

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 OF EPIPHANY | JANUARY 22, 2023

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode

Elders:

Saturday 6:30pm Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday 8:30am Dale Schumann

Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson, Peter White

Acolytes:

Saturday 6:30pm Ashby Farenbaugh-Smahel

Chelsea Robinson

Sunday 8:30am Chelsea Robinson, Jozie Petersen

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Darlyn Egge

Sunday 10:30am Jeff and Anita Miller

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission has chosen Lutheran Hour Ministries as the January "Mission of the Month. This is a Christian outreach ministry through radio and internet programs. Your donation will help fund the broadcasts. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" box.

January **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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—ANNUAL PIE SALE WITH PICKUP ON VALENTINE'S DAY, FEB 14TH (order by Feb 8th). Sign up forms available in the church office.

After the success of the Christmas Cookie Sale (not to mention fun & fellowship by all participants) looks like we are going to attempt something similar for Valentine's, but on a smaller scale, for Sunday, Feb 12th. More info to come.

To our members who are unable to help with funeral lunches—would you be interested in occasionally baking a pan of bars to donate for the funeral lunches? If so, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Commons Desk

DATE SET—ANNUAL FISH FRY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH. IT WILL BE AN EAT-IN EVENT THIS YEAR (WITH TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE).

The **Red Cross** collected 125 units at their stop here at Peace on January 10th. Thank you to everyone that supported this great cause and thank you to all the volunteers from Peace that make this happen every month!

Pastor Meyer is home in Nebraska this weekend. He will return Tuesday. In case of emergency, call the Church office. Pastor Bode will be filling in this weekend for Pastor Meyer.

WE WELCOME PASTOR BODE. Pastor Bode will be leading the Sunday **Bible Study** at 9:35am in the Peace Center. He will continue to teach this class as we move forward.

Today's Sunday School lesson, "A King Forever," looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, "The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. You can read the whole account in 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:15 1-5; 7:4-17. This week's memory verse is "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crown you with steadfast love and mercy." (Psalm 103:2-4)

Peace hosted the **HAY** (Hutchinson Area Youth) **free lunch** on Thursday, January 12th. We served 225 kids. Thanks to all our volunteers that help make this outreach the success that it is!

SAVE THE DATE—Winter Snow Tubing with HAY at Powder Ridge February 1st (high school) & February 2nd (middle school). Sign-up sheets at the Common desk.

USHERS— 2023 Schedules are available in the Narthex.

Your 2023 Offering Envelopes & YOUR 2022 Contribution Statements are available in the rampway.

New donation to the library: **Katharina & Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk.** Although only 8 letters written by Katharina exist, the author used many sources to enrich our knowledge about two of the most famous people living in the 1500s, including much from Martin Luther himself. You will learn about how the Luthers met, what it was like to live in the early modern period, the Reformation and much more.

CONGREGATION MEETING=SUNDAY, FEB 5TH, 11:45AM

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$33,826.75	Building Fund	\$72,261.20
Cemetery Fund	\$64,248.42	Dedicated Funds	\$71,010.38

Building Debt Balance—1/1/22

\$2,491,042.35

Building Debt Balance—1/1/23

\$2,286,302.71

Principal paid 2022 - \$204,739.64

Offerings Deposited 1/9—1/15

General Fund	\$ 22,989.61	Building Fund	\$ 520.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 0	Dedicated Funds	\$ 15.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	52
Sunday 8:30am	142
Sunday 10:30am	135
TOTAL	329
Boxcast	164
Facebook 8:30	221
Facebook 10:30	134

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (1/22)

8:30am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (1/23)

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

TUESDAY (1/24)

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

WEDNESDAY (1/25)

9:00am Release Time
11:45am Lunch/Bible Study
2:30pm 6th Grade Confirmation
4:45pm 7 & 8 Gr Confirmation
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (1/26)

FRIDAY (1/27)

9:00am Bethesda

SATURDAY (1/28)

1:30pm Family Movie Event
6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (1/29)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:30am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (1/30)

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

TUESDAY (1/31)

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

WEDNESDAY (2/1)

9:00am Release Time
11:45am Lunch/Bible Study
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:30pm 6th Grade Confirmation
3:30pm Elem Youth (Gr 4-5)
4:45pm 7 & 8 Gr Confirmation
HS Tubing at Powder Ridge
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (2/2)

MS Tubing at Powder Ridge

FRIDAY (2/3)

SATURDAY (2/4)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A "DRIVE-IN MOVIE", SHOWING: THE STAR

Saturday, January 28th, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Church Basement

We ask that you bring a laundry basket for your child to 'decorate' into a car and a blanket for the adults to lay on or for those that don't fit into a laundry basket.

Popcorn, candy and a drink provided

Free will donations accepted

If you have any questions, please contact Missy Kohls (320) 583-1545

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH continues on Wednesdays. Serving begins at 11:45am with Bible Study approximately at 12:15pm. Pastor Meyer will be leading this Bible Study for the month of January. Pastor Asher will be serving among us again starting on Feb 1 thru May 24th. Pastor Asher will also resume the Sunday Bible Study at 9:30am in Room 207-209 in the Education Bldg, along with the Confirmation classes on Wednesdays.

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.

BROLL FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT—The Naomi Family Program serves women & families escaping domestic violence, homelessness, effects of addiction or other traumas. If you can help with this project, check out the board in the Commons for item(s) to donate. Our goal is to fill 50 bags. Bring item to church by Sunday, Feb 5th. If you are interested in participating, the Broll Family and Sadie Jenkins will be packing the bags on Wednesday, Feb 8th at 12:30pm in the church basement.

Final tally for **Thanksgiving offerings** - \$5,805.42, which meant \$1,953.14 was disbursed to each of the following: Common Cup, Samaritan's Purse and TTNG/Debt Reduction.

Copies of Common Cup's Annual Report are available in the Commons Area.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2023

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Devotions
3. Approval of Congregational Meeting Minutes, January 30, 2022
4. Vote to ratify appointment of Chuck Jones to Vice President position
5. Vote to waive term limit for Barb Otte
6. Presentation of Election Ballot
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Approval of proposed 2023 Budget
9. Pastor's Report
10. Adjourn
11. Closing Prayer

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH-2023 OFFICIAL BALLOT

Church Council-Secretary (Vote for one)

- ☐ Kim Borka (Incumbent)

Church Council-Treasurer (Vote for one)

- ☐ Justin Evenson

Church Council-At Large (Vote for two)

- ☐ Barb Otte (Incumbent)
☐ Marlene Hamblin
☐ Melissa Weckwerth

Board of Elders-All Seats are At Large (Vote for 8)

- ☐ John Lietz*
☐ Robbie Peterson*
☐ George Quast*
☐ Dale Schumann*
☐ Wayne Vinkemeier*
☐ Paul Otte
☐ Kevin Buss
☐ Brad Havemeier

*Incumbent

Three of the eight Elders seats will serve for one year, which will result in 5 open seats in the 2024 election, thereby putting the terms for Elders back into compliance with the Bylaws. The term limits required by the Bylaws will be dispensed with until the election cycle issue for the members of the Board of Elders has been resolved in 2024.