

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 22, 2023

**PASTOR:** Glenn Meyer  
**Elders:**  
**Saturday 6:30** Jeff Weckwerth  
**Sunday 8:30** Paul Otte  
**Sunday 10:30** Robbie Peterson, Wayne Vinkemeier  
**Acolytes:**  
**Saturday 6:30pm** Aiden Fromm, Weston Witte  
**Sunday 8:30am** Cate Oberg, Annabelle Luthens  
**Greeters:**  
**Sunday 8:30am** Annette Koehler, Shirley Otto  
**Sunday 10:30am** John Lietz

**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 14-week series. Sept 24/Oct 1: Gotta Take Care of Business; Oct 8/15: I'm So Busy!; Oct 22/29: What a Rush!; Nov 5/12: O Lord, Where Are You?; Nov 19/26: It Takes Two (or More); Dec 3/10: It's Not Fair; Jan 7/14: Justice Goes Global

**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 **Red Cross** collected 124 units at their stop here at Peace on October 10th.. Great job everyone! Besides our wonderful regular volunteers, we were again blessed with help from Ridgewater nursing students, which was fun!

**Trick or Treat for Food Shelf—This Wednesday, October 25th 5-8pm.** This annual event is sponsored by Hutchinson Area Youth Ministries. Peace Lutheran youth will be assigned an area and will be going door to door collecting from 5-6(ish). All churches will be taking their food to St. Anastasia to be packed up and transported to the food shelf. Our youth will return to Peace for a pizza supper. If you would be available to chaffer some of our youth or would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the pizza, please contact Jill Lieder or call the Church office. If you are not going to be available for the trick or treaters that evening or live outside the city limits but would like to donate food items to this cause, you may drop off your items in the Church office prior to 5pm on the 25th. Thanks for your support.

**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..

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

**ADULT CHOIR**—We will be practicing two Wednesdays—October 25th & November 1st at 7:30pm and we will sing on All Saints Day, Nov 5th at 8:30am. **Come & Join us**

**SAVE THE DATE—TURKEY DINNER**—Saturday, November 18th, 11am-3pm. Eat in, take out available. Adults—\$16.00 (or \$15.00 with the donation of a non perishable food item which will be donated to Common Cup) Kids 6-12—\$8.00 & Under 5 Free, Due to your generosity for the Fish Fry, we will not need any additional cases of water donated. We will also not be doing the assorted dessert table for this event (so save all your baking for the Cookie Sale on December 9th!) We will, however, need volunteers to help with preparation, serving and cleanup. More info coming and sign up sheets will be posted in the Commons Area shortly. All proceeds from this event will go to the Debt Reduction Initiative.

We pray for continued God's blessings for John and Cindy Mons who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 20th.

### Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund .....	\$ 7,263.64	Building Fund.....	\$86,112.71
Cemetery Fund .....	\$ 66,187.76	Dedicated Funds ....	\$71,647.16

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

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

Building Debt Balance—10/1/23.....\$1,885,294.97

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$401,007.74

Debt Reduction Revenue that will be matched

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

Received to Date \$173,296.75 (124%)

### Offerings Deposited 10/12-10/18

General Fund.....	\$ 17,034.95	Building Fund.....	\$ 35.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

## Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Sandra Bach
Rita Janke	Sam Schumann
Barb Ribar	Sylvia Radtke
Elaine Lewerenz	Melinda Mikolich
Etheline Clasen	Marilyn Schaffer
Jan Bakken	Jasmine & Caius Kron
Marjorie Huls	Bonnie Lickfelt
Justin Nass	Miles Kohls

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	61
Sunday 8:30pm	125
Sunday 10:30pm	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>
Boxcast	52
Livestream 8:30	165
Livestream 10:30	257

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### SUNDAY (10/22)

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

### MONDAY (10/23)

1:00pm Body and Soul  
1-5pm Driver Improve Part 2

### TUESDAY (10/24)

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

### WEDNESDAY (10/25)

9-11am Release Time  
11:45am Bible Study/Lunch  
2:45pm Confirmation  
3:20pm Tiger Tweens  
5-7pm Food Shelf/Trick or Treat  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY (10/26)

### FRIDAY (10/27)

9:00am Abelight

### SATURDAY (10/28)

6:30pm Worship/Communion\*

### SUNDAY (10/29)

#### REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:30am Worship/Communion\*  
9:40am Sunday School  
9:40am Adult Bible Studies  
10:30am Worship/Communion\*  
11:45pm Voter's Meeting

### MONDAY (10/30)

1:00pm Body and Soul

### TUESDAY (10/31)

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

### WEDNESDAY (11/1)

9-11:00am Release Time  
11:45am Bible Study/Lunch  
2:45pm Confirmation  
3:20pm Tiger Tweens  
6:30pm Handbells  
7:30pm Adult Choir

### THURSDAY (11/2)

### FRIDAY (11/3)

### SATURDAY (11/4)

9:00am Pack Shoeboxes  
6:30pm Worship

\* First Communion will be celebrated by our Seventh and Eighth Grade Confirmation Students together with their families at the worship services October 28th & 29th

The **quilt** group has started again. 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.

**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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**—Confirmation mentors (Wednesdays 2:45-4:30pm); phone answering in the Church office on Thursdays (am or pm shift), join a funeral lunch serving group—Contact the Church Office if you are available and would like to help.

Many of you may already know **Jill Lieder** from her volunteer involvement with Confirmation and other youth events, but she has now blessed us with agreeing to join the staff at Peace. Jill will be helping in the office, with her main focus on Communications Coordination (Website, Facebook, the monthly Messenger). We would like to thank Lisa Kirchoff for coming back to again train 'her replacement' plus again helping with Confirmation. If you don't know Jill, stop in the Church office and introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

After her successful surgery, Heidi Hardel has been released to return to work. Heidi will be back assisting us in the office starting this next Monday. Welcome her back!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**—Sponsored by Parish Health—We will again be assembling shoeboxes on Saturday, November 4th at 9am in the Church basement. You have donated many useful items in the past and we need to get them to those in need. I will be doing an inventory soon, but know that we will need bath size bars of soap for sure (any kind—but Ivory is always good) Watch for more details, but save the day,. Shirley Wurdell

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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