

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 26, 2023

**PASTOR:** Gerhard Bode  
**Elders:**  
**Saturday 6:30pm** George Quast  
**Sunday 8:30am** Matthew Markgraf  
**Sunday 10:30am** Brad Havemeier, Robbie Peterson  
**Acolytes:**  
**Saturday 6:30pm** Lillian From, Aiden Fromm  
**Sunday 8:30am** Madeline Schlueter, Liam Schlueter  
**Greeters:**  
**Sunday 8:30am** Bob and Margie Streich  
**Sunday 10:30am** Betty Ruskamp

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 last 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.

The Sunday School children this week will study Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The bird of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God's continuing care for His creation. Like-wise, we have no need to worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us. Read the full passage in Matthew 6:25-34. This week's memory verse is "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7)

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. Wed, March 29th sermon, "No Power of Hell, No Scheme of Man Can Ever Pluck Me From His Hand".**

The **Adult Choir** will sing on 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 Sun, April 16th in the 10:30am service. This is in addition to the Sunday School students singing. 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. It is greatly appreciated!

**The new Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex, the Commons Area and the rack by the Peace Center entrance.**

The April **Messenger** is available to pick up in the rampway.

**Gretchen Orean Piotter**, daughter of Michael and Elyssa (Hochsprung) Piotter will be baptized during the 10:30am service. Serving as sponsors are: Adam and Nicole Tanata and Jeana Wibstad.

### Current Checking Account Balances

|                     |             |                       |             |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| General Fund .....  | \$45,357.58 | Building Fund.....    | \$73,199.33 |
| Cemetery Fund ..... | \$64,829.84 | Dedicated Funds ..... | \$69,032.42 |

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 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..... | \$2,251,568.12 |

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$34,734.59

### Offerings Deposited 3/13-3/19

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|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|
| General Fund.....  | \$ 35,534.40 | Building Fund.....  | \$ 295.00 |
| Cemetery Fund..... | \$ 442.00    | 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     | 64         |
| Sunday 8:30am       | 151        |
| Sunday 10:30am      | 120        |
| Wednesday 11:30am   | 102        |
| Wednesday 6:30pm    | 91         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>528</b> |
| Boxcast             | 106        |
| Facebook 8:30am     | 239        |
| Facebook 10:30am    | 116        |
| Facebook/ Wednesday | 107        |

**ANNUAL CHURCH GARAGE SALE—JUNE 19-23  
IN THE PEACE CENTER—MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### 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  
12 Noon Common Cup Mtg  
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  
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

### SUNDAY (4/2)

#### PALM SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY (4/3)

9:00am Body & Soul  
10:00am Prayer Chain  
1-5pm Driver Improve Class  
3:00pm Sm Group Bible Study

### TUESDAY (4/4)

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

### WEDNESDAY (4/5)

1:00pm Mission Sewing  
5:00pm 1st Comm. Rehearsal  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY (4/6)

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:30am Worship/Communion  
& Lunch  
6:30pm Worship/Communion  
& 1st Comm (8th Gr)

### FRIDAY (4/7)

#### GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon Tenebrae  
6:00pm Tenebrae

### SATURDAY (4/8)

**COMMON CUP CORNER**—Everyone is invited to the Common Cup Ministry's Annual Meeting to be held at Hunter's Ridge Community Church on School Road at Noon on Monday, March 27th. Come and learn what CCM has been doing and about their vision expansion programs. Maybe you will find a project that interests you and a new way to help God's people in need. Questions and comments can be directed to Jerry or Mary Haag.

**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 are eligible to request a Community Impact Card for a grant of \$250 twice a year. 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 **Also, March 31st is the deadline to direct your 2022 Choice Dollars.**

**FARM FRESH EGGS AVAILABLE IN THE PEACE CENTER BETWEEN SERVICES.** \$4.00/DOZ. All proceeds to the 7-year debt reduction initiative which will be matched. (these beautiful, naturally multi-colored eggs are from Michelle Jones' Easter Egger chickens)

**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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