

JULY 2020



Messenger of PEACE

"We are a loving community called by God's grace – that all know the Peace of God."

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Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who sends us the Helper, His Spirit of truth!

Without question, we are experiencing trouble in our world right now. Not only are we enduring a pandemic and all the fear, sickness, and death that come from it, we also have economic uncertainty and job insecurity.

And now a public servant abused his power, resulting in an untimely and heartbreaking death, which has been followed by a series of peaceful protests mixed with destructive riots—in our own Twin Cities.

Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b, ESV). This is how John 16 ends.

Jesus knows what it is to suffer the wrongs of this world. He knows the hardship of sickness, the worries of an economy and employment. He knows firsthand that we are a people who hurt and sin against one another, enduring all kinds of pain and strife. Yet He calls us to "take heart."

Peace Lutheran watched the Sundays go by with no worship taking place within the walls of the church – March, April, May, and then June. Weekly phone calls came asking, "When will be back in the church for worship?" Jesus calls us to "take heart."

Thank you for your patience! We are back inside for worship. Sundays at 8:30 we offer a service at 50% capacity to provide for social distancing. Masks are encouraged. Singing is something to be done cautiously. We celebrate the Lord's Supper at the end of worship – so that you may depart in the Peace of the Lord.

We continue with live streaming and HCVN. We also continue to provide a "drive – in" worship service Sundays at 10:00. This continues to be with the Lord's Supper. The latest addition is the ability to sit in your own chair – like we have done in the past with our outdoor services.

We are looking to the upcoming programming year and are wondering how that will look. Jesus calls us to "take heart." He is truly with us during this time!

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May God's Peace be with you – Pastor John Pasche

SUMMER WORSHIP AT PEACE

Welcome Back to Peace!

Before returning to church,
please read the
Preparedness Plan for
Public Worship on page 2.

SUNDAYS

8:30 am | Sanctuary
with communion
(livestreamed)

**10:00 am | Drive-In/
Outside Parking Lot**
with communion

ONLINE WORSHIP



Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN/

YouTube

www.youtube.com/peacehutchinsonmn

HCVN

chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom

Sunday 7 pm & 10 pm

Wednesday 5 pm

Thursday 10 am



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Preparedness Plan for Public Worship

Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

COVID – 19 Preparedness Plan for Public Worship

- Those who are ill, those who have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, and those who are particularly vulnerable to the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus will be urged to stay home. People will be encouraged to check their temperature before they come.
- People will be encouraged to bring and wear their own cloth face masks and other appropriate protective gear. A limited number of masks will be available at church to use and take home.
- Doors will be propped open and physical distancing upon entering and exiting the building will be maintained.
- The building will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each service, including all entryways and doors.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entryways.
- This plan will be posted concerning distancing and sanitation requirements.
- People are to greet each other without touching and not to remain in the narthex for socializing before and after the service.
- Ventilation will be increased as much as possible (open windows, ceiling fans).
- Use of drinking fountains will be discouraged, and use of restrooms will require social distancing.
- Worship attendance in the sanctuary will be limited to 50% of seating capacity (in the church and in the balcony). Worshipers can also be seated in the Peace Center.
- Households can be seated together - maintaining physical distancing of at least six feet from other households or individuals.
- Disposable worship materials will be printed each week and made available in quantities sufficient for expected attendance.
- Collection plates and other items will not be passed from person to person.
- The Sacrament of the Altar will be prepared and distributed by the pastor and elders. They will sanitize their hands, wear gloves and a mask. We are asking you to “cup” your hands so a wafer may be dropped into your hands. You are asked to take an individual glass from the tray, being careful not to touch the other glasses.
- Education in the necessity for these precautions will be an ongoing part of communication with the congregation.
- If someone should become ill during worship, they will be assisted in leaving the building first, then the rest of the congregation will be dismissed, and the building will be closed.
- Once learning of a person with confirmed COVID-19 who has been in the facility, local health officials will be notified immediately. These officials will guide us in determining a course of action, which may include tracing contacts of that person.

“CALL” UPDATE on our new ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The call committee has submitted the proper paper work and names of pastors the congregation suggested. We were waiting on the District Office when COVID – 19 started to shut things down. I received the letter below from our circuit visitor -

If you have any other questions or concerns as you help calling congregations resume the process, please don't hesitate to contact President Woodford or myself.

Peace Lutheran – let's stay in prayer as the Lord guides us to our new associate pastor!

Pastor John Pasche

June 16, 2020

Dear MN South District Circuit Visitors,

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many of you with calling congregations have been inquiring as to when it would be possible for congregations in your circuit, who are in the midst of the call process, to resume. President Woodford would like you to know that it is appropriate for you to let congregations know that they can do so at this time, keeping in mind the following points:

Be sure you communicate that the most up-to-date social distancing guidelines should be followed regarding the necessary meetings involved with the call process. (Review MN Gov. Walz's executive orders [here](#).)

Be sure that whatever decisions are made are all done in accordance with the constitution of the congregation. It is critical that all congregational meetings still be properly announced and conducted. Congregational leaders need to do everything they can to avoid disenfranchising any of the voters.

Congregations should be made aware that pastors in general might be inclined to a “No” answer if called, not wanting to leave their present call in the midst of a crisis. There is no way to be sure what every pastor is thinking, but congregations should understand the added burden the pandemic puts on a pastor's heart when making a decision to accept at this time. It doesn't mean the call process should not move on; however, they should be prayerful, deliberate, and patient in working through the call process.

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford

Connect to God and His people in Worship.



OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

- June 6** **Maren Ameila Ptotter**, daughter of Michael and Elyssa Ptotter.
- June 27** **James Patrick Miller**, son of Joshua and Erin Miller

FUNERALS

- June 6** **Merle M. Schlueter**, age 80 passed away May 29
- June 13** **Mary E. Alsleben**, age 95 passed away June 8

MEMORIALS

Paul Lind Memorial

TTNG	\$1,320.00
LLCC	\$200.00
Parish Health	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$1,720.00

Delphine Dobratz Memorial

LLCC	\$200.00
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Lyla Latzig Memorial

unspecified	\$165.00
General Fund	<u>\$75.00</u>
	\$240.00

Merle Schlueter Memorial

TTNG	\$5.00
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Joseph Murphy Memorial

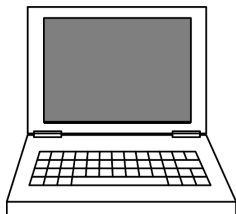
TTNG	\$800.00
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Rueben Hilk Memorial

Building Fund	\$20.00
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Read the Messenger at
plchutch.org/resources-media/

If you enjoy reading the Messenger on your computer or phone, and would like to STOP DELIVERY of the printed copy to your home, please call the church office at 320-587-3031 to have your name removed from our mailing list.



SUMMER CONCERTS

The Summer Concert Series has been rescheduled for 2021. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

QUILTS

The quilt blessing was held on Sunday, June 14th. Quilts will be delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, Minnesota, and then begin their voyage abroad. LWR allows us to track our donations. The past two years, our quilts and baby kits have been delivered to Peru and Nicaragua. Thank you to all of our quilters!



CREATIVE WORSHIP

Many thanks to our Audio-Video teams, Elders and members of Mission and Ministry who have made it possible for us to be able to worship online and via Drive-in services throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for all of the extra volunteers and support!



PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Please join us the weekend of **July 5th**, as we celebrate July 4th and the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans. We will recognize all of our veterans at the beginning of each service.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the Date
Sunday, October 4th

1:00 pm in the Peace Center.

Please contact Deb Koglin at 320-587-5521.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries has an excellent daily devotion, especially if you are missing Portals of Prayer booklet. Go to **www.lhm.org**, scroll down to "devotions", sign up and you will get a special daily devotion for you and your family. The devotion will be available to be read at any time of the day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At "Gangway to Galilee" children discovered how Jesus calls me, teaches me, keeps me safe, saves me, and provides for all my needs.



Phase 1 - VBS Camp, June 22 - 26 . . . attended by two groups, ages 2-4 & 5-9, from Little Lambs Christian Center.

Phase 2 - When the government allows, we are hoping to have small VBS camps in July & August. These may be in local parks or in backyards. We will see how things go and adjust accordingly, so please watch for updates to come.

Questions? Please contact Sandy at 320-587-3031.



Changes Coming to Little Lambs Christian Center!



Beginning with the upcoming school year 2020-21, School Readiness will be embedded in the older preschool day-care classroom. Past experience has shown that there are sufficient preschool slots in the area. Therefore, School Readiness will NOT be offered as a stand-alone program for families in the community. The Little Lambs Christian Center has continued to receive calls from parents seeking before and after school childcare. We are excited to announce that we have expanded the slots available and can now serve more children during those times. The center will continue to use the Pinnacle Christian Curriculum. Thank you to all who continue to pray and support our mission of preparing and educating young children to share the faith, grow in faith, and build for eternity.



PRINCE OF PEACE RETIREMENT LIVING JULY 2020

Oofta! Times are a changin' here at Prince of Peace Retirement Living. Our building is growing and we have some major renovations going on. Our residents and their families are enjoying watching all these changes and are excited to see it all when it's complete.

Another big change is that we have an open 2 bedroom apartment available now.

Fun fact: We haven't had an open apartment available to someone not on the waiting list in over a year. Now is the time to come check it out if you are thinking you need to make a change. If you enjoy good people, socializing, and maintenance free living, give us a call today. You can reach us at 320.234.7588 to set up a tour.

Destini Doring
Services & Fundraising Coordinator
Prince of Peace Retirement Living

Matt 14:16 Dinners

Due to COVID-19 Matt. dinners are postponed thru August. We hope to resume this outreach mission in September, feeding our community with the nourishment of food and God's word.

COMMON CUP**Diaper Drive**

Peace Lutheran is collecting diapers for distribution in August for Common Cup. 80-90 packages are given each month. All sizes, but bigger sizes are needed the most. Please place donations in the Common Cup Cart in the Commons area.

2020 Summer Feeding Program

Runs June 8 - August 14. (It will be closed June 29 - July 3). Times are **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Park Elementary** & **11:15 AM - 12:15 PM at the Hutchinson Middle School**.

Sponsor a Student

Sponsor a McLeod County elementary student for the year. \$200 will provide weekend food and school supplies.

"Backpack" Food Program

is a program to send food home in the backpacks of area elementary school students who receive free and reduced-price lunches. The food will be placed discreetly in the students' backpacks on Fridays, to help tide them over the weekend. During the summer it helps support our Summer Lunch Program.

To find out more information about any of these programs, contact Common Cup at 320-587-2213 or visit www.common-cup.org.



New addition at Prince of Peace Retirement Living.

**Driver Improvement Program**

The Driver Improvement Programs scheduled for July have been **CANCELLED**.

CDC Guidelines permitting, we will be holding Sept. & Oct. classes..

REFRESHER - Sept 10 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Sept 11 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

8 HR CLASS - Oct 5 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Oct 6 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

All classes will be held in Room 207 in the Education Building. Register by calling 1-888-234-1294, Minnesota Safety Research Center, or online at www.mnsafetycenter.org.

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, JULY 14th
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th
12 pm - 6 pm

Peace Center



The **Red Cross Bloodmobile** is continuing during the COVID crisis and we are pleased that we at Peace can help when it is so desperately needed. Many bloodmobiles have had to be cancelled because they can't get enough volunteers to run them. Peace has been blessed with faithful and flexible helpers.

Changes while donating at Peace:

- Masks are required for donors, volunteers and staff.
- The entrance to donate is at the top of the ramp where temperatures are taken before continuing to the registration area and 6 feet of distance is maintained prior to donation.
- Donation tables are further apart and sanitized between uses requiring a little more time.
- Refreshment/ beverage area is distanced and all food and drinks are commercially prepared and packaged.
- Appointments only. This makes it even more important to keep your appointment because it can't be filled by walk-ins. Thank you for continuing to support us.

Appointments can continue to be made on line at redcrossblood.org or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. Call if questions, too. Thank you

COMMUNITY BOOK (DIRECTORY)

An update on the Community Book...Lifetouch does not have a timeline when the Directories will ship. They apologize and hope to soon be working at full capacity to finish the project.

DORCAS – WOMEN IN MISSION

The Dorcas Executive Board will meet Tues. July 7 at 10 am outside in front of the church on Glen Street. In case of rain, we will meet on July 9 at 10 a.m.

If you would like to donate to the mites for LWML you may send check to church marked “MITES” in care of Melva Plath, Dorcas treasurer.

At this time, we will not have a Dorcas Meeting in July. We feel we have a very vulnerable group and will resume meetings when it is safer to do so.

Sharon Christensen
Dorcas President

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MISSION & MINISTRY MINUTES - May 2020

Present: Nick Brellenthin, Coleen Dostal, Barb Otte, Heidi Sickmann, Kim Borka, Troy Puckett, Cindy Mons.
Meeting was set up thru Zoom, by Troy, due to Covid-19, Stay at Home Order by Gov. Waltz.

Call to Order: Nick

Opening Prayer: Nick opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: April 2020 Minutes were discussed, Motion made by Troy, 2nd by Kim and carried to approve April 2020 Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Troy highlighted reports on screen and emailed out. Little Lambs- watching closely, Covid-19 has had an effect on them. Tell the Next Generation had a good month, Dedicated Funds are looking good. Our Building/ Construction loan is at 2,664,475.97. Our monthly mortgage payment is 17,500.00 per month. Even with the changes due to Covid-19, our offerings have been coming in by envelopes dropped off, mailed or at the Parking Lot Services, also thru auto-giving checking and auto credit card giving. Update on PPP Loan and requirements, this will help with payroll, utilities and mortgage interest. Motion was made by Cindy to approved April 2020 Treasurer's report. Motion 2nd by Kim. Motion carried.

Kim: When do you think we can open up (the church) for Worship again?

Troy: After the Salons and Bars open, maybe middle of June.

Nick: Hoping our June Meeting will be in-person. I'll be talking with Kurt Bickel for us to schedule a meeting time with him hopefully June or July.

Nick: We will continue outdoor services for now. Update for call committee- all names submitted- haven't heard anything back yet.

Cindy: Prince of Peace addition planning to have 100% occupancy by Sept 1, 2020. The project is really moving along. Little Lambs opened yesterday, staff has been called back for regular hours or close to regular hours.

Troy: There was a meeting today, masks are strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. Hand washing and hand sanitizer are being used.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pasche has another meeting tonight.

Nick: Prescription update- we are still on track even with Covid-19. Dr. Johnson and Steering committee met a couple of weeks ago. Please keep this process in your prayers. Peace Lutheran Church is moving in a direction together to complete this process and we see our Vision finding its way back to focus why we're here. We can't let that get lost. This Prescription is paramount. What a great opportunity to have our parking lot services! To worship our Lord and Savior! It's good to see everybody,

Thank you for joining the video meeting.

Barb made a Motion to adjourn meeting, Heidi 2nd Motion, Motion carried.

Meeting is adjourned. Next meeting: June 16th

Closed with prayer: Heidi

Respectfully Submitted, Coleen Dostal, Mission and Ministry Secretary

“For the Spirit of God does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.”
2 Timothy 1:7

During these unsettling times and the extended pause in our normal worship schedule, we pray that God will fill all of us with these three gifts – power, love, self-discipline. Please know you are a valued member of our church family. Your ongoing financial support is truly appreciated and making a difference in fulfilling our vision . . .

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WAYS TO GIVE BACK

Mail your Donation: Peace Lutheran Church
400 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350

Drop Off at Church:

Drop offs can be brought in Sunday morning at either church service and also during the week to the church office.

Credit Card Giving:

Give simply and securely via your credit card. You can customize your donations to be one-time or recurring gifts. Contact the finance office to get set up.

Auto Withdrawal Form:

Give simply and securely via your checking/savings account. Customize your donations to be one-time or recurring gifts. This is a unique way to give without writing weekly or monthly checks. It is extremely helpful for more efficient management of the church. Forms available in the church office.

Giving by Text: (320) 310-4695

Text any dollar amount, between \$10 and \$2,000, you would like to give to (320) 310-4695. You’ll receive a text with a link to complete your payment details. Tap the link. Enter your info with the credit/debit card you’d like to use. You only need to fill out this form the first time you give. Next time you would like to give, just text your gift amount to (320) 310-4695. Watch a short video to walk you thru at plchutch.org/give/

OTHER OPTIONS

Lasting Gifts:

You can donate stocks, bonds, or mutual funds as gifts or do a planned gift as a portion of your estate.

Congregational Fund:

A Congregational fund was established for those who wish to make a lasting gift or bequest that will continue serving in their memory long after their gift is made.

In considering your estate and charitable plans for the future, you may not only be thinking about how to help your family and save on taxes, but also how you might benefit the ministries of Peace Lutheran Church. You can support the endowment in one of three ways:

Give now and offer immediate support to the Fund

Give later and benefit the Fund upon death.

Give and receive by giving income now + a later gift.

Thrivent Opportunities:

Choice Dollars – If you have investments with Thrivent you may be eligible to direct Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice to Peace Lutheran Church*.

Thrivent Grants – Up to \$250 grants to sponsor events at Peace Lutheran Church.

***Please call 1-800-847-4836 to designate your dollars.**

For questions regarding Methods of Giving, contact Troy Puckett, Treasurer, phone: (320) 587-3031 ext. 2761 or for more information on **GIVING BACK**, visit plchutch.org/give/

God’s Blessings to you!

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Blessed ★
is the nation whose
GOD
is the LORD.

~ Psalm 33:12

The staff at Peace wish you and your family a safe & happy July 4th.