

Peace Lutheran Church



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

PALM SUNDAY / MARCH 24, 2024

PASTOR: Glenn Meyer
Elders:
Saturday, 6:30pm Matthew Markgraf
Sunday 8:30am Marc Telecky
Sunday, 10:30am Robbie Peterson, Dale Schumann
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Easton Christenen, Cooper Schuft
Sunday 8:30am Aiden Fromm, Liam Schlueter
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Brian and Stephanie Schlueter
Sunday 10:30am Hazel Sitz

DEBT REDUCTION UPDATE—WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE CONGREGATIONAL FUND WILL AGAIN MATCH DONATIONS (UP TO A TOTAL OF \$50,000) TOWARDS THE DEBT REDUCTEION FUND!

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.

Yes, Dr. Joan Dixon did fall and fracture her wrist March 3rd prior to the 10:30 service and will be unable to play the organ for a few weeks. We are blessed that Paul Otte has graciously agreed to fill in. Dr. Joan will still continue to perform her multitude of other tasks here at Peace during this time and will play piano in the contemporary services.

There are still a few **Easter cards** available at the LWML card shop in the rampway.

THE ANNUAL SPRING FISH FRY WAS HELD LAST FRIDAY AND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! WE RAN OUT OF FISH BEFORE 3PM AND SERVED ALMOST 800 PEOPLE IN LESS THAN 4 HOURS! WE APOLOGIZE TO THOSE THAT WEREN'T ABLE TO GET HERE BEFORE WE RAN OUT. OUR PROFIT (INCLUDING EXTRA DONATIONS) WAS \$9,885.15 — WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS THE DEBT REDUCTION FUND. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED DESSERTS AND BOTTLED WATER! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT CAME AND SUPPORTED THIS CAUSE—SEE WHY WE WERE VOTED #1 LAST YEAR AND HOPEFULLY, WILL REPEAT THIS YEAR! MOST IMPORTANT—A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS. THE FISH FRY TAKES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEER HOURS AND THIS EVENT IS SUCCESSFUL MAINLY BECAUSE OF YOU!!!

Peace Lutheran **Women in Mission**—The March “Mission of the Month” is Main Street Living. This is an LCMS liturgical church service aired on Sunday mornings on Channel 29 WFTC.. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the “Mission of the Month” boxes. Thank you..

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 13th is the date for the McLeod Zone LWML Spring Rally at St. John’s in Winsted. Information is available on the LWML bulletin board in the rampway.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: As mentioned in last week’s bulletin, we’ve asked President Woodford to provide us additional candidates to consider. On March 8 his office advised us it may take 4-6 weeks to complete compiling background materials on the new candidates. We will let you know when we receive those materials and begin evaluating 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. “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

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

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH—This year the Easter Sunday Brunch will include a waffle bar with various fixings/toppings, assorted pastries, fruit cups and beverages. We will be serving from 7:30 to 10:00am in the Peace Center. Freewill donation, with proceeds going towards the debt reduction fund.

We will again be selling Unhinged pizzas as a fundraiser during the month of April. Order forms in the April Messenger, in the Church office or at the Commons desk. Deadline for ordering will be April 19th, This will be a fundraiser for the debt reduction fund.

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund	\$ 51,219.85	Building Fund.....	\$77,673.97
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65,548.39	Dedicated Funds	\$71,957.16
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—3/6/24.....	\$1,562,607.02		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal YTD in 2024	\$ 83,659.70		
Offerings Deposited 3/14—3/20			
General Fund.....	\$ 11,624.30	Building Fund.....	\$ 135.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 150.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 500.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Jasmine & Caius Kron
Rita Janke	Bonnie Lickfelt
Barb Ribar	Miles Kohls
Elaine Lewerenz	Darlene Piehl
Jan Bakken	Pat Schmidt
Marjorie Huls	Melba Lemke
Justin Nass	Shirley Zackrison
Sandra Bach	John Youngdahl
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Joan Dixon
Melinda Mikolichek	Joanne Von Ohlen

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	81
Sunday 8:30am	125
Sunday 10:30am	92
Wednesday 11:30am	94
Wednesday 4:30pm	55
Wednesday 6:30pm	32
Total	479
Online	640

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (3/24)
Palm Sunday
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40pm Adult Bible Studies
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (3/25)
 1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (3/26)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Womens Bible Study
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (3/27)
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (3/28)
Maundy Thursday
 11:30pm Worship/Communion
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

FRIDAY (3/29)
Good Friday
 12noon Worship
 6:30pm Worship

SATURDAY (3/30)
 No Worship

SUNDAY (3/31)
EASTER
 6:30am Worship/Communion
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 10:30am Worship/Communion
 7:30-10am Easter Brunch
 No Sunday School/Bible Study

MONDAY (4/1)
 1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (4/2)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Womens Bible Study
 3:30pm Youth Sewing
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers
 6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (4/3)
 Aa:45am Lunch/Bible Study
 1:00pm Mission Sewing
 2:30pm Confirmation
 3:30pm Tiger Tweens
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (4/4)

FRIDAY (4/5)

SATURDAY (4/6)
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

WELCOME CONNIE! Connie Schmoll has joined our office staff this last week. Stop in to greet her and make her feel welcome!

The Red Cross collected 137 units at its stop here at Peace on March 12. Great job everyone!

Looking for office volunteers to greet visitors/answer phones on Thursdays—9-12:30 or 12:30-4. Contact the Church office if you are available to help.

Baby Kits (Layettes) - We need the following: Tshirts 6-24 mo, special 6-12 mo (can use onesies, but have to cut 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 which is used for the tops. Thank you

Thrivent members may request two \$250.00/each grant cards per year that can be utilized here at Church. There are many upcoming events that qualify for these cards. Please contact Sue in the Church office

There are copies of the **2023 Annual Report** 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 pickup in the rampway.

LAST CALL FOR FIREWOOD FOR THE SEASON—We have one more pick-up load of dried, mixed hardwood available. Even with the mild weather we have been having, there still will probably be some 'fireplace nights' yet—or time to start planning for those Spring campfires. \$200 for the load—includes delivery (within 10 miles of Hutch). The \$200 will be donated to the debt reduction fund.