2017 Summer Concert Series

WEDNESDAYS

12 NOON CONCERT, 12:30PM SALAD LUNCHEON
Suggested donation: $8 Adults, Children FREE

June 28  The Hutchinson Brothers
Paul Otte, Jim Nelson and Brian Brosz

July 5    A Patriotic Celebration
Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon & Honor Guard

July 12  Blake Klaustermeier
Concertina, Lester Prairie, MN

July 19  Jill Warner and Rev’d Up
Jill is joined by area clergy and friends

July 26  Mons Brothers
Gary and John Mons

Aug 2    Erin Bode
Vocalist and Syd Rodway, guitar

NEW! SATURDAY NIGHTS

4:30-6:00PM DINNER, 5:00-6:00PM CONCERT, 6:15 WORSHIP
Please see inside of Messenger for details on Ice Cream Social and Dinners.

JUNE 24  Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers

JULY 15  The Plath Family Band, Cairo, GA

Aug 19   The BASICS, Stewart, MN
Official Acts

Baptisms
May 6   Bennett Percy Hansen, son of Andrew & Linsey Hansen
May 13  Alexis Jill Montes, daughter of Roberto Montes & Jill Rauch
May 28  Everett Lee Erickson, son of Derek & Tina Erickson
May 28  Hazel Grace Erickson, daughter of Derek & Tina Erickson

Confirmation - May 7
Elise Bock  Megan Nelson
Mikayla Brecht  Avarie Petersen
Madison Carrigan  Cole Rahne
Kierra Dennis  Branna Rasmussen
Jaden Dostal  Connor Reiter
Branden Evenson  Jordan Schmidt
Cheyenne Fischer  Benjamin Sickmann
Cole Gartner  Paige Telecky
Jerome Hilgemann  Myranda Uecker
Jacob Huls  Katrina Urban
Austin Lang  Audrey Weckwerth
Austin Losievski  Ashley White
Isaac Nass

Funerals
April 22  Gloria Hemmann, 92, passed away April 3
April 28  Anita Moudry, 67, passed away April 23

Membership Changes

Received by Adult Instruction
Linsey Hansen

Received by Transfer/Other Lutheran
Andrew Hansen from Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson

Transferred Out
Christopher Wilke & son Isaac* to Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson
Mark & Johanna Hanneman to Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson

Removed - Moved Away
Michelle Pool (at her request)

* Baptized Member

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| June  | 8:00 = Team 2  | 10:30 = Team 5 |
| July  | 8:00 = Team 1  | 10:30 = Team 3 |

GREETERS/ADULT SCHEDULE

| June 4 | 8:00  | Cyndy Fallon |
|        | 9:15  | Darrel & Shelley Rusch |
|        | 10:30 | Jeff & Anita Miller |
| June 11| 8:00  | Darleen Knigge & June Beach |
|        | 9:15  | Eric & Kari Gehrke & Family |
|        | 10:30 | Duane & Sandra Hall |
| June 18| 8:00  | Mariys Palmer |
|        | 9:15  | Carol Otto |
|        | 10:30 | Don & Phyllis Hecht |
| June 25| 8:00  | George & Sally Moehring |
|        | 9:15  | David & Mary Lou Carlson |
|        | 10:30 | John & Sandi Leitz |
| July 2 | 8:00  | Bo & Stacy Miller & Family |
|        | 9:15  | Jerry & Mary Haag |
|        | 10:30 | Judy Radunz |
| July 9 | 8:00  | Wally & Pat Kohls |
|        | 9:15  | Ron & Barb Kirchoff |
|        | 10:30 | Jason & Erika Durheim |
| July 16| 8:00  | Gary & Carol Mons |
|        | 9:15  | Al & Debbie Koglin |
|        | 10:30 | John & Sandi Lietz |
| July 23| 8:00  | George & Sally Moehring |
|        | 9:15  | Glenn & Marith Witte |
|        | 10:30 | John & Sandi Lietz |
| July 30| 8:00  | Scott & Karla Lund |
|        | 9:15  | Chuck & Pat Schmidt |
|        | 10:30 | Lynn Brown |

LAY READERS

| June 3 | 6:15  | Dick Higgins |
| June 4 | 8:00  | Renee Clabo, 9:15 Cassie Padrnos |
|        | 10:30 | Lynn Brown |
| June 10| 6:15  | Dick Higgins |
| June 11| 8:00  | Shirley Wurdell, 9:15 Madilyn Gehrke |
|        | 10:30 | Duane Hall |
| June 17| 6:15  | Joanne Keilen |
| June 18| 8:00  | Sandra Hall, 9:15 Mary Haag |
|        | 10:30 | Phyllis Hecht |
| June 24| 6:15  | Char Havelka |
| June 25| 8:00  | George Meierhing, 9:15 Betty Ruskamp |
|        | 10:30 | Sara Peterson |
| July 1 | 6:15  | Joanne Keilen |
| July 2 | 8:00  | George Quast, 9:15 Betty Ruskamp |
|        | 10:30 | Darlyn Egge |
| July 8 | 6:15  | Corinne Higgins |
| July 9 | 8:00  | Shirley Wurdell, 9:15 Ryan Peterson |
|        | 10:30 | Marlene Hamblin |
| July 15| 6:15  | Joanne Keilen |
| July 16| 8:00  |             , 9:15 Mary Haag |
|        | 10:30 | Jim Warnke |
| July 22| 6:15  | Annette Koehler |
| July 23| 8:00  | George Moehring, 9:15 Eric Gehrke |
|        | 10:30 | Marlene Hamblin |
| July 29| 6:15  |             |
| July 30| 8:00  | Deb Eggert, 9:15 Pat Bode |
|        | 10:30 | Lynn Brown |
Summer Worship

9:15 Worship will move outdoors for June, July and August, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs. Children’s Sermons will be presented at the 9:15 am worship service. We will be live streaming and recording the 8:00 am worship service for HCVN.

June 4th        Pentecost - Wear something red as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!
June 4th at 9:15 am Commission the Middle School Mission Trip
June 11th        Quilt Sunday / Trinity Sunday. We will dedicate the quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
June 18th at 9:15 am Commission the Alaska Trip No. 1
Saturday, June 24th Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers
Join us on Saturday evening for the Ice Cream Social 4:30-6:00 pm, concert from 5:00-6:00pm, and a Polka Service at 6:15pm in the Peace Center.

July 1st & 2nd    Patriotic Sunday - Wear read, white and blue as we celebrate our nation’s freedom. Veterans will be recognized as we sing the armed forces medley of songs.
July 9th        Gospel Music Sunday - Gary Mons (6:15, 8:00 & 10:30) and Gene Ebnet, Deb Wiprud and Joy Berg (9:15) will lead a gospel music weekend.
Saturday, July 15th  The Plath Family Band
Join us on Saturday evening for a supper from 4:30-6:00 pm, concert from 5:00-6:00pm, and a Worship Service at 6:15pm in the Peace Center.

July 16th at 9:15 am  Commission the High School Youth Mission Trip
Sunday, July 23rd at 10:30am  Installation of Pastors in their new calls. Worship will be followed by a 11:45 am lunch.

August 13 at 10:30 am  50th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Bode
Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pastor Bode’s Ordination. All weekend services will be led by Rev. Dr. Gerhard Bode, Jr., Rev. Chris Bode, Rev. Eric Nelson, Erin Bode and Syd Rodway. Worship will be followed by a 11:45 am lunch.

Saturday, August 19th BASICS (Brothers and Sisters in Christ Singing)
Join us on Saturday evening for a super 4:30-6:00 pm, concert from 5:00 - 6:00 pm, and a Worship Service at 6:15 pm in the Peace Center.

Sunday, August 20th at 9:15 am Blessing of the Animals (outdoors) - McLeod County Fair weekend. Bring your pets for a special worship service celebrating all of God’s creation. Rain date is August 27th.

**ELECTRONIC OFFERING**

**Give by Texting** - 320.310.4695  Enter the amount you wish to donate, placing a $ in front of the amount. Then press send. (First-time donors will be prompted for initial information.)

**QR Scanning** – Download a QR Scanner App on your smart phone and scan the QR Code. This option offers multiple gifting choices.
**SUMMER CONCERTS**

Along with our regular Wednesday summer concerts, something new and exciting has been added. There will be 3 Saturday evening concerts; one in June, one in July and one in August.

**June 24th will be our annual Ice Cream Social featuring Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers.** They will be playing during dinner and leading worship at 6:15. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6pm and will include Hot Pork Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes or Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Beans, Homemade Pie & Ice Cream, Sundaes & Beverages. Pastor Pasche’s home-made Ice Cream will be available for sale in quarts. Cost for the dinner is $6.00, pie & ice cream, $3.00, sundaes, $2.00.

**On Saturday, July 15th the concert will feature The Plath Family Band.** Barry Plath is a son of Peace congregation and travels the United States presenting inspiring Christian concerts with his family. The Band is returning by popular demand from one of last year’s Wednesday concerts. The evening will follow the June evening schedule and dinner will be a Brat and Sausage Bar, Chips, Watermelon, Dessert and Beverages. Cost is $8.00 per person.

**On Saturday, August 19th we will host the “BASICS” in concert.** They are well-known in the area for their inspiring message and smooth harmony. The evening schedule will again be the same as June and July with dinner from 4:30-6pm followed by worship. The menu will be Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Relishes, Bars, Ice cream and Beverages. Cost is $8.00 per person.

All of the summer evening concerts will benefit the youth and adults going on the Alaska Mission trips. Come and enjoy great music, good fellowship and food and special worship. All 3 concerts and worship will be held in the Peace Center. Everyone is welcome so bring your family and friends for what promises to be very enjoyable evenings.

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**Rickert/Pasche Wedding Celebration**

Nancy Rickert and Pastor John Pasche would like to invite the congregation to share in the celebration of their wedding. The celebration will be held in the Peace Center on **Saturday, June 10th, from 2 - 5 p.m.** Cake, bars and homemade ice cream will be served.

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**Peace Lutheran Garage Sale is only three weeks away!!!**

The dates for this year’s sale are June 21-24. This year’s sale will begin on Wednesday, June 21, from 3:00-6:00. The sale will run from 9:00-6:00 on both Thursday and Friday and 8:00-noon on Saturday. Saturday will be bag day with all you can stuff into the bag provided for $3.00. You can drop off your donations on June 19 and 20 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds, 4-H building, from 10:00-7:00 on each of those days. All suitcases will be accepted this year as we have been made aware of an outreach mission. Please . . . no televisions, computers, or printers. Flat screen t.v.’s will be accepted. Call if you have furniture items to donate. Mattresses, cribs, and car seats can’t be accepted due to existing laws.

Help will be needed every day that week to set up, sort, price, help with the sale, and clean up on the last day. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Commons area the first week in June. If you can’t physically help with the sale, donations are needed to defray the rental fee at the fairgrounds, as well as lunch donations for workers. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call Sandi Lietz at 587-4599 or Lynn Brown at 320-582-0193 (cell) or 320-587-7046 (home).

Not only do the proceeds benefit Tell the Next Generation and our youth mission trips, many others benefit from sale leftovers. Just like last year, Orphan Train, DAV (Disabled Veterans), Hutch Health Auxiliary Thrift Shop, and new this year, Thrift Shop of Common Cup Ministry, located in Glencoe, will be recipients of those items.
Dorcas: Women in Mission Meetings

Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Program: Alaska Missions for Christ
Everyone invited!

Thursday, July 13 - 12 Noon
Picnic Lunch Provided - Games
Bring Husbands or a Guest!

Alaska Mission for Christ
Summer of 2017

Two teams will present a 5-day VBS, sharing the Savior’s love with the the children and communities of Northway and Chitina, Alaska.

Northway, AK - June 22 - July 3
Mission Team: Jeff Miller & Anita Miller, John Oeltjenbruns, Stephanie Graf, Krista Graf and Anna Dueker

Chitina, AK July 13-July 24
Mission Team: Jeff & Anita Miller, Isaac Sickmann, Carli Christensen, Mary Henke, Stephanie Henke,

Your prayers are encouraged and appreciated.

Lutheran Night at the Twins

Hard to believe it’s the time again to head to the ball park for Lutheran Night. This year the game will be on Tuesday, August 8th, with the Milwaukee Brewers. We will again be on the third base side Field Box. Cost of the ticket is $37 plus the cost of the coach bus which is to be determined. Sign-up deadline is Monday, July 17th.

Come on along and support our Twins on Lutheran Night. For more information or to sign up contact Marlys at the church office.

Bloodmobile

Tuesday, June 13 - 12 to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, July 11 - 12 to 6 p.m.

To set up an appointment or if you would like to help, please call Shirley at 587-5064.

A VBS Thank You!!

God has once again blessed Peace Lutheran with a successful week of Vacation Bible School.
Among the many blessings were the many nonmember students who attended. A huge thank you to all those who generously donated food items and supplies, prayed for the children and leaders, along with all those who served as helpers and group leaders throughout the week.

Time for another Driver Improvement Program for Adults 55 and Older

If you are 55+ here is an opportunity to take the Driver Improvement Program and save 10% on your insurance for 3 years. Two 4 hour refresher classes for the repeat student will be held Thursday, July 13, 12 - 4 p.m. and 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Classes will be held in Room 207 in the Education Building. Register by calling 1-888-234-1294 (toll free), Minnesota Safety Research Center, or on line at www.mnsafetycenter.org. The next 8 hour class will be held this fall.

Fishing for Peace 2017 Schedule

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**Sign Up for Preschool for the 2017-18 Year**

Little Lambs Preschool Education still has room in our FOUR/FIVE YEAR-OLD classes for the 2017- 2018 school year!

Older class must be 4 before September 2017

**Monday and Wednesday** - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Or Tuesday and Thursday** - 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

*Enhance Kindergarten readiness and turn either older class into a 3 day a week class by adding Friday a.m.*

To register or for more information contact Little Lambs at 320-587-1162 or littlelambs@hutchtel.net. We would love to have your child join us in September! Tell your friends and help us spread His Word!

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**Eldor and Leona Kohls Memorial**

New Pew Cushions $6,775

**Ken Petersen Memorial**

New Pew Cushions $6,775

Little Lambs 200

$6,975

**Worrell Bremer Memorial** (Barb Wendling’s Father)

Shut In Ministry $ 200

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**Prince of Peace Retirement Living**

Our Christian duty as a senior housing provider is stated as such...“It is our mission at Prince of Peace Retirement Living to create a dignified lifestyle within a “Senior Community” that provides conveniences and services which enhance the quality of life and social involvement of each community member.” We are so blessed to be fulfilling that mission through our various Bible Studies, social activities, and noon meal program. We are successful by the Grace of God, good staff, and the support of fellow like-minded groups and individuals. If you know of anyone who is looking for that feel of Christian community and fellowship, please tell them that Prince of Peace currently has open apartments and I would be delighted to give them a personal tour – all they need to do is call me.

–Merline Duering, Executive Director

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**Relay for Life**

Friday - August 4-5

Relay for Life of McLeod County, Friday, August 4th, 5 pm - 5 am, Masonic West River Park. The Peace Power Team will be selling luminaries for $10 each. They will be available between services from June 25th - July 30th or in the church office during the week. You can choose to decorate your own or have a team member decorate them for you. All decorated luminaries need to be at the church office by Thursday, August 3, 2017. Let us inspire HOPE in the fight against cancer. Hope to see you there! – Peace Power Team

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**Ladies Save the Date**

Our Women’s Retreat will be Saturday, October 7th, 9 am until 12:30 pm. This year’s focus will be “LOST BUT FOUND”. You won’t want to miss this so mark it on your calendar and invite your friends.

It will be a special morning of music, conversation, speakers and, of course, a yummy lunch!

More to come. See you there!
Peace Youth Congregation Info – June/July 2017

Erika Durheim, Director of Youth Ministry:
Email: peaceyouthministry@hutchtel.net
Summer 2017 Office Hours: Tuesdays from 2 – 4 pm
At Peace Place: Wednesdays from 6-9 pm  Please don’t hesitate to call/text/email me!

Stay Up To Date with Peace Lutheran Youth Info… Need A Form? See Pictures. Get the Youth Calendar. Just Scan the Code on the left to get to our Google Drive… http://goo.gl/merDKs

For WEEKLY youth happenings, see the box below. All Summer event information can be found on our Google Drive (see note above).

Special Events include:

.trip to Valleyfair with LCMS MN South District (6/26),
† Gargoyles Game Night (6/29),
† Pool Parties for both middle and high school at the new aquatic center,
† Bible Studies – we will offer 2 different Bible studies in a small group format, each for 6 weeks
† Christian concert in Duluth (in August)
† MUCH more! Check youth calendar for details

Service Opportunities – we will have special service opportunities including serving at Simpson House Homeless Shelter, and other local ways to give back.

June/July Family Events:

June 18—Parade Watching Outreach Party
Sunday, 6/18  @Noon– 2:30pm
Join us on Father’s Day for a Water Carnival Parade Watching Party. All Families are welcome to join us on the side yard of Peace Place! Free Lemonade and popcorn provided!!

July 19—Family Day @ the River
Wednesday, 7/19  @4:00-9:00pm
ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS INVITED
All Families are welcome to join us as we gather at the river for a day of park and water fun. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the Masonic/West River Park (near the Riversong Stage). We will be cooking out, playing games and having a water fight. Also, we will be renting paddle boats from Park & Rec (canoes, kayaks, standing paddleboards, etc.) but feel free to bring your own too! Wear a swimsuit or clothes that can get wet. Cost: Free will donation ($2 suggested/person)
June 2017 Middle School Mission Trip – Green Bay, Wisconsin

We are excited to offer a NEW! short, regional mission trip for our middle school youth who have completed grades 6, 7, 8. This mission experience is another way that our youth can learn and serve God in incremental steps. While in Green Bay, we will have lots of opportunities to serve and to play! This trip is being planned through YOUTHWORKS, who has partnered with local Green Bay organizations since 2002.

**Service Projects may include:** Senior Centers, Children’s Ministry, Food Bank, Nursing Homes, Soup Kitchen, Donation Center, etc.

**Fun activities in the in the afternoon/evening include:** Bay Beach Amusement Park, Lambeau Stadium Tour, a Community Cookout, worship, games, Bible study and more!

**Special stops on the way there and back include:** Candy Store, Zoo, and Wisconsin Dells!

**Trip Dates:** June 10 – 16, 2017  **Attending:** 4 youth and 2 adults

Please join us on June 4, 2017 for a special commissioning at the 9:15am service.

July 2017 High School Mission Trip – Idaho Servant Adventures

We are excited to continue a tradition of offering a domestic mission trip experience for our high school aged youth. This 10-day trip is another step in developing mission-minded followers of Christ, and Peace has a history of going to Lutherhaven Bible Camp. We will be at Shoshone Mountain Retreat near Coeur d’Alene, Idaho (in the skinny part near Spokane, WA).

While in Idaho, we’ll be with Idaho Servant Adventures. This is unique because we not only engage in service and outreach, but they add leadership training and exciting outdoor adventure components as well…it’s a triple-play combination!

**Service Projects may include:** Home Repair, Construction, Kids’ programs, Work with the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, Elderly Assistance, Work with the disabled, Community Service and National Forest trail work.

**Fun activities at camp in the afternoon/evening include:** Horseback Riding, Zip Line, Rock Climbing Wall, River Tubing, Fly Fishing, Games, Campfire, Worship, Bible study and more!

**Special Adventure Activities on the way there and back include:** Glacier National Park, and Whitewater Rafting down the Flathead River in Montana.

**Trip Dates:** July 21 – 30, 2017  **Attending:** 14 youth and 3 adults

Please join us on July 16, 2017 for a special commissioning at the 9:15am service.

You will find story boards scattered throughout Peace Lutheran Church with more stories like the one below. We hope to continue to share these stories in each of The Messengers in 2017.

The #thisisMYchurch campaign of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) is intended for the sharing of these stories of how, by God’s grace, the LCMS is making a difference in lives and communities at home and abroad.

LCMS members everywhere are invited to share these and their own stories of how the Gospel is going forth, with their family members, neighbors and co-workers.
National Mission

In 2013, a fierce tornado toppled the steeple cross of St. John’s Lutheran Church in New Minden, Ill., and the storm damaged the church’s parsonage, cemetery, and surrounding homes.

It was one of three tornadoes in the church’s history. Two previous tornadoes — on May 27, 1896, and June 7, 1907 — also struck the church and damaged its steeple.

After two years of rebuilding broken lives and broken structures, the congregation held a “Day of Thanksgiving and Rededication” worship service on Aug. 9, 2015.

The Rev. Jacob Mueller, son of New Minden pastor Rev. Timothy Mueller, served as crucifer. He brought the damaged steeple cross into the sanctuary, and the crinkled cross was placed at the rededicated altar as a packed house of worshippers watched.

“The community came out in great numbers to help our church and our neighbors in our need,” said Rev. Timothy Mueller. “Through other people, the Lord showered blessings upon us. We received many incredibly generous gifts.”

LCMS Disaster Response helped with the rebuilding through a grant provided by generous individuals and LCMS churches.

“They,” Rev. Timothy Mueller said, “were like angels from heaven.”

Learn more: lcms.org/disaster

Common Cup Ministry Diaper Drive

It’s Peace Lutheran’s turn to sponsor the Diaper Distribution from Common Cup during July and August. Larger sizes of diapers are needed. Watch for sales and bring donations to the church office during July and August.

Back to School Drive 2017-2018

Once again Common Cup Ministry and Salvation Army are hosting the McLeod County School Supply Distribution.

Requesting School Supplies: Parents must request supplies for their children by using the official request form which is available at area schools, area churches, Common Cup Ministry and McLeod County Social Services. Only 400 children will be able to receive supplies so submit your request as soon as possible. Deadline is August 4th.

Distributing Supplies: at CrossPoint Church (formerly Shalom Baptist) in Hutchinson on August 23, 5-8 p.m. and August 24, 9-11 a.m.

How can you help? We are asking that you purchase supplies from the following list and drop off at our church. There will be a box for supplies outside the office area. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to purchase supplies not donated.

Basic School Supplies Needed: #2 pencils, erasers, 4 oz. Bottles of glue, glue sticks, pencil boxes & bags, plastic pocket folders, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, scissors (Fiskar), boxes of color markers, boxes of color pencils, highlighting markers, 3-ring binders (1# clear pocket front view), pencil sharpeners with covers, pens (black, red, blue), Prang water colors, 4-pack of dry erase markers and backpacks.

Shoe Away Hunger Shoe Bus will be at the August 23 School Supply Drive. Gently used shoes will be available. Kids shoes $2.00, Adults $5.00 Funds will go to Good in the Hood Feeding Programs Fund.

Fare for All - Food that Makes Sense - Open to All

Fare For All food distribution is taking on a new distribution day (Thursday, June 22 and July 27, 2017. Common Cup Ministry, 105 2nd Ave. SE in Hutchinson).

1) Combo $20 typically includes a minimum of 4 assorted frozen meat items, 5 varieties of fresh vegetables and 2 fresh fruits.
2) Mini Meat Pack-$11 typically includes a minimum of 4 assorted frozen meat items.
3) Produce Pack-$10 typically includes 5 varieties of fresh vegetables & 2 fresh fruits.
4) Mega Mat-$25 typically includes 7-9 assorted frozen meat items.

Thrift Shop of Common Cup is now open - 712½ 11th St. East, Glencoe, MN.
Special Voters’ Meeting - April 30, 2017

Call to Order: Dan Cowger

Explanation of Recommendation, Discussion, and Questions: Dan Cowger
Dan explained how the congregation gave permission for a committee to be formed and move forward with the call process at the January 29th, 2017 voters’ meeting. He reviewed the four items that the call committee reviewed and the condensed recommendations from the call committee.

Casting of Ballots and Results: 69 votes were cast with 67 voting yes and 2 voting no. Call will be extended in May, and if calls are accepted by pastors, then installation will be tentatively held on July 23, 2017.

Adjournment: Mary Haag made a motion to adjourn, and Shirley Zackrison seconded the motion.

Submitted by Lynn Brown, Secretary

Mission and Ministry Minutes
April 18, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche, Paul Berg, Justin Evenson, Lee Uldbjerg, Nick Brellenthin, Dan Cowger, Mike Eggert, Deanna Puchalski, Lynn Brown, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann

Touching Lives: Lee shared that a thrift shop has opened in Glencoe, operated by Common Cup Ministry, Inc. Bev Bonte, executive director of Common Cup Ministry, worked with the tenant who operated a thrift store in the same location, as well as Snap Fitness, next door neighbors, and owners of the building, who donated part of their space. Electricians, plumbers, and carpenters came forward to help get the shop ready. The Lord surely had His hand in this endeavor throughout the whole process. The original money invested has almost been recouped.

Out of that $14,000, $11,000 will go to Tell the Next Generation debt. LLCC is looking at getting a new time-keeping system as the one they have doesn’t always work. Cindy shared that the one she has at her workplace is Time Force. General Fund had a negative balance of $16,618.43 and Little Lambs accounts had a balance of $5,051.60. Cash flow in all accounts had a positive balance of $16,076.95. Building maintenance account had a balance of $91,937.54. The building mortgage fund had a balance of $38,969.90 leaving 3.10 months of reserve. Lee made a motion to approve and Cindy seconded with all voting aye.

Youth Minister Request: Erika is asking that the credit limit be increased on the youth credit card to $8,000 to cover the costs of expenses for youth trips. This comes out of dedicated funds. Cindy made a motion to increase the credit limit, and Lynn seconded with all voting aye.

Katie Luther Update: Dan informed individuals that are helping serve for the event on April 29th should arrive at 11:40.

AV Update: Equipment and contractors will all be at church on Monday, April 24th. All the money in the AV account has been spent.

Little Lambs Christian Center: LLCC has just switched from five shifts per week to four ten hour days per week. Heidi said that she could always share with staff about mandated reporting and behavioral concerns as she is a school social worker.

Youth Update: Recharge ends at the end of April. We have a volunteer that is excited to help with the youth group. Erika would like a single database like a Google doc so that youth and family’s emails and phone numbers can be continually updated, accessed, and shared with other staff. Paul shared that the church is looking at software and additional secretarial staff to take care of this need. Timetable is the end of August. Pizza sale goal of 900 was missed by about 100 but still hope to realize about a $3,500 profit. Easter breakfast was a success with over 225 people served and over $1,000 in the basket. All proceeds from youth fundraisers are split 10-80. 10% goes to youth scholarships for events, 10% to tithing, and 80% to specific projects like mission trips and Recharge after school outreach program. High School weekly youth group begins June 7th, and middle school youth partner with HEY, the area churches that work together.

Special Event: Upcoming special events include three special summer events: in June the annual ice cream social with Chuck Thiel, In July the Plath family, and in August the Basics. All events will include supper, a concert, and worship.

Call Committee Update: A special voter’s meeting will be held on April 30th to explain the recommendation of the call committee. The call committee’s work has been completed.

Special Voters’ Meeting Discussion: Dan presented a condensed version of the Elders’ recommendation that Mission and Ministry Council reviewed and approved at a special meeting on April 4, 2017. This will be presented to the congregation as one vote.
**Minister of Operations Report:** Paul handed out the revised PLC personnel manual to reflect the changes that were voted on in vacation and sick leave policies. Paul, our new part-time custodian, has been a great inspiration to our staff. Staff anniversary celebrations are coming up. New phone system will be installed this summer. PLC and LLCC staff will start to wear name tags to help new members and visitors to the church. Paul asked that people prayerfully consider joining a Bible study and leading small group studies coming up in the fall.

**Pastors’ Updates:** Pastors’ conference is coming up in May at Gull Lake. There will be two 9:15 services held on May 14th, Mother’s Day, one in the sanctuary and one in the Peace Center. Children will be singing at the service in the sanctuary; this will be the last day of Sunday School. Twenty-five students will be confirmed on May 7th.

Lee made a motion to adjourn and Mike seconded with all voting aye. Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

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**Mission and Ministry Minutes**

**May 17, 2017**

**Members Present:** Paul Berg, Lee Uldbjerg, Nick Brelenthalin, Dan Cowger, Mike Eggert, Deanna Puchalski, Lynn Brown, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann

**Absent:** Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche, (both attending Pastors’ conference) Justin Evenson

**Touching Lives:** Nick shared a Touching Lives story about a young man that works for him. He has spent quite a bit of time with Nick at PLC, helping with things such as the PLC sign and changing light bulbs in the Sanctuary. This young man got to know Pastor Pasche in the process. This man’s mom had been diagnosed with cancer two years ago. On Saturday he felt that his mom did not have much time left. He called the church where his mom had attended, and the church where his stepdad attends. He was not able to get a hold of anyone, and then thought of calling PLC. It was a Saturday afternoon, and someone answered the phone. He asked if it would be possible for Pastor Pasche to come to the home to be with him, his mom, and family. Within ten minutes Pastor Pasche arrived at the home. Pastor Pasche spent time praying and giving comfort to the family.

**Approval of April Minutes:** Mike made a motion to approve, and Lee seconded with all voting in favor.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Church finished paying off AVE for the audio-visual equipment. Cost was just over a $100,000. General Fund had a negative balance of $8,600.48, and Little Lambs accounts had a balance of $685.93. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of $24,544.64. Building maintenance account had a balance of $56,189.67. The building mortgage fund had a balance of $31,520.53 leaving 2.51 months of reserve. Lynn made a motion to approve, and Cindy seconded, with all voting in favor.

**Call Committee Update:** Call committee documents were hand delivered to both pastors two weeks ago by Ken Quast, head of the Elders. He is awaiting their responses.

**Special Ministry Series:** Dan said that we have not done anything yet but need to get rolling fairly quickly as he would like to be done with this series by Advent. Dan has two individuals that are willing to work on this project, but they have not started yet. His hope is to have the first one in place by July. If anyone is interested in either helping or featuring a ministry of the church, those individuals should contact Dan or someone on the Mission and Ministry Council. The hope is to help people realize how all of these ministries touch lives and how individuals may learn of a ministry that they may like to participate in.

**Little Lambs Update:** Heidi reported that the change at Little Lambs with the four ten hour days is going well.

**Youth Update:** Five middle school youth and two adults are going to Green Bay mission trip coming up in June. Two Alaskan mission trips are scheduled, one in June/July and one later in July. Trips will be led by Rev. Jeff and Anita Miller with 4 PLC youth attending and one youth from Litchfield. Thirteen high school youth and three adults will attend a ten day mission trip to Idaho from July 21-30th. ONE MORE ADULT LEADER is still needed for the Utah mission trip.

**Special Events Update:** Events during the month of May include: one graduation party, Pastor Pasche and Nancy’s wedding (private), Pastor Pasche and Nancy’s wedding reception the following weekend. Marlys has requested that the Elders, Mission and Ministry Council, and Trustees provide bars for their wedding reception on June 10th. June events include an Averyon Home meeting and a bridal shower.

**Little Lambs’ Board:** Three positions are open on the Little Lambs’ board, due to death, move, and completion of term. The board meets once per month, and they are two year terms.

**Minister of Operations Report:** Paul met with Melva. In the PLC budget approved in January, an additional 10 hours for church secretary position had been included. Melva will be moving into that ten hour position, and a position for her 20 hour position will be posted soon. The new phone system will be installed by the first week in July. PLC is also looking at new software for the church and would like to have that in place by mid-July. Vacation Bible School is next week, May 22-25th. Mission and Ministry will serve the Matthew 14 dinner on Friday, June 16th.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Cindy made a motion to adjourn and Heidi seconded. Paul Berg closed with a word of prayer.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Council Secretary
Wonderful news! Both Pastor Pasche and Pastor Bode have accepted the Calls that Peace Lutheran Church has extended to them.

The Installation Service for Pastor Pasche and Pastor Bode will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

LCMS Minnesota South District President Dean Nadasdy will install our Pastors into their new roles as Senior and Associate Pastors.

Worship will be followed by a 11:45 a.m. lunch.

Please plan on attending this special service and lunch.