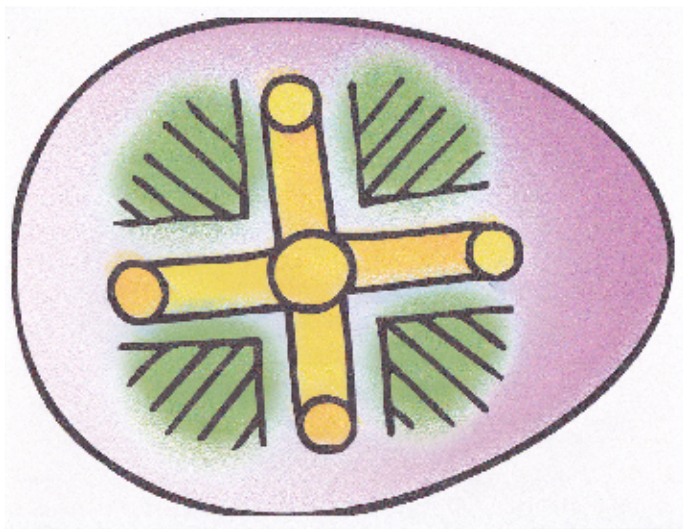


The Dove



EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt - After
Worship**

Brunch - After Worship

If you would like to donate an **EASTER LILY**, a Sign up
sheet is on the board in the entry way.
A \$10.00 donation would be appreciated.

Good Friday Community Observance

Friday, April 3

7:00 p.m.



**PEACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

205 Tennessee Valley Road

Mill Valley, CA 94941

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Sunday Service
9:30 am

Fellowship
10:30 am

Sunday School
11:00 am

Adult Bible Class
11:10 am

Microwave Solutions

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I was having breakfast with a friend of mine this morning. We were talking about grief and loss. Remembering a loss in my friend's life, my friend remarked that a couple of people had told my friend there are no 'microwave solutions' to grief and loss. One simply has to go through it.

The comment reminded me of one time Nancy and I had our microwave break down and needed to buy a new one. Our first thought was, "We don't use it that much, why waste the money?" After a few days without a microwave our thought changed to "Money is no object, we need a microwave and we need it now!"

We had not realized how quick we had become addicted to the convenience of this relatively new appliance.

The comment also caused me to think of our world and how much we crave immediacy and avoid that which is not immediate. Do we lack a sense of patience? Are we too used to pressing a button to get what we need, immediately? What does that do to our lives? ... our relationships with friends? Does it degrade our relationships to a mere sense of what can you do for me?

Finally, the comment brought to mind the Gradual for Lent.

First, the Gradual is a part of a traditional worship service which is spoken or chanted between the Second Scripture Reading and the Gospel Scripture Reading. The word comes from Latin meaning "steps" because it was chanted from the steps of the church altar. It is a Bible verse that reflects the theme of the season of the year.

For example, the Gradual for the Christmas season is a popular Christmas Bible verse from Isaiah 9:6 which reads, "A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, 'Wonderful Counselor,' 'Mighty God,' 'Eternal Father,' 'Prince of Peace.'"

Back to Microwaves.

The Gradual for the season of Lent is from Hebrews 12: 2 which reads, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

During these 40 days of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday (not including Sundays), we are reminded that Jesus did not take the path of immediacy. The path to new life went through the suffering of the cross.

March 2015

Even in those days, people craved immediacy. Mark records the words of those who mocked Jesus as he hung dying on the cross.

“People passing by shook their heads and hurled insults at Jesus: “Aha! You were going to tear down the Temple and build it back up in three days! Now come down from the cross and save yourself!” In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the Law made fun of Jesus, saying to one another, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself! Let us see the Messiah, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him!”
(Mark 15:29-32)

The people cried for him to press the God button and come down off the cross.

He did not.

Instead he stayed on the cross, scorning its shame. Christians believe Jesus endured the cross to save the world from their sins. That is true. Jesus also stays on the cross and identifies with the human condition.

Earlier in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus talks of us bearing crosses. Too often that is the reality of our lives. Try as we might, there is no microwave solution to bearing crosses. We have to go through these things and sometimes they can be unbelievably painful.

But we are not alone. There is one who endured the cross for us and now endures with us. We keep our eyes on that one who endures with us. For he shows in the end there is resurrection. He has the final word and that word to each of us is life.

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Christ's Peace

Ricky Adams
Pastor
Peace Lutheran Church

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Wednesday Evening Soup Supper at
6PM
in Luther Lounge
(following supper)

**"Calling Us Home" Lenten Bible
Study at 7PM**
in Luther Lounge

If you would like to provide a soup
for a Wednesday Appetizers and wine
also appreciated.

Soup sign up on the board in the
narthex.

All Women of Peace Lutheran are
invited to a
BABY SHOWER
for

Dahlia Stein
on

Sunday March 8
following our church service (11:30am)
It will be a pot luck.

Please sign up on the board in the
narthex.

Bring a baby picture of yourself to
guess who is who.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
MARCH 8TH**

**"Brown Bag" Meal Program
For Fireside
March Menu**

"Corn & Chicken Chowder"

We are preparing 51 bags for seniors and families!

- (Chowder already purchased)
- Canned Kirkland Chicken
- Monetary donations for fresh veggies &/or fruit.

As always, thank you for
your continued support
of our neighbors!

PLC Twitter Account

(Social Media)

Find awesome announcements in the Lutheran community by visiting our own PLC twitter account: marinplc

The hyperlink is:
<https://twitter.com/marinplc>

March Birthdays

3-2 Nancy Adams
3-4 Joshua Clark-Hexter
3-6 Teri Glover
3-10 Michelle Barton
3-17 Bob Webb
3-17 Mark Schneeberger
3-22 Vicki McGowan

MARY & MARTHA

Mary and Martha Ladies bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00PM in Luther Lounge.
Please bring a food item to share.

January 2015 Financial Information

Approved Budget Income

January 2015	Year To Date
\$13,700	\$13,700

Income

January 2015	Year To Date
\$11,855	\$11,855

Less Total Expenses

January 2015	Year To Date
-\$15,828	- \$15,828

New Gain/Loss

January 2015	Year To Date
-\$3,973	-\$3,973

Peter Pardini, Treasure

"Crosses for Peace"

PLC received a large donation of cross necklaces and religious jewelry. We were given these Crosses as a gift to take and enjoy and also give to someone else as a gift. The cross is a visible symbol of Christianity. By wearing one we show that we believe in Jesus Christ and are proud to display it! There is a gift card with PLC information on it enclosed in each gift bag that is given out.

The program is starting to take off. Many church members have taken crosses during coffee hour and are wearing and distributing them. The experience is very rewarding and more and more people are participating.

Pastor's Good Reads

The council asked if I would share some of the good reads I have found. Here are some possible reads for you.

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

Laura Hillenbrand

Available on Kindle

This is the story of Louis Zamperini who was a long distance runner in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany.

When war broke out with Japan, Zamperini joined the Army Air Corps and became a navigator. His plane was shot down. Zamperini and the pilot survive 47 days at sea only to be captured by the Japanese.

This is a story of survival both as a POW and post war.

The author, Laura Hillenbrand, is also the author of [Seabiscuit](#).

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail

Cheryl Strayed

Available on Kindle

Having lost her mother, her husband and spiraling down into self-destructive behaviors Cheryl decides to hike the Pacific Coast Trail from the Mojave Desert to Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks, Oregon.

The strength of the book is that Cheryl takes responsibility for her actions from the past as she journeys to a new and healthier life.

Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint

Nadia Bolz-Weber

Available on Kindle

The story of a young woman who went from a life of self-destructive behavior on her journey to become a Lutheran Pastor to founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver to being a worldwide spokesperson for the movement entitled "Emerging Church".

Be warned, this is not your typical Christian book. She is blunt, honest and at the same time very fun and engaging.

2015 - March Calendar

MARCH

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	2 2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	3 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N)	4 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) 6p Soup Supper 7p Lenten Bible Study	5	6 10a Women's Bible Study	7 8:30-9:30a PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
8 9:30am-Worship Service 10:45a Lay Minister Mtg. 11:30 Baby Shower for Dahlia	9 2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	10 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N) 10:30am Fireside Meal Program 3:30-4:30a LL (N) 7p Ladies Bible Study	11 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) 6p Soup Supper 7p Lenten Bible Study	12	13 10a Women's Bible Study	14 8:30-9:30a PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
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29 9:30am-PALM SUNDAY Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	30 2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	31 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N)		OFFICE HOURS M-Thurs. 9AM-12N M-Pastor's Day Off P-Secretary's Day Off	KEY: PC-Plates Class SD-Stage Door VL-Violin Lessons LL-Lit N-Nursery S-Sanctuary P-Parking Lot	PH-Parish Hall LL-Luther Lounge N-Nursery S-Sanctuary P-Parking Lot

2015

SERVERS FOR MARCH 2015

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29 (Palm Sun.)
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Jeanine Hillebrandt Marlene Rice	Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan	Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr	Betty Erickson Jane Green	Mary Ann Griller Vicki McGowan
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Lee & Janet Rosevear	Don & Beverly Erbel	Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger	Nancy Adams Sally Erickson
	<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for March: Vicki McGowan</i>				
<u>Counters</u>	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice	Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice	Beverly Erbel Vicki McGowan
<u>Flowers</u>	Beverly Erbel	Rusty Rush	Marlene Rice	Sally Erickson	<i>Palms</i>
<u>Greeters</u>	Ulla Kerr	Rick Kenney	Laureen Schneeberger	Lee & Janet Rosevear	Ernie & Marilyn Au
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Jane Green	<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Rick Kenney	Marlene Rice
<u>Ushers</u>	Vicki McGowan Beverly Erbel	Jim & Sharon Sides	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger	Jackie Stoneking Vicki McGowan	Gary Glover John Moorhead
<u>Lay Readers</u>	Sharon Sides	Mary Ann Griller	Nancy Adams	Janet Reese	Rick Kenney
<u>Cantor</u>		Ernie Au			

(If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a substitute and inform the Church Office, 388-2065)

SERVERS FOR APRIL 2015

	April 2 (Maunday Thurs.)	April 3 (Good Friday)	April 5 (Easter)	April 12	April 19	April 26
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Jeanine Hillebrandt Marlene Rice	--	Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan	Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr	Betty Erickson Jane Green	MaryAnn Griller Vicki McGowan
<u>Coffee Hour</u>			Easter Brunch	John & AnaHilda Mosher	Lee & Janet Rosevear	Don & Beverly Erbel
<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for April: Janet Rosevear</i>						
<u>Counters</u>	Sally Erickson	special offering	Sally Erickson	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr	Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear
<u>Flowers</u>	--	--	Easter Lilies	Beverly Erbel	Rusty Rush	Marlene Rice
<u>Greeters</u>	--	--	Jeanine Hillebrandt	Vicki McGowan	Peter Pardini	John Moorhead
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	Beverly Erbel	--	Communion Assists.	Gary Glover	Communion Assists.	Rick Kenney
<u>Ushers</u>	Gary Glover John Moorhead	Rick Kenney Vicki McGowan	Don & Beverly Erbel	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneebarger	Jim & Sharon Sides	Keith & Jackie Stoneking
<u>Lay Readers</u>				Cynthia Smith	Beverly Erbel	Art Strassburger
<u>Cantor</u>		Ernie Au				

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