

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 LENT | FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer

Elders:

Saturday 6:30pm Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf

Sunday 10:30am Brad Havemeier, Robbie Peterson

Acolytes:

Saturday 6:30pm Sierra Jenkins, Nina Burnell

Sunday 8:30am Braxton Schmidt, Evan Sturges

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Lana Schmidt/Shirley Fuchs

Sunday 10:30am Jeff & Anita Miller

Peace Lutheran **Women in Mission** - The February "Mission of the Month" is the large print Portal of Prayer, a quarterly devotional magazine from Concordia Publishing House. If you would like to donate to this mission, please drop your donations in one of the "Mission of the Month" boxes.

February **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.

The Red Cross **Bloodmobile** collected 140 units at their stop at Peace on Feb. 14th.. As always, thanks to all who support this program and special thanks to our great volunteers!

HAY lunch—We served 218 hungry high school kids on Feb 16th. A huge Thank You to all of our volunteers (including some new ones) that came and made this possible!

Once again our members donated an overwhelming variety and amount of goodies for our **Valentine Bake Sale**. Thanks to all of you & thanks to the crew that came on Saturday to sort and package. We also provided cookies for Pastor Lemke to take to the 100+ people he visits (which were much appreciated!) We raised an amazing \$1,601 for the 7-year debt reduction fund (when matched by the Congregational Fund = \$3,202)!

CALLING ALL SINGERS—The Adult Choir will meet on Wed, March 1st at 5:30pm in the Choir Room. If you are interested in singing but unable to attend, contact Dr. Joan.

Mark your calendar—**Annual Garage Sale**—June 19th-23rd
Redeemed \$212.00 of cans for TTNG (which is now \$424!)

Check out the **donation board** by the Peace Center for items needed for our Confirmation kids, Release Time and the after school youth programs. Thanks for contributing!

Pick up your 2023 Offering Envelopes in the rampway.

The Sunday School students this week will learn about King Cyrus of Persia's plans to rebuild a house for the Lord in Jerusalem. King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as a priest and scribe to teach and lead the people at the newly repaired temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. As God's people return to the Promised Land, God demonstrates His faithfulness and points to even greater restoration in the Last Day. Read the full account in Ezra 1:1-2; 7:11-28 and Nehemiah 2:1-8; 12:27-43. This week's memory verse is "You are a gracious and merciful God...the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love..." (Nehemiah 9:31-32).

CPR Classes—John Arlt will be teaching two CPR classes in February (heart month). Classes will be from 5:30 to 9:00pm on Monday, February 27th or Tuesday, February 28th. A \$10.00 deposit is required. Contact Shirley Wurdell at (320) 587-5064 or between services on Sunday mornings to reserve a spot.

DCE INTERN - UPDATE: we were selected for a site visit on Feb 17th — We will keep the congregation posted on feedback from Concordia. Keep this matter in your prayers.

There are single Easter cards available along with new boxes of assorted greeting cards at the **Dorcas Card Shop** in the rampway.

LENTEN SERVICES—Join us for Worship Services at 11:30am or 6:30pm. Lunch will be served following 11:30 worship. **Pastor Gerhard Bode's Lenten series provides unshakeable confidence concerning the future—IN CHRIST ALONE.** **Wednesday, March 1st sermon, "Though Scorned by Those He Came to Save", As we walk through these 40 days of Lent, we encourage you to set aside time to worship with us each Wednesday at 11:30am or 6:30pm.**

Rev. Mark Moss, of Lutheran Heritage Foundation, will be our guest pastor for all services next weekend. Please review their mission statement attached.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$25,409.71	Building Fund	\$77,383.28
Cemetery Fund	\$64,814.92	Dedicated Funds	\$69,452.42

Building Debt Balance—1/1/22.....\$2,491,042.35

Building Debt Balance—1/1/23.....\$2,286,302.71

Building Debt Balance—1/25/23.....\$2,258,677.65

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$27,625.06

Offerings Deposited 2/13-2/19

General Fund.....	\$ 24,100.71	Building Fund.....	\$ 250.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 567.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, or would like a pastoral visit, contact the church office .

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	60
Sunday 8:30am	193
Sunday 10:30am	70
Ash Wednesday 11:30am	47
Ash Wednesday 6:30pm	0
Total	370
Boxcast	141
Facebook 8:30am	136
Facebook 10:30am	0
Facebook/ Ash Wednesday	140

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (2/26)

8:30am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
9:35am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (2/27)

9:00am Body & Soul
3:00pm Sm Group Bible Study
5:30pm CPR Class

TUESDAY (2/28)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Staff Mtg
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
5:30pm CPR Class
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (3/1)

9:00am Release Time
11:30am Worship & Lunch
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:30pm 6th Grade Confirmation
3:30pm Elem Youth (Gr 4-5)
4:45pm 7 & 8 Gr Confirmation
5:30pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (3/2)

FRIDAY (3/3)

SATURDAY (3/4)

Guest Speaker
Rev. Mark Moss of
Lutheran Heritage Foundation
6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (3/5)

Guest Speaker
Rev. Mark Moss of
Lutheran Heritage Foundation
8:30am Worship/Communion+
9:30am Sunday School
9:35am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (3/6)

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

TUESDAY (3/7)

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 (3/8)

9:00 Parish Health Mtg.
11:30am Worship & Lunch
5:45pm Handbells
6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (3/9)

3:00 LSS Dementia Support

FRIDAY (3/10)

11am-6pm ANNUAL FISH FRY
Office Closed

SATURDAY (3/11)

6:30pm Worship

ANNUAL FISH FRY—FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH

IT WILL BE AN EAT-IN EVENT THIS YEAR (WITH TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE)

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR VOLUNTEERS ARE IN THE COMMONS AREA

THERE ARE ALSO SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR DONATING DESSERTS OR BOTTLED WATER

SEE ATTACHED FLYER

Mission Sewing—first & third Wednesday each month at 1:00pm in the Church basement. Please join us—no experience necessary. If you are interested in helping, contact Shirley Wurdell (587-5064) or Phyllis Hecht (587-0185). 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. **We are also looking for donations of sheets, blankets or large pieces of fabric.**

If you are a **Thrivent** member, you may be eligible to request a Community Impact Card for a grant of up to \$250. Some of the upcoming events here at Peace that these would qualify for are: HAY lunch in April; an individual Lenten lunch; an individual summer concert and/or luncheon; a Wednesday Bible Study lunch, Vacation Bible School. (curriculum, crafts, food), the garage sale. Only one grant is allowed per item/event. Talk to your Thrivent agent, or make application online. Any questions, contact the Church office.

If anybody finds/found a 'baby sound machine' in the Church parking lot - please return it to Amy Paulson or turn it in to the Church office. Thanks.

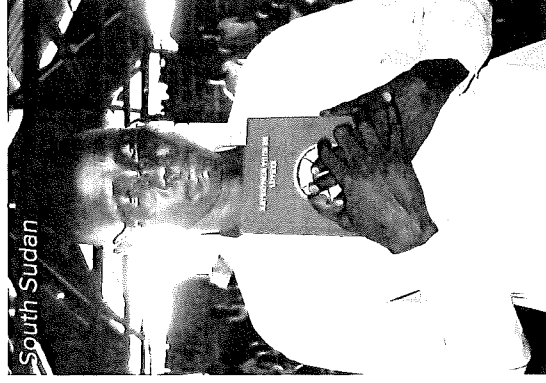
LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

REV. MARK MOSS LHF MISSION ENGAGEMENT

Rev. Mark Moss, mission engagement associate for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, will be at your church soon to share how the Holy Spirit is at work through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. His enthusiasm is contagious!

Rev. Moss brings a wealth of experience to the LHF staff, including a rich education in translation principles and three years' Bible translation supervision in Sierra Leone; several assignments as an LCMS theological educator in Nigeria and Ghana; and 20 years' experience as a military chaplain in the U.S. Chaplain Corps, where he traveled the world and interacted with people and cultures from Bahrain to Japan, Iraq to Alaska.

"During my years as a military chaplain, I saw the common need everywhere for a Savior," Rev. Moss said. "We have this picture, particularly of Islamic countries, where we think Christianity cannot make inroads. That simply isn't true! The Lord has interesting ways of opening doors to these countries, where people are thirsty for the Gospel."



"WE HEAR IN OUR OWN LANGUAGES!" (ACTS 2: 5-8)

Like the disciples bringing the Gospel to the people at Pentecost, you can help the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) translate and publish books that explain the Bible for people in languages they can understand.

Imagine trying to be a good Lutheran pastor when you've never read the Book of Concord, or even Luther's Small Catechism. Or trying to explain to a five-year-old child who Jesus is – without any Bible storybooks.

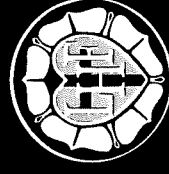
For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages.

LHF TRANSLATES THE BOOKS THAT HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD.

In more than 80 countries and 100 languages, thousands of people of all ages have come to faith in Christ because they've been able to read books like *The Good News About Jesus* or Luther's *Small Catechism* in their own languages.

YOU CAN HELP INTRODUCE UNBELIEVERS TO THE ONE TRUE SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

To help translate and publish books like *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into the languages of the world, please make your mission gifts payable to "LHF" and send to:



LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

51474 Romeo Plank Rd. ■ Macomb, MI 48042

Or give online at www.LHFmissions.org



Memorials/Flowers for Easter



Easter Lilies, Kalanchoe and Mum plants will be used this Easter, April 9, to decorate the church. 20 Lilies, 10 Kalanchoe and 5 Mum plants are needed. The cost will be \$12.00 for Lilies and \$14.00 for Kalanchoe or Mums.

If you would like to buy a Lily, Kalanchoe or Mum plant as a memorial, or to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry below, you may stop by the church office by **March 31st**, or mail in this form.

Number of Easter Lilies _____

Number of Mum/Kalanchoe Plants _____

\$_____ donation to

_____ *7-Year DEBT FREE Initiative _____ General Fund _____ Other (please specify)
(* Dollars designated to 7-Year DEBT FREE Initiative will be matched 100% by Congregational Funds Investments)

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Peace Lutheran Annual

FISH FRY

Friday, March 10
11 am - 6 pm
or until the fish run out!

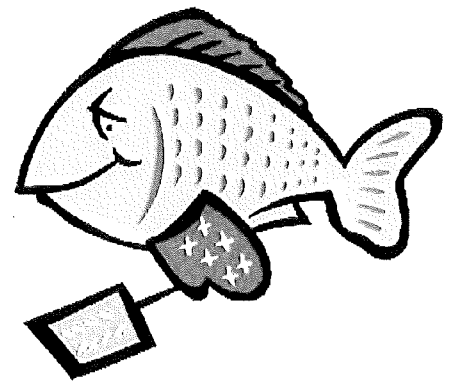
MENU:

Fried Fish • Au Gratin Potatoes • Baked Beans
Cole Slaw • Roll & Dessert

Adults \$16 Children (6-12) \$8 5 & under FREE

EAT-IN Peace Center.
TAKE-OUT Available

Proceeds support Peace Lutheran
7-year Debt Free Initiative



**DO YOU HAVE A FEW
EXTRA HOURS?**

HELP US AT THE FISH FRY!
Many shifts and a variety of jobs
available. Desserts needed.
Sign up in the Commons Area
or call 320-587-3031