

Peace Lutheran Church



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

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR / NOVEMBER 26, 2023

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 Kevin Buss
Sunday 8:30 Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 10:30 John Lietz, Dale Schumann
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Harper Powell, Jozie Petersen
Sunday 8:30am Kiera Plath, Lily Demere
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Wally and Pat Kohls
Sunday 10:30am Dale and Judy Schumann

Congregational Meetings have been scheduled for information and voting in regards to a childcare facility here at Peace

Meeting #1 The first meeting will take place on Sunday, Dec 3rd, following the 10:30 service. The Ad hoc committee that has been working on this project will present information, share findings and take questions about the options that need to be chosen by our congregation. There will be a question/answer time as well and handouts will be available.

Meeting #2 The second meeting will happen on Sunday, Dec 10th, following the 10:30 service. At this meeting the congregation will be asked to vote on the options that were discussed at the first meeting.

These are important meetings that need our prayerful thought and decision making. Please plan to attend both.

There are currently informational handouts available in the Narthex and the Peace Center (that will also be distributed at the meetings).

The **Congregational Fund Committee** has voted to match an additional \$50,000 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 \$600,000 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Sun, Dec 17th at the 10:30am service (in the Sanctuary). If you would like your child to participate but have not signed them up yet—**PLEASE DO SO NOW!** Also, there will be program re-

Peace Lutheran **Women in Mission**—The November "Mission of the Month" is Concordia St. Louis Seminarian Tyler Linne-man. Peace Lutheran Women in Mission donate twice a year to assist a student while attending Seminary. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you..

Check out the **LWML Card Shop** in the Rampway—the new Christmas cards have arrived!

The flowers on the organ are in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Kevin and Lori Buss on November 26th.

TURKEY DINNER RECAP—Our Turkey Dinner, although we would have liked to have seen a few more people, was a great success. The response to our request for volunteers was again overwhelming! (Almost more than we needed.) A Huge Thank You to all of you! Delores Reiner and her crew again served up an amazingly delicious meal! As usual, many compliments, there is a reason why we were voted #1. When all is accounted for and the extras returned, it looks like our profit will be approximately \$3,300 for the debt reduction initiative—which will be matched by the Congregational Fund. We also collected 114 food items to be donated to Common Cup.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & GET OUT YOUR RECIPES ANNUAL COOKIE/BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION — SAT, DEC 9TH, 10AM-1PM We are again asking all of our wonderfully creative bakers to bring in some of your favorite holiday cookies or candy or baked goodies—whatever you would like to share—by 12 noon on Friday, Dec. 8th. We are also looking for volunteers to help package cookies at that time. We will again have a Silent Auction of holiday or seasonal items—also please bring in your items by noon on Fri, Dec 8th.. The proceeds from this event will go towards the debt reduction & will be matched by the Congregational Fund.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 41,477.52	Building Fund.....	\$85,254.90
Cemetery Fund	\$ 64,104.39	Dedicated Funds	\$71,357.16

Building Debt Balance—1/1/22.....	\$2,491,042.35
Building Debt Balance—1/1/23.....	\$2,286,302.71
Building Debt Balance—11/1/23.....	\$1,722,019.08
Building Debt Principal paid 2023 -	\$564,283.63

Offerings Deposited 11/15-11/22

General Fund.....	\$ 20,971.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 485.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Jon & Sylvia Radtke
Rita Janke	Melinda Mikolichuk
Barb Ribar	Jasmine & Caius Kron
Elaine Lewerenz	Bonnie Lickfelt
Jan Bakken	Miles Kohls
Marjorie Huls	Cyndy Schmidt
Justin Nass	Darlene Piehl
Sandra Bach	Lynette Hart
Sam Schumann	Pat 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 Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	71
Sunday 8:30pm	168
Sunday 10:30pm	135
Total	374
Thanksgiving 6:30pm	102
Thanksgiving 9:00am	68
Boxcast	75
Livestream 8:30	195
Livestream 10:30	157

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (11/26)

8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Studies
10:30am Worship/Communion
11:30am Sanctuary Decorating

MONDAY (11/27)

1:00pm Body and Soul
12:00 noon Commons Decorating
6:30pm Handbells

TUESDAY (11/28)

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

WEDNESDAY (11/29)

9-11am Release Time
2:45pm Confirmation
3:30pm Tiger Tweens
5:30pm CAROLS & BELLS

THURSDAY (11/30)

FRIDAY (12/1)

SATURDAY (12/2)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (12/3)

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

MONDAY (12/4)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (12/5)

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

WEDNESDAY (12/6)

9-11 Release Time
11:30am Advent Service/Lunch
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:45pm Confirmation
3:30 Tiger Tweens
6:30pm Advent Service
7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY (12/7)

FRIDAY (12/8)

12noon Cookie Sale Prep/Pack

SATURDAY (12/9)

11AM-1PM COOKIE SALE
6:30pm Worship

LUNCH AND WORD OF GOD—Please join us every Wednesday. Lunch serving begins at 11:45am with Bible Study following at approximately 12:20pm. We will be focusing on the Book of Revelations. **(PLEASE NOTE—THERE WILL NOT BE WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY UNTIL JANUARY 3RD. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A MEAL FOLLOWING THE 3 MIDWEEK 11:30AM ADVENT SERVICES (DECEMBER, 6, 13 AND 20))**

Come join our **quilt group**. 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—We delivered 65 shoeboxes to the drop site. Thank you to all that helped by donating items, helped pack the boxes and donated towards the shipping cost.

CAROLS & BELLS—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH At 5:30pm

We will be serving a Baked Ham Dinner with all the fixings followed at 6:30pm with a program featuring your musical favorites of the season. Our Handbell Choir will be performing several special selections and will again be joined by Karen Van Wert (Pastor Fuchs' wife). There will be sing-alongs plus the opportunity to play along with chimes on some of the songs. This will be a fun evening to kick off your holiday season. Suggested donation \$15/person. Proceeds will go to the Organ Repair Fund.