

Peace Lutheran Church



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 1, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 pm Kevin Buss, George Quast
Sunday 8:30am Paul Otte, Dale Schumann
Sunday 10:30am Wayne Vinkemeier
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Easton Christenen, Micah Perrault
Sunday 8:30am Harper Powell, Jozie Petersen
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Jerome and Nancy Fischer
Sunday 10:30am Diane Johnson and Barb Marquardt

REMINDER: VOTERS MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, IN THE PEACE CENTER. FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFO

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

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!

LUNCH AND WORD OF GOD - Please join us every Wednesday. Luncheon serving begins at 11:45am with Bible study following at approximately 12:20pm. We will be focusing on the Book of Revelations

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 October "Mission of the Month" is Birthright. This is a non-profit charitable organization that provides support during pregnancy and after baby's birth. It is free, non-judgmental and confidential. Drop your donation in one of the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

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

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

AS OF THE PRINTING OF THIS BULLETIN, ALTHOUGH EVERYTHING WAS PRETTY MUCH IN PLACE, THE FISH FRY HAD NOT YET HAPPENED. A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MADE DONATIONS, VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS OR JUST CAME AND ATE! More details to come.

The flowers on the organ were placed by the children and grandchildren of Bob and Marge Streich in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary which was September 28th.

The flowers near the Baptismal font are in honor of the Saturday baptism of Easton Isaac Schultz, son of Levi Schultz and Megan Carlson. Serving as sponsors were Miranda Larsen and Peter Mortenson.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 6,370.62	Building Fund.....	\$85,997.97
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65,471.60	Dedicated Funds	\$72,104.12

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 - \$381,412.82

Debt Reduction Revenue that will be matched

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

Received to Date \$161,824.39 (116%)

Offerings Deposited 9/21-9/27

General Fund.....	\$ 9,745.81	Building Fund.....	\$ 330.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	68
Sunday 8:30pm	140
Sunday 10:30pm	80
Total	288
Boxcast	264
Livestream 8:30	146
Livestream 10:30	96

Looking Ahead at Peace

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 Study
3:20PM Youth Sewing
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (10/4)

11:45am Bible Study/Lunch
2:45-4:30pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens (gr 4-5)
1:00pm Mission Sewing
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (10/5)

HAY Lunch

FRIDAY (10/6)

SATURDAY (10/7)

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (10/8)

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

MONDAY (10/9)

9:00am Body and Soul

TUESDAY (10/10)

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

WEDNESDAY (10/11)

11:45am Bible Study/Lunch
2:45-4:30pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens (gr 4-5)
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (10/12)

FRIDAY (10/13)

SATURDAY (10/14)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

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.

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.

We will be meeting to tie **quilts** again starting Wednesday, October 4th. We meet in the Church basement on the first, third and sometimes fifth Wednesdays of the month, from 1-3pm, Absolutely no sewing abilities needed. If you can tie your shoes, you can tie our quilts. It's a fun and productive way to have a good time and make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Donations of large pieces of fabric and other supplies are always welcome.

We will start another **sewing program for our students** in 4th+ grade. We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays after school. We plan to make items for the layettes/baby kits for Lutheran World Relief, as we did last year..

COSTUMES NEEDED—We are considering a "Superhero" **VBS for 2024**. Please save your Halloween costumes, especially any superheroes. Items can be dropped off in the Church office.

Tiger Tweens—Join us for a weekly after school group for Grades 4 & 5. We will meet students at 'the rock' at Park on Wednesdays at 3:20 pm and walk back to the Church where we will have snacks, play games, sing, and spend time in the Word. Sign up on-line. Registration forms are also at the Commons Area desk.

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

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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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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