

Peace Lutheran Church



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT / DECEMBER 17, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 Paul Otte, George Quast
Sunday 8:30 Brad Havemeier, Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 10:30 Robbie Peterson
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Kiera Lieders, Maggie Henke-Rannow
Sunday 8:30am Cate Oberg, Annabelle Luthens
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Alan and Shirley Fuchs
Sunday 10:30am Wayne Vinkemeier

The **Congregational Fund Committee** had voted to match an additional \$50,000 towards the debt reduction initiative. This match was to be of monies donated towards the principal from Nov 1 through Dec 31. and we have already surpassed our goal by almost \$5,000! We are on track to potentially decrease our principal balance by over \$600,000 this year! We are truly blessed by our members' response!

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

The **Red Cross** collected 138 units during their stop here at Peace this past Tuesday. Thank you to all the volunteers and, of course, to the donors!

On Sunday, December 10th, the congregation voted to explore the creation of a childcare center that would be modeled after the business plan of Prince of Peace Retirement Living facility (501c3, separate legal entity from Peace Lutheran). At this time, the Church Council is looking for individuals that are interested in being a part of a commissioned team that will investigate how this project can move forward. If you are interested, or know someone that would be an asset to this team, please contact the Church Office.

Melissa Weckwerth, Church Council President

The **COOKIE/BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION** held last weekend raised over \$2,100 towards the Debt Reduction Fund! Thank you to all who donated all of the delicious goodies or auction items, helped with the packaging/set-up or sale and again made this event a success!

BAPTISM SUNDAY AT 10:30AM SERVICE

Hudson Stephen Roach

Son of Timothy and Alesha Roach

Sponsors: George Lehn and Maria Roach

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: Last week we received the call list prepared by Pastor Woodford, President of the Minnesota South District, LCMS. We have met twice 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 \$ 48,825.54 Building Fund.....\$90,174.90
Cemetery Fund\$ 64,104.39 Dedicated Funds\$71,457.16

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 12/7-12/13

General Fund.....\$ 15,780.00 Building Fund.....\$ 565.00
Cemetery Fund.....\$ 0.00 Dedicated Funds...\$ 100.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	70
Sunday 8:30pm	147
Sunday 10:30pm	85
Wednesday 11:30am	76
Wednesday 4:30pm	55
Wednesday 6:30pm	43
Total	476
Boxcast	109
Livestream 8:30	268
Livestream Wed/6:30	119

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (12/17)

8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
10:30am Children's Christmas Program

MONDAY (12/18)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (12/19)

10:00am Women's Bible Study
2:30pm Middle Sch Sewing Group
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (12/20)

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

THURSDAY (12/21)

HAY Lunch
6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (12/22)

SATURDAY (12/23)

No Worship Service

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

SUNDAY (12/24)

CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00am Worship/Communion
No Sunday School
No Adult Bible Studies
**3pm, 5pm, 7pm
Candlelight Services
With Communion**

MONDAY (12/25)

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am Worship/Communion

TUESDAY (12/26)

No Activities

WEDNESDAY (12/27)

No Activities

THURSDAY (12/28)

No Activities

FRIDAY (12/29)

No Activities

SATURDAY (12/30)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

THERE ARE STILL SOME CHRISTMAS CARDS (BOXES AND SINGLES) AVAILABLE AT THE LWML CARD SHOP IN THE RAMPWAY

New Donations for the Library

- 1) Autobiography of Dr. Oswald C>J> Hoffmann, as told to Ronald J. Schlegel. "Ossie" was the speaker of The Lutheran Hour from 1955-1988. Ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1939, he served the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as a religious leader and ambassador. He was a man who wore many hats in the service of the Lord. He once state, "I didn't do anything special. I just told the Good News". You be the judge of his comment "What More is There to Say But Amen"
- 2) The Prayer Box—a novel by Lisa Wingate. When tasked with the job of cleaning out an old Victorian house, a struggling young mother discovers boxes throughout the house which contain bits of paper revealing the life of the owner who has recently passed away. The boxes reveal lessons in faith, observations on love and one final lesson that could change everything.
- 3) Windows on Christmas—by Bill Crowder

Check out the beautiful **Chrismon Tree** in the Church office which was decorated by Dorcas/Women in Mission. Most of these delicate, handmade ornaments date back to the 1960's. Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. The word "Chrismon" is derived from the words "Christ" and "monogram" - meaning "symbols of Christ". They are white and gold—White is the Church color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect and the Gold symbolizes His Majesty and Glory.

REMINDER—THE 10:30AM SERVICE THIS WEEK WILL BE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS 2023

IN MEMORY OF

Carol Mons
Dorothy Korngiebel
Juanita Buss
Marvin & Verdella Demenge
Mary Ann Luthens
Family Members
Norman Beach, Jeff Beach
Paul, Arlene & Bruce Haag, Ron Klawitter
Judy & Bruce Radunz
Arlene & Milan Retzlaff, Julie Flann
Wallace & Adelaide Wornson, Robert Wornson
Larry Stender
Eldor & Leona Kohls, Charlie & Katie Kalenberg
Fran & Achim Graupmann
Loved Ones
Our Parents
Henry Meyer & Dwight Bergquist
Loved Ones
Robert & Audrey Field, Glenn Field,
Amy Paulson, Kerry Kuester
Walter & Ardys Rannow

IN HONOR OF

Our 50th Wedding Anniversary

GIVEN BY

Gary Mons & Family
John Korngiebel
Kevin Buss Family
Matthew & Stephanie Evers
Kurt & Jackie Reinr
Rev Jeff & Anita Miller
June Beach
Scott & Kay Haag & Families
Sarah Radunz
Sadie Jenkins
Kenny Wornson
Phyllis Stender
John & Linda Kalenberg
Linda & Greg Ziemer
Marvin & Donna Seller
Duane & Sandra Hall
Glenn & Sue Meyer
Dale & Judy Schumann
Brian Field
Brian Field
Sue Kroyer & Bruce Rannow

GIVEN BY

Steve & Sandy Sturges

MEMORIAL GIFTS 2023

IN MEMORY OF

Daryl Dixon
 Arlin Otto
 Marion Starke, Victor & Lucy Schmidt
 Our Loved Ones
 Paul, Arlene & Bruce Haag, Ron Klawitter
 Carol Mons
 Eldor & Leona Kohls,
 Charlie & Katie Kalenaberg
 Robert & Audrey Field, Glenn Field
 Amy Paulson, Kerry Kuester
 Our Parents
 Loved Ones
 Jeff Rasmussen
 Art Krueger, Tony Krueger, Brad Wosmek
 Henry & Minnie Krause, Mary Kleinschmidt
 Donald Sitz
 Jerry Janicke
 Don Zackrison, Fred & Mabel Boelter
 Art & Martha Zackrison
 Earl & Lilly Dummer, Wilmer & Ruth Haag
 Don & Leone Janke
 John, Doris & Bret Havemeier
 Kenneth Koehler
 Melva, Mavis & LeRoy Plath
 Herb & June Schulz
 Don Fenske, Hilda & Howard Fenske
 Paul & Emma Rath
 Ed & Elnora Homan, Jeffrey Rasmussen
 Donald Homan
 Lorraine & Corwin Meyer
 Pearl & Kenneth Haugen
 Elaine Black
 Carl & Delores Schmidt,
 Ervin & Alma Kohls
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IN HONOR OF

Pastors and Staff
 Their 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Velda Meyer, Ardis Bergquist
 Greg & Deb Holtz
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 Our Grandchildren
 Our Grandchildren – Marcus, Ian,
 Finnegan, Juniper, Roderick, Eloise

GIVEN BY

Jacquelyn Dixon, Joan Dixon
 Shirley Otto & Family
 Their Family
 Scott & Liz Brusehaver
 Scott & Kay Haag & Families
 Gary Mons
 John & Linda Kalenberg
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 Brian Field
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 Duane & Sandra Hall
 Doug & Lynn Brown
 Don & Irene Rasmussen
 Karla & Jerome Wosmek
 Randy & Ruthie Flaig
 Hazel Sitz
 Gloria Janicke
 Shirley Zackrison, Tim & Collin
 Zackrison & Families
 Marlin & Gail Haag
 Jeff & Rita Janke
 Brad Havemeier
 Annette Koehler
 Weston Plath
 John & Mary Melin
 Marion Fenske
 "
 Ed & Sue Homan
 "
 Jim & Sandie Haugen
 "
 Ronald, John & Curtis Black
 Wally & Pat Kohls, Lonnie & Cindy
 Kohls & Family, Kelly, Leah,
 Cummings, Hannah

GIVEN BY

Dale & Judy Schumann
 Steve & Sandy Sturges
 Glenn & Sue Meyer
 Eric, Cassie, Monica, Gina
 and Zac Padrnos
 Mike & Linda Field
 Jim & Sandie Haugen
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