

March 2026

NEWS OF PEACE

United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Peace ELCA

A Good Word from the Pastor



Dear Friends,

When you receive this newsletter, Lent will be well on its way. As Lent began, I encouraged you to consider how you will keep Lent this year. Increased prayer? Bible reading? Fasting from a favorite food or activity? Giving increased time or money to care for the poor? Whatever you have chosen, may God give you his grace and the will and the strength to complete what you have started.

If you have not yet considered Lent this year and how you will keep it, it is not too late. Even one day of Lent well-kept is better than letting the whole season slide. So, if you have not given thought to keeping Lent this year, I invite you to do so now without delay.

Regarding care of the poor, I encourage you to consider giving a little farther from home than usual. We do such a wonderful job of supporting our local Food pantry, perhaps you might consider making an offering to Lutheran World Relief. You can use the pew offering envelopes for this purpose or just put LWR in the Memo of your check.

By the end of the month, Holy Week will be upon us. Once again, I encourage you to participate in the services of Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter sunrise service. While we do not have a service on Holy Saturday, the Vigil of Easter, I have included parts of the Vigil Service to the beginning of our Sunrise Service.

I encourage you to consider setting aside the whole week as a special, holy week. Attend the Passion (Palm) Sunday service, the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, the Service of Good Friday and the Sunrise Service on Easter. These combined services help us walk with our Lord through the sacred mysteries of His passion, death, and resurrection.

Please see the full Holy Week schedule elsewhere in this Newsletter. One reminder, as in past years there will be no service on Saturday, April 4, the Vigil of Easter.

Continued blessings for a fruitful Lent.

Let us pray for one another.

Pr. Ken





Below are the contributions for the month of February.

(thru February 23rd)

\$5,786.79 is needed weekly to meet our budget

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weekly Offering</u> <u>To Date</u>	<u>Received Year</u>
30&1	\$7,375.84	\$25,786.58
7&8	\$6,808.00	\$32,594.58
14&15	\$2,844.00	\$35,438.58
21&22	\$6,789.00	\$42,227.58

Operating Fund Balance as January 31, 2026 = \$26,771.09



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is a wonderful ministry for our community. If you know of anyone that struggles making ends meet and food is what gets left out, please send them our way. We have plenty for everyone and lots of smiles and encouragement too.

If you are able to help supply food, I'm told currently we have plenty of green beans, peas, and corn. We are in need of **Toilet Paper, 20 load or smaller Laundry Detergent, Body Wash, & Chili.** Everything is appreciated! If you know anyone who needs help or would like to volunteer, please refer them to the Pantry.



RESULTS TO OUR SUPER BOWL CONTEST -

Seahawks - \$110.40 and 32 Condiments

Patriots- \$40 and 10

Condiments. The big winner was the Food Pantry! This will help to support community needs. Thank You.



The nation returns to daylight savings time

on Sunday, March 8th.

Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday night when you go to bed so you'll not be late for worship on Sunday Morning.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Get ready for an ice-cold summer adventure, packed with cool winter activities.

Join us for Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS.

Snowball Mountain Challenge is an exciting winter sports event held every year on Snowball Mountain.

This year VBS will be held from June 15 through June 19, 2026. Please volunteer; don't wait to be called! If you can help, contact either the church office (965-3119) or Michelle Gremmels (615-3535).



CEMETERY INFO REMINDER

Mowing season is drawing near. This is a reminder that all Christmas décor and any flowers or items that are at the base of the stone or stuck in the ground must be removed by the end of March. Any items left after this time will be collected or discarded by the caretakers.

Please remember the rules that apply during the mowing season:

All décor must be on the stone and not on the base or ground area, due to the fact that wires, etc. can cause damage to the mower, mowing equipment and personal injury to those who are taking care of the cemetery grounds.

Cemetery Sexton

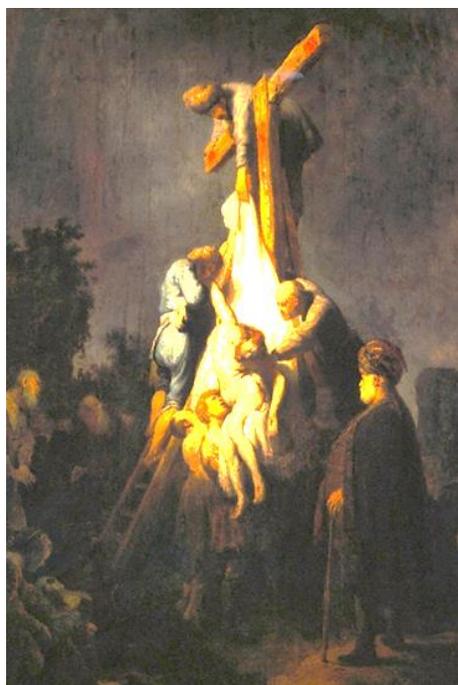
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
SPRING ASSEMBLY

Sunday, March 22, 2026, at St Luke's,
Campbell Hill, IL. Registration is at 2:30pm
Worship/Meeting at 3:00pm



SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

We will be having **Noisy Offering**. It will go to the Basement Renovation.



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES

IT IS FINISHED

The **BODY OF CHRIST** For Us

Holy Communion

12:30 and 6 pm

Wednesdays

March 4, 11, 18, 25

YOUTH NEWS:

JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER

PISTOL CITY 

Don't feel like cooking? Let Pistol City help with that and support a great cause at the same time!

20% of all profits will go to the Peace Lutheran Church youth group trip to Minneapolis for the National Youth Gathering in June, 2027.

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

505 E Grant St, Coulterville, IL 62237

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
YOUTH TO MINNEAPOLIS

**BBQ**
FUNDRAISER



APRIL 26,
2026

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
303 W. MULBERRY, STEELEVILLE

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES, BRISKET SANDWICHES,
SLAW, BAKED BEANS, DRINK, & DESSERT**

**FREE WILL DONATION
CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE**