

August 2022



Messenger of PEACE

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

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A Message from Pastor Joseph Asher



The last full weeks of Summer are coming to an end, and for many of us, we are trying to squeeze out the final days of enjoyment from our beautiful Minnesota summer. But the students are seeing the "back to school" sales on TV, and here at Peace Lutheran, we are preparing for our Fall schedule, and all the routine things that are ramping up as August and the new church year begins. A big part of this is Pastor Glenn Meyer's arrival. He has the faith in Christ and the skills necessary to lead our congregation forward as we prepare to strongly return to our work of witness, mercy, and life together.

Witness- We witness to our Savior Jesus and our Triune Christian faith as we interact with family, friends, and co-workers in the course of our daily lives. Each person reading my article right now knows the importance of Jesus and faith. In Him, because He paid for our transgressions on the cross, we have the forgiveness of sins. We also have joy and a meaningful life in Christ. In hard times, Jesus is our friend Who will never leave us or forsake us. It's not just that our Savior paid the penalty to keep believers out of hell, we also know that Christ is our help and support through life. So we witness the Good News (Gospel) to all we know so that Jesus can make a difference in their lives, and give them hope.

Mercy- We show mercy in a lot of ways at Peace. We rightly administer the Word and Sacraments. We host blood drives. We give counseling in the Christian faith. We provide the high school students with a lunch each month. We provide space for a dementia support group. We host a driver improvement program, as well as elementary release time and after school programming... and I could go on and on with the merciful things we do which are often behind the scenes.

Life together- This is another term for Christian education and fellowship. In the way of Christian education, I will humbly submit that we have the best 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Confirmation offering in our area. We have an excellent Sunday school staff and curriculum. Our VBS this past summer was fun and meaningful. We're about to begin 9:15am Sunday school for all ages so that adults can receive the same benefit from knowing God's Word as our children have. In the fellowship area, we do fish fries and summer music concert series. We do cottage group Bible studies and Wednesday study luncheons, and more.

Peace Lutheran Church has a great future ahead of us under the blessing and leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ. And this takes me to the Apostle Paul's words of encouragement from Colossians 2- 6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Pastor Joseph Asher

PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

Weekend Worship Summer Schedule

May 28 - Sept 4

8:30 am | Sanctuary

10:00 am | Outdoor

Watching from your car, Tune in to 87.9 radio

Saturday

6:30 pm | Sanctuary

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays

June 29 - August 3

12 noon | Sanctuary

12:30 Luncheon | Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP

Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com Peace Hutchinson mn

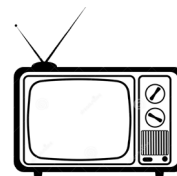
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chan 10 – Nuvera,
chan 8 – Mediacom

Sunday 7 pm & 10 pm

Wednesday 5 pm

Thursday 10 am





OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

July 11 – Cameron Anthony Pearson, son of
Nathan and Allyson Pearson

FUNERALS

July 7 Warren E. Macemon, 91, passed away June 29

MEMORIALS

Charles Yerks	Bell Tower	\$25.00
Michael Fuchs	TTNG	\$10.00
Warren Macemon	TTNG	\$10.00
	General	\$50.00
		\$60.00

TRANSFERS

Kevin Pfau -- Transferred from Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND

Jeffrey Zander -- Transferred from St. James Lutheran Church,
Howard Lake, MN

Jason & Amanda Siffereth -- released to Gloria Dei Lutheran
Church, Pequot Lakes, MN

Nicole (Nikki), Drew, Brynn and Will VandenBerg -- released

Encounters With Jesus

Education Hour

BEGINNING SEPT 11

Sundays 9:15 - 10:15; Peace Center



We invite you to join Pastor Asher for a series called
“Encounters With Jesus.” How does Christ’s encounter
with the Roman Centurion apply to your life? How about
Mary and Martha? The woman at the well? The widow of
Nain? The rich young ruler? Join us to explore these
encounters and many others!

Ushers

August

Team #4 (8:30)

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

August Greeters:

August 7

8:30 Dale & Judy Schmann

August 14

8:30 Jerry and Nancy Fischer

August 21

8:30 Mary & Jerry Haag

August 28

8:30 George Quast



August Readers



Saturday 6:30pm

Aug 6: George Quast
13: Dick Higgins
20: John Mons
27: Joanne Keilen

Sunday 8:30am

Aug 7: Shirley Wurdell
14: Nona Anderson
21: Mary Haag
28: Margo Kaping

10:00am

Arlene Benshoof
Arlene Benshoof
Betty Ruskamp
Sara Peterson



Invite your friends, family
members & neighbors to
worship at Peace!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

6:30 PM SATURDAY Sanctuary

8:30 AM SUNDAY Sanctuary

10 AM SUNDAY Outdoors

* In case of rain, service will be in the sanctuary.
This schedule will continue through Labor Day Weekend.

FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 11

6:30 PM SATURDAY Worship in Sanctuary

8:00 AM SUNDAY Worship in Sanctuary

9:15 AM SUNDAY Education Hour in Peace Center

10:30 AM SUNDAY Worship in Peace Center

Blessing of the Animals -

Sunday, August 21st outside at 10am,
weather permitting.
(Aug 28th rain date)



LWML



The August LWML meeting will be on Thursday,
August 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker
will be Bev Bonte from Common Cup.

Mite Goal Progress as of May 31, 2022:

\$1,512,5015.19.

Your contributions make a difference! Thank you!

Here are some facts and figures from the LWML District Convention held in June in Willmar:

308 total attendees and 96 voting delegates.

Convention Offerings -

IAFR Jonathan House - \$4,465.50
Laurel Community School - \$3,586.37
Mission Goal - \$5,207.93
Camp Omega - \$4,418.38

Gifts From the Heart for Team Renewed -

214 complete move-in kits
230 quilts
6 kits without pillows
789 pocket Bibles
1 sheet set
\$25 cash
3 laundry bags
\$20 check
18 greeting cards
Target gift cards totaling \$2,500.00
19 comforters
Silent Auction Baskets (30) - \$2,510.00
Quilts (5) - \$825.00

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Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.



PRINCE OF PEACE RETIREMENT LIVING AUGUST 2022

Destini Doring
Executive Director

Our summer days have been fun and fulfilling sharing our time with family and friends. Now, we are nearing the end of the Dog Days of Summer and starting to think about the kids going back to school. We know time is precious so we want to extend a thank you to all the new volunteers, we greatly appreciate all of you. Our volunteers are big contributors to our success here Prince of Peace. But, we are still looking for a few more - if you are interested in volunteering please contact Lisa Hoff.

Looking for a fun part time job at a nonprofit with a great working environment? We may have the position you're looking for. Currently, we have a open part time kitchen and housekeeping staff position. If interested, please email Destini Doring at destini@poprl.org or call 320.234.7588.

Blessings to you all,

Destini Doring, Executive Director
Grace and blessings,



Women's Retreat Saturday, October 8th 9 am-noon



"There is Power in the Name of Jesus"

Sarah Legband will be back to speak on "The Power of Jesus name". She was our speaker last year and everyone enjoyed her so much we asked her back. Patty Kark will also be back to sing.

A light breakfast will be served at 9am. Prize drawings, singing and great conversation too.

This will be something you won't want to miss. If you have enjoyed our retreats before, we challenge you to bring someone new with you.



Tickets are \$10 & go on Sale AUGUST 30th in the church office.

Join us to connect with others, grow in faith, and to fill your cup.



Rally Day

**Sunday,
September 11**

Mark your calendars!

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 11!

The celebration will include an Open House and an opportunity to meet the Sunday School staff.

Everyone's Invited!

Register at plchutch.org or pick up a registration form in the Commons Area.

HERE'S THE SCOOP!

WE'RE HAVING A

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & POLKA MUSIC

SAT. SEPT. 17

MUSIC BY CHUCK THIEL

SERVING BEGINS @ 5

MUSIC 5:15-6:15

WORSHIP @ 6:30



MENU: Sloppy Joes, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Ice Cream Sundae or Root Beer Float

Everyone's Welcome - Bring your Friends!

CHILDREN & YOUTH **CONNECT**

It's "Back to School" time. But even more importantly,
it's **"Back to Sunday School"** time!

Our new year of growing in God's Word will **begin on**
Sunday, September 11

**ENDURING
FAITH™**
Sunday School • Midweek
Bible Curriculum

This year there will be an Education Hour for ALL ages at 9:15 a.m.

- **Children (preschool through youth) will continue to explore the "Enduring Faith" curriculum.** During this year the students will engage in a Bible survey, examining key stories from the Old and New Testaments. Students will learn about creation, heroes of the faith, Old Testament kingdoms, Christ's birth and some of His miracles. Each week children will learn about their God who loves them and their Savior who died for them. The children will also learn music each week, including Scripture set to music, hymns, and songs that teach the faith. **Parents – please register your children to join us!** This will help us to be good stewards and order the correct amount of materials. You may register online at plchutch.org or using a registration form found in the narthex or at the Welcome Center desk.
- **Adults will be joining Pastor Asher at 9:15 in the Peace Center for a series called "Encounters With Jesus."** How does Christ's encounter with the Roman Centurion apply to your life? How about Mary and Martha? The woman at the well? The widow of Nain? The rich young ruler? Join us to explore these encounters and many others!

Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher
Sunday School Coordinator

Fall Programs for Children & Youth at Peace



SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15 - 10:15 am
Ages 3 - Grade 12

WEDNESDAYS

RELEASE TIME
Wed. morning
Grades 1-5 pm

CONFIRMATION GRADE 6
2:45 - 4:00 pm

ELEMENTARY YOUTH
3:30 - 5 pm
Grades 1-5 pm

CONFIRMATION GRADES 7-8
4:45 - 6:15 pm

GR 6-12 MINISTRY

SUMMER EVENTS FOR YOUTH!!

Weekly Volleyball with HAY!

- Every Wednesday 1 - 4pm, June 8 - Aug 3 at Roberts Park
NO COST!

Summer Middle School Madness with HAY!

- Every Thursday 10am-12pm, June 9 - Aug 4 at Oak Heights.
Register with QR code on poster. All MS students invited. NO COST!



**Growing with God
in the best way . . .**
Peace 7th Graders,
Sierra, Lillian and
Nina, had a blast at
Lutheran Island Bible
Camps "Survivor
Bible Camp" in July.
They're already
planning for next
year!



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PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

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



Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, AUG. 8th
TUESDAY, SEPT. 13th
12 pm - 6 pm

We are able to continue collecting donations at Peace on the second Tuesday of every month in the Peace Center from noon to 6pm. At this time, masks are optional. **Appointments can be made by calling Shirley at 320-587-5064**

Relay for Life Friday, August 5th Riverside Park



Parish Health will again have a spot at the McLeod County Relay for Life on Friday August 5, 2022 at Riverside Park.

We will be in a new location on the path so stop in and visit. Come down, walk the route, buy some popcorn, play Cancer Schlagen, win something at the Silent Auction and play some games.

If you are able to help with setup or to walk some laps, please contact someone from Parish Health. The more helpers, the more fun and easier to do. Thank You. Luminaries cost \$10 and are available in the church office and between services on Sunday mornings. Luminaries can be dedicated in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

Diaper Collection During August

PLC is responsible for diaper distribution in August. We will **collect pkgs until Sunday, August, 28th**. Larger sizes 3,4,5,6, and pull-ups especially needed. Diaper packages may brought to the Commons Area.

Need a pick-me-up?

Need a pick-me-up. Call the Taxi at 587- 7878 and tell them you need a ride to worship services at Peace. Parish Health will pick up the tab. If you have questions, Shirley Wurdell at 587-5064.



Driver Improvement Program

The MN Highway Safety Research Center--Driver Discount Programs scheduled at Peace Lutheran Church is **BACK!!** Classes are for adults 55 years or older & for a 10% reduction on car insurance.

UPCOMING 4 HR. RECERTIFICATION

MON. Aug 22 1 - 5 pm
MON. Sept 12 1 - 5 pm
MON. Oct. 10 1 - 5 pm
MON. Nov 21 1 - 5 pm

Please Note: Max class capacity: 24 people

To register for these classes go to **www.mnsafetycenter.org** or call **1-320-308-1400** or toll free **1-888-234-1294**. Thank you, Renee Clabo, Parish Health.

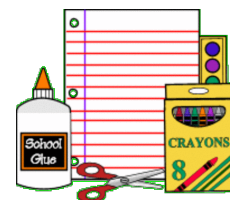
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Distribution - Wed. August 17, 3 - 6:30 pm
@ Christ the King Church

• Donations accepted until Aug 5th, they can be dropped off in the Commons Area, Thank you!

Needed from Peace:

20 backpacks
75 boxes colored pencils (12 ct)
100 glue bottles (4 oz)
100 green wide ruled notebooks
100 composition notebooks (wide ruled) and cash



FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES REQUEST FORM

Fill out a request for FREE school supplies. **The deadline for requests is August 5, 2022 and is limited to the first 400 requests.** Forms are online at **www.common-cup.org/**

COMMON CUP



Fare For All -

Thursday, Aug 11
3:30-5:30 p.m.

— Oak Heights Covenant Church,
 1398 South Grade Road S.W.

There are no income or residence requirements, and it is open to everyone who is looking to save money. There is no pre-registration, no pre-ordering and no pre-payment. Great food, at a great price!

Mission & Ministry Meeting**June 21, 2022–7 p.m.**

Present: Steven Wick, Kim Borka, Kevin Heikes, Barb Otte, Brad Wick, Chuck Jones, Kathy Hochsprung, Shirley Uldbjerg, Pastor Asher, Pastor Fuchs, Robbie Peterson, Dale Schumann, John Lietz, Susan Kroyer, Merline Duering

1. Opening prayer by Pastor Asher: Colossians 3: 15-17

2. Review of May 2022 minutes:

Change to Elders report regarding reporting minutes.

Motion made by Kevin to accept change and approve May 2022 minutes. 2nd by: Brad. Motion carried.

3. Reports:

1) LLCC: Merlene reported that following DHS guidelines, LLCC can go into "Pending reopening status" for up to 1 year. The state of license is temporarily inactive during that time. A renewal fee of \$400 would need to be paid in September 2022. Merlene shared recommendations she had for LLCC going forward. Motion made by Barb to apply for "Pending reopening status." 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

2) Pastor Asher: Jennie Asher is requesting plans and guidance for next year's Sunday school and Christmas program. Pastor Asher will continue with running confirmation per Pastor Meyer's agreeance and has recommendations for the confirmation program which will be addressed and voted on by the elders.

Motion by Brad to postpone vote on contract vs. employee position for Jennie Asher regarding Sunday School and Christmas program. 2nd by Kevin. Motion carried.

Pastor Fuchs: Presented his formal resignation date of July 17, 2022. If needed, he will stay through July 19 and attend the council meeting.

Motion made by Kevin to accept the resignation as written and potential extension until July 19, 2022. 2nd by Brad. Motion carried.

3) Human Resources: Mike Eggert signed his contract. A custodial staff member's position is being paid for by the state. Elimination of the parish services position discussion held.

Motion made by Kathy to affirm the action of Sue Kroyer and Pastor Fuchs in elimination of the parish services position. 2nd by Brad. Motion carried.

Brad requested a roll call vote for this motion:

KH: yes, KB: yes, BO: yes, BW: yes, CJ: yes KH: yes, SU: yes, SW: yes

4) Elders: John Lietz reported the baptism policy is currently being drafted and discussed.

Motion made by Brad to extend the council meeting. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

5) VBS: Report submitted before meeting by Jennie Asher.

6) Trustees: No report

7) Treasurer: Report submitted prior to meeting by Kevin.

Motion by Brad to approve the treasurer's report. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

4. Pastor Meyer's installation update – currently being addressed. Will be posted on website.

5. Finalizing IIM contract: Steve, Kevin and Sue will address questions and concerns with Pastor Meyer. Parsonage near complete for move in.

6. Barb suggested creating a feasibility group to address pre-school concerns regarding the reopening of LLCC. Summer youth programs discussion held.

7. Communications: Brad suggested weekly emails go out to the congregation and the Monthly Messenger be reinstated to be mailed out on a monthly basis. Sue and Lisa will work together on these items.

8. Constitution alignment to the organizational chart: Postponed until July council meeting.

9. Prescriptions completed or need to complete: Postponed until further notice.

10. Communication concerns discussed by Robbie and Dale.

11. Motion made by Kevin to remove past officers and add Steve Wick and Kim Borka to PLC accounts at Citizens Bank which are not related to congregational funds. 2nd by Brad. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Brad to appoint Kevin Heikes as Vice President for the remainder of the vice president term. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

Closing prayer by Pastor Asher.

Adjournment: 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka
MMC Secretary

Steven Wick
MMC President

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Mission & Ministry Council Meeting

July 19, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Present: Steven Wick, Kim Borka, Kevin Heikes, Brad Wick, Chuck Jones, Kathy Hochsprung, Pastor Asher, Pastor Fuchs, Dale Schumann, John Lietz, Sue Kroyer
Absent: Barb Otte, Shirley Uldbjerg

1. Opening prayer by Pastor Asher: Psalm 109, 103, 105, 107, Proverbs 2:6, Proverbs 3, 5, 6

2. Discussion of June minutes: Add yes to Chuck Jones vote; change motions made to extend meeting
Motion by Brad to accept June 2022 minutes with changes. 2nd by: Chuck. Motion carried.

3. Reports:

1) Pastor(s) Asher, Fuchs:

Pastor Fuchs shared his report and future recommendations for PLC. He also recommended discussion and evaluation of Peace Place and its purpose for PLC. He gave his thanks and commended Joan, Sue & Lisa for their efforts in the past months and all of the work done behind the scenes.

Pastor Asher shared his report and future plans for involvement at PLC. He also shared his thanks to Pastor Fuchs for their working relationship.

2) Staff Report: Sue reported things are going well. Jennie Asher shared her Sunday School report and recommendations going forward.

3) Human Resources: Discussion of personnel matters.

4) Elders: Dale reported discussion results of what Pastor Meyer would like to see when he arrives at PLC. Elders recommend that Jennie Asher will head Sunday School & Christmas program, Confirmation teachers will be: 6th grade: Paul Otte, 7th Jennie Asher, 8th grade: Pastor Asher. Youth ministry and early release will be discussed. Pastor Meyer would like to wait on policies to review and get input.

Report shared regarding confirmation, baptism policy, church membership roles, & church attendance information.

Motion by Chuck for Kevin to create contract for Jennie Asher for hours worked for Sunday School & Christmas program per Jennie's proposal. 2nd by Kathy. Discussion: Kevin will contact her 7-20-22.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Brad to accept reports given to this point in the meeting. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

5) Trustees: No report

6) Treasurers Report: Kevin shared the P & L report. He shared a 2018 definition of what PLC Congregational Fund is. Discussion on rebates, debit/Thrivent cards. Discussion of Little Lambs severance.

Sue will create a donation policy for the council to review to be put into future use for donation requests.

4. Installation update – Elders or staff: Pastor Fuchs shared that Allen Reid will do the installation. After the service, refreshments will be served.

5. Finalizing details to Pastor Meyer's contract: Discussion regarding mileage payment.

Motion made by Chuck that Pastor Meyer is reimbursed for mileage for pastoral duties at PLC and his mileage for round trip from his pastoral office in Hutchinson to his pastoral office in Nebraska one time per month. 2nd by Kevin for purpose of discussion. Discussion regarding payment process of mileage to Nebraska. Chuck withdrew his motion.

Motion by Kevin to get a credit card for Pastor Meyer to use for gas expenses only. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

6. Communications: Discussion on stream lining minutes acceptance to get minutes to congregation faster. Motion by Brad to submit minutes for preliminary approval within 72 hours of the council meeting via email from acting secretary to Sue Kroyer. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried.

Consent agenda: Motion made by Brad to make a policy to adopt a consent agenda as needed. Brad will draft the policy. 2nd by Kathy. Motion carried.

7. Constitution alignment to the organizational chart: Deferred to August meeting.

8. Policy manual (past, present) where is it located? Past minutes will be reviewed to see which policies have been implemented.

9. Orientation Manual for current and future candidates - council members, or other Boards. Structure, Duties etc.: Deferred

10. Old Business: Deferred

11. New Business - Leadership Development and understanding: discussion on having a Council and Elder workshop. Discussion on HAY Ministries: Pastor Asher will attend the August 9 meeting for HAY ministries.

Motion made by Brad to adjourn. 2nd by Kathy. Motion carried.

12. Closing prayer: Lord's Prayer

Adjournment: 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka
MMC Secretary

Steven Wick
MMC President

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Peace Lutheran Annual

GARAGE SALE

August 17, 18, 19, 20

NEW Location: Peace Center, Peace Lutheran Church

• THIS YEAR NO LARGE FURNITURE, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR ELECTRONICS PLEASE!

DROP OFF DATES/TIMES

Mon. Aug 15 • 8 am - 5 pm
Tues. Aug 16 • 8 am - 5 pm
Wed. Aug. 18 • 8 am - 10 am

SALE DATES/TIMES

Wed. Aug. 17 • 3 pm - 5 pm
Thurs. Aug. 18 • 8 am - 5 pm
Fri. Aug. 19 • 8 am - 5 pm
Sat. Aug. 20 • 8 am - 12 noon



Proceeds will be split:

50% Tell the Next Generation
25% Building Maintenance Fund
25% Food Shelf

Looking for LOTS of HELPERS! Strong people to move items and patient helpful checkout people and everything in between to put items out. Food for the workers is also appreciated, as are monetary donations. If you have any questions please contact Shirley Wurdell or Lynn Brown for more info or if you can volunteer, please sign up at the Commons Area desk . We look forward to having a good time and making some money.

**For more information
on events at Peace
visit:**

plchutch.org