

Peace Lutheran Church



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY / MAY 19, 2024

PASTOR: Gerhard Bode
Elders:
Saturday 6:30pm Paul Otte, Robbie Peterson
Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss, Jeff Weckwerth
 Sunday 10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier
Acolytes:
Saturday 6:30pm Easton Christensen, Micah Luthens
Sunday 8:30am Lillian Fromm, Kiera Lieder
Greeters:
Sunday 8:30am Gloria Janicke
Sunday 10:30am Wayne Vinkemeier

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—The May "Mission of the Month" is the four offerings for the MN South District LWML Convention. Information on these offerings is posted on the LWML bulletin board or on the MN South District website. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes.

There is a collection box in the Commons area for Gifts From the Heart donations for the MN South LWML District convention in June. Through June 15 we are collecting new and gently used shoes and socks (all sizes, child through adult) and any size blankets, quilts, comforters.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: We are pleased to share with you that we have completed our pre-call interviews. We look forward to our May 19th Congregational meeting at which time Melissa Weckwerth, our Congregational President, will be sharing information on 3 candidates that we recommend be given full consideration for providing spiritual leadership. We appreciate your continued prayers that the 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!" Psalm 31:24.

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

CHILDCARE UPDATE—The Daycare Feasibility Committee will update the Council on progress at the May meeting. We are waiting for the 2024 Cost Model Report from the State, which will establish the most current wages, benefits and rates to charge. Final numbers can then be determined. Shelly Fitzgerald, Janelle Katzenmeyer, John Korngiebel, Mike McKimm, Mary Melin, Brooke Powell and Lynn Brown,

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!

Since January 1st, the Sunday School children, through their weekly offerings, have raised \$313.43 for Common Cup ministries. (Along with the cans of soup in January and February and the current collection of cleaning supplies) Great job!

There are Graduation cards available at the LWML card shop in the rampway.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Root Beer and Bells, Wednesday, May 29th. Dinner starts at 5:30pm and Program is 6:30pm

This Sunday, May 19th, we will recognize our Congregation's graduating seniors at the 10:30am service. There will also be a continental breakfast reception in their honor in the Peace Center between the services.

VOTER'S MEETING—SUNDAY, MAY 19TH AT 11:45AM We will be voting to extend a call to a prospective permanent Pastor. We will also receive an update from the Daycare Feasibility Committee. This is a very important meeting and hope all can attend.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 65,739.44	Building Fund.....	\$85,402.64
Cemetery Fund	\$ 67,004.39	Dedicated Funds	\$71,212.16
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—5/15/24.....	\$1,461,526.95
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 649,271.40
Building Debt Principal YTD in 2024	\$ 184,739.77

Offerings Deposited 5/9—5/15

General Fund.....	\$ 8,689.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 1,105.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 0.00

Please pray for Peace members

Ron Janke	Melinda Mikolichek
Rita Janke	Jasmine & Caius Kron
Barb Ribar	Bonnie Lickfelt
Elaine Lewerenz	Miles Kohls
Jan Bakken	Darlene Piehl
Marjorie Huls	Pat Schmidt
Justin Nass	Shirley Zackrison
Sandra Bach	George Quast
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Todd Jenkins

Looking Ahead at Peace

SUNDAY (5/19)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Reception for
 Graduating Seniors
 10:30am Worship
 11:45am **VOTERS' MEETING**

MONDAY (5/20)

TUESDAY (5/21)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Womens Bible Study
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (5/22)
 9:00am Parish Health Mtg
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (5/23)

FRIDAY (5/24)
 9:00am Abelight

SATURDAY (5/25)
 6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (5/26)
 8:30am Worship
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (5/27)
OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY (5/28)
 10:00am POP Bible Study
 10:00am Womens Bible Study
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (5/29)
 5:30pm Root Beer & Bells

THURSDAY (5/30)
 6:30pm Elders

FRIDAY (5/31)
 9:00am Abelight

SATURDAY (6/1)
 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 them to the wagon

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30 pm	44
Sunday 8:30am	216
Sunday 10:30am	55
Week Total	315
Online	648

COMMON CUP ANNUAL COAT DRIVE 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...

We served 342 hungry high schoolers through **HAY (Hutchinson Area Youth)** on May 2nd. This was our last commitment for this school year. Thank you to everyone that volunteered not only this week, but throughout the whole school year!

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**

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

On May 19th we will be blessing 214 quilts and 268 baby kits for **Lutheran World Relief**. Thank you to everyone that donated fabric, supplies, baby clothes, etc. to this cause and thank you to all of those that spent many hours making the quilts or putting the layettes together!

The Red Cross collected 136 units at their stop here at Peace this past Tuesday. Great job everyone!

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. No cost! All materials provided! For more information, you may call Paul Otte, Scott Brusehaver or Dale Schumann