Peace Lutheran Church



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT/ MARCH 3, 2024

PASTOR:

Glenn Meyer

Elders:

Saturday, 6:30pm

Kevin Buss, George Quast

Sunday 8:30am

Brad Havemeier, Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday, 10:30am

Robbie Peterson

Acolytes:

Saturday 6:30pm Sunday 8:30am

Sydney Jackson, Sophie Schweis Micah Luthens, Blake Rarick

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Sunday 10:30am Allen and Barbara Plath John and Linda Kelenberg

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.

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.

We want to thank everyone who has been supporting Christian Education this year with Sunday School, Release Time, Tiger Tweens, Youth Sewing Groups, monthly Family Events (movies, painting, etc), the Young Adult Class, Confirmation, PRAYZ Team and the Family AV Teams. We could not offer all of these programs without the many volunteers who have been serving as teachers this year. Thank You!

Please pray for our 8th grade students as they begin their final steps toward their Confirmation on Sunday, May 5th at 10:30am (in the Sanctuary). We are also looking forward to the confirmation retreat at Camp Omega April 19-20 and hope that all of our 7th and 8th grade students will attend.

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 many upcoming events that qualify for these cards. Please contact Sue in the Church office.

SAVE THE DATE-ANNUAL SPRING FISH FRY WILL BE FRIDAY MARCH 15TH, 11:00AM UNTIL THE FISH IS GONE. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FISH FRY WILL GO TO THE DEBT REDUCTION FUND. SIGN UP SHEETS TO HELP WITH THE FISH FRY ARE AT THE COMMONS DESK. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

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: Last week we shared Pastor

Birtell's letter that informed us he declined our call. We met Thursday to determine whether to reconsider calling several candidates on the call list or to request additional names. We decided to ask President Woodford to provide additional candidate for consideration. We look forward to sharing his response with you. 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

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.

The repaired organ pipes have been reinstalled! Praise the Lord!

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

Current Checking Account Balances
General Fund \$ 57,627.60 Building Fund\$75,304.8
Cemetery Fund\$ 65,554.39 Dedicated Funds\$71,457.1
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—3/1/24\$1,578,398.17
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023 \$ 640,035.99
Building Debt Principal YTD in 2024 \$ 67,868.55
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Offerings Deposited 2/22-2/28			
General Fund\$	11,542.00	Building Fund\$	210.00
Cemetery Fund\$	0.00	Dedicated Funds\$	584.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke Rita Janke Barb Ribar Elaine Lewerenz Jan Bakken Mariorie Huls **Justin Nass** Sandra Bach Jon & Sylvia Radtke Melinda Mikolichek

Jasmine & Cajus Kron Bonnie Lickfelt Miles Kohls Darlene Piehl Pat Schmidt Melba Lemke Diane Jude Shirley Zackrison John Youngdahl

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

Attendance Last Week			
Saturday 6:30pm	74		
Sunday 8:30am	121		
Sunday 10:30am	80		
Wednesday 11:30am	94		
Wednesday 4:30pm	55		
Wednesday 6:30pm	36		
Total	460		
Online	344		

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (3/3)

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

MONDAY (3/4)

9:00am Prayer Chain 1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (3/5)

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

WEDNESDAY (3/6)

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

THURSDAY (3/7)

FRIDAY (3/8)

SATURDAY (3/9) 6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (3/10)

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

MONDAY (3/11)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (3/12)

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 (3/13)

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 (3/14)

FRIDAY (3/15) **ANNUAL FISH FRY**

SATURDAY (3/16)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

Baby Kits (Layettes) - We need the following: Tshirts 6-24 mo, special 6-12 mo (can use onesies, but have tocut them off and sew bottoms), 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) NO FLEECE! Drop off items at the Church office.. Thank You.

Quilters—We need sheets/blankets and large pieces of fabric. We also need good quality fabric needed for the tops. Thank you

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!