

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 LENT | MARCH 5, 2023

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode

Elders:

Saturday 6:30pm Paul Otte, George Quast

Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss, Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday 10:30am Wayne Vinkemeier

Acolytes:

Saturday 6:30pm Dakota Hoff, Ruby Hoff

Sunday 8:30am Olivia Schmidt, Madeline Schlueter

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Eugene & Evangeline Dettman

Sunday 10:30am John & Linda Kalenberg

Rev. Mark Moss, of Lutheran Heritage Foundation, will be our guest speaker for all services this weekend.

Please review the information regarding their mission that is attached to the bulletin.

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.

March **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 **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 also singing on those days. Please contact Dr. Joan if your son or daughter would like to sing with us and to schedule a practice time.

Pastor Meyer is in Nebraska spending time with his family and he also had some medical appointments. He will be back next weekend. We thank Pastor Bode for serving in his absence.

DREAMS & PLANS FOR SUMMER & FALL
ON MARCH 12TH, IN THE PEACE CENTER, PASTOR MEYER WILL BE HAVING 2 GATHERINGS FOR KIDS AND PARENTS TO DISCUSS YOUTH PROGRAMS, OPTIONS, EVENTS, ETC PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND HE WANTS YOUR INPUT!

GRADES 6—7—8 AT 12:00NOON

GRADES 9—10—11—12 AT 4:00PM

In this week's Sunday School lesson, the children learn how at Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). This marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, when He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan, remaining the perfect Son of God in our place. Read the full account in Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13. This week's memory verse is "(God says,) 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine,'" (Isaiah 43:1)

Check out the **donation board** by the Peace Center for items needed for our Confirmation kids, Release Time, After School Youth Programs, Children's Sermons. Thanks for contributing!

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

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." This is one of the many quotes of C.S. Lewis, who authored more than thirty books in his lifetime. The Church library has a few of his classics: 'Mere Christianity', 'The Screwtape Letters', 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. Donations of any of C.S. Lewis books would be a welcome addition to our library.

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 8th sermon, "and Every Sin on Him was Laid", 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.

Adult Choir—will meet Wed, March 8th, 7:15pm, Choir Room

HELPERS NEEDED—THURSDAY AT 5PM TO HELP SET UP THE OUTDOOR FRY AREA AND TENTS FOR THE FISH FRY.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$28,673.74	Building Fund	\$77,458.28
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 2/20-2/26

General Fund.....\$	8,147.88	Building Fund.....\$	140.00
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	55
Sunday 8:30am	146
Sunday 10:30am	85
Wednesday 11:30am	85
Wednesday 6:30pm	88
Total	459
Boxcast	109
Facebook 8:30am	153
Facebook 10:30am	140
Facebook/ Wednesday	113

Looking Ahead at Peace

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

MONDAY (3/6)
 9:00am Body & Soul
 10:00 Prayer Chain
 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)
 9:00am Parish Health Mtg
 9:00am Release Time
 11:30am Worship & Lunch
 5:45pm Handbells
 6:30pm Worship
 7:15pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY (3/9)
 3:00 Dementia Support

FRIDAY (3/10)
11am-6pm ANNUAL FISH FRY

SATURDAY (3/11)
 6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (3/12)
 8:30am Worship
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:35am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship/Communion
 12 Noon Youth Mtg (Gr 6-8)
 4:00pm Youth Mtg (Gr 9-12)

MONDAY (3/13)
 9:00am Body & Soul
 3:00pm Sm Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (3/14)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Staff Mtg
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 12-6pm Bloodmobile
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers
 6:30pm Church Council

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

THURSDAY (3/16)
 7:00pm Trustees

FRIDAY (3/17)

SATURDAY (3/18)
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

ANNUAL FISH FRY—FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH

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

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THAT DAY 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: HAY lunch in April; 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. Make application online. Any questions, contact the Church office.

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

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

Mark your calendars—**Annual Church Garage Sale** is scheduled for June 19-23 in the Peace Center.

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 _____

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FISH FRY

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

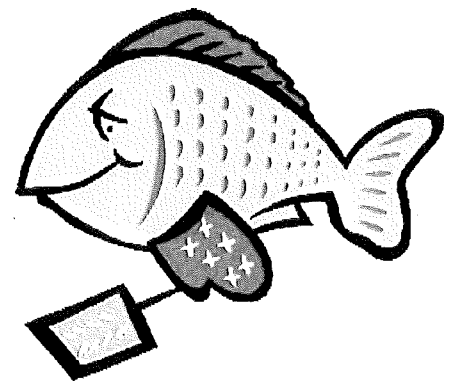
MENU:

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

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,

Chuck Jones
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