

Peace Lutheran Church



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST | AUGUST 20, 2023

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 pm Matthew Markgraf, George Quast
Sunday 8:30am Paul Otte, Wayne Vinkemeier
Sunday 10:30am Brad Havemeier
Acolytes:
Sunday 8:30am Kiera Plath, Hayden Benson
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Dale and Judy Schumann
Sunday 10:30am Jeff and Anita Miller

AMAZING! JOB WELL DONE! WE ARE TRULY BLESSED! WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR 12 MONTH GOAL IN LESS THAN 6 MONTHS FOR THE DEBT REDUCTION!!! In the very near future, once we have submitted our funds to LCEF and receive the matching monies from the Congregational Fund and submit that to LCEF—watch for a 'major change' to our Debt Balance listed in the weekly bulletin.

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.

If you have extra **garden produce** to share, there is a table provided for this purpose in the Commons Area. Thank you to all of our wonderful gardeners for sharing the fruits of their labor.

The **Red Cross** collected 149 units at their stop here at Peace on August 8th! That's a record! Great job everyone!

The streaming computer in the Sanctuary is in need of major hardware repair. Until further notice, we will only be able to stream the 10:30 service.

Thank you to our young ladies that gathered again recently to tie blankets to be given to babies that are being baptized. This session we had a couple guest helpers all the way from Colorado!

THANK YOU to Delores Reiner and Jacquelyn Dixon and the entire kitchen crew for all of the terrific meals accompanying this year's summer concerts!!!

Many Thanks To Everyone Who Participated In The "Root Beer And Bells" Celebration And Made My 60TH Birthday. Definitely One To Remember! JOAN

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—The August "Mission of the Month" is Common Cup Ministry. This organization pools resources from local churches to help those in need with such things as diapers, school supplies and winter coats to name a few. If you would like to donate to this mission, drop your donation in one of the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

LWML Retreat—Augst 25th is the deadline to register for the MN South District LWML Retreat at Camp Omega in Waterville MN, on September 15 and 16. Complete information is available on the MN South District website or on the LWML bulletin board in the ramp. Space is limited.

Update on Sam Schumann: God gave Sam a **NEW HEART** on Wed, June 14th! He is now recovering at home & looking forward to doing normal stuff with no medical backpack. He is also looking for school to start—he will be in 7th grade. Thank you for all your prayers. God does answer them. **Please keep the prayers coming as he continues recovery. Thank You. The Schumann Family.**

PLEASE NOTE Starting Monday, Aug. 21st, the **Commons Area** will be unusable due to painting of the ceiling. Hopefully, this will be completed within a week.

Flowers in the sanctuary are from Jeanne Cassens' funeral, which was held at Peace this past Thursday.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 1,829.98	Building Fund.....	\$82,746.26
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65,586.89	Dedicated Funds	\$72,568.82

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

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

Building Debt Balance—6/19/23.....\$2,005,120.83

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$281,181.88

Debt Reduction Revenue that will be matched

Goal \$140,000.00 (2/1/23-1/31/24)

Received to Date \$150,842.74 (107%)

Offerings Deposited 7/24-7/30

General Fund.....	\$ 10,115.66	Building Fund.....	\$ 80.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds.....	\$ 785.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Justin Nass
Rita Janke	Doug Peterson
Julie Elder	Sandra Bach
Janelle Woller	Otto Templin
Barb Ribar	Sam Schumann
Elaine Lewerenz	Sylvia Radtke
Jeanne Cassens	Melinda Mikolich
Angela Alsleben	Norman Johnson
Etheline Clasen	Marilyn Schaffer
Jan Bakken	Jasmine & Caius Kron
Marjorie Huls	Heidi Hardel

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	59
Sunday 8:30pm	101
Sunday 10:30pm	60
Total	220
Boxcast	68
Facebook 10:30pm	147

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (8/20)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:35am Fellowship
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (8/21)

TUESDAY (8/22)

10:00am Women's Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (8/23)

THURSDAY (8/24)

FRIDAY (8/25)

9:00am Abelight (Bethesda)

SATURDAY (8/26)

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (8/27)

8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Communion
11:45am Youth Advisory Mtg

MONDAY (8/28)

TUESDAY (8/29)

10:00am Women's Bible St
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (8/30)

THURSDAY (8/31)

FRIDAY (9/1)

9:00am Abelight (Bethesda)

SATURDAY (9/2)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

FAVORITE HYMN AUGUST

PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM IN THE COMMONS AREA WITH YOUR NAME AND YOUR FAVORITE HYMN OR SONG. WE WILL SING AS MANY AS POSSIBLE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

CONFIRMATION—Informational Meeting—Wednesday, September 6th, 6:00pm, for parents of 6th, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students. (Confirmation starts September 13th). **If you are able to serve as a confirmation mentor after school on Wednesdays (2:45-4:30pm)– please contact the church office ASAP.**

RALLY SUNDAY—Will be Sunday, September 10th at 9:40am (see your classroom and meet your teachers; also games and treats!) followed by Worship at 10:30am.

Youth Advisory Group - Will meet with Pastor Meyer on Sunday, August 27th following 10:30am worship to discuss youth activities planning for the coming year. Parents are encouraged to attend.

If you would be interested in providing treats &/or serving during **Sunday fellowship time between services**, please sign up on the board in the kitchen.

Year to date offering statements are available at the Commons desk.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: There is a need for people willing to read scripture during the worship services Contact Cyndy Fallon at 320-587-5517 or at fwroof@hutchtell.net or sign up in the Commons Area

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—First ever Fall Fish Fry—Saturday, September 30th, 11am to 5pm

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 occasionally get new bandages from people after they have been healed. Right now we have extras. If you have a need of **surgical or first aid dressings** not covered by your insurance, please contact Parish Health

COMMON CUP DIAPER DRIVE—Now through the end of August we will be collecting diapers for Common Cup. All sizes needed. Place your donations in the playpen in the Commons Area. Thank you for helping.

Congregational Transition Task Force Update

The transition task force team has been meeting weekly since the second week of July. We are prayerfully reviewing the information presented to the congregation from the Fireside Chats that were held last November, reviewing, and updating the information from the Congregational Consultation Report prepared previously, and learning about the process of pastoral changes through the book A Change in Pastors, by Loren B. Mead.

Our committee will continue to meet until we have prepared a Congregational Profile Report to present to the congregation. Once approved by you, this report will be used to call a permanent pastor for Peace Lutheran Church. The report will give readers a description of our church and community. It will highlight the history of Peace Lutheran and will report on community demographics. The report will identify our mission and vision, it will identify our current strengths and weaknesses, and highlight the ministries we currently have in place and those we feel are important for our future.

Committee members are happy to talk with you about our process. Feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.

Members include Bob Sylvester, Sara Peterson, Renae McKimm, Wayne Vinkemeier, Cyndy Fallon, Annette Koehler, Missy Kohls, Mary Haag, Jerry Haag, Scott Haag, Matt Markgraf, and Lynn Brown.