

Peace Lutheran Church



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT | DECEMBER 11, 2022

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer

ELDERS:

Saturday 6:30 Peter White

Sunday 8:30 Dale Schumann

Sunday 10:30 Robbie Peterson, Wayne Vinkemeier

Greeters 8:30 Bob and Mary Streich

Greeters 10:30 Hazel Sitz

Acolytes 6:30 Judah Perrault, Micah Perrault

Acolytes 8:30 Alexis Selle, Lillian Fromm

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

COOKIES!!! COOKIES!!! COOKIES!!! **We are doing a new version of the Holiday Cookie/Bake Sale this year.** We will be having the sale between 9am and 12noon on Sunday, Dec 11th in the Commons Area (the Bell Choir will also be performing at this time). In conjunction with the Bake Sale we have decided to add a small **SILENT AUCTION (Holiday & Seasonal Items Only)** Please feel free to extend an invite to your friends/neighbors (and maybe they would like to attend a Church service or Bible Study while they are here). We will again be selling baked goods in the office on Tuesday, Dec 13th, during the Bloodmobile from 12noon to 6pm (or until we run out). We will accept donations of more goodies to sell that day. We also will package cookies for Pastor Lemke to deliver to our shut-ins. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE '7 YEAR DEBT FREE INITIATIVE' (TTNG)**

December **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.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) have again set up the Chrismon tree in the Church office. Chrismon means "Christ monogram" and are traditionally gold and white designs of Christian symbols that signify Christ. Be sure to check out the many symbols, some of which were made more than 50 years ago.

The **altar flowers** are from the wedding of Abby McKimm and Alec Westlund, who were united in marriage here at Peace on Saturday.

In **Sunday School** this week, the children learn how Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable served as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announced the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hastened to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. We also joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus' birth! Read the whole account in Luke 2:1-20. This week's memory verse is: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Senior High Youth! Please join a adult Bible class starting today (December 11th) at 9:30am. Pastor Asher's class meets in the upstairs of the education wing and Pastor Meyer's class is in the Peace Center. We need YOUR comments, insights, and input, so JOIN US! A HUGE Thank You to Chuck and Michelle Jones for teaching the Senior High Youth during fall semester!

You are in for a treat! The **Sunday School** students will be sharing the Good News of our faithful God who keeps his promises to us in their special Christmas service, "**A Promise Kept**". Join us next Sunday, December 18, at 3:00pm. To hear the children remind us of God's promises through the ages and the story of Christ's birth in Scripture readings and song!

Family Christmas Photo—Please feel free to take a family picture in the Commons Area near the tree. If you'd like help taking the photo, ask one of our staff and they will be happy to assist.

The **Advent banner** near the pulpit was made by Carol Swenson. The inspiration for the banner is from Matt 2:9-10. "After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." Thank you, Carol, for sharing your talents this Christmas season.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$28,094.01	Building Fund	\$69,270.95
Cemetery Fund	\$63,191.99	Dedicated Funds ...	\$62,499.63

Building Debt Balance—January 1\$2,491,042.35
Building Debt Balance, current (est).....\$2,317,741.17
(Principal paid year to date - \$173,301.18—includes a recent additional payment of \$45,920.65)

Offerings Deposited 11/28—12/4

General Fund.....	\$ 10,341.59	Building Fund.....	\$ 5,500.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 1,000.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	50
Sunday 8:30am	146
Sunday 10:30am	75
Advent 11:30am	82
Advent 6:30pm	82
TOTAL	435
Boxcast	111
Facebook 8:30am	269
Facebook 10:30am	166

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

ADVENT WORSHIP—Advent worship services are Wednesdays at 11:30am and 6:30pm. There will also be a lunch served after the midday service. The cost of lunch is covered by free-will donations.

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.

Christmas greeting cards are available for sale at the **LWML card shop** in the rampway.

A special **Thank You** to Sadie Jenkins and Melissa Luthens for transporting some of our youth to Chanhassen to package food at 'Feed My Starving Children' on November 28th. The group from Peace packed 48 boxes (10,368 meals) which will feed 28 children for a year! **JOB WELL DONE!**

Our Church library recently received 18 cookbooks from the estate of Kathy Miller. Check them out—You might find some good cookie recipes for the holidays. Also, you will find some free devotionals, bookmarks and journals.

Body and Soul Bible Study will not be meeting on Dec 19th or Dec 26th. We will resume on Monday, January 2, 2023

Forms are available in the Office and the Commons Area if you still wish to make a donation for a project or ministry as a memorial in honor of a loved one. The deadline to be printed in the bulletin is December 15th.

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (12/11)

8:30am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9am-Noon—Bake Sale & Silent Auction
9:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (12/12)

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

TUESDAY (12/13)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Staff Mtg
10:00am Women's Bible Study
12-6pm Cookie Sale
12-6pm Bloodmobile
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (12/14)

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 Advent Worship

THURSDAY (12/15)

7:00pm Trustees

FRIDAY (12/16)

SATURDAY (12/17)

10:00am Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal & Pizza Party
6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (12/18)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Adult Bible Study
Christmas Sing-along in the Commons Area
10:30am Worship
3:00pm—Children's Christmas Service

MONDAY (12/19)

9:00am Body & Soul
1-5pm Driver Improve Class
3:30pm Sm Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (12/20)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Staff Mtg
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers
7:00pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY (12/21)

9:00am Release Time
11:30am Worship & Lunch
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:30pm 6th Gr Confirmation
3:30pm Elem Youth Group
4:45pm 7 & 8 Confirmation
5:45pm Handbells
6:30pm Advent Worship

THURSDAY (12/22)

FRIDAY (12/23)
Office closes at Noon

SATURDAY (12/24)

CHRISTMAS EVE
5, 7 & 9 PM
Candlelight Services