



Peace United Methodist Church
 Pastor Lisa Vick
 303 Ninth Avenue South
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Mediacom channel 5TV
 Peace church service
 Weekly airtimes

Sunday	9:00 am, 8:00 pm
Monday	2:00 am
Tuesday	10:00 am
Wednesday	none
Thursday	10:00 am
Friday	5:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am

Holy Week Schedule

March 29th 10:30 am
 Palm Sunday Service
 Breakfast will be served after worship.

April 2nd 6:00 pm
 Maundy Thursday Service

April 3rd Good Friday Ecumenical Services
 12:00 pm at Hope Community
 Presbyterian Church, Virginia
 6:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church
 Mountain Iron

April 5th 10:30 am
 Easter Sunday Service

Our Mission at Peace United Methodist Church

Peace in our Communities, offering healing and wholeness to all in life's journey.

The Methodist Messenger

April 2026

Church Office
 Hours: Monday – Thursday
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Our Staff

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Worship Schedule

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

Note: 1st Sunday of each month is
 Communion Sunday

Find our online worship service at
www.werpeaceumc.com or on our Facebook
 page.

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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm borrowing a few words from my Palm Sunday message this week because I want all of us to be able to journey this Easter road together, not just for a moment of celebration, but for the whole sacred story that unfolds before us.

Palm Sunday is a day we love, with its branches and sense of movement and that quiet joy in the air that makes it feel like something good is beginning; and yet, as beautiful as that moment is, we know the story does not stop there.

And sometimes, if we are honest, we are tempted to stay with the palms and skip what comes next, to hold onto the parade and gently pass by the harder, heavier parts of the journey.

So here is my gentle nudge—my loving little challenge: if you found yourself here on Palm Sunday, I invite you to come back.

Come back on Maundy Thursday at **6:00 PM**, and come back on Good Friday, whether at **Noon** for the Ecumenical Community Service at Hope Community Presbyterian Church, or at **6:30 PM** at Messiah Lutheran in Mountain Iron, and walk the rest of the road.

Not because you have to, and not because anyone is keeping attendance, but because something sacred happens when we do not skip the hard parts, when we stay with the story through the table, through the cross, and even through the quiet waiting that follows.

It is there, in that full journey, that we begin to understand more deeply what love looks like, what faith requires, and what hope truly means, and it is there that Easter morning begins to shine more brightly because we have walked the road that leads to it.

So come, come and stay, because the story is not over yet.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lisa

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: 612-558-5316
Email: pastor@werpeaceumc.com

Wednesday Coffee An' Continues

Every Wednesday at 1:00 pm we meet downstairs in the fellowship hall for coffee an'. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

The Sunday School Message-- “Christ Lives On In Us!”

Our Sunday School lessons for the latter part of March and early April engage our students with the Easter story, which lead to Jesus’ death, and, ultimately, his resurrection. There are numerous take-aways that the children gain from these lessons, but one important message is that every day can be a little Easter celebration—a celebration of new life. Even when we experience confusion, disbelief, and difficult challenges, Jesus is with us. After his death, Jesus’ disciples still felt and experienced his presence in Emmaus and other locations. They understood that Jesus continued to provide for his disciples and followers—because his love and ministry never ends.

Along with the stories of how Jesus’ followers continued his ministry, our students will begin preparing for their spring presentation, set for May 10th. The P. M. News (that is the Peace Methodist News) returns with interesting interviews by reporters and individuals who experienced Jesus’ love and healing. The students are excited to be reporters again, and, along with musical selections intertwined with their interviews, they will bring the messages and joy of Jesus’ teachings.

Easter Garden

There is a signup sheet in the library for anyone wanting to provide flowers for our Easter Garden on April 5th.

Please bring your item to the church on Thursday, April 2nd or bring it with you to Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm service on April 2nd. Please don’t bring Easter lilies as the strong scent causes issues for some people.

Missions Outreach Opportunities

Missions Update

Many thanks to all who have participated in March Food Share month. Your gift will be matched helping to restock our Quad City Food Shelf during this time of increasing need. If you still wish to donate, Sunday, April 5 is the last day.

A New Outreach

Mission Cry is a ministry that has been spreading God’s word since 1956. They distribute Bibles and Christian books around the world, bringing God’s words into the lives of those who cannot afford it, including orphans, evangelists, pastors and missionaries. We will be partnering with our Generosity Team friends from Gethsemane to collect Bibles during April.

Perhaps you have a new study Bible, or are using a different version, and have an extra Bible you would like to donate. Please watch for information in the bulletin on where to bring them.

God’s blessings

The Missions Team

From the Finance Committee

THANK YOU, CRAIG!

On behalf of the Finance Committee and the congregation of Peace UMC, many thanks to Craig Johnson for taking on the task of auditing the 2025 financial records of Peace UMC. Your dedication and devotion to our church is deeply appreciated.

The Finance Committee is sharing Peace’s finances as we carry out the missions and ministries of PUMC. A copy of the monthly financial statement is available through the office. Contact the Finance Committee or Ad Council with any questions.

Congregation Support
for Missions and Ministries:

January:	\$ 6,213
February:	\$ 8,696
YTD:	\$14,909

Costs of Missions and Ministries:

January:	\$21,711
February:	\$15,269
YTD:	\$36,979



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 – Bruce Lundgren	16 – Diane Koepke
4 – Henrik Branville	18 – Liz Biondich
4 – Suvi Branville	21 – Timothy McCarty
5 – Kelly McCue	22 – Abigail O'Malley
7 – Joy Stanaway	23 – Lynda Alar
8 – Doug Nelson	23 – Gail Johnson
11 – Val Horvath	25 – John Colosimo
12 – Jerry Pfremer	26 – Lois Robillard
13 – Hayley Lundgren	27 – Cathy Woods
13 – Lloyd Thomas	28 – Alan Johnson
13 – Brooke Dahl	29 – Bill Robillard

April Worship Helpers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee 'AN</u>	<u>Friday Reader</u>	<u>Sunday Reader</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Power Point</u>
<u>4/5/26</u>	Craig & Chris Johnson	4/3 Lynda Alar	Becky Crain	Crain Family	Ann Voss B. Norlander	Rachel Bodas
<u>4/12/26</u>	Jim & Betsy Nelson	4/10 Bill Robillard	Sue Carle	Sue Carvelli Sue Carle	Tom & Gail Johnson	Gary Picek
<u>4/19/26</u>	Sheila Colosimo Holly Lundgren	4/17 Terry Hilar	Sheila Colosimo	Tom Johnson Jim Nelson	J. Martinson Carol Thomas	Joan Schriber
<u>4/26/26</u>	Tom & Gail Johnson	4/24 J&P Pfremer	Kathy Rice	Mark & Ellen Hedlund	Gale Switzer Kathy Rice	Holly Lundgren

Communion Steward

April – Pam Omersa/Sue Kolstad
 May – Diane Hawley/Courtney Wickham
 June –

COFFEE AN' HOSTS

****Donuts for Coffee an' are to be picked up at Super One SOUTH. You will need to pick up the Peace UMC account card from the office before going to Super One South. The church has an account set up for payment; you must go through the checkout line and show the clerk the account card. If you have any questions, please call the Office.

Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22. Earth Day serves as a reminder of the importance of our environment and the need to protect it. It highlights the urgent need for action to address climate change, pollution, deforestation, and other environmental threats. On this significant day, let us raise the awareness of our collective responsibility to care for the creation God has entrusted to us. As Methodists, we believe this is intrinsically connected to our mission to form faithful disciples. Christ's teaching often focused on living faithfully with the resources God provides, and with concern and compassion for the poor. We who have chosen to follow Jesus must be aware that in an interconnected world, our actions and decisions have a global impact. This is clearly evident as we consider creation care and the issues raised by climate justice.

Many may believe that the task of being faithful stewards of God's creation is too large for one person or one congregation to make a difference. In reality, until we see the call to environmental stewardship as part of God's call in our own lives—individually and collectively—lasting change is out of reach.

One day will not undo the damage we've done to God's creation over decades. Earth Day simply reminds us that we must be advocates for the earth and defenders of creation every day if our children and grandchildren will have a world that can sustain them.

Let us take the month of April to reflect on the goodness of God's creation and our responsibility as stewards through worship, education, and action. How do you care for God's beautiful earth at home, in our church and in your workplace? Where do we begin?

- Switching to reusable products

- Energy-saving LED lightbulbs
- Recycling
- Community clean-up; litter pick-up
- Tree planting
- Repair leaky faucets and running toilets
- What will you do?

On this significant day, individuals are called to reflect on their roles as stewards of the Earth and take meaningful actions that contribute to its well-being. By embodying the principles of faithful stewardship, we can ensure that our efforts on Earth Day have a lasting and profound impact on the planet.

For the month of April, we will be using the glass communion cups from the former Eveleth Methodist Church to recognize our part on Earth Day 2025. This simple yet profound act symbolizes our dedication to sustainable practices and the honoring of our historical roots. As we take a moment to appreciate these glass cups, let us also ponder how small changes can lead to significant strides in conservation and stewardship.

To learn more about Earth Day and discipleship go to www.umcdiscipleship.org.