

# *Peace Lutheran Church*

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*Here brought together by grace — We are gathered as friends in this place.  
And assembled as one, In the name of the Son, Lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
Celebrating as friends, And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford.*

*We are brothers*

*& sisters in Christ.*



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*...serve him faithfully with all your heart;  
consider what great things he has done for you.*

*1 Samuel 12:24*

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

**Pastors:** Rev Glenn Meyer, Senior Pastor, IIM  
Rev Gerhard H. Bode, Pastor Emeritus - assisting  
Rev Layton Lemke, Visitation Pastor  
**Director of Music/Av:** Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon  
**Administrator/Finance/HR, Facilities:** Sue Kroyer  
**Communications Coord/Administrator Assist:** Lisa Kirchoff (July) Jill Lieder  
**Parish Health:** Shirley Wurdell, Renee Clabo

## Peace Lutheran Elected Officials

**Council President:** Steve Wick (May 2023) Melissa Weckwerth  
**Vice President:** Chuck Jones  
**Secretary:** Kim Borka  
**Treasurer:** Justin Evenson  
**Council:** Barb Otte, Shirley Ulbjerg, Kathy Hochsprung, Brad Wick ( May 2023) ,  
Melissa Weckwerth (May 2023), Becky Kobow, Dean Kirchoff

### Board of Elders

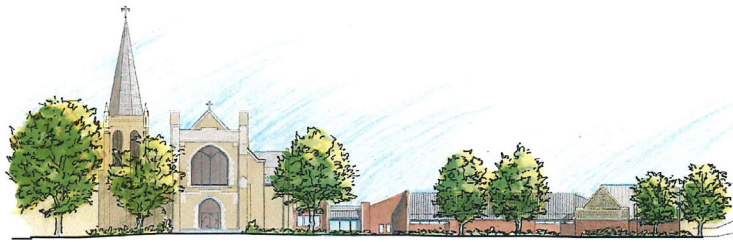
**Chairman:** Robbie Peterson  
**Vice Chair:** Dale Schumann  
**Secretary:** Jeff Weckwerth  
Kevin Buss, Brad Havemeier, John Lietz, Matthew Markgraf,  
Paul Otte, George Quast, Wayne Vinkemeier



Thank you to ALL the volunteers, teachers, mentors, board members,  
& committee groups at Peace who tirelessly give their time  
and resources in carrying out our mission . . .

*We are a loving community, called by God's grace – that all will know the peace of God.*





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## A Message from Congregation President

Dear Members,

This year has been awesome at Peace! We continue to move forward in many areas, working as one church body to the glory of God.

Serving as an Intentional Interim, Pastor Glenn Meyer has helped our congregation through a healing process. With his guidance, we're learning to tackle our problems and deal with small issues, in order for us to solve them and keep moving forward. The dedication of Sue Kroyer and Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon continues to humble us as they work diligently to help provide the necessary support our congregation needs. Along with Jill Lieder and the many volunteers, our congregation has been exceedingly blessed.

This year we must also be very proud of each other. The debt reduction efforts have been amazing! Through the efforts of various fundraisers, the matching of funds from the Congregational Fund, and the tremendous generosity of our congregation, we have paid \$640,035.99 toward the principal of our building debt. This could not be possible without you! In October, with the assistance of Pastor Stefan Wismar, Assistant to Pastor Woodford, President of MN South District LCMS, we were allowed to move forward with the next steps in calling a Senior Pastor. In December, a call committee was formed and began the work of reviewing the names of the Pastors shared from the District office. That work continues into early 2024, moving toward the eventual call of our next Pastor.

Following extensive work done by an Ad hoc committee, the congregation voted in December to put together a team of people to investigate the possibility of opening a childcare facility in the former location of LLCC. This facility would be a separate entity, following a setup similar to the Prince of Peace Retirement Living facility. That group of people is just getting established and will continue into 2024 with their important work.

The Council would like to thank you for all the volunteer hours, your financial and prayerful support of all the ministries here at Peace, and for serving our Lord by loving and caring for one another.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Melissa Weckwerth  
Church Council President



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## A Message from our Pastor: Rev. Glenn Meyer, IIM

Dear Members & Friends of Peace Lutheran Church:

Wow! What a year! ***"To God be the glory, what great things He has done!"***

***His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.***

***With Him as Lord to lead our way in want and in prosperity,***

***What need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace!*** LSB #896 st. 4-5

I have had the privilege of reading the other reports, starting with the report of our Church Council President. Well done everyone! Many wonderful things took place this past year thanks to our many dedicated volunteers and the amazing staff that is in place here at Peace Lutheran! A staff we plan to build upon starting with the calling of our next resident pastor!

Yes, we had our challenges. With God's help and guidance, we have continued to grow in our ability to face those challenges, as they arrive, with loving assertiveness, care, faithfulness and compassion. In all things we trust our Lord and His Word and where God leads, we want to continually follow! Sometimes it may take us out of our comfort zone! But we trust the Lord and take His Word to heart and join Peter in Luke 5:5 when he says (in the face of what appears to be a ridiculous request from the Lord), ***"But at Your Word I will let down the nets."*** (What follows is the miraculous catch of fish!) We remember Jesus' words to His disciples, including us today, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." We cherish God's Word in Romans 8:28, ***"We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."***

God wants all to be saved, and He works through His Church, through people like us, you and me! What a privilege is ours in Christ Jesus to be part of God's work making an eternal difference in the lives of others! This Annual Report for 2023 gives you a quick overview of some of the ways God has worked among and through us this past year. As we celebrate the blessings, starting with God's Word & Sacrament received every week here at Peace, we also look forward to God's continuing gracious work among us going forward!

God has given us some great church leaders who lead with servant hearts! They are striving to lead us forth in faithfulness to our God-given purpose and calling in this time and place! A work, a ministry which belongs to all of us as God's people of faith! I look forward, with you, to seeing and hearing of the continued work and blessing of our Lord in, among and through the members and friends of Peace Lutheran! ***"We are a loving community, called by God's grace - that all may know the peace of God."***

In Christ,  
Rev. Glenn Meyer  
Intentional Interim Minister (IIM)  
Senior Pastor, Peace Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN

# GROW

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## Visitation Ministry

To Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson MN, Visitation People & Places

"AT THIS POINT" was the beginning of a life summation and analysis that I began writing six months ago. I was taking under consideration a number of factors that were determining or influencing my life's style and direction. Taken into consideration were the aging process in general, health issues or lack of them, stamina, mental acuity, relational abilities, family relationships and responsibilities, and within the family any developing changes or needs. And so through a plethora of major and minor thoughts considering what was wise and safe. For the last several years I had set an evaluation schedule for every five months. My next personal evaluation time is the close of January.



Since my August evaluation a few changes seemed in order, one of which was to move my visitation programming to one day each week instead of a four-or-five-day week. I settled on Wednesdays in consultation with family, individuals, and facilities, and put that program in place. It was very workable with blessings from family, doctors, and participants.

Then December 4th happened with Melba sustaining injuries from head to toe in an automobile accident. She was hospitalized at HCMC with five fractured ribs, punched lung, three or four fractured vertebrae in her neck, broken or damaged bones in her arms and legs, a traumatic brain injury and finished her stay there in the Knapp Acute Rehab unit, released to home December 22. Under the continuing care of ADARA she has physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and nursing care. She has shown remarkable improvement having been given permission, first to stand, then to walk with a walker with a goal of not needing to be reliant on the wheelchair in the house. She continues to need 24-hour help and care.

So, at this point, with the end of January coming soon, it seems that I will be able to continue with my Sunday preaching because our kids will be present to assist at home. As I consider my visitation ministry, which has been meaningful, rewarding, filled with joy and many learning opportunities from individuals, I must consider the time element away from home. Consequently, at this point I deem it necessary to suspend my ministry, at least for a period of time. It hurts my heart to do so, and I would hope to resume my ministry on a modified basis sometime in the future if the family and congregation are amenable. A number of factors, obviously, will need to be considered.

So, at this point, of over 23 years of meaningful ministry, I share this letter with you in a spirit of thankfulness and praise. It has been a continuous highlight in my retirement. Blessings to all.

Layton Lemke, visitation pastor since October 2000  
17200 104th Street - Norwood Young America MN 55397  
CELL : 612-709-2370

# SERVE

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## 2023 Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)



Meetings were suspended indefinitely. The charter and by-laws remain in place and all current members retain LWML membership. All activities continued. An Executive Board met quarterly to monitor activities and finances. Highlights from the year were:

McLeod Zone Spring rally in April at Our Savior's in Hutchinson  
Quilt Sunday in June  
McLeod Zone Fall conference rally in Lester Prairie in October  
LWML Sunday in October  
Delegate for McLeod Zone LWML to the National Convention from Peace – Sandra Hall  
Decorated Chrismon tree in Church office in December  
Sewing lessons for youth  
Luncheon service for funerals

A new "Mission of the Month" activity was started in 2023. The chosen mission was introduced to the congregation via the Messenger of Peace and the Sunday bulletins. The congregation was given the opportunity to donate if so desired. Two donation boxes were located in the Peace Center and the Narthex of the church.

Other activities included the LWML Card Shop, Cheer Committee, Funeral serving groups and Mission Servants who made 281 quilts and 316 baby kits.

Mission Projects for 2023      Total donated: \$7,261      Total Mites collected: \$755

Large print Portals of Prayer	3 Lutheran Hour broadcasts
LCMS Disaster Relief	Main Street Living – LCMS TV programming
Camp Omega	LCMS World Relief
LCMS World Relief	Gifts of the Heart – Spring Rally
Offerings – Spring Rally	National convention offerings
National convention Gifts of the Heart	Birthright
Concordia Seminarian (2 times)	Common Cup
Offerings – Fall Rally	McLeod Alliance
Gifts of the Heart – Fall Rally	PLC Vacation Bible school
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	Mayer Lutheran High School
PLC Kitchen Equipment	

## Prayer Chain

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18: 18-20.

The Prayer Chain at Peace meets the first Monday of the month at 10:00 A. M. in the conference room. We have devotions and then write answers to previous prayers and write new requests. Many of our prayers come from Peace members that have called the office : 587-3031 or called the number in the Sunday bulletin, 587-6484 for Annette Koehler. Any member of the chain can be asked to pass on a prayer. Answers are also passed on. We send along the prayers by computer, and our requests and answers are confidential.

If you would like to be a part of the prayer ministry for others, please call the office or Annette. It is a privilege to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christian praise and thanksgiving for His many gifts and healing.

Members are Arlene Benshoof, Lynn Brown Sandra Hall, Deb Hammond, Phyllis Hecht, Annette Koehler, Jill Lieder, Sara Peterson, Pat Schmidt, and Joyce Young.

*"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for your selves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." Luke 12:32-33*

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2023

## Confirmation (6 - 8 grade)

Paul Otte

Our confirmation program at Peace has been a busy one!! This year the 7th and 8th graders were combined and learning all of Martin Luthers incredible works, and how it is applied to our life daily.

- 6th grade is studying the Bible (Genesis - Revelation) this year, so there's much to learn. (Sometimes I think we should offer this course for everyone in the congregation!)

- 7th & 8th Graders are primarily studying the Ten Commandments and The Apostles' Creed, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Using Martin Luther's catechism. They are working with Pastor Meyer and are covering many topics.

We have some great students who buckle down and do their assignments and their weekly memory work. We emphasize faithful church attendance as well, and the students write a brief sermon report when they attend. I am personally VERY grateful for the parents who faithfully bring their kids to church. Nothing they will ever do will be as important as a lifelong commitment to weekly contact with God and His people. That's why God gave us the Third Commandment.

Please remember our Confirmation program and keep the kids in your prayers.

Today's world, even in the USA, is not supportive of Christian teaching and practice, so we need to take every opportunity to keep close to Christ Jesus. Congregation members are welcome to come to visit our classes if they wish! They are on Wednesdays from 3-4:30.

*A special "thank you" to Lynn Brown, Kevin Buss, Lisa Kirchoff, Jill Lieders, and Barb Otte for faithfully showing up on Wednesdays to help with snacks, be listeners, helpers in class, and spectacular mentors to the children so they always have another friend at Peace Lutheran, Always!*



## Youth Ministries

Middle School and High School

A few of the activities and education opportunities offered in 2023 were Sunday School and High School Bible Study, See You at the Pole, Trick or Treat for Food Shelf, HAY Lunches, Snow Tubing at Powder Ridge, 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Camp Omega. Middle School Madness included Valley Fair with HAY ministries.

Students were good stewards by cleaning up the Peace Cemetery, some helped filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, along with serving and clean-up at many meals served in the Peace Center.

We honored Senior students at the Baccalaureate and Senior Class Recognition Brunch in May.

Thank you to all who have supported our youth ministries through prayers, encouragement and monetary donations.

Thank you to parents for encouraging your children to grow their faith and love for God through the many outlets at Peace and beyond. A special thank you to Jill Lieders, but mostly the many volunteers for their love and commitment to the students at Peace and our Youth Ministries.

# SERVE

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## Parish Health Ministry

The purpose/mission of the Parish Health Ministry Committee is to promote health and wellness of body, mind, and spirit for Peace congregation and the surrounding community.

We provide coffee and treats in Peace Center between services and during Bible Study. We had a fundraiser with Thrivent help for two Sundays with the money going to the Taxi service. Taxi service is available for all worship services. Members call the taxi to arrange what is best for them, giving them more independence and flexibility. Parish Health pays for this service and it costs an average of \$500/month. Parish Health is not included in the church budget.

Red Cross Bloodmobile is on the second Tuesday each month. Volunteers from Peace and also from the community are faithful workers. We made a record collection of 155 one month. Red Cross reports most blood drives average around 25 units collected. Peace averages 130-140 units per month.

Driver safety programs through Minnesota Department of Transportation are provided for members and the community and provide discount on insurance and makes safer drivers.

We provide personal care items in the women's restrooms and also provide personal size tissues for worship serves. Some members have given us medical dressings they had left after surgeries healed etc. They have been made available for the congregation's personal use.

Because the Sunday School chose not to do the Shoebox ministry this year, we offered it to the congregation. Members donate all year and we had enough supplies to complete over 60.

Prayer shawls are made by members and are given to those who can use the comfort and prayers. We provide the yarn and patterns for those that want it but many crafters provide their own. We thank them.

We were the nurses available for VBS. We gave first aid kits to Peace graduates. We worked with Common Cup to collect school supplies, diapers, warm coats, backpack food items, back packs and distribute information about their activities.

It is a pleasure to serve.

Members: Renee Clabo, Mary Haag, Marith Witte, Sally Moehring and Shirley Wurdell

## Community Outreach

### Common Cup

Common Cup Ministry is now in its 23rd year of outreach and continues to grow and change yet stay consistent with the Mission of serving those in need through gathering community and church resources into one "common cup"! Common Cup continues to listen to the needs of those in our community. A few of the collections Peace participates in: August diaper drive, school supply collection, back-pack program, coat collection and ongoing food drive. Peace also gave a portion of their Thanksgiving offering to Common Cup. Thank you to Peace members for your continued support of this much needed mission in our community.



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### Christian Education

**Vacation Bible School** - Our VBS theme this year was "Jesus is my Lifesaver." We had over 50 adult volunteers and over 50 students. The theme lent itself to visits by the Hutchinson Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance service, DNR and Hutchinson lifeguards! We look to build on this success in 2024 with a theme, "Jesus Is My Superhero!"

**Sunday School** - Thank you to our Sunday School staff for their faithful service in proclaiming God's Word to our children every Sunday. Our curriculum this year was a survey of the Bible, beginning with Creation and going through Pentecost. We are also grateful to everyone who participated in the Children's Christmas Pageant!

Preschool - Missy Kohls, Keith Anderson, Sadie Jenkins, Jennifer Mueller, Max Mueller, Maddie Elder, Olivia Schmidt; Kindergarten - Stacy Miller; First Grade - Shelly Fitzgerald and Barb Otte; Second Grade - Lynn Brown; Third and Fourth Grade - Lori, Kevin and Bridgette Buss; Fifth Grade - Darlyn Egge; Jr. High - Amanda Kaping and Margo Kaping, sub.; Young Adult Class - Jennifer Plath; Curriculum and sub - Sarah Peterson; Coordinator and Music - Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon; Costumes - Jacquelyn Dixon and Jill Lieder.

**Monthly Youth Events**-The family events have also continued to be a hit this year. The family event is different each month and everyone is welcome to attend. The fellowshiping, laughs, and joy coming from all those attending is so worth giving an event a try. The events we've done so far this year have been, Colors of Fun, Thankful Painting and a Drive-in movie. I have hopes for another painting, movie, March Madness fun and a day to build. Look to the messenger, and bulletins each month for more details as they come. Can't wait to see you at the next one!

Blessings to you in Christ ~ Missy Kohls ~ Teacher of Early Childhood

**Release Time** - Our curriculum this year has been 1 Corinthians 13, LOVE. We have been blessed with almost 30 children. Teachers include Darlyn Egge, Jill Lieder, Barb Otte and Sara Peterson.

**Tiger Tweens** - We have enjoyed a large group of after school students on Wednesdays. Our curriculum is based on "Most Important Bible Lessons." Teachers include Lynn Brown, Barb Otte, and Darlyn Egge.

A special thank you to Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon for all her help, talents, direction, and dedication to the Christian Education at Peace Lutheran. Also to the many volunteers for their love and commitment to the students at Peace and all our Christian Education.



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## Prince of Peace Retirement Living

### Prince of Peace Retirement Living Board

Chairman: Gary Havemeier

Vice Chairman: Dan Mahon

Treasurer: Mary Beth Schaufler

Secretary: Cindy Mons

Al Koglin, Scott Haag, John Macemon, Renee Bryan, Gail Gillard



Prince of Peace Retirement Living (POPRL) has been in operation since 1995. Our mission continues to be the top priority of the Board of Directors and the staff. We celebrated another successful year, which is only possible by the Grace of God and good staff.

POPRL had another big year of success and a few changes. This past year we had a few struggles, but still landed on our feet. One change we made was discontinuing weekend meals. Between our staffing struggles and volunteer struggles this was our best solution in order to keep the amazing long-time staff that we have. Our residents have adjusted well and are very happy to have the noon meal and our breakfast Sweet Shoppe Monday through Friday. Fortunately, we have had many volunteers coming in to help in many other areas. From helping with leaf removal in the fall to helping put out decorations each month.

Lisa Hoff continues, with great success, to set up free education through our Aging Adults and Parents meetings, while highlighting a different topic at each meeting. In addition, she continues to bring new and exciting options for all of our community members. From 3 different exercise programs to do-it-yourself projects, she is keeping our community busy.

Special thanks are also in order to all the volunteers and professional persons that have provided special services (board members, dining, entertainment, crafts, and assistance) to residents living at POPRL. Our volunteers have provided over 1,333 hours of service this past year alone, many who are PLC members.

By the grace of God and with the continued prayers and support of the members of Peace Lutheran Church, the ministry to Prince of Peace Retirement Living will flourish.

Destini Doring  
Executive Director



# CONNECT

Connect to God and His people in Worship & Music

2023

## **WORSHIP, MUSIC and Audio-Video Ministries**

**Director of Music: Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon**

We are grateful for the leadership and talents shared by those participating in the worship, music and audio-video ministries. We continue to look for additional volunteers who have a passion for serving with their talents in these areas.

### **Handbells**

Tony and Abigail Amundson  
Cheryl Huls  
Abby McKimm Westlund  
Jeff and Melissa Weckwerth  
Liz Brusehaver  
Arlene Benshoof  
Renee Clabo  
Jacquelyn Dixon  
David Hines  
Paul Otte  
Sub- Jason Durheim  
Sub- Karen Van Wert  
Sub- Becky and Grace Puckett  
Sub- Sharon Gruenhagen

### **Audio Video Ministry**

Kevin Schmuhl  
Evenson family  
Peterson family  
Kruse family  
Jacquelyn Dixon  
Bob Sylvester  
Max Mueller

### **Praise Team**

Renae McKimm  
Deb Wiprud  
Gene Ebnet  
Arlene Benshoof  
Kevin Pfau  
Kenny Wornson  
Shane Kruse



This year, the church council adopted a year-round worship schedule for Peace. Worship service times were changed to Saturday at 6:30pm, and Sundays at 8:30am in the Sanctuary and 10:30am in the Peace Center. Additional worship services include: Advent and Lent (11:30am, 4:30pm, and 6:30pm), a Children's Christmas Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings.

2023 was our 37th year of Summer Concerts at Peace. This series remains very popular and features area musicians. We are grateful to Delores Reiner and Jacquelyn Dixon and the many kitchen volunteers who provided the terrific meals and financial support. Programs run from the last Wednesday in June through the first Wednesday in August.

Our biggest addition this year were two terrific events hosted by Handbells. We had a grand birthday party with "Rootbeer and Bells" and a Christmas preview with "Carols and Bells." We look forward to continuing the tradition of these programs in 2024!



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The Elders are thankful to our Intentional Interim Pastor, Glenn Meyer, for his dedication to Peace Lutheran Church. He has provided great expertise and knowledge in guiding us to realize that we, the congregation, are the ones that need to take the initiative and be in charge of making needed changes to move our church in the right direction. We look forward to welcoming our next resident Pastor at Peace Lutheran and continuing to make progress!

Peace Lutheran continues to offer three worship services each weekend along with a time for religious education for all ages on Sunday mornings. There are also many Bible Studies held at varied times during the week.

## Adult Education

We believe at Peace Lutheran that God desires every one of every age have the opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of God's powerful Word and loving direction for our lives. **If you have questions about any of the Bible Study's, call the church office, 587-3031.**

### Current Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday - Morning Fellowship/Bible Study, 9:40 am Peace Center

Sunday - Bible Study, 9:40 am Room 208-209

Monday - Body & Soul, 1 pm Upper Conference table with Anita Miller

Tuesday - Women's Small Group Bible Study, 10:00 am Room 210

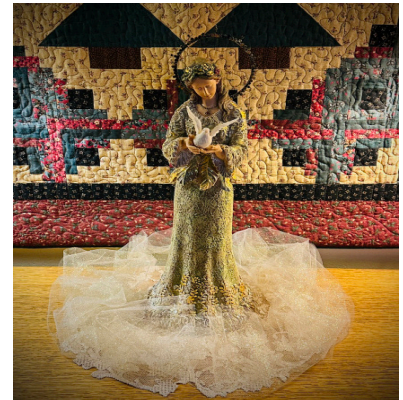
Tuesday - Prince of Peace Retirement Living, 10 am Commons Area with John Leitz, and Bob Sylvester

Tuesday - Proverbs Bible Study, 3:00 pm Room 208-209

Tuesday - Promise Keepers, 6:30 pm Room 210 with Paul Otte

Wednesday - Lunch & Time in God's Word, 11:45 am Peace Center with Pastor Meyer

*We welcome you to join any of these groups! Please call the church office for more information, 587-3031*



## Mission Sewing For Young Sewing Students

We will be continuing another sewing program for students in 4th grade and older. We met on the first and third Tuesday after school. In 2023 we made items for the layetts/baby kits. We plan on doing the same in 2024. We were blessed to purchase a brand new sewing machine for the girls. The children learned to cut patterns, do some hand sewing, machine hemming, machine sewing, and learn the basics of sewing machines. A very big thank you to Lynn Brown, and Shirley Wurdell, and the many volunteers. We had a fantastic time together in 2023, with these polite and talented young ladies!!



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## Trustees

Co-Chairs: Justin Evenson and Marvin Seller. Louis Schmeling, Roger Kaufmann, Jerry Haag, Al Trautman, Tim Puchalski, Dean Kirchoff, Ed Homan

Special thanks to Joe Keilen for faithfully checking the boiler every week!

### 2023 Trustee Committee Projects Completed

- Replaced Narthex carpet
- Replaced Peace Place roof
- Repainted Commons Area
- Ongoing bell tower repairs

### Projected 2024 projects

- Install pavers and bench near Columbarium
- Replace Sanctuary carpet
- Roof Repairs
- Completion of bell tower repairs



## Cemetery Report

We Had:

- 12 Burials
- 2 Lots were sold
- New Utility shed purchased and installed

Special Thanks To:

- Youth that assisted in picking up sticks and other debris after wind/storms
- Al Koglin for your continued mowing/trimming to make our cemetery look great!

Thank you,  
Lonnie Kohls, Superintendent

## Congregational Fund

The Congregational Fund Committee was established in 1993 to encourage members and friends of Peace Lutheran Church to make lasting gifts and bequests that will continue serving in their memory long after the gift is made. It is set up as an endowment fund with only the interest allowed to be used by the church.

Currently, all interest earned from the Congregational Fund is being directed to help pay for the building mortgage at Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). The Congregational Fund is contributing \$5000/mo. towards the \$14,167.90 monthly payment that is made to LCEF. In 2023, the Fund matched \$190,000 in congregation members' principal payments to the mortgage.

The committee is available to serve and assist you, collectively or individually, should you have questions regarding wills, trusts, estate planning etc. You may contact the church office or any of the committee members: Marc Max, Scott Haag, Bonnie Lickfelt, Connie Lambert, Mike McKimm, Tim Zackrison.

# 2023 OFFICIAL ACTS

## 2023 BAPTISMS

January 14th	Emersyn Marie Schmidt, daughter of Benjamin & Morgan Schmidt
February 4th	Madison Marie Witte, daughter of Kyle & Courtney Witte
February 4th	Hevalynd Parie Darnell Mons, daughter of Hudson Darnell & Brittany Mons
March 26th	Gretchen Orean Piotter, daughter of Elyssa & Michael Piotter
April 2nd	Dalton Todd, Alexis Marie, Kendal Nicole Selle, children of Todd & Joni Selle
April 2nd	Joni Arie Selle, adult
April 2nd	Mason Wayne Morse, adult
April 23rd	Grade Jerome Murphy, son of Michael & Patty Murphy
April 29th	Stella Joanne Anderson, daughter of Haley Anderson
May 14th	Weston Andrew Bayerl, son of Joseph Bayerl & Emma Friauf
May 28th	Braxton Richard Damlow, son of Bailey & Brooke Damlow
July 9th	Reagan Sylvia Peterson, daughter of Ross & Megan Peterson
September 30th	Easton Isaac Schultz, son of Levi Schultz & Megan Carlson
October 28th	Henry Joseph Miller, son of Joshua & Erin Miller
November 19th	Bobbi Jo Damlow, daughter of Baily & Brooke Damlow
November 19th	Elsie Kay Damlow, daughter of Brady and Taylor Damlow
December 10th	Theodore Alec Westland, son of Alec & Abby Westland
December 10th	Cohen Cameron Cassens, son of Brandon & Madison Cassens
December 17th	Hudson Stephen Roach, son of Timothy & Alesha Roach
December 25th	LaVae Svetlana Duke, daughter of Brandon & Susanne Luthens
December 25th	Paris Lynn Luthens, daughter of Brandon & Susanne Luthens

## 2023 FUNERALS

January 7th	Melanie Tschudi, 41, passed away December 22nd
January 14th	Edna Rettig, 49, passed away January 11th
January 21st	Jolene Mattsfield, 80, passed away January 13th
March 16th	Betty Nass, 84, passed away February 16th
April 29th	Carroll Hamblin, 81, passed away April 24th
May 12th	Sandra Lietz, 77, passed away May 6th
May 24th	Betty Ruskamp, 76, passed away May 19th
May 31st	Amy Paulson, 42, passed away May 24th
June 21st	Terry McKimm, 75, passed away June 13th
July 22nd	Juanita Buss, 84, passed away June 7th
July 28th	Alan Schmoll, 43, passed away July 20th
August 11th	Sloan Buchanan, 4 months, passed away July 27th
August 17th	Jean Cassens, 79, passed away August 14th
August 19th	Dennis Getz, 67, passed away August 17th
August 25th	Norman Johnson, 87, passed away August 21st
August 28th	Doug Peterson, 82, passed away August 23rd
September 9th	Irene Yerks, 89, passed away August 19th
September 14th	Don Fenske, 83, passed away September 5th
September 15th	Lila Meyer, 97, passed away August 22nd
September 21st	Lee Cheney, 82, passed away September 13th
October 6th	Carole Hannemann, 88, passed away September 29th
October 12th	Larry McKimm, 81, passed away October 9th

## 2023 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### Received by Transfer/Other Lutheran

Jennifer Demere, Broden & Lily transferred from Immanuel Lutheran in Hawkinson, ND  
James Defoe from Messiah Lutheran in Wesleyville, PA  
Dr. Charles Luedtke, returning member  
Jeanette Meyer joined through reaffirmation of faith  
Herb Kuehl, transferred from St. Peter Lutheran, Schmberg, IL  
Keith Anderson transferred from Good Shepherd Lutheran, Glencoe, MN  
Mike and Holly Hartwig and Rosalynn transferred from St. Johns Lutheran, Columbus, NE  
Darlene Fay Shaw transferred from Our Saviors Lutheran, Hutchinson  
Deborah Hammond joined through reaffirmation of faith  
Diane Jude transferred from Zion Lutheran, Annandale  
Suzanne Helland transferred from Epiphany Lutheran, Chandler, AZ  
Sharon Olson transferred from St Mathew Lutheran, Rocklin CA  
Mary Laabs joined through reaffirmation of faith  
Orlin and Judy Henke transferred from Gloria Dei Lutheran in Pequot Lakes  
Lisa Kalenberg transferred from Our Saviors Lutheran, Hutchinson

### Transfer Out

Leslie Keil, released from membership  
Leah Kurth and children transferred to St. Johns, Cedar Mills, MN  
Andy & Linsey Hansen, children released to join Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN  
Patrick & Jessica Ecklund, children, released  
Brian & Danielle Hettver, children, released  
Stephanie Henke, transferred to Zion Lutheran, Mayer, MN  
Joe & Toni Becker released to join Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN  
Chris & Karen Solien, released to join Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN  
Dan & Rhonda Crotteau released to join Crosspoint Church, Hutchinson, MN  
Terry & Kathy Knoll, released to join Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN  
Ormud & Becky Ostile, transferred to First Lutheran, Glencoe, MN  
Steven Wick, released from membership  
Brad Wick, released from membership  
Michael Cowger transferred to Crossview Lutheran, Edina, MN  
Marlys Palmer transferred to Good Shepherd, Glencoe, MN  
Crystal Gwynn released to join Salem Lutheran, Hermantown, MN  
Emil Starke released to join Christ the King, Hutchinson, MN

## 2023 CONFIRMANDS

1. Hayden Matthew Benson, son of Daniel and Andrea Benson
2. Broden Christopher Demere, son of Christopher and Jennifer Demere
3. Nolan Dean Evers, son of Matthew and Stephanie Evers
4. Dakota Paul Hoff, son of Brandon and Lisa Hoff
5. Connor Charles Lueck, son of Andrew and Leah Lueck
6. Madelin Joslyn Schlueter, daughter of Brian and Stephanie Schlueter
7. Braxton Loren Schmidt, son of Matthew and Angie Schmidt
8. Olivia Sean Schmidt, daughter of Josh and Tina Schmidt
9. Dalton Todd Selle, son of Todd and Joni Selle
10. Evan John Sturges, son of Jason and Mandy Sturges



Peace is blessed to have dedicated volunteers that are committed to giving their time and talents to support the many ministries of Peace Lutheran Church.

If you would like to volunteer on a group or committee, please call the church office - 320-587-3031, everyone is welcome!

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This report provides an overview of some of the ways God blessed Peace Lutheran during 2023, and some of the ways in which our Peace Lutheran family members served. We hope you will be excited and encouraged by what God is doing here, and challenged to grow and be involved in new ways in 2024!