

Peace Lutheran Church



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 pm George Quast, Wayne Vinkemeier
Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss, Paul Otte
Sunday 10:30am John Lietz
Acolytes:
Sunday 8:30am Ashby Farenbaugh-Smahel; Sierra Jenkins
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Gloria Janicke, Ruby Thran
Sunday 10:30am John and Linda Kalenberg

FINALLY—THE FIRST NUMBER ON OUR BUILDING DEBT BALANCE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO A “1”! WE WILL BE RECEIVING AN APPROXIMATE \$71,000 PAYMENT FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL FUND THIS WEEK THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO THIS DEBT. WE ARE DEFINITELY ON TRACK TO CHANGE THAT SECOND NUMBER TO AN “8” BY YEAR END! WELL DONE!

Livestreaming— Unfortunately, both of our live streaming computers crashed this month and have been undergoing extensive hardware and software repairs. Both machines are over 5 years old, so this isn't surprising. We are deeply appreciative to Kevin Schmuhl for his many hours of troubleshooting and repair work. Please be patient as we work to get things back up and running as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 6th, 6:00pm, for parents of 6th, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students. (Confirmation starts the following week, 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— September 10th, 9:40am. See your classroom and meet your teachers (also games and treats) followed by Worship at 10:30am.

We would like to thank all who helped this last year with Jean's battle with cancer. The smiles, hugs, cards, food, companionship and unconditional love will always be remembered. The Jean Cassens' Family

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.

The Fall issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine is available for pick-up in the racks in the Commons Area.

The women of Peace have been invited to Table Treasures at Our Saviors church on Sept 23rd at 10:30am to view the tables with lunch served at 11:00am. The speaker will be Scott Gottschaik, motivational speaker. If you would like to attend, please contact Nona Anderson at 587-3141 by Sept. 15. Ticket price will be around \$15.00

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, and being back to school—he is 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.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 5,521.57	Building Fund.....	\$83,161.26
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65,586.89	Dedicated Funds	\$73,104.82

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

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

Building Debt Balance—8/19/23.....\$1,997,295.87***

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$289,006.84

Debt Reduction Revenue that will be matched

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

Received to Date \$154,698.74 (110%)

Offerings Deposited 8/24-8/30

General Fund.....	\$ 8,510.46	Building Fund.....	\$ 365.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, or would like a pastoral visit, 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	67
Sunday 8:30pm	114
Sunday 10:30pm	80
Total	261
Boxcast	59

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (9/3)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40 Fellowship
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (9/4)

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY (9/5)

8:30am Task Force Mtg
10:00am Women's Bible Study
10:00am LWML Exec Bd
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (9/6)

6:00 Confirmation Orientation
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (9/7)

4:45pm Sun School Teacher Mtg

FRIDAY (9/8)

SATURDAY (9/9)

9AM-12noon Confirm.Option
6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (9/10) RALLY DAY

8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion
11:40am Transition TaskForce
Presentation to Congregation

MONDAY (9/11)

TUESDAY (9/12)

10:00am Women's Bible St
12-6pm Bloodmobile
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Church Council

WEDNESDAY (9/13)

2:45-4:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (9/14)

6:00pm District Mtg W/Council,
Elders, Task Force

FRIDAY (9/15)

SATURDAY (9/16)

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.

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.

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 overwhelmed 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. There are Sign-up Sheets in the Office—or in the Commons Area as soon as the painting project is completed.

FARM FRESH EGGS \$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. Available between/after services or stop in the Church office during the week.

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

The Church library has several Bible studies that are worth looking into: **"Be Thou My Guide, a Bible Study on Trusting God"** by Margo Heath-Dupre; **"Golden Fruit: Living the Fruit of the Spirit Through the Best Times of Your Life"** by Julie Hale Maschhoff; **"Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? 12 False Christs"** by Matthew Richards; **"Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph"** by Donna Snow; **"Your Sacred Yes: Trading Life—Draining Obligation for Freedom, Passion and Joy"** by Susie Larson. If you have questions about these studies or others, Cyndy Fallon would be happy to help you. Contact her at (320) 587-5517

Save the Date!

Congregational Meeting to approve the Congregational Profile Report

Sunday, September 10th, 2023

After the 10:30 am service in the Peace Center

Our transition task force committee has been busy preparing a Congregational Profile Report to present to the congregation. Once approved by you, this report will be used by the call committee in calling a permanent pastor for Peace Lutheran Church. The report will give readers a description of our church. It will provide a brief history of Peace Lutheran, identify our mission and vision, and our current strengths and opportunities for improvement as identified by Peace members in the fireside chats.

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

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