



# Words of Peace

March 2011

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## Our Lenten Journey

"Take This Cup"

Jesus prayed these words to His Father from the Garden of Gethsemane the night before Good Friday. Thanks be to God His request was not granted! Now Jesus might speak these words to us... and have us see the faith and meaning of Lent contained in familiar "cups" of our lives.



## Join Peace on Wednesdays!



March 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Each Wednesday Following for

Supper @ 6:30 p.m.

Service @ 7:30 p.m.



We will join in singing "Night Prayer", our Compline Service.



## New Member Sunday

March 13<sup>th</sup>

We welcome our new members at each of our worship services this day.

A reception follows each worship to meet and greet.

Contact Pastor Brent if you wish to be added to the family of Peace.

Claimed by God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit, we share the love and peace of Jesus Christ with each other, our community and the world. Be at Peace.

## From Pastor Brent

What would life be like without challenges? I can guess your response, it's probably like mine. "I don't know, but at least once in a while I'd like to find out!" Indeed, challenges abound...if you're married or single, have a family, working or not, in school, youthful or aging, or in one of a myriad of other circumstances, you are prone to be challenged by the situation in which you find yourself. The plethora of concerns that press on us, threatening our health and happiness, whether they be in the realm of the physical, mental, economic, social, emotional, even the spiritual, loom large enough to lead us to doubt whether we're up to facing them with any hope of overcoming them...or even getting through it relatively intact.



These are the days of great challenges that force their way in from outside of us, and you could be right when you reply that we would be a lot better off without all that pressure. On the other hand, you could be on to something if you see all these "factors" as the exciting ingredients that keep life "interesting"...just as deadly as being frozen in fear at their onslaught might be the cozy comfort of insulated and isolated inertia.

Whichever, it's not even those challenges from without to which I speak...rather it's the inner challenges with which we gift ourselves that make life worth living. After all, and most assuredly in this Lenten springtime, do we not already possess the promise that there is nothing that comes at us that can be our undoing? Don't we know by now that God's Promise cannot fail, and there is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus? We have, and will see again this Lent, the proof that our faith is not in vain and that we will never again face a challenge without the strength and creativity to triumph over whatever faces us...individually, communally, in our families...even in the family of faith at Peace Church.

Here we might differentiate between problems and opportunities. I say it's in the inner challenges that we take on and decide to do something about in our own spirit that we find the true beauty and satisfaction and meaning in life. They may resemble the Lenten disciplines that work themselves out for the benefit of both ourselves and those around us. Not so much is at stake in how we meet the challenges we face as compared to those we create for ourselves...not the overt or always obvious that are out there for all to see...sometimes the hidden, private, "quiet" resolve, where others would not know the difference, but the result can make a difference even in that which we share in common. For resolve in One can lead to resolution for all. If you don't believe that, look to Jesus for proof positive.

God bless us this season and in the months ahead...may your challenges fit your capacity to meet them. And as we challenge ourselves, may the results be a witness to the Grace that, at the end of any particular day, is sufficient for us all. For we are a people that do not run and hide, nor do we simply turn and face life...we walk forward in faith, hope, and above all, love. Our destination will inevitably be the place called Easter.

Peace,  
Pastor Brent

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From Pastor Nana

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Come join us for Worship

at 12:15 p.m. each Sunday

Late Night Prayer on Friday evenings @ 10 p.m.

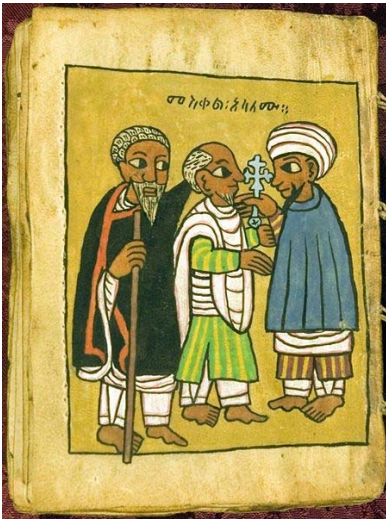
***For a contemporary expression of our faith which includes African tradition of lively praise music and heartfelt prayer.***

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## From Pastor Abebe

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### Pastor, Kes (priest) or What?



In Ethiopia, those who are ordained to serve the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran congregations are called 'Kes' which means priest. Other evangelical churches call them 'ordained Megabi' which literally means 'One who feeds'. To my surprise, one Ethiopian Pastor who was ordained by Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, addressed me as Kes correctly but he calls and introduces himself as Pastor X, even when we talk in Amharic.

The word pastor as I understand it, is closer to The Prophet! He speaks the Word and proclaims in an effort to move the people into the purpose of God. As able communicator he/she faithfully speaks the word of God emphasizing the unchangeable truth as received from God through the Holy Spirit. Elijah was one of the great prophets in Israel. He stirred Israel for God. Here, eloquence is not that which stirs, it is the Holy Spirit.

Kes is the priestly role of a pastor and baptizing children or adults, anointing with oil, especially he presides and prays for all. Breaking the bread and offering the cup of the Eucharist. He is also a worship leader who always stands between God and people, i.e. he/she is a mediator.

If we follow the foot-steps of Jesus we can easily see that He was both priest and prophet. In Luke 22:31-32, The Lord said: "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you..." I believe that the main role of the pastor as a priest is to pray for all members, if possible, mentioning their names to God.

Jesus was more than a prophet and a priest, He was a servant too. Who wants to be a servant? Servants make their hands dirty. Jesus made His hands dirty. I read about a pastor who labored with his people and one of his church members told him "I will listen to you because your hands are dirty."

Jesus was also a Good Friend. He called his followers brothers. Read John 15:15. A Pastor who served a church for 2 or 3 years must know each communicant member intimately. He is not always the talker he must be a good listener who listens with open heart. I love our fellowship time. I like to sit and talk with different members each Sunday. (It is good to know what they like or do not like in our worship.)

The most used image of a pastor is the shepherd. Pastoral theology relates pastoral experiences and care. The relationship between a pastor and his sheep cannot be reversed. Sheep begets sheep. Pastors protect, nurture and give guidance to productive paths.

Think of David – the shepherd-king. He danced before the ark. He led a spiritual warfare against the Philistines etc. The psalms show his love for the study and teaching of God's word. God declared him: "A man after His own heart." Are we pastors like David? May God help us! Amen.

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A WORD FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Several items to report from last night's council meeting. Our next **Family meeting** will be **Sunday, April 10 at 11:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our Agenda will include several important items, including the formation of a Call Committee to search for a new Senior Pastor and elections for Council positions whose current terms expire this coming June 30. Under our Constitution, all Council members are elected for two year terms, the terms structured on a staggered basis so that one-half of the Council positions are subject to election each year. Please note the date on your calendars and plan to attend.

I am also happy to report that our first step in the call process, the work of the Profile Committee formed in January, is well underway and moving apace. At last night's meeting, the Co-leaders of the Profile Committee provided the Council with an extensive report of their progress to date and plans to complete their work in mid-May. As reported elsewhere in this Newsletter, much of their work in March will be devoted to a series of group discussions in conjunction with our Wednesday Lenten meals and other times at which the input of all members of the Congregation into the Peace profile will be solicited. I want particularly to thank our three Profile Committee Co-Leaders, Len Brown, Sue Clark and Bob Peoples, for their many, many hours spent on the project and their innovative and creative approaches. Please complement their hard work by providing your ideas and input during these March meetings.

At our April Family meeting, we will also be electing our representatives to the Synod Assembly scheduled to meet in May. As last year, we expect to be allotted four delegates to the Assembly this year. If you are interested in representing Peace in this capacity, please contact me or Pastor Brent.

And if you have an itch to review the operative governing documents under which we function, our Constitution and By-laws, please consider volunteering for our newly formed Constitutional Review Committee to be led by Chris Martin and Council member Amy Acland. This review is mandated by our Constitution every five years in order to be sure we are operating with an efficient and effective governance and ministry structure and make recommendations for change where necessary.

Finally, our planned Council meeting schedule for the remainder of the first half of the year is; March 31, April 7, May 12; June 2 and July 7. All meetings scheduled for 7 PM in the Lauxman House.

## A Report from the Profile Committee for the Newsletter

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Profile Committee reported on progress to the Council. That report included the following:

- The Synod requires the use of a standard form, to be submitted electronically, called the Mission Site Profile. We have put a sample blank copy on the board in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to look at the MSP and give any committee member your thoughts. Additional narrative material may be added to the MSP.
- A questionnaire focused primarily on the leadership qualities that Peace desires in a pastor will be distributed to the congregation during the latter part of March.
- The Lenten meals, beginning March 16, and Sunday mornings, beginning March 20 at 9:00 and times on Sundays (time tba) will be forums for discussions on topics in the Mission Site Profile. The same topic will be offered three or four times for maximum participation. The topics will include demographics of the congregation, our perceptions of changes in the congregation, our mission, our gifts and so forth. One committee member will lead the discussion and another will take notes. The input will be integrated into the MSP report.
- There will be a total of four discussion series, beginning March 16 & 20, as noted above, and March 23 & 27, March 30 & April 3 and April 8 & 10. Each will have a different topic.
- A congregational meeting is scheduled April 10, and the committee will give a preliminary report of its findings at that time.
- The Profile Committee plans to provide council with its final report on May 12.

At that point the report will go to the Call Committee for completion.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members, Len Brown, Bob Peoples, or Sue Clark with comments, complaints, remarks, observations, input, irritations, suggestions, contributions, commentary, opinions, or points of view.

## We want to hear from you.

**Second Happy Hour for Lutheran Young Adults** *Stop by after work and see old friends and make some new ones!*

Our first happy hour was such a huge success that we're planning another one in March!

Meet other young Lutherans (20 somethings and 30 somethings) in Northern Virginia for a friendly meet and greet during happy hour:

**Tuesday, March 29, 2011**

**6-8 p.m. \*\*\***

**Rock Bottom Brewery**

**4238 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA**

<http://www.rockbottom.com/arlington>  
in the Ballston Common Mall - \$1 parking;  
2 blocks from the Ballston Metro

\*\*\*Our group will meet at 6pm for half-priced appetizers.

Those who want to enjoy Trivia Night can form smaller groups beginning at 8pm.

Questions? Contact Megan Bartlett ([meganbartlett3@gmail.com](mailto:meganbartlett3@gmail.com)) or Chris Johnston ([chris1223966@yahoo.com](mailto:chris1223966@yahoo.com))

We'll also discuss ideas for future events and identify days/times which are good for the group.

This event is organized by the Young Adults Fellowship of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington.

## Did You Know?

### Peace Mutual Ministry Committee

Peace has a Mutual Ministry Committee that meets with the pastor to share information and concerns with him/her about events happening in the congregation and so that he/she has an avenue to share concerns with us. This is a loving method of showing support and concern for our pastors. The members of the committee are Habtu Mesfen, Sue Sticha, Karen Shilling, and Susan DeHaven. The committee meets on a monthly basis and invites the members of the congregation to be in touch with to anyone of the committee. This process allows for both concerns and constructive compliments or criticism to be considered in a loving efficient way.

### Communion Distribution

It is not only what is done, but how you do it that often merits explanation! So...

At the present time, Pastor Brent will give the host and two people who have volunteered to distribute the wine will do so. The Assisting Minister and the Lector will provide backup in case a communion assistant is not available. Sometimes we receive kneeling other times standing with continuous distribution. As always, feel free to contact Susan DeHaven if you want to be included in this privilege.

### ACCA Furniture:

One of the missions of the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) is a used furniture ministry. Volunteers from the various ACCA Churches gather each Saturday morning at the furniture warehouse located on the grounds of the Annandale United Methodist Church at the corner of Gallows Road and Columbia Pike. The teams work from 8 a.m. until noon picking up and delivering furniture to needy families in the community. It is a very rewarding experience to bring furniture into an almost empty apartment full of parents and children needing either a bed, dresser, sofa or table and chairs. It is rare that donated furniture is not immediately delivered to a family. Peace is asked to provide a crew of 5 people several Saturdays during the year. For the remainder of 2011 our dates are March 19th, May 7th and June 25th. If anyone is interested in helping on any of these dates please contact Ron Maree by either email ([mmaree@cox.net](mailto:mmaree@cox.net)) or by phone 703 569-5731. Feel free to ask any of your friends or colleagues to help since it is a great way to get others involved in a Christian ministry as well as getting them started worshipping with us at Peace.

### Lenten Dinners begin Wednesday, March 16.



The dinners will begin at 6:30 and will be followed by the Lenten service. Families and individuals are encouraged to partner to provide the meal. The theme is "A Meal in a Bowl." The menu will be any main dish that can be served in a bowl + bread and salad. No dessert—it is Lent after all. Meals continue 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13. Please sign up to provide a meal. And please, please sign up if you plan to attend. It is hard on the cooks when they do not know the number attending. If you prefer, call or email the church office ([info@sharingpeace.org](mailto:info@sharingpeace.org)) with your reservation or to provide a meal.

A free will offering will be taken at each of the suppers. Those cooking will be reimbursed for expenses. Any donations beyond costs will be given to show support for the Metro DC area camps: Caroline Furnace, Mar-Lu-Ridge and LSS Kid and Teen Safe Haven. The donations will be used for operational costs and much needed facility improvements.

### High School Movie Night

Saturday, March 12 @ 7 p.m. Calling all High Schoolers (9,10,11,12)! A gathering to get to know each other (again). Meet with Pastor Brent. Do some planning and dreaming. Catch a movie on Peace's own "Big Screen".



## God's Work, Our Hands

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

As the Lord lifts all in prayer, we ask you to include prior prayer shawl recipients and the following **January** shawl recipients. We pray for Victoria, Ripple, Chris and Mary Ellen as they adjust to their new medical diagnosis, Holly Beth and Sandra on the loss of brother and son, Holly and Rick at the loss of their sister and brother-in-law and now the new addition to their family of Elizabeth and Blythe (nieces), Sherry at the loss of her father, Dorothy at the loss of her son, Rick and Molly on the death of their mother, and Hazel as she recovers from recent surgery. We befriend Pat Henkel and congratulate Rev Amy Sevimli on the birth of a son.

Would you like to present a shawl to someone for an occasion of joy, comfort or peace? The ladies have a few shawls on hand. Fill out a prayer shawl request card or talk to Anne Whitten, Elaine Peoples, or Pastor Brent.

The Prayer Shawl ladies continue to meet weekly at the Barcroft Starbucks from 1-3pm. Join them for coffee; learn how to make a shawl, prayer and more.....newcomers welcome.



**Praise the Lord so many talents to share!**



The Scrappy Ladies continue to gather and create from your recycled donations. We want to thank all for your ongoing support of the hospitalized at Walter Reed and the deployed. Questions about Project Boomerang check us out at [sharingpeace.org](http://sharingpeace.org).

Peace, blessings and joy, Vicki Haugen and Helen Walker

Children's Ministry



## Children's Ministry



**Sarah Gutema, Elise Covas, Rebecca Whitten  
Holding the 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring trophy,  
Ready Berehe and Thomas Gutema;  
Winners of the Bible Taboo Football game.**



**MVP**  
For this event is  
**Cathy Kroohs.**  
She developed  
our Game Plan  
and  
executed it to  
perfection.



Thank You to the Family of Peace for your generosity and support of our Souper Bowl of Caring event .

You donated overflowing baskets of food and dropped \$767 in the Soup Pots and Offering Plates!

This will all be going to ACCA, our designee for this event. In fact Peggy and Ed Axthelm were here early Monday Morning loading their van to transport your gifts to ACCA. Those gifts are already in the hands of members of our Community who need this help. Thanks Peggy and Ed!

Thanks to the Members of the Confirmation Class who managed the Soup Pots, to the 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Class who made posters and gave us an exciting Bible Trivia Football Game.

Thanks to Walt Matthey, our referee, David Whitten, our Timekeeper and Meheret Asfaw, our Timekeepers. Thanks to Sue and Stewart DeHaven for bringing the little red wagon and to all who helped fill it.

The Souper Bowl of Caring was truly a multi-generational event at Peace this year.

We're grateful to you all.

The Children's Ministry

The Genesis Ringers



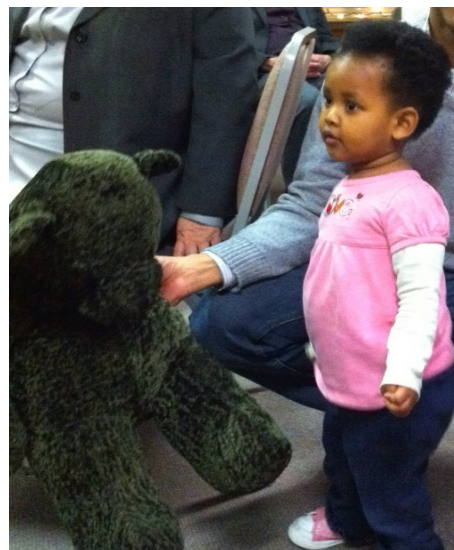
*Genesis Ringers performing at the worship service, Feb. 27, 2011.*



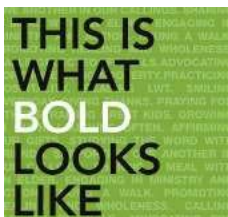
### Fellowship Ministry



The Valentine dinner was a great success with 53 persons feasting on good food in the fabulously decorated fellowship hall. The Messengers provided entertainment and several folks won door prizes.



*Cora enjoyed songs by the Messengers at the Valentine dinner.*



### Bold Women of Peace

#### Bold Women's Day

An annual celebration on the fourth Sunday of February

Be bold, take risks on account of the gospel, but believe more boldly still in Christ Jesus; that's what Martin Luther tells us.



*Claimed by God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit, we share the love and peace of Jesus*

~ Fellowship ~ WRAP ~ Others ~ Thrivent ~

 **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

**Let's thrive:**

**MY RETIREMENT:**

A Free Workshop on March 27

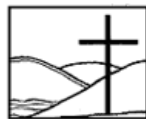


Many of you responded to a survey conducted during the recent Thrivent Financial for Lutherans awareness event, indicating your interest in a retirement workshop. Our local representative is now arranging for a retirement planning workshop at Peace. It will be held the evening of Sunday, March 27th. We will start with a pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. and begin the workshop at 6:15 p.m. This 60 minute workshop is for anyone interested in planning for their retirement with a special focus on those who have more than five years until retirement.

Most people admit feeling overwhelmed with decisions about their financial future, but this workshop empowers attendees to get started. The workshop features a video as well as discussion and a question and answer session with our local Thrivent Financial representative, Sheri Swackhamer. Please contact either Vicki Haugen (703 914-3993) or Ron Maree (703 569-5731), your Thrivent Advocates at Peace, if you plan to attend or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a dish to share at the potluck. Coffee and sodas will be provided. Children are welcome at the potluck and will be entertained with a DVD and games during the workshop. Please indicate if children will attend when you sign up.

Ron Maree



**"Looking ahead: Campers are planning now for an experience in outdoor ministry**

**How can we help?** Please join us for Lenten meals and service. An offering will be gathered by the members of WRAP to show support for our Metro DC Camps: Caroline Furnace, Marlu-Ridge and LSS Kid and Teen Haven. This offering will help with operational costs and much needed facility improvements.

By giving, we can help preserve these retreat centers that offer a quiet, natural environment that have so often made a difference in a person's faith journey. Should you want to donate another time, pick up a new pew envelope designed by the Others Ministry. Questions contact Vicki Haugen, WRAP."



## Tired of juggling multiple retirement accounts?



You've worked hard for your money. You shouldn't have to work hard to manage it.

If, for example, you've changed jobs, started a business or gotten married or divorced, chances are you have more than one retirement account. As a result, you're likely getting multiple statements, managing multiple investments and paying unnecessary fees.

You're not alone. Many people leave the money they've accumulated in their retirement plans just where it is because they aren't sure what their options are.

There's a better way: Simplify your financial future by rolling over your retirement savings into a Thrivent Financial Rollover IRA. A rollover IRA makes it easier to transfer and consolidate assets from several retirement accounts, such as 401(k)s or 403(b)s.

### You'll enjoy:

- Tax-deferred growth potential.\*
- Penalty-free, income tax-free distributions (up to \$10,000) before age 59½ for major life events such as buying your first home.
- Advice from a financial professional who'll help you with appropriate asset allocation and regular rebalancing of your assets.
- 24-hour access to your account.
- More control over your investments and possibly more investment options.

To learn more about IRAs or how Thrivent Financial can help you achieve your financial goals, contact Sheri Swackhamer, Financial Associate, at 570-970-0454 or [sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com](mailto:sheri.swackhamer@thrivent.com) today, or visit Thrivent.com.

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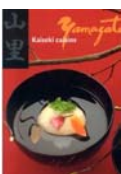
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Announcements



**BINGO PRIZES NEEDED** – Helga Recevuto volunteers at the Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center every Wednesday playing Bingo with the seniors. She is looking for scarves, knick-knacks, stuffed animals, costume jewelry, and other small items that can be used for prizes. Please bring your donations to the church office or see Helga Recevuto or Liesa Kirste.



The **LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on **Tuesday, March 15, 2011** at 11:30 am at the **Yamazato Japanese Restaurant** located at 6303 Little River Turnpike in Alexandria, VA. Lunch Bunch is a group of individuals of all ages who meet monthly for fellowship and food. A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call Elaine or Bob Peoples at 703-751-8937. See you there!

**COOKIES FOR WALTER REED HOSPITAL—**

Please continue to bring your cookie offerings to the church office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or place them in the freezer in the kitchen with a label indicating "Walter Reed Cookies." With "Thanks" from the patients at Walter Reed.



**Bunko is Back** – Mark your calendars to join us Friday March 4 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Elliott Haugen, Bunko Master will return with hostess Kay Dameron. We hope you and/or a friend will join us for food, fellowship and fun. Bring a favorite snack/finger food to share. Signup in Fellowship Hall as card tables are needed. Help us "reuse" by wearing your Peace nametag (TY). Child care will be provided



We are planning a **New Members' Sunday** for March 13, 2011.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Peace, or if you know someone who might be interested, contact Pastor Brent.

Announcements

**Joy \* Comfort \* Peace**



**Prayer**

**Peace Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Do you know someone in need of a shawl? Pick one up in Fellowship Hall (please fill out a recipient card) or request one from Anne Whitten, Elaine Peoples or Pastor Brent Thalacker. *You are invited to join the ladies weekly on Fridays from 1-3pm at Barcroft Starbucks.*

**WINTER/SPRING QUILTING 2011**

Quilting meets weekly on Thursdays between 9:30am and 12:30 pm. Newcomers are most welcome. Quilting is a lot of fun and doesn't require experience. With the 5 stages of creating a quilt, you choose to do whatever you're comfortable doing.



For questions or more information please call 703-256-8856 or 703-415-6643,

Nada Sah, Quilting Coordinator.

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If Fairfax Schools close there will be NO quilting.

If Schools have a 2 hour delay we will start at 10:30.

**MINISTRY TO OTHERS**

**MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING~PEACE QUILTERS:**

The ministry is moving forward with our special offering program and will again designate a different project or charity each month for your giving consideration. For the month of March we have selected our own Peace Quilters. Each year we have the benefit of seeing the fruits of their hard work with a beautiful display of quilts adorning our pews. Last year they produced 150 quilts and donated them to local homeless shelter, ACCA Child-care Center and Lutheran World Relief. They met on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and would welcome anyone interested in working with them.

**WRAP (WOMEN RENEWING AT PEACE)** Bible Study regularly meet third Thursdays at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They hope you join them March 17th.

# Easter Lily and Hydrangea Order Form

Description	Color	Price
Lilies—10+ blooms, double stem	Pure White	\$18.00 each
Hydrangeas—3 blooms	Pink/Red or Blue	\$18.00 each

**Please enter your dedication below.  
The dedications will appear in the Easter Bulletin.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

dedication

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

dedication

Email \_\_\_\_\_

dedication

**Please enter the Qty next to the box of the flower of your choice.**

Lily  
Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Hydrangea  
Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Pink

Blue

Order total: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

Cash

Check

**The order deadline is  
Sunday, April 10, 2011**

Lilies and hydrangeas will be delivered on April 20 and will be available to take home following the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service.



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March Worship



March 9 7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
March 16 7:30 PM	Compline following Meal in a Bowl
23	
30	
April 6	
13	

March Events

Voices of Peace  
every Mon. at 7:00 p.m.  
Bells of Peace  
every Mon. at 8:00 p.m.  
Bells con Brio  
Every Tue. at 7:00 p.m.  
Messengers of Peace  
every Tue. at 8:15 p.m.  
*Child Care Provided*

- March 4 Bunko
- March 6 Confirmand Cooking
- March 8 Mardi Gras
- March 12 High School Movie Night
- March 13 New Members Sunday
- March 16 Meal in a Bowl
- March 23 Meal in a Bowl
- March 27 New Members Reception  
Pot Luck  
Pre- retirement Seminar
- March 30 Meal in a Bowl







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Next Family Meeting  
Sunday, April 10, 2011  
11:30 am

## For the Month...

	6-Mar-11	13-Mar-11	20-Mar-11	27-Mar-11
Assisting Ministers	Habtewold Mesfen	Godfred Effisah	Judy Gallagher	Paul Sticha
Lector	Godfred Effisah	Judy Gallagher	Donna Thiessen	Bill Mitchell
Communion Assistants	Veronica & Bob Boyles	Meheret Asfew Thomas Gutema	Phyllis Carson Stewart DeHaven	Karen Shiling Susan DeHaven
Ushers	Amy Acland Bill Frazer Terry Frazer Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema	Amy Acland Bill Frazer Terry Frazer Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema	Amy Acland Bill Frazer Terry Frazer Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema	Amy Acland Bill Frazer Terry Frazer Bea Simpson Sarah Gutema
Altar Care	Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell Phyllis Carson	Bea Simpson Jacque Hill	Leisa Kirste Susan DeHaven	Allian Pratt Tammy Heppner
Early Service Cookies	Doug & Marcia Miller	Itosi Marealle	Barbo Gendell	JoAnn O'Loughlin
Communion Set Up	Doug & Marcia Miller	Doug & Marcia Miller	Doug & Marcia Miller	Doug & Marcia Miller
Serving on Sundays	Elaine Peoples	Sandy Wargowsky	Vicki Haugen	Susan DeHaven
Teller	Ron Porten* Linda Porten Donna Thiessen Amy Acland	Ed Axthelm* Kay Dameron Karen Grubbs	Ray Marquardt* Tammy Heppner Bill Duerre	Ray Marquardt* Kay Dameron Karen Grubbs

Claimed by God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit, we share the love and peace of Jesus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p><b>BOLD WOMENS' DAY</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Informal Worship Service</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p> <p>12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal</p> <p>8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>3:00 PM Piano Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM Bells con Brio</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 AM Winter/Spring Quilting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>BUNKO</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM BUNKO</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Re leaf</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Transfiguration Sunday</p> <p>8:00 AM Informal Worship Service</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p> <p>Cookies and Confirmands</p> <p>12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal</p> <p>8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Conference Pastors Meeting</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>3:00 PM Piano Lesson</p> <p>5:30 PM Mutual Ministry Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner</p> <p>7:00 PM Bells con Brio</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>9:00 AM No VA</p> <p>Antique Arts Association in Fellowship Hall</p>  <p>7:30 PM Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM Winter/Spring Quilting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p> <p>7:00 PM High School Movie Night</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</p> <p>New Members' Sunday</p> <p>8:00 AM Informal Worship Service</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Baptism of Maya Samuel</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p> <p>12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal</p> <p>8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>3:00 PM Piano Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM Bells con Brio</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>6:30 PM Supper &amp; Conversation with the Profile Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Compline</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>9:30 AM Winter/Spring Quilting</p> <p>7:00 PM WRAP Women's Renewal at Peace</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Spring</p> <p>8:00 AM Informal Worship Service</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p> <p>12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal</p> <p>8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>3:00 PM Piano Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM Bells con Brio</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>6:30 PM Supper &amp; Conversation with the Profile Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Compline</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 AM Winter/Spring Quilting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:00 AM Informal Worship Service</p> <p>8:30 AM Amharic Worship Service</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p> <p>12:00 PM Worship and Praise International Service</p> <p>4:30 PM New Memeber Reception</p> <p>5:30 PM Pot Luck &amp; Pre Retirement Seminar</p> <p>7:00 PM Brass of Peace</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM Voices of Peace Rehearsal</p> <p>8:15 PM Bells of Peace</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:45 AM INOVA Yoga</p> <p>3:00 PM Piano Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM Bells con Brio</p> <p>8:15 PM Messengers of Peace Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>6:30 PM Supper &amp; Conversation with the Profile Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM Compline</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM Winter/Spring Quilting</p> <p>7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawlers at Starbucks</p> <p>3:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>10:00 PM Late Night Prayer Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Amharic)</p>

.....Monica will be out of the office this week.....

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telephone 703-354-5233 should  
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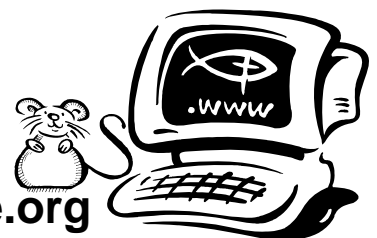
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#### Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Dialogue on Lessons and Holy Communion  
8:30 a.m. Amharic Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Confirmation (in Library)  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (ELW/WOV)  
12 Noon Praise & Worship International Service  
Nursery & Preschool Care Provided

#### Weekly Services

Wednesday Bible Study and  
Worship & Praise Service 6:30 p.m.  
Friday Prayer Service 10:00 p.m.  
**Saturday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. ( Amharic)**



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