

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY / JANUARY 28, 2024

**PASTOR:** Gerhard Bode  
**Elders:**  
Saturday, 6:30pm Kevin Buss  
Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf  
Sunday, 10:30am John Lietz, Robbie Peterson  
**Acolytes:**  
Saturday 6:30pm Kylie Johnson, Harper Powell  
Sunday 8:30am Alexis Selle, Weston Witte  
**Greeters:**  
Sunday 8:30am Todd and Joni Selle  
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. Copies of the proposed revised Constitution and By-Laws are 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 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, garlic bread, cookies and beverages will be provided. There will be no charge, but the 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 [mnslwml.org/youngwomen](http://mnslwml.org/youngwomen). The deadline to apply is February 1.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Last week we mentioned that at the February 4 Voters' Assembly meeting we would be reporting on the progress our committee has made. After completing our third pre-call interview this week, we will be asking you to consider extending a call to one of these pastors at the meeting. As we do so, please keep in mind our committee's responsibility to maintain the utmost confidentiality regarding all 16 candidates. 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 and will be returned next week. It's anticipated they will be reinstalled in the very near future, 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 are available in the rampway and the Church office. **Deadline to order is 12noon on February 9th.**

### Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund .....	\$ 48,168.58	Building Fund.....	\$73,718.69
Cemetery Fund .....	\$ 64,786.61	Dedicated Funds .....	\$72,652.16
Gen Fund Reserve....	\$ 50,000.00		

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 1/18–1/24

General Fund.....	\$ 15,057.32	Building Fund.....	\$ 160.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 100.00

## Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Jasmine & Caius Kron
Rita Janke	Bonnie Lickfelt
Barb Ribar	Miles Kohls
Elaine Lewerenz	Darlene Piehl
Jan Bakken	Lynette Hart
Marjorie Huls	Pat Schmidt
Justin Nass	Melba Lemke
Sandra Bach	Michael Wandrie
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Diane Jude
Melinda Mikolichek	Shirley Zackrison

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,	20
Sunday 8:30am	152
Sunday 10:30am	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>
Boxcast	122
Livestream 10:30am	55

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### SUNDAY (1/28)

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

### MONDAY (1/29)

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

### TUESDAY (1/30)

10:00am POP Bible Study  
10:00am Womens Bible Study  
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

### THURSDAY (2/1)

### FRIDAY (2/2)

### SATURDAY (2/3)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

### SUNDAY (2/4)

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

### MONDAY (2/5)

1:00pm Body and Soul  
6:30pm Elders

### TUESDAY (2/6)

10:00am POP Bible Study  
10:00am Womens Bible St  
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study  
3:20pm Elem Sewing  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

### WEDNESDAY (2/7)

Late Start/No Release Time  
11:45am Lunch/Bible Study  
1:00pm Mission Sewing  
2:45pm Confirmation  
3:20pm Tiger Tweens  
6:30pm Handbells

### THURSDAY (2/8)

### FRIDAY (2/9)

Pie Order Deadline

### SATURDAY (2/10)

6:30pm Worship

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

If you are a Thrivent member you are eligible to request two \$250.00/each grant cards that can be utilized here at Church. We have many upcoming events that qualify for these cards. Please contact Sue in the Church office for more information.

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! 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 Saturday, February 10th, before and after the worship service and 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**. 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. Our **spring mission project will be Common Cup**. We will be collecting cans of soup through February 18th and then switch to collecting cleaning supplies until May 12th to donate to Common Cup Ministries along with our Sunday School offerings. Thank you for helping us support this important local mission.