

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT | DECEMBER 4, 2022

**PASTOR:** Joseph Asher

**ELDERS:**

**Saturday 6:30** John Lietz, George Quast

**Sunday 8:30** Matthew Markgraf, Jeff Weckwerth

**Sunday 10:30** Peter White

**Greeters 8:30** Mary and Jerry Haag

**Greeters 10:30** Pat Schmidt

**Acolytes 6:30** Dalton Selle, Alexis Selle

**Acolytes 8:30** Broden Demere, Sierra Jenkins

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 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 ANY **HOMEMADE** goodies) to be brought to the Peace Center kitchen on or before Sat. Dec. 10th. That day, at 9:00am, we will begin sorting and packaging—and need volunteers to help with that too. We will be having the sale between 9am and 12noon on Dec 11th in the Commons Area (the Bell Choir will also be performing at this time). 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 in the office the following Tuesday, Dec 13th, during the Bloodmobile from 12noon to 6pm (or until we run out). We will also be packaging cookies for Pastor Lemke to deliver to our shut-ins. Any questions call Shirley (587-5064) or the Church office. **ALL PROFIT GOES TO '7 YEAR DEBT FREE INITIATIVE' (TTNG)**

December **LWML** Mite calendar and the Children's Coins for Jesus calendars are available at LWML bulletin board. Your mites and coins help fund LWML mission work. Drop donations off at the Church office. Thank you

December **LWML** meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 8th, at 1:30pm. This is the **annual Christmas party** and we will be decorating the Chrismon tree.

**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 see how God called Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God' improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon's mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. In the same way, we trust God's love and provision for us, especially in providing for us a Savior, Jesus Christ. Read the whole account in Judges 7:1-23.

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 .....	\$28,546.36	Building Fund .....	\$69,245.95
Cemetery Fund .....	\$63,191.99	Dedicated Funds ...	\$62,499.63

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)

### Offerings Deposited 11/21—11/27

General Fund.....	\$ 31,917.60	Building Fund.....	\$ 380.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 2,000.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 1,000.00

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

**Forms are available in the Office and in the Commons Area if you still wish to purchase a poinsettia for decorating the Sanctuary or to make a donation for a project or ministry as a memorial in honor of a loved one. The deadline to order poinsettias is December 9th.**

## 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

Thanksgiving Eve	181
Thanksgiving Day	64
Saturday 6:30pm	62
Sunday 8:30am	111
Sunday 10:30am	75
Advent 11:30am	85
Advent 6:30pm	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>670</b>
Boxcast	94
Facebook 8:30am	303
Facebook 10:30am	185

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### SUNDAY (12/4)

8:30am Worship/Communion  
Blood Pressure Checks  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Adult Bible Study  
10:30am Worship  
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  
6:30pm Council

### 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 Advent Worship

### THURSDAY (12/8)

1:30am LWML Christmas Party  
3-5pm LSS Dementia Support

### FRIDAY (12/9)

5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

### SATURDAY (12/10)

3:00pm Wedding  
6:30pm Worship/Communion

### SUNDAY (12/11)

8:30am Worship  
9am-12noon COOKIE SALE  
9:30am Sunday School  
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  
12noon-6pm COOKIE SALE  
12noon-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

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 noon Bible Study will not meet again until January.

**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 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.

Christmas greeting cards are available 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 is Welcome!

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!**