

July 2024



# Messenger of PEACE

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

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## Welcome to Peace

### Pastor's message

The summer season scripture readings usually relate stories or teachings regarding our living out the Christian life. For example on July 7 the epistle lesson (2Cor.12) will talk about suffering and by the end of the month the epistle lesson (Ephesians 3:20) will conclude with the amazing statement, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Let that soak in for the month. You might say, "who me? Are you kidding!" God does single out some folks to be leaders, pastors, teachers and so forth. And God calls each of us to step up to the responsibility that we can do far more abundantly than .... What? Our normal response could be, "I thought that was the pastor's job, I thought we hired someone to do that for us. I think the apostle Paul, the writer of the letter to the Ephesians, gave a great deal of responsibility to the members of that congregation to get about the work of their faith.

Peace is in the middle of the calling process to secure a senior pastor. By now we either have the commitment that one is coming, or we have extended another call to another pastor. Either way, our congregation needs to see its members serving together to keep the ministry of this congregation vibrant – not just going along, but vibrant. There is energy in each one of us. So far during my brief time as vacancy pastor I have seen many folks stepping up to help with numerous projects and services that we provide at this congregation. The Fall season will be coming upon us and that brings many activities that need volunteers. I encourage each of us to not only pray but step up and help.

At Peace we have the Concert Series on Wednesdays through July. Please note the schedule of weekly concerts. Take some time off and enjoy the music and fellowship.

As a congregation we continue to pray for our called pastor. The ministry of prayer is an important one. We pray for our congregation's need and we rejoice with our Christian brothers and sisters at Our Savior's who will install their new pastor on July 14, 2024.

Just a few RUMORS floating out from the Garage Sale: I heard that someone bought the 3,000-piece puzzle that Anita and I donated, and someone plans to "gift" it back to me. AND I heard that there are either one or two ANGELS floating around our church disguised as small sculptures. If they are doing good, then let them be, but if they are causing mischief – well you know what to do!

God's peace and blessings be with us all,  
Jeff Miller, Vacancy pastor

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

#### PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

##### SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

##### SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 - 10:20 - Family Fellowship/Sharing/Devotion  
Peace Center

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

#### ONLINE WORSHIP



##### Livestream

[plchutch.org](http://plchutch.org) Watch Live@8:30am

##### FacebookLive

[www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN](http://www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN)

##### YouTube

[www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn](http://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn)

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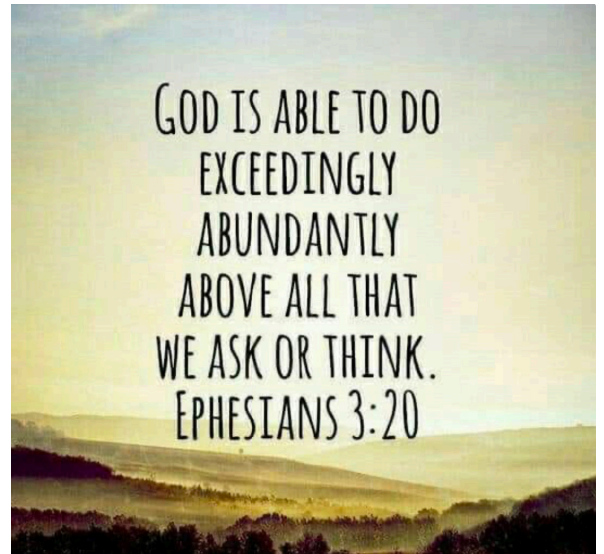
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Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



GOD IS ABLE TO DO  
EXCEEDINGLY  
ABUNDANTLY  
ABOVE ALL THAT  
WE ASK OR THINK.  
EPHESIANS 3:20





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

**AUDIO VIDEO ASSISTANCE NEEDED --**  
We have a critical need for new Audio-Video Teams. We do not have enough summer volunteer teams to cover both Sunday services. Please see Dr. Joan if your family could cover one service per month. It would be greatly appreciated.

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### Baptisms

- June 9- Scarlett Rose Mickolichuk, daughter of Colby and Rosanna Mickolichuk
- June 15- Adalynn Grace Johnson, daughter of Ryan and Amelia Johnson

### Funerals

- June 10- Janet Klockmann, 79, passed away May 15th
- June 12- Justin Nass, 45, passed June 2nd
- June 15- Leona Harbarth, 99, passed June 12
- June 27- Marlyn Krueger, 95, passed June 22

### Memorials

- Shirley DeBlock- \$100-General Fund
- Majorie Huls- \$20-General Fund
- Donna Petsch- \$50-General Fund  
\$100- Music Fund
- Lester Schuft- \$50-Youth Education  
\$50-Parish Health  
\$20- General Fund

### RECENT TRANSFERS

Rosanna Mickolichuk transferred from First Ev Lutheran, Grand Rapids MN

## JULY

### Ushers

#### Saturday 6:30pm

- July 6: Kevin & Gloriann Heikes
- 13: Dick & Corinne Higgins
- 20: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
- 27: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

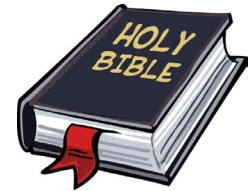
#### Sunday 8:30am

- Team 1  
Glenn Witte  
Doug Witte  
Brian Koehler
- Team 2  
Allen Fuchs  
Rusten Hulls  
Kevin Buss

### Readers

#### Saturday 6:30pm

- July 6: John Mons
- 13: Herb Kuehl
- 20: Joanne Keilen
- 27: Annette Koehler



#### Sunday 8:30am

- July 7: Marlene Hamblin
- 14: Nona Anderson
- 21: Mary Haag
- 28: Melissa Weckwerth

#### 10:30am

- Sara Peterson
- Anita Miller
- Sadie Jenkins
- Kim Kruse

### Greeters

#### July 7

- 8:30 Al & Deb Koglin
- 10:30 Sara Peterson

#### July 14

- 8:30 John & Mary Melin
- 10:30 Barb Marquart & Diane Johnson

#### July 21

- 8:30 Alan & Carol Swenson
- 10:30 Ron & Barb Kirchoff

#### July 28

- 8:30 Diane Neubarth & Bev Czmowsky
- 10:30 Anita Miller



**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 100:2

**July "Mission of the Month"**

The "Mission of the Month" for July is the Taxi service. Parish Health provides this taxi service to provide a ride to worship services for those who would otherwise not be able to attend church. The cost is \$300 to \$400 per month. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

The mite goal for the LWML MN South District has been met! With the \$27,404.88 mite carryover from the 2020-2022 biennium, we have exceeded our mission goal of \$270,000 for the 2022-2024 biennium.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Gifts from the Heart for the District LWML convention. Information on totals for the donations and the four convention offerings will be published as soon as they are available.

**SAVE THE DATE** - The McLeod Zone LWML Fall Rally will be on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran in Brownston. More detailed information will be published as soon as it is available.

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil.....it has no point.



Happy 4th of July y'all! I hope you have all had a great start to summer. We are all so fortunate to be in a community that provides us with many outdoor activities to enjoy. From starting off with the Memorial Day celebrations to the McLeod County Fair and everything in between. Many of us at POPRL have been enjoying the Music in the Park events. Great music, food, and wonderful company. May the blessings of freedom shower upon you, your loved ones, and friends this Independence Day.

Blessings,

Destini Doring  
Executive Director  
Prince of Peace Retirement Living  
#320.234.7588  
www.poprl.org



Six of our young ladies Ella Christensen, Kiera Lieder, Brittney Merkins, Johannah Perrault, Kendal Selle and Kelby Wichman received " Good Deed Award" certificates on June 20th . They received them on behalf of the National Headquarters of the American Legion Auxilliary for participation in sewing items to donate to Lutheran World Relief. We are so proud of you!! Thank you to the adult mentors that have been working with the girls, you are all so wonderful!

**Christian Education Meeting  
August 6th 5pm**



**For Sale**

Wooden Shed 8x12 with wood floor and 4' door at Peace Cemetery \$800 or Best Offer. Contact Church office if intrested.



**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**



**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](mailto: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

**Tiger Elementary  
Main Door**

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

**Aquatic /Rec Center  
Main Door**

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

**MANY THANKS!**

Thank you to all 44 adult VBS Volunteers and thanks to Dr. Joan for serving as director this year. You all did an amazing job! We would also like to thank all of our members that helped support this program with their donations of supplies, food, financial aid, Thrivent cards- it was very much appreciated! There were 84 kids that participated or helped throughout the week. 'Jesus is our Superhero' was the theme, along with their Bible study, the children learned of other aspects of 'superheroes' here on earth. It was fun watching the kids interact during the presentations by the Hutchinson Fire Department, Hutchinson Police Department, the Department of Natural Resource (water safety), Parish Health, and the Peterson family because Farmers are heroes too! The Best year yet!!!!



Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.

## PEACE LUTHERAN GARAGE SALE 2024 RECAP



We had a very successful sale in June. There were wonderful donations, great help and happy customers. Close to 70 members helped in some way. Members also requested Thrivent grants to help with the advertising and feeding the volunteers during the very long days. It was much appreciated. **As of this printing we have raised \$6,549** (90% will go to the Debt Reduction Fund and 10% will go towards a month of taxi service). **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated items for the sale (or money for the cause), donated food for the workers, helped set up, work the sale or break down and clean up, plus all those that supported us by making purchases. This event takes a tremendous number of volunteers!



**WE ❤️ Volunteers!**

## School Supply Drive

Common Cup Ministry is collecting donations for our 2024-2025 Back to School Drive

### NEEDED FROM PEACE:

- 30 Backpacks
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Markers
- Dry-Erase Markers (4 pack)
- Pens ( blue/black/red )
- Headphones (Koss/Sony or Maxell)
- 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!

## Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, JULY 8<sup>th</sup>  
TUESDAY, AUG 12<sup>th</sup>

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments can be made on line at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



## SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM



~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~

Monday August 5 1-5 pm  
Monday October 7 1-5 pm

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.DRIVER-DISCOUNTPROGRAM.COM](http://WWW.DRIVER-DISCOUNTPROGRAM.COM)!

Hope to see you there!

## 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
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Supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial.

Peace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
May 13, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

Present: Pastor Meyer, Kim Borka, Sue Kroyer, Barb Otte, Kathy Hochsprung, Gary Havemeier, Dean Kirchoff, Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Justin Evenson, Mark Telecky

1. Welcome
2. Opening Prayer by Pastor Meyer
3. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Justin to approve 4-11-24 minutes. 2nd by Dean. Motion carried.

4. Report from Daycare Feasibility Committee: A 2A Model Operations was shared with the council. Explanation of costs, information on how the costs were calculated and state information were shared. The committee is still waiting to hear information back from the state on some of the finance numbers. The committee will continue to work on this and then report to the congregation in the future.

#### Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor shared duties he is wrapping up before June 2 and his calendar up until that point.
2. Administrator/Office Report: Sue shared pizza sales were \$1200 towards debt reduction. We donated 36 pizzas to Common Cup Ministry.
3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared a financial report through April 2024. Justin will meet with Pastor Miller to discuss compensation and contractual information.
  - a. Ability for our church to give a recurring amount to Common Cup: Melissa met with Mary Haag regarding Common Cup.
4. Elder's Report: Mark shared minutes from the BOE meeting on 4-30-24. Confirmation, Senior class recognition, Baccalaureate service @ HHS, and contacting inactive members were items discussed at their meeting. The elders have a question as to their attendance at each Council meeting--should it be monthly, quarterly? Mark will discuss it again with the elders and their next meeting on May 30, 2024.

#### Old Business

1. Call committee update: There will be a congregational meeting on May 19, 2024 to present the pastors they've identified to the congregation.
2. Door/entrance security: This is continuing to be worked on.
3. Stephen Ministry update: Becky is continuing to look into this and gather information.

#### New Business

1. Vacancy pastor position will be filled by Pastor Jeff Miller. We are very thankful for this!!!!  
Paul Otte will be authorized by LCMS to offer communion to shut in and / or homebound members of PLC. He will be commissioned to do this at a future church service.
2. Moving forward with technology: Discussion on creating a PLC app--Subsplash is a website building group which creates an app for your church. This is one example that has been brought forward for discussion. Check out Subsplash.com  
Adjourn @ 9:00 p.m.  
Closing Prayer--The Lord's Prayer  
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Borka  
Church Council Secretary  
Melissa Weckwerth  
Church Council President

## Special Voters Meeting

Sunday, July 21 following  
10:30 service

We will be voting on how we are moving  
forward with the childcare center



**Rally Sunday Family Fun Day**  
**September 8th 9:40am**

Peace Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting  
May 19, 2024; 11:45 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order by President Weckwerth.
2. The list of the 3 top candidates were presented. Questions followed.
3. A vote proceeded to call candidates in the order they were presented  
on the informational sheet (Choice 1: Pastor Kurt Weber; Choice 2:  
Pastor Matthew Gulseth; Choice 3: Pastor Russell Senstad)
4. Vote Outcome: 76 yes, 3 no
5. Paul Otte made a motion to accept the unanimous vote. 2nd by Lee Uldbjerg. Motion carried.
6. Justin Evenson shared updates on roof repairs and the air conditioning.
7. Mary Melin made a motion to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Robbie Peterson.  
Motion approved.
8. Closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka                      Melissa Weckwerth  
PLC Secretary                      PLC President

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*Please Join Us!*

Peace Concerts will be 11:30am-12:10pm  
followed by a 12:15pm lunch.





# July 2024 Prayer Calendar



- 1- We must thank God at all times for you, brothers, you whom the Lord loves. For God chose you as the first to be saved by the Spirit's power to make you his holy people and by your faith in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13  
Pray with thanksgiving for the Spirit of the Lord that saves you. Pray for faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 2- Heavenly Father, guide our thoughts and hearts so that we may speak with love and kindness to those around us.
- 3- Help those who may be suffering from illness. Bring healing and strength according to your love and mercy.
- 4- Thank you, Lord, for the freedom and justice afforded to us in this country. We pray for the continued enjoyment of these freedoms, and we thank you for those who fought and continue to fight to provide us with this right.
- 5- Heavenly Father, bless all the children in your care. Help them to grow in faith and curiosity for the Lord.
- 6- Oh Lord, you know my heart, forgive my sins, and help me to forgive others as You have forgiven me.
- 7- Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way, you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2  
Pray for compassion on our fellow man, that we build them up emotionally, assist them when they are in need, and show them love even when they are undeserving.
- 8- Dear Jesus, hold those who grieve the loss of a loved one in the comfort of your care. Help them to cope and learn to live with joy in knowing their family member is at rest with you.
- 9- Holy Spirit, help those who have questions about their faith or are unsure of their faith to see Christ as their Savior. Bring them to faith and help them to grow in understanding.
- 10- Heavenly Father, bless our public servants with good health and keep them safe in their jobs as they work to protect, help, and serve our community.
- 11- Thank you, Lord, for the friends you place in our lives. Bless them and help us to nurture these relationships showing love and kindness in our interactions.
- 12- Bless, oh Lord, husbands and wives. Help them to grow together in love and keep their marriage strong.
- 13- Thank you, Jesus Christ, for suffering on the cross in our stead that our sins may be forgiven.
- 14- These are the laws that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you...Write them on the doorposts on your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6: 1-9  
Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith and give you courage to declare God's Word and teach it to future generations. Help us Lord to live our faith out loud for all to see.
- 15- Dear heavenly Father, thank you for those who work in the ministry devoting their lives to sharing your Holy Gospel and inspiring us with their words, through the Holy Spirit, to love you.
- 16- Lord, give physicians, nurses, and medical caregivers wisdom in their work. Guide their hands so that they might be skilled and give them strength to continue their work healing and strengthening those in need.
- 17- Dear Jesus, bless children who are orphaned or alone. We pray that you will provide loving caregivers in your time and according to your will.
- 18- Heavenly Father, bless the earth as it provides nourishment for our bodies. May we continue to honor you by caring for our planet and the gifts you have given to us that are in it for many generations to come.
- 19- Thank you, Lord, for music. Bless those who share their musical talents in worship for you.
- 20- Heavenly Father, we pray your love and guidance today in our lives. Inspire us to love others and live out our faith in showing kindness to those around us that they may see Christ-like love in our actions.
- 21- ...I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself...the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach for what is ahead...which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above. Philippians 3:12-14  
Pray that we devote our time and attention not on ruminations of past ills and problems or earthly endeavors but rather, let us devote our life faith in Christ Jesus that we may live with Him in eternity.
- 22- Dear Jesus, thank you for childcare workers that lovingly care for our children. We pray you will give them patience and wisdom as they go about their work with our children.
- 23- Heavenly Father, forgive our short tempers and help us consider carefully our words and actions as we go about our day. Help us to reflect love and kindness to those around us.
- 24- Dear Jesus, keep our teenagers safe from harm, protect them from temptations, and help them to choose a path that is pleasing to you.
- 25- Lord, in a world that is ever evolving technologically, help us to remember you are the creator of all things.
- 26- Heavenly Father, help us to place our faith in Christ alone. Keep us strong in faith and forgive us when we fail to lean on you for guidance. Redirect our hearts when we fail to see Jesus and misplace our trust in the world rather than you.
- 27- Thank you, Lord, for the gift of families, the blessings of children and grandchildren. Help us to nurture our relationships within the family and help us to grow together in faith.
- 28- Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21  
Dear heavenly Father, we glorify You, we magnify You, we praise You for your loving mercy and grace.
- 29- Lord, when we fail to worship you faithfully, when we forget to pray as we ought, failing to put our trust in you, forgive us and send your Holy Spirit that we might be inspired to lead a more faithful life.
- 30- Thank you, Lord, for the gift of summer, for the abundant fruits and vegetables of the garden, and the glorious sunshine that sustains our bodies.
- 31- Heavenly Father, help us to be a shining light for Jesus wherever we go and whatever we do.