

June 2024



Messenger of PEACE

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that all know the Peace of God.

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WELCOME TO PEACE

Pastor's message

Greetings fellow members of Peace Lutheran Church. As many of you know by now I have come out from among the regular worshipping crowd of our membership to provide my services as your Vacancy Pastor. Just to let you know – I have been a vacancy pastor before. Twice I served a dual parish besides my own congregation. The holiday seasons got hectic in those days. But I have not served a congregation as pastor for some years. Pastor Bode assures me that it is like riding a bike. “It will come back to you, and it will feel natural again.” I just can't remember seeing or hearing that pastor Bode ever rode a bike! Who am I and where did I come from? I grew up in this congregation until 7th grade. My family became charter members of Our Saviors in Hutch. I met Anita in college, she is/was a Lutheran School Teacher and ended her career teaching Pre-school in St. Louis. We have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Yes, my high school classmates in the congregation know how old I am. We served congregations in Nashville and Medicine Lodge, KS, Waterville, MN, and Buffalo, MN. I served as Mission Executive for the Minnesota South District and finished my active ministry serving through Lutheran Church Extension Fund in St. Louis, MO. We have enjoyed retirement by spending time at the lake, fishing, and doing a great deal of travel. We read and Anita knits which takes up much of our down time. Pastor Bode has agreed to help us out with weekend services. He will split the month with me and hopefully I will get into the swing of the routine from the up-front perspective instead of the sitting in the pew view. So far Dr. Joan has been very helpful with many of the details that keep Peace functioning. She also informed me that she will let me know when the fish are biting during the summer. Use that information anyway you want, but I do enjoy fishing and eating what I catch. Summer days close out too quickly for Minnesotans. Since I have little memory of how the congregation works from the daily routine aspect, it also is apparent that I have very little idea of what's ahead. I know there is an application on the Peace website for those planning on getting married. I would like to meet with you in order to get to know your plans. Also, I understand that it takes 9 months for an infant to develop within its mother. During that time, I would like to meet with the parents and talk about baptism – before the last minute.

PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP



Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



Well, my head is spinning right now, so I think I will stop. I look for your cooperation and patience, understanding and helpfulness. I have appreciated all the “Thank you for helping us out.” God Bless us all as we pray for our next pastor to accept our Call to serve.

Pastor Jeff Miller



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
 Monday and Friday - 9 am - noon
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 am - 4 pm



Invite your friends, family members & neighbors to worship at Peace!



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

6:30 pm Saturday Sanctuary
 8:30 am Sunday Sanctuary
 10:30 am Sunday Peace Center

For Sale
 Wooden Shed 8x12 with wood floor and 4' door at Peace Cemetery \$1000. Contact the Church Office if interested.



Save the Date
June 26th
Youth Night
6th-12th grade
5:30pm-7:30pm

Ushers

JUNE

Saturday 6:30pm

June 1: Kevin & Gloriann Heikes
 8: Dick & Corinne Higgins
 15: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
 22: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff
 29: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

8:30am

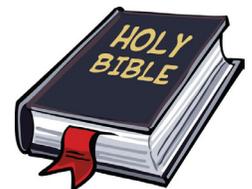
Team 5 & 6

Wayne Vinkemeier
 Dale Schumann
 Robbie Peterson
 Ross Peterson
 Travis Brecht
 Brad Havemeier
 Gary Havemeier
 Ethan Kaufmann
 Roger Kaufmann

June Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

June 1: Joanne Keilen
 8: Dick Higgins
 15: Lee Ulbjerg
 22: Heidi Sickman
 29: Joanne Keilen



Sunday 8:30am

June 2: Arlene Benshoof
 9: Marion Fenske
 16: Duane Hall
 23:
 30: Sandra Hall

10:30am

Jennifer Plath
 Phyllis Hecht
 John Lietz
 Lynn Brown

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISM

May 10, Timothy Allen Tatro, son of Keith Tatro and Krystal Schulte
May 25, Shay Steven Samuelson, daughter of Mitchell and Brittney Samuelson

FUNERALS

May 7, Donna Peetsch, 29, Passed April 29
May 20, Marjorie Huls, 93, Passed May 16
May 30, Shirley DeBlock, 89, Passed May 17

RECENT TRANSFERS

Roland Huls, transferred from Zion Lutheran, Buffalo Lake MN
 Nikki Krueger and Sophie Schweiss released to join Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson MN

June Greeters

June 2

8:30 Darlyn & James Muetzel

June 9

8:30 Marlene Hamblin & Beverly Luke

June 16

8:30 Dolores Barlau & Margret Messner

June 23

8:30 Margo Kaping & Hazel Sitz

June 30

8:30 Judy & Butch Hanke

2024 Wednesday Summer Concert Series



We will have a new start time this year. Peace Concerts will be 11:30am-12:10pm followed by a 12:15pm lunch.

This will allow our ensembles more performance time.

Concert Dates

- JUNE 26** Grace Puckett, soloist
- JULY 3** Patriotic Program
- JULY 10** Joan DeVee Dixon & Brandon Begnaud
- JULY 17** The Cogley Sisters
- JULY 24** Dr. Charles Luedtke, organist
- July 31** Basics (Brothers and sisters in Christ Singers)
- Aug 7** Gospel Singalong with Shannon Watts and Austin Willhite

Supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial.



Isn't it BEAUTIFUL outside? We are all so blessed to be able to see all the seasons of God's creation here in Minnesota. We've got big things coming our way here at Prince of Peace and I can't wait to share it

all with you as things fall into place. One change we are struggling with is to find a nurse, or a few, who would be willing to volunteer 20 minutes each Wednesday at 2 pm to help with blood pressure checks. We only need one person each week. We're hoping to find a few volunteers so that this doesn't fall onto one person. If you know of anyone who would enjoy this opportunity, please have them reach out to me or Lisa. God's blessings to you all!

Many thanks,
Destini Doring
Executive Director
Prince of Peace Retirement Living

AUDIO VIDEO ASSISTANCE NEEDED --

We have a critical need for more AV assistance for the summer. We do not have enough volunteer teams to cover two services each Sunday. Please see Dr. Joan if you and/or your family would be willing to cover one or two services per month, per your availability. Dates are flexible.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)



LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

LWML Motto

Serve the Lord with Gladness. Psalm 200:2

June "Mission of the Month"

The "Mission of the Month" for June is our Concordia Seminarian. Stop by the LWML bulletin board to read the latest letter from him. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

Sandra Hall and Nona Anderson will be attending the 30th Biennial LWML Minnesota South District Convention as the delegates from Peace. The date is June 20 - 22, 2024. The theme is "Walk in Love". The convention will be held at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato, MN.

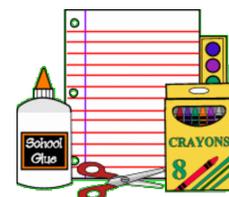
Gift from the Heart for the District Convention in June are new or gently used shoes and socks for all sizes child through adult and quilts, blankets and comforters of any size. A collection box will be in the Commons area. The deadline for donations is June 15.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Common Cup Ministry is collecting donations for our 2023-2024 Back to School Supply Drive.

NEEDED FROM PEACE:

- 20 Backpacks
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Markers
- Dry-Erase Markers (4 pack)
- Pens (blue/black/red)
- Headphones (Koss/Sony or Maxwel)
- Glue Bottles (4 oz)
- #2 Ticonderoga Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Plastic Pocket Folders
- Notebooks (wide ruled)
- Composition notebooks (wide ruled)



Donations accepted until Aug 2nd, they can be dropped off in the Commons Area, Thank you!



**Middle School Madness
Beginning June 6
Ending July 25**

**Current 5-8th Grade Students
Thursdays 1-3pm Christ the King**

- **Games...** Each week we'll have a fun large group game. When students arrive they will check in and can hang out playing the gathering games.
- **Devotional...** After our large group game(s) we will have a devotional from one of the youth leaders.
- **Fellowship...** What a fun experience to have with your friends!



Sign Up

Congratulations Seniors!



"do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God". Micah 6:8

We pray that God continues to guide your life and grow your faith. Please keep in touch with us, your church family, as you boldly go into your future plans. Remember, you do not graduate from God. God's blessings be with you!



**Vacation Bible School -
Jesus Is My Superhero!**

June 3-7 , 9 - 11:30am

FREE for Ages 3 - Gr 4

EVERYONE WELCOME! Come one day, or

the whole week!

- On the last day of VBS, Friday, June 7th, we will have a program at 11am followed by a pizza party at 11:30am for all students, volunteers, family members and other guests.
- VBS students will sing for 10:30am worship on Sunday, June 11th.

VBS THEME DAYS

Day 1 - Moses (Matthew 22:37)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

Day 2 - David (Psalm 23:1-3)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

Day 3 - Daniel (Psalm 56: 3-4)

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God will I trust; I will not be afraid.

Day 4 - Esther (Esther 4:14)

And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

Day 5 - Jesus (John 3:16)

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.



**Peace Lutheran Church
Annual GARAGE SALE**

**JUNE 19 - 21
in the Peace Center**

DROP OFF/SET UP DATES:

Monday June 17, 9 am – 6 pm
Tuesday June 18, 9 am – 6 pm

SALE DATES:

Wednesday June 19, Noon – 6
Thursday June 20, 9 am – 6 pm
*Friday June 21, 9 am – 1 pm

*items will be \$4/bag or priced items will be half price

Garage sale is just a few weeks away! Time to get serious about that overdue spring cleaning. We will need loads of help starting on Sunday, June 16th after the 10:30 service to move and set up tables in the Peace Center. If we need additional time, we will finish setting up at 8:00 on the 17th before drop-off begins, which runs from 9:00-6:00 on both Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday morning from 9:00-noon is set aside to continue pricing and sorting before doors open at noon. Sale runs from noon-6:00 on the 19th, 9:00-6:00 on the 20th, and 9:00-1:00 on the 21st, which is bag day. Sign up sheets for helpers and food donations will be on the Commons desk after June 2. Pricing is \$1 per item on Wednesday, fifty cents per item on Thursday, and \$4 per bag on Friday. Some items are individually marked, and those will be half price on Friday. Cash only, \$50 bills or less please. Ninety percent of proceeds will go to debt reduction and ten percent to taxi fund. As usual, no electronics, non-wheeled suitcases, large exercise equipment, or furniture. If you have a small furniture item to donate and have a question(s), please call Shirley at 320-583-1009 or Lynn at 320-582-0193.

Bloodmobile

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11th
TUESDAY, JULY 9th
12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center**

• Appointments can be made on line at redcrossblood.org or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064.



**SENIOR DRIVER
SAFETY PROGRAM**



~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~

MON. June 24 1-5 pm (4-hr refresher)
MON. August 5 1-5 pm (4-hr refresher)

Room 207-209 Education Building

If you are in need of a refresher to get a discount on your car insurance please call the State of Minnesota to sign up for our class. Please call to register for these or other classes in our area call Minnesota Highway and Safety Research Center at 1-888-234-1294 or 1-320-308-1400 or visit WWW.DRIVERDISCOUNTPROGRAM.COM!

Hope to see you there!
Renee Clabo, Parish Health



2024 Summer Feeding Program

Hutchinson Public Schools is looking for Volunteers for their 2024 Summer Feeding Program. **This program provides free breakfast & lunch during the Summer months for all kids ages 18 and under.** If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please contact Anne Bassett at anne.bassett@isd423.org or by calling 320-234-2603.

Please note the dates, times, and locations for the program.

The program will be closed June 19th, July 1st-5th, Aug 5th-7th.

**West Elementary
Door #14**

June 3rd-August 22nd
Monday-Thursday
Breakfast 8:15am-9:15am
Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm

**Aquatic /Rec Center
Main Door**

June 3rd-August 22nd
Monday-Thursday
Breakfast & Lunch meals to go
Daily Meal pickup: 10:45am-11:30am

**Tiger Elementary
Main Door**

June 3rd-August 22nd
Monday-Thursday
Breakfast & Lunch meals to go
Daily Meal pickup: 12:30pm-1:15pm

Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.



Peace Lutheran Church
Council meeting
April 11, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kim Borka, Becky Kobow, Pastor Meyer, Dean Kirchoff, Barb Otte, Kathy Hochsprung, Gary Havemeier, Kevin Buss, Chuck Jones, Justin Evenson, Melissa Weckwerth, Sue Kroyer, Jerry Haag, Mary Haag

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer by Pastor Meyer

Mary Haag invited the council to attend the Annual Common Cup Ministry meeting on 4-15-24. It will be at Hunter's Ridge Church. She shared information about Common Cup Ministry.

Approval of March 2024 Minutes:

Motion made by Becky to approve March 2024 minutes, 2nd by Dean. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Meyer shared updates on his duties as he finalizes his last weeks at PLC.

2. Administrator/Office Report: Sue shared that Dr. Dixon is continuing to recover. George Quast is improving and getting stronger. Prayers continue for both of these members. Connie (office hire) is continuing to be trained in by Sue. Release time, confirmation, etc. is winding down. Working on VBS plans. Fish fry: \$9909.15 profit. Congregational fund matched and total was \$19,818.30. Easter breakfast raised \$629.20 (Congregational fund matched as well) = \$1258.40. Unhinged Pizza sales, which are currently happening, will be matched as well.

The possibility of using Peace Place as an ongoing type thrift shop is being researched.

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared that quarterly reports will begin being shared in May. Audits are completed. Roof Sanctuary repair estimates are approximately \$90,000 - \$100,000. Roof over Peace Center repair estimate is approximately \$48,000. That will be patched for now without a brand new repair. Air conditioning (it leaks) in sanctuary also needs to be looked at in the future. Budget for these repairs was \$100,000, but estimates are coming in higher than that.

Bell tower is continuing to be worked on. Justin also shared updates on the printer and insurance.

4. Elder's Report: Keven shared that the communion statement is on the table in the rear of the church. Discussion on adding it to the PowerPoint on the screen or in the bulletin, but the bulletin does not have a lot of extra space. The possibility of also adding it to the Friendship pad was discussed. Discussion will continue.

Old Business

1. Call committee update: A new list of names was received by District (12 new names and 3 from the prior list). They will meet 4-18-24 and narrow the list down.

2. Door/entrance security - office staff input was shared by Sue. Doors will be rekeyed. Limited doors will be open. A limited amount of keys will be passed out. In the future, a camera system for the outside doors is being considered.

3. Childcare Commissioned Team update: Sue shared meetings continue. They have been working on determining how to best utilize the facility. They are also working with other childcare facilities in the area to get ideas, information, etc. They will meet again in two weeks.

4. Annual review: Chuck shared a form from Prince of Peace Living that could be presented to people who would help perform a review for the senior pastor. Chuck will continue to work on refining this.

5. Stephen Ministry discussion: Becky shared information she received from Stephen Ministries. Becky and Sue will work on gathering information to present to the congregation to see if there is interest in members being trained.

New Business

1. Vacancy pastor: Melissa, Robbie Peterson and Pastor Jeff Miller will be meeting to discuss the topic of vacancy pastors. Adjourn @ 9:29 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Borka
Church Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth
Church Council President

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REGISTER AT PLCHUTCH.ORG
Or In The Commons Area at Church



**PEACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL
GARAGE SALE**

**JUNE 19-21
IN THE PEACE CENTER**



June 2024 Prayer Calendar



1. Pray for safe travels for everyone this summer.
2. Thank you, God, for providing us with your inspired Word.
3. VBS begins. Pray for the children. They are the future and need our help in knowing You.
4. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...Psalm 51:10.
5. On this World Environment Day, ask God for wisdom with respect to being Earth's caretakers.
6. Thanks, Lord, for inspiring men and women to sacrifice their time and lives for our country.
7. Ask God to forgive your sins.
8. Dear Lord, teach us to love Your Word and willingly come to hear it and read it and digest it.
9. Pray that our worship is meaningful.
10. When I pray, help me to be mindful of Your will be done, not mine.
11. Bless our leaders. Give them wisdom and strength to remain moral and ethical in their decisions.
12. Ask that God provide sustenance to all who are suffering from famine.
13. Thank you, Lord, for the men and women who fight our fires, keep our communities safe and stitch our wounds.
14. Help me to encourage others to visit Your Word daily.
15. Help me to encourage others to sing Your praises daily.
16. Give thanks for your Father in Heaven, also your earthly father.
17. Make me a servant humble and meek. Lord let me lift up those who are weak.
18. Keep me strong in my faith.
19. Give us stamina, patience and love for others as we work the garage sale for the debt initiative.
20. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his mercy endures forever.
21. Teach me also to be merciful to others and to forgive as You forgive me.
22. Pray for our enemies that they may come to know and love You.
23. Bless our worship. Thank you for the beautiful summer.
24. Keep us aware of the existence of evil and protect us.
25. Give us strength to fight evil.
26. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
27. Help me be gracious to others.
28. Continually pray for all people in the world who have yet to hear of the saving grace of Jesus.
30. Today is the Day of the Christian Martyr. Pray for all people who are standing up for their Christian beliefs in dangerous places.
31. And all God's people said: Amen!!!!

Keeping Our Records Current!

If your address, phone, or email have changed, please call the church office so that we can update your records. We want you to stay informed of what's happening at Peace! Thank you. 320-587-3031