

Peace Lutheran Church



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / APRIL 7, 2024

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday 6:30pm Dale Schumann, Wayne Vinkemeier
Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss, Bard Havemeier
Sunday, 10:30am Marc Telecky
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Lillian Fromm, Mason Carlson
Sunday 8:30am Blake Rarick, Micah Perrault
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Marion Fenske, Brenda Petersen
Sunday 10:30am Ron & Barb Kirchoff

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 REDUCTION 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 until midApril. 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.

We are looking for volunteers to answer phones and greet visitors in the Church office on Thursdays 9:00am to 12:30pm and/or 12:30 to 4:00pm

VBS VOLUNTEERS—Please see Dr. Joan if you are willing to assist with VBS again 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

The April-May-June **Portals of Prayer** are now available.

The Easter breakfast was a success! After expenses, and with the help of a Thrivent card, we raised \$629.20 (\$1,258.40 with the Congregational match) for the debt reduction fund

Flowers near the pulpit are from the Joanne Von Ohlen funeral which was held here at Peace on April 1st.

Flowers on the organ were placed by the family of Delores Barlau in honor of her 90th Birthday which will be April 9th.

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..

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.

There is a collection box in the Commons area for Gifts From the Heart donations for the MN South LWML District convention in June. Information on the gifts is in the April Messenger and on the LWML bulletin board.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: As mentioned in past bulletins, we’ve asked President Woodford to provide us additional candidates to consider. We received this information on April 5th and will proceed with the evaluation process. 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

We will again be selling Unhinged pizzas as a fundraiser during the month of April. Order forms are in the Church office or at the Commons desk. Deadline for ordering will be April 19th, Pickup will be April 24th. **THIS WILL BE A FUNDRAISER FOR THE DEBT REDUCTION FUND (NOT LONG TERM MAINTENANCE PLAN AS ERRONEOUSLY LISTED ON THE ORDER FORM IN THE MESSENGER—SORRY FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OR CONFUSIION)**

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund	\$ 75,546.24	Building Fund.....	\$77,698.59
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65,548.39	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—4/3/24.....\$1,553,371.61			
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023		\$ 649,271.40	
Building Debt Principal YTD in 2024		\$ 92,895.11	
Offerings Deposited 3/27—4/3			
General Fund.....	\$ 27,364.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 455.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 350.00

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	George Quast

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (4/7)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:30-10:30 Lemke Reception
 9:40am Sunday School
 No Bible Study
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (4/8)
 1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (4/9)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Womens Bible Study
 2:30pm Youth Sewing
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (4/10)
 11:45am Lunch/Bible Study
 2:30pm Confirmation
 3:30 Tiger Tweens
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (4/11)
 6:30pm Council

FRIDAY (4/12)

SATURDAY (4/13)
 6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (4/14)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (4/15)
 1:00pm Body and Soul

TUESDAY (4/16)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Womens Bible Study
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (4/17)
 11:45am Lunch/Bible Study
 1:00pm Mission Sewing
 2:30pm Confirmation
 3:30pm Tiger Tweens
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (4/18)
 6:30 pm Trustees

FRIDAY (4/19)
 Confirmation Retreat

SATURDAY (4/20)
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

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	
Thursday 11:30am	109
Thursday 6:30pm	83
Friday 12:00noon	110
Friday 6: 30pm	63
Sunday 6:30am	86
Sunday 8:30am	275
Sunday 10:30am	183
Holy Week Total	909
Online	932

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—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 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.

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, WE WILL HOST A RECEPTION FOR PASTOR LAYTON LEMKE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OVER 23 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO PEACE LUTHERAN AS OUR VISITATIONAL PASTOR. PLEASE COME SAY THANK YOU TO HIM AND JOIN US FOR CAKE AND FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SERVICES (9:30-10:30AM) IN THE COMMONS AREA.