

Peace Lutheran Church



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT | NOVEMBER 27, 2022

PASTOR: Joseph Asher

ELDERS:

Saturday 6:30 Matthew Markgraf

Sunday 8:30 Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday 10:30 John Lietz, Robbie Peterson

Greeters 8:30 Glenn & Marith Witte

Greeters 10:30 Don & Phyllis Hecht

Acolytes 6:30 Olivia Schmidt, Madeline Schlueter

Acolytes 8:30 Ashby Farenbaugh-Smahel,
Chelsea Robinson

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

Since there is no school on Mon, Nov 28th, a group of our youth will be traveling to Chanhassen to donate time to prepare food packages at **'Feed My Starving Children'**. Our time slot is 2-3:30pm. We will leave the Church at 12:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join us in this outreach—besides more volunteers (youth & adult) we need more drivers. 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 feed a child for a year.

COOKIES!!! We are doing a different version of a **Holiday Cookie/Bake Sale** this year. We know we have many

wonderful bakers in our congregation and we are asking for your help. We are asking for donations of some of your favorite holiday cookies (or other goodies) to be brought to the Peace Center kitchen on or before Sat., Dec. 10th. That day, at 9:00am, we will start boxing them & will be selling them between services on Dec 11th outside the Peace Center (the Bell Choir will also be performing at this time). We will also be packaging cookies for our shut-ins - Pastor Lemke will take these with on his visits the following week. We will need help sorting & packing & pricing. Any questions call Shirley (587-5064) or the Church office.

ALL PROFITS GO TO THE '7 YEAR DEBT FREE INITIATIVE'

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 learn how the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years on sandals that didn't wear out and ate daily doses of manna. Following Moses' death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way; but, hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land as they gather twelve stones for a memorial to God's faithful care for His people. Just as the Lord kept His promise to bring His people to the promised land, He keeps His promises to us especially His promise to save us through His Son Jesus. Read Joshua 3:1-4:18

The **High School Bible Class** 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.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 4,559.53	Building Fund	\$71,663.55
Cemetery Fund	\$31,195.61	Dedicated Funds ...	\$61,267.63

Building Debt Balance—January 1\$2,491,042.35

Building Debt Balance—Current\$2,363,661.82

(Principal paid year to date - \$127,380.53, including a recent payment of \$19,279.13)

Offerings Deposited 11/14—11/20

General Fund.....	\$ 11,626.57	Building Fund.....	\$ 515.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0

Pledges received thru 11/23—85 (includes commitments of almost \$60,000 towards the debt reduction for 2023)

If you have not submitted your **commitment card for 2023**—there are additional forms available in the Narthex (and the Church office). Please place them in the Commitment Box—in the Narthex on weekends and in the office during the week. We ask that you do this by Mon. Dec 5th to assist with our financial planning for 2023

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	226
Sunday 10:30am	85
TOTAL	376
Boxcast	65
Facebook 8:30am	229
Facebook 10:30am	124

Need a **home Covid test**? We have some available through Parish Health. Contact the Church office or Shirley Wurdell.

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).

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

NEW BIBLE STUDY—We will be studying the Book of Proverbs—On Tuesdays at 3:00pm, Starting December 6th, in Rooms 210—Everyone Welcome!

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. Drop donations off at the Church office. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DECEMBER MESSENGER IN THE RAMPWAY.

Looking Ahead at Peace

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

SUNDAY (12/4)

8:30am Worship
Blood Pressure Checks
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion
2:00pm Crow River Singers
Christmas Concert

MONDAY (12/5)

9:00am Body & Soul
3:30pm Sm Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (12/6)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Staff Mtg
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (12/7)

8:30am Parish Health Mtg
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 (12/8)

1:30pm LWML
3-5pm LSS Dementia Support

FRIDAY (12/9)

5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY (12/10)

3:00pm Wedding