

DECEMBER 2023



Messenger of PEACE

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

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A Series of Special Services for Advent

The Postures of Advent

Advent



WEDNESDAY December 6 "On your Toes" (Be on guard! Be alert!)	11:30 AM WORSHIP/LUNCH 4:30 PM WORSHIP (PC) 6:30 PM WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY December 13 "On Your Knees" (Repentance)	11:30 AM WORSHIP/LUNCH 4:30 PM WORSHIP (PC) 6:30 PM WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY December 20 "Eyes Opened Wide" (Believe God's Word, See the Promises of God Fulfilled)	11:30 AM WORSHIP/LUNCH 4:30 PM WORSHIP (PC) 6:30 PM WORSHIP

Christmas



SUNDAY December 17	8:30 AM WORSHIP/COMMUNION 9:40 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE (Sanctuary) (No Sunday School/Drop off 10AM)
SUNDAY December 24	9:00 AM WORSHIP/ COMMUNION 3:00 PM CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP/COMM 5:00 PM CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP/COMM 7:00 PM CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP/COMM
MONDAY December 25	9:00 AM WORSHIP/COMMUNION
December 30-31	6:30 PM WORSHIP/COMMUNION 8:30 PM WORSHIP/COMMUNION 10:30 AM WORSHIP/COMMUNION NO BIBLE STUDY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 6-7	EPIPHANY 6:30 PM WORSHIP/COMMUNION 8:30 PM WORSHIP/COMMUNION 10:30 AM WORSHIP 9:40 AM BIBLE STUDY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL



PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

Worship Schedule

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Sanctuary Worship

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

9:40 - 10:25 - Sunday School

Stop in the Peace Center
for coffee & goodies before Bible Study

9:40 - 10:25 - Bible Study

Young Adults 207-209

9:40 - 10:20 - Bible Study
Peace Center, Pastor Meyer

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP

Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV HCVN

chan 10 - Nuvera,
chan 8 - Mediacom

Sunday 7 pm & 10 pm

Wednesday 5 pm

Thursday 10 am



Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.



OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Nov 19 - Bobbi Jo Damlow
daughter of Baily and Brooke Damlow

Nov 19 - Elsie Kay Damlow
daughter of Brady and Taylor Damlow

FUNERALS

Nov 17 - Marilyn Schaffer, age 94, passed on Nov 1, 2023



Advent & Christmas Worship

Mid-week Advent Worship services will be held on Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th & 20th at 11:30 am (lunch following) 4:30 pm (PC) and 6:30 pm

Children's Christmas Program
December 17th at 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
December 24th at 3 pm, 5 pm and 7 pm.
Christmas Day at 9:00 am with communion



December Readers

6:30pm

Sat. Dec 2: Jim Warnke
Sat. Dec 9: Dick Higgins
Sat. Dec 16: Joanne Keilen
Sat. Dec 23: No Service
Sat. Dec 30: John Mons



8:30am

Sun. Dec 3: Marion Fenske
Sun. Dec 10: Mary Haag
Sun. Dec 17: Gwen Wichman & Kelby
Sun. Dec 24: Christmas Eve
Sun. Dec 31: Darlyn Egge

10:30am

Heidi Sickmann
Phyllis Hecht
Children's Service
Sara Peterson

December Greeters

Dec 3

8:30-Doug and Lynn Brown
10:30- Jeff and Anita Miller

Dec 10

8:30- Jerry and Mary Haag
10:30- Wayne Vinkemeier

Dec 17

8:30-Alan and Shirley Fuchs
10:30- Wayne Vinkemeier

Dec 24

8:30-Brian and Becky Kobow

Dec 31

8:30- Alan and Dolores Reiner
10:30- Jeff and Anita Miller

December Ushers

Team #5 & #6

Wayne Vinkemeier
Dale Schumann
Robbie Peterson
Ross Peterson
Travis Brecht
Brad Havemeier
Gary Havemeier
Ethan Kaufmann
Roger Kaufmann

Special Services

Advent Services

Dec. 6 Team 3
Dec. 13 Team 4
Dec 17 Team 2 & 5
Dec 20 Team 6

Children's Service

Dec 17 Team 2 & 5

Christmas Eve

Dec 24

3 pm Team 2 & 4
5 pm Team 1 & 3
7 pm Team 6

Christmas Day

Dec. 25

9 am Team 6

Finance Report

01/01/2023-10/31/2023

Income

General Fund Revenue	913,142.93
Dedicated Revenue	9,956.00
Building Revenue	18,822.70
Cemetery Revenue	3,087.97

Total Income 945,009.60

Expense

General Fund Revenue	576,744.95
Dedicated Expense	11,477.58
Building Expense	3,626.00
Cemetery Expense	3232.00

Total Expense 595,080.53

Net Income..... 349,929.07

LCEF Loan Principal	403,865.87
Total Cash Flow	-53,936.80

Your Contributions to Peace Lutheran Church for 2023

tax purposes must be received by Saturday, December 31st. Any contributions received after that time will be applied to 2024 tax statements. If you have any questions, please contact the finance office at 320-587-3031.

From the Desk of: Pastor Glenn Meyer, IIM

Good News of Great Joy

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

“... in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers.”

.... “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” I Thessalonians 1:6-7; 5:16

In times of trouble, sorrow, and pain it can be difficult to remember the joy and promise that is ours, trusting in Jesus. Even when we are in the midst of tears and anxiety, Jesus, our God and Savior, tells us, “Take heart! I am with you. I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 & Mat. 28:20)

Joy can be elusive. It’s easy to get discouraged!

When I get a little down, it helps me to remember that God is still at work and He continually gives our lives meaning and purpose. The ministry belongs to God and we each have the privilege of a part in God’s work to reach, save, comfort, and encourage the people around us and throughout the world. The only question is, “Are we willing to do our part?”

We don’t each have to try to ‘do it all’! But we are called to do our part! As we join in sharing the task, “we divide the load” and encourage others to do ‘their part’. God invites us to discover the joys of being good stewards of His blessings and gifts. Don’t bury or squander the 5, 2, or 1 talents you have been given (Mat. 25:14-30). Instead, invest them, use them, in the work and support of ministry, in support of your family, etc. that is all part of your purpose as a child of God in Christ Jesus.

Cherish your gifts! Celebrate and be thankful for the family and friends that are part of your life! Share the love and promises of God with everyone you can! Cherish your various roles! Most of all, thank God that whatever each day may bring, the promises that are ours in Christ Jesus cannot be taken away!

Knowing Jesus and His love, there is always cause for thankfulness and joy, even in the midst of times of disappointment or loss. May God help us all
.... **“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

I look forward to worshipping with you this Advent and Christmas season, praying with thanksgiving to God and receiving God’s Word with joy. The true joy given by the Holy Spirit, centered in Christ Jesus!

...let us continue to celebrate and share **“Good news of great joy for ALL the people!”**

Serving, with joy, as your pastor and friend in Christ, Pastor Meyer

AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK

Fireside Chats: A year ago at our Fireside Chats we read from Ephesians: “...walk in a manner worthy of the **calling to which you have been called**, speaking the truth in love, **as each part does its work**.....”

What is your calling, your part?

Opportunities for Action

1. Attend key meetings of the congregation & add your voice to the conversation as we determine, with prayer, our path forward together!
2. Crucial meetings for the entire congregation on December 3 & 10. These meetings will start soon after the 10:30 am service in the Peace Center. **I URGE YOU TO ATTEND, BE INFORMED AND BE PART OF OUR DECISION!** There’s never a convenient time for such meetings, but these are so important! These meetings are about our potential to once again be connected to a childcare & preschool ministry here at Peace. On December 3 we will hear the report of the Ad hoc committee about our options. On December 10 all of us here at Peace will decide on how we want to move forward.
3. Some questioned the decision of the Council nearly two years ago to close the childcare. They felt the financial concerns and the decision should have been brought to the congregation. Well, all of us together, **now have the opportunity to be part of the decision**, on how we will choose to proceed in a way that we believe God is calling us all to support. What will we decide? **[Know that if you choose not to come, then you are saying that you are comfortable with and plan to support whatever is decided!!!]**
4. The Call Committee has turned in the proper forms and the names nominated by members. We now wait for our Pastor Call List from the district. In the meantime, we continue in ministry, we pray for one another, our pastors, our call committee and we pray for our next resident pastor. God’s will be done, and in His time!
5. We will soon be calling our next resident pastor!

- But I continually hear people mention and I see the need for us to also call a DCE (Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministry). Other possibilities going forward: childcare, a 2nd pastor, Christian counseling center, etc. We can't 'print money. We can't move forward with ministries without financial commitments already in place!
6. Know that your church leadership is committed to never again add to the church's debt. When we choose to go forward with something, it will be with needed support & commitments in place!
 7. I will be working with the Treasurer and our Office Manager to put together rough estimates of what a ministry financial support budget might look like for various scenarios going forward.
 8. Details are still being worked out, but sometime in January I hope to see us have another Stewardship Commitment Sunday. I cannot and will not do this by myself. I will need at least 2-3 people to join me in this effort. Will you be one of them?
 9. **"As each part does its work"** The Biblical model often used for proportional financial offerings & ministry support is the tithe. Giving 10% of our net income to help provide what is needed to operate and cover the costs of our shared ministry. If a person is new to the idea, I suggest that they try to start at the 4% level and commit to working up 1% a year. For example, if their income is \$52,000 (\$1,000 a week). A tithe (10%) would be an offering of \$100 a week. (4% would be \$40 each week.)
 10. God has blessed our efforts to pay off our past church building & remodeling debt. In the past 18 months, we have lowered our annual interest costs by close to \$40,000. Debt free in 4 years?
 11. If 50 families decide to start (or increase) their offering/tithe \$40 a week, that turns into an additional \$2,000 in offerings each week for a total of \$104,000 for the year. [100 families = \$208,000] Such commitments make a huge difference in ministry, staffing and debt reduction decisions. It is not responsible to plan a deficit budget and trust that somehow the needed extra money will just show up. Trust in God reflected in our commitments comes first!
 12. I have been often asked about when we will call a DCE. What comes first, the person in that position or the commitments and volunteers to support such a position? I think we each know the answer. Without the commitments and volunteers in place, how do we make the case to a DCE considering our call: "Trust us, if you come it will all just fall into place..... really??"
 13. **For families who already tithe, please know that we are all thankful for what you already**

do in support of the ministry of the church. We are NOT asking you to do more than what you already do! Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our shared ministry!

14. What will we do? What is our commitment? You have leadership that is determined to be good stewards of the ministry support budget. They are committed to continuing to improve the accuracy, timeliness and transparency of various needed reports and updates. The key is each of us and our commitments!
15. What will we see next year? What will we see two years from now? Here is what I see in two years: (though I would no longer be here). **I see great potential! I see a 'all in' congregation that is tithing and giving their offerings to the praise of God with joy! I see you having a pastor and a DCE. I see the debt close to being paid off, and Peace in the process of calling a 2nd pastor. I also see a Lutheran Christian childcare on our campus!**
16. What would it take for that dream to become reality? Prayer, trust in God, and a commitment of God's people to no longer sit back and wait and watch and wonder, but instead stepping up, trusting, giving and doing, all with joy and with praise and thanksgiving to God!
17. Will it happen? Frankly, it's all up to you. What will you do? Don't ask about what others will do? It is now time to ask yourself, your spouse, your family.... What will we do? The resources to do what I have shared in my 'dream' are resources that God has already provided to the people already on the membership roles of Peace Lutheran.
18. May God help and guide us in continuing to grow as a fellowship of caring and committed people joined together, and working together as one in the love of Christ! What a blessing that would be to each of us and everyone around us!

What will we do?

"Lord, what is it that You want us to do?"

Regardless of what you each decide to do right now, please stay open to God's will and desire for you! Trust in the Lord, lean on Him, and follow where He leads! Trusting in Jesus, we have God's promise of forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God in heaven. Let's do everything we can to help others share in that joy!

In the name of Jesus and always to His glory!

Congregational Meetings - Information/Vote on Childcare Facility at Peace Lutheran

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



MEETING #1 – INFORMATION

Sunday, December 3, 11:30, Peace Center.

- 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 – VOTING

Sunday, December 10, 11:30, Peace Center.

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.

Memorials/Poinsettias for Christmas

Peace members and visitors will be enjoying beautiful decorations during the Christmas season. This year, we will need 25 poinsettias to decorate our church for the Christmas Season. The cost of a plant is \$12.



If you would like to buy a poinsettia plant as a memorial, or perhaps to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry such as Debt reduction, General Fund, organ repair fund, or other please stop fill out a form and return to church along with payment by December 8, 2023.

The Good Samaritan Fund

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us to love and care for others.

Through kind donations to the "Good Samaritan" fund, Peace has been able to offer emergency help to those in need in our church and community.

The holidays are especially a time when additional help is needed. If this is a ministry you feel moved to support, please designate your donations to "The Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you for your generosity.



Crow River Singers Presents

Love's Pure Light

Friday, December 1, 7 pm

• New Journey UCC

Sunday, December 3, 2 pm

• Peace Lutheran Church

Shelby Lofgren, Director
Vicky Harris & Jason Coyle, Pianist



Wisemen still seek Him!

It has been the tradition at Peace to invite you to to Capture A Family Photo For Christmas!

Located in the Commons Area, it's available to use whenever the church is open. If you'd like help taking the photo, just ask one of the staff for assistance.



"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matt. 25:40

Christmas Cookie Sale & Silent Auction

**Saturday, December 9th
10 am - 1 pm**



We have many wonderful bakers and we're asking for your help. If you would be so kind, please bring in some of your favorite homemade cookies or specialties to the Peace Center kitchen on or before December 8th. We will begin packaging them at noon on the 8th and have ready to sell on December 9th. Look for the Cookies to be for sale in the Commons Area 10 -1.

Holiday and Seasonal items can be donated for the silent auction as well. Please drop off on or before December 8th.

Would you like to help? We can use people to sort and package the treats. Questions or to help, please call Shirley (587-5064) or the church office, 320-587-3031.

All proceeds will go to the Debt Reduction, and will be matched by the Congregational Fund!!

Organ Repairs

Repairs to our pipe organ have been scheduled for early 2024

We will be removing the Festival Trumpet and some of the Trombone boots for straightening and reinforcement. The metal is very thin and the pipes have been warping.

Pipes will be delivered to Dobson Organ Company in Iowa for repairs, and then reinstalled with extra bracing to avoid future issues.

Cost will be approximately \$5200 to Moe Pipe Organ Co for the removal of pipes, the new braing and re-installation. Estimated cost for the repairs to the pipes is \$5600. We will also need to rent a truck for delivery and pick up. This contract is "Time and Materials" based on actual work that needs to be done. Total cost should be around \$12,000.

A designated fund has been created for donations. We have received approx. \$6000 in donations thus far.

SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ REFRESHER COURSE ~

UPCOMING 4 HR. RECERTIFICATION

No Class in December

MON. Jan 22 1 - 5 pm

MON. Feb 19 1 - 5 pm

Room 207 Education Building

If you are in need of a refresher to get a discount on your car insurance please call the State of Minnesota to sign up for our class, call 320-308-1400.

Class is for adults 55 years or older & for a 10% reduction on car insurance.

Thank you, Renee Clabo, Parish Health



LWML



December "Mission of the Month"

The "Mission of the Month" for December is McLeod Alliance. Free and confidential assistance to those affected by domestic violence in McLeod county and the surrounding area. For more information go to their website: mcleodalliance.org. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission have again set up the Chrismon tree in the Church office. The symbols are in white and gold representing Christ's purity and majesty. Be sure to stop by and take a moment to enjoy this beautiful tree.

The Women's Guild of Our Savior's church has extended a special invitation to the women of Peace Lutheran to attend any or all of their Guild meetings. Their December meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. They will have a Christmas potluck and a Bible study by Pastor Asher.

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR! For the 30th Biennial LWML Minnesota South District Convention. The date is June 20 - 22, 2024. The theme is "Walk in Love". The convention will be held at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato, MN. More information will be available at a later date.

A monthly Mite Challenge calendar is available to anyone on the National LWML website or you may pick one up by the LWML bulletin board.

Pray without ceasing because Satan is preying without ceasing.

YOUTH CONNECT

Peace Hosts Thursday Free Lunch

There are 3 lunch periods, beginning at 10:45. We should be done and cleaned up by 1:00 – 1:30pm. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Shirley Wurdell, 587-5064. Help is always needed!! Thank you :)



NEXT Peace Lutheran serve date:

Thursday, December 21

Tiger Tweens- Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-5)

Every Wednesday during school year 3:30-4:45 Church Basement.

- Children meet at the Park Elementary "Rock" and are walked to church together.

Release Time Grades 2-5

Wed. Morning Oct 25 - Mar 20 (Church Basement)

This is a great mid-week program in which children are released from school for one hour to go to a church of their choice for religious education. This year we are focused on- God is Love - as our theme.

****REGISTRATION must be done prior to attending to be excused from school. Forms are returned TO THE SCHOOL.**

Mission Sewing For Young Students

For students in 4th grade and older, we meet on the first and third Tuesday after school. You will learn to cut patterns, do some hand sewing, machine hemming, machine sewing, and learn the basics of sewing machines. If this is something you think you might enjoy, please contact Lynn Brown or Shirley Wurdell. We look forward to more time together!

Operation Christmas Child

Parish Health would like to thank everyone that helped with Operation Christmas Child. We had good helpers, donations of items and regular shoe boxes and the money to help ship them.

We filled 65 boxes and delivered them to the drop off site. There will be 65 blessed children thanks to you.



A Children's Christmas Service



Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am Sanctuary

All are invited to join us as the children tell about God's great love for us in word and song!

PARENTS of Sunday School children – Saturday, December 16 is your big chance for a few hours of child-free Christmas shopping, a brunch date, or just plain peace and quiet! There will be a special rehearsal for the Christmas service from 10:00 – 12:00 (includes a pizza party and fellowship beginning at noon).

KIDS CONNECT

YOUTH Age 3 - Grade 8

Sunday School Age 3 - Gr 8

Sundays 9:40 - 10:25 Paul Berg Educ. Wing Lower Level

Anyone who wishes to follow along and study these lessons in your personal or family devotions can read the following:

December 3- The Birth of Christ Announced

December 10- The Birth of Christ

December 16- 10am-12pm Christmas reh. & pizza party

December 17 - Children meet at 10am, 10:30am Christmas program (NO Sunday School)

December 24 - NO Sunday School

December 31 - NO Sunday School

Save the Date

'Drive-in' Movie

When: Saturday, January 27th

Where: Church Basement

More details to follow in the January Messenger





PRINCE OF PEACE RETIREMENT LIVING DEC 2023

Quick! Grab a pen and mark your calendars now to come to our Annual Holiday Tour of Home happening on Saturday, December 2nd from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Did you know we put up more Christmas trees than the Glensheen Mansion? We'll have live music by the Victorian Carolers, sweet treats, coffee provided by Caribou Coffee, and 28 themed Christmas trees to enjoy while going on our led tours. Once you're done with your tour you are welcome to stay and enjoy the festivities.

We'll see you there,
Destini Doring, Executive Director
Prince of Peace Retirement Living
#320.234.7588
www.poprl.org

Parish Health

We are still looking for people to use their Thrivent Grant money to fund special events or needs. We just purchased a sewing machine for the Student sewing sessions with Thrivent funds. We are now looking for Grant money to help with a portable table for machines so they are more convenient to use. We are also using the funds to help with the HAY lunches and we have used them for the Bloodmobile. So many possibilities. If you haven't requested yours yet, please contact Shirley. It doesn't cost you anything but a little time to submit the request and it can do so much. THANK YOU!!



Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th
12 pm - 6 pm Peace Center

The Red Cross Bloodmobile reached an all time record for the Peace collection in November. We had 157 units collected!!! So many people have and will be helped by these generous donations. We are here the second Tuesday of every month. Thank you!!!

- Appointments only can continue to be made on line at redcrossblood.org or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. Thank you for continuing to support us.

Prince of Peace Retirement Living



Annual Holiday Tour of Home
Saturday, December 2
2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Come for a Tour & Enjoy!

Bible Study Opportunities



We believe at Peace Lutheran that God desires every one of every age have the opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's powerful Word and loving direction for our lives.

We invite and encourage you to participate in the educational opportunities during the week at Peace. Most Bible studies run about 1 hour.

If you have questions about any of the Bible Study's, call the church office, 587-3031.

MONDAYS:

1:00 pm Body & Soul Women's group -
Upper Conference table

TUESDAYS:

10 am Women's Small Group Bible Study, Room 210
3:30 pm Sm Group Bible Study - Room 210 Book of Proverbs
6:30 pm Promise Keepers Bible Study,
open to anyone, Room 210

WEDNESDAYS:

11:45 am Lunch & Word of God

Need a pick-me-up?

The Parish Health sponsor a Taxi Program for transportation to and from Worship services. Call cab at 552-0195 or if you have questions, Shirley Wurdell at 587-5064.



Donuts for Taxi

Thrivent has provided a grant to help pay for the taxi at Peace by fundraising with donuts between services on December 3 and 10. We will have FULL SIZE donuts. We'll have the other traditional favorites but the full size donuts are a favorite of Pastor Meyer and they will be glazed! Come join in the fun and raise Dollars to help fund the taxi.

Thank you from Parish Health

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kim Borka, Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Barb Otte, Kathy Hochsprung, Shirley Ulbjerg, Sue Kroyer, Pastor Meyer, Dean Kirchoff, Wayne Vinkemeier, Lee Ulbjerg, Justin Evenson, John Kalenberg, Dick Higgins

1. Welcome

2. Opening Prayer

3. Childcare Ad Hoc Committee presentation

The child care feasibility report was shared and discussed.

- a. Consider extending MOA with FCF (First Children's Finance)

Chuck made a motion to extend the MOA with FCF through June 2024. 2nd by Dean. Motion carried.

4. Approval of September Council Minutes

Motion made by Justin to accept the September minutes. 2nd by Shirley. Motion carried.

5. Address minutes from the August meeting

Motion made by Barb to make an amendment to August minutes regarding having the organ pipes repaired and delivered to Dobson Company as well. Joan has estimated the final cost to be \$11,000 - \$12,000 for the total repairs needed at this time. 2nd by Kathy. Motion carried.

6. Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Meyer shared current & upcoming events at PLC.

2. Administrator/Office Report: Sue reported young adult bible study is going well. Pastor Asher will be helping with confirmation and possibly some bible studies at Our Saviors Church. Jill Leider will be helping in the office and Heidi will be returning to help in the office.

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin reported he, Sue & Pastor will begin addressing the upcoming budget.

4. Trustee's Report: Justin reported that the roof repairs should be complete by the end of October.

5. Elder's Report: Wayne and Pastor reported a statement may be shared regarding PLC's communion policy. Offering cards have been designed if a member would like to share that they have given offerings to PLC in a different manner than when the plate is shared.

Sharing the peace: Will begin again.

Inactive / Non-resident names: Elders are making phone calls to reach out to people and update information.

7. Old Business

1. Bylaws Committee: Chuck and Dean will review bylaws and consult with Bob Sylvester, past PLC president, and share updates with Sue that need to be made.

2. Technology repairs and updates - donations allowed us to purchase 2 brand new AV computers

3. Communication to congregation

- a. Elder's request: Discussion of doing this quarterly.

2nd weekend in November: Melissa will share at all 3 services on behalf of council.

8. New Business

1. Call Committee nominations - choose members from slate of nominees

2. Meeting on 10/29/ 23- this will be led by Pastor Wismar.

9. Adjourn @ 10:10 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 14th, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka
PLC Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth
PLC President



December 2023 Prayer Calendar



**“The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob
is our refuge.” Psalm 46:11**

- 1 - Give thanks for God's unconditional love for you.
- 2 - Ask God what you can do at Peace in order to serve Him and fellow members.
- 3 - Take time to read and pray a Psalm today.
- 4 - Pray for the needs of your neighbors.
- 5 - Give thanks that God is merciful and loves you unconditionally.
- 6 - Give thanks for our Advent Services that keep us on God's track for the celebration of Christmas.
- 7 - Ask for God's guidance in all the big and little decisions that must be made today.
- 8 - Praise God today knowing He is for you--always has been-- always will be-- no matter what.
- 9 - Pray that our worship this weekend is sincere and pleasing to God.
- 10 - Pray that our Sunday School teachers have success in helping the children be as excited about the gift of Jesus as coming as they are about gifts under the Christmas tree.
- 11 - Pray specifically for each person for whom you purchase a Christmas gift.
- 12 - Ask God to help you love others as He has loved you.
- 13 - Pray for teachers and students in Tiger Tweens, Release Time, and Confirmation.
- 14 - Thank God for the "ordinary things" in life that bring you joy.
- 15 - Pray for God's strength for today and that He is with you as you go about your tasks.
- 16 - Pray the Holy Spirit will bless the children as they prepare for the Christmas Program and enjoy a pizza party.
- 17 - Pray for the families that join together today for the Children's Program, and they continue to grow with Christ as a family throughout the year.
- 18 - Give thanks for the beauty of sunrises and sunsets that remind us God is ever present in our daily lives.
- 19 - Give thanks that God cares and answers all our prayers with loving kindness. Trust that He has a good plan.
- 20 - Pray for God's strength to endure when trouble comes your way.
- 21 - Ask for God's prompting to bring a kind word to someone today -- friend or stranger.
- 22 - Bring a specific concern to God today and trust He will handle it.
- 23 - Pray God's guidance in your use of time and activities today.
- 24 - As we celebrate Jesus' birth, pray for those experiencing extreme hardships because of war in their country.
- 25 - Rejoice, give thanks and praise God for our Savior, Jesus.
- 26 - Give thanks that Jesus' coming and our believing in Him gives is eternal life in Heaven.
- 27 - Pray for strength to make a follow through a commitment to be faithful in spending more time reading God's word.
- 28 - Give thanks for the work of our Staff and the members serving on committees, etc.
- 29 - Continue to pray for our next Pastor.
- 30 - Give thanks that God is always faithful and keeps all His promises.
- 31 - Psalm 50:15 - "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me."

Keep your conversation with God open and ongoing

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Sunday in Advent 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Adult Bible Studies 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Cong. Meeting 2:00 Crow River Singers Christmas Concert	3 1:00 Body & Soul	4 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible Study 3:20-5 Elementary Sewing Group 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders Meeting	5 11:30 Worship/Lunch 1:00 Mission Sewing 2:45 Confirmation 3:30 Tiger Tweens 5:45 Handbells 4:30, 6:30 Advent Worship	6 11:30 Release Time 11:30 Worship/Lunch 2:45 Confirmation 3:30 Tiger Tweens 4:30, 6:30 Advent Worship	7 10:00 - 12:00 Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal & pizza party 6:30 Worship w/Comm	8 Noon- Cookie Packaging 10-1 Cookie Sale 6:30 Worship
Second Sunday in Advent 8:30 Worship 9:40 Adult Bible Studies 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Communion 11:45 Cong. Meeting	10 1:00 Body & Soul	11 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible Study 12-6 Bloodmobile 3:00 Proverbs Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Council Meeting	12 9:00 Release Time 11:30 Worship/Lunch 2:45 Confirmation 3:30 Tiger Tweens 4:30, 6:30 Advent Worship	13 9:00 Release Time 11:30 Worship/Lunch 2:45 Confirmation 3:30 Tiger Tweens 4:30, 6:30 Advent Worship	14 6:30 Trustees HAY Lunch	15 10:00 - 12:00 Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal & pizza party 6:30 Worship w/Comm
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Fourth Sunday in Advent 9am Worship/Comm NO Adult Bible Study NO Sunday School Christmas Eve 3pm, 5pm, 7pm Worship/Comm New Year's Eve 8:30 Worship/Comm 10:30 Worship/Comm No Adult Bible Studies No Sunday School	24 Christmas Day Office Closed 9:00 Worship/Comm NO SCHOOL	25 26 27 No Release Time No Confirmation	28 29 30 6:30 Worship/Comm	29 30 6:30 Worship/Comm	31 31 31 31	30 31 31 31

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A Children's Christmas Service

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Sunday, December 17
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in the Sanctuary

***Come and celebrate
with us the birth of our
Lord and Savior!***

Rehearsal for the Children's Christmas service
Sat. Dec 16, 10:00am - 12:00pm
(includes a pizza party beginning at noon).

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