Peace Lutheran Church



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

REFORMATION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 29, 2023

PASTOR:

Glenn Meyer

Elders:

Saturday 6:30 Robbie Peterson, George Quast
Sunday 8:30 Brad Havemeier, Dale Schumann
Sunday 10:30 Kevin Buss, John Lietz

Acolytes:

Saturday 6:30pm Sydney Jackson. Sophie Schweiss Sunday 8:30am Blake Rarick, Micah Luthens

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Norb and Dee Hemmann

Sunday 10:30am John Lietz

VOTER'S MEETING—SUNDAY, OCT 29TH @ 11:45AM This is the next step in the Call Process for our next resi-

dent pastor. We will be meeting with Pastor Stefan Wismar of the Minnesota South District.

The Congregational Fund Committee has voted to match an <u>additional \$50,000</u> towards the debt reduction initiative. This match will be of monies donated towards the principal from November 1 through December 31. We are on track to potentially decrease our principal balance by over \$500,000 for this calendar year! It is amazing the way our members have stepped up with this cause! We are truly blessed!

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?; Nov19/26: 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

Thank you to everyone who participated to make the **Trick** or **Treat for the Food Shelf a success again this year.** From the kids that ran from house to house making the collections to the members who donated food items, chauffered the youth around town, helped with the cost or serving of the pizza afterwards. Great job everyone!

Henry Joseph Miller, son of Joshua and Erin Miller, was baptized on Saturday. Serving as sponsors were Mariana Eustice and John Eustice.

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 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 have our second practice on Wednesday, November 1st, at 7:30pm, and we will sing on All Saints Day, November 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 5-12—\$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/Bake 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the funeral of Carol Kubasch, which was held here at Peace this past Monday.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund \$ 10,867.31 Building Fund........\$86,162.71 Cemetery Fund \$ 63,387.76 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.....\$1,884,899.97

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$401,402.74

Debt Reduction Revenue that will be matched

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

Received to Date \$173,296.75 (132%)

Offerings Deposited 10/19-10/25

 General Fund............\$
 11,335.92
 Building Fund...........\$
 50.00

 Cemetery Fund.........\$
 300.00
 Dedicated Funds....\$
 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke
Rita Janke
Barb Ribar
Elaine Lewerenz
Etheline Clasen
Jan Bakken
Marjorie Huls
Justin Nass
Sandra Bach

Sam Schumann
Sylvia Radtke
Melinda Mikolichek
Marilyn Schaffer
Jasmine & Caius Kron
Bonnie Lickfelt
Miles Kohls
Cyndy Schmidt

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 I	Last	Week	
Saturday 6:30pm		61	
Sunday 8:30pm		136	
Sunday 10:30pm		70	
Total		267	
Boxcast		66	ı
Livestream 8:30		239	
Livestream 10:30		103	i

Looking Ahead at Peace

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))

9-11am 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/Communion

SUNDAY (11/5) ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

MONDAY (11/6)

1:00pm Body and Soul 4:45p, Christian Ed Mtg

TUESDAY (11/7)

10:00am Women's Bible Study 12-6pm Bloodmobile 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study 6:30pm Promise Keepers 6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (11/8)

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

THURSDAY (11/9)

FRIDAY (11/10)

SATURDAY (11/11) 6:30pm Worship

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 is back assisting us in the office as of this past 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

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