

# Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

346 S. Mound Ave., Belmont, WI

**April 2025 Newsletter**



Palm Sunday,  
April 13  
9:30 a.m.

Join us for Holy Week!

Thursday, April 17 – ***Maundy Thursday***

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Altar Stripping

Friday, April 18 – ***Good Friday***

Church will be open all day for private prayer

7:00 p.m. Worship at Peace

Saturday, April 19 – ***Easter Vigil***

5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism

Sunday, April 20 – ***Easter Sunday***

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast to follow worship

# ***A Message From Pastor Gus***

Were you there, when they crucified my Lord?  
Three Women of faith were at the cross

Pastor Gus Barnes Jr.

“Were you there, when they crucified my Lord,  
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Spiritual was a 19th century hymn for enslaved people of color. The song focus and invites the listeners to hear the darkest day of his earthly life among us-the crucifixion. There were indeed women present at the foot of the cross of Jesus: Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mary of Clopas, she was the sister-in-law of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene.

These women of faith were close to Jesus, as some believed these were some of the first female apostles.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus-the chosen one by God to bear God a Son. She acknowledged “behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me , according to your Word”. Engaged at the time to Joseph, she endured the moral and physical pain Jesus suffered while among us here on earth, as she was indeed blessed among all women of her day, and now as well in our time today.

Mary of Clopas-was the sister in-law of Mary, the mother of Jesus. At the timeline of the story, Mary was on her second marriage. Mother of James the Less, Simon, and Thaddeus. Her husband Clopas was brother to Joseph, Jesus’ adoptive earthly father.

Mary Magdalene-a prominent figure in the life and ministry of Jesus, both present at the foot of the cross and at his burial, she was the first

witness to the resurrection of Jesus, assuming the man was a gardener. A woman of faith who endured seven demons which Jesus drew out of her. Hailed also as one of a few female disciples in the early Christian church.

The presence of the women at the cross, underscores their role in the history of salvation. The women served as powerful examples of faith, courage, their unwavering devotion even in the face of adversity. These women actively supported Jesus’ ministry financially, traveled with him and the male disciples. Jesus gave the tasks to the women to spread the “good news” of Jesus’ resurrection demonstrating Jesus’ trust, and the empowerment of all women.

As we draw closer to Jerusalem and to the Cross, may I offer that we arrive to church Thursday night and Friday we gather in silence and we depart in silence.

Women, have played a major role in church history and we are forever grateful for their work. Let us honor them in Holy Week please attend Maundy Thursday or Good Friday at 7pm,; Easter Vigil with Baptism Saturday at 5 pm,; Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 am followed by Eucharist, followed by Easter Breakfast. Call the church office with a number count for breakfast or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Blessed Easter to you and your Family, “Christ indeed has risen Indeed Pastor Gus Barnes Jr.

# HELP WANTED

WHO: Sunday School & Confirmation Families

WHEN: June 22, 2025 @ Church 80th Year Rededication

WHAT: Running a carnival-type game

WHERE: Peace Lutheran church parking lot

Hello!

The committee for the Rededication of Peace is looking for help to provide a few games for our celebration on June 22nd! We are hoping families can combine with other families to run carnival-type games for that day. Such ideas could be: Face Painting, Ring Toss, Dunk Tank, Duck Pond, Egg Toss, Bean Bags or whatever you would think would be fun for our younger ones (3 year old +) to adults! You can get creative, or be simple, etc. You can look online (i.e. - Pinterest) or if you have done something like this before for ideas. We are hoping to have a great celebration of our church on this day and ALL ARE WELCOME!!

If you are interested in doing this please contact Marla Simon or Tim Engelke OR any of the committee members (see below)!! Please consider helping out with this special event! THANK YOU!!

Marla Simon (778-5892; [pdmmsimn68@gmail.com](mailto:pdmmsimn68@gmail.com))

Tim Engelke (778-5706; [mmengel78@yahoo.com](mailto:mmengel78@yahoo.com))

Don Berg                      Pastor Gus

Amy Shellnut                Julie Tashner

Marcia DeBuhr

## ***A Message From Pastor Kim***

Dear Friends In Christ,

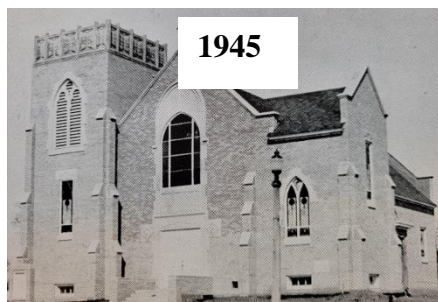
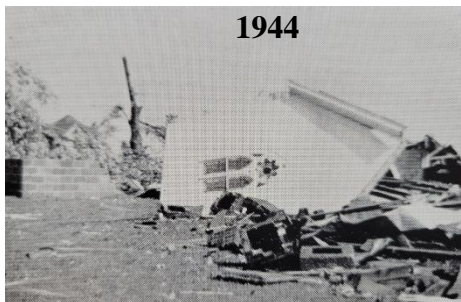
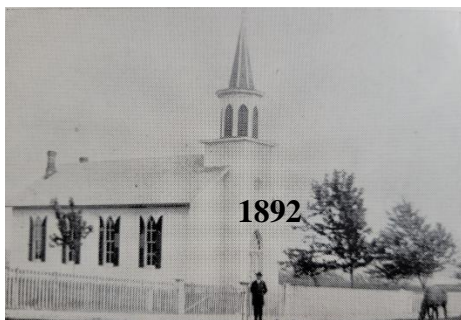
A story we were often told when I was in seminary was about how one of the professors was lecturing his class. His topic was the original word translated as Good News. He collapsed and died in front of his class with the words, "Good News" on his lips.

Easter is the Good News of Christianity. Christ has died and Christ has arisen from death. The resurrection is the heart of our faith. And

because of his resurrection we look forward to our own resurrections from the dead. We die with the Good News, knowing that this death of ours will only lead to the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus.

Bess & I wish all of you a blessed Easter. May the joy of the Good News of the Resurrection be in your hearts and minds and on your lips.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kim



**Save The Date!**  
**REDEDICATION OF**  
**OUR CHURCH**  
**BUILDING**

**Celebrating 80**  
**Blessed Years on**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:30am – Special**  
**Service**  
**11:30am – Celebration!**

**Please Join Us!**

# Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Worship

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## Readers Needed!!

We are looking for people to volunteer to read at our worship services. If interested, please email the church or leave a message on the answering machine.

Pray Constantly" for....

- All members of the military and their families as they serve our country. We especially pray for Ben Carey as he has been deployed

## Those Who Have Been Hospitalized or Ill In the Past Few Weeks....

Corey Austin  
Laura Bahr  
Ron DeBuhr  
Donna Lawinger  
JoAnne Spensley  
Eric Sullivan

## Offering

There is an offering plate placed on the small table in the middle of the aisle where you can place an offering before worship.

We continue to hold in our prayers all members of our community who live in assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

Marilyn Cushman  
Jeanne Engelke  
Lorene Klinge  
Bob Martinsen

## Church Hours

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Fridays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

These hours may change occasionally due to appointments and weather.

## Children's Education

Children's Education is coming to an end for the year. We will have class on April 13th. There will be no class on Easter Sunday. The last class of the year will be April 27th during which we will have an end of the year celebration with the children. Hopefully they have learned and enjoyed our time together!

## Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly is being held on Friday & Saturday, May 16 & 17 at the Marriott in Madison. Peace can send two delegates to the assembly. Please let Pastor Gus know if you would like to be a delegate!

## Lutheran World Relief

For many years we have been collecting items for LWR Kits – School Kits and Personal Care Kits. Sue Heins has been the coordinator for this mission along with Peggy Bockhop's help. They have decided it's time to retire and turn this over to someone else. The kits are sent to LWR in September. We try to collect items for the kits in July and August during back to school sales. If anyone is interested in taking over this mission, please see Sue or Pastor Gus. The women are still making quilts.

## E-Giving Information

People have inquired about setting up E-Giving for the church's offering. After seeing the form that needs to be filled out they are concerned about the personal information that is asked. After setting up the info for the bank this information is locked in a safe in the church office that has a key. The key has been hidden.



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**Peace Lutheran Church Council  
February 12, 2025**

- Present Pastor Gus, Don Berg, Gary Schumacher, Maryellen Engelke, SueAnn Sullivan, Dennis Voigts, Becky Fritz Absent Jen Edge, Beau Buchs, Mark Rhode
- Opening Devotions led by Pastor Gus
- Adoption of Agenda - additions made  
Motion made to approve the agenda by Becky Fritz and seconded by Gary Schumacher, motion carried.
- Review of Minutes  
Changes made to last months minutes. Pastor Gus made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections and was seconded by Dennis Voigts, motion carried.
- Pastors Report  
Pastor presented a written report. Pastor discussed having attended several conferences lately and shared his outlook. Discussion also held regarding First Communion and Confirmation teachings. Pastor continues to encourage others to come and join the church. Pastors report was accepted by Dennis Voigts and seconded by Becky Fritz, motion carried.
- Treasurers Report  
Balance 21,558.62  
Bills 6,325.62  
Balance 15,233.00  
Savings 20,826.25  
Maintenance 3,953.93  
Avg giving 1,999.00 for last 5 weeks  
Need 2,138.71 per week to meet budget
- Grant from Thrivent 2,873.00
- There are audit forms for ELCA and Gary Schumacher will complete. Pastor Gus made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and seconded by Dennis Voigts, motion carried.
- Committee Reports - None

**Unfinished Business**

- Church opening/closing schedule
- Annual Meeting - nominating vacancy-put help wanted ad in bulletin
- Lent Soup Supper  
Ash Wednesday March 5 Supper 6-645 Church 7  
3/5 Church Council  
3/19 ?? Fall Dinner  
4/2 Pastor/Lissa

**New Business**

- Church Council meeting - has always been on 2nd Wed of the month at 730 - council members in agreement to keep on same date but change time to 7 pm
- Church Closing notification System. There is a sign up sheet in narthex
- Going to put on voicemail - can call the church office for an update
- Church Vision - council members were asked where they see the future of the church in 5 years - also asked to question church committees
- Lions Club Easter Breakfast - April 19
- Gary Schumacher made a motion to donate \$100 for the event at school, Pastor Gus seconded it, motion carried.
- Closing Prayer by Pastor Gus
- Meeting adjourned by Gary Schumacher and seconded by Pastor Gus, motion carried.

Submitted by SueAnn Sullivan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>2</b> 6:00-6:45 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>5</b> 5:00 Worship/HC
<b>6</b> 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/HC	<b>7</b> Office Closed	<b>8</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>9</b> 5:30-6:45 Confirmation	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>12</b> 5:00 Worship/HC
<b>13</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/HC	<b>14</b> Office Closed	<b>15</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 Worship/HC	<b>18</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open 7:00 Worship	<b>19</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b> 5:00 Worship/HC
<b>20</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 Worship/HC 9:30 Easter Breakfast	<b>21</b> Office Closed	<b>22</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>23</b> 5:30-6:45 Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>26</b> 5:00 Worship/HC
<b>27</b> 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/HC	<b>28</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Open	<b>30</b>			