	5:00 PM Meal
3/22/23	5:00 PM Meal	6:30 PM Worship
3/29/23	6:30 PM Worship	5:00 PM Meal

The meals will be free and open to the community. Everyone is invited to come to dinner and then to service, if you choose.

We are hoping to grow the fellowship between our two churches as we outreach to others in the community. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there.

Rachel Bodas



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Sierra Murray | 15 – Mary Bratt |
| 3 – James Kellner | 15 – John Malovrh |
| 3 – Mary Jo Smith | 18 – James Murray |
| 6 – Judy Venaas | 19 – Ellen Hedlund |
| 7 – Susan Carle | 19 – Celia Roen |
| 10 – Drew Roen | 21 – Marilyn Nelson |
| 13 – Shannon Gunderson | 25 – Rita Johnson |
| 13 – Michael Voss | |

February Worship Helpers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Coffee 'AN</u>	<u>Friday Reader</u>	<u>Sunday Reader</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Power Point</u>
<u>2/5/23</u>	Cassie Dahl	T&I Teasck Carter Hagen	2/3/23 Lynda Alar	Craig Johnson	Sue Carvelli Sue Carle	P Sklors K Rice	Rachel Bodas
<u>2/12/23</u>	Diane Hawley	Kathy Rice Holly Lundgren	2/10/23 Sue Carle	Becky Crain	John& Mary Bratt	P Omersa K Oliver	Gary Picek
<u>2/19/23</u>	Holly Lundgren	Bill & Lois Robillard	2/17/23 Lois Lackner	Sue Kolstad	Tom Johnson M Knutson	A Voss B Norlander	Joan Schriber
<u>2/26/23</u>	Sue Kolstad	Carol Thomas Sheila Colosimo	2/24/23 Fay Siers	Kathy Rice	K Oliver C Rabideaux	T & G Johnson	Holly Lundgren

Communion Steward

February – Pam Omersa/ Sue Kolstad
 March – Mary & Al Williams
 April - ?
 May – Pam Omersa/ Sue Kolstad

COFFEE AN' HOSTS

****Donuts for Coffee an' are to be picked up at Super One SOUTH.

The church has an account set up for payment; you have to go through the checkout line and tell the clerk to charge them to Peace United Methodist Church.
 If you have any questions, please call the Office.

NOTE - *There will be usher training for all ushers or anyone who would like to be an usher on Sunday, February 26th. It will be held in the sanctuary right after church.*