

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 4, 2024

**PASTOR:** Glenn Meyer  
**Elders:**  
**Saturday, 6:30pm** Brad Havemeier, George Quast  
**Sunday 8:30am** Paul Otte, Wayne Vinkemeier  
**Sunday, 10:30am** Dale Schumann  
**Acolytes:**  
**Saturday 6:30pm** Easton Christensen, Micah Perrault  
**Sunday 8:30am** Harper Powell, Jozie Peterson  
**Greeters:**  
**Sunday 8:30am** Duane and Sandra Hall  
**Sunday 10:30am** Dianne Johnson, Barb Marquardt

### 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 **\$1,587,449.04**. We recently received the \$50,000 matching funds allocated for Nov/Dec from the Congregational Fund. We will be notified in the near future if they will be able to provide any matching funds for this year. **ELIMINATION OF THIS DEBT IS BECOMING A 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. Crackers, 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..

**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 that were removed and transported to Dobson Organ in Lake City, Iowa have been repaired and returned to Peace. 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!

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.

### Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund .....	\$ 59,378.12	Building Fund.....	\$73,760.69
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 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 1/25--1/31

General Fund.....	\$ 13,760.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 42.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 0.00

## 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 Mikolich	Shirley Zackrisson

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	79
Sunday 8:30am	116
Sunday 10:30am	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>
Boxcast	72
Livestream 10:30am	90

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### SUNDAY (2/4)

8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:40am Sunday School  
9:40pm Adult Bible Studies  
10:30am Worship  
**11:45am Annual Meeting**

### MONDAY (2/5)

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

### TUESDAY (2/6)

10:00am POP Bible Study  
10:00am Womens Bible Study  
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study  
3:30pm 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  
3:30pm Tiger Tweens

### THURSDAY (2/8)

### FRIDAY (2/9)

Pie Order Deadline  
Cookie Drop off

### SATURDAY (2/10)

6:30pm Worship

### SUNDAY (2/11)

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

### MONDAY (2/12)

1:00pm Body and Soul

### TUESDAY (2/13)

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

### WEDNESDAY (2/14)

8:30am Parish Health Meeting  
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 (2/15)

6:30pm Trustees

### FRIDAY (2/16)

### SATURDAY (2/17)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

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.

**Layettes**—The sewing youth will be assembling baby kits (layettes) for Lutheran World Relief this Tuesday, February 6th at 3:00pm in the Church basement. Adults are welcome to join us and assist. We could use more bars of Ivory soap—please drop it off before Tuesday afternoon.

**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**. 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.

**\*DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR HOMEMADE VALENTINE'S DAY PIE(S) BY FRIDAY 12 NOON**

**\*2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND 2023 OFFERING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE RAMPWAY**

**\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR- ANNUAL FISH FRY, FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, 11:00AM UNTIL FISH IS GONE**