

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT / DECEMBER 10, 2023

**PASTOR:** Glenn Meyer  
**Elders:**  
**Saturday 6:30** Matthew Markgraf  
**Sunday 8:30** Dale Schumann  
**Sunday 10:30** Kevin Buss, Wayne Vinkemeier  
**Acolytes:**  
**Saturday 6:30pm** Judah Perrault, Ruby Hoff  
**Sunday 8:30am** Ashby Farenbaugh-Smahel, Sierra Jenkins  
**Greeters:**  
**Sunday 8:30am** Jerry and Mary Haag  
**Sunday 10:30am** Wayne Vinkemeier

Congregational Meetings have been scheduled for information and voting in regards to a childcare facility at Peace. The second meeting will happen this 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 last Sunday

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!

**WE WILL HAVE FULL SIZED GLAZED DONUTS BETWEEN SERVICES AND BEFORE THE VOTERS' MEETING THIS SUNDAY. ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE TAXI FUND. THANKS**

**LWML Card Shop** in the Rampway—Gloria Janicke has provided us with a beautiful assortment of Christmas cards. There are boxes or single cards available.

The Handbell Choir will be performing in the Commons Area this Sunday between services.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the funeral of Lucille Kraemer (Lisa Kirchoff's mother) which was held this past Tuesday at First Lutheran in Glencoe.

### BAPTISMS SUNDAY AT 8:30AM SERVICE

#### THEODORE ALEC WESTLUND

Son of Alec and Abby Westlund

**Sponsors:** Dan Westlund, Laura Westlund, Ben McKimm, Colin McKimm

#### COHEN CAMERON CASSENS

Son of Brandon and Madison Cassens

**Sponsors:** Logan Hempel, Josh and Haley Grass

Peace Lutheran **Women in Mission**—The December "Mission of the Month" is McLeod Alliance. This organization provides free and confidential assistance to those affected by domestic violence in McLeod County and the surrounding area. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you..

*On behalf of the Jenkins Family: To all our fellow friends and congregation members in Christ, we want to Thank You all for the cards, loving comments, texts, messages of prayer and support during this difficult time of scary health concerns for Todd. The power of prayer is incredible! Some doors have been opened through God's grace! We still have a long road ahead of healing, but we are in the right direction! Thanks be to God! Blessings to you all! Todd, Sadie, Sierra Jenkins*

**THANK YOU** to all the families, youth and friends for participating in the family events. It has been such a pleasure getting to know each of you more and sharing the many laughs and good conversation with each of you. We are all truly blessed to be a part of God's family together; sharing, learning and thriving upon each other. For as we read in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor; If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. Many Blessings! Missy Kohls

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** This week we received the call list prepared by Pastor Woodford, President of the Minnesota South District, LCMS. We met Thursday evening to begin evaluating the candidates and are committed to complete our work without delay. As we do so, Pastor Woodford stressed the importance that we maintain the utmost confidentiality regarding the list of candidates. We ask for your prayers that the light and love of our triune God shine brightly upon and within all of us throughout this journey. Lynn Brown, Scott Haag, Dean Kirchoff, Jeff Miller, Paul Otte, Melissa Weckwerth, and Bob Sylvester, Chair

#### **Current Checking Account Balances**

**General Fund** ..... \$ 51,763.92    **Building Fund**.....\$89,609.90  
**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**..... \$1,720,861.35  
**Building Debt Principal paid to date 2023 -**    \$565,441.36

#### **Offerings Deposited 11/30-12/6**

**General Fund**.....\$ 12,965.00    **Building Fund**.....\$ 820.00  
**Cemetery Fund**.....\$ 0.00    **Dedicated Funds**...\$ 0.00

## Please pray for Peace members

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

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	153
Sunday 10:30pm	120
Wednesday 11:30am	72
Wednesday 4:30pm	55
Wednesday 6:30pm	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>
Boxcast	78
Livestream 8:30	189
Livestream 10:30	105
Livestream Wed/4:30	152
Livestream Wed/6:30	59

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### SUNDAY (12/10)

8:30am Worship  
9:40am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship/Communion  
**11:45am VOTERS MEETING**

### MONDAY (12/11)

1:00pm Body and Soul

### TUESDAY (12/12)

10:00am Women's Bible Study  
12-6pm Bloodmobile  
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study  
3:20pm Elem. Sewing Group  
6:30pm Promise Keepers  
6:30pm Council

### WEDNESDAY (12/13)

9-11am Release Time  
11:30am Advent Service/Lunch  
2:45pm Confirmation  
3:30pm Tiger Tweens  
4:30pm Advent Service  
6:30pm Advent Service

### THURSDAY (12/14)

6:30pm Trustees

### FRIDAY (12/15)

### SATURDAY (12/16)

10:00am SS Program Rehearsal  
12noon SS Pizza Party  
6:30pm Worship/Communion

The January-February-March Portals of Prayer are now available in the Narthex and the Commons Area

### SUNDAY (12/17)

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

### MONDAY (12/18)

1:00pm Body and Soul

### TUESDAY (12/19)

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

### WEDNESDAY (12/20)

9-11 Release Time  
11:30am Advent Service/Lunch  
1:00pm Mission Sewing  
2:45pm Confirmation  
3:30 Tiger Tweens  
4:30pm Advent Service  
6:30pm Advent Service

### THURSDAY (12/21)

Hay Lunch

### FRIDAY (12/22)

### SATURDAY (12/23)

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 10TH. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A MEAL FOLLOWING THE MIDWEEK 11:30AM ADVENT SERVICES.**

**BELLS AND CAROLS**—Last Wednesday we kicked off the holiday season with a complete baked ham dinner followed by a sing-along, play-along concert featuring our Handbell Choir with guest Karen Van Wert, Grace Puckett, vocalist, and Dr. Joan accompanying and directing. The dinner was delicious and the music spectacular and lots of great fellowship! Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered or attended! Through your generosity we raised just over \$1,500 for the organ repair fund—which means we are now within \$2,000 of our \$12,000 goal—we are truly blessed!

**CHILDRENS 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 Saturday, December 16th at 10:00am followed by a pizza party at 12noon for the kids and their parents.