

Peace Lutheran Church



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

EPIPHANY / JANUARY 6, 2024

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday, 6:30pm John Lietz, George Quast
Sunday 8:30am Brad Havemeier, Paul Otte
Sunday, 10:30am Kevin Buss
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Lillian Fromm, Cooper Schuft
Sunday 8:30am Aiden Fromm, Liam Schlueter
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Jill Lieder
Sunday 10:30am Ron and Barb Kirchoff

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.

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, or know someone that would be an asset to this team, please contact the Church Office. 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 you a five digit number 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.

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

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 mnslwml.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 this past week 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. Thank you to Dr. Joan for being our courier!

THRIVENT CARDS—If you are a Thrivent member, you can request up to two \$250 Thrivent Cards per year that can be used for Church activities. Contact the Church Office for information on upcoming events that Thrivent Cards are needed for..

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

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 78,510.03	Building Fund.....	\$72,919.35
Cemetery Fund	\$ 64,754.39	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—12/31/23.....	\$1,712,071.14		
Building Debt Principal paid to date 2023 -	\$574,231.57		

Offerings Deposited 12/28-1/3

General Fund.....	\$ 16,803.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 435.00
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	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

Saturday 6:30p,	68
Sunday 8:30am	104
Sunday 10:30am	68
Total	240
Boxcast	78
Livestream 10:30am	209

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (1/7)

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

MONDAY (1/8)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (1/9)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Womens Bible Study
12-6pm Bloodmobile
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (1/10)

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

THURSDAY (1/11)

FRIDAY (1/12)

SATURDAY (1/13)

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (1/14)

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

MONDAY (1/15)

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

TUESDAY (1/16)

10:00am POP Bible Study
10:00am Womens Bible St
2:30pm Middle School Sewing
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
5:00pm Christian Educ 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

The **Wednesday noon lunch and Bible Study** has resumed. Serving of lunch starts at 11:45pm with the Bible Study starting at approximately 12:15pm and continuing until 1:00pm. This Bible Study is led by Pastor Meyer and is focused on the Book of Revelations. Everyone is welcome.— come join us!

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.

We recently cashed in cans from the trailer at Peace Place - we received a check for \$121.60 to be used towards the debt reduction.. Don't forget to drop your empty cans off at the trailer.

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

AGENDA
ANNUAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

1. Slate of candidates for open positions on Church Council & Board of Elders
2. Presentation of amendments to the Bylaws
3. Ballot distribution, vote
4. Annual Financial Plan
 - a. Question/Answer period
 - b. Call for motion to approve
5. Trustee report
6. Call Committee update
7. Child Care Commissioned Team update
8. Pastor's report
9. Adjournment

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

FOR CHURCH COUNCIL AND BOARD OF ELDERS

CHURCH COUNCIL

President

Melissa Weckwerth (incumbent)

Vice President

Chuck Jones (incumbent)

Members at Large (3 openings)

Kathy Hochsprung (incumbent)

Becky Kobow (incumbent)

Gary Havemeier

BOARD OF ELDERS (5 openings) (All seats are at large)

Robbie Peterson (incumbent)

Matthew Markgraf (incumbent)

Dale Schumann (incumbent)

Jeff Weckwerth (incumbent)

Marc Telecky