

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 OF EASTER | MAY 7, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday 6:30pm Matthew Markgraf, George Quast
Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss, Paul Otte
Sunday 10:30am Wayne Vinkemeier
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Cate Oberg, Annabelle Luthens
Sunday 8:30am Cooper Schuft, Mason Carlson
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Dolores Barlau, Margaret Messner
Sunday 10:30am Delores and Allen Reiner

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**—Wednesdays May 24th & 31st and June 7th. 9:00am each day

Garage Sale June 21-23—Peace Center. **Garage sale helper meeting** on Thursday, May 11th at 9:00am in the Peace Center. Welcome back to those that have worked before and inviting new members to join in the fun and planning

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

THANK YOU TO THE ADULT CHOIR FOR SINGING SATURDAY NIGHT. NEXT WEEK THE HANDBELLS WILL PLAY AT 8:30 ON SUNDAY. These are the final performances until Fall.

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

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!

This Sunday, May 7th, at 1:00pm, ten 8th grade students will be receiving the **Rite of Confirmation** at Peace. It is an exciting time for these young people and their families as they affirm their Christian beliefs. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith walk and follow Jesus.

In our Sunday School lesson this week, the children will learn how Jesus says to a deaf man, "Ephphatha...be opened" (Mark 7:34), as He places His fingers in the man's ears and touches his tongue. The man's ears open and his tongue releases, but Jesus warns the crowd not to tell anyone. The good news cannot be contained, however, and those who witness the miracle share the story. Read the whole miracle in Mark 7:31-37. This week's memory verse is "Great is Your mercy. O Lord, give me life according to Your rules." (Psalm 119:156)

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. Coming soon will be 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

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	\$49,959.67	Building Fund.....	\$75,381.79
Cemetery Fund	\$65,137.40	Dedicated Funds	\$69,990.42

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 4/24-4/30

General Fund.....	\$ 29,615.50	Building Fund.....	\$ 636.49
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 16.04	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	72
Sunday 8:30pm	135
Sunday 10:30pm	84
Total	291
Boxcast	97
Facebook 8:30pm	172
Facebook 10:30pm	109

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (5/7)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:30am Sunday School
9:35am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship
1:00pm CONFIRMATION

MONDAY (5/8)

1:00pm Body & Soul
3:00pm Sm Group Bible Study

TUESDAY (5/9)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
10:00am Staff Meeting
12-6pm Bloodmobile
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Church Council

WEDNESDAY (5/10)

11:45am Bible Study/Lunch
3:30pm Elem Youth Gr 1-5

THURSDAY (5/11)

9:00am Garage Sale Helper Mtg
3:00pm LSS Dementia Support

FRIDAY (5/12)

SATURDAY (5/13)

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (5/14)

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

MONDAY (5/15)

1:00pm Body & Soul
1:00pm 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 Gr1-5
5:00pm Cemetery Clean Up

THURSDAY (5/18)

7:00pm Trustees

FRIDAY (5/19)

SATURDAY (5/20)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

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. 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

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 of 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.