# Peace Talk



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# **Upcoming Events**

- Feb 2 ~ Wear Your Favorite Jersey or **Team Colors**
- Feb 5 ~ IGNITE Confirmation
- Feb 9 ~ Bday & Anniversary Celebration Love INC Donation Sunday New Member Sunday Adult Choir Practice @ 8:15 AM Youth Snow Tubing Event Leadership Workshop
- Feb 12 ~ IGNITE Confirmation
- Feb 19 ~ IGNITE Confirmation
- Feb 23 ~ Food Shelf Sunday Youth Sunday Chili Cook Off Ministry Board Meeting
- Feb 29 ~ Lenten Soup Supper Ash Wednesday Worship **IGNITE** Confirmation
- Mar 4 ~ Lenten Soup Supper Lenten Worship **IGNITE** Confirmation
- Mar 6-8 Confirmation Retreat

See the calendar on page 9 for a complete listing of activities

# **BLESSED VALENTINE'S**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

Valentine's Day was always a favorite time in elementary school. Everyone would make their Valentine's box, decorating it with red and white paper, adding a great variety of hearts, ribbons, lace and stickers. The more the better! You would put your Valentine's Box out on the counter with all the other student's boxes. The next day, Valentine's Day, we'd bring our valentines to put in each other's boxes, often with candy hearts or chocolate. If there was a special someone you would

say or write, "Would you be my Valentine?" and hopefully not feel the pangs of rejection.

Love is big deal, not just on Valentine's Day. As Christians we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus every day. Every time we gather for worship, we proclaim the good news that God loves us so much he gave his only son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.

We wouldn't know it today, but Valentine's Day was originally about God's good news. It is believed that a priest living near Rome, named Valentine, was martyred for his faith on February 14, 270 A.D. He was later made a saint by the church.

The important thing to remember every day is that God is the source of our love, a gift given to us. In English we only have one word for love. In the New Testament, originally written in Greek, there are four words used

to describe different kinds of love -Agape, Storge, Phileo and Eros.

Agape Love – is love that comes from God. It is divine love, perfect, pure and self-sacrificing. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world" is an expression of Agape Love.

**Storge Love** – is best understood as family love. It is the bonds of love between parents and their children.

Phileo Love – is an emotional connection between friends and in community. Philadelphia describes the city of brotherly love.

> **Eros Love** – is romantic or sexual love.

As we enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day, I encourage you to look beyond the Hallmark moment the cards, candy, a nice dinner out and remember where this gift of love comes from. Thank God for those you love and those who love you. Take the time to look up two Bible passages. The first is 1 John 4:7-21. Take hold of verse 19, "We love because God first loved us."

Lastly, read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 best know as the "love chapter." Paul opens with describing how he can have all the things of the world but if he doesn't have love, he is nothing. Love is that important! In verse 4 and following, he describes the real love we all need – Agape love or God's love. Of faith, hope and love, the greatest of these is love. Happy Valentine's Day!

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

# Elected Ministry Board Members







.Jeremv Baumann

Mary Fritz-Barfnecht

Tim Heun

\*Ministry Board is a three-year term.

# Elected Nominating Committee Members







Anne Holmquist

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Bob Rieckenberg

\*Nominating Committee is a two-year term.

# 2019 Annual Meeting

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Peace Lutheran held the 2019 Annual meeting. During the meeting, we were able to review the many great things that happened in 2019 and spent some time discussing plans and ideas for 2020.

Elections were held for three open Ministry Board positions and three open nominating committee positions.

We are really looking forward to seeing all that God has in store for this year. Please continue to be in prayer for our church and leadership as we move forward.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the annual meeting and our wonderful volunteers who make Peace "worth the drive."

# Mission Opportunities

## Love INC

Love INC is a local mission we support with our time and monetary donations. Here are some different things they are looking for. There is a collections box by the mission board.

#### Personal Care Item Ministry:

- Conditioner
- **Fabric Softener Sheets**
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Shaving Cream

#### Fresh Start Ministry:

- Cream of mushroom
- Cream of chicken soup
- Chicken noodle soup

#### Diced tomatoes

- Sugar
- Oatmeal

## Lullaby Ministry:

- Diapers size 4, 5 & 6 & Pullups size 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T
- Wipes (especially for sensitive skin)

#### **Bedding Ministry:**

- Like-new sheets and mattress covers for all sizes
- **New** bed pillows
- Like-new blankets

Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to "Love INC," with the appropriate ministry indicated in the memo.

## Friends for Life Food Shelf

Friends for Life is a local mission we support. Here are some different things they are especially looking for. There is a collections box by the mission board.

- Rice & pasta side dish mix
- Canned Fruit
- Tomato sauce/paste
- Hearty soup
- Spices & baking ingredients
  - Baked beans
- Toothpaste & brushes

Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to "Friends for Life."

# THANK YOU!



Friends for Food Shelf Donations were 27 pounds in January. Thank you for your support to the Watertown Friends for Life Food Shelf











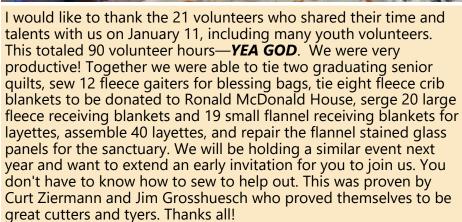














# Setting Media Standards by Bob Waliszewski

"Bob, call me back as soon as possible."

When I returned the call, my friend John said he needed my advice in a family media matter. His 15-year-old daughter had been watching a Disney Channel program he didn't recognize. The show's "boy-girl thing" made him uncomfortable, and he ordered her to turn off the television. The incident soon escalated into a serious family conflict, with John's wife not agreeing with the snap decision and his daughter bursting into tears as she grudgingly turned off the television. John wanted to know what I thought about the show and whether he had overreacted.

As it turns out, the program in question wasn't perfect, but I didn't think it justified John's response. I told my friend that I saw a bigger problem developing: He risked alienating his daughter by barking orders, without showing fatherly affection and without communicating how a love for Christ was his underlying motivation.

The incident reminded me that while training our kids to be savvy about entertainment is important, any attempt to achieve that with stern, unexplained boundaries is counterproductive and can lead to conflict and rebellion. Done properly, teaching discernment helps kids make better choices for a lifetime, not just while they live under our roof.

As you guide your family through the murky waters of modern entertainment, aim to do so without outbursts, arguments and slammed doors:

#### Follow Christ's lead

While factors such as age appropriateness and spiritual maturity should also be considered, I believe the lion's share of media choices can be made by asking the question popularized by those old WWJD bracelets: What would Jesus do? If Jesus were walking the planet today, how would He respond if His

disciples asked questions like "Should we watch this film?" or "Can

we play this video game?"

Help your kids understand that Christ's answers to these questions would be based upon His love for His disciples, not on a desire to squelch their fun. We don't know what Jesus would

do or say in every situation, but we can help our kids prayerfully seek what He likely would do based on His holiness and character.

#### Model it

Nothing spoils the effectiveness of a media discernment message like a parent who doesn't practice what he or she preaches. If your children know you're not applying those principles to your own entertainment choices, you're asking for a fight. Most kids — especially teenagers — know hypocrisy when they see it, and they don't respect it.

For parents of younger children, this doesn't mean you shouldn't watch anything you wouldn't let your kids watch. But ask yourself: Would I want my children watching this when they are older?

### Enter your kids' world

There's no need to view your children's media consumption as some secret place with a large "No Parents Allowed" sign above the entrance. Give yourself permission to enter — gently and lovingly. Become familiar with their favorites and those of their friends, and try to understand why these are high on the list. Children give more respect to informed decisions than to kneejerk reactions.

#### Promote positive alternatives

Our Creator is not antientertainment, and parents shouldn't be either. As you face tough media conversations with your kids, work to find constructive alternatives. I don't mean that entertainment has to be explicitly Christian to get a thumbsup, but we should strive for entertainment that is positive. It

might be a song that promotes forgiveness or gives a boost to volunteerism. It might be a television program that highlights the joy of remodeling someone's dilapidated home or a "David and Goliath" film about working to achieve the near impossible.

# Encourage compatible community

When your kids hear other people — pastors, other parents, teachers, friends — echoing your advice on media, they will be more inclined to listen. Talk with other parents. Ask your church leaders to consider including this subject in their ministry plans. Encourage friendships with other kids who make wise entertainment choices. When your children hear from a peer that discernment has value, you may feel less conflict when these difficult media moments occur.

#### Avoid extremes

As parents make entertainment decisions for their families, many tend to swing between the extremes of permissiveness and legalism. Neither extreme works. A discerning middle ground — one that tests entertainment against biblical standards on a case-by-case basis — is the most reasonable plan of action. Teaching discernment encourages balance, leads to critical thinking, bonds families and gives teens life skills they'll carry throughout adulthood.

This and other great parenting tips and articles can be found at focusonthefamily.com.

Bob Waliszewski is also part of a team that helps to shine a light on the world of popular entertainment, including movies, tv, music, games and books. Check out their reviews of family friendliness found at pluggedin.com.

# January Bible Quiz

Question—Where is the phrase "God will never give you more than you can handle" found in the Bible? This was actually a trick question, as it isn't in the Bible.

I love Pastor David's annual report this year, especially the first couple of paragraphs. I don't really have an interest in sailing but I love the idea. The freedom and relaxation of opening those sails and not

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being overly concerned about the direction we're headed. Allowing God to set the direction and just going along for the ride. There is such a warmth and peace to that image.

I wish life could always be like that. Unfortunately, life sometimes rips us

apart. Many in our church family have faced devastating situations the last couple of years. We have walked alongside them, feeling some of that pain ourselves, remembering lost loved ones or painful situations we walked through.

In times like this, our ultimate hope is in God alone, we learn to recognize our constant need to depend on Him. This is why Peter instructs the Church to cast our fears, worries, suffering and pain on God. We can do this because God cares for us (1 Pt 5:7.) When life gives us more than we can handle, we can rest in the reality that God can handle it.

If we're honest though, this can seem like a tired phrase. Because when it really hurts, God can seem so far away. This is where we, the church, come in. We need each other to move ahead.

In times when life becomes

unmanageable, we need to be willing to walk alongside one another. When we do this, we put flesh and bone on the person of Jesus. We can be with one another in the midst of suffering, helping each other carry the weight. Which means, that we, as the Body of Christ, have an

opportunity.

When we are willing to sit in the pain, to walk with one another when life's path is difficult and to shoulder one another's burdens when they are too heavy, we become an embodied promise. We become living proof that while life can sometimes be too much, through the goodness of our loving of God displayed within us, we can move forward together.

# February Bible Quiz Question

This month the season of lent starts with Ash Wednesday. In honor of lent, we will have a Lenten question. What does the word Maundy mean and why do we celebrate Maundy Thursday?



#### Newsletter and Worship Bulletin

**Newsletters:** Pictures, reports, announcements, calendar changes, and volunteer schedule updates are due the third Wednesday of each month to ensure they make the next newsletter.

Worship Bulletins: Announcement requests and changes for Sunday worship bulletins are due noon Wednesdays.

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# February Scripture Readings

#### Week of February 2

- ☐ Esther 7-10; Řevelation 3
- ☐ Ezra 7-10; Psalm 97; Rev 4
- □ Nehemiah 1-3; Rev 5
- □ Neh 4-6; Ps 98; Rev 6 □ Neh 7-9; Ps 140; Rev 7

## Week of February 9

- □ Neh 10-13; Rév 8
- □ Malachi; Ps 2; Rev 9
- □ Job 1-3; Ps 29; Rev 10
- □ Job 4-7; Ps 99; Rev 11
- □ Job 8-11; Rev 12

#### Week of February 16

- ☐ Job 12-14; Ps 100; Rev 13
- □ Job 15-17; Rev 14
- □ Job 18-20; Ps 141; Rev 15
- □ Job 21-23; Ps 101; Rev 16
- □ Job 24-27; Rev 17

#### Week of February 23

- ☐ Job 28-30; Rev 18
- □ Job 31-33; Ps 102; Rev 19
- □ Job 34-36; Rev 20
- □ Job 37-39; Ps 103; Rev 21
- ☐ Job 40-42; Ps 150; Rev 22

The week of February 23 ends our yearly reading program. If you finished it, GREAT JOB! It was not always easy (especially in Leviticus.) Starting February 26, I will start a Lenten reading plan. There will be overlap between the two plans but the Lenten reading plan is shorter so it should be easy to keep up. Enjoy.

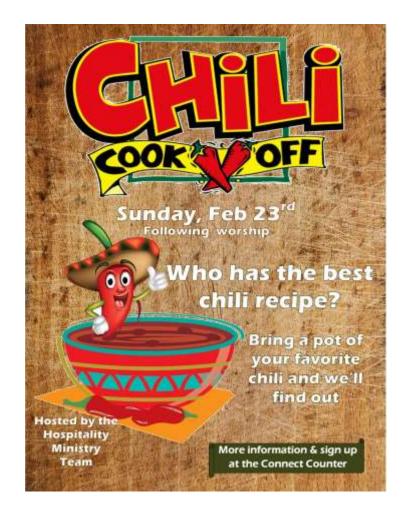
Lord God, by your Word fill me with your life-giving Spirit.

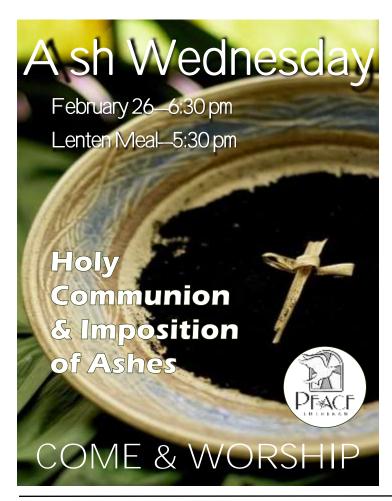
Ash Wednesday—Luke 4:1-13 Thursday, Feb 27—Romans 8:1-17 Friday, Feb 28—Galatians 5:16-26 Saturday, Feb 29—Ephesians 4:17-24

Lord God, by your Word fill me with a spirit of repentance and forgiveness

Sunday, Mar 1—Psalm 51 Monday, Mar 2—Matthew 6:5-15 Tuesday, Mar 3—Matthew 18:21-35 Wednesday, Mar 4—Luke 15:11-32 Thursday, Mar 5—Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Friday, Mar 6—1 John 1:5-10 Saturday, Mar 7—Psalm 130









All ladies of Peace Lutheran, thank you for the wonderful cookies. I don't bake anymore. When I mention this to other people—they say this is pay back time! I'm doing fairly well and good. I keep active in everything.

God Bless you all. Deloris McPaddin



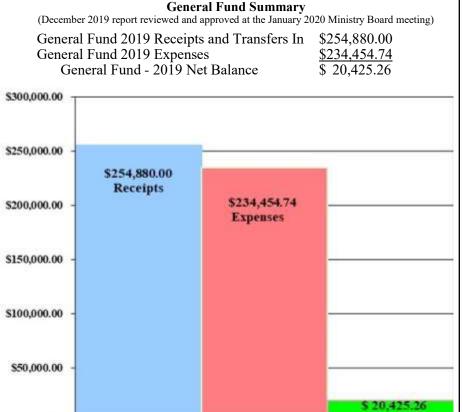
Dear Diane and ladies group,

Thank you so much for your visit and for this delicious plate of cookies—all were so good and tasty.

We continue to have this cold weather and snow.

Happy New Year to all and thanks again.

Love, Bernice Olson





Feb 13 Adam Mehlhop

Feb 14 Jill Lindgren





Feb 3 - Dylan & Nichol McClurg

Feb 9 - Karl & Jennifer Knutson

Feb 11 - Cary & Heidi Thaemert

Feb 22 - Mark & Tina Sinnott

Feb 28 - John & Sharon Weinzierl



If you have a February birthday or anniversary and didn't get recognized, email the church office and we will gladly include you on our list - office@come2peace.com.

Tom Mittelstaedt

Wyatt Sprenger

Feb 28 Rylee May

Worship Service Volunteer Schedule

Please review the following schedule. If you're unable to serve on a scheduled date(s), contact other volunteers to switch dates. Email church office with updated information to ensure the bulletin gets updated ~ office@come2peace.com

February 2020	02/02/20	02/09/20	02/16/20	Youth Sunday 02/23/20	
Special Music	Adult Choir	Children's Choir	Adult Choir	Youth	
Noisy Offering	N/A	Wyatt S; Victoria S; Hallie S; Addison W	N/A	N/A	
Acolytes	Morgen J & Emily H	Peyton F	Malorie T & Audrey M	Andrew S	
JAM	Edie Hanson	Heather Heun	Tracy Hulley	Nicole Johnsrud	
Scripture	Micah 6:1 – 8 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31 Matthew 5:1 – 12	Isaiah 58:3 – 9a 1 Corinthians 2:1 – 12 Matthew 5:13 – 20	Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20 1 Corinthians 3:1 – 9 Matthew 5:21 – 37	Exodus 24:8 – 18 2 Peter 1:16 – 21 Matthew 17:1 – 9	
Reader	Nicole Johnsrud	Marty Malmin	Nathan May	Audrey M & Emily H	
Greeters	A. Hansons	Wendlands	Hoernemanns	L. Pederson & K. Hansen	
Ushers	Baumanns	Beulkes	R. Clark & Malmins	Pawelks	
Peace Café	K. Dressel, A. Seefeldts & Daubenspeck	Elys & Holmquists	Hulleys & M. Hendricks	Mays/Youth (Chili Feed)	
Slide Presenter	Edie Hanson	Rachel Lotito Edie Hanson Day		Dayvin Schroeder	
Sound System	Bill Hoernemann	Jim Grosshuesch Ezekiel Cartland I		Dan Beulke	
Video Recorder	Adam Hanson	Edie Hanson Olivia Baumann		Emily Hanson	
Communion/MB	Jon & Joseph				
Altar Care	Cathy Rieckenberg & Wendy Ely				

March 2020	3/01/20	3/08/20	3/15/20	3/22/20	Youth Sunday 3/29/20
Special Music	Adult Choir	Children's Choir	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Youth
Noisy Offering	N/A	Aaron S; Alex S; Austin S; Mya E	N/A		N/A
Acolytes	Jackson P; Rylee M	Sophia B	Ella B; Ava H	Morgen J	Emily H
JAM	Glen Hulley	Emily Peterson	Joseph Perez	Josh Peterson	Beth Seefeldt
Scripture	Genesis 3:1 – 21 Romans 5:12 – 19 Matthew 4:1 – 11	Genesis 12:1 – 9 Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 John 3:1 – 17	Exodus 17:1 – 7 Romans 5:1 – 8 John 4:5 – 26	Isaiah 42:14 – 21 Ephesians 5:8 – 14 John 9:1 – 41	Ezekiel 37:1 – 14 Romans 8:1 – 11 John 11:1 – 45
Reader	Bob Rieckenberg	Doreen Seal	Ben Simon	Colette Thorson	Jackson P; Ella B
Greeters	Baumanns	Malmins	K. Hansons	Heuns	TBD
Ushers	Jacobsons	A. Seefeldts; D. Daubenspecks	T. Carlsons	Barfnechts	Baumanns
Peace Café	Weinzierls	T. Seefeldts; Tuttle	T. Dressels; E. Hanson	Hoernemanns; Jacobsons	K. Hansons; McClurgs
Slide Presenter	Julie Choate	Edie Hanson	Maris Heun	Edie Hanson	Rachel Lotito
Sound System	Bill Hoernemann	Jim Grossheusch	Ezekiel Cartland	Dan Beulke	Bill Hoernemann
Video Recorder	Heather Heun	Rachel Lotito	Rylee May	Tim Heun	Ava Heun
Communion/MB			Ben & Tim		
Altar Care			TBD		

Lenten Worship	Ash Wed. 2/26/20	3/04/20	3/11/20	3/18/20	3/25/20	4/1/20	Maundy Th. 4/09/20	Good Fr. 4/10/20
Acolytes	Audrey M; Morgen J	Ava H	Jackson P	Peyton F	Malorie T	Morgen J	Sophia B & Ella B	Andrew S
Reader	Emily P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	Petersons	Kuehnes	Lotitos	Perezes	Malmins	Seals	Weinzierls	Nesvolds
Ushers	Lotitos	Petersons	T. Dressels	Lotitos	K. Hansons	Rieckenbergs	T. Seefeldts	Beulkes
Lenten Supper	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A
Slide Presenter	Edie Hanson	Edie Hanson	Edie Hanson	Edie Hanson	Edie Hanson	Edie Hanson	Edie Hanson	Edie Hanson
Sound System	Dan B	Bill H	Jim G	Bill H	Jim G	Bill H	Jim G	Dan B
Communion/MB	Tim & Ben	Jeremy	Kevin	Jon	Jon	Jeremy	Ben & Kevin	Kevin

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# Sign up for email updates from Peace

Stay up to date with what is going on at Peace by signing up to receive monthly newsletters and other church - wide announcements. Contact the church office at office@come2peace.com to have your name added to our electronic





