

October 2021



# Messenger of PEACE

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## Clinging to God's Certain Promises

We waver, we flinch, we doubt, we're frightened. Is God's promise — His hope — lost in the middle of pandemic and pandemonium? Never. He gave you everything (Rom. 8:32) in order to keep His promise to you, to give you all things, that you would never be separated from Him. To that end, even in the face of what seems impossible, He is working that His will be done.

In every time and place, Jesus Christ is the foundation of genuine courage in confession. He is God's truth, "our confidence alone" (Lutheran Service Book 909:1), the guarantee of life in the secure, blissful joy of His risen and ascended presence. These things shall have no end. They cannot possibly be bound by time or limited by worldly orders to shelter in place or work from home.

You and I are heading to our real home! We do not place our faith in created things, for they are passing away. What came in the beginning, then from Sinai, from Calvary, from the mouths of God's spokesmen, from countless altars where the body and blood of Jesus was distributed, from the time and place where you were baptized, is a beautiful sacred mystery of being one — in Christ, with Him, with you and me and all the saints who have gone before. This blessed unity presses forward to the day when all are filled with the fullness of God, when the mortal has put on immortality (1 Cor. 15:53) and every voice is lifted in genuine praise at the triumphant feast of the Lamb of God. "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [we] press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12-14).

In Christ,

Rev. Kevin D. Robson

Chief Mission Officer, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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## PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

**Saturday**

**6:30 pm | Sanctuary**

**Sunday**

**8:00 am | Sanctuary**

**9:15 am | Peace Center**

(livestreamed)

**10:30 am | Sanctuary**

(livestreamed)

## ONLINE WORSHIP

**Livestream**

[plchutch.org](http://plchutch.org) Watch Live@8:30am

**FacebookLive**

[www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN](https://www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN)

**YouTube**

[www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn](https://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn)



**CABLE TV  
HCVN**

chan 10 – Nuvera,  
chan 8 – Mediacom

**Sunday 7 pm & 10 pm**

**Wednesday 5 pm**

**Thursday 10 am**





## OFFICIAL ACTS

### BAPTISMS

September 4	Eloise Jane Bjork, daughter of Gregory & Jenna Bjork
September 7	Wyatt Lee Kephart, son of Michael & Lindsey Kephart
September 12	Mercy Joelle Ann Blackstone, daughter of Joel & Melanie Blackstone

### WEDDINGS

September 11	Paige Wiehr & Gregor Fraser
September 18	Courtney Frick & Todd Breyer

### MEMORIALS

John Aul	\$200	Missions
	200	Cemetery Fund
	150	General Fund
	15	LLCC
	20	TTNG
	<u>\$585</u>	Total
Charles (Chuck) Schmidt	\$250	Alaska Missions
	250	India Missions
	300	Operation Shoe Box
	100	Matthew Dinners
	200	Adult Bible Study
	300	Sr High Youth
	200	Youth Bibles
	210	Dorcas
	10	TTNG
	846	Brass Cross & Candle holders for Peace Center Altar
	<u>\$2,666</u>	Total
Lonnie Lenzen	\$15	Parish Health Services



## All Saints Day – November 6 & 7



All Saints Service -- On the week-end of November 6-7 we will be reading the names of those who have passed into eternal life in the past year. Recognition will take place at all services. If your family was unable to attend the All Saints service in 2020 due to COVID and wish to have your loved-one's name read this year, please contact the church office. Invitation letters will be mailed in October to the nearest family contact person in our records.

## Matthew 14:16 Dinner

The Matthew 14:16 Dinner is served the 4th Sunday of each month in the Peace Center.



The Next Dinner is:  
**Sun. October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**5 - 6 pm**  
**Peace Center**

**Please Join Us - Everyone's Welcome!**

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58*

### October Greeters

<b>Oct 3</b>	
8:00	Marlys Palmer, June Beach
9:15	Ron & Barb Kirchoff
10:30	Ron & Barb Kirchoff
<b>Oct 10</b>	
8:00	Jerry & Nancy Fischer
9:15	Darrel & Shelly Rusch
10:30	Gloria Janike, Wayne Vinkemeier
<b>Oct 17</b>	
8:00	Cyndy Fallon
9:15	Wayne Vinkemeier
10:30	Pat Schmidt
<b>Oct 24</b>	
8:00	Dennis & Terri Jannusch
9:15	Anita & Jeff Miller
10:30	Sandy & John Lietz
<b>Oct 31</b>	
8:00	Mary Melin
9:15	Betty Ruskamp
10:30	Jeff & Anita Miller

### October Ushers

<b>Team #1 (8:00)</b>
Glenn Witte
Doug Witte
Scott Lund
Brian Koehler
<b>Team #6 (10:30)</b>
Weston Plath
Travis Brecht
Brad Havemeier
Gary Havemeier
Ethan Kaufmann
Roger Kaufmann



### October Readers

<b>6:30pm</b>
Sat, Oct 2: Joanne Keilen
Sat, Oct 9: Dick Higgins
Sat, Oct 16: Joanne Keilen
Sat, Oct 23: Annette Koehler
Sat, Oct 30: Kevin Heikes



<b>8:00am</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Sun, Oct 3: Arlene Benshoof		Jim Warnke
Sun, Oct 10: Marlene Hamblin	Betty Ruskamp	Lynn Brown
Sun, Oct 17: Ginny Newman	Shari Zieman	John Lietz
Sun, Oct 24: Gwen Wichman	Anita Miller	Marlene Hamblin
Sun, Oct 31: Margo Kaping	Jeff Miller	Darlyn Egge

Looking for people who would like to read scripture during a worship service. Contact Cyndy Fallon @ 320-587-5517, Thank you.



Word Alone. Grace Alone. Faith Alone. God's Word says that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace alone means that God loves, forgives, and saves us not because of who we are or what we do, but because of the work of Christ.

### Join us in Celebration for Special Reformation Services

**Sunday, October 31**

**8:00 am • 9:15 am • 10:30 am**

**German Dinner -- 11:00 - 12:30 pm**

*Thank you, Altar Guild members, for your dedication and service to the beautification of our Sanctuary & Worship services.*

### Peace Lutheran Altar Guild

The Altar Guild, as of now, consists of 8 members working in teams of two.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:

##### 1. WEEKLY:

- Put flowers on altar for Saturday and Sunday services as well as flowers from funerals, weddings, etc.
- Take flowers down after services.

##### 2. SPECIAL CHURCH HOLIDAYS:

###### A. LENT

1. Wed. of Holy Week, clean woodwork in chancel, including organ and pulpit.
2. Thurs. change over to black.
3. Holy Saturday, decorate for Easter.
4. Water plants and lillies during the week.

###### B. CHRISTMAS

1. Decorate Sanctuary.
2. Participate in hanging of the greens.
3. Water poinsettias during the week.
4. Take down decorations after Epiphany.

We invite you become a part of the Altar Guild at Peace! Please contact Betty Ruskamp, 587-6087 for more information.



### PRINCE OF PEACE RETIREMENT LIVING OCTOBER 2021

Calling all volunteers and supporters of Prince of Peace Retirement Living! If you enjoy volunteering and would like to support us, please reach out to join our volunteer team. We are in need of meal volunteers to help serve on weekends and building volunteers. Our Meal Volunteer Program is a big supporter of keeping our home-cooked meal costs down for our residents. No time to volunteer - we have an easy way to donate. If you, like many others, use Amazon regularly you can support us with almost every order. If you go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and select the hamburger menu on the top left side you can scroll down to Amazon Smile to select us as your charity to support. By doing this - a percentage of qualifying purchases will automatically be donated to us each month. Please contact Lisa Hoff, Resident Services Specialist, with any questions. Thank you for all of your continued support! We are blessed with the very best!

Destini Doring,  
Executive Director



**little lambs**  
CHRISTIAN CENTER

### Little Lambs Christian Center!

Heather Pagel, LLCC Center Director

October 2021

The leaves are falling, and the air is getting cooler. Little Lambs is getting ready to learn all about Fall. The Infant room is welcoming some new babies and also saying "good luck" to those going onto the next room. They will also be playing with pumpkins and making pumpkin art. The Toddler room will be talking about the changing of the leaves and what different colors they see around the center/church. The Preschool room will be working on tracing their names and letters. They will be working with teachers on how to correctly hold a pencil in their hand and write their own first name. The PreK classroom will be working on their cooking skills and baking Apple muffins with Marlys over in the Peace Center.

LLCC is also hiring for both part-time workers and full-time workers. If you are interested or know anyone who would love to work with children, please reach out to me, Heather Pagel, with what you are interested in. You can reach me at 320.587.2629 or email me at [littlelambs@hutchtel.net](mailto:littlelambs@hutchtel.net). We would love for you to join our Little Lambs team and share God's grace with the children here at LLCC.

Many Blessings,  
Heather Pagel, Center Director

*Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.*

## LWML



LWML Sunday is October 3. The theme is "Our hearts in His hand" written by Dr. Dale Meyer, President Emeritus, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. Wear purple in honor and support of the LWML. Check out the display table that will be in the Commons area that weekend.

The Crow River Conference Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 9 at St. John's Lutheran in Buffalo. Registration (\$5) and coffee at 9:00 a.m. Program begins at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Alfrieda Baldwin, micro-school founder of Laurel Community School in St. Paul. Gifts from the Heart will be to the Laurel School. More details are available on the LWML bulletin board.

There will NOT be an October meeting of LWML/Dorcas. Instead, we encourage you to attend the Crow River Conference Fall Rally on October 9 at St. John's Lutheran in Buffalo.

The Mission Servants group will be resuming their activities starting in October. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the church basement. All are welcome to join them.

A group from our church goes to the Bethesda Thrift Shop in Minnetonka each month on the fourth Friday. If you are interested in going along, contact Jeanne Cassens at 583-9164.



## Bloodmobile

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>**  
12 pm - 6 pm Peace Center

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
12 pm - 6 pm Peace Center

- Refreshment/ beverage area is distanced and all food and drinks are prepared and packaged.
- Appointments only can continue to be made on line at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. Thank you for continuing to support us.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

## BRANSON at CHRISTMAS!

**NOVEMBER 2 - 7**

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>**



It's time to get out of the house after a very long year and hit the road for Branson. We will be leaving Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and returning Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. In Kansas City we will be stopping off at the Drury Inn on the way down and back. The Lodge of the Ozarks is a very nice hotel that we will be staying at in Branson.

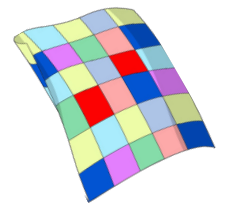
There is a great line-up of shows for you including, The Texas Tenors, The Life of Jesus at the Sight and Sound Theater, Rick Thomas, an Illusionist, The Oak Ridge Boys and Oh Happy Day, a classic gospel show. On our last trip to Branson, everyone on the bus voted "Oh Happy Day" the best show ever. We will also have time to shop including a winery. We will also be seeing the drive through Christmas Light Show "Lights of Joy".

Cost for the trip is \$675.00 for Double, \$575.00 for triple, \$815.00 for Single and \$550.00 for Quad. This includes everything except meals on the road and 2 lunches in Branson, however, the hotel breakfasts are huge so you may not need lunch. Very large dinners are included in the price.

Payment is due upon booking. All Peace Members and friends are more than welcome.

## PEACE MISSIONS

### Mission Quilting to begin October 6



We meet the first, third & fifth Wednesdays of the month from 1-3 pm in the church basement. **NEWCOMERS WELCOME!** No sewing skills are required to tie the quilts. If you can tie your shoes you can tie a quilt. We have many experienced members ready and willing to teach you what to do. Supplies are provided but you are welcome to bring your favorites if you like.

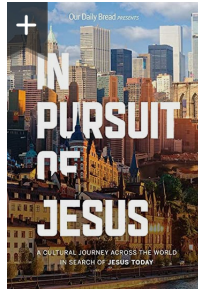
Quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief and are used all over the world. They are used for keeping warm, and sometimes for shelter as walls or roofs. For those of us that can't go to the mission fields it is a personal way to touch those lives and spread God's love. Hope you will consider helping. Call Shirley at 587-5064 or Phyllis at 587-0185 if you have any questions. Thank you.



## GROWING in God's Word

### There's still Time to Join a Small Group

Peace Lutheran will launch its  
**Annual Fall Small Group Video  
Bible Study** the  
Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>.



**"In Pursuit of Jesus"**  
by Our Daily Bread Ministries

Our Daily Bread is a Christian organization founded by Dr. Martin De Haan in 1938. It is based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with over 600 employees and produces several devotional publications. Our goal is to have a minimum of 25 small groups. Do you enjoy a discussion with a group of your friends over a cup of coffee and a snack? The groups are designed for up to 10 people and can meet at church or in a home.

Fill out a registration form or call the church office to sign up for a group. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Kephart 320-587-3031 or maizy@hutchtel.net.

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### Lunch & Time in God's Word Every Wednesday Sept - May



You are invited to enjoy a tasty lunch with fellowship along with time in God's Word every Wednesday September - May.

Lunch is served beginning at 11:45 am with Time in God's Word beginning at 12:20 pm.

George Quast, Dale Schuman, and Wayne Vinkemeier are leading the Bible study. It's a tremendous opportunity not only for yourself, but maybe there is a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker who would be blessed by attending the Wednesday Lunch & Word of God. Prayerfully think about who you may bring. The cost of the lunch is covered by a free will offering.

### SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ REFRESHER COURSE ~

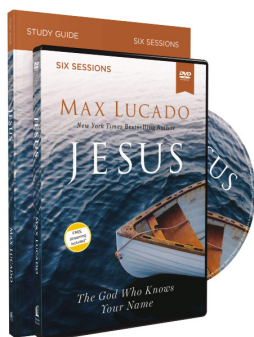


**Mon. October 18, 1-5 pm**  
**Room 207 Education Building**

If you are in need of a refresher to get a discount on your car insurance please call the State of Minnesota to sign up for our class in October, 320-308-1406.

Class is for adults 55 years or older & for a 10% reduction on car insurance.

Thank you, Renee Clabo, Parish Health



### Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:15 am | Room 207

Join us each Sunday Morning and enjoy coffee, fellowship, and time in God's Word. The Bible Study class will meet in Room 207 on the upper floor of the education building. The current Bible Study is "Jesus" by Max

Lucado, a 6-week Bible study. Award-winning author Max Lucado reveals in this video Bible study that in order to really know God and understand the Gospel, it's essential that we take a closer look at Jesus' humanity. Everyone is welcome!



**THANK YOU** - To those who have brought in their Extra Garden Produce to share with members here at Peace! It has been enjoyed by many, thank you!

*Peace members providing Community support.*

### Thank You!! Thank You!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the people who made the Annual Ice Cream Social a great success. Thanks to the very dedicated workers who made the homemade pie crust and pies, to all who prepared the food and came to serve it. Your dedication is overwhelming. Thank you to all the people who attended the event. With all the events happening that Saturday, your attendance at our social was reassuring. It was a fun and enjoyable evening and we hope to make it bigger and better next year on Sept 15, 2022. Congregational Services Committee



## YOUTH CONNECT

Grades 6 - 12



### OCT. 27<sup>th</sup> - TRICK OR TREAT for the FOOD SHELF - HAY (Hutch Area Youth)

Youth will be going door-to-door throughout Hutchinson to collect non-perishable food items for the food shelf.

#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP

**Youth** -be a part of a fun evening of asking for food donations.

**Parents/Adults** -help drive and/or serve pizza following the event.

**Congregation Members** -turn your light on and have donations ready to give when students come to your door. You can also set outside your door for pick up.



### SAVE-THE-DATE!

#### 2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING - JULY 9-13, 2022

Peace Lutheran youth will be headed to Houston! We will be registering for the event in November, so stay tuned for any updates, cost, and details for this trip/ event. We will also be looking for adult chaperones/leaders for the trip as well, so prayerfully consider going!

### Join a Worship Team!

Audio Video Teams - We are looking for additional volunteers for our AV teams. This is a great service opportunity for families and youth who enjoy computers! Please contact Dr. Joan or any of our team members for more information.

9:15am Kevin Schmuhl and Justin Evenson

10:30am Brian Gartner and Ross Peterson.

AV service credit is available for confirmation students/families.

At the present time, there are no volunteers for Saturday night or Sunday morning at 8:00am.

### Questions?

Paul Otte, Confirmation

Call the church office 320-587-3031

Sandy Kephart, Interim Youth Coordinator

Maizy@hutchtel.net

### Register for Youth Programs!

#### Confirmation | Wednesdays

Grade 6 | 2:30 pm | Begins Sept 21

Grade 7, 8 | 6:30 pm | Begins Sept 22

#### High School Youth Grade 9-12

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

#### Sunday School | Sundays Grade 6-12

Sept. 26-May. 8 | 9:15 am

Hey Youth! We are planning lots of FUN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES this year! So stay CONNECTED! You'll be glad you did!

### Peace Hosts Thursday Free Lunch at Crosspoint Church.



This year there will be 3 lunch periods, beginning at 10:45. We should be done and cleaned up by 1:00 -1:30pm. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Sandy Kephart at 587-3031. Thank you!

Peace Lutheran serve dates:

Sept. 30, Nov. 18, Jan 13, Feb. 24, Apr 14

PRAYZ TEAM - After a long pause due to COVID, we are back! Students and youth are encouraged to serve as song leaders and provide special music. Please contact Dr. Joan if you are interested. Rehearsals can be scheduled according to your availability.



Praise Team Song Leaders for Contemporary Worship - We are in need of some additional praise team leaders and instrumentalists for the 9:15am worship service. If you are interested, please schedule a time to meet with Dr. Joan.

If you are interested in joining a music or AV team, please contact Dr. Joan at 587-3031.

## KIDS CONNECT

For Kids age 3 - Grade 5

Register for Programs at

**plchutch.org**

ALL Programs are FREE -  
We encourage kids to bring friends!

### ■ Sunday School Age 3 - Gr K

**Sept. 26-May. 8**

Children can come and interact with friends and teachers to learn about the Old and New Testament through team building games, movies, crafts, and Bible stories. There is music each week as well that the children will be working on towards Family Worship. Jesus is constantly showing us his great plan and we love to teach the little ones how it is unfolding into a bigger plan for them.

### ■ Sunday School Grades 1 - 5

**Sept. 26 - May. 8**

This is a wonderful interactive way for children to study and explore Bible stories from the Old and New Testament. The children will learn how God is at work for the benefit of his people: guiding, preserving, and saving them. Friends are always welcome.

#### Option One: Traditional

9:15 - 10:15

Meet in the church basement for songs, opening devotion & lesson.

#### Option Two: Combination

At 9:15, they will be with their family at worship in Peace Center and will be excused before the message. Children will be escorted to basement for Sunday School which concludes at 10:15.

### ■ Release Time Grades 2-5

**Wed. Morning Oct 27 - Mar 30** Church Basement

This is a great mid-week program in which children are released from school for one hour to go to a church of their choice for religious education.

**\*\*REGISTRATION must be done prior to attending to be excused from school. Forms are returned TO THE SCHOOL.**

### ■ MAP (Mission Awareness Program) Grades 1-5

Two-Hour Late Start (ISD 423)

**5 DATES - Oct 6, Nov 10, Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4**

Church Basement

The program will meet at Peace Lutheran when the public school has a regular scheduled two-hour late start. The children will enjoy breakfast, learn about a mission project and work on activities for mission. Bring your friends!

### Questions?

**Sandy Kephart**, Elementary Ministries  
Maizy@hutchtel.net  
320-587-3031

**Stacy Miller**, Early Childhood Ministries  
plc3kministry@hutchtel.net  
320-587-3031

**NEW!**

## Two Elementary Youth Groups

Every Tuesday & Wednesday

### ■ Elementary Youth Group (Grades 1-3)

Every Tuesday beginning Sept. 21

3:45-4:45 in the church basement

- Elementary youth will have to find their own transportation from Tiger Elementary.

### ■ Pre Teen Youth Group (Grades 4-6)

Every Wednesday beginning Sept. 22

3:45-4:45 at Church Basement.

- Preteens can safely walk from Park on their own.

- Grade 6 can join the fun at 4:00 after confirmation.



## Peace Packing Shoeboxes!

**Sunday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 - 10:15 am**

**Come & join the fun!!**

You may bring these items to church and put them in the "Operation Christmas Child" box in the Commons Area at Peace.

- 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- pens
- pencils and sharpeners
- color crayons
- color pencils and sharpeners
- tape
- bandages
- balls (baseball size works great)
- combs and brushes
- hair accessories
- soccer ball and pump
- any toy that is not war related

Dear Members of Peace Lutheran Church,

As you are aware, the last year of our life together has included many challenges. But what some of you may not be aware of, this included significant unrest among our staff, congregational leadership, and Pastor Pasche. Beginning last November, the MN South District of the LCMS has been helping us navigate our way through these difficult times. With their assistance, the unfortunate but needed recognition has been made that it is now time for Pastor Pasche and Peace to amicably part ways to avoid further unnecessary unrest. Pastor Pasche and the leadership of Peace have made an agreement for a peaceful release of Pastor Pasche that became effective on Wednesday, September 22.

As leaders of Peace, we understand there will be many questions. The short answer is there is enough blame to go around and all bear accountability in this unfortunate situation. Our desire is to be as transparent as possible without violating any confidence and to put the best construction on everything as the 8th commandment and its meaning invite us to do. We desire the best for the congregation and Pastor

Pasche but understand healing and the building of trust among our membership must also take place.

With the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of His Word and Holy Spirit leading the way, we are confident this can happen. Let us strive to be patient with each another as we move forward. The MN South District will continue to assist us as we do so. Your Council and Elders will do our best to keep you all regularly informed of what is happening and the vacancy plans moving forward. Join us in praying for Pastor Pasche and Nancy, one another, and for a strengthening of faith toward God and love for one another.

As I mentioned, MN South District President Lucas Woodford and his staff have been a valuable resource to our leadership. I am pleased to share with you that Pastor James Fuchs, Pastor Joseph Asher, and Pastor Bode have graciously agreed to assist us leading worship services as well as other pastoral care duties.

That all know the Peace of God  
Bob Sylvester, President, Mission and Ministry Council

## *Please Welcome Peace* **Vacancy Pastors**

### **Pastor James Fuchs**

Pastor James grew up in Northeastern Iowa the son of a rural ALC Lutheran Pastor. He graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1971. His Internship (Vicariate) was Elgin State Hospital in Elgin, IL. where he completed an additional year Clinical Pastoral Education. Some family issues prevented ordination at that time and he went into corporate America where he served as a Sr. Executive for over 25 years. He left corporate America and became an Ordained Minister in the LCMS through the colloquy process on October 17, 2010. Immediately after Ordination he completed training as an Intentional Interim Minister and has served in various capacities throughout southern Minnesota. He is trained as a Reconciler with Ambassadors of Reconciliation and is continuing advancement with this organization. Pastor James is an avid reader of Psychology, Theology, and History. He also has completed significant graduate work in clinical psychology. Pastor James' wife, Karen Van Wert joins him in ministry as a handbell soloist and instructor. They reside in Savage, MN.

### **Pastor Joe Asher**

Rev. Joseph Asher has had a long and varied ministry with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In 1978, he was a seventh and eighth grade teacher at St. Paul- First English Lutheran School in New Orleans. From there he went to seminary and completed his M.Div (1984) at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. He then served in the Southern and Indiana Districts as a parish pastor.

Then for fourteen years, he was a public high school teacher in Fort Wayne, Indiana, while also serving as an intentional interim pastor in two LCMS congregations. While at Homestead HS, he earned an MA in Communications from Purdue, and he taught all English and communications (speech, debate, and radio) classes for fourteen years. While there, he also coached baseball and academic teams, and he also had the privilege of teaching adult continuing education classes (speech) for pre-seminary students an adjunct professor for Concordia University, WI.

Coming back into the full-time ministry, he worked as a chaplain for the Indiana Department of Corrections (five years), finishing up at Westville prison, and then he was called by the Office of International Missions- LCMS (2014) to go as a missionary to Asia and Germany. From there, in January, 2021, he retired from pastoral ministry after thirty-seven years on the clergy roster.

Wife Jennie Asher worked as a public school spec. educ. and elem. educ. teacher for 12 years, including 5 yrs at Park Elem, Hutchinson. She is also an LCMS Deaconess and has served as Missionary to the Deaf in New England, a parish Deaconess in Michigan, and Director for the Deaconess Program at Concordia University, Chicago. She earned an Ed. D from Northern Illinois University in Education Technology with an emphasis on Distance Learning. She then served as a missionary with Joe. Now she works as a first through third grade special education teacher at New Discoveries Montessori Academy in Hutchinson.



## October 2021 Prayer Calendar

**1** My presence will go with you and I will give you rest. Exodus 33:14 **Heavenly Father, we pray today that we look to You for guidance in our lives trusting in Your love and grace.**

**2** The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him. Psalms 34:7 **Dear Lord, help us to let go of our fears and our lack of trust in You. Thank You for sending Your heavenly angels to surround and protect us.**

**3** You are the Light of the World, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14 **Dear Lord, help us to be the light of the world, reflecting Your love to those around us, our family, our friends, our nation, and the world.**

**4** God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46: 1 **Lord, thank You for being my refuge and strength. I pray for Your peace and discernment in every trouble I face.**

**5** Do not let your hands fall limp, the Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. Zephaniah 3:17 **Dear Lord, the battle is won. Thank You. Show me today how I can use my hands and feet in showing gratitude to You.**

**6** Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled nor do not be afraid. John 14:27. **Dear Lord, take my fear. Quiet my mind as it races. In times of strife, give me your peace.**

**7** Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask and think, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and forever. Amen. Ephesians 3: 20-21 **Dear Lord, I lift my eyes and I give praise to You today. Thank You for working in my life and the life of my family.**

**8** I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13. **Heavenly Father, let us rest in the knowledge of Your goodness that the trials we face each day can be faced. You give us hope Lord. Thank You for Your unfailing love.**

**9** Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14. **Dear heavenly Father, yesterday we may have despaired. Today we find confidence in You. Thank You for Your promise to love and carry us through trials. We ask for Your strength and courage as we wait for You.**

**10** In my Father's House are many rooms, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2 **Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for facing crucifixion and preparing a room for me in Your home. Help me to consider my eternal and ultimate destination today. Amen.**

**11** Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23 **Dear Heavenly Father, may my heart be fixed on You today and always. Amen**

**12** For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come. Hebrews 13:14 **Dear Heavenly Father, I ask Your help today to seek You. Deliver me from the worries and concerns of this world. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**13** Our Help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8 **Dear Lord, You made heaven and earth. Thank You for also making me. With gratitude, I give thanks for all of creation. Help me to care for all You have entrusted to me. Amen.**

**14** While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22 **Dear Father of the Harvest, as we place our gardens to rest, and the air turns cool, You reveal Your power and glory. Thank You for showing us the glory of Your creation. Amen.**

**15** Let me hear of Your loving kindness in the morning; for I trust in You; teach me the way I should walk; for to You I lift up my soul. Psalm 143:8 **Dear Heavenly Father, while I doubt and wrestle with fear, You promise loving kindness. Help me to trust in You. Amen.**

**16** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind and trees bearing fruit with seed in them...a third day. Genesis 1:12-13 **Dear Creator, even before You made man, You covered the earth with beauty and food to sustain us. Thank You for Your provisions and preparing for my way and for those I love. Amen**

**17** Your word is a lamp to my feed and a light to my path. Psalm 8:3-4 **Dear Lord, light my way today. Where I have worries, quiet them with Your words and give peace and rest to my heart. Amen.**

**18** What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Psalm 4 **Dear Heavenly Father, today I honor You and praise You for thinking of me. How incredible that I should be a single thought for You. I praise Your holy name! Amen.**

**19** ...the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their Shepherd and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17 **Dear Lamb of God, take away my sin, cleanse my heart and mind and guide me to Your water of life. Thank You for the promise that one day my tears will be wiped away by Jesus himself. Amen.**

**20** ...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1 John 5:12 **Dear Lord, thank You for sending Your son to die for us. I praise You today for your countless mercies. Help me today, Lord to shine the confidence of your promise to others I encounter today. Amen.**

**21** How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand... Psalm 139:17-18 **Dear God, Creator of the Earth and every grain of sand. Thank You for considering me and my pleas. Today I give You my honor and praise. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**22** Test me in this...and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will have room enough for it. Malachi 3:10 **Dear God, thank You for throwing floodgates of mercy open for me. Amen.**

**23** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 **Dear Heavenly Father, forgive my doubt and fear. Forgive me for trying to lean on my limited understanding. Help me to see You in my daily coming and going, and I give You my trust. Thank You for making my path straight. Amen.**

**24** He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. Psalm 23:2-3 **Lord, fill my heart with Your loving Spirit and restore my soul.**

**25** Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 **Lord help me to show love and kindness to those around me. Give me a forgiving heart showing mercy to others as You have shown to me.**

**26** The Lord is my portion, says my soul. Therefore I have hope in Him. Lamentations 3:24 **Lord, help us as sinners to hope for our salvation. Keep our focus on Your great love and mercy.**

**27** Be angry, yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity. Ephesians 4:26-27 **Heavenly Father, guide our hearts and tongues when we are angry at the world around us, our family, or our friends. Give us a loving heart and help us to let go of our sin for Your sake.**

**28** However, our God turned the curse into a blessing. Nehemiah 13:2 **Father, help up to trust in You in time of frustration when life seems to not go our way. Help us to daily see the Your blessing in our times of struggle.**

**29** Lead me to a rock that is higher than I am. Psalm 61:2 **Lord, help me to seek You, to aspire to those things that would please You rather than the world. Forgive my failings when I do fail to put You first in my life.**

**30** This is the way, walk in it. Isaiah 30:21 **Heavenly Father, Your loving kindness is ever true. Help us to hear Your Word and walk in the light of Your love. Guide us and keep us from straying from Your ways.**

**31** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Lord, as we count our blessings and gather the fall harvests, we thank You for the gifts You have graciously given to us. We are undeserving and sinful creatures, yet You are merciful Lord. Let all the earth praise Your Holy Name!



## **LETTER: Thank you Peace Lutheran blood drives**

Article Taken from HutchinsonLeader.com

Although Peace Lutheran Church has been hosting American Red Cross blood drives since 1993, its blood drive held Wednesday, Sept. 14, marked 10 years of hosting monthly blood drives — a milestone worth celebrating!

Shirley Wurdell, Peace Lutheran's parish health nurse who's helped coordinate blood drives since the start, says it's become a fine-tuned event.

"We can't advertise much because we're always full," she said. "People like being helpful, and donating blood is a great way to help others."

The monthly blood drives are popular, and appointments are rarely available because donors sign up in advance for their next donation following each drive. One reason for the blood drives being so popular could be the home-baked goodies provided to donors and volunteers. Every blood drive, a different group provides cookies or snacks and lunch for the Red Cross staff.

The Red Cross is profoundly grateful for Peace Lutheran's support of the blood program. During the past year, when blood drives were being canceled across the country due to the pandemic, Peace Lutheran continued its monthly drives. Each drive collects an average of 128 pints of lifesaving blood, and the Sept. 14 drive was no exception with 146 pints collected on a goal of 135.

"That's amazing and shows just how dedicated the blood donors are," said Jillian Turner, a Red Cross account manager. "Without the support of Peace Lutheran and the generosity of the Hutchinson-area donors, we would not be able to ensure blood product availability for patients in need."

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# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LWML Sunday</b> 8:00 Worship/Communion 9:15 Adult Bible Class 9:15 Contemp Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Communion	3 9:00 Body & Soul 10:00 Prayer Chain 3:30 & 6:30 Small Group Bible Study	4 10:00 POP Bible Study 11:00 Staff / Life Stage 3:30 Elem Youth Gr 1-3 6:30 Elders 6:30 Promise Keepers	5 8:00 MAP (Late Start) 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 1:00 Mission Sewing 2:30 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 3:30 Pre-Teen Youth Gr 4-5 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Sr. High Youth 6:30 Handbells	6 3-5pm LSS Dementia Support Group 5:00 TWM Bible Study No Dorcas Mtg.	7 Wedding Rehearsal	8 9:00 Women's Retreat 3:30 Elling/Burm.Wedd 6:30 Worship
10 8:00 Worship Blood Pressure Checks 9:15 Adult Bible Class 9:15 Contemp Worship/Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 9:00 Body & Soul 3:30 & 6:30 Small Group Bible Study	12 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Dorcas Exec Bd. 11:00 Staff / Life Stage 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile 3:30 Elem Youth Gr 1-3 6:30 Promise Keepers	13 9:00 Release Time 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 2:30 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 3:30 Pre-Teen Youth Gr 4-5 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Sr. High Youth 6:30 Handbells	14 10:00 Park Towers 5:00 TWM Bible Study 7:00 Trustees	15 9:00 Bethesda Thrift Shop	16 PC Private event 6:30 Worship
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# Reformation Sunday **CELEBRATION**

**Sun. October 31  
German Dinner  
11 am - 12:30 pm**

Suggested Donation:

**\$8.00 adults    \$5.00 age 10 & under**



**Take-Out Dinners  
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**Handbells will be  
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**Questions? Call  
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**MENU:**

**Brats • Sauerkraut • Red Cabbage  
German Potato Salad • Chicken in Cream Sauce  
Spatzle • Swirl Rye Bread  
Apple Crisp & Ice Cream • Beverage**