

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 OF EPIPHANY / JANUARY 21, 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 Kylie Johnson, Ruby Hoff
Sunday 8:30am Lillian Fromm, Chelsea Robinson
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Diane Neubarth, Bev Czmowski
Sunday 10:30am Jeff and Anita Miller

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.

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!

Souper Sunday School Mission Project—Please bring cans of SOUP for our "SOUPER BOWL" FUNDRAISER for Common Cup Ministries. We will also be having a "SOUPER" lunch after church on February 18th. The students sing at 10:30am service that day. Please sign up to bring a crockpot of soup or chili or something fun for the kids (mac and cheese soup ?) Sign-up sheet at the Commons desk. Cornbread, cookies and beverages will be provided. There will be no charge for lunch, but a freewill donation will benefit Common Cup.

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 mnsllwml.org/youngwomen. The deadline to apply is February 1.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: Since receiving the call list of 16 candidates, we identified nine candidates for further consideration. We have reached out to six candidates and learned that two are not able to accept a call at this time, we are waiting for replies to our requests to schedule pre-call interviews from two, and we completed pre-call interviews with the remaining two this week. We have been pleased with the quality of these candidates and look forward to scheduling pre-call interviews with as many of the remaining pastors as needed, and if they agree to do so. We look forward to the February 4th Voters' Assembly which will allow us the opportunity to discuss our progress with you. Please plan on attending! We appreciate your continued prayers that light and love of our triune God shine brightly upon and within all of us, throughout this journey. "This is a day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24
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.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund \$ 93,582.52 Building Fund.....\$73,558.69
Cemetery Fund\$ 64,786.61 Dedicated Funds\$73,032.16

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 1/11--1/17

General Fund.....\$ 12,577.00 Building Fund.....\$ 835.00
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	Michael Wandrie

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,	30
Sunday 8:30am	80
Sunday 10:30am	64
Total	174
Boxcast	123
Livestream 8:30am	247
Livestream 10:30am	167

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (1/21)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Sunday School
9:40pm 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 Study
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

SUNDAY (1/28)

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

MONDAY (1/29)

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

TUESDAY (1/30)

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

WEDNESDAY (1/31)

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

THURSDAY (2/1)

FRIDAY (2/2)

SATURDAY (2/3)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES & 2023 OFFERING STATEMENTS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO PICK UP IN THE RAMPWAY**

Check the bulletin board in the rampway—we are in need of snack items for our youth (Confirmation, Release Time, Sunday School and after school programs. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

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 Jan 9th. 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**. Last week we delivered 135 stuffed animals, 225 pairs of socks and 392 pairs of underwear to the OGT warehouse in Mayer, MN, plus a check for \$217 (Sunday School fall offerings) has been sent to OGT.

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