

Now on the first day of the week...John 20:1

As you enter, the sound of music greets you, as does the joyful faces and voices of those who love you and whom you love.

You are welcomed to join your voice in the singing and celebration as the name above all names is called upon and worshiped.

You come to the tomb: the result of sin - the sins of others as well as your own sin. You come to the tomb not to be condemned, but to be reminded that there is One who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world - even your sin. You are absolved and cleansed and made new.

You are reminded that no matter what you are facing or have come through, that the One who made You has never left your side and continues to walk with you - even through your stumbling and falling, your sin and death - and dares to declare the promise of forgiveness.

You join with others to lift up prayers and praises, requests and declarations to One who listens and has spared no expense to spend eternity with you.

Precious and powerful promises are announced and discussed as your faith grows by hearing God's Word spoken aloud.

You stand together with others, professing your love and trust in the three-in-One who is determined to prove His love for you. As your heart and voice enter into the words of this creed, you are joined to the faith of the fathers and mothers who have gone before you, claimed by God who has created, saved and daily empowers you with His Spirit. You declare the powerful reality that we are the children of God who will rise from death to everlasting life.

You join with others to lift up prayers and praises, requests and declarations to the throne of grace where you will find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

Then, a table is unveiled. A meal is shared.

You gather to remember as you take and eat, the body of Christ broken for you.

You are reminded as you take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you.

You receive His life into yours with joy as you are cleansed and restored, your sins wiped away, a time of refreshing that comes from the presence of the Lord.

Though the world around you is uncertain, unstable, unprecedented - God *your* Father is sure, strong, and painstakingly steadfast in His love for you. God who did not spare His own son, but gave Himself up for you - remains determined for you to know His love.

As you prepare to leave, you are blessed with ancient words of God who desires to bless and keep you. You are reminded that the face of God shines upon you - looks upon you with great joy and delight. Jesus - who is our Peace - promises to guard your heart and mind, intent for you to know and trust Him. Blessed, you are now a blessing sent to show Christ to others who have forgotten or who have not yet met the One who is the lover of their souls.

This is what we do, this is who we are - as we gather on the first day of the week.

Pastor Jon

Financial Summary for Feb 2021 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Mar 9, 2021

Balance Sheet: 2-28-21

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Ministry & Facility Fund | \$ 34,012 |
| All Designated Funds | <u>\$ 91,184</u> |
| Total US Bank Checking | \$125,196 |

Thrivent Mortgage Balance \$302,822 \$303,809 (Jan)
(The mortgage refi fee of \$3,018 was sent 2-22-21)

Income & Expense: 2-28-21

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| Actual Giving | \$ 13,457 | (Plan for Giving \$18,834) |
| Actual Expense | \$ 19,999 | |

YTD Income & Expense: (Jan-Feb 2021)

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|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Actual Giving | \$ 27,472 | (Plan for Giving \$37,668) |
| Actual Expense | \$ 37,356 | |



| Feb Designated Funds: | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>Fund Balance</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Memorial Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 357 |
| Emergency Fund | 0 | 0 | \$10,000 |
| Property Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 963 |
| Refresh Team | 0 | 10,000 | \$ 1,274 (\$10,000 to Playground) |
| Good Samaritan Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 1,776 |
| Sabbatical Fund (accrual) | 100 | 0 | \$ 2,600 |
| Reception/Kitchen Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 1,060 |
| Campership Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 3,010 |
| Dorcas Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 2,420 |
| Youth Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 3,905 |
| Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual) | 300 | 0 | \$28,346 |
| Other Misc Designated | 0 | 0 | \$ 3,332 |
| Scholarship Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 1,050 |
| Call Committee | 0 | 6,193 | \$ 0 (\$6,193 to Internship) |
| Playground Fund | 18,380 | 0 | \$33,680 |
| Internship Fund | 6,193 | 0 | \$ 6,193 |



Your continued pledges and offerings are faithfully invested in our mission to share God's Word and the grace, truth, and peace of Jesus Christ.

Your pledge or offering can be given on Sunday mornings, automatically, or dropped by the offices Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm

THANK YOU

As we continue with our stewardship emphasis: Gather, Grow, Send thank you for your joyful, generous, and faithful giving which funds the ministries and missions of Peace.

Our mission partners include:

Uganda Medical Mission, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, Family Promise, Voice of the Martyrs, Champ's Heart, Summit Christian Academy, Lutherhaven, Good Samaritan Rehab, Union Gospel Mission, Ecumenical Food Kitchen, Orchard Ridge, Operation Christmas Child, Open Arms, Juvenile Justice Outreach and the Food Banks.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - April 18th - May 30th

It's like this: proofs, parables, and the Kingdom of God

Acts 1:3 states that Jesus,

“... presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the Kingdom of God.”

Join us on Sunday mornings as Karen Robison and Pastor Jon share lessons and messages on the Kingdom of God through the proof of Jesus' resurrection as well His teachings and parables regarding the Kingdom of God.

Sunday mornings: 8:30 am study & 10:00 am message



Christian Education

Sun Adult Study: No study on Easter but please join us at 8:30 am on Apr 11 for a new transition!

Sun KidZone: Would you like to help with KidZone activities on Sunday? Please contact Shelly Matthews if you would enjoy involvement with our children on a rotational basis!

Tue Talk: Online with Pastor Jon

Wed Bible Study: Pastor Gail will resume the Numbers study at 10 am on **April 14**. There is no longer a pre-service in the sanctuary, but you are welcome to arrive at 9:45 to share prayer concerns in the fellowship hall.

Thu Thoughts: Online with Pastor Jon

Thu Study: Jim Wardlow will finish the Revelation study Apr 22. *Look what's coming up next:*

Thursday Bible Study, 11 AM

As our Bible Study on Revelation comes to a close in late April, we will be starting a new study on The General Epistles beginning April 29. Although this is a 12-week study of Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John and Jude, we will only look at Hebrews before taking our summer break in mid-May. Come discover with us, as the Holy Spirit leads our journey through the Scriptures. – Jim Wardlow, Study Leader

PLC's YouTube Channel contain all services & videos and may be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKINKnU8Rdkx3WrJtTNEfRA/>

Big thanks to our Youth Parent Team who met on Tuesday, March 16th. Here is a summary of the season ahead:

- The youth will be hosting the Easter Sunday egg hunt.
- We will resume in-person weekly youth group on Wednesdays at 4:30pm, starting April 7th - May 26th.
- This summer we will be planning monthly fun and servant events for the youth and their families.
- This fall we will turn our hearts and minds to diving into the Apostles' Creed and celebrating Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 31.





How you help prevent Child Abuse in Kootenai County

Dear Peace Lutheran,

This year for Child Abuse Awareness Month in April we are raising funds for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). We are selling pinwheels for \$5 each that will be placed in the lawn at the Kootenai County Courthouse to have a visual representation of every case of child abuse in Kootenai County in 2020. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go right back to the CAC to continue to fund all the resources needed for families affected by child abuse in our community. Please click here to purchase pinwheels:

<https://safe-passage-4d61b6.networkforgood.com/events/28037-child-abuse-awareness-month>

In Kootenai County in 2020, there were 1,918 reported cases of Child Abuse with thousands more across the state of Idaho. While these numbers can be heartbreaking to hear, at Safe Passage, our CAC is working every day to bring awareness and bring the end of child abuse in our community. The CAC provides forensic interviews for local law enforcement in a safe, welcoming environment where children will feel more comfortable sharing their story with our trained forensic interviewers. Thank you for your past support (Sharing Tree!).

Your Friends at Safe Passage

850 N 4th St, Coeur D Alene, ID 83814

OCC Shoebox Gifts

The Operation Christmas Child North Idaho area team invites one and ALL to join them in sharing God's goodness and grace poured out on OCC during 2020. We are holding a funtastic meeting on Saturday, April 10, from 10-11:30 am, at North Country Chapel, 2281 W Seltice Way, Post Falls. We know our Joann Carlson will be there as PLC's continuing coordinator with Shoebox Gifts! Joann mentioned the other day, she already has 13 boxes filled for later this year! Please RSVP Erica Auten, Area Coordinator, at 208-818-1618 or email eaute40@gmail.com. Updates, refreshments, and free resources will be provided at the meeting. Always a fun gathering!

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Pastor Jon has been accepted into the Doctoral of Ministry program at Western Theological Seminary!

The cohort is entitled: *Holy Presence: Eugene Peterson and the Pastoral Imagination*. Eugene Peterson was a faithful pastor for nearly 30 years, and a prolific theologian and writer, best known for *The Message* translation of the Bible. Per the course description:

The purpose of this Doctor of Ministry track is to nurture experienced pastors more deeply into the slow, holy work required to be faithful to our pastoral call. Centered in Peterson's pastoral theology, we will also include other diverse voices to allow Peterson's expansive vision to roam wide and far. Eugene's writings unfold how pastors can become more biblically rooted, theologically robust, missionally aspiring, all the while offering others, and themselves, an expansive emotional canopy that shapes our shared human experience in Christ. The Holy Presence Cohort will be comprised of women and men who are committed to living out their calling as contemplative pastors in the company of like-minded pilgrims.

This is a distance learning program involving in-person intensives one week in May and one week in January each year. Congratulations Pastor Jon!

Yeah – our new PLC website is under construction per discussion at the Jan Annual Meeting! We are working with Nathan Dreshel at Nu Creative. Brenda Ely, Graphic Designer, has worked on updated graphics and logo for us to consider in the months ahead as the website is developed. We will keep you posted on the progress! – Pastor Jon



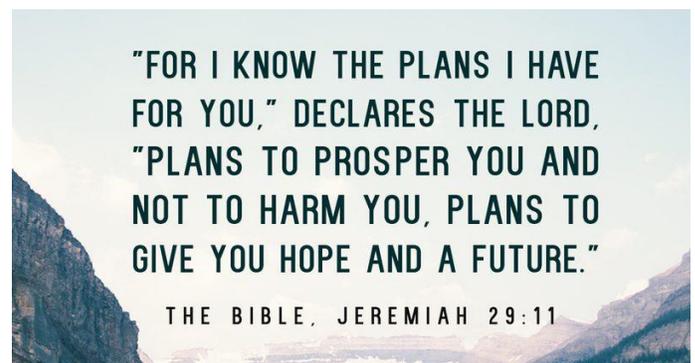
Strategic Planning Team

As was voted upon at our Annual Meeting in January, Peace is beginning a strategic planning process. Our Strategic Planning Team was installed on Sunday, March 21. Team members are:

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| Jon Anderson | Marge Freligh | Colby Kingsbury |
| Janelle Baker | Tanya Frey | Karen Robison |
| Tom Carlson | Jim Helgeson | Roger Stoffers |

Our Strategic Planning Team will be meeting regularly with Bob Baker, Director of Lutherhaven Ministries who has years of training leading teams just like ours through this exciting process. Our inaugural meeting with him will be on Saturday, April 17th. The congregation will be engaged through the entire process. The team will merely be facilitating ongoing times of discussion, discernment, and discovery as God reveals His will and ways to us and for the sake of this community.

Our prayers as a congregation for the Team and the process are greatly needed and appreciated as together we discern and discover God's plans and purpose for Peace. Your ongoing prayers for this process are needed and appreciated.



NW District of LCMC Family Camp Weekend!

Consider joining in the festivities at Lutherhaven Bible Camp the weekend of May 14-16. Special speakers for all ages, camp-staff led outdoor activities (ropes course, field games, mini-golf, rock-wall, camp-fires, time to for hikes or just hanging out with one another). A great time to gather & grow. For all ages.

Sign up today!



MONDAY NIGHTS



Monday nights: 6:00pm **MEN'S GATHERING** remember. renew. respond.

We will gather weekly around the Word (please bring your Bible) to remember our identity in Christ, renew our commitment to His teachings, and respond in fellowship with others.

Monday nights, 6:00pm at Peace!

Fellowship & Hospitality

Since January, fellowship time after worship has been a self-directed gathering, and it's been great to see folks begin to brew a pot of coffee, share treats, and visit together. Easter is the perfect kickoff opportunity to return to regular fellowship gatherings after worship. *You will not intentionally be scheduled as in the past but may serve on the date of your choice.* Please use the provided sheets and select a Sunday that works best for you and your family or friends! Just about everyone in the congregation takes a turn serving one another, making the big pot of coffee, providing grab and go treats, performs cleanup, and gets the trash out – *easy!* Stop by the special fellowship table located in the entryway!

Worship & Music

With loving regard for our members who have been faithful Lutherans for years, we are planning to have what we are calling a Heritage Church Service on May 30! Our church service has changed through the years to minister to those members who haven't been "Lutheran for a lifetime." The more "modern" Lutheran service masterfully blends the traditional – with scripture readings, the prayers and intercessions, and the traditional hymns – with the more contemporary, less formal service and modern worship songs (like our blended service at PLC). However, there may be those who love the service that we were raised with, steeped in the worshipful tradition with sung liturgy and following along in the LBW hymnal. It is with this in mind that we will offer a Heritage service on **May 30 at 8:30 am.** There will be no Adult Study that morning to have this service, then our regular blended service will remain at 10 am. You will have the opportunity to choose which service you want to attend that day. For those that have never experienced a liturgical service, *please join us!* Ruth Clark, Minister of Music

Playground Update!

Great News! We have nearly funded the \$41,044 amount planned for to build our Playground! The Playground order has been placed and it's expected to arrive here in Idaho about May 8. With the help of Cascade Recreation, we have assembled an Installation Team from within our congregation and local contractors. Our congregation has nearly funded the Playground dollars and several of the wish list items have been sponsored. We are at this point on track to be *Swinging and Sliding* in May which has been our projected goal. Thanks to everyone for supporting this



step in the future growth for families and youth programs at Peace Lutheran. *God Bless!*
Ken Birge, Playground Team

Communion continues to be self-serve. Pastor Jon and one assistant will be masked during the distribution. Mask wearing and remembering to social distance as you come forward is appreciated. *Thank you.*

| April 10:00 AM Sunday Ministry Servants & Holy Week | | | |
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| Maundy Thu 7 pm; Good Fri 7 pm; Easter Sun 10 am | | | |
| USHERS | | | |
| Date | Name | | Phone No. |
| 4/01/2021 | Maundy Thu 7 pm | Lee & Heidi Ely | |
| 4/02/2021 | Good Fri 7 pm | Todd & Suzie English | |
| 4/04/2021 | Easter 10 am | Rod & Marge Freligh | |
| 4/11/2021 | | Karle & Barbara Nimke | |
| 4/18/2021 | | Glen & Missy Nungesser | |
| 4/25/2021 | | Jon & Georgiann Davis | |
| COMMUNION SERVERS | | | |
| Date | Name | | Phone No. |
| 4/01/2021 | Chris Anderson | | |
| 4/04/2021 | Rita Birge | | |
| 4/11/2021 | Candace Dyson | | |
| 4/18/2021 | Kristin Gorman | | |
| 4/25/2021 | Tanya Frey | | |
| Communion Setup | Amy Birge | | |
| Baking Bread | Ervinette Arthur | | |
| READERS | | | |
| Date | Name | First / Second Readings | Phone No. |
| 4/01/2021 | Connie Arthur Karen Robison | Exodus 24: 3-11; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 | |
| 4/02/2021 | Karen Robison | Tenebrae – The Last Words | |
| 4/04/2021 | Jennifer Murray | Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | |
| 4/11/2021 | David Pollard | Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1-2:2 | |
| 4/18/2021 | Teresa Baillie | Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3: 1-7 | |
| 4/25/2021 | Mike Hill | Acts 4: 1-12; 1 John 3: 16-24 | |
| ACOLYTES | | | |
| Date | Name | | Phone No. |
| 4/01/2021 | Kira Newman | | |
| 4/02/2021 | Keegan Rangel | | |
| 4/04/2021 | Kira Newman | | |
| 4/11/2021 | Henry Chiappe | | |
| 4/18/2021 | Sam Rangel | | |
| 4/25/2021 | Keegan Rangel | | |
| If you have a conflict with the Sunday you are assigned, please call someone else and inform the church office (208) 765-0727 so the correct name may be listed in the announcement page. <i>Thank you for serving!</i> Marge Freligh, Ministry Servant Coordinator | | | |

News & Events

Please join us in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall for worship as you are comfortable. We're broadcasting to our parking lot (front row) on 88.5 FM, and also providing a video of the service uploaded by Sunday afternoon online at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKINKnU8Rdkx3WrJtTNEfRA/> All PLC videos can be found on this link.

PLC Quick Calendar

The staff meets each Mon at 10 am; Dorcas Quilting 1st & 3rd Mon, 9 am – noon
 Music rehearsal is every Wed at 6 pm; Thursday TOPS is 8-10 am

Apr 1: Maundy Thursday service, 7 pm

Apr 2: Good Friday service, 7 pm

Apr 3: Easter Egg stuffing crew, 10 am

Apr 4: Easter Sunday! Fellowship & Egg Hunts

Apr 5: Closed Easter Monday

Apr 5: Dorcas is here! *If you arrive after 9:15 am, please use the side fellowship door for entry*

Apr 7: Relaunch of Youth Group here at 4:30 pm!

Apr 10: David Gutterud Memorial, 1 pm

Apr 17: Strategic Planning Team at Lutherhaven

Apr 20-24: Pastor Jon Trustee meeting

Family Promise guests were well loved and cared for during remote hosting week Mar 14-20. Your generous gifts via a love offering went a long way in supporting our two families in March. Many thanks to Maren Snyders for her organization, and to volunteers Mary Cockerham and Marge Freligh for daily grocery needs.

Peace served for the first time this year at the Ecumenical Food Kitchen at First Presbyterian on March 25. Many thanks to those that made food donations, served lunch to 27 people, and to Marge Freligh for her coordination!

Thank you to Lee Ely for remounting the small flatscreen in the Nursery (the bracket was broken) and crafting an attractive handrail next to the two steps so our readers can more safely navigate up to the lectern.

Thank you to Joyce Beghtel for taking **105 lbs** to the CDA Food Bank in March. All our Lenten offerings were divided equally between the food banks. Please do not bring fresh or frozen food donations as the church and our volunteers don't have storage space until a trip is made to the food banks – *thanks!*

Our friends from Liberty Quartet have new music coming out – *Miles of Miracles!* If you would like to order they plan to send out the first round of pre-orders sometime between April 1-15. The group is so excited to share this brand-new music with you! Please click here: <https://www.libertyquartet.com/so/8fNX6mUOx?languageTag=en&cid=95268e67-aaff-4da9-9077-99215563f3b7#/main> to pre-order.

*Extra copies of the newsletter are available in the wall rack in the hall.
 PLC Contact Directories are also available there and are updated monthly.*



| | KidZone | Safety Team | Counters |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Apr 4 | The | Ken & Ron | Lee & Carolyn |
| Apr 11 | KidZone | Wayne & Gordon | Chris, Tom & Andy |
| Apr 18 | Team | David & Karle | Barb & Debbie |
| Apr 25 | Members! | Rick & Wayne | Connie & Suzie |

We're Praying for...

Maxine Pfundheller, fractured pelvis; Myron & Gail Gutterud in the passing of their son, David; Lee Wood, upcoming stomach, gall bladder surgery Apr 5; Les Palocsay, lymphoma, under treatment; Caren Woods and Ivan Pilyayev, continued healing, and rehab.

Sumner (Ellefloot's 3-yr-old grandson) type-1 diabetes; Bill & Vickie Pickett (Arthurs) Bill: kidney & liver failure, spleen removed, infection & Vickie: high blood pressure; Jean Eddis (Lynn's Aunt) ovarian cancer, treatments; Joe Goodsen (Golda Schrader) massive stroke, rehab, and prayer for wife Nicole; David Brooks (Mona Ley's friend) cancer.

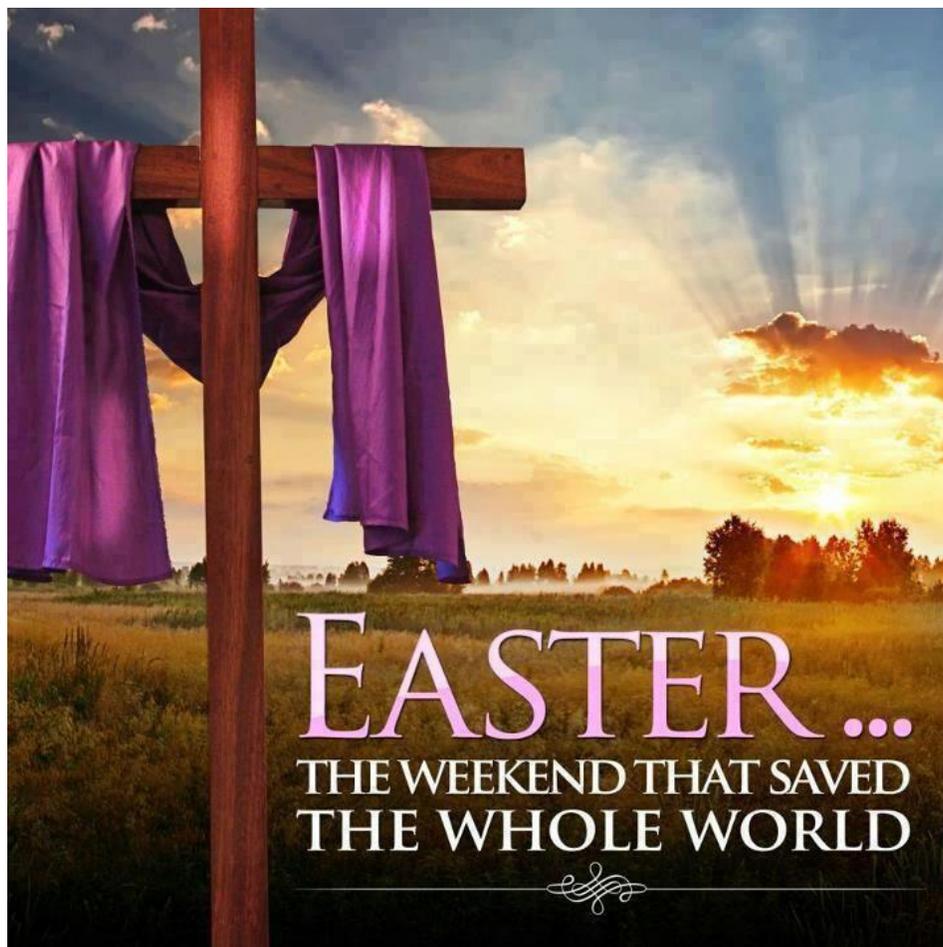
Pray for Our Ministry Partners:

Family Promise, Orchard Ridge, Food Banks, **Open Arms**, Juvenile Justice Outreach, Lutherhaven Ministries, Ecumenical Food Kitchen, Champ's Heart, Summit Christian Academy, Good Samaritan Rehab, Voice of the Martyrs, Union Gospel Mission, Safe Passage, Uganda Medical Mission, OCC Shoebox Gifts, and LCMC.

Notice the ministry partners in **bold**? They are PLC's benevolence focus this month set by our council!

Prayer requests will be revised periodically. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you.

Have a **Prayer Tree** request? Please email the Church Office at office@peace-lutheran.com



Lutherhaven Ministries

We are so excited that Summer Camp 2021 is happening & registration is open! If you or someone you know wants to be a part of summer staff at Camp Lutherhaven or Shoshone Mountain Retreat & Ranch, now is the time to apply as we're currently building the dream team. Positions for cooks, wranglers, counselors, and more are available on our website!

Did you know that you can schedule your own **Cut, Crop & Quilt** time at Camp Lutherhaven this year? Just gather some friends, select dates that best fit your schedule, and come to Camp Lutherhaven for a Spring Crafty Crew getaway on Lake Coeur d'Alene! Bring your favorite crafting, quilting, or scrapbook project and enjoy creating together. Pause for meals, a walk around camp, a chat with staff—otherwise the time is yours. We have several meal options for you to choose from, either in our dining hall or in your crafting space. Together we'll work out the dates and the details to make it possible for you and your crew to enjoy a relaxing getaway. Contact Laura at registrar@lutherhaven.com for available dates!

Find more information at www.lutherhaven.com



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Sun Adult Study 8:30 AM
Sun Worship at 10 AM
Tue Talks & Thu Thoughts Online
Wed & Thu Bible Studies
Pastor Jon Anderson
Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud