

JANUARY 2024



Messenger of PEACE

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

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From Pastor's (Parsonage) Desk:

Now greet the swiftly changing year With joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace Another year of grace. LSB #896 st.1

Another year of grace! We have much for which we can be thankful. We have made HUGE strides in paying down the debt! Thanks to the many who have been part of this effort. We have also maintained our needed first-fruit giving for our general staffing and ministry support needs. So many have stepped up as volunteers in service and leadership in so many ways this past year, THANK YOU - ALL OF YOU! And we see God's people having FUN as they serve!

We plan to soon call our next resident pastor. Please keep him and our call committee in your prayers. We pray that God's will be done and in His time! We also hope to have a DCE or DCE Intern before the end of this next year. Of course, such things require planning and commitment.

We have talked about commitment and each doing their part, at a time when we know many in various churches across our land have 'stepped back'. Let us continue to do all we can to help one another 'step up' doing our part, given to us by God. Together, in committed service, trusting the Lord, the folks of Peace will continue to see amazing things happening by the grace and power of God at work among us!

Whatever you do as God's people of faith, do so with praise to God and joy in your heart over the wonder of our salvation in Jesus. Truly what a privilege is ours to be able to be part of His kingdom work by which God daily continues to make an eternal difference in the lives of so many people.

I pray you have had a blessed time with family and friends during this season. It is always good to see so many at our special services of the season of Advent and Christmas. Special thanks to all who help make such beautiful events possible!

Let us finish the year of 2023, and begin the new year of 2024, continuing to gather together and welcoming one another at the feet of Jesus! May we each continue to receive and cherish God's grace, direction and blessing!

In Christ,
Pastor Meyer

THANK YOU!

I and my wife Sue give you thanks for the many gifts and kindnesses you have shown to us during this past year. Yes, Sue cannot be up here from our home in Nebraska as often as she would like. Please know that we both appreciate the pleasant moments, gracious words and welcome that we continue to experience here at Peace, here in Hutchinson. May God keep and guide us all in His love and grace until that day we shall all see Him face to face!

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
JANUARY 7, 2024



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

9:30 - 10:25 - Bible Study
Young Adult 207-208

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





Connect to God and His people in Worship.

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

Dec 10th-Theodore Alec Westland
son of Alec and Abby Westlund

Dec 10th- Cohen Cameron Cassens
son of Brandon and Madison Cassens

Dec 17th- Hudson Stephen Roach
son of Timothy and Alesha Roach

Dec 25th- LaVae Svetlana Duke
daughter of Brandon and Susanne Luthens

Dec 25th- Paris Lynn Luthens
daughter of Brandon and Susanne Luthens



FUNERALS

MEMORIALS

Alan Schmoll- \$2,000.00-Debt Reduction
\$500.00-Organ Repair Fund

Larry McKimm- \$3,452.00-Debt Reduction

Marilyn Schaffer- \$25.00-Debt Reduction
\$20.00-Organ Repair Fund
\$25.00-General
\$400.00-LWML

RECENT TRANSFERS

Mike and Holly Hartwig and Rosalynn transferred from
St.Johns Lutheran, Columbus, NE

Darlene Fay Shaw transferred from Our Saviors Lutheran,
Hutchinson

Deborah Hammond joined through reaffirmation of faith

Diane Jude transferred from Zion Lutheran, Annandale

Suzanne Helland transferred from Epiphany Lutheran,
Chandler, AZ

Sharon Olson transferred from St Mathew Lutheran,
Rocklin CA

Mary Laabs joined through reaffirmation of faith

Orlin and Judy Henke transferred from Gloria Dei Lutheran
in Pequot Lakes

Lisa Kalenberg transferred from Our Saviors Lutheran,
Hutchinson

CALLING ALL KINGS!!!



Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2024

As we celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 7th,
ALL children will be invited to become "kings" and
join in bringing gifts to the newborn Jesus!!!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please Plan
to Attend

**The Annual
Voter's Meeting**
will be held
Sunday, February 4th
11:45 am
Peace Center

January Ushers

Team #1 & 2

Team 1	Team 2
Glen Witte	Allan Fuchs
Doug Witte	Rusten Huls
Brian Koehler	Kevin Buss

January Readers

6:30pm

Sat, Jan 6: Lee Uldbjerg
Sat, Jan 13: Corinne Higgins
Sat, Jan 20: Joanne Keilen
Sat, Jan 27: Annette Koehler



8:30am

Sun, Jan 7: Nona Anderson
Sun, Jan 14: Marie Maki
Sun, Jan 21: Marlene Hamblin
Sun, Jan 28: Lynn Brown

10:30am

Phyllis Hecht
Arlene Benshof
Sara Peterson

January Greeters

8:30

Jan 7 Jill Lieder

Jan 14 Tim & Deanna Puchalski

Jan 21 Diane Neubauer
Bev. Czmowski

Jan 28 Todd & Jodi Selle

10:30

Ron & Barb Kirchoff

Robbie & Sara Peterson

Jeff & Anita Miller

Robbie & Sara Peterson



2024 Offering Envelopes
are available to pick up in
the rampway at church.
Thank you.



January Messenger for Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

In Memory We remember our LWML sisters who entered eternal life in heaven in 2023:

Jeanne Cassens, Carole Hannemann, Carol Kubasch, Marilyn Schaffer and Irene Yerks.

The "Mission of the Month" program that was started in 2023 will continue in 2024. January "Mission of the Month" The "Mission of the Month" for January is Lutheran Hour broadcasts. The Lutheran Hour airs on more than 1,800 radio stations throughout North America, more than 60 countries and 6 continents. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you. Meet our Adopt-a-Student Seminarian Tyler Linneman. Tyler is a Master of Divinity student at Concordia St. Louis. He grew up on a farm near Carrollton, Missouri and is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Carrollton. He attended Concordia University Nebraska where he completed his BA in Theology and also studied Greek and Hebrew. He is currently doing fieldwork at Zion Lutheran Church in Pevely, MO as well as classwork. Peace Lutheran Women in Mission sends \$1,000 a year in support of Tyler. Please keep Tyler and all seminarians in your prayers. You can read some letters from Tyler on the LWML bulletin board. The Women's Guild of Our Savior's church has extended an invitation to the women of Peace Lutheran to attend any or all of their Guild meetings. Their January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. There will be a lunch and a speaker from the Early Learning Center at OSL. **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. The latest issues of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazine and the Minnesota South District WOM newsletter are available in the racks in the Commons area and outside the Peace Center doors. Feel free to pick up a copy. These publications are for anyone and everyone.

Mite Progress Report

The 2023-2025 biennium Mite goal is \$2,350,000. Mites received as of November 30, 2023 is \$807,431.83. Mites still needed is \$1,542,568.17.

Growing together in God's word.

Council Meeting November 14, 2023; 6:30 p.m.

Present: Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Barb Otte, Kathy Hochsprung, Becky Kobow, Shirley Uldbjerg, Sue Kroyer, Pastor Meyer, Dean Kirchoff, John Lietz, Justin Evenson, Kim Borka

1. Welcome
2. Opening Prayer by Pastor Meyer.
3. Approval of Minutes

Update to note that computers which were purchased from donations are AV computers. Motion made by Justin to accept minutes with changes to computer update. 2nd by Kathy. Motion carried.

4. Reports

a. Pastor's Report: Pastor shared updates for PLC

b. Administrator/Office Report: Sue shared that the CF has matched up to \$50,000 through the end of 2023. Private donation above \$150,000 also arrived. This donation will not be matched by CF. The turkey dinner coming up will be matched by CF.

LWML Sue requested some kitchen items from them. LWML will cover the expenses.

c. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared updated monthly financial reports

d. Trustee's Report: Motion made by Chuck that the Board of Trustees will now report to the church operation (senior pastor) and no longer to the Church Council. 2nd by Dean. Motion carried. Some trees will be cut down around the church. Peace Place roof update: work has started and is ongoing.

e. Elder's Report: Working on creating an insert for members to put into the offering plate if they've given online so that it is blessed. Discussion on greeting being returned during service. Working on updating membership lists.

5. Old Business

a. Call committee update: Paperwork has been finalized up to this point. It will now be 4-6 weeks to get a response.

b. Nominating committee update: Chuck shared there is a list of people. These people will be contacted to see if they want to be considered as a candidate.

New Business

a. Contract/salary issue: Pastor Meyer's contract will be fulfilled regarding signed contract agreement from July 2022.

b. Congregational meetings on 12/3 & 12/10: Following 10:30 services. Dec. 3 will be a presentation from the Ad Hoc committee. Dec. 10 will be a voter's meeting to vote on the option of going forward.

February 4th, 2024 will be the Congregational Annual Voter's Meeting

Adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 12th, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Council Secretary
Kim Borka

Church Council President
Melissa Weckwerth

Peace Lutheran Church
Voter's Assembly
Child Care Options
December 10, 2023; 11:45 a.m.

1. Three options presented and reviewed. (See attached sheet)

Round #1-Vote results: Option 1: 16 (13%) Option 2: 59 (47%) Option 3: 50 (40%)

Total votes cast in the first round of voting: 125

*No option received a clear majority of the votes. The option with the least votes was dropped from the running and a revote for Options 2 and 3 was taken.

Round #2-Vote results: Option 2: 75 (64%)
Option 3: 42 (36%)

Total votes cast in second round of voting: 117

2. Motion made by Robbie Peterson to destroy voting ballot slips, 2nd by Kevin Buss. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Council Secretary
Kim Borka

Church Council President
Melissa Weckwerth

PRINCE OF PEACE RETIREMENT LIVING JAN 2024



New Year's blessings to you and your families! This time of year we often reflect on the prior year and my oh my do we have A LOT to be thankful for. We've had some big changes this past year, but we gave it to God and the year couldn't have ended any better. God is good! We are all so thankful

for all of our volunteers and what they provided for us this past year. From gifts of garden veggies and baked goods to those who volunteered their time and musical talents. We pray that you all have a blessed year and that you know the value you bring into other's lives. Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Destini Doring
Executive Director

Prince of Peace Retirement Living
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www.poprl.org

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, JAN. 9th
TUESDAY, FEB. 16th
12 pm - 6 pm
Peace Center



We had a record-breaking Red Cross Bloodmobile last month with 155 units collected. This month we had 138 units. We are especially pleased after we learned that the **average Bloodmobile collects 25 units!!** Every pint of blood collected can save at least 3 lives. Thank you for helping support this great cause.

Parish Health had a two weeks of Donut Fundraisers on Sunday mornings. This is almost enough to pay for a month of taxi service on Sunday mornings. Thank you to everyone that gave a little extra. We had a Thrivent grant to help pay for supplies so we could have the full size donuts. We know Pastor Meyer likes them best.

If you need a ride to worship services call
320-552-0195 for taxi service.



SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ REFRESHER COURSE ~

UPCOMING 4 HR. RECERTIFICATION

MON. Jan 15 1 - 5 pm

MON. Feb 19 1 - 5 pm

Mon. April 1 1 - 5 pm

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

Wednesday Noon Lunch & Word of God

LUNCH at 11:45 am

TIME IN GOD'S WORD at 12:20 pm

The class is structured so you may come and go as your schedule allows. It's a tremendous opportunity not only for yourself, but maybe there is a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker who would be blessed by attending the Wednesday Noon Soup, Sandwich & Word of God. Prayerfully think about who you may know.



Growing together in God's word.

YOUTH CONNECT

SINGING SCHEDULE

PRAYZ TEAM sings on the first Sunday of every month at 10:30am (We invite all students to come up on stage and sing at least one song with us). Everyone is welcome.

PRAYZ TEAM will also sing for the 4:30pm services in Lent (February 14-March 20)

Sunday School Sings:

January 7th 10:30am, Epiphany Sunday

February 18th at 10:30am

March 24 at 8:30am (Palm Sunday)

April 21 at 10:30am

May 12 at 8:30am (Final week of Sun School)



SAVE-TH-DATE

'Drive-In Movie'

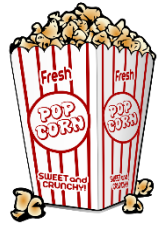
The Prince of Egypt



When: **Sat. January 27th**

Time: **1:30pm-3:30pm**

Where: **Church Basement**



We ask that you bring a laundry basket or tote to decorate into a car, along with blankets/pillows to make it comfier. Popcorn, candy and a bottle of water provided.

Questions, please contact Missy Kohls ~ 320-583-1545

LWML Assembling Layettes February 6th

Volunteers are encouraged to come on Tuesday, February 6th at 3:20pm to join with the Youth Sewing Students as we assemble baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. There is a great need for these supplies around the world. We are always collecting items for the kits. Please drop them off at the office. Each kit has: 1 large and 1 small baby blanket, 4 diapers (made from old adult T-shirts), one hand towel (dark color), 2-3 bars of Ivory soap, 2 baby pins, and baby clothes: 2 t-shirts, 2 sleepers, 2 socks, and 1 jacket with hood or a cap. Clothing should be clean and gently used. Everyone is welcome to join us in the basement. (If the schools have a snow day on the 6th, we will reschedule for the next student sewing day.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JESUS IS MY SUPERHERO!

June 3-7, 2024, 9:00-11:30am each day

Friday program and pizza party at 11:00am

KIDS CONNECT



**Winter
Snow Tubing**
with
HAY MINISTRY

at Powder Ridge

**FEBRUARY 6th (MS)
FEBRUARY 7th (HS)**

6 - 9 pm

\$20/student tubing

Meet in the Commons at 5 p.m.
Bus leaves at 5:15pm and returns
between 9:30-10pm.

Questions - call the church office.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED the Children's Christmas Service!!!- May the true spirit of the Christ child shine in your heart and light your path.

Thank you to our Sunday School staff for their faithful service in proclaiming God's Word to our children every Sunday.

Preschool - Missy Kohls, Keith Anderson, Sadie Jenkins, Jennifer Mueller, Max Mueller, Maddie Elder, Olivia Schmidt;
Kindergarten - Stacy Miller
First Grade - Shelly Fitzgerald and Barb Otte
Second Grade - Lynn Brown
Third and Fourth Grade - Lori, Kevin and Bridgette Buss
Fifth Grade - Darlyn Egge
Jr. High - Amanda Kaping and Margo Kaping, sub.
Young Adult Class - Jennifer Plath
Curriculum and sub - Sarah Peterson
Coordinator and Music - Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon
Costumes - Jacquelyn Dixon and Jill Lieder



January 2024 Prayer Calendar



" Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. " Ephesians 6:18

- Mon. Jan. 1 It's 2024! Give thanks for all our Lord's past and blessings to come.
- Tues. Jan. 2 Pray to be committed to daily reading your Bible and praying with praises.
- Wed. Jan.3 Dear Lord, protect us from the temptation to do your work in our way, rather than praying for your wisdom
- Thurs. Jan. 4 Continue to pray daily for Peace and the new pastor to be called.
- Fri. Jan. 5 Pray fervently about best decisions for our preschool and how to use the facility to your Glory.
- Sat. Jan. 6 Thank your heavenly Father for all the worship and Bible Study opportunities at Peace.
- Sun. Jan. 7 Epiphany Sunday: As our worship focuses on Jesus' life from birth to Easter, pray to recognize the blessings on the way.
- Mon. Jan. 8 Today Prayer Chain meets. Do you have a thanksgiving or request? All confidential of course. Number in bulletin.
- Tues. Jan. 9 Give thanks for the Parish Ministry at Peace. Today they are working at the blood mobile- helping our community.
- Wed. Jan. 10 Release time -Give thanks for the teachers and children who are involved.
- Thu Jan. 11 Meditate on this verse: "For we are all His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good work that God has prepared".....Eph. 2:10 For YOU!
- Fri. Jan. 12 Give thanks for the members who have been able to give so generously to repay our building debt.
- Sat. Jan. 13 Give thanks for the Peace singers, Praise team and handbells who work hard to enhance our worship.
- Sun. Jan. 14 A day of rest from regular work days. Take some time to read and praise God with the book of Psalms.
- Mon. Jan. 15 As you look at the stained glass windows in our sanctuary, praise the story of our Salvation and resurrection because Christ gave His all for us.
- Tues. Jan. 16 Pray for our pastor and staff, they will keep in good health, have patience and boldness to share the gospel.
- Wed. Jan. 17 Pray for the sick in our congregation that their faith and trust in the Lord will remain strong.
- Thurs. Jan.18 Give thanks for our youth leaders as the youth are impressed with living a life for the Lord.
- Fri, Jan.19 How is your month turning out? Trust in Him, and be thankful for His mercy and grace.
- Sat. Jan.20 Pray for our elders and church council, as many decisions rest with them.
- Sun. Jan.21 Pray for the Holy Spirit to work thru us as we worship in faith and joy.
- Mon. Jan.22 Pray for all who go to work as well as homemakers that their jobs give them joy in their daily work.
- Tues. Jan.23 Give thanks and praise for Christ's sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection for us.
- Wed. Jan.24 Ask blessings on the hands of those who work at Able/Light Thrift shop in Minnetonka,
- Thurs. Jan.25 Pray for the young families at Peace that they will teach the children to worship and love the Lord.
- Fri. Jan.26 Ask blessings on the hands of those working at Able-Light, raising funds for Bethesda homes.
- Sat. Jan. 27 Pray that our worship on the weekends will be a witness of God's love to our neighbors and friends.
- Sun. Jan. 28 Pray that our annual meeting be attended by thankful hearts for our many blessings.
- Mon. Jan.29 Give thanks for our mission sewers and their faithfulness to the Wednesdays they quilt.
- Tues. Jan.30 Have you spent time daily with the Lord and His Word ? Pray that you will start, now.
- Wed. Jan. 31 Give thanks for God's peace that passes understanding, God's free gift for each of us, who know Him as Savior and Lord.

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January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	New Year's Day 1 NO School Church Office Closed	2 10:00 POP Study 10:00 Women's Bible Study 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 3:20-5 Elementary Sewing Group 6:30 Elders Meeting 6:30 Promise Keepers	3 9 Release Time 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 1:00 Mission Sewing 2:45 - 4:30 Confirmation 3:20 Tiger Tweens	4	5	6 6:30 Worship w/Comm
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Surprise your favorite valentine(s)
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(8 large pieces)

All orders must be submitted with payment by
12 pm Friday, February 9th



**Available for pick up
Wed. Feb. 14th
in the Office**

Some pies will be ready for pick up on the afternoon of
the 13th. Be sure to leave your phone # with your order.
We will call you when ready.



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- ♥ APPLE
- ♥ CHERRY
- ♥ PECAN
- ♥ BANANA CREAM
- ♥ LEMON MERINGUE
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