

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 19, 2023

**PASTOR:** Glenn Meyer  
**Elders:**  
**Saturday 6:30pm** Kevin Buss, Wayne Vinkemeier  
**Sunday 8:30am** Brad Havemeier, Jeff Weckwerth  
**Sunday 10:30am** Robbie Peterson  
**Acolytes:**  
**Saturday 6:30pm** Alexis Selle, Dalton Selle  
**Sunday 8:30am** Connor Lueck, Broden Deere  
**Greeters:**  
**Sunday 8:30am** Lana Schmidt  
**Sunday 10:30am** Robbie & Sara Peterson

Peace Lutheran **Women in Mission** - The March "Mission of the Month" is Main Street Living—LCMS endorsed TV programming featuring an abbreviated Lutheran worship service reaching those who are unable to attend a church. Shown on Channel 29 WWTC on Sunday mornings at 9:00am, these broadcasts reach over 37,000 people in six states weekly. Drop your donation in the boxes in the narthex or Peace Center. Thank you.

The **Red Cross Bloodmobile** collected 142 units at their stop at Peace this past Tuesday! Great job everyone!

**June 12-16, 2023—VBS—'JESUS IS MY LIVESAVER'**  
Are you ready to have fun and learn more about Jesus? Then come on board with us for a VBS experience all about faith, love and eternal life. We will grow in our lifesaving faith as we study and sing about Jesus! For those interested in brainstorming and planning, please join us for a meeting on Wednesday, April 12th at 2:00pm. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Joan.

### **THANK YOU EVERYONE! THE FISH FRY WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED, PHENOMONAL SUCCESS! FINAL STATS:**

MEALS SOLD	860
INCOME	\$13,860.95
EXPENSES	\$ 5,976.91
PROFIT	\$ 7,884.04

**MATCHED BY THE CONGREGATIONAL FUND = \$15,768.08 TOWARD THE 7-YEAR DEBT REDUCTION INITIATIVE!**

**THERE WERE ALMOST 80 WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS—AMAZING! BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATION EVERYTHING RAN ABSOLUTELY PERFECT, BEYOND OUR PLANS/HOPES! LOTS OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK (INCLUDING FROM OUTSIDE OF OUR CONGREGATION AND FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES). SO MUCH FELLOWSHIP AND FUN— BY POPULAR DEMAND—WE ARE PLANNING ANOTHER FISH FRY FOR THIS FALL. STAY TUNED FOR DATES AND DETAILS.**

In this week's Sunday School lesson, the children learn about Jesus' first miracle. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. Jesus changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witness this miracle marvel at what He has done. It is the first sign that Jesus did to point to who He is as the Son of God. You can read the full account in John 2:1-11. This week's memory verse is "Jesus...manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him." (John 2:11)

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

New donations in the library: Three new books on finance were donated by Matt and Stephanie Evers: 'Smart Money, Smart Kids' by Dave Ramsey; 'Baby Steps' by Dave Ramsey; and 'Everyday Millionaires' by Chris Hogan.

**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 22nd sermon, "Sin's Curse has Lost its Grip on Me". As we walk through these 40 days of Lent, we encourage you to set aside time to worship with us Wednesdays at 11:30am or 6:30pm.**

The **Adult Choir** will sing Easter at 10:30am. Join us for practice on Wednesday nights following the 6:30pm Lenten services.

The **PRAYZ TEAM** elementary students will be leading the worship songs on Sunday, March 19th and April 16th for the 10:30am worship service. This is in addition to all of the Sunday School students singing on those days. Please contact Dr. Joan if your child would like to sing with us and to schedule a practice time.

THANK YOU to everyone that recently donated snacks/treats for our various Youth Programs. They are greatly appreciated!

The flowers on the organ are from the Betty Nass funeral, held here at Peace on Thursday.

### **Current Checking Account Balances**

General Fund .....	\$53,981.76	Building Fund .....	\$76,434.33
Cemetery Fund .....	\$64,829.84	Dedicated Funds .....	\$68,690.42

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 3/6-3/12**

General Fund.....	\$ 17,501.26	Building Fund.....	\$ 907.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0

## 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	42
Sunday 8:30am	123
Sunday 10:30am	71
Wednesday 11:30am	107
Wednesday 6:30pm	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>
Boxcast	117
Facebook 8:30am	150
Facebook 10:30am	131
Facebook/ Wednesday	85

**ANNUAL CHURCH GARAGE SALE—JUNE 19-23**

**IN THE PEACE CENTER—MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### SUNDAY (3/19)

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

### MONDAY (3/20)

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

### TUESDAY (3/21)

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 (3/22)

9:00am Release Time  
11:30am Worship & Lunch  
2:30pm 6th Gr. Confirmation  
3:30pm Elem Youth (Gr 4-5)  
4:45pm 7 & 8 Gr Confirmation  
5:45pm Handbells  
6:30pm Worship  
7:15pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY (3/23)

### FRIDAY (3/24)

9:00am Bethesda

### SATURDAY (3/25)

**1:30 FAMILY FUN EVENT**  
6:30pm Worship

April-May-June Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex, Commons Area & the wall rack at the entrance of the Peace Center.

**FARM FRESH EGGS AVAILABLE—\$4.00/DOZ—ALL PROCEEDS TO DEBT REDUCTION & MATCHED. CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.**

### SUNDAY (3/26)

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

### MONDAY (3/27)

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

### TUESDAY (3/28)

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 (3/29)

9:00am Release Time  
11:30am Worship & Lunch  
1:00pm Mission Sewing  
2:30pm 6th Gr Confirmation  
3:30pm Elem Youth (Gr 4-5)  
4:45pm 7 & 8 Gr Confirmation  
5:45pm Handbells  
6:30pm Worship  
7:15pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY (3/30)

### FRIDAY (3/31)

### SATURDAY (4/1)

6:30pm Worship

**You and Your Family are Invited to Join Us for Another DRIVE-IN MOVIE!**

**Showing: "EVAN ALMIGHTY" (A story of Noah's Ark with a comedic twist)**

**Saturday, March 25th - 1:30-3:30pm - Church Basement**

**Bring a laundry basket/tote for each child to decorate into a car; blanket/pillows for the adults to sit on.**

**Popcorn, Candy & Water Provided**

**Freewill donations Accepted**

**Questions—Contact Missy Kohls (320) 583-1545**

**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: an individual Lenten lunch; an individual summer concert and/or lunch; a Wednesday Bible Study lunch, Vacation Bible School. (curriculum, crafts, food), garage sale. One grant is allowed per item/event. Talk to your Thrivent agent or make application online. Any questions, contact the Church office .

**Need a ride to Church services. There is a new phone number for the taxi—(320) 552-0195**

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>**, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

March 1, 2023

To Peace Lutheran Church Congregation,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I have begun the task of seating a Nominating Committee for 2023 (Pursuant to PLC Bylaws, Article 11A). The Bylaws require that a new Nominating Committee is seated annually.

The make-up of the Nominating Committee is as follows: Senior Pastor (Pastor Meyer), Church Council Vice President (Chuck Jones), Board of Elders Chairman (Robbie Peterson), and 4 members of the congregation.

The role of the Nominating Committee is to establish a slate of candidates for the upcoming vacancies on the Church Council and the Board of Elders. The slate of candidates must be set and published, along with the meeting agenda, no less than one month prior to the annual voter's meeting. (The Voter's Assembly meeting will likely be sometime near the end of January 2024).

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me. I plan on having an orientation meeting of the full Nominating Committee sometime in the last week of April.

Thank you,

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