



March 16/17, 2024

**Welcome to Peace Church** – We are glad you are here. We would love to connect with you, be sure to fill out a Connect Card located in the pews or the Gathering Place.

**We Love Seeing Children in Church!** For small children, there are worship bags located next to the water wall. We also provide a staffed Nursery for children under 4 years old.

**This weekend's donut sponsor** is Gordon Thorpe in loving memory of his wife, Gloria (birthday 3/18), and his son, Tod (he planted the trees we use for Christmas here at Peace). If you would like to sponsor donuts in honor of someone, a birthday, or a special occasion, please contact the church office to secure a date. The cost is \$100.



**Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 pm | Sanctuary ♡†

**Good Friday**  
Noon | Sanctuary  
5:30 pm | Sanctuary ♡†  
6:30 pm | Auditorium ♡(🔊)

**Easter Saturday**  
5:30 pm | Sanctuary **Against All Odds** ♡†  
Children will be dismissed for Sunday School

**Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am | Traditional | **Against All Odds**  
9:00 am | Auditorium | **Burning Hearts** ♡†(🔊)  
Children will be dismissed for Sunday School  
10:15 am | Sanctuary | **Against All Odds** ♡†  
10:30 am | Auditorium | **Burning Hearts** ♡†  
With a Special Children's Message

## DISCOVER

### WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

#### Jesus on Trial

Jesus is questioned by the religious leaders, by the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, and by Herod. While he is not guilty of anything he is accused of, he is declared guilty and sentenced to death. While he came with the truth and light of God, human hearts lost in the darkness were searching for something else and refused to see Jesus for who He was. Are we willing to set aside preconceived notions about Jesus and receive the gifts of grace, truth, and life that He offers us?

#### Monday | Luke 22:66-71 & John 18:12-14 & 19-24

Note that Luke and John record different events in the timeline of Jesus being judged by the Jewish leaders. In Luke, we observe a daytime meeting with a large group of leaders. What are the questions they ask Jesus? How are they different? What do you think Luke is trying to emphasize by highlighting this particular meeting?

#### Tuesday | Luke 23:1-16 & John 18:31-40

What do the leaders accuse Jesus of before Pilate? How accurate are the accusations? What might Pilate be hoping to get from Jesus in his questioning? Only Luke records the meeting of Jesus with Herod. What might having Jesus sent to Herod indicate about Pilate's stance on Jesus? What do you think Herod was hoping to get from Jesus? What significant things do you see in how Jesus carries himself and responds to both Pilate and Herod? What do these details say to you about Jesus?

#### Wednesday | Luke 23:18-25

Note the irony that a man already in prison for the things Jesus is accused of is set free, while the innocent Jesus is sent to be crucified. How does this truth mirror the actual truth of what will take place on the cross? In what ways do the attitudes and expectations that the various people treat Jesus during his "trials" correspond to modern-day attitudes about Him? In what ways might even Christians put Jesus "on trial" with our various expectations of Him?

### Thursday | Acts 3:12-21

Peter tells his eyewitness story of Jesus' judgment, crucifixion, and resurrection to the people of Jerusalem. What goes through your mind and heart as you think of Peter sharing this account and his explanation of what really happened? Peter lays the responsibility for Jesus' death not on the religious leaders but on the people themselves. In Luke 23:13, Pilate called the people together with the leaders, and they all called for Jesus' crucifixion. In what ways can we say that we also are responsible for the death of Jesus on the cross? How has knowing forgiveness in Jesus brought "times of refreshing" to you?

### Friday | Acts 4:13-31

Read verses 25-28 again. While the crowds, the Jewish and Roman leaders all had responsibility for the death of Jesus, it was God who was in control. How does this story in Acts 3 & 4 give evidence to the truth that God has used the darkness of human hearts to bring the light of his salvation? What does this say to us about how God's Spirit can work through His people in a dark world today? In what ways have you seen his light make a difference? In what ways might he be allowing you to tell your "Jesus" story to others?

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**My Faith Journey Plan:** Have you filled out your plan? Paper copies are available in the Gathering Place and office. Online form at [www.mypeacechurch.com/faith-journey](http://www.mypeacechurch.com/faith-journey). Our goal is to have 150 plans submitted. Currently, we have 42 - help us reach our goal.

## GROW

**Parent Connect:** Beginning Wednesday, April 3, parents of kids 0-18 are invited to attend this new weekly group. Parent Connect is a time to meet with others, support one another, build community, and pursue Jesus together. It is conveniently scheduled from 5:45-7 pm in the Refuge while kids are involved in Discovery Club, Confirmation, or the (free!) Nursery. See you then!

# GO



**High School Summer Camp:** This summer, students completing 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are heading to Three Trees Outdoor Ministry Camp in Colorado (the Forke's daughter and son-in-law created it) from June 9-14. An informational meeting will take place on Sunday, March 10, at 5:30 pm in the Refuge. Registration opens March 13 and space is limited. If you have questions, contact [Allieu@mypeacechurch.com](mailto:Allieu@mypeacechurch.com).



## AROUND PEACE

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Eggstravaganza:** Children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24. Meet in the RecZone at 10:15 am for a fun devotion and instructions for the hunt. To be sure we have enough eggs, please register at [www.mypeacechurch.com/eggs](http://www.mypeacechurch.com/eggs).

**Peace Men's Service Event in April – How Can We Help?** On April 20, men from Peace will come together to serve other members of Peace and the community. We are seeking suggestions for projects such as yard work or simple home repair work. Primarily looking for seniors and single moms but will consider other needs. Please send requests and contact information to Pastor David at [davidf@mypeacechurch.com](mailto:davidf@mypeacechurch.com). All requests will be considered, but until each project is reviewed, we cannot promise to honor requests.

**Help Team Laura:** Laura Garbisch, daughter of Pastor Bob and Wanda Garbisch, will be having surgery to remove a brain tumor. A benefit will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Altoona on Saturday, March 23, from noon-4 pm. There will be Karl's BBQ pulled pork meals for sale as well

as a cookie walk, gift card raffle, and silent auction. Learn more about this event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2901284883346138> or donations can be accepted at <https://fundrazr.com/LauraGarbisch>.

**Save the Date:** The next Parents Night Out will be Friday, April 12, from 5:30-8:30 pm (or anytime in between). Children 6 weeks through 5th grade are invited for supper and a fun night at the church while parents can step out and have some quality time. The cost is free. Please register at [www.mypeacechurch.com/pno](http://www.mypeacechurch.com/pno) by April 7.

**Registration is Now Open: Vacation Bible School** will be June 17-21, 2024. VBS is open to children who turned 3 before January through those completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Register at [www.mypeacechurch.com/vbs](http://www.mypeacechurch.com/vbs). Any questions can be emailed to Marlee at [marleef@mypeacechurch.com](mailto:marleef@mypeacechurch.com).

### About Venture Academy

Venture Academy is an innovative, non-denominational Christian school launching in Fall 2024, which will initially serve students from K-6 in the Chippewa Valley and eventually expand to K-12. Guided by the mission of “Empowering Christ-centered leaders, designers, and innovators for a world we can’t yet imagine,” Venture aims to merge a rigorous educational experience with a Christian worldview, equipping students with essential technology skills and character that will enable them to become respected leaders. At Venture, the low student-to-teacher ratio ensures every student is known by their name, strengths, interests, and needs, leading to learning experiences tailored to the child. Venture has a qualified, engaged, caring, and supported Christian teaching staff who are modeling their faith. A unique outdoor learning experience, physical education, music, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) are some of the hallmarks of a Venture education. A generous \$5,000 scholarship is now available for

families enrolled by May 1, 2024! Visit their table in the Gathering Place today!

**Ignite-EC** will be hosting an event on March 23, at 6 pm outside the city hall. They are a group of believers from several different church bodies/denominations who come together to do street evangelism, homeless outreach, and bi-weekly worship and prayer events downtown. All believers from any church/denomination are invited to gather with them to lift the name of Jesus high above our city. The evening will start with a parade downtown singing worship songs and spreading the Good News of Jesus along the way. The evening will culminate with a worship concert and a message of hope outside City Hall. This is a formal invite to Peace’s congregation to be part of this wonderful evening!

**Faith Lutheran Church** in Chippewa Falls invites everyone to an “**Easter Journey**”. This drama recreation walks through Holy Week and will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 11 am–noon. Admission is free.

**Hope Gospel Mission** is providing a free **Easter Community Dinner** on Saturday, March 30, from 11:30 am-1 pm. Everyone is welcome for dine-in, drive-thru, or take-out at 2650 Mercantile Drive in Eau Claire. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call 715-552-5566, ext. 1300.

**Powerful Prayer:** Would you like to help pray for confidential prayer requests that come in through our church? Contact Deb Genskow at [debgenskow@gmail.com](mailto:debgenskow@gmail.com) to be added to this powerful list of prayer warriors.

**Attendance Last Weekend: 326**

**Bulletin Announcement Requests:** Submission requests for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday. Please send it to [kristinb@mypeacechurch.com](mailto:kristinb@mypeacechurch.com).



**Greeters:**

9:00 Anni Bjerke

**Ushers:**

5:30 Rhonda Kempen

8:00 Daryl & Harriet Dehnke, Garnett & Joann Boernke

9:00 Dave & Barb Colba

10:15 Rick & Judy Israel, Marlynn Krause, Stan Norman

**Lay Reader:**

8:00 Chuck Falch

10:15 Carolyn Hackman

**Communion Servers:**

5:30 Dave Vollmer

8:00 Steve Larrabee

9:00 Anni Bjerke

10:15 John Genskow, Rick Israel

**Sacrament Team:**

Kathy Foster, Cathy Johnson

**Worship Leaders:**

Auditorium Abbi Meyer

Sanctuary Paul Bonstrom

**Sound Engineers:**

Auditorium Christy Sasiela

Sanctuary Matt Meyer

**Livestream Broadcast:**

Kristin Brantner

**ProPresenter Operators:**

Auditorium Cheri Weinke

Sanctuary Eva Martin

Traditional Jeff Shearier

**Coffee & Donut Servers:** John & Julie

Borgwardt



**SUNDAY – March 17, 2024**

8:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:00 am Modern Worship – Auditorium  
Sunday School & Childcare Available

10:15 am Blended Worship - Sanctuary  
Childcare Available

6:15 pm Winkler Life Group

6:30 pm High School Ministry

**MONDAY – March 18, 2024**

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm

9:30 am Staff Operations Team

1:00 pm Staff Devotions

1:30 pm Staff Leadership Team

6:00 pm Yoga

7:00 pm Navigators Men Study

7:15 pm Young Ladies Life Group

**TUESDAY – March 19, 2024**

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

12:00 pm Women's Ministry Team

6:30 pm Lynette's Bible Study

7:00 pm Falch Life Group

**WEDNESDAY – March 20, 2024**

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm

11:30 am Men's Dementia Care Group

12:00 pm Men's Life Group w/Pastor Mark

4:00 pm Traditional Lent Worship

5:00 pm Supper – Pizza Night

5:45 pm Discovery Club

6:15 pm Women's Book Club

6:00 pm Interactive Lent Worship

6:15 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm Bjerke Women's Life Group

7:00 pm Joy Choir

**THURSDAY – March 21, 2024**

Office Hours 8:30 am – 5 pm

11:30 am Men's Life Group w/Pastor David

1:30 pm New Life Study

6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

**FRIDAY – March 22, 2024**

Office Hours 8:30 am – 3 pm

6:00 pm Modern Band Rehearsal

**SATURDAY – March 23, 2024**

3:30 pm Blended Rehearsal

5:30 pm Blended Worship – Sanctuary

**SUNDAY – March 24, 2024**

8:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:00 am Modern Worship – Auditorium  
Sunday School & Childcare Available

10:15 am Blended Worship - Sanctuary  
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