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 EASTER / APRIL 28, 2024

PASTOR:	Glenn Meyer
Elders:	
Saturday 6:30pm	Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 8:30am	Matthew Markgraf
Sunday, 10:30am	Robbie Peterson, Wayne Vinkemeier
Acolytes:	
Saturday 6:30pm	Kylie Johnson, Ruby Hoff
Sunday 8:30am	Chelsea Robinson, Sierra Jenkins
Greeters:	
Sunday 8:30am	Todd and Sadie Jenkins
Sunday 10:30am	Jeff and Anita Miller

Pastor Jeff Miller has graciously accepted to fill in as our Vacancy Pastor following Pastor Meyer's last Sunday on June 2nd. He will work with Pastor Bode, who will continue to fill in as necessary. As our Call Committee continues to search for our next resident Pastor, this will give us some "breathing room" be agreeing to help our congregation in the interim. We are very blessed to have his assistance. Please thank him if you see him!

"FATHERHOOD"—Our Promise Keepers Mens' Bible Class will be studying "Fatherhood" in our May and June classes on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. Fatherhood is more than providing half the genetic material at conception; it's being there for the long haul. In Fatherhood with Joel Biermann, the Concordia Seminary professor and dad, relates how being a father is a demanding pursuit with a heavenly goal-raising kids who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This Bible study couldn't be more relevant to our times" it is produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries and uses a video, Bible verses and class discussion. All of our dads are invited to join the class and grow in spiritual leadership as fathers. Classes will be an hour long and held in the education wing of our Church. No cost!. All materials provided! For more information, you may call Paul Otte, Scott Brusehaver or Dale Schumann.

Many thanks to Paul Otte for his faithful service, playing organ for the past six weeks! We are blessed by his talents and dedication. Thank you also for your many prayers for Dr. Joan's continued healing. She is playing again while undergoing six weeks of therapy. Peace Lutheran **Women in Mission**—The April "Mission of the Month" is Camp Omega tuition. This will provide financial aid to confirmation students so that all the students can attend the retreat in April.. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you..

There is a collection box in the Commons area for Gifts From the Heart donations for the MN South LWML District convention in June. We are collecting new and gently used shoes and socks (all sizes, child through adult) and quilts, blankets and comforters of any size.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: We have reached out to 9 of the 14 candidates on the second call list provided by the District. Next week we will be completing pre-call interviews with 3 who are able to consider a call at this time. We have been pleased with the quality of these candidates and look forward to scheduling pre-call interviews with as many of the remaining pastors as needed. We appreciate your continued prayers that light and love of our triune God shine brightly upon and within all of us, throughout this journey. "Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!" Psalm31:24.

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

Confirmation, Mother's Day and Graduation cards are available at the LWML card shop in the rampway.

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund\$ 51,644.27 Building Fund\$83,537.64			
Cemetery Fund\$ 66,604.39 Dedicated Funds\$71,457.16			
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—4/25/24\$1,520,366.59			
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023 \$ 649,271.40			
Building Debt Principal YTD in 2024 \$ 125,900.13			
Offerings Deposited 4/18—4/24			
General Fund\$ 7.111.00 Building Fund\$ 742.00			
Cemetery Fund\$ 0.00 Dedicated Funds \$ 56.00			

Please pray for Peace members

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

Jasmine & Caius Kron Bonnie Lickfelt Miles Kohls Darlene Piehl Pat Schmidt Shirley Zackrison John Youngdahl George Quast Pastor Layton Lemke Todd Jenkins

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 them to the wagon

Attendance Last Week	
Saturday 6:30 pm	76
Sunday 8:30am	148
Sunday 10:30am	139
Week Total	363
Online	739

SUNDAY (4/28)

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

MONDAY (4/29)

1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (4/30)

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

WEDNESDAY (5/1) 11:45am Lunch/Bible Study 4:00pm Confirmation Questioning 3:30 Tiger Tweens

THURSDAY (5/2)

FRIDAY (5/3)

SATURDAY (5/4) 6:30pm Worship/Communion

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (5/5) 8:30am Worship 9:40am Sunday School

10:30am Worship/Sanctuary CONFIRMATION

MONDAY (5/6) 1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (5/7) 10:00am POP Bible Study 10:00am Womens Bible Stud 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (5/8) 11:45am Lunch/Bible Study 3:30pm Tiger Tweens 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (5/9)

FRIDAY (5/10)

SATURDAY (5/11) 6:30pm Worship

Please note— Changes for next Sunday, May 5th -No Communion at the 8:30am service. No Adult Bible Study. The 10:30am Confirmation Service will be in the Sanctuary.

<u>COMMON CUP ANNUAL COAT DRIVE</u> Through the end of May we are collecting coats (no wool coats, please) and winter gear (boots, snow pants and mittens, etc) for **Common Cup's 2024 Fall Warm Coat Drive.** There is a collection box in the Commons Area for your donated items.

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. <u>We will be assembling the Baby Kits on Tuesday, April 30th at 3:00pm in the Church basement—Everyone Welcome!</u>

Quilters—Need sheets/blankets/large pieces of fabric Also need good quality fabric which is used for the tops.

Thrivent members may request two \$250.00/each grant cards per year 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

VBS VOLUNTEERS—Please see Dr. Joan if you are willing to assist with VBS this year! We were blessed with outstanding help last year and are grateful for your generous support of this important week of Bible study and fun! Dates: June 3-7 from 9:00am-11:30am

On April 19-20 four of our eighth graders and three of our seventh graders attended the **Camp Omega Confirmation Retreat** with 41 other youth from the South District. Thank you to the LWML for their financial support and thank you to the four adult volunteers who accompanied the youth.

SAVE THE DATE — Root Beer and Bells — Wednesday, May 29th; Dinner at 5:30pm, Program at 6:30pm

Thanks to everyone that helped make the **Pizza Fundraiser** a success! Everyone enjoyed some delicious pizzas from Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe, we had 36 pizzas purchased to donate to Common Cup, plus due to the generosity of Unhinged Pizza giving us a discount, we raised \$597 (\$1194 after Congregational Fund match) towards the debt