

Peace Lutheran Church



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT/ FEBRUARY 18, 2024

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday, 6:30pm George Quast, Dale Schumann
Sunday 8:30am Brad Havemeier, Marc Telecky
Sunday, 10:30am Kevin Buss
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Lillian Fromm, Alexis Selle
Sunday 8:30am Ashby Farenbaugh-Smahel, Sierra Jenkins
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Annette Koehler, Shirley Otto
Sunday 10:30am Phyllis and Don Hecht

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—The February "Mission of the Month" is large print Portals of Prayer, a daily devotions booklet provided by Peace Lutheran Women in Mission available to anyone. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you..

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: At the February 4th Voters' Meeting, it was unanimously decided to place a call to the Committee's suggested candidate. We are praying for a positive response from this Pastor. Please keep in mind our committee's responsibility to maintain the utmost confidentiality regarding the 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

Souper Sunday School Mission Project—Don't forget— We will be having a "SOUPER" lunch after church on Sunday. There will be no charge, but the freewill donation will benefit Common Cup.

Valentine Cookie/Bake Sale—THANK YOU to all our bakers who donated goodies. The generosity and creativity was truly amazing. THANK YOU to everyone that helped with this event and to all those that made purchases. Our total raised was \$ 1,254.00 which will go to the debt reduction.

Baby Kits (Layettes) Last week we blessed the 143 baby kits that were assembled for Lutheran World Relief by LWML and 6 youth sewing students. They were delivered to the warehouse in St. Paul for distribution throughout the world. Each kit includes a large & small blanket, 4 cloth diapers, a hand towel, a large & small sleeper, large & small t-shirt, large & small socks, 3 bars of soap and 2 baby diaper pins. Thanks to everyone that donated or helped! We are in need of the following items: T-shirts 6-24 mo, especially 6-12 mo (can use onesies, but we have to cut them off and sew them), sleepers 6-24 mo (we can sub a shirt/pant set & pin them together), hand towels (15-18" X 25-30", dark colors) flannel sheets (for making blankets). Gently used items are accepted (no stains, flags, camouflage, holiday themes) Items can be dropped off at the Church office. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: The Wednesday noon Lunch/Bible Study will be suspended until after Easter. Throughout Lent we will be serving lunch after the 11:30am midweek worship service.

Nine of our middle school youth (accompanied by Jill Lieder, Pastor Meyer & Mel Klockman) participated in the annual HAY snowtubing at Powder Ridge recently. Great time had by all!

Bloodmobile—The Red Cross collected 144 units at their stop here at Peace this past Tuesday. Great job & thank you to everyone involved!

SAVE THE DATE-ANNUAL SPRING FISH FRY WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, 11:00AM UNTIL THE FISH IS GONE

The Church Council was tasked by the congregation to put together a group to investigate the feasibility of a childcare facility. The members of this group include: Lynn Brown, Shelly Fitzgerald, Janelle Katzenmeyer, John Korngiebel, Mike McKimm, Mary Melin, Brooke Powell. We were blessed with more people willing to volunteer than we could have as part of the group. The Council would like to thank everyone involved in this process.

We would like to thank Shirley Uldjberg (Church Council) and John Lietz (Board of Elders) for their years of faithful service to our Congregation. Shirley and John have served multiple terms and decided to not seek re-election. At the February 4th Annual Meeting, Gary Havemeier was elected to the Council and Marc Telecky was elected to the Elders. We are blessed that these two gentlemen have stepped forward and are willing to serve.

2024 Offering Envelopes and 2023 Offering Statements are available to pick up in the rampway.

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund	\$ 49,540.75	Building Fund.....	\$75,569.93
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65,203.12	Dedicated Funds	\$71,937.16
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 Balance—2/1/24.....	\$1,587,449.04		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal YTD in 2024	\$ 58,817.68		
Offerings Deposited 2/8--2/14			
General Fund.....	\$ 11,524.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 740.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

Looking Ahead at Peace

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

SUNDAY (2/18)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40pm Adult Bible Studies
 10:30am Worship
 11:30am SOUPER LUNCH

SUNDAY (2/25)
 8:30am Worship
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Studies
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (2/19)
 1:00pm Body and Soul
 1-5pm Driver Improve Class

MONDAY (2/26)
 1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (2/20)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Womens Bible Study
 2:30pm Middle School Sewing
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

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WEDNESDAY (2/21)
 9:00am Release Time
 11:30am Worship & Lunch
 1:00 Mission Sewing
 2:45pm Confirmation
 3:30pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Worship
 5:45pm Handbells
 6:30pm Worship

WEDNESDAY (2/28)
 9:00a Release Time
 11:30am Worship & Lunch
 2:45pm Confirmation
 3:30pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Worship
 5:45pm Handbells
 6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (2/22)

THURSDAY (2/29)

FRIDAY (2/23)
 9:00am Abelight

FRIDAY (3/1)

SATURDAY (2/24)
 9:30am Painting Event
 6:30pm Worship

SATURDAY (3/2)
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

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 6:30pm	60
Sunday 8:30am	146
Sunday 10:30am	98
Total	304
Boxcast	88
Livestream 8:30am	243
Livestream 10:30am	124

If you are a Thrivent member you are eligible to request two \$250.00/each grant cards that can be utilized here at Church. Many upcoming events (inc. Feb 22nd HAY lunch at Crosspoint for the high schoolers) that qualify for these cards. Please contact Sue in the Church office..

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Sunday School's fall mission project for Orphan Grain Train**. Our **spring mission project will be Common Cup**. We collected cans of soup through this Sunday and will now 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.

The library has received a fiction series written by Sharon Garlough Brown. The first book is titled "Sensible Shoes". Subsequent titles are "Two Steps Forward", "Barefoot" and "An Extra Mile". The story begins with four strangers who meet at a woman's retreat, all struggling with their view of God. Hannah: a pastor who doesn't realize how exhausted she is; Meg: a widow and recent empty-nester who is haunted by her past; Mara: a woman who has bounced from relationship to relationship, trying to navigate a difficult marriage; Charissa: a hard-working graduate student who wants to get things right. Strap on your sturdy shoes and walk with these women as they experience losses and learn to grieve with God at their side. They gain a new understanding of friendship, spiritual truths and a deeper, more meaningful life with God.

HE HAS RISEN PAINTING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 9:30-11:30AM, CHURCH BASEMENT

Background, Paint & Brushes Provided

Step by step painting to make it easy & fun

Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult

Reserve your spot on sign-up sheet in Commons

Free will donation or bring a can of soup for the Sunday School Mission project for Common Cup