

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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / NOVEMBER 12, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 Matthew Markgraf
Sunday 8:30 Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 10:30 Kevin Buss, Robbie Peterson
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Kiara Durbin, Brie Kobow
Sunday 8:30am Morgan Miller, Brittney Merkins
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am James and Tricia Merkins
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 \$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.

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—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, This will be a traditional turkey dinner—Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn, Cranberries, Homemade Pumpkin Dessert and Beverages. 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. Sign up sheets are posted in the Commons Area. All proceeds from this event will go to the Debt Reduction Initiative.

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!

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 11/2-11/8

General Fund.....\$ 11,180.00 **Building Fund**.....\$ 757.00
Cemetery Fund.....\$ 0.00 **Dedicated Funds**...\$ 100.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	161
Sunday 10:30pm	135
Total	359
Boxcast	76
Livestream 8:30	209
Livestream 10:30	99

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (11/12)

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

MONDAY (11/13)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (11/14)

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

WEDNESDAY (11/15)

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

THURSDAY (11/16)

6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (11/17)

SATURDAY (11/18)

10am-12pm Come Paint W/Us
11am-3pm Turkey Dinner
6:30pm Worship/Communion

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

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 SERVICE**

THURSDAY (11/23)

**9:00am THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP SERVICE**

FRIDAY (11/24)

9:00am Ablelight
OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY (11/25)

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.

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.

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

The Church Library has received several new donations of books that will help guide you through life.

- 1) In "Deliver Us", Dr. R. Reed Lessing offers a unique combination of Bible commentary and devotional reflection, applying Biblical truth to our lives and inviting us to see how God uses His people's story for us in the Book of Exodus.
- 2) Begin the journey of how to effectively speak to the people in your life about God in Alfonso Espinosa's "Faith That Engages the Culture".
- 3) "A Simple Way to Pray", written by Martin Luther, is a brief treatise that gives us practical instruction on how to prepare for prayer. Modern translation by Rev. Matthew Harrison.
- 4) Pastor Peter Preus gives Gospel comfort for loved ones left behind in "I Will Grieve for the Suicide". In the preface, Pastor Preus writes of his wife's struggles with depression and anxiety that ultimately led her to suicide. This book offers hope, healing and peace. God alone knows the secrets of the heart.

The Call Committee has met and the first steps in the process of calling our next resident Pastor have begun. Nomination forms are now available in the office if you are interested in nominating someone to be considered for the position. All nomination forms are due by noon this Tuesday, November 14.