

Peace Lutheran Church



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT / DECEMBER 3, 2023

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday 6:30 George Quast, Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 8:30 Brad Havemeier, Paul Otte
Sunday 10:30 Robbie Peterson
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Kylie Johnson, Aiden Fromm
Sunday 8:30am Lillian Fromm, Alexis Selle
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Doug and Lynn Brown
Sunday 10:30am Jeff and Anita Miller

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.

There are currently informational handouts available in the Narthex and the Peace Center.

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 WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AT PEACE LUTHERAN! At the 8:30am service on Sunday, our recent new members will be recognized and officially welcomed to our congregation. After the service there will be a welcome reception in the Peace Center. Please stop in and have some cake and introduce yourself to the new members.

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..

Check out the **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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & GET OUT YOUR RECIPES ANNUAL COOKIE/BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION —

SAT, DEC 9TH, 10AM-1PM We are again asking all of our wonderfully creative bakers to bring in some of your favorite holiday cookies or candy or baked goodies—whatever you would like to share—by 12 noon on Friday, Dec. 8th. We are also looking for volunteers to help package cookies at that time. We will again have a Silent Auction of holiday or seasonal items—also please bring in your items by noon on Fri, Dec 8th.. The proceeds from this event will go towards the debt reduction & will be matched by the Congregational Fund.

WE WILL HAVE FULL SIZED GLAZED DONUTS BETWEEN SERVICES AND BEFORE THE VOTERS' MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY AND NEXT SUNDAY. ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE TAXI FUND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BELLS AND CAROLS—This past 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 participate, volunteered or attended! Through your generosity we raised just over \$1,500 for the organ repair fund!

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 54,203.73	Building Fund.....	\$88,789.90
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 11/23-11/29

General Fund.....	\$ 17,603.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 535.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

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

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	57
Sunday 8:30pm	159
Sunday 10:30pm	83
Total	299
Boxcast	79
Livestream 8:30	185
Livestream 10:30	206

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (12/3)

8:30am Worship/Communion

New Member Welcome

9:40am Sunday School

9:40am New Member Reception

10:30am Worship

11:45am VOTERS MEETING

MONDAY (12/4)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (12/5)

10:00am Women's Bible Study

3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study

3:20pm Elem. Sewing Group

6:30pm Promise Keepers

6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (12/6)

9-11am Release Time

11:30am Advent Service/Lunch

1:00PM Mission Sewing

2:45pm Confirmation

3:30pm Tiger Tweens

5:45pm Handbells

6:30pm Advent Service

7:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY (12/7)

FRIDAY (12/8)

12noon Cookie Sale Prep/Pack

SATURDAY (12/9)

10am-1pm COOKIE SALE

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (12/10)

8:30am Worship

9:40am Sunday School

9:40am Adult Bible Studies

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

6:30pm Promise Keepers

6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (12/13)

9-11 Release Time

11:30am Advent Service/Lunch

2:45pm Confirmation

3:30 Tiger Tweens

6:30pm Advent Service

THURSDAY (12/14)

6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (12/15)

SATURDAY (12/16)

10am SS Program Rehearsal

12noon SS Pizza Party

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)**

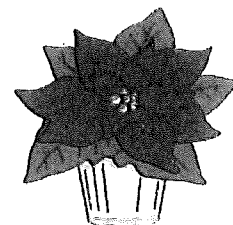
Come join our **quilt group**. We meet in the Church basement on the first, third and sometimes fifth Wednesdays of the month, from 1-3pm, Absolutely no sewing abilities needed. If you can tie your shoes, you can tie our quilts. It's a fun and productive way to have a good time and make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Donations of large pieces of fabric and other supplies are always welcome.

ORGAN REPAIR FUND UPDATE — WE ARE 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 program rehearsal Saturday, December 16th at 10:00am followed by a party at 12noon for kids and their parents.

Poinsettias

Peace members and visitors will again be enjoying beautiful decorations during the Christmas season. **This year we will need only 25 poinsettias to decorate our church for the Christmas season.** The cost of a plant is \$12.00.



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 **TTNG** (7 yr. Debt Free Initiative), **General Fund**, or **Other**, please fill out the form below and return to church along with your donation **by December 8th**. Your name and the name of the person in whose memory or honor you are giving a poinsettia or donation will be listed in the bulletin.

_____ Number of Poinsettias x \$12.00 = \$_____

\$_____ Donation to _____

TTNG (7 yr. Debt Free Initiative), Organ Repair, General Fund or Other

In Memory of _____

OR In Honor of _____

Given by _____