

Peace Lutheran Church



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

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR | NOVEMBER 20, 2022

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer

ELDERS:

Saturday 6:30 Doug Brown, George Quast

Sunday 8:30 Matthew Markgraf, Dale Schumann

Sunday 10:30 Peter White

Greeters 8:30 Jerry and Mary Haag

Greeters 10:30 Hazel Sitz

Acolytes 6:30 Lily Demere, Chelsea Robinson

Acolytes 8:30 Braxton Schmidt, Evan Sturges

Please sign the **Attendance Pad** in the pew and pass it along to others, or you may sign the attendance pads provided in the Narthex or entrance of the Peace Center

The **Red Cross** collected **130 units** during its stop at Peace on Nov 9th. Thank you to all who support this important program. Also, a special thank you to our Parish Health Staff and all of the volunteers from Peace that help with this

Since there is no school on Monday, November 28th, a group of our youth will be traveling to Chanhassen to donate time to help prepare food packages at '**Feed My Starving Children**'. Our time slot is 2-3:30pm. We will leave the Church at 1:00pm. Anyone is welcome to join us in this outreach—besides more volunteers (youth & adult) we need more drivers. Deadline to sign up is Tues, Nov, 22nd. If you have questions, contact Sadie Jenkins (320) 583-5031. If you are not available that day, you can help support with a check (payable to **Feed My Starving Children**) & bring it to the Church office prior to 12 Noon on Nov. 28th. A donation of \$88 will help feed a child for one year.

While Pastor Meyer is spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his family, we will be served pastorally as follows:

Thanksgiving Eve and Day Services—Pastor Bode

November 26th & 27th Services—Pastor Asher

Pastor Asher will also be on-call for the week.

We pray for a safe trip to Nebraska for Pastor Meyer and also pray for a speedy recovery for his wife, Sue, as she battles pneumonia.

If you are visiting today, welcome! We invite you to learn more about our ministries at Peace and look forward to getting to know you. Join us for coffee and fellowship between services on Sunday at one of the two Bible Studies offered. Complete a pew card and let us know how we can help you!

This week in **Sunday School**, the children are learning about "A Loving Law." Months into their wilderness wanderings, the Israelites arrive in the wilderness of Sinai. God comes to the mountain in clouds and thunder-fire and smoke-as He establishes His covenant with His people through Moses. There on the mountain, God gives Moses His Ten Commandments. Our Lord Jesus Christ kept this law perfectly for us, and guides us to keep the commandments, loving Him and our neighbor. Read the whole account in Exodus 14. This week's memory verse is: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you" Psalm 50:15

The **High School Bible Class** today will be discussing "Future Potential." Thinking about the future can be intimidating for anyone. Young people especially may feel anxiety as they strive to balance pressing needs and face major decisions about college, career, family and future. But today we learn that God's plan is always to bless, to give the best possible results. We sin when we replace His goals for us with our own and when we seek to accomplish His goals through our own efforts. God promises complete forgiveness for these failures through faith in Jesus' sacrifice. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through Word and Sacraments, God enables our plans to be rooted in Him.

The November **LWML** Mite calendar and the Children's Coins for Jesus calendars are available at the LWML bulletin board. Your mites and coins help fund LWML mission work. Donations can be dropped off in the Church office. Thank you for your continued donations.

Offerings received on Thanksgiving will be split between Common Cup, Good Samaritan Fund, and Tell the Next Generation.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$19,117.82	Building Fund	\$76,651.69
Cemetery Fund	\$61,195.61	Dedicated Funds ...	\$61,267.63

Building Debt Balance—January 1

Building Debt Balance—Current

(Principal paid year to date - \$120,680.26, including a recent payment of \$19,279.13)

Offerings Deposited 11/7—11/13

General Fund.....	\$15,564.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 500.60
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 750.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 82.00

Please pray for Peace members

Scott Hilgeman	Elaine Lewerenz
Ron Janke	Jeanne Cassens
Rita Janke	Angela Alsleben
Julie Elder	Rueben Draeger
Shirley Miller	Etheline Clasen
Sandra Hall	Jan Bakken
Janelle Woller	Juanita Buss
Barb Ribar	Marjorie Huls

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 bags during worship and return to the wagon

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	65
Sunday 8:30am	148
Sunday 10:30am	80
TOTAL	293
Boxcast	115
Facebook 8:30am	294
Facebook 10:30am	160

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (11/20)
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 Sunday School Sings
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (11/21)
 9:00am Body & Soul
 1-5 Driver Imp. Class
 3:30pm Sm Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (11/22)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Staff Mtg
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (11/23)
 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship

THURSDAY (11/24)
THANKSGIVING
 9:00am Worship
 OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY (11/25)
 9:00am Bethesda
 OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY (11/26)
 6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (11/27)
 8:30am Worship
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (11/28)
 9:00am Body & Soul
 3:30pm Sm Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (11/29)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Staff Mtg
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (11/30)
 9:00am Release Time
 11:30am Worship & Lunch
 2:30pm 6th Gr Confirmation
 3:30pm Elem Youth Group
 4:45pm 7 & 8 Confirmation
 5:45pm Handbells
 6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (12/1)
 1:00pm Layette Assembling

FRIDAY (12/2)

SATURDAY (12/3)
 2-4pm POP Tour of Trees
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

Looking for a book to read to your children or grandchildren for Thanksgiving? The Church library has 2 offerings.

Thanksgiving: A Harvest Celebration by Julie Stiegemeier and **Thank You for Thanksgiving** by Darcy Mackall.

LUNCH & WORD OF GOD— The Wednesday Bible Study will not meet again until January.

ADVENT WORSHIP—Advent starts Wednesday, November 30th, with worship services at 11:30am and 6:30pm. There will also be a lunch served after the midday service. The cost of lunch is covered by a free will offering.

Mission Sewing has started—please join us—first & third Wednesday each month at 1:00pm in the Church basement. If you are interested in helping, contact Shirley Wurdell (587-5064) or Phyllis Hecht (587-0185).. No experience necessary. Besides quilts, they assemble baby kits/layettes for Lutheran World Relief. Donations needed: cotton fabric for quilts; flannel for baby blankets and diapers; T-shirts, pants, sleepers, socks and jackets for infants 6-24 months; and bars of ivory soap. PLEASE NOTE—Mission Sewing will not be held on Nov 30th, instead, we will be assembling layettes on Dec. 1st at 1:00pm in the Church basement. Any questions, call Shirley, Phyllis or Delores Reiner (582-0835)

STEWARDSHIP entails our whole life and includes the sharing of our Time, Talent and Treasure. This weekend we will be asking one another to make a commitment of faith, trust and courage to our Lord and Savior as our 'faithful intents/commitments' set the foundation for what is possible in our renewed and growing ministry support plan for 2023 here at Peace. In response to His many blessings, let us willingly do our part faithfully, with thanksgiving, joy and courage! In all things, including our life of faithful stewardship, may God be praised and glorified!

Thanksgiving and Christmas greeting cards have arrived and are for sale at the **LWML card shop** in the rampway.

The door by the kitchen has been replaced. We apologize for the inconvenience while this entrance was not available. Going forward, for security purposes, this door will only be left unlocked when there is an actual event occurring in the Peace Center.

To Peace Lutheran Church Congregation,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a Nominating Committee has been seated and we are beginning the work of establishing the slate of candidates who will run for open seats on the Church Council and the Board of Elders. All elected positions serve two-year terms. The election will be held at the annual Voter's/Congregational Meeting in January 2023. The actual date for the meeting will be posted once it has been set.

The Church Council consists of a total of nine members; four officers, and five at large council members. The church council is the governing body of the Peace Lutheran Church congregation. The Church Council has the authority to enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, and develops policies as required to execute the goals approved by the Congregation. There are four Church Council seats up for election this year. They are as follows: Secretary, Treasurer, and two At-Large seats.

The Board of Elders consists of ten male members of the Congregation who serve staggered two-year terms. The Board of Elders elects their own president and secretary. The Board of Elders nurtures and encourages the spiritual growth of the Congregation and supervises, advises and assists the pastors in worship, preaching, congregational care, administration of the sacraments, and church discipline.

Changes to the makeup of the Board of Elders over recent years had resulted in the terms of service for some of the members of the Board of Elders to become out of sync with the PLC Bylaws. The Nominating Committee has addressed this issue. As a result, there are eight seats on the Board of Elders up for election this year. Three of those seats will have one-year terms, which will allow for five open seats beginning January 2024. At that point the Board of Elders terms of service will once again be compliant with the PLC Bylaws. Given that the Board of Elders elects its own officers, all seats up for election are at large seats.

The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider serving PLC in an elected capacity. If you are interested in doing so, please contact a member of the committee to express your interest.

Thank you and God bless you!

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