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 IN LENT/ FEBRUARY 25, 2024

PASTOR:

Glenn Meyer

Elders:

Saturday, 6:30pm Matthew Markgraf Sunday 8:30am Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday, 10:30am

Paul Otte, Robbie Peterson

Acolytes:

Saturday 6:30pm Chelsea Robinson, Brynn Kobow Sunday 8:30am Cate Oberg, Annabelle Luthens

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Darlyn Egge, Gloria Dobratz

Sunday 10:30am Jeff and Anita Miller

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)- Need the following: T-shirts 6-24 mo, especially 6-12 mo (can use onesies, but 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). New or gently used items only—no stains, flags, camouflage, holiday themes) Items can be dropped off at the Church office. Thank you!

Quilters—in need of sheets/blankets and large pierces of fabric. Good quality fabrics also needed for the tops. Thank you.

Youth Sewing—we could use a sturdy shelf added to our wooden cabinet. If you could do this, contact Shirley Wurdell or Lynn Brown. Thanks

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.

Bloodmobile—The Red Cross collected 144 units at their stop here at Peace on February 13th.. Great job & thank you to everyone involved!

HAY Lunch—We served 298 hungry teens on Thursday. Thank you to everyone that helped. Our next scheduled lunch is May 2nd.

Office volunteers - We are looking for volunteers on Thursdays from 9am—12:30pm and 12:30-4:00pm to greet people and answer phones. Interested, contact Sue in the office.

There are Easter cards for sale at the LWML card shop in the rampway.

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

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 o' Lynn Brown, Scott Haag, Dean Kirchoff, Jeff Miller, Paul Otte, Melissa Weckwerth, and Bob Sylvester, Chair

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.

There are copies of the 2023 Annual Report available in the Office, at the Commons Desk and in the wall racks by the Peace Center entrance and in the Narthex.

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

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund \$ 49,471.39 Building Fund\$75,094.89			
Cemetery Fund\$ 65,554.39 Dedicated Funds\$71,457.18			
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 2/152/21			
General Fund\$ 11,779.00 Building Fund\$ 0.00			
Cemetery Fund\$ 0.00 Dedicated Funds\$ 0.00			

Please pray for Peace members

Melinda Mikolichek Ron Janke Jasmine & Caius Kron Rita Janke Barb Ribar Bonnie Lickfelt Miles Kohls Elaine Lewerenz Jan Bakken Darlene Piehl Pat Schmidt Mariorie Huls Melba Lemke **Justin Nass** Diane Jude Sandra Bach Jon & Sylvia Radtke 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

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	Attendance Last Week	
	Saturday 6:30pm	60
	Sunday 8:30am	136
	Sunday 10:30am	125
	Total	321
	Boxcast	99
	Livestream 8:30am	181
	Livestream 10:30am	168

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (2/25)

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

MONDAY (2/26)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (2/27)

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

WEDNESDAY (2/28)

9:00am Release Time 11:30am Worship & Lunch 2:45pm Confirmation 3:30pm Tiger Tweens 4:30pm Worship 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (2/29)

FRIDAY (3/1)

SATURDAY (3/2)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (3/3)

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

MONDAY (3/4)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (3/5)

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

WEDNESDAY (3/6)

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

THURSDAY (3/7)

FRIDAY (3/8)

SATURDAY (3/9)

6:30pm Worship

If you are a Thrivent member you are eligible to request two \$250.00/each grant cards that can be utilized here at Church. There are <u>many</u> upcoming events 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 over 200 cans of soup through last 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.

There is a new book in the Peace library, it is another in the series of Missionary stories. "The Guided Missionary" by Christine Schulden. Pastor James Roy was born in Pakistan/Bangladesh/India. He was raised as a Christian and struggled with his faith especially as a soldier of India fighting for Bangladesh independence. He served the Baptist church starting new Christian congregations in Bangladesh. He was happy doing this until Muslim leaders threatened him and his family to stop preaching about Jesus Christ. He moved to Brooklyn, New York, where he was found by a Lutheran (LCMS) missionary and now he reaches out to Bangladesh, Pakistini and Indian immigrants in Brooklyn.

JOB OPENING: We are looking for someone to join our office staff here at Peace. Duties would include, but not limited to, staffing the front office plus duties as assigned by the Pastor (i.e. scheduling, etc) and the Administrator. Basic computer experience and general office skills required. Pleasant/outgoing personality, professionalism and ability to deal with confidential matters a must, but we still have a little fun! Hours are Monday-Friday 8:45am-12:45pm. If you are interested (or know of someone who would be a good candidate), contact Sue in the office. Come join our team!