

Peace Lutheran Church



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 14, 2023

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday 6:30pm Brad Havemeier
Sunday 8:30am Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson, Dale Schumann
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Judah Perrault, Micah Perrault
Sunday 8:30am Aiden Fromm, Lillian Fromm
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Pat and Wally Kohls
Sunday 10:30am Elvern Mickle

June 12-16, 2023—VBS—'JESUS IS MY LIFESAVER' 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! **SAVE THE DATE!** Hours are 9:00-11:30am each day. If you are available to help with VBS please contact Dr. Joan or the Church Office for info. Join us as we decorate for VBS Wed May 24th & 31st & June 7th 9:00am each day,

Graduation and Mother's Day cards are available along with assorted greeting cards at the **LWML Shop** in the ramp way.

We are collecting coats (no wool coats, please) and winter gear (boots, snow pants and mittens, etc) for **Common Cup's 2023 Fall Warm Coat Drive**. There is a box in the Commons Area for your donated items

Reminder: Sunday, May 21st—HS Seniors Recognition Day—During 10:30am Service, followed by a brunch/reception for the seniors and their families.

Thank you Reception Sunday, June 4th, Between services for Pastor Asher & Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher to thank them and show our gratitude for their ministry work here at Peace for the last year and a half. Join us for cake!

We have a critical need for new **Audio-Video teams**. We do not have enough summer volunteers to cover both Sunday indoor services. Please see Dr. Joan if your family could cover one service per month, it would be greatly appreciated.

The **Youth LOCK IN** held on May 5th in Peace Place was a huge success! A good time was had by all! Thank you to: all who donated food, helped clean, the brave adults that stayed up ALL night chaperoning and special thank you to Missy Kohls and Sadie Jenkins for coordinating the event!

Flowers in the Sanctuary are from the **Sandra Lietz** funeral, which was held here at Peace on Friday.

Peace Lutheran **Women in Mission**—The May "Mission of the Month" is the four offerings at the LWML National Convention. Information on the offerings is in the LWML section of the May Messenger. We are still collecting "Gifts from the Heart" items, too. If you would like to donate to this mission, please drop your donation in one of the "Mission of the Month" boxes in the Narthex or the Peace Center. Thank you.

We received monetary donations from some of the Bible study groups and were able to add the following books to our library: Grace Under Pressure: Responding Faithfully to Stress and Jesus Said What? both by Christopher M. Kennedy; Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic by John T. Pless & Jacob A. Corzine; Ten Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible by Andrew R. Jones; Lutheran Music and Meaning by Daniel Zager; Walking Together: Simple Steps for Discipleship by Ted Doering and JUST ARRIVED—Take Courage: Encouraging Words for Discouraging Times by Rev. Matthew Harrison (who is the current president of LCMS)

Mark Your Calendar—**Pipes & Pizza** - Sun, May 21st, 4:30pm Dr. Charles H. Luedtke, recently returned member, will present a free organ recital in our sanctuary, followed by a pizza buffet at 5:30pm in the Peace Center

The **Red Cross** collected 122 units during their stop here on May 9th. Thank you to everyone that supports by donating or volunteering their time for this great cause!

JOB POSTING: We are seeking applicants for a part-time office position, 20-30 hrs/wk, to include covering the front office, publications and social media. Possible time share position. Please see Sue Kroyer for more information..

Weston Andrew Bayerl, son of Joseph Bayerl and Emma Friauf, will be baptized Sunday after the 10:30 service. Serving as sponsors are Jordan Radtke and Nicole Trettin.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$49,814.05	Building Fund.....	\$76,422.92
Cemetery Fund	\$65,137.40	Dedicated Funds	\$70,240.42

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

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

Building Debt Balance—3/25/23.....\$2,222,792.25

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$63,510.46

Offerings Deposited 5/1-5/7

General Fund.....	\$ 17,767.67	Building Fund.....	\$ 111.49
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 16.04	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 250.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Juanita Buss
Rita Janke	Marjorie Huls
Julie Elder	Justin Nass
Janelle Woller	Doug Peterson
Barb Ribar	Joyce Tews
Elaine Lewerenz	Sandra Bach
Jeanne Cassens	Otto Templin
Angela Alsleben	Dale Anderson
Etheline Clasen	Carol Kubasch
Jan Bakken	Sam Schumann

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	65
Sunday 8:30pm	179
Sunday 10:30pm	46
Confirmation	171
Total	461
Boxcast	59
Facebook 8:30pm	130
Facebook Confirmation	190

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (5/14)

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

MONDAY (5/15)

1:00pm Body & Soul
1:00p Driver Improve Class
3:00pm Sm Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (5/16)

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

WEDNESDAY (5/17)

9:00am Parish Health Mtg
11:45am Bible Study/Lunch
1:00pm Mission Sewing
3:30pm Elem Youth Gr 1-5
5:00pm Cemetery Clean Up

THURSDAY (5/18)

7:00pm Trustees

FRIDAY (5/19)

SATURDAY (5/20)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

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WEDNESDAY (5/24)

7:00pm HS Baccalaureate

THURSDAY (5/25)

FRIDAY (5/26)

9:00am Bethesda

SATURDAY (5/27)

6:30pm Worship

CHURCH CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP - MAY 17TH - 5PM-6PM

COME TO THE CHURCH CEMETERY OR MEET AT PEACE PLACE TO CARPOOL TO THE CEMETERY
KIDS & PARENTS, ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO HELP - IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE BRING A RAKE AND WORK GLOVES
AFTER, WE WILL RETURN TO PEACE PLACE FOR A BONFIRE WITH HOT DOGS & SMORES!
SIGN-UP IN THE COMMONS AREA - ANY QUESTIONS—CALL SADIE (320) 583-5031 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE

The **Wednesday Bible Study**, led by Pastor Asher, is held weekly in the Peace Center through May 17th. Lunch is served at 11:45am with the Bible Study at 12:15pm. Everyone is welcome.—please join us.

FARM FRESH EGGS AVAILABLE IN THE PEACE CENTER BETWEEN SERVICES \$4.00/DOZ. Proceeds to the 7-year debt reduction initiative (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

Justin Nass has been a lifelong member at Peace Lutheran and was diagnosed with ALS in 2021. Since then his mobility and independence have been and will continue to decline. A benefit is being held on June 10th at Cedar Mills Gun Club from 2pm to midnight in his honor. Please come out and join us for trap shooting, large silent auction, bake sale, food, kids carnival, games, music and to show Justin and his family love and support. There is a toy drive being held to support the kids carnival at the benefit. If you have it in your heart, donate an unopened toy. The toys will be used in the silent auction and for carnival prizes at the benefit. There is a box located in the Commons Area for donations thru May 31st. In addition, if you have items to donate to the silent auction or would like to make a monetary donation, please bring them to the Church office by May 31st.