

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 OF EPIPHANY / JANUARY 14, 2024

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday, 6:30pm Robbie Peterson
Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf
Sunday, 10:30am John Lietz, Dale Schumann
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Sierra Jenkins, Jozie Petersen
Sunday 8:30am Kiera Plath, Lily Demera
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Tim and Deanna Puchalski
Sunday 10:30am Robbie and Sara Peterson

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 4TH

The meeting will be held in the Peace Center immediately following the completion of the 10:30am worship service. Attached is the meeting agenda and the slate of candidates for the Church Council and Board of Elders that will be voted on at the meeting. There are also copies of the proposed revised Constitution and ByLaws available in the Narthex and the Peace Center.

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, as a 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, please contact the Church Office or myself, Melissa Weckwerth, Church Council President

Please contact Sue in the Church Office: 1) if you want offering envelopes and have not had them in the past, we will provide them for you; 2) if you have offering envelopes but do not want them because you make your donations through auto deposit from your back account, electronically from credit card, have routine disbursements from a retirement account, etc. and have no use for the offering envelopes—you can return them to the office so we can reassign them and we will assign a five digit number for you to utilize in tracking your offering history for the year. If you have any other questions or concerns about your envelopes or statements, please let me know.

DEBT REDUCTION UPDATE—As you can see, our principal balance is now down to \$1,646,266.72. Shortly we will receive the \$50,000 matching funds allocated for Nov/Dec from the Congregational Fund, which will reduce our debt down to **\$1,596,266.72. We are blessed!** ELIMINATION OF THIS DEBT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE AN ATTAINABLE REALITY!

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—The January "Mission of the Month" is Lutheran Hour broadcasts. Peace Lutheran Women in Mission sponsor three radio broadcasts throughout the year. These broadcasts go out to more than 60 countries on six continents. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you..

Calling all young women! Would you like to attend the MN South LWML District convention in June in Mankato? It is a fun and rewarding experience. You can find out more and apply at mnsylwml.org/youngwomen. The deadline to apply is February 1.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: We received a call list of 16 candidates prepared by Pastor Woodford, President of the Minnesota South District, LCMS. We have been meeting weekly to evaluate the candidates and are committed to complete our work without delay. At this time, we have three candidates that we will be conducting pre-call interviews with in the coming weeks. As we proceed, Pastor Woodford stressed the importance that we maintain the utmost confidentiality regarding the list of candidates. Please continue to pray that the Spirit will guide us in this process and the candidates we are speaking with. Lynn Brown, Scott Haag, Dean Kirchoff, Jeff Miller, Paul Otte, Melissa Weckwerth, and Bob Sylvester, Chair

ORGAN UPDATE The damaged organ pipes were removed recently and transported to Dobson Organ in Lake City, Iowa for repair. It's anticipated they will (hopefully) be returned by the end of the month, so our organ will once again be at full performance capability. Thank you to Dr. Joan for being our courier!

Don't forget to order your Valentine's Day Pie(s). Order forms in the rampway and office. Deadline to order 12Noon, February 9th.

Private Baptism on Saturday:

Rezlynn Jane Jurgensen, Daughter of Collin Jurgensen and Claudia Hovendick; Serving as sponsor was Jordan Moravec

Current Checking Account Balances

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| General Fund | \$ 86,176.98 | Building Fund..... | \$73,248.69 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ 64,786.61 | Dedicated Funds | \$72,632.16 |
| Building Debt Balance—1/1/22.....\$2,491,042.35 | | | |
| Building Debt Balance—1/1/23.....\$2,286,302.71 | | | |
| Building Debt Balance—1/1/24.....\$1,646,266.72 | | | |
| Building Debt Principal paid in 2023 - \$640,035.99 | | | |

Offerings Deposited 1/4--1/10

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| General Fund..... | \$ 12,099.91 | Building Fund..... | \$ 302.00 |
| Cemetery Fund..... | \$ 0.00 | Dedicated Funds... | \$ 0.00 |

Please pray for Peace members

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

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

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| Saturday 6:30p, | 78 |
| Sunday 8:30am | 141 |
| Sunday 10:30am | 120 |
| Total | 339 |
| Boxcast | 95 |
| Livestream 8:30am | 161 |
| Livestream 10:30am | 215 |

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (1/14)

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

MONDAY (1/15)

1:00pm Body and Soul
1-5pm Driver Improve Class

TUESDAY (1/16)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Womens Bible Study
2:30pm Middle School Sewing
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
5:00pm Christian Ed Mtg
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (1/17)

8:30am Parish Health Mtg
9:00am Release Time
11:45am Lunch/Bible Study
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (1/18)

6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (1/19)

SATURDAY (1/20)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (1/21)

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

MONDAY (1/22)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (1/23)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Womens Bible St
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (1/24)

9:00am Release Time
11:45am Lunch/Bible Study
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (1/25)

FRIDAY (1/26)

9:00am Ablelight

SATURDAY (1/27)

1:30pm Family Movie Event
6:30pm Worship

THE 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND THE 2023 OFFERING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO PICKUP IN THE RAMPWAY.

Wednesday noon lunch and Bible Study - Serving of lunch starts at 11:45pm with The 12:15pm Bible Study is led by Pastor Meyer and is focused on the Book of Revelations. Everyone is welcome.— come join us!

The Red Cross collected 139 units at their stop here on Tuesday. Great Job! Thanks to everyone for their support/help!

If you are a **Thrivent** Member you are eligible for two \$250 grants per year that can be used for activities here at Church. Please contact the Church Office to find out what upcoming events are eligible.

Valentine Cookie/Bake Sale—Due to popular demand, we have decided to again have a Valentine Cookie/Bake Sale on Sunday February 11th between services in the Commons Area. 'Leftovers' will again be sold at the Bloodmobile. We are asking all of our bakers to bring in some sweet treats on Friday, Feb 9th. Also looking for volunteers to help package on Saturday, Feb 10th at 9am. All proceeds go to the debt reduction fund.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Sunday School's fall mission project for Orphan Grain Train**. This week we delivered 135 stuffed animals, 225 pairs of socks and 392 pairs of underwear to the OGT warehouse in Mayer, MN. Our spring mission project will be announced next week.

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

"DRIVE IN MOVIE"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1:30-3:30PM

CHURCH BASEMENT

Please bring a laundry basket or tote to decorate into a car, along with blankets/pillows to make it comfy

Popcorn, candy and a bottle of water provided

Questions, please contact Missy Kohls (320) 583-1545

Donations accepted to defray expenses