



## Mid-Week Update for the week of March 1 to 8, 2020

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### Remember to Vote in the Presidential Primary Today, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Today, Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Minnesota presidential primary. Our faith tradition strongly encourages us to be involved in government. Show your values in the public realm! Put your faith into action! Voters with valid ID can register and vote on March 3. If you don't have an ID, a registered voter from your precinct can go with you to a polling place and sign an oath to vouch for you. For more information on how and where to vote, go to <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/presidential-primary/> You can find your polling place at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Peace Presbyterian will be hosting voting for St. Louis Park's precinct 15 between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Because of the primary election, the Quilters and yoga will be cancelled today.



### Potluck for Wednesday Night Supper

Join us tomorrow night, Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm for our weekly fellowship supper before the Lenten Service. The supper will be a potluck, so bring a favorite dish to share! If you are unable to contribute, come anyway—there's always more than enough! Thanks to everyone for signing up to help with suppers in March. If you'd like to help cook or set up for April, please sign-up at the Welcome center.

## Lent Services

There will be special services during Lent on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary, after our 6:00 pm Wednesday night supper. Each service, about 30 minutes long, will be based upon a Lenten hymn. All are welcome to come just to the soup supper, just to the worship service, or come to both. This Wednesday's service will be on *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*.



## Palm Sunday

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Palm Sunday with a child-friendly service. Bring your child, grandchild, family friend or neighbor to sing songs, join a palm leaf parade, and do fun activities. At the beginning of the regular worship service children will sit on the floor to learn a song, then pick up some palm branches and parade out of the sanctuary to play in the nursery or do supervised activities in the art and rumpus rooms. Parents are welcome to stay for the service or accompany their child to the activities. Visitors welcome!

## Announcements



## Welcome Committee

If you are interested in helping to welcome visitors to Peace or being a mentor to new members, please consider joining the new Welcome Committee. We will be meeting this Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. We will plan out how this committee will work, as well as decide how to connect with recent visitors.

## Volunteer Needed!

Katrina Bergman, our seminary intern, still needs one more volunteer to give her sermon feedback in a face-to-face setting. We need to get these volunteers soon, so if you would like to be a part of the shaping process for our seminarian, please contact the church office at [peaceprezslp@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezslp@gmail.com).

## Directory

New church directories will be printed in the next few weeks. If you have any additions, corrections, or would not like certain information included, please contact the church office at [peaceprezSLP@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezSLP@gmail.com) or 952-545-2586.



## Alliance Housing

The Missions Committee is working to collect items for Alliance Housing this month. Alliance's work makes it possible for individuals and families to create homes for themselves, regardless of income and background. Their current needs are: new or gently used blankets, pillows, twin sheets, and kitchenware. If you have any items to donate, please bring them to church and put in the designated area in the narthex. If you want to donate money instead, please make the check to Peace Presbyterian Church and put Alliance in the memo.



## Donate Fabric and Used Linens

The Quilters are in urgent need of fabric for more quilts. Anything will be helpful. Donated fabric will be used for the fronts and backs. Old worn-out bedsheets, mattress toppers, linens, drapes, tablecloths, and batting can be used to fill the quilts instead of being thrown out. New and gently used items will be donated to Alliance Housing, and anything they won't take will become a part of donated quilts.



## Calling All Social Justice Seekers

The Mission committee is offering at least one scholarship to attend the interfaith social justice "Day on the Hill" at the state capitol on April 1. Sponsored by the Joint Religious Legislative Committee of the Minnesota Council of Churches, it is a gathering of religious people of many traditions including Jews, Muslims, Protestants, Catholics, and Eastern Orthodox Christians. Together we will meet, be briefed on important issues that are coming before the state legislature — mostly issues having to do with people who are poor — and then be transported to the capitol to meet with legislators. Pat Wilson and Heidi Vardeman are both attending; we can carpool. It is one day, starting at 9:00 am and concluding at about 3:00 pm. If you are interested, please pick up an information form on the Welcome Counter in the church lobby

or email the church office:  
[peaceprezslp@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezslp@gmail.com)

**Join the Choir** The choir rehearses on the second, third and fourth Sunday and sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Interested in providing special music on the first and third Sunday of the month? Please contact Patrice! **Remember, if you come at 9:30 for rehearsal, you can sing with the choir!** No permanent commitment needed!

**If You Have Information** that needs to be in the weekly update such as meeting dates and times, special events or prayer requests, please get this information to our office manager Beth by Wednesday morning. Please email or call [peaceprezSLP@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezSLP@gmail.com) or 952-545-2586.

*Trivia for today:* Did you know that John Calvin served on the city council of Geneva, Switzerland, and was very concerned about public health issues like covered sewers?

## Prayers

*For our church community:*

**Val Eng's mother** has been ill. She has improved some, but now needs nursing home placement. Please pray for Val and her mother as they seek appropriate care.

**Lynne Kubista** asked for prayers for grandson **Angel** who is being treated at a center in Utah.

**Bette Snyder** shared that her daughter **Mary Kay** has suffered a return of breast cancer. Pray for her as she enters treatment again.

A dear friend of **Alison Bucklin** is being treated in a mental health facility. We pray for all who are struggling with mental health issues.

For all our **new elders and deacons** who are preparing to be ordained and/or installed during worship on March 29. We also give thanks to God for the faithful service of those “retiring” from active service: Deacons Patty Schmeling and Judy Huebner, and Elder Greg Stauffer.

*For our local community:*

We pray for the U.S. presidential primary election taking place in our community today. There was a demonstration at St. Louis Park High School this past week which prevented an Amy Klobuchar campaign event. This brings struggle and discord very close to home!

*Prayer During an Election, from the Presbyterian Worshipbook:*

Under your law we live, great God, and by your will we govern ourselves. Help us as good citizens to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours, so that without partisan anger we may work out issues that divide us, and elect candidates to serve the welfare of humankind in freedom, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*For the world:*

Let us pray for all affected by the Covid-19 virus which threatens the health and well-being of the world. Pray for those who are infected, those who are quarantined, and those who have lost loved ones. Pray for doctors, nurses and aides providing medical care and the medical and scientific experts who seek to find ways to control the spread of the disease. Pray for public officials who must make the hard decisions and establish effective public health practices. Pray for our communities that we may resist racist reactions to this spreading disease.

Pray that God open our hearts, our financial resources, and our political will, so that the

vision of a better future can become a reality for all of God’s children.

*If you have any prayer requests that you would like printed in the Mid-Week Update, please e-mail them to [peaceprezslp@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezslp@gmail.com) or call the church office at 952-545-2586 and leave a message.*

## Calendar

### This Week

#### Tuesday, March 3

*Quilters and yoga are cancelled*

7:00 am to 8:00 pm – Primary election voting

#### Wednesday, March 4

11:00 am – Mission Group

6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm – Lent Service

#### Thursday, March 5

10:45 am – Dinner at Your Door

#### Friday, March 6

5:00 pm – InterMission’s Gathering and Community Meal

#### Saturday, March 7

10:00 am – Welcome Committee Meeting

### This Coming Sunday

#### Sunday, March 8

9:00 am – Adult Bible discussion: John 4:5-42

9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am – Worship

11:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

1:00 pm – Nutifafa

**Liturgist:** Donna Howard

**Greeters and Coffee Captains:** Betts Snyder (Greeters) and Eileen Bengry (Coffee).

**Greeters:** Teresa Emde, Judy Kirk, Pat Wilson

**Coffee Fellowship:** Mary Ann Christenson, Marian Ostendorf

**Elder for the month of March:** Bob Unze

## Coming up Next Week

### **Tuesday, March 10**

9:00 am – Quilters

6:00 pm – Yoga

### **Wednesday, March 11**

6:00 pm – Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm – Lent Service

### **Friday, March 13**

5:00 pm – InterMission’s Gathering and  
Community Meal

### **Sunday, March 15**

9:00 am – Adult Bible discussion: John 9:1-41

9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am – Worship

11:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

1:00 pm – Nutifafa



## March Birthdays

Judy Kirk	March 5
Dana Councilman	March 9
Jim Clayton	March 12
Dana Prestly	March 14
Eileen Bengry	March 18
Ruth Slatter	March 30
Betsy Twedell	March 30
Rosemary Hall	March 31
Judy Huebner	March 31