

Peace Lutheran Church



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

TRINITY | JUNE 4, 2023

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 pm John Lietz, George Quast
Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf, Wayne Vinkemeier
Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson
Acolytes:
Sunday 8:30am Blake Evenson, Weston Witte
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Allen and Carol Swenson
Sunday 10:30am Robbie and Sara Peterson

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 June 7th at 9:00am

We are asking for donations of bars of Ivory soap for the layette kits for Lutheran World Relief. These will be assembled by the kids during VBS.

Thank you Reception this Sunday, 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.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE JUNE 21-23 PEACE CENTER

Drop Off: Mon & Tues, June 19 & 20, 8am-7pm
(No large furniture or electronics)

Set Up: Mon & Tues, June 19 & 20, 8am-7pm
and Wed, June 21, 8am-12 noon

Sale: Wednesday, June 21, 12noon-7pm
Thursday, June 22, 8am-7pm
Friday, June 23, 8am-12noon

Volunteers needed—sign-up board in the Commons Area.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are from the Amy Paulson funeral which was held here at Peace on Wednesday.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—The June "Mission of the Month" is Camp Omega This is a year-round camp in Waterville, MN offering faith-filled activities for campers of all ages. Our confirmation youth recently spent a weekend there. If you would like to donate to this mission, drop your donation in one of the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you..

As our school year ends we would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped with Sunday School, Released Time, After School Programs and Confirmation! Also, thank you to those who helped 'feed our flock' during the season from Wednesday Bible Study lunches, Sunday morning coffee/treats, snacks for all the youth events, senior recognition brunch, confirmation meals, Lenten and Advent meals, Easter brunch, etc—our Congregation is truly blessed!

Looking for **garden helpers** to weed and water our beautiful campus flowers. The planting is pretty well completed, but now we need some help maintaining. Any time commitment would be appreciated. Come join **Marv's Team!** If you are interested or available contact the Church office.

We thank Kathy Hochsprung and Roger Kaufmann for again setting up the individual flags to honor our veterans at Peace Cemetery for Memorial Day Weekend. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that did a 'spring cleaning' on May 17th. We are also thankful to our Cemetery Superintendent, Lonnie Kohls, for keeping everything so beautiful year-round.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$12,550.47	Building Fund.....	\$77,082.92
Cemetery Fund	\$65,537.40	Dedicated Funds	\$70,249.42

Building Debt Balance—1/1/22.....	\$2,491,042.35
Building Debt Balance—1/1/23.....	\$2,286,302.71
Building Debt Balance—5/17/23.....	\$2,169,114.44

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$117,188.27

Debt Reduction Revenue that will be matched

Goal	\$140,000.00 (2/1/23-1/31/24)
Matching Submitted	\$ 68,100.26
Still Needed	\$ 71,899.74

Offerings Deposited 5/15-5/21

General Fund.....	\$ 16,932.79	Building Fund.....	\$ 0
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 400.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 369.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Justin Nass
Rita Janke	Doug Peterson
Julie Elder	Joyce Tews
Janelle Woller	Sandra Bach
Barb Ribar	Otto Templin
Elaine Lewerenz	Carol Kubasch
Jeanne Cassens	Sam Schumann
Angela Alsleben	Sylvia Radtke
Etheline Clasen	Melinda Mikolich
Jan Bakken	Norman Johnson
Juanita Buss	Marilyn Schaffer
Marjorie Huls	

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	54
Sunday 8:30pm	102
Sunday 10:30pm	81
Total	237
Boxcast	85
Facebook 8:30am	209
Facebook 10:30am	92

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (6/4)

8:30am Worship /Communion
9:35am Thank you Reception
For the Asher's
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (6/5)

TUESDAY (6/6)

6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (6/7)

9:00am VBS Decorating

THURSDAY (6/8)

FRIDAY (6/9)

SATURDAY (6/10)

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (6/11)

8:30am Worship
9:30am Family Fellowship
Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (6/12)

9-11:30am VBS

TUESDAY (6/13)

9-11:30am VBS
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (6/14)

9-11:30am VBS

THURSDAY (6/15)

9-11:30am VBS

FRIDAY (6/16)

9-11:30am VBS

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

MON & FRI—9AM-12NOON; TUES, WED, THURS—9AM-4PM

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 in the Church office for more information.

If you are a **Thrivent** member, you may be eligible to request a Community Impact Card for a grant of up to \$250. We could still use Thrivent cards for a couple of the Summer concerts or for VBS. Talk to your Thrivent agent or you can make application online. Any questions, contact the Church office.

FARM FRESH EGGS AVAILABLE. \$4.00/DOZ. Proceeds will go to the 7-year debt reduction initiative (these beautiful, naturally multi-colored eggs are from Michelle Jones' Easter Egger chickens)

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

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. 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.

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Thank-You Pastor Joe Asher & Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher for your dedicated and faithful service here at Peace Lutheran these past eighteen months!

I am sorry that I cannot be present for this day of appreciation for the Ashers. With the Ashers' work among us coming to a close in May, I talked with Pastor Asher about possible dates for us to take a moment to show our gratitude. We realized that there wasn't going to be a better day than today, even though I would need to be in Nebraska over this weekend.

I add my personal note of thanks and gratitude for the work and effort of Pastor & Jennie Asher. The work done by pastors, teachers, deaconesses, and anyone involved in church work is not easy and is often taken for granted. In our church families, even here at Peace, we often tend to expect much from others "Somebody ought to do this!" while at the same time expecting everything to take place without any commitment or dedicated encouraging action on our part. The Ashers were committed, they were willing to help, they worked and I thank God for them!

At a time of need, over eighteen months ago, Pastor & Jennie Asher were available and were willing to help serve here at Peace Lutheran to help fill some crucial needs. Their continuing presence, after my arrival, helped make it possible for me to spend more time on other needs here at Peace outside of our confirmation and Sunday School programs. There was no question of their ability. I saw this in the very first S.S. Teachers meeting, that I attended, which Jennie led from her home as she was recovering from surgery. I saw this in hearing the children sing at church, the many children who attended Sunday School, (a special thanks as well to all of our excellent Sunday School teachers!) and whenever I was able to sit in on one of Pastor Asher's excellent Bible Classes.

Did Pastor Asher and I always agree on everything? Absolutely not! But I don't always agree with my wife on everything! What we agreed on was the goals of what we were trying to see accomplished and achieved here at Peace. We could always talk and we had many a fine conversation! Without qualification, I appreciate and thank God for the partnership of the Ashers in the Gospel ministry we have all shared here at Peace Lutheran for the past ten months. I am very grateful for their service with and among us.

As church workers, we do the work we do because we have a passion, even a call, to do so and we strive to do everything to the glory and praise of God. We see the need and attempt to fill the need to the best of our ability with the gifts that God gives us. This is what Pastor & Jennie Asher sought to do here at Peace, working beside and with us. I am very grateful and thankful to God for their effort! I thank God for the many times they invited me into their home and our many fine conversations. As time moves forward, I will be very interested in seeing how God continues to guide and direct them! There could be possible new connections here at Peace, but first we have the pressing need to continue to work through our transition process and see our next resident pastor and, God-willing, our next Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministries (DCE) in place.

I join all the members and friends of Peace Lutheran in wishing the very best for the Ashers as they take some well-deserved time off. Our trust is in God, and we shall see what God has in mind for the Ashers and for Peace Lutheran as we move forward in the grace, strength and loving guidance of God our Savior.

In Christ, Pastor Glenn Meyer