

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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / NOVEMBER 19, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 Paul Otte, George Quast
Sunday 8:30 Brad Havvemeier, Wayne Vinkemeier
Sunday 10:30 Robbie Peterson
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Gavin Skare, Micah Luthens
Sunday 8:30am Mason Carlson, Micah Perrault
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Dolores Barlau, Margaret Messner
Sunday 10:30am Wayne Vinkemeier

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.

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 – Sunday, December 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 a program rehearsal at 10:00am on Saturday, December 16th, followed by a pizza party.

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 Thanksgiving and Christmas cards have arrived!

TURKEY DINNER—THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER—WE WILL HAVE REPORTS NEXT WEEK.

The **Red Cross** collected 157 units during their stop here at Peace on Tuesday. That is an all-time record! Amazing to think how many people this will help! A huge thank you to all involved - from workers to donors! We are grateful!

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the funeral of Marilyn Schaffer, which was held here at Peace this past Friday.

BAPTISMS DURING THE 10:30 SERVICE

Bobbi Jo Diane Damlow, daughter of Bailey and Brooke Damlow. Serving as her sponsors: Jennifer Niederhofs, Brady and Taylor Damlow.

Elsie Kay Damlow, daughter of Brady and Taylor Damlow. Serving as her sponsors: Avery Schmitt, Shane Raden, Grace Rasmussen and Will Renneberg

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 19,028.51	Building Fund.....	\$87,669/90
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—10/1/23.....\$1,882,436.84

Building Debt Principal paid 2023 - \$403,865.87

Offerings Deposited 11/8-11/15

General Fund.....	\$ 19,714.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 485.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	63
Sunday 8:30pm	225
Sunday 10:30pm	45
Total	333
Boxcast	52
Livestream 8:30	194
Livestream 10:30	92

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (11/19)

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

MONDAY (11/20)

1:00pm Body and Soul
1-5pm Driver Improve Class

TUESDAY (11/21)

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

WEDNESDAY (11/22)

6:30pm THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

THURSDAY (11/23)

9:00am THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

FRIDAY (11/24)

9:00am Ablelight
OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY (11/25)

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (11/26)

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

MONDAY (11/27)

9:00am Commons Decorating
1:00pm Body and Soul
6:30pm Handbells

TUESDAY (11/28)

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

WEDNESDAY (11/29)

9-11 Release Time
2:45pm Confirmation
3:30 Tiger Tweens
5:30pm Carols and Bells

THURSDAY (11/30)

1:00pm Sanctuary Decorating

FRIDAY (12/1)

SATURDAY (12/2)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

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.

COMING TOGETHER IN SONG—Concert this Sunday, November 19th, at 2:00pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church. The mass choir will be directed by Austin Wilhite, Music Director at Faith Lutheran, and our own Dr. Joan will be accompanying the choir. This is a major yearly fundraiser for Common Cup. Join us for this beautiful, powerful music performance.

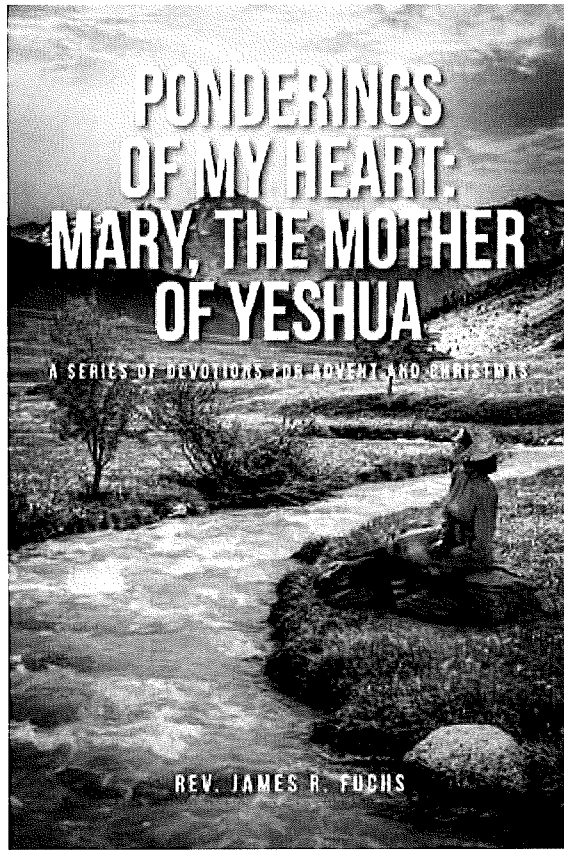
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—We delivered 65 shoeboxes to the drop site. Thank you to all that helped by donating items, helped pack the boxes and donated towards the shipping costs!

safeTALK for AG - November 21st, 8:30am-1:00pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe. safeTALK training teaches in-depth skills you can learn in half a day. You'll learn how to recognize someone having thoughts of suicide, how to engage them, and how to make sure they get help. This evidence-based training is effective for people as young as 15. the in-person format includes powerful audiovisuals and live practice. safeTALK for AG teaches the same skills to farmers, lenders, mediators, agency staff, clergy, educators, veterinarians, healthcare and social service providers, and agricultural advisors and businesspeople. FREE. A light lunch will be provided. Please pre-register (320 286-2861)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—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 Bell 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.

Ponderings of My Heart: Mary, the Mother of Yeshua: A Series of Devotions for Advent and Christmas

Rev. James R Fuchs has published an Advent – Christmas devotional *Ponderings of My Heart: Mary, the Mother of Yeshua*. Each daily devotional shares an imagined narrative from Mary's perspective, a reflection of how this applies today and closes with a prayer. The reader is invited to consider how their faith journey might reflect Mary's dedication and trust in our God.



Overview "Throughout the Bible, Yahweh calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Mary is no exception. In the Nativity story, a humble, young Jewish girl is called to do that which socially could get her shunned or stoned to death. The real miracle is not a virgin birth but that Mary said "yes." This was truly an "ohhh" moment. Even when she questions or doubts, she boldly demonstrates her trust in God. As we follow Mary on this journey to Epiphany, may we be inspired to say "yes" to our calling.

Originally written as an Advent to Epiphany devotional, Mary's ponderings are applicable to our daily journey. Each day begins with an interpretation of Mary's thoughts and emotions, followed by modern application and concluding with a prayer. Discover your "ohhh" moments as you walk with Mary."

About the Author - "Reverend James Robert Fuchs comes from humble beginnings as a first-generation American, whose parents were refugees from Crimea and Germany. Both parents' families are of Jewish heritage but converted to Christianity while in the old country. James spent his formative years in a rural Midwest Parsonage, raised on sound Christian

theology and insight to his Jewish heritage.

Although he graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1971, his path led him into a successful business career. Ordained in 2010 by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, he applies his business experience to intentional interim ministry, mediation, reconciliation and arbitration. He is continuing his training in conflict resolution, mediation, reconciliation, and arbitration with the Ambassadors of Reconciliation and is a candidate for certification by the Institute for Christian Conciliation."

This book is available online at Barnes and Noble, iTunes, Google Books and other vendors, either in paperback or digital format.