

Peace Lutheran Church



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

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD | FEBRUARY 27, 2022

PASTOR: Joseph Asher

ELDERS:

Saturday 6:30 Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday 8:00 John Lietz

Sunday 9:15 Justine Evenson, Robbie Peterson

Sunday 10:30 Doug Brown

GREETERS:

Sunday 8:00 George Quast

Sunday 9:15 Jeanette Ebnet

Sunday 10:30 John and Sandy Lietz

Both Pastor Asher and Pastor Fuchs look forward to meeting you. Please stop by or call and make an appointment to introduce yourselves. Office Hours:

Pastor Asher: Tues & Thurs 8:30am-12:30pm

Wed 11:45am-5:00pm

Pastor Fuchs: Tues 10:00am-Noon, 1:00-4:00pm

Food for the body (often with hot soup) and **food for the soul!** Wednesday Noon Lunch & Time in God's Word...Pastor Asher teaching the Bible topic he wrote in Germany entitled "Encounters with Jesus". You don't have to attend every session, just come when you can for a fun time of learning, lunch and fellowship.

The **Sunday School Teacher's Meeting** has been re-scheduled from Feb 21st to Mon, Feb 28th, at 7:00pm in the Church basement.

We regret to announce the resignation of **Heather Pagel** as our Director at Little Lambs. We would like to thank her for her years of service at LLCC and wish her God's blessings on her future endeavors.

We would like to welcome **Kevin Scott** as our new part-time Facilities Manager. His first day will be this coming Monday, however, he's been spotted shoveling our side-walks already. Make sure to greet him and make him feel welcome here at Peace.

Our **Promise Keepers Bible Study** is beginning a new study based on the book called "The Case For Faith" by Lee Strobel. Lee is a former atheist who came to faith by examining the Scriptures. The class meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm for prayer and study. All are welcome to join us. For further information, call Paul Otte (320) 583-8873

ASH WEDNESDAY—As we walk through these 40 days of Lent, we encourage you to set aside time to worship with us each Wednesday at 11:30am or 6:30pm (with a light lunch being served after the mid-day service). **A Travesty of Justice: In The Shadow Of The Cross**, a series of six meditations in which an unusual assortment of "eyewitnesses" - the thorn, robe, nail, spear, shroud, and stone—tell about their extraordinary encounters with Jesus. Please join us!

Coffee and treats are available in the Commons Area between the Sunday services. Join us in fellowship or grab a cup to take with you to Bible Study. Parish Health

YOUR 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RAMPWAY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

We have resumed the hard hat offerings on the last weekend of each month for 'Tell the Next Generation'. The hard hat will be placed by the offering box.

The **March LWML Mite** calendar and the Children's Coins for Jesus calendars are available at the LWML bulletin board in the ramp area. Your mites and coins help fund mission work of the LWML. Drop off your donations in the church office Thank you for your continued donations. Mite progress report: as of December 31, 2021—\$979,002.99.

All **LWML** Minnesota South District Mission Grants for the 2020-2022 biennium have been paid in full! Praise the Lord!

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR MARCH-APRIL MESSENGER IN THE RAMPWAY.

PEACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL FISH FRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

\$13.00

11:00AM-6:00PM

* DEEP FRIED BATTERED ALASKAN POLLOCK *

* AU GRATIN POTATOES * BAKED BEANS * COLESLAW * ROLL * BROWNIE *

DRIVE THRU ONLY

PROCEEDS TO THE ROOF PROJECT

ALL AREAS OF VOLUNTEERING NEEDED—CONTACT MARLYS PALMER

NEED PANS OF BROWNIES DONATED - BRING TO CHURCH BY 4PM THURS MAR 10TH

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm 47

Sunday 8:00am 73

Sunday 9:15am: 110

Sunday 10:30am: 80

Boxcast: 83

Facebook: 426

TOTAL 819

After being elected at the January 30th Annual Voters Meeting, the following officers have been installed:

ELDERS—Matthew Markgraf (incumbent) and Jeff Weckwerth (incumbent)

COUNCIL—President Steve Wick, Vice President Lynn Brown (incumbent), Kathy Hochsprung (incumbent), Shirley Uldbjerg (incumbent) and Brad Wick.

To all of the incumbents we thank them for their continued commitment to Peace and to our new leaders we thank you for taking on the challenge. We wish all of them God's richest blessings as they guide our church. This past year our congregation faced many challenging situations and we would like to acknowledge and thank our two outgoing Council members: Heidi Sickmann, who will continue to teach Sunday School and work with Youth groups; and Bob Sylvester, who did a phenomenal job this past year as President, leading us through some uncharted territory. While being very involved in the transition, he still serves on the interim call committee and continues serving on the HR committee.

Please pray for Peace members

Looking Ahead at Peace

Naomi Meier
Bev Alsleben
Ronney Wendlandt
Scott Hilgemann
Donald Fenske
Sue Moritz
Sylvia Radtke
John Bradley
Barb Ribar
Warren Macemon
Jason Miller
Linda Rost
Cyndy Schmidt
Lee Gruenhagen
Roxann Lauer
Dale Sturges
Melissa Vanous
Erin Thran
Larry Stender

Elaine Lewerenz
Elise Schwan
Ron Janke
Rita Janke
Mary Melin
Pastor Hannemann
Michelle Manteufel/White
Jim Berg
Brad Wick
Rod Olson
Miles Kohls
Josh Beadell
Shirley Otto
Jean Coulthard
Kim Heikes
Irene Yerks
Carol Kubasch
Donna Reetz
Burgess Gruendemann

SUNDAY (2/27)
8:00am Worship
9:15am Contemp Worship/Comm
9:15am Adult Bible Class
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
6:30pm MS Youth Group

MONDAY (2/28)
9:00am Body & Soul
3:30pm Small Group Bible Study
7:00pm Sunday School Teacher Mtg

TUESDAY (3/1)
10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Staff Meeting
3:30pm Elem Youth Gr 1-3
6:30pm Promise Keeper
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (3/2)
ASH WEDNESDAY
11:30am Worship & Lunch
1:00 Mission Sewing
5:45pm Handbells
6:30pm Lenten Worship

THURSDAY (3/3)

FRIDAY (3/4)

SATURDAY (3/5))
6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (3/6)
8:00am Worship/Communion
Blood Pressure Checks
9:15am Contemp Worship
9:15am Adult Bible Class
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (3/7)
9:00am Body & Soul
10:00am Prayer Chain
3:30pm Small Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (3/8)
10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Staff Meeting
10:00am LWML Exec Board
12-6pm Bloodmobile
3:30pm Elem Youth Gr K-3
6:30pm Promise Keepers
7:00 Youth Board Mtg.

WEDNESDAY (3/9)
11:30am Worship & Lunch
3:30p PreTeen Youth Group
5:00 TWM Bible Study
5:45pm Handbells
6:30pm LentenWorship

THURSDAY (3/10)
8:00am Math Masters
1:00pm LWML
3:00pm LSS Dementia Support

FRIDAY (3/11)
ANNUAL FISH FRY

SATURDAY (3/12)
6:30pm Worship

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, or would like a pastoral visit, contact the church office at (320) 587-3031

Worship Bags for Children are in the red wagons in the chapel, Peace Center and narthex. Children may use the bag during worship and then return it to the wagon.

LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTIAN CENTER CLOSING

Due to the growing financial deficit incurred by the operation of the Little Lambs Childcare Center the Church Council has been forced to close this outreach, effective April 22, 2022. This was a very difficult decision; however, one that has been years in the making. The center has received extensive support from the general fund but has still lost money almost every year. The projected loss for 2022 was more than \$140,000 and this was in addition to the church receiving no rent for the building plus paying all the center's utilities, liability insurance, providing custodial services, administrative support, and other forms of assistance. We plan to use the money that will be saved to support other forms of outreach as well as perform much needed repairs and maintenance to our church property that have been delayed due to years of budget shortfalls. We would like to thank everyone that has participated at Little Lambs. We have been blessed with a kind and caring staff, many volunteers, people who have given financially to the program, members that have served on the Little Lambs board and others who have assisted in many other ways to numerous to list. We ask that you pray for the staff and families that are affected by this closing that they may find new daycare options, new jobs and that they are inspired to keep Christ in their lives as well as the lives of their children. Peace will continue to serve the youth of our community through other programs such as Sunday School, vacation bible school, release time programs, confirmation, various youth groups, HAY Ministries activities and lunches, and other ways that the Lord will lead us to. For those who may have questions feel free to contact any Church Council member or reach out to me directly, Kevin Heikes 320-583-0636.

PEACE PLACE

The Trustees were recently approached by parties interested in purchasing Peace Place, which is the former funeral home and parking lot across the street from the church. This facility has been used to accommodate youth activities. With the recent changes it is felt that all programs for our youth can easily be accommodated within the main church facility with no need for the additional building. There are always expenses associated with insurance, maintenance and repair of an older building and it would be financially beneficial to part with this location. At this time the church council will be taking written offers for the facility and if one or more of the offers is deemed by the church council, in consultation with the Trustees, to be adequate that offer will be brought to a voter's meeting for approval by the congregation before final acceptance. If you are interested in making an offer, please contact the church office and we will arrange for you to have access to the building. All offers must be received in the church office by March 15th, 2022, at 4PM.