

Peace Lutheran Church



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 pm John Lietz
Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf
Sunday 10:30am Brad Havemeier, Robbie Peterson
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Mason Carlson, Cooper Schuft
Sunday 8:30am Liam Schlueter, Aiden Fromm
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Barb Otte, Margo Kaping
Sunday 10:30am Hazel Sitz

Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in the grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment. Details of estate plans probably will change over time. Yet the core values are something you can get in place today. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you think and pray about the decisions. See attached flyer & plan to attend.

NEW!!! YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us from 9:40-10:25am on Sundays in Rooms 207-209 for the Young Adult Bible Study, **"Balance: Living with Life's Demands"**. Balance explores the young adult issues of how to have a devotional life in the midst of the daily grind. Study books are available in class or in the Church office. This is a 7-week series. Sept 24-Gotta Take Care of Business; Oct 2-I'm So Busy!; Oct 8-What a Rush!; Oct 15-O Lord, Where Are You?; Oct 22-It Takes Two (or More); Oct 29-It's Not Fair; Nov 5-Justice Goes Global

The framed certificates have been delivered—We have won Hutchinson Leader's annual "Best of Hutchinson" Readers' Choice Awards in two separate categories: FAVORITE CHURCH DINNER and FAVORITE FISH FRY!
WAY TO GO! WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! THANK YOU!!!

Check out the **donation board** by the Peace Center. We need snacks for our **Youth Events**—Sunday School, Confirmation, Release Time. Thanks in advance for your donations!

We could use some help Friday around 12noon setting up the tents etc for the FISH FRY..

The family of Donald Fenske would like to thank all of you that were concerned about him the past 2 1/2 years and especially since his passing. We have been shown such love through your hugs, kind words, cards and memorials. We were blessed to have him in our lives. He is at rest now.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—The September "Mission of the Month" is LCMS Disaster Relief.. This organization responds to immediate and long term needs from natural and man-made disasters. If you would like to donate to this mission, drop your donation in one of the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

LWML Sunday is October 1. The theme is "The King is Coming", based on Psalm 24:7-10. We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of Peace Lutheran Women in Mission by asking any member or going to the LWML website at www.lwml.org. Thank you for your support through donations and prayers.

The **Red Cross** collected 137 units here at Peace on Sept 12th.. Thank you to all who donated blood or volunteered time for this special cause.

Students are asked to join us in leading the singing for the 10:30 worship service on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**. Rehearsals can be arranged with Dr. Joan. Music will be simple and familiar songs

SEE YOU AT THE POLE! WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27—Global Day of Student Prayer. Students meet before school, to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. It is student-initiated, student organized, and student led. HHS students will meet at 7am at the flagpole outside the school. HMS students will meet at 7am at the bus drop off. Parents, encourage your kids to participate and let's all continue to pray and support this nation-wide movement.

The altar flowers are from the funeral of Lee Cheney which was held here at Peace this past Thursday.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 6,370.62	Building Fund.....	\$87,737.30
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65,603.60	Dedicated Funds	\$73,107.82

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

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

Building Debt Balance—9/1/23.....\$1,912,013.19***

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$374,289.52

Debt Reduction Revenue that will be matched

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

Received to Date \$159,201.74 (114%)

Offerings Deposited 9/7-9/13

General Fund.....	\$ 12,618.72	Building Fund.....	\$ 315.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Sandra Bach
Rita Janke	Otto Templin
Julie Elder	Sam Schumann
Barb Ribar	Sylvia Radtke
Elaine Lewerenz	Melinda Mikolich
Angela Alsleben	Marilyn Schaffer
Etheline Clasen	Jasmine & Caius Kron
Jan Bakken	Heidi Hardel
Marjorie Huls	Bonnie Lickfelt
Justin Nass	Larry McKimm

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	145
Sunday 10:30pm	70
Total	269
Boxcast	124
Livestream 8:30	149
Livestream 10:30	101

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (9/24)

8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Studies
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (9/25)

9:00am Body and Soul

TUESDAY (9/26)

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

WEDNESDAY (9/27)

11:45am Bible Study/Lunch
2:45pm Confirmation
2:45pm Tiger Tweens(gr 4-5)
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (9/28)

FRIDAY (9/29)

SATURDAY (9/30)

11am-5pm Fish Fry
6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (10/1)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Studies
10:30am Worship
11:45am **VOTERS MEETING**

MONDAY (10/2)

9:00am Body and Soul

TUESDAY (10/3)

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

WEDNESDAY (10/4)

11:45am Bible Study/Lunch
2:45-4:30pm Confirmation
2:45pm Tiger Tweens (gr 4-5)
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (10/5)

FRIDAY (10/6)

SATURDAY (10/7)

6:30pm Worship

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE—We again, have a member that has generously offered to donate & locally deliver pick-up loads of split, dried hardwood for \$200 with all proceeds going to the debt reduction initiative. Call the Church office for more info.

The Oct-Nov-Dec **Portals of Prayer** are available in the Narthex and in the Commons Area.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—First ever Fall Fish Fry—Saturday, September 30th, 11am to 5pm
We are asking all of our talented bakers to bring in their favorite dessert(s) - Any type of Sweet Treat—cakes, cupcakes, bars, cookies, pies, brownies, desserts, etc—just nothing that requires refrigeration. Our Assorted Dessert Table was a huge hit at the Spring Fish Fry. We are also, again, looking for donations of cases of bottled water. We were amazed by the number of volunteers at the Spring Fish Fry and are hoping for the same response this time. If you can help all day or just a few hours—it is all appreciated. We will have a good time again and all the proceeds go to the debt reduction. Sign-up Sheets in the Commons Area or call the Church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—our first (of four) **HAY** (Hutchinson Area Youth) lunches is scheduled for Thursday **October 5th**
If you are able to donate some time to help serve, contact Shirley Wurdell at 587-5064

If you are a **Thrivent** member you are eligible for \$250 grants twice a year. Upcoming eligible events include HAY lunches, Advent lunches, Carols & Bells, Turkey dinner, Cookie sale. Call the Church office for more info.

A new commercial stove in the Peace Center kitchen along with an additional freezer were recently procured by one of our members at no cost to the Church. A huge **THANK YOU** to our member for facilitating this! The stove replaces our antiquated, unreliable old one and the freezer is a backup and will be utilized for special events such as our upcoming fish fry. There are other improvements/upgrades possibly in the works—we will keep you posted.

Peace members have extra reasons to attend the Historic Hutchinson Living History tour at noon this Sunday. We have people movers that will meet at the Episcopal Church and ride to hear Elaine Black's granddaughter tell Elaine's story. Then, Paul Otte, who portrays John Hutchinson when singing with the Hutchinson Brothers, will tell you his story while at the Historic Harrington Merrill house. Get your tickets from the Center for the Arts. Limited tickets available.

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, September 10, the Voters' Assembly voted unanimously to accept the report from the Transition Task Force. Following a joint meeting of the Council, Board of Elders, Transition Task Force, and Pastor Stefan Wismar from MN South District on Thursday, September 14, Pastor Wismar advised us to begin the call process of our next resident Pastor. Our Bylaws state that after authorization is received from the Voters' Assembly, the Church Council shall appoint a Call Committee composed of seven members with no more than two of the Call Committee members being members of the Council. **The Voters' Assembly meeting will take place on Sunday, October 1 after the 10:30 service.** Following that meeting, the Council will appoint the Call Committee after reviewing the names of volunteers or nominees submitted for the Council's consideration. Please contact the office if you wish to have your name or the name of another member considered for appointment.

Please continue to pray for guidance as we move through this process.

Melissa Weckwerth

PLC Council President

September 22, 2023

To Peace Lutheran Church Congregation,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a Nominating Committee has been seated and we are beginning the work of establishing the slate of candidates who will run for open seats on the Church Council and the Board of Elders. All elected positions serve two-year terms. The election will be held at the annual Voter's/Congregational Meeting on/about January 2024. The actual date for the meeting will be posted once it has been set.

The Church Council consists of a total of nine members; four officers, and five at large council members. The church council is the governing body of the Peace Lutheran Church congregation. The Church Council has the authority to enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, and develops policies as required to execute the goals approved by the Congregation.

There are five Church Council seats up for election this year. They are as follows: President, Vice President, and three At-Large seats.

The Board of Elders consists of ten male members of the Congregation who serve staggered two-year terms. The Board of Elders elects their own Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. The Board of Elders nurtures and encourages the spiritual growth of the Congregation and supervises, advises and assists the pastors in worship, preaching, congregational care, administration of the sacraments, and church discipline.

There are five Board of Elders seats up for election this year. Given that the Board of Elders elects its own officers, all seats up for election are At-Large seats.

The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider serving PLC in an elected capacity. If you are interested in doing so, please contact a member of the committee to express your interest.

Thank you and God bless you!

PLC Nominating Committee

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Provide For The People You Love And The Ministries You Care About

At your baptism the Lord gave you the gift of life. He also placed in your heart the desire to be generous with the earthly blessings He shares with you.

Lifetime Plan for Giving™ is a process offered by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation to assist you in transferring the blessings God has given you to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner.

The Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop will cover:

- The important documents everyone should have before going to heaven.
- How the LCMS Foundation can assist you with preparing, or reviewing, a will or trust.
- Ensuring your estate is being transferred in a tax-wise manner, and in a manner which you intend.
- How giving plans are for everyone. Whether you are 18 or 98, we all possess gifts from God, and even the humblest gifts can make an impact.

LIFETIME PLAN FOR GIVING WORKSHOP

Sun., Oct. 15, 2023 @ 11:30 AM
scan the QR code to sign up:



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