

Peace Lutheran Church Hutchinson, Minnesota



2018 Yearbook

Our Vision Statement:

*“Touching Lives with the Love and
Saving Grace of Jesus.”*

CONNECT ▶ **GROW** ▶ **SERVE**
TO GOD TOGETHER OTHERS



Dear Members,

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

In 2019, I want to call us to CHAMPION PRAYER. Every time God has gotten ready to do something BIG in the world, He has prepared the way by calling His people to pray. Prayer is the fuel for God's mission. Our lives will not have the power we need to complete our calling as His children, unless we are daily being filled by the Holy Spirit in our times of prayer alone and with each other. We need to pray for those in our lives - who we long to come to know Jesus. We need to pray for the broken situations in our world we long to help mend. We need to pray for our church to become what God desires it to be! In our gatherings together on Sundays, in our smaller group settings, and in our own lives individually, I hope that 2019 is a year in which we grow in our love and practice of prayer.

In 2019, I want to call us to REACH OUT WITH JOY! You all are the most loving, hospitable, joy-filled church, and I want everyone to know about you! I want to invite everyone into our fellowship together, because I believe our church is a GIFT I want others to receive! I want to focus on how we can reach out to our neighbors. We are all blessed with this opportunity and none of us can do it on our own. And it doesn't have to be hard or weird. It's simply being excited about what God is doing here and sharing it with people you love: simply, joyfully, and without expectation!

Finally, in 2019, I want to call us to GIVE SACRIFICIALLY as a church. Financial stewardship has been a strength for our church thus far. I am thankful for the budget-minded members of our staff! A lot of effort has been put into our 2019 budget. I am praying that Peace Lutheran and its staff are ready to meet the challenges ahead. And I am praying that the Lord would inspire all of us to respond to the work He is doing here in 2019!

And here's why: not only is giving one of the most joyful ways we can tangibly proclaim our trust in Jesus as our God and our provider over and against any other god, but when the church has financial resources, we can do effective ministry! We can invest more into our youth ministries, worship services, small groups and explore the future of what outreach ministry might look like. We can continue to invest in and raise up young leaders in our midst.

As we stand on the edge of a new year and look back on the one we completed there is so much to celebrate about what God has done! And there is so much to look forward to in the year ahead. I can't wait to go there with you! *Let's fix our eyes on Jesus this year and together grow more and more into the church Jesus longs for us to be.*

In His Service,

Pastor John Pasche

Dear Members of Peace,

2018 was a year that provided many opportunities and challenges. I believe the members of Peace Lutheran have met these challenges and opportunities with love and understanding and have continued to "Touch Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus".



The opportunity we face in 2019 is the same opportunity we faced in 2018. From the words of our Lord we find in Acts 1:8: "And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". I am confident that in 2019 we will show a great response to this challenge with our gifts and talents

I want to thank Pastor Pasche, Pastor Bode, the entire staff, and the many volunteers of Peace Lutheran for their hard work and dedication to our Lord and to Peace Lutheran.

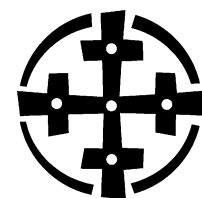
Sincerely,

Nick Brellenthin, President

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THOSE WHO SERVE US - 2018

Pastors: John Pasche
Gerhard H. Bode
Layton Lemke, Visitation Pastor



Minister of Music:

Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon

Minister of Operations:

Paul A. Berg

Director of Children's Ministry:

Sandy Kephart

Director of Youth Ministry:

Erika Durheim (to Sept.)

Coordinator of Early Childhood Ministries:

Lisa Kirchoff

Bookkeeper:

Boni Schanil (to April), Rita Robinson (June-

Oct.),

Brianna Quast (Beg. Dec.)

Parish Services:

Marlys Palmer

Administrative Secretary:

Dorothy Butler (Jan-Feb.) Rebecca Stark (Beg.

April)

Administrative Secretary:

Melva Plath

Custodians:

Ken Wornson, Dennis Jannusch, Mary Entinger,
Paul Eitel

Parish Health:

Shirley Wurdell & Renee Clabo

Little Lambs Christian Center:

Director: Rhonda Hulzebos

Assistant Director: Sara Wersal

Preschool Education:

Debbie Koglin

Lynn Winslow

Infant Room:

Karleen Cowger

Toddler Room:

Amanda

Janelle Katzenmeyer
Crestin Erikson

Lokensgard

Andrea Rubischko

CHURCH OFFICERS - 2018

President: Nick Brellenthin 320-444-7338
Vice President: Lee Uldbjerg 320-587-3488
Secretary: Lynn Brown 320-587-7046
Treasurer: Mike Eggert (To 7/15)
 Troy Puckett, Interim (Beg. Aug., 612-490-6321
 Mission & Ministry Bd. Beg 2018)

Mission and Ministry Board: Kim Borka Cindy Mons
 Deanna Puchalski Heidi Sickmann

Board of Elders: Ken Quast, Chairman
 Jon Bock Scott Brusehaver Jerry Haag
 John Lietz Matthew Markgraf George Quast
 Jeff Weckwerth Ross Wendling Gus Wurdell (thru Sept.)
 Robbie Peterson (beg. Oct.)



PARISH REPORT – 2018

| Statistics | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Baptized | 2643 | 2636 | 2663 | 2681 |
| Communicant Members | 2032 | 2026 | 2032 | 2048 |
| Baptisms, Children | 34 | 34 | 38 | 33 |
| Baptisms, Adults | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Confirmation, Junior | 27 | 27 | 25 | 33 |
| Adult Instruction/Affirmed Faith | 14 | 15 | 6 | 7 |
| Marriages | 8 | 11 | 14 | 11 |
| Deaths | 31 | 39 | 25 | 25 |

COMMUNICANTS

GAINS - 2018

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Transferred in | 11 |
| Recd. Other Synods | 7 |
| Adult Instruction | 1 |
| Affirmed Faith | 6 |
| Confirmation, Juniors | <u>33</u> |
| | 58 |

LOSSES - 2018

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Transferred Out | 4 |
| Released Other Synods | 8 |
| Released to non-Lutheran Church | 0 |
| Requested Release/Moved No Transfer | 5 |
| Losses by Death | <u>25</u> |
| | 42 |

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - HEAD USHER'S REPORT

| Services | Number | | Attendance for Year | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
| Sunday Morning Services | 151 | 155 | 19,640 | 18,763 |
| Saturday Evening Services | 50 | 50 | 3,968 | 3,588 |
| Ash Wednesday | 3 | 3 | 426 | 387 |
| Lenten Services | 15 | 15 | 1,678 | 1,777 |
| Maundy Thursday | 3 | 3 | 389 | 451 |
| Good Friday | 2 | 2 | 264 | 273 |
| Easter Sunday | 4 | 4 | 963 | 974 |
| Thanksgiving Eve | 1 | 1 | 173 | 192 |
| Thanksgiving Day | 1 | 1 | 120 | 100 |
| Advent Services | 10 | 10 | 1,146 | 1,020 |
| Children's Christmas Programs | 2 | 2 | 777 | 745 |
| Christmas Day | 1 | 1 | 98 | 155 |
| Candlelight Services | 3 | 3 | 742 | 748 |
| | — | — | — | — |
| | 246 | 250 | 30,384 | 29,173 |

2018 BAPTISMS

| Date of Baptism | | Date of Birth |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| 1/6 | Ben Charles Sauck, son of Roy & Amy Sauck | 10/15/17 |
| 1/6 | Wyatt Roger Lueck, son of Aaron & Niki Lueck | 4/16/17 |
| 1/20 | Elizabeth Hope Nyhus-Ralph, daughter of Vincent Ralph & Karen Klimp | 12/13/17 |
| 3/11 | Aubrey Jan Wanous, daughter of Chris & Amanda Wanous | 12/5/17 |
| 3/18 | Amelia Elizabeth Hines, daughter of David & Rozetta Hines | 1/16/18 |
| 4/8 | Tucker John Thielen, son of Jeron & Rachel Thielen | 7/20/17 |
| 4/21 | Brecken Allen Suess, son of Cody & Danielle Suess | 7/28/17 |
| 4/28 | Eli Jon Nass, son of Justin & Kaylee Nass | 11/22/17 |
| 4/29 | Oliver Andrew Ulrich, son of Andrew & Heidi Ulrich | 3/7/18 |
| 5/6 | Gabriel Glenn Larsen, son of Ryan & Miranda Larsen | 6/17/17 |
| 5/6 | Braxton Gerald Root, son of Brandon Root & Kelci Goldschmidt | 7/23/17 |
| 5/19 | Benjamin Drake Thomas, son of Christopher & Tera Thomas | 1/16/18 |
| 5/20 | Finley Rowan Mitchell, daughter of Joseph & Devan Mitchell | 5/25/17 |
| 6/23 | Karley Leona Murphy, daughter of Michael & Patty Murphy | 5/15/18 |
| 7/15 | Eleanor Mavis Johanna Gerben, daughter of Christopher Gerben & Shannon Plath | 8/19/16 |
| 7/21 | Will Patrick VandenBerg, son of Joshua & Nikki Vandenberg | 5/23/18 |
| 7/29 | Dalilah Rose Stone, daughter of Alan Stone & Paige Monson | 4/25/18 |
| 8/5 | Ryder Grace Fritsch, daughter of Justin Fritsch & Katelyn Reiner | 6/29/18 |
| 8/19 | Drake Ryan Schmidt, son of Cody & Katarina Schmidt | 4/21/18 |
| 8/25 | Aaliyah Lynn Stark, daughter of Jeremy & Rebecca Stark | 1/7/05 |
| 8/25 | Rebecca Lynn Stark (Adult) | |
| 8/26 | Auston James Roepke, son of Aaron & Alicia Roepke | 4/26/18 |
| 9/5 | Drake Michael Kephart son of Michael & Lindsay Kephart | 12/1/17 |
| 9/8 | Avery Jo Richter, daughter of Zachary & Malary Richter | 7/14/18 |
| 10/5 | Atticus John Ray Turner, son of Janine Anderson & Tyler Turner | 7/5/18 |
| 10/7 | Jillian Lynn Schuerman, daughter of Benjamin & Erin Schuerman | 7/16/18 |
| 10/13 | Oaklyn Ann Krause, daughter of Dan & Brianna Krause | 7/20/18 |

Date of Baptism

10/14 Faye Olive Piehl, daughter of Travis & Tory Piehl
 10/27 Eli John-Howard Albrecht, son of Joshua & Abby Albrecht
 11/11 Emma Grace Saul, daughter of Matthew & Aleesha Saul
 11/17 Kinsley Alex Peik, daughter of Korey & Amanda Peik
 11/18 Leo James Dunne, son of Curtis Dunne & Brittany Ann Sanford
 11/24 Mikael Martin Muetzel, son of Kyle Muetzel & Heather Pagel
 12/2 McKinley Joy Duenow, daughter of Jessie & Hannah Duenow

Date of Birth

5/10/18
 3/27/18
 9/11/18
 7/18/18
 6/3/18
 10/15/18
 11/9/17

Total BAPTISMS = 34**2018 CONFIRMATIONS**

Benjamin Anderson
 Devon Bode
 Riley Borka
 Brianna Brousseau
 Nicholas Cox
 Megan Hausladen
 Justin Henke
 Mackenzie Henning
 Jayna Hettver
 Makenzie Jenneke
 Keygon Jeremy Jepsen-Lee

Elizabeth Johnson
 Mason Johnson
 Camden Kron
 Bryce Maki
 Molly Meyer
 Colin Nagel
 Paul Nass
 Ellie Petersen
 Miranda Piehl
 Mitchell Piehl
 Austin Raduenz

Nathan Rannow
 Nicolas Rannow
 Alexis Rowley
 Cade Salmela
 Taylor Schroeder
 Ellie Streich
 Blake Theuringer
 Nathan Weir
 Trey Wittman
 Dylan Wolff
 Samantha Yurek

TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS = 33**2018 WEDDINGS**

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| May 16 | Danielle Penk & Timothy Hall* |
| June 9 | Amanda Tronick & Zachary Rynning |
| June 16 | Ashley Bryant & Hunter Weber |
| June 30 | Megan Dolly & Ross Peterson |
| July 6 | Kaylee Howe & Carl Albrecht |
| July 20 | Kayloni Hammer & Derek Schwarzrock |
| July 28 | Jessica Zieman & Joseph Kvam |
| August 18 | Jessica Schuette & Anton Klein |
| September 8 | Sara Havemeier & Aaron Sanken* |
| September 15 | Michelle LeVesseur & Craig Robinson |
| September 22 | Erin Eustice & Joshua Miller |

*Not held at Peace

TOTAL WEDDINGS = 11

DEATHS 2018

| DATE OF DEATH | | DATE OF SERVICE | DATE OF DEATH | | DATE OF SERVICE |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1/1 | Walter Teich | 1/20 | 8/4 | Mark Wendlandt* | 8/10 |
| 1/15 | Leslie Knacke | 1/21 | 8/8 | LaVern Hanke | 8/13 |
| 1/22 | Arlene Marohn | 1/30 | 8/1 | LeRoy Majeski* | 8/18 |
| 2/5 | Herbert Schulz | 2/9 | 8/16 | Charles Jahnke** | 8/24 |
| 2/25 | Emily Ulrich | 3/2 | 8/20 | Howard "Delbert" Klabunde* | 8/25 |
| 3/7 | Elaine Nass | 3/10 | 9/3 | Lyle Kressin | 9/7 |
| 3/20 | Janet Zeiss* | 3/24 | 9/10 | Victor Brinkmeier | 9/15 |
| 4/6 | Curtis Schuft | 4/12 | 9/29 | Julianne Tupa | 10/4 |
| 4/8 | Elizabeth Berghuis* | 4/16 | 9/28 | David Pfeiler* | 10/5 |
| 4/10 | Anton Heuer | 4/21 | 9/29 | James Markgraf* | 10/6 |
| 4/18 | Lorraine Meyer | 4/23 | 10/4 | James D. Mitsche Sr.* | 10/6 |
| 4/26 | Alan L. Hagen | 4/30 | 10/30 | Ralph Plath | 11/4 |
| 5/13 | Keith Pikal | 5/17 | 11/12 | Arlette Anderson | 11/17 |
| 6/17 | Darlene Schmidt* | 6/23 | 11/17 | Willard "Bill" Ratike | 11/24 |
| 6/4 | Lyle Albrecht | 6/28 | 11/25 | Kayliona Theis (stillborn)* | 12/1 |
| 7/10 | Helen Koepf** | 7/14 | 11/28 | Loyd Tjernagel | 12/8 |
| 7/11 | Dwayne D. Raddatz | 7/23 | 12/8 | Viola Falling | 12/13 |
| 7/21 | Fern Fitzloff | 7/27 | | | |

*Non-Member **Funeral not held in Hutchinson

TOTAL DEATHS = 35

MEMBERS = 25

Membership Changes

Received by Transfer from Same Synod

Brad Wick
Steven Wick
Coleen Dostal
Lisa Wendinger & Mackenzie*
Elise Schwan
Ormund & Becky Ostlie
Heather Pagel
Gilmora & Joanne Von Ohlen
Janine Anderson, Audrina Fritsch*, Brody Anderson*

Received from other Lutheran

Bret & Tara Oberg, Eric*, Catherine* & Bennett*
Allen & Carol Swenson
Nathan Heldt
Brittany Sanford
Judy Klawitter

Received by Profession of Faith

Timothy & Michelle Franzeen
Sueann Ulrich
Kyle Muetzel
Kaylee & Austin Barlau*
Dianne LeVesseur

Received by Adult Instruction

Nathaniel Blom

Transferred to LCMS Church

Michael & Mindy Dressel, Ryder* & Kypton*
Joan Radunz
Rollin Kubasch

Transferred to Other Lutheran Church

Gail & Stanley Evenson
Kristin Dostal
Gustav & Elizabeth Wurdell, Grace*, Max* & Miles*
Kathleen Servaty, Jackson* & Kenadi*
Kayla Miller
Donna Meyer

Released/Moved

Scott Stenberg, Makiaya* & Landon*
Ryan Stenberg
Elmer Vorlicek
Joann Blankenhagen
Richard Kjonaas

*Baptized Member

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

This past year we have been refining some of our established programs and implementing new programs that support the vision and values of Peace Lutheran Church. Each program is intentionally designed to "Touch lives with the love and saving grace of Jesus".

Children's ministry continues to reinforce to the children that all people are welcome at Peace and that we all have a responsibility to ask those who do not know Jesus to come and experience the love and saving grace of Jesus. The children respond by bringing friends, family, and neighbors to our Children's programs.

This year we were intentional about reaching children outside the church. This past Spring and Summer we tried a Spring Break Art program and an Art in the Park program. Both had high attendance and provided an opportunity to build relationships with children outside of our church and in the surrounding neighborhood.

The relationship between Little Lambs Christian Center and the programs at Peace continue to grow. The students from LLCC enjoy participating in Elementary Youth Group, MAP (Missions Awareness Program), Vacation Bible School, and Art in the Park.

The awareness of responding to God's grace and our responsibility to others continues to grow through mission work. Some of the projects we have worked on were shoeboxes of gifts for Operation Christmas Child, homemade cards for shut ins, and blankets for Common Cup.

These programs are only possible because of the incredible help and commitment by adults and older youth to teach the next generation. We are blessed and grateful to those who share their gifts to teach, mentor, chaperone, walk, drive, cook, serve, and donate supplies. If you would like to use your gifts and be a part of telling the next generation of the love and saving grace of Jesus, please call Sandy Kephart at 587-3031.

Sandy Kephart-Director of Children's Ministry

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY

The Early Childhood Sunday School program is touching the lives of 3 year olds, 4 year olds and kindergarteners and their families each Sunday morning. We're instilling in them the importance of a life-long relationship with Jesus through warm welcomes, true Bible stories, inspirational music, creative crafts and quarterly newsletters. The kids are enthusiastic and happy to hear God's word in all forms and it is a privilege to share the news of Jesus' Love and Saving Grace.

While we are happy with the attendance each Sunday, we want to welcome many more kids and families through the continuous teaching of the word. Our goal in 2019 is to continue reaching out by building authentic relationships and developing their spiritual roots, roots that will guide them with a life-long moral compass.

Many thanks to my dedicated teachers who willingly share their love for Jesus each Sunday morning. *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace". 1 Peter 4:10*

Thank you to the members of Peace for your continued prayers and support in making Early Childhood Ministry possible.

Lisa Kirchoff - Coordinator of Early Childhood Ministries



Loving, caring, nurturing: this is the atmosphere that children get to experience every day at Little Lambs Christian Center (LLCC) as our vision statement is based on the desire to teach and nurture the lives of children and families with the love and saving grace of Jesus through age-appropriate learning experiences in a loving and safe environment. Our childcare, which is licensed by the state of Minnesota, provides for all children ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age. In addition, LLCC offers a fully licensed preschool for ages 3 through 5 years old. The key to establishing a Christian environment at LLCC is the amazing teachers who have committed their lives to Jesus Christ and use his love to teach and care for all his little children!

2018 was an incredible year at Little Lambs Christian Center. As we saw our numbers continue to reach the maximum that we can hold, we recognized the outreach of God's love that is being sent into our community through the families who are involved here at Little Lambs Christian Center. As we hear the parents of the children in our center tell us how their children are singing Bible songs at home and leading prayers before the family meal, we know our Christian message is spreading beyond our walls. The Little Lambs Christian Center's ministry has touched over 100 children and 80 families in 2018. In turn, these wondrous children touched many lives as they successfully ran a food drive and proudly donated food to the local food shelf. While we delight in the successes of 2018, we welcome the many celebrations we anticipate in 2019.

Looking ahead, our main goal is to keep reaching out to our families and the community through the continuous teaching of the love and saving grace of Jesus as we continue to tell Bible stories, sing Bible songs, and do activities to help them understand the amazing God that we have. The Little Lambs Christian Center Board of Directors and Little Lambs Staff would like to thank everyone who is involved in making this ministry possible! It is with your prayers and financial support that we constantly see God's love in the many new faces and places within this community.

Rhonda Hulzebos - Director

POST HIGH SCHOOL

Peace Lutheran has set a goal to reach out to those students who have recently graduated from High School or are currently away furthering their education. I am so thankful for the support and hard work on the part of our Peace Lutheran members. Judy Radunz and Melva Plath have helped with tracking the ongoing changes to students contact information. Peace Lutheran has been working to establish "authentic relationships" with these students.

Our prayer is that they know their church continues to provide prayer and support wherever they might be. And that we would like to help them get connected to an active church life while they are away from their home. Again helping them to understand how the Lord helps us to grow in our faith and serve in His name. We continue to look at ways to reach out throughout the year - mailing devotions, sending words of encouragement, etc. If you would like to help with or learn about this ministry contact Pastor John Pasche.

CONFIRMATION (6TH GRADE)

Peace Lutheran has asked our members to include 6th Grade as a part of a three-year Confirmation Program. The 6th grade year better prepares our students for their 7th and 8th grade years. 6th grade has been focusing on a better understanding of the Bible. A majority of the year will be spent on discussing the books of the Bible. And we will complete the year with lessons on

worship and a preview of the 6 chief parts of the Lutheran faith. If you would like to help or learn more about Confirmation or being a mentor, please contact Pastor John Pasche.

CONFIRMATION (7-8 GRADES)

Peace Lutheran is well into another Confirmation year! Dr. Dixon and I have been conducting opening worship with our 7th, 8th, and High School students each week. Dr. Dixon has done a wonderful job of asking students to sing and asking praise band members to help with music. Our openings provide a time in song and God's word to begin our Wednesday evening classes. Since adopting the large group/small group style of teaching we have been working to improve the curriculum and the small group experience. The goal is to have enough mentors to keep our small groups down to 6 or less students per mentor. This year began with the 7th grade attending a retreat at Camp Omega. The 8th grade class will close out their year with a similar retreat. The retreats have become a great opportunity to get to know the students outside of a class room setting. I am so thankful for the dedication and the care our small group mentors are providing for the students of our congregation! If you would like to help or learn more about Confirmation or being a mentor, please contact Pastor John Pasche.

2018 Youth Ministry Report

Love should not be just words and talk it must be true love which shows itself in action - 1 John 3:18

Our hope is that the youth of Peace Lutheran Church will become strong leaders in their personal beliefs and "walk the talk" of our Christian faith and Lutheran heritage.

Summer 2018

NEW! Mission Trip for 6th grade Youth was started this summer. The 6th grade group headed to Lutheran Island Camp and had a great two-day trip serving and growing with God. The 7th & 8th graders headed to Duluth, Minnesota and had a great week serving the local community. We are encouraged to have simple, week long service experiences within 5 hours of Hutchinson each year moving forward for our middle school youth. The high school mission trips consisted of a trip to LA and our first International trip, which went to Haiti. This annual yearbook could be filled solely on our youth's mission trips, there are countless stories and pictures that share the joyful, wonderful experience we had in 2018. These groups were composed of youth who were transformed through worship, exploration, study and service (CONNECT, GROW, SERVE) into a family. This is how God can work through mission trips!

Middle School Sunday School (MS3)

Sunday mornings at Peace Place are still active and exciting with 6, 7 and 8th grade youth connecting to God's word through a series of hands-on activities and games.

Confirmation Ministry

See separate report for this ministry

RECHARGE & High School Youth Group Change in Fall 2018

Wednesday afterschool RECHARGE is now only for middle school youth.

We also offer a High School Bible Study on Wednesday nights.

A Special Note from Youth Ministry:

This reflection taken from last year's youth ministry report is still very relevant.

Our world seems to be increasingly instable and chaotic. Young people are sponges and mirrors. They learn how to behave and view the world from the people around them. Their lives reflect back (or mirror) what their families instill into them. We need to keep praying that God's love will enter into their lives and transform chaos and instability into peace and a richer life with the fullness of Jesus. I pray that more members of our congregation understand what it means to live out our mission statement: to touch lives with the saving grace of Jesus. I pray that more people will come forward and volunteer their time and talents, especially within the

youth program. The teenagers that come to Peace Lutheran need all of us to show them how to live a Christian life. – **Erika Durheim (Romans 12:11-12)**

Robbie Oeltjenbruns-Chairman of the Youth Board



Adult Education

Afraid To Confess Christ

The Story is told of a young Christian man who spent several months in a lumber camp. The camp was notorious for its rough and lawless characters. When the young man returned home, one of his friends asked him how it was to work with that type of company? "Oh fine", he said. "they never caught on".

The young man had spent several months in the company of godless men and they had never "caught on" that he was a Christian. You might say he had a perfect record of denying his faith. He had been afraid to confess his faith because he was afraid of the consequences.

So the real question is how are we doing when it comes to allowing others to see Jesus in us? I was at a conference a few years ago and heard the term "Chameleon Christians". As you know, a Chameleon is a lizard that is able to change the color of its skin allowing it to hide in its surrounding like grass.

May it never be said of us that we lived our lives as Chameleons, changing our colors, always hiding our true identity as Christians from those living in a sinful world who desperately need the love and saving Grace of Jesus. But rather may we join with the early disciples in the words recorded in Acts 4:20, "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Reflecting back on 2018, we praise our awesome God for the opportunities to gather around His Word and be Blessed by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Believing it is God's desire that we be active in His Word, it is our desire in 2019 to intentionally walk alongside our vision and core values that we may Connect, Grow, and Serve. That through time in God's Word, allowing the Holy Spirit to equip us that we may, like the early disciples, also respond in faith with "we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard".

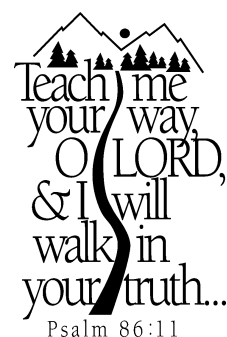
I wish to encourage you to prayerfully consider engaging in the study of God's Word at Peace Lutheran in 2019 through opportunities including Sunday Mornings, week-day classes and Small Group campaigns.

Special thanks to Nick Brellenthin, Lesley Brellenthin, Lee Uldbjerg, and Shirley Uldbjerg for their wisdom and guidance in providing opportunities for members of Peace and the community to grow as a follower of Jesus.

"As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Blessings,

Paul A. Berg, Minister of Adult Education





MUSIC MINISTRY

We are grateful for all musicians who participate in the musical ensembles here at Peace. This includes the LWML Choir, Hosanna Handbells, Brass Ensemble, Praise Teams, PRAYZ team, Sunday School students, and soloists.

Our “PRAYZ team” sings for 6:15pm confirmation opening, 5:15pm worship in Advent and Lent and 9:15am family services. Children are also encouraged to sing at 9:15am in the summer when there is no conflict with Sunday School. This ensemble is open to all students and youth.

2019 will be our 33rd year of Wednesday Noon Concerts. Several area musicians perform each year. Marlys Palmer and the kitchen staff graciously support these programs with a wonderful salad luncheon each week. Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry at Peace. Programs are also recorded and broadcast on HCVN.

Audio-Video Ministry

HCVN broadcasts our services four times each week. The 8:00am worship service plays on Sunday nights at 7:00pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00am. The 9:15 service plays on Wednesdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 10:00am (one week after the actual service).

All our Sunday worship services are also “live streamed”.

Many thanks to our many AV team leaders and volunteers for their support of this ministry. We wish to continue to look at ways to expand this ministry to reach those who do not have a church home, are looking for one, or are unable to worship in person because of health or travel concerns.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

CONNECT – At Peace Lutheran Church, we connect with God and other believers as we gather together in worship each week.

Peace offers a wide range of worship styles, opportunities, and times.

- Regular worship: Saturdays at 6:15pm, Sunday at 8:00, 9:15 (Peace Center), 10:30. 9:15 is outdoors in June, July and August. 9:15 family worship takes place on Rally Sunday, November (Operation Christmas Child), mid-February, Palm Sunday and Mother’s Day.
- Wednesdays in Advent/Lent: 11:30am, 5:15pm (Peace Center), 6:45pm.
- Wednesday Confirmation opening at 6:15pm (September to May).
- Special services for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Children’s Christmas programs, Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.
- Funerals and Weddings.
- Monthly worship, with communion, at Harmony River (Pastor Bode and Pasche) and Evergreen, Pines and Park Towers (Pastor Lemke).

This is over 350 worship services each year!

Sunday and Wednesday services are “live streamed” and archived for 24/7 viewing every week. In addition, Pastor Bode writes devotions for KDUZ radio and the Hutchinson Leader at least two weeks each year.

It takes many volunteers to assist with these services -- Elders, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Readers, Acolytes, Custodial staff, and Musicians. We are grateful to everyone who regularly serves in some way.

These are the persons who coordinate regular opportunities for service. If you do not yet have a place of service at Peace, please join one of these groups!

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| Worship committee chair: | Anita Miller |
| Pastors: | Pasche and Bode |
| Elders: | Ken Quast |
| Music: | Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon |
| Readers: | Cyndy Fallon |
| Altar Guild: | Betty Ruskamp |
| Ushers: | Mike McKimm |
| Greeters: | Cassie Padrnos |
| Acolytes: | Pastor Pasche |
| Audio-Video teams: | Kevin Schmuhl, Eric and Monica Padrnos, Justin, Branden and Michael Evenson, Brian, Cole and Reese Gartner, Ross Peterson, Darrell Rusch, David Hines, and Connor and Sam Reiter. |
| Kitchen volunteers: | Marlys Palmer |

Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon - Minister of Music

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

In the past year Parish Services has been responsible for many church and community activities. One of the main goals of each of these activities is to reinforce Peace Lutheran's friendly, caring image in the community and surrounding area. We allow several non-profit groups to utilize our facility and welcome the public to the many events sponsored by Peace.

Parish Services continues to assist groups within the church who require extra help in planning and carrying out their fellowship events and fundraisers. This is done only through the hundreds of volunteer hours of dedicated people who want to provide a professional and positive experience for our groups. Scheduling weddings and working with soon-to-be married couples remains an important part of this ministry.

This year some of our outings included our annual trip to Lutheran Night at the Twins game, the Mystery Tour and trips to the Plymouth Playhouse.

We also helped plan, prep and serve the noon recitals, Advent and Lenten suppers, Little Lambs Annual Turkey Supper, LL Sunday Spaghetti Dinner, Alaska Mission group Soup Lunch and Mother's Day Brunch, baking for and working at the annual Christmas Cookie Sale, to name a few.

We collected small personal items and purses to be distributed to various facilities in the area and made harvest buckets and delivered them to area farmers.

I would like to thank the many loyal volunteers who have faithfully filled our needs the past year. It is because of their willingness to serve that Peace remains a positive force in our community and makes the varied areas of Parish Services possible. May the many hours spent as a Peace volunteer be a positive experience for everyone involved. Members of the Parish Services Committee are Diane Lind, Jan Klockmann, June Beach, Darleen Knigge, Nina Mattkins, Marsha Volkenant, Judy Radunz, Staff: Marlys Palmer. Our Mission & Ministry Rep. is Cindy Mons.

"Serve one another in love." Galatians 5:1

Marlys Palmer, Parish Services Director

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

Members this past year: Renee Clabo, Mary Haag, Sally Moehring, Marith Witte, and Shirley Wurdell

The purpose of the Parish Health Ministry is to promote health and wellness of body, mind, and spirit for Peace congregation and the community. Our activities this year included:

- Coordinated the Red Cross Bloodmobiles on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to provide blood for McLeod County and others in need. We average over 100 donors per month
- Sponsored the Taxi Program providing transportation to worship services for our church members who request it.
- Hosted Driver Improvement Program to help seniors keep up with new laws and promote safer drivers and safer highways
- Maintained First Aid Kits and Defibrillator for church and LLCC
- Promoted and sponsored Peace Power Team in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for McLeod County
- Supported the Lutheran Social Service Caregivers Program
- Provided blood pressure screenings on the second Sunday each month to help detect early signs of hypertension and provide contact to the congregation
- Supplied and/or presented prayer shawls to members and others as a way to share God's love in times of need
- Maintained Parish Health bulletin board on the ramp
- Worked and promoted with Common Cup Ministry projects
- Continued monitoring procedures and safety equipment per state relations at LLCC by parish nurses and conducted SIDS/Shaken Baby Classes
- Parish Health Members served as mentors for the Wednesday After School Youth Workshops.
- Sponsored a Matthew 14:16 meal for those in need of nutrition and socialization in Hutchinson

We appreciate the opportunity to serve. In 2019 we plan to continue these services and would like to encourage new congregational participation.

"Serve one another in love." Galatians 5:1

VISITATION MINISTRY

IT'S A MATTER OF TRUST –



Life is often described as a journey. Along the way there are many things to experience. Some give us much joy, and we welcome them, others bring much grief, which are more difficult to welcome. Often we wonder how they will work out, fit together, and what the final outcome will be. In and through all things it is a matter of trust, and we rejoice in the presence of God among His people and with each of us. Whatever we face, we do not face it alone, even if we might be the only one left in our age group within the family circle, or just the only one left.

In my visitation ministry to, for and with around one hundred people of Peace and others, it always is the matter of trust. I rejoice that they have experienced the presence of God in a variety of ways during their lives and that in facing the pains and problems of life, while closing in on the end of their journey, His presence is still their experience and their comfort. It is a matter of trust for all of us on our journey, and may that trust be continually shored up through Word and Sacrament.

I love to visit the people in their homes, apartments, hospitals and care facilities because through them I also experience the presence and comfort of the Christ. We recently celebrated His birth. His birth covers our death. It's a matter of trust.

Thanks to the members of Peace who support this visitation ministry with their prayers and gifts.

Layton L. Lemke – Visitation Pastor

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT

The Board of Elders at Peace Lutheran consists of 10 men from the congregation, typically elected to staggered 2 year terms.

For the 2018 year, the Board of Elders consisted of George Quast, Jerry Haag, John Lietz, Ken Quast, Matt Markgraf, Scott Brusehaver, Jon Bock, Jeff Weckwerth, and Ross Wendling. Gus Wurdell served for part of the year. When Gus left the congregation in September, Robbie Peterson agreed to finish out the remainder of Gus' term. Jerry Haag and John Leitz were elected to 1 year terms, in order to even out the number of incoming and outgoing elders from one year to the next.

In February, the Board of Elders met to elect their new leadership positions. Ken Quast was elected as the Chairman of the Board of Elders, Scott Brusehaver was elected as the Vice Chairman and Gus Wurdell was elected as the Secretary. When Gus left the congregation, George Quast agreed to take on the responsibility of Secretary.

The Elders held 12 regularly scheduled meetings, with minutes being submitted to Mission and Ministry and distributed to the other committees.

Members of the Board of Elders also participated as liaisons on other committees such as Harmony River, Worship, Youth Ministry (High School and Elementary), and Mission and Ministry.

Continuing our support of Peace Lutheran Church's mission of "Touching Lives Through the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus" members of the Board of Elders:

1. Assisted with the monthly Harmony River Worship services, for Peace Lutheran members and non-members who currently reside at Harmony River Nursing Home.
2. Supported the work of Jan Bakken who has volunteered to reach out to members of our congregation who have been absent for a significant period of time.
3. Assisted with all weekly, Lenten and Advent Worship services in the Sanctuary as well as in the Peace Center.

As we move into 2019, the Elders will continue our interest in our Youth Ministries as a basis for building the future of our Congregation, as well as supporting our Pastors and other worship and ministry leaders as we prepare for the future of our congregation.

Ken Quast – Chairman

PEACE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL FUND

The Congregational Fund Committee was established in 1993 to encourage members and friends of Peace Lutheran Church to make lasting gifts and bequests that will continue serving in their memory long after the gift is made. It is set up as an endowment fund with only the interest allowed to be used by the church.

Currently, all interest earned from the Congregational Fund is being directed to help pay for the building mortgage at Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). The Congregational Fund contributed \$5,000/mo. towards the \$17,577.37 monthly payment that is made to LCEF.

The committee is available to serve and assist you, collectively or individually. Should you have questions regarding wills, trusts, estate planning, etc. you may contact the church office or any of the committee members: Marc Max, Jim Wendling, Scott Haag, Bonnie Lickfelt, Connie Lambert.

Marc Max

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Members: Justin Evenson (Chm.), Louis Schmeling, Marvin Seller, Roger Kaufmann, Ron Swenson, Terry Knoll, Jerry Haag, Mike Fallon, Lonnie Kohls – Cemetery Superintendent

Projects Completed in 2018

- 1) Peace Lutheran Cemetery Expansion Proposal received approval from the Hutchinson Planning Commission - Expansion surveys completed, awaiting funding for continuing the project.
- 2) Continue landscaping projects of church properties
- 3) Continue needed roof repairs

Once again thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with various maintenance and grounds keeping projects throughout the year.

THE MATTHEW 14:16 MINISTRY

Recorded in the Gospel of Matthew are the words of Jesus to his disciples, *“They do not need to go away, You give them something to eat”*. The setting is familiar to you, you may know the story as “Jesus feeds the 5000”.

Today within the family at Peace Lutheran and the community of Hutchinson there are those in need of something to eat, especially towards the end of each month.

“The Matthew 14:16 Ministry” was developed as an opportunity for members of the congregation to experience being missional as they seek ways to support the vision statement at Peace Lutheran which is “Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.”

The mission of the “Matthew 14:16 Ministry” is to provide a nutritious meal once a month to those in need. The meals are served in an atmosphere encompassed in the love of Jesus through respect, dignity, and caring hospitality. The meals are served from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. every third Friday of the month.

You may be asking as a member of Peace Lutheran, “How can I Help?” There are three ways in which you can assist:

- a) Pray for the Matthew 14:16 Ministry.
- b) Help in preparing and serving.
- c) Serve as a table host (Sitting and eating with the guests who attend).

The Matthew 14 ministry continues to touch the lives of others with the love and saving grace of Jesus through a warm, nutritious meal.

PRAYER CHAIN



“Always keep on praying for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18

Would you consider being an intercessory prayer for Peace, and our community? The Prayer Chain talks to God on your behalf. Please ask the Lord if this would be a ministry for our church that you would be willing to be a part of. Call the church office (587-3031) or Annette Koehler (587-6484). Thanks be to God for answered prayer.

USHERS STAFF - 2019

Chief Usher: Mike McKimm

Assistant Chief Ushers: Marlin Haag, (MID-WEEK) John Lietz

***Team Captain**

****Co-Captain**

Team #1 (8:00)

Glenn Witte
Doug Witte
Scott Lund
Brian Koehler
Roger Lambert
Skip Sustacek

Team #2 (8:00)

Rod Huls
Dwayne Briese
Wally Kohls
Allan Fuchs
Rusten Huls
Riley Huls

Team #4 (8:00)

Marlin Haag
Troy Kurth
Mike McKimm
Nick Tews
Owen Streich
Scott Streich

Mid-Week Services

John Lietz*
Louis Schmeling
Delton Haag
Donald Janke
Mel Klockmann
Doug Brown

Team #3 (10:30)

Kyle Wendling
Ross Wendling
Marc Max
Chris Solien

Team #5 (10:30)

Dale Froemming
Bryce Cassens
Joel Haag
Robbie Peterson
Ross Peterson
DaleSchumann

Team #6 (10:30)

Weston Plath
Travis Brecht
Brad Havemeier
Gary Havemeier
Ethan Kaufmann
Roger Kaufmann

Saturday Night Ushers

June Beach
Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

Richard & Corinne Higgins
Louis & Arlene Schmeling

Kathy Hochsprung
Marc Telecky

John Housenick

TEAM SCHEDULE FOR 2019

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| January | Teams 1 & 3 | May | Teams 4 & 6 | September | Teams 2 & 5 |
| February | Teams 4 & 6 | June | Teams 2 & 5 | October | Teams 1 & 3 |
| March | Teams 2 & 5 | July | Teams 1 & 3 | November | Teams 2 & 5 |
| April | Teams 1 & 3 | August | Teams 4 & 6 | December | Teams 4 & 6 |

2019 Special Services Midweek Ushers

11:30 am Lenten Services – (Wed) March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10

11:30 am Maundy Thursday – April 18, Noon Good Friday April 19

11:30 am Advent Services – December 4, 11 & 18

| Date | Service | Time | Team | Date | Service | Time | Team |
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| Mar. 6 | Ash Wed | 6:45 pm | 1 | Nov. 20 | Thanksgiving Eve | 6:45 pm | 4 |
| Mar. 13 | Lenten (Wed.) | 6:45 pm | 2 | Nov. 21 | Thanksgiving Day | 9:00 am | 6 |
| Mar. 20 | Lenten (Wed.) | 6:45 pm | 4 | Dec. 4 | Advent | 6:45 pm | 3 |
| Mar. 27 | Lenten (Wed.) | 6:45 pm | 3 | Dec. 11 | Advent | 6:45 pm | 1 |
| Apr. 3 | Lenten (Wed.) | 6:45 pm | 5 | Dec. 15 | Children's Service | 3:00 pm | 3 |
| Apr. 10 | Lenten (Wed.) | 6:45 pm | 6 | Dec. 18 | Advent | 6:45 pm | 2 |
| Apr. 18 | Maundy Thurs | 6:45 pm | 4 | Dec. 24 | Children's Service | 3:00 pm | 5 |
| Apr. 19 | Good Friday | 6:45 pm | 3 | Dec. 24 | Candlelight | 5:00 pm | 4 |
| Apr. 21 | Easter Sunday | 6:30 am | 6 | Dec. 24 | Candlelight | 7:00 pm | 1 |
| Apr. 21 | Easter Sunday | 8:00 am | 1 | Dec. 24 | Candlelight | 10:00 pm | 6 |
| Apr. 21 | Easter Sunday | 9:15 am | 5 | Dec. 25 | Christmas Day | 9:00 am | 2 |
| Apr. 21 | Easter Sunday | 8:30 am | 3 | | | | |

Prince of Peace Retirement Living (POPRL) has been in operation since 1995. Our mission continues to be the top priority of the Board of Directors and the staff. We celebrated another successful year, which is only possible by the Grace of God and good staff. Please visit our web page, www.poprl.org for information regarding this mission.

Prince of Peace Retirement Living has undergone a continued change of residents; All 40 apartments are rented as this report is being written. POPRL finished the year at 97% occupancy and eight individuals on the waiting list.

The ministry of "touching the lives of others with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus" through Peace Lutheran Church also continues to be very rewarding not only to the Board of Directors and staff, but also to the Residents. Paul Berg's willingness help with the Spiritual growth of our residents through Tuesday Bible Study is such a blessing. Weekly, Our Savior's Bible Study group meets in the dining room. St. A's communion group meets weekly in one of their member's apartment and has conducted several series of Bible Studies in the conference room. Monthly, Pastor Lemke provides communion to PLC members. We are continuing to fulfill Prince of Peace Retirement Living's philosophy "to provide ministry and guidance to all our Christian residents" through these activities.

Prince of Peace Retirement Living annual fund raising continues to grow allowing us to provide services we offer our residents at a low cost to them. Please contact Destini Doring directly if you have any questions regarding future endowments or donations.

Special thanks are also in order to all the volunteers and professional persons that have provided special services (board members, dining, entertainment, crafts, and assistance) to residents living at POPRL. 98 volunteers have provided over 1,522 hours of service this past year alone, many who are PLC members.

July will be my 20th year of service here at POPRL. Destini Doring, LouAnn Kulberg, Frank Pfarr, Lindsay Muchow, Alisia Olson, Colleen Bird, and Dixie Pfarr complete the staff.

2018 Board of Directors - President Dale Froemming, Vice-President Gary Havemeier, Treasurer and Liaison to Peace Lutheran Church John Kalenberg, Secretary Renee Clabo, Dan Mahon, Robert Peterson, Bev Wangerin, and John Sanken.

By the grace of God and with the continued prayers and support of the members of Peace Lutheran Church, the ministry to Prince of Peace Retirement Living will flourish.

Merline Duerling, Executive Director

PEACE LUTHERAN CEMETERY



We sold 2 lots. There were 11 burials at our cemetery in 2018. Thanks to all volunteers who assisted in the maintenance of the cemetery.

Lonnie Kohls – Superintendent

DORCAS WOMEN IN MISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Dorcas society meets the second Thursday in each month to conduct its meetings as members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Minnesota South District. The focus of Dorcas is mission work, local and outreach projects. Dorcas is divided into groups and committees.

- Funeral Group served many funerals this past year and the donations received from families and offerings from others go toward our funding.
- Cheer Committee visits shut-ins monthly and cards are mailed to others on their special occasions.
- Mission Service Group meets twice monthly and have made approximately 96 quilts throughout the year.
- Sixty-four layettes were assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- Dorcas supports a student, Brian Shane, at Concordia Seminary, through the time of his ordination.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness." Psalm 100: 2

Respectfully Submitted,
Marianne Johnson, Secretary

MISSION PROJECTS 2018

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| January | \$ 282 | 3- Lutheran Hour Broadcasts |
| February | \$ 500 | Campus Crusade International |
| | \$ 500 | Orphan Grain Train |
| | \$ 240 | Large Print Portals of Prayer |
| March | \$ 400 | Common Cup Back Pack Program |
| | \$ 500 | LCMS Disaster Relief Fund |
| | \$ 200 | Gifts from the Heart |
| April | \$ 500 | Concordia Seminarian Brian Shane |
| May | \$ 500 | Camp Omega |
| June | \$ 500 | Alaska Mission |
| | \$ 240 | Large Print Portals of Prayer |
| July | \$ 105 | Concordia Food Bank |
| | \$ 300 | Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch |
| | \$ 200 | Lutheran Braille Workers |
| August | \$ 200 | Catechisms for Shepherd of the Valley Church |
| | \$ 500 | Little Lambs Christian Center |
| | \$ 240 | Large Print Portals of Prayer |
| | \$ 500 | LCMS World Mission |
| September | \$ 200 | OSL School |
| | \$ 200 | Peace Youth |
| | \$ 200 | Haiti Missions |
| November | \$ 500 | Concordia Seminarian Brian Shane |
| | \$ 500 | Shoe Box Mission - Postage (Christmas Boxes) |
| December | \$ 249 | Large Print Portals of Prayer |
| | \$ 200 | We Raise (formerly Wheat Ridge) |
| | \$ 200 | Bethesda Communities |
| | \$ 100 | Youth Missions/Sandra Kephart |

TOTAL \$8756

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