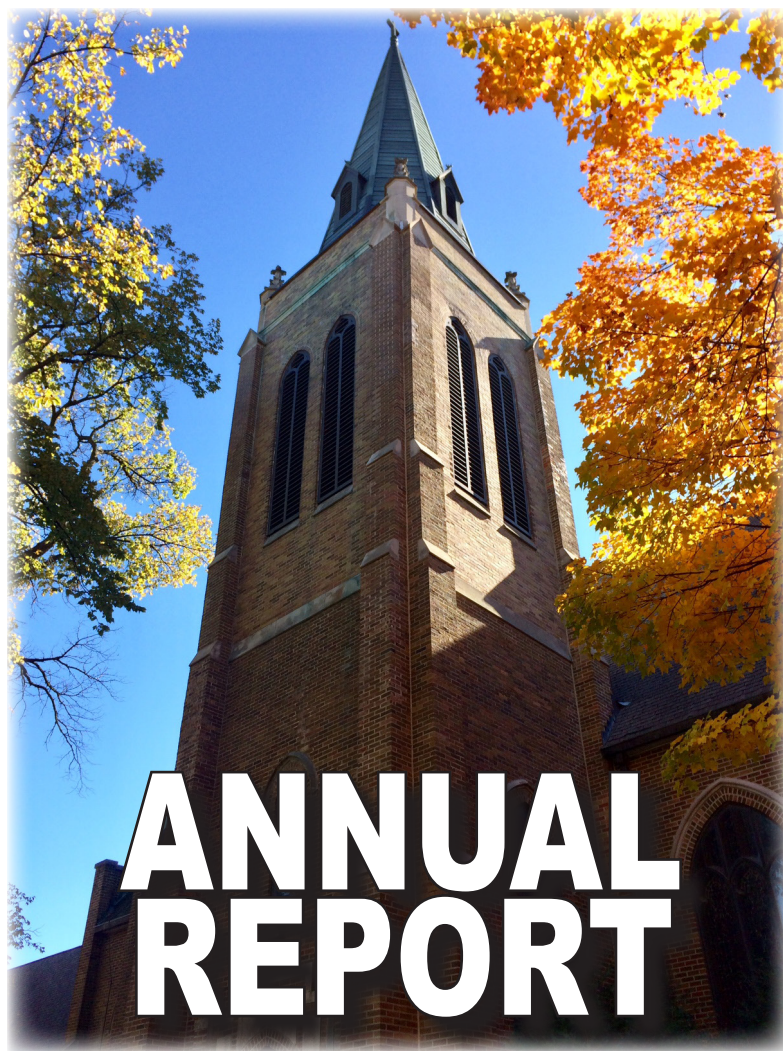




PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be; Make me a servant, make me a servant
Make me a servant today.*

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A Message from Pastor: Joseph Asher



Dear Members;

John 13:34-35

34 (Jesus said) A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.

And here is the really interesting thing, at the beginning of the John 13 chapter, Jesus took the place of a servant, and washed His disciples' feet. Only the lowest of importance servants would have the job of washing feet. But Jesus, though He is the Son of God and Savior of the world, and though He is the Teacher/ Master of His disciples, out of love, He washed the feet of all twelve of His disciples.

We don't wash the feet of those we love anymore. We don't live in dry and dusty Israel, and most of the time we don't wear sandals. But as our Lord commands us, Christ would have us put others first in the way He put His disciples first.

We like getting our own way. We like everyone listening to us and doing what we want. But when we follow Christ's command and love those around us, we delight in serving them and doing what they want.

At Peace Lutheran Church, we need to give up what we want in service to Christ and out of love for one another.

Change is coming- and we must be servants to one another, realizing we're not always going to get our way.

We are here to SERVE CHRIST, and also each other, too.

The church, including Peace Lutheran, will never make everyone happy. But personal happiness is NOT our goal.

We want to make God happy. Our goal is to be faithful to Christ and follow Him.

A few of the changes that are coming:

- New Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) who could arrive as early as late April, or possibly next year.
- New worship schedule and plan- Numbers attending can't support 4 weekend services
- Sunday school hour for all ages- Adults at PLC need to be in God's Word at the same Sunday morning time children are. Why? Because God's Word (Romans 10:17) deepens faith and commitment to Christ, and we all need this.

We need to be prepared for change at all times. We faced COVID changes, staff changes, Catechism class changes, etc., through our recent history. Our Creator built change into our world through SEASONAL change... and we all have to adapt to that. The good news is that God gave us all His Spirit (1 John 4:13) to handle the changes we face... and keep our eyes on Christ. The Lord will continue to sustain us as we face the future.

But in these important times, let's remember the Lord's command to be servants as we love one another. And let's also remember that Christ never gives us a command unless He also gives us the power to do what He commands. Christ has given us His Spirit (the Holy Spirit) to live the life He commands. For the fruit of the Spirit is love (Galatians 5:22)... And in faithfulness to Jesus, we love our brothers and sisters in Christ here at Peace Lutheran Church even though we may disagree and NOT get our way. 1st Corinthians 13 defines this love: 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

Blessings,

Pastor Joe Asher

*...serve him faithfully with all your heart;
consider what great things he has done for you.*

1 Samuel 12:24

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Pastors: John Pasche (thru Sept 2021)
Gerhard H. Bode, Vacancy Pastor
Pastor Joseph Asher, Vacancy Pastor
Pastor James Fuchs, Vacancy Pastor
Layton Lemke, Visitation Pastor

Director of Music: Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon

Director of Children's Ministry: Sandy Kephart (thru 11/2021)

Sunday School Coord, Volunteer: Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher

Youth Coordinator, interim temporary: Sadie Jenkins

Director of Youth Ministry: Shannon Campbell (thru 8/2021)

Coord of Early Childhood Ministry: Stacy Miller (thru 12/2021)

Administrator/Bookkeeping/HR: Sue Kroyer

Communications Coord/Administrator Assist: Lisa Kirchoff

Parish Services: Marlys Palmer

Administrative Secretary: Rebecca Stark (thru March 2021)

Bookkeeper/Admin Secretary: Brianna Quast (thru May 2021)

Custodians: Ken Wornson, Dennis Jannusch,

Parish Health: Shirley Wurdell, Renee Clabo



Peace Lutheran Church Officers

Council President: Bob Sylvester

Vice President: Lynn Brown

Secretary: Kim Borka

Treasurer: Kevin Heikes

Council Board: Chuck Jones, Barb Otte, Heidi Sickmann,
Shirley Ulbjerg, Kathy Hochsprung

Board of Elders
Chairman: Robbie Peterson,
Vice Chair: Justin Evenson
Secretary: Jeff Weckwerth
Doug Brown, John Lietz, Matthew Markgraf, George Quast,
Dale Schumann, Wayne Vinkemeier, and Peter White.

Little Lambs Christian Center Staff

Director: Heather Pagel

Assistant Director/Teacher: Megan Schlueter

Infant Teacher: Bethanie Vossen

Toddler Teacher: Amanda Lokensgard

Toddler Teacher: Andrea Rubischko

Preschool Teacher: Angela Kuttner

Preschool Teacher: Jenessa Kosek

Pre-K Teacher: Robin Kruse

Pre-K/School Age Teacher: Carli Balster

Kitchen Aide: Janelle Katzenmeyer

Floating Aide: Paige Sturges

Floating Aide: Cherish Jorgensen

Floating Aide: Karlee Wolff



Little Lambs Christian Center Board

President: Sandra Hall (Linda Kuhl thru Oct.)

Vice President:

Secretary: Lynn Brown

Board: Lee Ulbjerg, Darlyn Egge, Tamara Jelkin



Prince of Peace Retirement Living Board

President: Gary Havemeier

Vice President: Dan Mahon

Treasurer/Liaison to PLC: John Kalenberg

Secretary: Cindy Mons

Board: Robert Peterson, Bev Wangerin,
Sue Trautman, Scott Haag

Exec. Director: Destini Doring

This report provides an overview of some of the ways God blessed Peace Lutheran during 2021, and some of the ways in which our Peace Lutheran family members served. We hope you will be excited and encouraged by what God is doing here, and challenged to grow and be involved in new ways in 2022!





A Message from Congregation President: Bob Sylvester

Dear Members,

This past year we faced significant challenges that were successfully addressed by the Council, Board of Elders, Trustees, staff, and volunteers who remained steadfast with renewed commitment to serve our Lord by loving and caring for one another.

Notable accomplishments include completion of Ambassadors of Reconciliation Bible study by leaders and staff, formation of a Human Resources Committee, hiring Sue Kroyer as Office Administrator and updating our Constitution/Bylaws and organizational chart.

Following Pastor Pasche's amicable release we were blessed to establish working agreements with vacancy Pastors Asher, Fuchs, and Bode. They graciously provided us worship services without disruption. Please thank Paul Otte for volunteering to lead confirmation instruction and subsequently assisting Pastor Joe in this important piece of our ministry. Also thank Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher who volunteered to coordinate our Sunday school program which included preparing the children's Christmas program on short notice. We thank Sadie Jenkins for recently agreeing to coordinate youth programs.

Throughout this time of transition Sue Kroyer, Lisa Kirchoff, Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, Marlys Palmer, Heather Pagel and the LLCC staff, Dennis Jannusch and Kenny Wornson faithfully continued to serve. Their dedication was and continues to be critical for maintaining our programs with minimal disruption.

In November, with the assistance of Pastor Stefan Wismar, Assistant to the Pastor Woodford, President of MN South District LCMS, a call committee was formed to review the credentials of and interview an intentional interim minister candidate. The committee was unanimous in recommending the congregation extend a call to Pastor Glenn Meyer.

Preparation for the interview included sharing goals for an IIM summarized below.

1. Reconciliation

Assess the current and past level of conflict within our congregation resulting in a strategy to effectively address it. The goals are to achieve reconciliation where still needed and to educate our congregation to intervene to effectively manage future conflict.

2. Leadership development

Develop and implement a plan to involve current leaders and staff in training to identify, recruit and train future leaders of the congregation.

3. Evaluate Worship Schedule/Format

Evaluate our current worship schedule and recommend revisions that lead to increased family worship and adult Bible study. Our current worship attendance may not support the 4 weekend services currently scheduled.

4. Education

Identify and provide members opportunities for faith development and evangelism. Use LCMS education materials when providing a Biblical foundation for life. Provide staff training (technical and interpersonal) to effectively engage members in lifelong faith development.

5. Outreach

Develop and implement a plan to reach out to inactive members and invite back those who left.

6. Organizational Structure

Establish a well-defined understanding of our organizational structure to achieve improved communication and accountability for leadership, staff, and members.

7. Stewardship

Develop and implement a Biblical foundation for ongoing stewardship of our members' talents and financial resources.

The Council thanks you for your sustained support of our ministry with a renewed commitment to serve our Lord by loving and caring for one another.

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Bob Sylvester
Council President

CONNECT

Connect to God and His people in Worship & Music

► 2021

WORSHIP, MUSIC and Audio-Video Ministries

Director of Music: Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon

2021 was a very challenging year for all of the ministries here at Peace in light of the COVID experience and changes in pastoral leadership. We were able to provide meaningful worship services for the people who attended, both in person and online, and we are grateful for that. While there continues to be COVID outbreaks and precautions, most of our programming returned to its pre-COVID routine in the Fall of 2021.

While there is no doubt that COVID is still impacting our lives, for many years Peace has experienced a decline in worship attendance. Our overall attendance numbers are about 50% of what they were in 2011. This represents a

steady reduction of about 5% per year which accelerated over the past year. Because of this, the vacancy pastors and leadership will be considering a consolidation of worship services in 2022.

We are blessed by the many volunteers who support worship – elders, ushers, musicians, audio-video teams, altar guild, readers, greeters, acolytes, and by your attendance and donations to support Peace Lutheran Church.

We know that this period of time with interim leadership and changes will not be easy but we pray that God will lead our congregation as we seek to worship and serve God in Spirit and in truth.



► Adult Education

Current Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday - Morning Fellowship, 9:15 am Room 208-209 with Marlys Palmer

Monday - Body & Soul, 9 am Room 208-209 with Anita Miller

Monday - Small Group Bible Study, 3:30 pm Room 208-209 with Cyndy Fallon

Tuesday - Prince of Peace Retirement Living, 10 am Commons Area with Wayne Vinkemeier, Bob Sylvester

Tuesday - Promise Keepers, 6:30 pm Room 210 with Paul Otte

Wednesday - Lunch & Time in God's Word, 11:45 am Peace Center with Pastor Asher

We welcome you to join any of these groups! Please call the church office for more information, 587-3031

► Visitation Ministry

Visitation Pastor: Layton Lemke



2021 VISITATION REPORT

Every year brings new challenges and changes to each of us and all of us in many different ways. Some of these bring feelings of warmth and happiness and others create issues that bring discouragement and even pain and sorrow. This year Covid and its variants created some chaos and some opportunities. Scheduling sometimes became a problem with closure of facilities or restricted visiting. Some of my people were moved to unexpected locations because "there was no room" close to home. Confined and closed in was the way a lot of individuals felt. For me it created an opportunity to write devotional letters. I did up to three a month for a time, now I do one or two a month since my visits are more regular. Some were forwarded to family in Wisconsin and Illinois. - - Death took a number of people out of my visitation loop, but the number of visitations remains about the same with a full schedule. I have been asked by one facility to add their location to my schedule and will probably do that in the coming months if my schedule permits. - - I have completed 21 years

with Peace and hope to continue for some time in the future. Blessings to all who support this ministry with words of encouragement, prayers and financial support. - - Pastor Lemke

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► Children's Ministries

Children's Ministry Director: Sandy Kephart (thru November 2021)

Volunteer Sunday School Coordinator: Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher (December to present)

The goal of Peace Lutheran's Sunday School is that each child will know that Jesus died and rose again to give him/her eternal life with Him in heaven.

Classes began with six groups (Preschool/Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, and Grades 6-8).

We thank God for our dedicated teachers: Melissa Kohls, James and Tricia Merkins, Jen Mueller, Barb Otte, Darlynn Egge, Lynn Brown, Leslie Korngiebel-Zeiss, and Heidi Sickmann. We are also thankful for Lori Buss assisting with greeting the children each Sunday.

In November, we began to use the "Enduring Faith Curriculum" by Concordia Publishing House (the LCMS Publishing House). This curriculum takes the student through 125 Bible stories in a three-year cycle.

Nearly 60 students (grades Preschool through 7th grade) participated in the Children's Christmas Service, "What Child Is This?" The children told prophecies about Christ and shared the story of His birth. We thank Dr. Dixon for all of her help with music, and Jacquelyn Dixon for making our costumes.

In 2022, we are celebrating the baptism birthday of each child with a special recognition on the first Sunday of each month.

A small gift, including a candle, will be sent home so that the child's family can celebrate on the day he became a child of God. We have also begun a memory work program where a Bible verse related to the lesson is introduced and the children practice during the week to recite it the following Sunday. We are excited that by the end of this school year the children will already have 18 Bible verses written on their hearts in preparation for their lives ahead! The students are also learning new songs, many of which are Scripture verses set to music. They will be singing in worship each month beginning in March. We are also looking forward to contacting students who are not attending and welcoming them back to our classes.

Please pray for our Sunday School, its teachers and students, that all may grow closer to Christ their Savior!

Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher

Volunteer Sunday School Coordinator

Thank you to Sandy Kephart, past Children's Ministry Director and Stacy Miller, past Early Childhood Coordinator. They were both committed to sharing the love of Jesus with everyone and touched the lives of many children and families.



► Prince of Peace Retirement Living

Executive Director: Destini Doring

Greetings and salutations, Prince of Peace Retirement Living (POPRL) was established in 1995. Our mission has been successful and sustainable by the Grace of God, the staff, and the Board of Directors.



2021

We have now had a full year of the completed expansion! Our community has 49 apartments, 28 garages, storage spaces, new and renovated community rooms, and returning services.

2021 brought a lot of changes with staffing. Destini Doring was promoted to Executive Director. Merline Duerling transitioned into the Director of Development. Lisa Hoff was hired as the Resident Services Specialist, Anna Hoernemann as our main Cook, and Rick Wozniak our Maintenance/Custodial Staff. The year ended in success with all of them settling right in and getting comfortable in their new roles.

Lisa Hoff is excited to bring back our Aging Adults and Parents meetings in 2022 offering FREE education to our residents and the public.

We want to thank all of our volunteers and friends who offered assistance and dropped off gifts for our residents. 2021 was, yet again, another ever changing year. I'm proud to say we made it the best year it could be. Without the thoughtfulness of all our supporters and advocates, this year wouldn't have been as good as it was - our hearts are full.

By the Grace of God and continued prayers and support of the members of Peace Lutheran Church, the mission of Prince of Peace

► Little Lambs Christian Center

Center Director: Heather Pagel



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. LLCC offers education programs for Infants through Preschool in addition, LLCC has added a Kindergarten Readiness program for the year before children start kindergarten.

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!

2021

This year had its ups and downs for Little Lambs. Covid took a big hit on us with families/children receiving positive cases, an entire classroom having to quarantine for 2 weeks, to even having to shut down the whole center because of COVID exposure for 1-2 weeks (this happened at least 2 months out of the year). DHS licensing did give us a little bit of a break with lightening up on some Rule 3 licensing requirements. However, when the fall came, we were faced with a couple of staff leaving LLCC. This was a very hard time for Little Lambs as we had no choice, but to cut down on our hours and close on Fridays. This lasted the whole month of October. Thankfully, with saying a lot of prayers, we were able to find new staff to fill those positions and open back up full time, Monday-Friday starting in November. Little Lambs is very thankful for the staff we have and the staff over at PLC for helping when we need it. We also want to thank our Board members for coming and helping the center out as well. When God sees his little lambs struggling, he is always there with a helping hand, or will provide one (or in this case many) to help you back on your feet. Little Lambs also celebrated their 10 years of being open in August! Unfortunately, this was a celebration that needed to be put on hold because of COVID. On Jan. 9, 2022, we were able to come together and celebrate our 10-year anniversary and say a HUGE thank you to the members at PLC. Little Lambs ended the year with great staff who love working with kids and love to teach the word of the Lord and spread God's love.

2022

Going into the new year, our main goal will be to continue sharing the word of God and his teachings to LLCC families and their children. The children learn the stories of the Bible, singing songs about Jesus, and practicing their daily prayers before every meal. Little Lambs will do their best to stay on top of all the protocols with licensing and COVID-19 guidelines from CDC to make sure LLCC can stay open and running for the families we serve. We will also continue to look for ways to help LLCC financially by gathering available grants and asking for donations to keep our mission of spreading God's love going. Once again, Little Lambs Board of Directors and Little Lambs Staff would like to thank everyone who is involved in making this ministry possible!



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► Confirmation (6 grade)

Paul Otte

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 Paul Otte.



► Confirmation (7-8 grade)

Pastor Joseph Asher

We have about 40 students in both classes, and since Paul Otte and I have split the two grades into separate classrooms, we are able to teach God's Word and the Lutheran faith much more effectively. The students are also positive about learning and discussing what we believe.

What I try to do as a teaching pastor is connect the basic doctrines of the Christian faith to the lives of our students. In my opening class, I put a Powerpoint picture up of a serious car accident, and I asked the Catechism youth, "What would you say to a friend whose brother or sister died in this accident?" Then I put up another slide of a high school teen who was obviously depressed, and I asked, "What would you say to a friend who was thinking about suicide?" I then put up other slides on topics such as drug use and alcohol, peer pressure, war and violence, the COVID-19 pandemic, etc., and I told our youth that the Christian faith speaks to all these issues. I promised them that this Catechism class would not avoid the hard questions we all face in life.

All of us, including our youth, need to know that Jesus is the Answer to a fallen world which is hopelessly lost. The Gospel is that Jesus is our risen Savior, and He gives hope even through tragedy and pain. That in Jesus, life is the final word for us, because Christ said, "Because I live, you shall live also." (John 14:19). But the Christian life is not JUST about facing tragedy and pain. Jesus also said, "I came that you might have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) A full and joyful life is also a part of following Jesus in faith. Will our 7th and 8th graders respond to Christ and find that life in Him? My goal for each of our students is that they respond to Jesus, and live in fellowship with Him their whole lives through.



► Annual Women's Retreat

Committee Members: Debbie Koglin, Tricia Merkins, Amanda Kaping, Destini Doring, Jill Leider, Missy Kohls



The Women's Retreat has been going on since at least 2009. It is held once a year on a Saturday morning when women can put aside the day and have a retreat of their own. It is a morning of singing, conversation, good food and faith building talks.

In 2021 Sarah Legband was our guest speaker and talked about "God's Loving Care". Everyone enjoyed her so much that we asked her to speak again at the **2022 Women's Retreat**, which will be **October 8th 9am -noon**. Please put the date on your calendar and if you have never been to one before - now is the time to check it out!

Debbie Koglin

*You are my Strength when
I am weak, You are the
treasure that I seek - You
are my All in all. Seeking
You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a
fool - You are my All in all.*



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► Board of Elders

Chairman: Robbie Peterson, **Vice Chair:** Justin Evenson, **Secretary:** Jeff Weckwerth, Doug Brown, John Lietz, Matthew Markgraf, George Quast, Dale Schumann, Wayne Vinkemeier, and Peter White

The highlight of 2021 for the Elders was being able to reinstate all of the church services at Peace.

In 2022, the Elders plan to work on the church membership roster to bring it up to date. We also look forward to the guidance and knowledge that Pastor Asher, Pastor Fuchs, and the new Intentional Interim Pastor will bring to our church to help us to understand God's plan for Peace Lutheran.

► Trustees

Co-Chairs: Justin Evenson, Marvin Seller, Louis Schmeling, Mike Fallon, Roger Kaufmann, Ron Swenson, Jerry Haag, Terry Knoll, Nate Blom, Al Trautman, Tim Puchalski

Special thanks to Joe Keilen for faithfully checking the boiler every week!

2021 Trustee Committee Projects Completed

- Carpet in Church basement replaced
- New WiFi Router and network installed
- Fiber optics by Nuvera
- Cemetery line cleaned up, added road, and new sign
- Columbarium installed
- Replaced water heater in boiler room
- Landscape repairs on north side of church on hold

Projected 2022 projects

- New roof over ramp
- Rebuild hvac system over Commons Area
- Replace Narthex carpet
- Bell tower repairs



Special thank you to David & Stacy Luedtke for constructing the new road at the cemetery - digging, excavating & gravel.

► Treasurers Report: Treasurer: Kevin Heikes

2021 has presented some unique challenges for the accounting office at Peace. As your treasurer I am still learning the ins and outs of this position. I would like to thank Troy Puckett for the assistance that he has given me. Sue Kroyer has done an excellent job of getting up to speed on the ins and outs of our accounting needs as well and has worked very hard to make sure that the job gets done. 2021 financial summary available at the congregational meeting.

► Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee was resurrected in the spring of 2021. Existing committee description was reviewed, revised, and approved by the Mission and Ministry Council in May of 2021. Committee members include Bob Sylvester, Lynn Brown, Barb Otte, Shirley Uldbjerg, Marvin Seller, George Quast, and Sue Kroyer.

Committee met nineteen times in 2021. HR committee met with all Peace Lutheran staff to review and revise existing job descriptions. Employee manual was reviewed and revised, with all job descriptions and manual subsequently approved by the Mission and Ministry Council.

Exit interviews were conducted with prior Peace staff. Openings for several new positions were posted, and interviews conducted for two positions. New staff hired were Sue Kroyer as office administrator and Sadie Jenkins as temporary Christian education coordinator. Search continues for a part-time facilities manager. Committee is thankful for the staff of Peace Lutheran Church, our vacancy pastors, and guidance received by our Lord and Savior as we navigated through the past year.

Blessings,
Lynn Brown
Human Resources Chairperson

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► Parish Health Ministry

Members: Renee Clabo, Mary Haag, Sally Moehring,
Marith Witte, Shirley Wurdell

- Parish Health has been coordinating bloodmobiles since it was suggested by Pastor Rathjen over 30 years ago. We held them 3 times/year until 2011. In September of 2021 we celebrated ten years of monthly drives. We have been able to safely continue the Red Cross blood drives during Covid and the numbers have continued to be high every month.
- Parish Health was able to facilitate four Driver Discount Classes for the 2021 year. There was a total of 88 drivers participating. It was a pleasure to offer these refresher classes through Minnesota Highway Safety & Research Center. Thank you to all for participating and becoming more informed on driving safety and new laws. The 10% insurance discount adds the incentive!
- Parish Health continues with taxi service to worship services, prayer shawls, Peace Meals, Relay for Life, blood pressure checks and working with Common Cup on projects.
- The Dassel emergency services gave us a soft stretcher that is available in the narthex of the church. Wheelchairs were donated for use in the church.
- We are providing tissues for worshipers at weekend services.
- First Aid kits were given to new graduates in June.
- Provide monthly LLCC crib checks
- Coffee and snacks are provided each Sunday morning before church services with opportunity to visit and share in the commons area.
- CPR classes are being planned for 2022 for leaders, ushers and staff.

► Congregational Services

Members: Jan Klockmann, Diane Lind, June Beach, Marsha Volkenant,
Nina Mattkins, Pat Buytart, Jeanette Ebnet, Marlys Palmer, Staff Rep.

Congregational Services Committee is a very busy group. Part of their responsibility is organizing and helping at the many social and meal events along with reaching out to the community with fellowship events. The committee feels the highlight of the year was the annual Christmas cookie sale. The sale not only brings in funds for our church but the fellowship that happens during the baking days is truly amazing. Everyone has a positive and fun attitude. Another program started this year is sending a "Thank You" cookie plate to various groups in the city such as the Police Dept., Fireman, Bus Drivers and more. We felt many of these groups don't always get the appreciation they deserve. The Annual Fish Fry is another huge undertaking. The "Drive Through" fish fry was a great idea and being involved with the organizing and serving was a fun experience. Anyone is welcome to join in at any of the events or to become part of our committee.

2022

Congregational Services Committee has two goals for the coming year. One, to plan more community wide events and two, to update and reorganize the Peace Center kitchen to make it more efficient for everyone who uses our facility.

"Serve one another in LOVE." Galations 5:1



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► Dorcas: Women in Mission

President: Sharon Christensen, **Secretary:** Carol Kubasch,
Treasurer: Melva Plath (thru Sept.) Hazel Sitz
Christian Life: Nona Anderson,
LWML Delegate: Barb Otte, **LWML Alternate:** RoxAnn Lauer,

The Dorcas Society meets the second Thursday of each month to conduct its meeting as members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Minnesota South District. The focus of Dorcas is mission work both local and outreach projects. Dorcas is divided into groups and committees. After a break in 2020, due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Dorcas resumed its monthly meetings.

1. After an extended break due to Covid-19, it was decided in March, to reinstate the Honor Guard for funerals of Dorcas members. In July a new policy for serving funerals was adopted with Judy Radunz as the Dorcas liaison. Due to Covid-19, the funeral committee served a limited number funerals. Donations received from families, and offerings from others go toward funding the Dorcas and outreach projects.
2. The Cheer Committee visits shut-ins monthly, but due to Covid-19, no visits were made this year. Greeting cards were sent to shut-ins, and Lutheran Hour sermons were taken to Prince of Peace, Ecumen Pines and Harmony River Living Center for Peace members.
3. The Mission Service Group meets 2-3 times a month to make quilts. The group made and donated 270 quilts this year. Two hundred layettes were also assembled and donated to Lutheran World Relief. Each month a few members work at the Bethesda Thrift Shop when it is safe to do so.
4. The Dorcas supports a Concordia seminarian, Nicholas Wagenknecht, through the time of his ordination.
5. The Dorcas also collects Mites as a mission project with a total collected in 2021 of \$1,125.24.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carol Kubasch, Secretary

DORCAS MISSION PROJECTS 2021

February	3 Lutheran Hour Broadcasts	\$282.00
	LCMS Disaster Relief Fund	300.00
March	Gifts from the Heart	200.00
	LWML	100.00
	Main Street Living	50.00
	CPH – Large Print Portals of Prayer	258.75
April	Lutheran World Relief	50.00
May	Camp Omega	100.00
	\$50.00 each for 4 National Mission Grants	200.00
	Additional Offerings for Mission Grants	88.00
June	CRU	200.00
	Additional Offerings for CRU	45.00
	CPH – Large Print Portals of Prayer	258.75
	Lutheran World Relief – Postage	100.00
July	PLC Youth Ministry	150.00
	PLC Fountain Attachment	100.00
	Concordian Seminarian – Nicholas Wagenknecht	500.00
August	Common Cup	200.00
September	Camp Omega Scholarships	250.00
	Little Lambs	250.00
November	Samaritan's Purse Shipping Cost	500.00
December	Concordian Seminar, Nicholas Wagnknecht	500.00
	Common Cup	250.00
	LCMS World Relief and Human Care	250.00
	Birthright	250.00
Total		\$5,682.50

Eyeglasses were also collected for the LWML

► Prayer Chain

Members: Annette Kohler, Arlene Benshoof, Lynn Brown, Sandra Hall, Phyllis Hecht, Joyce Young

" And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6: 18

Prayer Chain is a way to serve the Lord and the congregation of Peace as well as our community and around the world.

The highlights of the Prayer Chain in any year would be the miraculous answers to many prayer requests. We are thankful to our Almighty God for hearing our prayers.

Our goal for the coming year is to grow in members. Anyone of any age can pray as intercessors for our family at Peace in thanksgiving, praise and for other requests.

Requests for prayer can be made by calling Annette Koehler at 587-6484 and/or the church office at 587-3031.



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► Community Outreach

Matthew 14:16

The mission of the "Matthew 14:16 Ministry" is to provide a nutritious meal once a month to those in need and to also provide spiritual nourishment to our members and non-members in the community. With the decline in numbers attending, it was decided in December to discontinue the monthly meals but rather encourage them to come to our weekly lunch and Bible study on Wednesdays. Thank you to those that have helped over the years with this mission. With your help, we will continue to spread God's love and saving grace with those in need.

Operation Christmas Child

In November, Peace participates in Operation Christmas Child. This program packs shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. We are in our 9th year. In 2021 we packed 200 shoeboxes. Thank you for the kind donations to support this mission.



Good Samaritan

Through kind donations to the "Good Samaritan" fund, Peace has been able to offer emergency help to those in need in our community. Thank you for the generous donations to this fund. If this is a ministry you feel moved to support, please contact Sue or Kevin in the finance office.

► Common Cup

The Common Cup Office has remained open throughout this year with masking precautions taken for safety of our volunteers and clients served through the various programs. The "non disconnection" and "non eviction" mandates have been lifted as of Oct 2021 so we have seen more need for rental help and deposits for folks that are now able to secure housing for themselves and their families. CCM works with clients to access the Federal COVID funding that is administered through UCAP applications.

The number of individuals seen and helped at office continues to be approximately 25-30 per week. Many of these individuals were able to be helped by phone by providing them with resources. Approximately 3-4 individuals were seen in the office per day.

Common Cup Ministry is now in its 21st year of outreach and continues to grow and change yet stay consistent with the Mission of serving those in need through gathering community and church resources into one "common cup"! Common Cup continues to listen to the needs of those in our community

► Congregational Fund

Committee Members: Marc Max, Scott Haag, Bonnie Lickfelt, Connie Lambert

The Congregational Fund Committee 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 is contributing \$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. please contact the church office or any of the members.

2021 BAPTISMS

January 24 th	Bryce Nicholas Gutknecht, son of Nicholas and Vanessa Gutknecht
February 20 th	Taelyn Louise Kurth, daughter of William and Leah Kurth
February 21 st	Kroy David Saul, son of Matthew and Aleesha Saul
February 21 st	Blake Matthew Saul, son of Matthew and Aleesha Saul
February 21 st	Matthew Saul (adult)
April 18 th	Cooper Cody-Calvin Setter, son of Colton Setter and Ashley Wakefield
April 18 th	Franklin Clifford Wakefield III, son of Ashley Wakefield
April 18 th	Aubree Evelyn Telecky, daughter of Adam and Betsy Telecky
May 2 nd	Jynix Vittorio Blackstone, son of Joel Blackstone and Kyndra Kono
May 9 th	Bryer Scott Wichman, son of Scott and Kelsey Wichman
May 22 nd	Liam Elliot Roach, son of Timothy and Alesha Roach
June 12 th	Linden James Mons, son of Brittany Mons
June 19 th	Emmett Lyle Tatro, son of Keith Tatro and Krystal Schulte
August 1 st	Lennon Kay Albrecht, daughter of Carl and Kaylee Albrecht
August 8 th	Grace Avery Knoll, daughter of Zachary and Kelly Knoll
September 4 th	Eloise Jane Bjork, daughter of Gregory and Jenna Bjork
September 7 th	Wyatt Lee Kephart, son of Michael and Lindsay Kephart
September 12 th	Mercy Joelle Blackstone, daughter of Joel and Melanie Blackstone
October 3 rd	Grant Roger Schuerman, son of Benjamin and Erin Schuerman
October 10 th	Brynn Ann West, daughter of Matt West and Lara Egge
October 24 th	Colby Calvin Tabberson, son of Adam and Ashley Tabberson
December 12 th	Elijah David Hines, son of David and Rozetta Hines

2021 WEDDINGS

September 11 th	Paige Wiehr and Gregor Fraser
September 18 th	Courtney Frick and Todd Breyer
October 2 nd	Stephie Elling and Aron Burmeister
October 9 th	Elizabeth Lanner and My Van Chau

2021 FUNERALS

January 22 nd	Debra Rueb, 65, passed away January 18 th
February 18 th	Joan Bradley, 83, passed away February 14 th
March 26 th	Dawn Rauch, 55, passed away March 19 th
May 17 th	Lucille Kelley, 88, passed away May 17 th
June 4 th	Willard Prieve, 93, passed away December 1, 2020
June 10 th	Colleen Fitzloff, 71, passed away November 26, 2020
June 12 th	Waldemar Grussing, 79, passed away November 21, 2020
June 15 th	Doris Oldre, 91, passed away June 2 nd
July 24 th	Richard Olson, 75, passed away May 20 th
July 39 th	Harriet Emans, 85, passed away July 7 th
August 20 th	Charles Schmidt, 84, passed away August 18 th
August 28 th	John Aul, 98, passed away August 18 th
October 14 th	Helen Froemming, 80, passed away October 10 th
October 19 th	Luella Mackdanz, 94, passed away October 7 th
October 30 th	Mavis Muckala, 89, passed away October 25 th
November 8 th	Melvin Anderson, 89, passed away October 25 th
November 11 th	Verdella Demenge, 92, passed away November 6 th
December 3 rd	Melva Plath, 79, passed away November 24 th
December 21 st	Regina Piepenburg, 99, passed away December 21 st
December 31 st	Alice Dobberstein, 98, passed away December 26 th

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Received by Transfer/Other Lutheran

Bill and Jean Coalthard, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brownton, MN
 Stephie Elling, from Christ Lutheran Church, Glencoe, MN
 Tamara Jelkin, profession of faith
 Susan Kroyer, returning member
 Marilyn Becker, from St John's Lutheran Church, Kimball, MN
 Kay Falling, from First Lutheran Church, Glencoe, MN

Transfer Out

Jackie Fuchs, to New Journey UCC, Hutchinson, MN
 Janet Alsleben, to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brownton, MN
 Brianna Quast and Tristan, to First Lutheran Church, Glencoe, MN
 Steve and Sue Plath, to First Lutheran Church, Glencoe, MN
 Lois Olson, to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Clearbrook, MN
 Diane Levesseur, to Grace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
 Michelle Robinson and family, to Grace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
 Jim and Barb Wendling, to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
 Nick and Jamie Strei and family, to Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
 Troy and Becky Puckett and Grace, to Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia, MN
 Dan and Karleen Cowger, to Peace Lutheran Church, Watertown, MN
 Adam and Betsy Telecky and family, to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brownton, MN
 Brian and Stephanie Reiersen and family, to First Lutheran Church, Baudette, MN

2021 CONFIRMANDS

Jynx Vittorio Blackstone, son of Kyndra & Alex Kono and Joel & Melanie Blackstone
 Chloe Rae Borka, daughter of Tony & Kim Borka
 Jayden Duane Brecht, son of Travis & Stephanie Brecht
 Anton Timothy Cox, son of Timothy & Gail Cox
 Keegan Christopher Dennis, son of Chris & Jolene Dennis
 Gabrielle May Gabrelcik, daughter of Kim Hahn and Charlie & Sue Ann Gabrelcik
 Carter Joseph Hausladen, son of Matthew Hausladen and Jennifer Hausladen
 Zachary Joseph Hausladen, son of Matthew Hausladen and Jennifer Hausladen
 Brie Elizabeth Kobow, daughter of Brian & Becky Kobow
 Larkun Charles Kurth, son of William & Leah Kurth
 Shayne Mason Lickfelt, son of Michael & (the late) Miranda Lickfelt
 Jaslyn Kylee Maki, daughter of Willie and Michelle Maki
 Eric Jack Oberg, son of Brett & Tara Oberg
 Grace Jean Puckett, daughter of Troy & Becky Puckett
 Kaitlyn Marie Rahne, daughter of Ken & Kim Rahne
 Chevei Howard Rannow, son of Matthew Rannow & Rebecca Cacas, and Jessica Johnson
 Madalyn Julia Reiter, daughter of Ken & Kelli Reiter
 Macy Elizabeth Salmela, daughter of William & Laura Salmela
 Isaac Michael Schiro, son of Ben & Devanne Schiro
 Rolin Matthew Schmidt, son of Matthew & Angie Schmidt
 Ashton Michael Schroeder, son of Isaiah & Melanie Schroeder
 Grace Anne Solien, daughter of Chris & Karen Solien
 Rylee Lynn Telecky, daughter of Jered & Crystal (Telecky) Jessen
 Morgan Elizabeth Wagner, daughter of Ben & Kristi Wagner
 Norah Lynn Wendling, daughter of Ross Wendling & Jessica Hoag
 Madison Rose Wichman, daughter of Michael Wichman and Angela Maus
 Kiera Irene Ziemer, daughter of Mike Ziemer & Tanya Ziemer

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In loving memory of Melva Jean Plath. Melva was a servant of the Lord.

After 38 years of service to Peace, Melva volunteered as a proofreader of the Messengers, Peace publications and served on the Dorcas Board up until October 2021. She was always willing to help wherever she was needed. Melva's extraordinary attention to detail and sincere love for Peace will be truly missed. Blessed be her memory.



Peace is blessed to have dedicated volunteers that are committed to giving their time and talents to support the many ministries of

Commons Desk/Office

Karen Burzynski
Diane Lind
Barb Marquardt
Betty Ruskamp
Arlene Benshoof

Grounds/Gardeners

Marvin Seller
Kathy Maiers
Arlene Benshoof
Corinne Higgins
Linda Luedtke

Altar Guild

Betty Ruskamp
June Beach
Dolores Reiner
Marith Witte
Sue Kroyer
Cindy Karg
Darlene Egge
Marlene Hamblin

Commons Decor

Sally Moehring
Lisa Kirchoff
Kay Haag
Carol Swenson

Kitchen Committee

June Beach	Jan Klockmann
Marsha Volkenant	Diane Lind
Jeanette Ebnet	Nina Mattkins
Barb Marquardt	Marlys Palmer
Pat Buytaert	Marlin Haag

Audio Video Teams

Kevin Schmuhl
Ross and Megan Peterson
Brian, Rachel, Cole and Reese Gartner
Justin, Brandon and Michael Evenson
David Hines
Jacquelyn Dixon

Publication Folders

Dolores Barlau	Marjorie Huls
Arlene Benshoof	Roger Kaufmann
Patti Buytaert	John Lietz
Jeannette Ebnet	Nina Mattkins
Darlyn Egge	Margaret Messner
Cyndy & Mike Fallon	Diane Neubarth
Jerry & Mary Haag	Shirley Otto
Sandra Hall	Marlys Palmer
Brad Havemeier	Delores & Allan Reiner
Gary Havemeier	Daryl & Shelley Rusch
Don & Phyllis Hecht	Joyce Tews
Marlene Hettver	Marsha Volkenant

Song Leaders/Praise Team

Renae McKimm
Gene Ebnet
Deb Wiprud
Amy Paulson
Erika Urban
Jessica Urban
Kenny Wornson
Dennis Jannusch

Handbells

Paul Otte
Jeff, Melissa Weckwerth
Cheryl Huls
Sharon Gruenhagen
Angela Bacon
Liz Brusehaver
Renee Clabo
Jacquelyn Dixon
Sandra Hall
David Hines
Abigail Amundson
Tony Amundson
Arlene Benshoof

Peace Brass & Instruments

Jeff, Nathan, Eleanor, &
Audrey Weckwerth
Elayna Markgraf
Ryan Peterson

Greeters & Readers

Thank you to ALL Greeters & Readers! You are an important part of worshiping our Lord and Savior, we thank you.

Finance Committee

Thank you to the Finance Committee! You are a vital part of the workings of Peace, thank you.

Chief Usher

Kevin Buss

Assist. Chief Ushers:

Marlin Haag
(MID WEEK) John Lietz

Team #1 (8:00)

Glenn Witte
Doug Witte
Scott Lund
Brian Koehler

Team #2 (8:00)

Rod Huls
Wally Kohls
Allan Fuchs
Rusten Huls
Kevin Buss

Team #3 (10:30)

Marc Max
Tim Zackrisson
Patrick Ecklund

Team #4 (8:00)

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

Team #5 (10:30)

Dale Froemming
Bryce Cassens
Joel Haag
Dale Schumann
Robbie Peterson
Ross Peterson

Team #6 (10:30)

Travis Brecht
Brad Havemeier
Gary Havemeier
Ethan Kaufmann
Roger Kaufmann

Mid-Week Services

John Lietz
Louis Schmeling
Delton Haag
Mel Klockmann
Doug Brown

Saturday Services

Dick & Corrine Higgins
Louis & Arlene Schmeling
Kathy Hochsprung
Rhonda Tronick
Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

**Thank you to ALL Board members, teachers, mentors
& committee groups at Peace who tirelessly give their time
and resources in carrying out our mission . . .**

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

**If you would like to volunteer on a group or committee, please call the
church office - 320-587-3031, everyone is welcome!**

