

July 2023



Messenger of PEACE

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

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Welcome to Peace

From the Desk of Senior Pastor Glenn Meyer, IIM

"MORE!"

II Corinthians 12:7-10: "... a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Jesus is our strength and security. Any good thing that happens, to God be the glory, what great things He has done! What a privilege is ours that He allows us to be part of His work!

"There's always more to do!" It came up when I was talking about what I was trying to get done before I drove home for a family reunion with all my siblings and all of our families (about 92 people if everyone can make it!) "There's always more to do!" "I still have much that I want to get done first before I leave." ... "There's always more! More to do! And Yes, it feels like there is more to worry about as well!"

I remember the story about a younger pastor visiting with an older retired pastor. The young pastor had only been there a short time when he said, "I need to get going. There's a shut-in I need to visit." The older pastor told him, "You can stay a while yet, we're having a nice visit. There will always be someone needing a visit!"

A story I like to share about my Grandma Etta Meyer comes from a conversation I had with her when I was a young pastor. She was telling me how she was concerned, even worried about my one sister who was on her own as a new young teacher at a rural Lutheran school. We talked about it quite a bit, and nothing I could say would sway her from her worry. Finally I came up with, what I thought, was the perfect argument. "Grandma, you don't need to worry about her, mom & dad aren't worried about her!" Well, she trumped my trump! She said, "Somebody needs to worry about her!" And as she liked to say, "That was that!"

There's always more to do! There's always more to worry about!
HOWEVER!!!

There is always much more to be thankful for! In Christ Jesus, there is always more to look forward to!

Like the lady who knew she was dying and asked to be buried with a fork in her hand. When asked to explain, she said: "Remember how when you're a guest at a meal, and they are clearing away the plates with dessert yet to come..... they tell you, "Save your fork, the best is yet to come!"

In Christ Jesus, we know the best is yet to come! We have the promise of heaven and eternal life with our Lord and Savior!

We read in Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." St. Paul knew about troubles, trials and persecution. Yet, standing in the grace, forgiveness and promises of Jesus, he could be content - Yes, even strong! He could write from prison in Philippians 4, "Rejoice in the Lord



*Invite your friends, family
members & neighbors to
worship at Peace!*

PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 - 10:20 - Family Fellowship/Sharing/Devotion
Peace Center

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP



Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 - Nuvera, chan 8 - Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



always!" For Christ is our strength, our life, our Savior!

There is always much more to be thankful for! In Christ Jesus, there is always more to look forward to!

Join me each week in worship as we celebrate and receive blessing upon blessing. Let us together hear God's Word and receive His Holy Supper. Let us encourage and lift up one another in the certain hope and promise that is ours in Christ!

Join with me and others at a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, July 23 at 11:45 am in the Peace Center as we will share updates on what is happening in several areas of ministry and the planning of future ministry. Things like:

- potential ministry uses for Peace Place
- the unique request given by the DCE Intern Placement Director AND the consultants who are working with us to see how we can have an excellent, sustainable childcare ministry once again here at Peace
- Trustees repair & maintenance plans
- Church finances and debt reduction update
- Interim Task Force Status
- Calling of Pastor timeline

months if necessary. "My hope/intent to be at Peace until we know who our next resident pastor will be."

- Our need to claim our God-given ministry here at Peace, and do what needs to be done without falling for temptation to 'let's wait for appropriate staff to do it for us...' "The right staff helps us, they don't replace us!"
- Peace Lutheran's commitment to Pastor
- Christian Education Fall Ministry plans: confirmation, Sunday School, Bible Classes
- An opportunity for Q&A and sharing items that may need some extra focus & attention.

There is a lot going on. Yes, there have been challenges as well, but still there is much to be thankful for. And I am not alone in making the observation that God is at work here at Peace and we are continuing to move ahead in ministry by God's grace and power.

In the midst of a world of trial, disappointment and discouragement we see Jesus and we know He sees us and cares for us! We know that all things are possible with God our Savior! We see opportunity for growth in ministry, care and compassion for so many in our community around us who are in need of an extra measure of kindness and hope. We trust that God has and will continue to provide what is needed to do His will!

Let us do all we can to encourage one another, reaching out to one another and our community around us with the love, understanding and compassion of Christ our Savior.

Keep the faith! Keep leaning on Jesus! Trust His Word! There is so much MORE to be thankful for!!!

In Christ Jesus, there is always MORE to look forward to!

Your pastor and fellow servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Meyer

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday - 9 am - noon
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 am - 4 pm

AUDIO VIDEO ASSISTANCE NEEDED --

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

OFFICIAL ACTS

FUNERALS

May 31 - Amy Paulson, age 42, passed away May 24

June 21 - Terry McKimm, age 75, passed away June 13

Memorials

Sandra Lietz	\$5,360.00	Debt Reduction
Betty Ruskamp	\$1,610.00	Debt Reduction
	<u>\$25.00</u>	Organ Fund
	\$1,635.00	Total
Amy Paulson	\$25.00	Debt Reduction

RECENT TRANSFERS

Jeanette Meyer, reinstated LCMS

Herb Kuehl, transferred from St. Peter Lutheran, Schamburg, IL

Keith Anderson transferred from Good Shepherd Lutheran, Glencoe

Terry & Kathy Knoll, released to join Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson

Ormund & Becky Ostlie, transferred to First Lutheran, Glencoe

Steven Wick, requested release from membership

Brad Wick, requested release from membership

JULY

Ushers

Saturday 6:30pm

July 1: Kevin & Gloriann Heikes
8: Dick & Corinne Higgins
15: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
22: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff
28: Dick & Corinne Higgins

Sunday 8:30am

Team 1
Glenn Witte
Doug Witte
Brian Koehler
Team 2
Allen Fuchs
Rusten Hulls
Kevin Buss

Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

July 1: Joanne Keilen
8: Corinne Higgins
15: John Lietz
22: Annette Koehler
29: Joanne Keilen

Sunday 8:30am

July 2: Sandra Hall
9: Melissa Weckwerth
16: Duane Hall
23: Nona Anderson
29: Arlene Benshoof



10:30am

Sara Peterson
Lynn Brown
Anita Miller
John Lietz
Phyllis Hecht

Greeters

July 2

8:30 Jan Klabunde & Diane Neubarth
10:30 Don & Phyllis Hecht

July 9

8:30 Darrel & Shelley Rusch
10:30 Elvern Mickle

July 16

8:30 Tim & Deanne Puchalski
10:30 Hazel Sitz

July 23

8:30 Lloyd & Evangeline Dettman
10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier

July 29

8:30 John & Linda Kalenberg
10:30 Mary & Jerry Haag

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission



July "Mission of the Month"

The "Mission of the Month" for July is a Concordia Seminarian. Peace Lutheran Women in Mission has supported a Concordia Seminarian for many years. We send a donation twice a year to help with expenses while attending Seminary. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

The Women's Guild of Our Savior's church has extended an invitation to the women of Peace Lutheran to attend any or all of their Guild meetings. Their July meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. The speaker is Janet Mraz on cardiac health. Breakfast will be served.

Registration is now open for the Fall LWML Women's Retreat. The deadline for retreat registration is August 25th. The hotel registration, if desired, must be made by August 4th. Book your room by August 4th for a special Retreat rate. Space is limited so you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. Complete details are available at www.mnslwml.org/2023 district retreat and on the LWML bulletin board in the ramp area.

Save the date of October 7, 2023 for the LWML Crow River Conference Rally to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran in Lester Prairie. More details will be available in the coming months.

The work of the LWML is often taken for granted. We expect others to do the work and expect things to happen without any personal commitment or dedication. "Somebody should do that!" Your commitment is vital to the mission work of the LWML and Peace Lutheran Women in Mission. Please remember to make your offerings to Mites and the Mission of the Month.

LWML MN South District President Lisa Kamrath is requesting prayers for victims of a fire on May 29th in Howard Lake. Two families lost their homes and embers from the fire damaged the steeple of St. James Lutheran church. The LWML group at St. James is in our Crow River Conference. Pray for the families and give thanks that there were no lives lost.



PRINCE OF PEACE RETIREMENT LIVING JULY 2023

It's time to celebrate Independence Day! Fire up those grills, invite company, and enjoy the land of the free. This is one of our favorite times of the year as we get outside more often and can appreciate the beauty of not only Hutchinson but all of Minnesota. If you are not too busy doing the same we are looking for more volunteers to help out with our meal program. If you or if you know someone who would enjoy volunteering 2 hours once or twice a month to help serve a meal please reach out to Lisa Hoff. You can contact her by phone calling #320.234.7588 or email her at residentservices95@gmail.com.

Blessings,

Destini Doring, Executive Director
Prince of Peace Retirement Living
www.poprl.org



SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 23

after 10:30 service, Peace Center
See back cover of this Messenger
for agenda items.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S PLANNING MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 AT 4:45 PM

to discuss calendar and curriculum.



ROOT BEER & BELLS



On August 9th we will be
hosting a new event -- Root Beer & Bells!

6 pm DINNER

6:30pm SING-A-LONG & PLAY-A-LONG

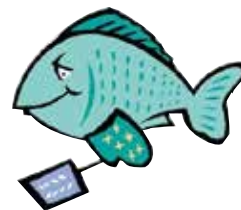
This will be a fun evening for all ages, hosted by the Hosanna Handbells. There will be dinner at 6:00pm with pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw and baked beans, plus desserts of layered cakes, ice cream and a keg of ROOT BEER!!! At 6:30pm we will have a sing-a-long and play-along program with singing and hand chimes for everyone! If you have never participated in a bell choir and/or if you want to just enjoy an enjoyable evening of music, please plan to join us in the Peace Center!

Fall Fish Fry!

Save-the-Date

Saturday, September 30

Watch the bulletin and Messenger
for details and how you can help!
#7yeardebtfreeinitiative



Financial Report

01/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

Income	
General Fund Revenue	378,821.24
Dedicated Revenue	4,069.00
Building Revenue	8,777.38
Cemetery Revenue	1,305.60
Total Income	392,973.22
Expense	
General Fund Expense (includes loan interest)	283,501.81
Dedicated Expense	5,823.02
Building Expense	3,626.00
Cemetery Expense	0.00
Total Expense	292,950.83
Net Income	100,022.39
LCEF Loan Principal Reduction	117,188.27
Total Cash Flow	-17,165.88

Please note: During 2023, all monies designated to the 7-Year DEBT FREE Initiative (and TTNG), through offerings, memorials, fundraising or other, will be matched 100% by Congregational Fund Investments up to \$140,000.

GROWING in God's Word

Watch for FALL OPPORTUNITIES in the August Messenger.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

9:35 - 10:20 am | Peace Center

Family Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study at 9:35 am in the Peace Center. This Bible study will continue throughout summer and will be a family oriented study, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Adult Education Opportunities

If you have questions about any of the Bible studies please contact the church office at 587-3031.

MONDAYS:

1:00 Body & Soul Women's group - will resume after Labor Day, Upper Conference table
3:00 Small Group Bible Study - will resume after Labor Day, Room 210

TUESDAYS:

10 am POPRL Bible Study at POPRL
10 am Women's Small Group Bible Study, will resume after Labor Day, Room 210
3:00 Proverbs Bible Study - will resume after Labor Day, Room 210
6:30 pm Promise Keepers Bible Study, continuing throughout summer, open to anyone, Room 210

WEDNESDAYS:

11:45 am Lunch & Word of God, will resume after Labor Day, Peace Center.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Request for FREE School Supplies

It's that time of year again! You can now submit your requests for our 2023-24 School Supply Distribution Program. Supplies are limited to the first 400 requests. Request forms are located at the Commons Desk.

For those who registered their child(ren) by the deadline, supply pick-up information is below:

WED AUGUST 16, 3:00-6:30 PM

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

1040 South Grade Road SW -Hutchinson

- Deadline for requests is August 4, 2023.
- Supplies are limited to the first 400 requests.
- Postcards will be sent out the week of Aug 7th with information needed to pick up your school supplies.

Please bring postcard to pick up supplies.

How Can You Help?

Common Cup Ministry is collecting donations for the 2023-2024 Back to School Supply Drive.

NEEDED FROM PEACE:

- 20 backpacks
- Colored Pencils (12 ct)
- Glue Bottles (4 oz)
- Green notebooks (wide ruled)
- Composition notebooks (wide ruled)



Donations accepted until Aug 1st, they can be dropped off in the Commons Area, Thank you!



We were overwhelmed at the outpouring of love and goodwill in the recent reception for our twenty months of ministry at Peace. It was a privilege to serve our Triune God with you. Thanks to all!

And for the cards and gifts, we were very surprised and grateful!

God bless you all.

Pastor and Jennie Asher

New this year at The Hutchinson Farmers Market

P.O.P.S. Power of Produce Club for Seniors

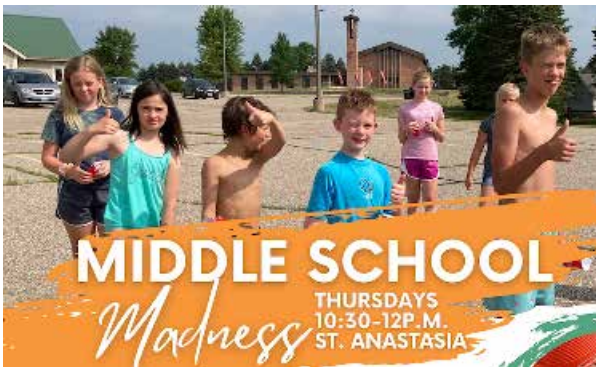
Seniors 65 years and older can sign up at the Farmers Market to receive \$2 wooden token to use at the market to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs or plants that bear these items. They can do this at every market throughout the season.

The market strives to increase access to healthy foods for all and hope this helps the senior population. Give it a try!!



YOUTH CONNECT Grades 6 - 12

KIDS CONNECT



**Beginning June 8
Ending July 27**

Current 5-8th Grade Students

- **Games...** Each week we'll have a fun large group game. When students arrive they will check in and can hang out playing the gathering games.
- **Devotional...** After our large group game(s) we will have a devotional from one of the youth leaders.
- **Fellowship...** What a fun experience to have with your friends!

NOTE: JULY 27 is Valley Fair Day! Sign up using the qr code.

**Sign Up
Today!**



2023 Summer Feeding Program

Hutchinson Public Schools is looking for Volunteers for their 2023 Summer Feeding Program. This program provides free breakfast & lunch during the Summer months for all kids ages 18 and under.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please contact Anne Bassett at anne.bassett@isd423.org or by calling 320-234-2603.

Please note the dates, times, and locations for the program. The program will be closed July 3-6th.

West Elementary

June 12th-August 3rd

Breakfast 8:15am-9:15am

Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm

Park Elementary

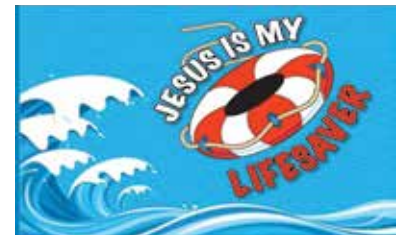
June 12th-August 3rd

Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am

Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all 51 of our VBS Volunteers and thanks to Dr. Joan for serving as director this year. You all did an amazing job! We would also like to thank all of our members that helped support this program with their donations of supplies, food, financial aid, Thrivent cards- it was very much appreciated!



There were 62 kids that participated throughout the week. 'Jesus is our Lifesaver' was the theme, along with their Bible study, the children learned of other aspects of 'lifesaving' here on earth. It was fun watching the kids interact during the presentations by the Hutchinson Fire Department, Hutchinson Police Department, the Department of Natural Resource (water safety), Allina Health Ambulance (EMT's), and lifeguards from Hutch Park and Recreation.

Check out more pictures on display in the rampway!



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Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.

PEACE LUTHERAN GARAGE SALE 2023 RECAP



We had a very successful sale in June. There were wonderful donations, great help and happy customers. Close to 70 members helped in some way. Members also requested Thrivent grants to help with the advertising and feeding the volunteers during the very long days. It was much appreciated.

As of this printing we have raised \$6,518.04 towards the Debt Reduction and this amount will be matched!

We have such a variety of talents in our congregation and willing helpers. It was a pleasure to be involved. Thank you, Shirley

Mark your calendars for the 2024 GARAGE SALE happening June 17 - 21st.



WE ♥ Volunteers!

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, JULY 11th

TUESDAY, AUG 8th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments can be made on line at redcrossblood.org or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064.



SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM



~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~

MON. August 7 1-5 pm (4-hr refresher)

MON. Oct 16 1-5 pm (first time class, part 1)

MON. Oct 23 1-5 pm (first time class, part 2)

MON. OCT 30 1-5pm (4-hr refresher)

Room 207-209 Education Building

Drivers Discount Classes have been scheduled at Peace with Minnesota Highway and Safety Research Center for 2023. Classes have been scheduled about 6 weeks apart. Mondays from 1:00-5:00 PM in rooms 207-209 has been working out well over the past year.

To register for these or other classes in our area call Minnesota Highway and Safety Research Center at 1-888-234-1294 or 1-320-308-1400 or visit WWW.DRIVERDISCOUNTPROGRAM.COM!

Hope to see you there!

Renee Clabo, Parish Health

2023 SUMMER CONCERTS at Peace



WEDNESDAYS

11:30 am • FREE CONCERT

12:15 • LUNCHEON

\$10 Adults ~ Children FREE

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

JUNE 28

Piano & Organ Duets

JULY 19

The Cogley Sisters

JULY 5

Patriotic Program
with Grace Puckett soloist

JULY 26

Hutchinson Family
Singers

JULY 12

Chuck Thiel

AUGUST 2

Basics

Supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial.
Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry at Peace.

Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2023 8:00am

Present: Steven Wick, Chuck Jones, Justin Evenson, Kathy Hochsprung, Barb Otte, Shirley Ulbjerg, Melissa Weckwerth, Brad Wick, Pastor Glenn Meyer, Sue Kroyer, Wayne Vinkemeier

Absent: Kim Borka

1. Meeting called to order by President Wick.
2. Opening prayer by Barb Otte - Luther's Morning Prayer
3. Approval of April meeting minutes
 - Unfinished Business: #4 Building Use Policy: ' Continuing to look at the policy for usage of Peace Place'
 - Motion made by Brad to change 'Peace Place' to 'total facilities'; Seconded by Barb; Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Brad to accept the April minutes as revised; Seconded by Barb; Motion carried.
4. Reports
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - 1) Recommendation was made to offer a \$200.00 per pay period (or \$5,200.00/year) stipend to Pastor Bode. Pastor Bode, although retired, covered all the recent Lenten services, leads a weekly Bible study, makes visitations as needed, and is averaging one weekend a month of filling in for services. Motion made by Brad to authorize payment of \$200.00 per pay period to Pastor Bode, retroactive to April 1, 2023 (as this had been discussed at the April meeting, but not acted upon); Seconded by Kathy; Motion carried.
 - 2) Discussion of renaming the P & L (Profit & Loss) monthly report to 'Statement of Financial Operations'. Brad made the motion to put the matter to a vote; Seconded by Chuck. Motion failed. Brad called for a rollcall vote. Steve/yes; Chuck/no; Justin/no; Kathy/no; Barb/no; Shirley/no; Melissa/no; Brad/yes. The name of the P & L report will not be changed at this time
 - B. Elders' Report
 - 1) Wayne reported that the Elders are planning the June 4th recognition reception for Pastor Joe Asher and Deaconess Jennie Asher.
 - 2) Wayne also reported that the Elders continue to work on updating the membership roster
 - C. Pastor's Report
 - 1) Pastor reported on his recent attendance of the District Pastors' Conference May 8-10
 - 2) Hoping to get the Interim Task Force convened in the very near future so we can proceed with the pastoral call process
 - 3) Will be meeting with the Trustees regarding maintenance issues at Peace Place
 - 4) Reported that the Youth Lock-in was a success
 - 5) Reported that Sue is finishing up the Synodical Statistical Report that is required to be submitted every three years
 - 6) Planning to work with Kurt Fuhr of the LCMS Foundation to set up estate planning/will workshop
 - D. No Trustees' Report
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. Policy Manual - Brad stated there are three policies not included. He will provide these for Sue to make copies and disperse to the Council members.
 - B. Liability Insurance (General, Umbrella)- Justin reported that he and Sue had thoroughly investigated this and also met with other insurance companies and are confident that we are more than adequately covered with our current insurance provider.
6. New Business
 - A. Steve questioned a submission to the Secretary of State. Sue is going to investigate the situation and, if warranted, report her findings to the Council at the next meeting.
 - B. Congregational Fund Committee - There were three candidates for the two open, three-year positions on the Committee - Mike McKimm, Brad Wick, Tim Zackrison. Brad asked to be removed from the ballot. Motion made by Brad to appoint Mike McKimm and Tim Zackrison to the Committee; Seconded by Melissa; Motion carried.
 - C. Brad Wick made the statement he was done and started to leave the meeting. Barb asked, for clarification, if this meant he was resigning from the Church Council. He replied "yes" and then left.
 - D. Discussion ensued on various issues which will be formally addressed at upcoming meetings.

Pastor closed with a prayer.

Motion made by Justin to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Melissa. Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.

Minutes recorded by Sue Kroyer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Borka
Church Council Secretary

Steven Wick
Church Council President

Special Voters Meeting

Sunday, July 23 following 10:30 service



WHO: Peace Lutheran Members

WHAT: Congregational Voters Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, July 23, after the 10:30 service

WHERE: Peace Center

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- Trustees repair & maintenance plans
- Church finances and debt reduction update
- Interim Task Force Status
- Calling of Pastor timeline
- DCE/DCE Intern Status
- Estate Planning opportunity and resources
- Update/report from our childcare task force
- Pastor's call & commitment to Peace, 18 months, extend to 24 months if necessary.
- Peace Lutheran's commitment to Pastor
- Christian Education Fall Ministry plans: confirmation, Sunday School, Bible Classes
- An opportunity for Q&A and sharing items that may need some extra focus & attention.

Pastor Glenn Meyer 402-580-2929
 Pastor Gerhard Bode 320-587-3031
 Pastor Layton Lemke 952-467-4496

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Middle School Madness is at St A's Church						1 6:30 Worship/Comm
2 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:35 Family Fellowship 10:30 Worship	3 6:30 Elders Office Closed	4 Office Closed in observance of Independence Day 	5 11:30 Concert & Luncheon	6 10:30-12 MS Madness	7	8 6:30 Worship
9 8:30 Worship 9:35 Family Fellowship 10:30 Worship/Comm.	10 <i>Pastor Lemke's Visitations</i> 5:30 LCMS Foundation 6:30 Church Council	11 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Staff 10:00 Women's Bible St 12-6 Bloodmobile 6:30 Promise Keepers	12 11:30 Concert & Luncheon	13 8:30 Parish Health Meeting 10:30-12 MS Madness	14	15 6:30 Worship/Comm
16 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:35 Family Fellowship 10:30 Worship	17	18 9:00 Staff Planning Meeting 10:00 Women's Bible St 10:00 POP Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers	19 11:30 Concert & Luncheon 4:45 Sunday School teacher planning mtg	20 10:30-12 MS Madness 6:30 Trustees	21 9:00 Ablelight Thrift Shop	22 6:30 Worship
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July 2023 Prayer Calendar



July 1-Heavenly Father, you know our hearts. Lead us to follow you and reflect your love to those around us.

July 2-Dear Lord, help us to honor You and bring glory to Your name.

July 3-God of all creation, let your kingdom be known to all people on earth. Help us to share the good news of the eternal life we have in Jesus.

July 4-On this day of independence, thank you for the freedom to worship you freely without persecution. We thank you for those who fought for our country and currently serve.

July 5-Dear Lord, thank you for the bountiful gifts You provide daily. Forgive us if we fail to give you credit for our earthly blessings.

July 6-Faithful Father, forgive us when we sin. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us.

July 7-Dear Lord, when the world pulls us away from you, guard and protect us and help us focus on your loving grace.

July 8- Lord, we are blessed with family chosen by you for us. We thank you for the gift of life, our parents, and grandparents.

July 9-Father in heaven, you have blessed us with caring family and friends. Help us to love them and honor them with our actions.

July 10-Dear Lord, bless our staff at Peace Lutheran who work tirelessly to help our church grow, lead us in worship, and guide us in our spiritual life.

July 11-Thank you heavenly Father, for the workers in our community. Watch over them, keep them safe, and help us to always show kindness to them.

July 12-Dear Lord, sickness and death surround us. Bless the medical workers who work to care for us and find cures for our illnesses. Give them wisdom and strength in their daily work.

July 13-Heavenly Father, we pray you send your Holy Spirit to us that we might have the words to share your loving grace with those in our community who do not know you.

July 14-Great Teacher, Healer, and Friend, thank you for our community leaders. Help them to serve Hutchinson with integrity and wisdom.

July 15-Times can be difficult Lord, we pray you will help those who are in financial need. We trust in you Lord to provide for those in need, those who can't find a job, and those who are having trouble making ends meet.

July 16-I love you Lord, your mercies never fail me. When we encounter difficulties in our life, help us to trust in You to provide all that we need. Help us to share your gifts with those in need.

July 17-Faithful Father, for those that are hurting due to the loss of a loved one, comfort them with the assurance of eternal salvation you give to us through your Son Jesus Christ.

July 18- Father, help us to trust the plan you have for us. Forgive us for our impatience when the way may not be clear. Help us to cast our cares on You and trust in your loving mercy.

July 19-Lord, when our earthly bodies fail, help us to trust in your mercy. Free us from pain and give us strength.

July 20-Holy Spirit, come into our hearts and renew our Spirit.

July 21-John 16:23 "...the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name." Heavenly Father, forgive us in Jesus name and renew our faith that we confidently trust in You above all things.

July 22-Father, help us to focus on those things that bring joy to others. Help us to love our neighbor as you have loved us.

July 23-Let us not judge others. Help us, Lord, to have compassionate hearts.

July 24-Lord, help us to be honest in our lives and accountable for our actions. Give us a heart that recognizes when the things we say or do may be hurtful to others.

July 25- Creator Father, you made each one of us individually unique in our own way. Help us to celebrate who we are, uniquely made in your image.

July 26-Heavenly Father, help us to be kind and gentle with those around us. Lift us up when we are frustrated and help us to reach out in love.

July 27-Dear Lord, free all people on Earth living in persecution. Comfort them and send them your peace.

July 28-Help us to join together as Christians, Father, that together we may be a living example for one another of your love and kindness. Help us lift each other up and be a source of comfort for those in need.

July 29-Forgive our selfish thoughts, Lord, when we don't put you first in our lives. We are distracted by the world and sin. Help us to live a life that is pleasing to you.

July 30-Thank you, God, for the gift of salvation. Help us to praise you with our voices and actions.

July 31-Psalm 25:4 "Teach me your ways, O Lord; make them known to me. Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God, who saves me. I always trust in you."