

August 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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Isaiah 40:3 says, "A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God..."

August is a month of preparation at Peace. We have spent the last 20+ months getting ready for a new Senior Pastor to arrive and be our shepherd to lead us to green pastures.

- ▶ •We have preparations for the installation service and the beginning of his ministry among us.
- ▶ •We have preparations for the beginning of Sunday School and a Rally Day kick-off of our congregation's education program.
- ▶ •We have to prepare for the beginning of the confirmation class instruction and the meeting with the parents.
- ▶ We have preparations to make for the beginning of the Release Time program.
- ▶ •We have preparations to continue about the use of the child care wing of our facilities.
- ▶ •We must prepare for the ongoing upkeep of our facilities.
- ▶ •We will have preparations to make as our new pastor makes suggestions for changes.

Personal Preparations-

- ▶ •Fill in your own blanks. School parents have numerous activities to prepare for.
- ▶ •Retired folks who travel will be heading to the less crowded destinations.
- ▶ •Volunteers have numerous activities that come alive again with the school year.
- ▶ The point and the picture – In the days of Isaiah the preparations would be made for the arrival of some dignitary. Jerusalem was set on a mountain top – so the road way would be leading upward. The road and surrounding area would need to be secured. The reception at the destination would need to be appropriate and worthy for the dignitary.



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

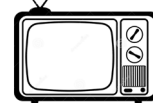


CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



Individually-

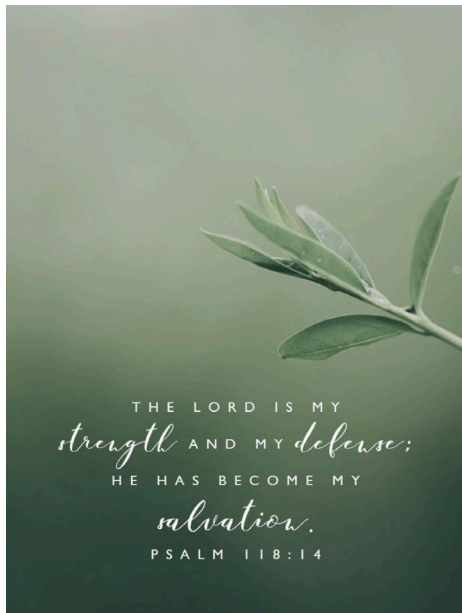
- ▶ •I ask you to pray for our congregation. We are blessed to receive a pastor so quickly. We were joyful at our meeting with him and his wife Laura.
- ▶ •I ask you to pray for our new pastor and the leadership and ministry that he will engage among us.
- ▶ •I ask you to pray for the leadership of our congregation. You have entrusted our ministry to their decisions. Please support them and encourage them.
- ▶ •I pray that many of you will join the groups of volunteers that already serve. And please thank God for the many volunteers who continue to serve the needs of the congregation.
- ▶ •Please pray for our staff. They are an excellent group of willing servants who go well beyond their job descriptions.

PREPARE YE THE WAY! Our God is constantly preparing us for service in His kingdom. He prepares us for our eternal welcome as well. Enjoy this time and serve well.

Pastor Jeff Miller, vacancy pastor

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



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

- July 31 Basics (Brothers and sisters in Christ Singers)
- Aug 7 Gospel Singalong with Shannon Watts and Austin Willhite

Supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial.

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

WE ❤️ Volunteers!

Ushers

August

- Saturday 6:30pm
- Aug 3: Kevin & Gloriann Heikes
- 10: Dick & Corinne Higgins
- 17: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
- 24: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

- 8:30am
- Team 3 & 4
- Tim Zackrisson
- Marc Max
- Marlin Haag
- Troy Kurth
- Mike McKimm
- Nic Tews
- Owen Streich
- Scott Streich

August Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

- Aug 3: Lee Uldbjerg
- 10: Dick Higgins
- 17: Joanne Keilen
- 24: John Lietz
- 31: John Lietz



Sunday 8:30am

- Aug 4: Shirley Wurdell
- 11: Bev Luke
- 18: Gwen Wichman
- 25: Marion Fenske

10:30am

- Arlene Benschhof
- Sharon Christensen
- Arlene Benschhof

August Greeters

August 4

- 8:30 Brian & Becky Kobow
- 10:30 Dale & Judy Schumann

August 18

- 8:30 Alan & Shirley Fuchs
- 10:30 Tom & Deb Wiprud

August 11

- 8:30 Jerry & Mary Haag
- 10:30 Phyllis & Don Hecht

August 25

- 8:30 Doug & Lynn Brown
- 10:30 Anita Miller

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISM

July 28 - Cody Rettig, son of Jace Rettig and Jillian Bearinger

FUNERALS

July 12 – Arlene Beneke, 90, passed on July 3
 July 13 – Janet Bakken, 84, passed on July 4

Memorials

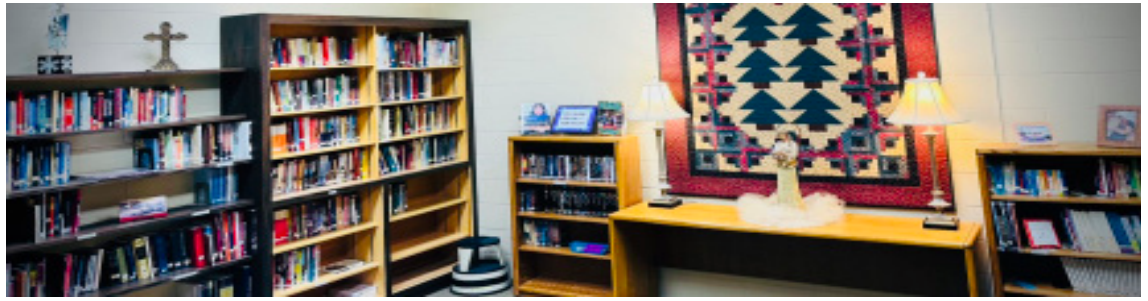
Marlyn Krueger - \$40.00 – General Fund
 \$613.00 – Debt Reduction
 \$15.00 - LWML
 \$50.00 – Parish Health (taxi)

Janet Bakken - \$20.00 – Debt Reduction
 Arlene Beneke - \$1,000.00 – General Fund
 Skip Sustacek - \$10.00 – General Fund
 \$15.00 – Debt Reduction

RECENT TRANSFERS

Dean and Wanda Heinecke transferred to St Johns Lutheran, Webster MN

Lawrence, Lisa and Colton Talbott transferred to Immanuel Lutheran, Lone Rock IA



Come and enjoy our Library

I'm not sure how many people know that we have a library!! Simply put- Did you know that Peace Lutheran has a library in house?? Location is the small glassed-in room next to the Peace Center. At the bottom of the ramp...across from the bathrooms and drinking fountain....near the coat hangars...near the AED-lifesaving defribillator....it's the room with the bookshelves....and a round table...and chairs....pretty quilts...and Grace. All joking aside, we really do have a lovely Church Library that everyone can enjoy! There is a wonderful selection of DVDs of some really good movies. Some childrens books, more are located in other rooms, feel free to ask if you are intrested. Lots of books from fiction to biography or inspirational to christian living. There is a little something for everyone, and always a nice quiet spot to sit with a good book. Stop in anytime the church is open and enjoy.



Happy August! Life is good for all of us here at Prince of Peace. July flew by fast, brought in warm weather, finally some dryer days, and lastly our newly added mural that is part of the pARTicipate Hutchinson Community Mural Project. If you haven't seen it yet, make sure you check it out. It's located on the east

side of our stand-alone garages facing Franklin Street. We feel so blessed to have been chosen to be part of this and having it created by a local artist, Michelle Jordahl, makes it that much better. We hope you all are getting out to look at all the murals while attending the other community events our town has to offer.

Blessings,

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

Gardening at Peace!!

Do you enjoy being outdoors on a sunny day surrounded by beautiful flower, shrubs, and maybe a few friendly mosquitoes? Come and join the garden club - you will be glad you did!! Call the church office and we will pass your contact information on to Marv Seller!



AUGUST IS FAVORITE HYMN MONTH!



Submit your favorite hymn/song in the box in the commons area!

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song!

NEW DOOR SECURITY – PEACE LUTHERAN

IN REACTION TO THE CURRENT CULTURE, WE ARE BEING FORCED TO BE PROACTIVE AND IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES IN REGARDS TO OUR FACILITIES BEING ACCESSIBLE. THESE ACTIONS ARE NECESSITATED DUE TO A RECENT INCIDENT OF A HOMELESS PERSON CAMPING ON THE FRONT STEPS OF OUR CHURCH AND OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING ANOTHER CHURCH, HAVING ISSUES WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE ENTERING THEIR PROPERTY REPEATEDLY AND CAUSING DAMAGE. WE REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO RESORT TO SUCH DRASTIC MEASURES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE FEEL WE HAVE NO CHOICE. NOT ONLY DO WE NEED TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS, WE ALSO NEED TO PROTECT OUR CHURCH PROPERTY. THERE ARE MORE SAFETY MEASURES PLANNED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE AND WE WILL KEEP YOU APPRISED AS WE IMPLEMENT THEM. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND APOLOIGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE YOU.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024:

*NORTH & EAST DOORS OF THE EDUCATON BULDING – EXIT ONLY, ACCESS ONLY WITH KEY

*KITCHEN/DELIVERY DOOR – EXIT ONLY, ACCESS ONLY WITH KEY

*NARTHEX, SOUTHWEST RAMP & MAIN DOORS WILL BE OPEN 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO WORSHIP

*SOUTHWEST RAMP & MAIN DOORS WILL BE THE ONLY DOORS OPEN FOR NON-WORSHIP EVENTS (CONCERTS, MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY, CONFIRMATION, BLOODMOBILE, ETC)

*MAIN DOORS, BY THE OFFICE, WILL BE UNLOCKED DURING POSTED OFFICE HOURS (MONDAY & FRIDAY – 9AM-12NOON; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY – 9AM-4PM) THEY WILL ALSO BE OPEN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO EVENING OR WEEKEND MEETINGS/EVENTS AND RELOCKED AT THE START OF THE MEETING/EVENT



Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, AUG 13th
TUESDAY, Sept 10th
12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments can be made on line at redcrossblood.org



SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~



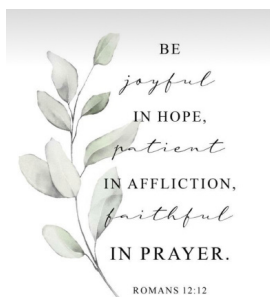
Monday August 5th 1-5 pm
Monday September 9th 1-5 pm
Monday October 7th 1-5 pm

Room 207-209 Education Building

Two changes for the 55+ Driver Discount classes. 1. As of July 1st, 2024, there is no longer a requirement in the state of Minnesota for a participant to take an 8-hour initial course per state statute 65b.28. This change means that participants will only be required to take a 4-hour course to receive the discount initially with their auto insurance partners. Moving forward there will not be a difference between initial and refresher classes and our courses will be known as the 55+ Driver Discount Program where any participant can take any 4-hour course, regardless of where they are in the journey. The three-year cycle will remain in effect and participants will return to take 4-hour courses every three years to maintain their discount. 2. The organization has a new name and will now be known as Precision Driving Center of Minnesota.

The phone number will stay the same. 320-308-1400 or 1-800-234-1294. The email has changed to precisiondrivingcenter@stcloudstate.edu so please add this email to your safe sender list. Hope to see you there!

Renee Clabo, Parish Health



This Sunday through August-PLC is responsible for collecting diapers for CCM Distribution in August. Larger sizes and pull-ups, especially, and wipes are needed. Place donations in pack 'n play in Commons area.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

August "Mission of the Month"

The "Mission of the Month" for August is Common Cup. Common Cup gathers and shares spiritual and financial resources of McLeod area churches into one "common cup" to minister to those in need. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

The mite progress report for the LWML 2023-2025 biennium as of May 31, 2024 is \$1,749,091.06. Mites still needed is \$600,908.94. The Mite goal is \$2,350,000.00.

Totals from the LWML District Convention offerings and Gifts from the Heart to Orphan Grain Train are as follows:

SHOES		SOCKS		COLLECTED AT PEACE	
Mens	326	1021	Shoes	Mens	14
Womens	970	1129		Womens	39
Boys	134	812		Boys	10
Girls	176	609		Girls	26
Misc Youth socks		84		Socks	159
Misc other socks		1203		Blankets	43

Blankets/Quilts/Comforters - 1194

Cash - \$4223

Convention offering #1 - LWML MN South Endowment Fund - \$5296

Convention offering #2 - Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield, MN - \$5410

Convention offering #3 - Mission Goal - \$5791

Convention offering #4 - Crystal Women's Clinic - \$5201

Miscellaneous items donated were taken to Ablelight Thrift Shop.



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

Serve Christ with our Words, Service and Resources.

Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
June 11, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kim Borka, Sue Kroyer, Barb Otte, Kathy Hochsprung, Gary Havemeier, Dean Kirchoff, Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Justin Evenson, Robbie Peterson, Mary Melin, Bob Sylvester

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Opening Prayer by Bob Sylvester
3. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Justin to accept 5-13-24 minutes. 2nd by Barb. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kathy to accept 5-19-24 Congregational meeting minutes. 2nd by Dean. Motion carried.

4. Discussion of itinerary for visit with Pastor Weber:

-Bob Sylvester and Robbie Peterson shared the agenda for Pastor Weber's visit the weekend of June 21-23, 2024.

5. Reports

- a. Elder's report shared by Melissa (given to her by Robbie Peterson).
- b. Pastor's Report: None available at this time.
- c. Administrator/Office Report: Sue shared she is working with Pastor Miller & Paul Otte to update spreadsheet for shut ins to track when members are visited.

Pastor Miller is coming into the office on a daily basis.

84 children attends VBS. 9 of the 10 confirmands helped. 44 adult volunteers.

Rootbeer and Bells--\$800 was raised.

Garage sale next week: 90% profit will go to debt reduction and 10% to Parish Health taxi services.

Summer concerts are starting soon—there are 7. Money will go to AV and Music department.

A thrift store is going to be getting set up at the Peace Place. It will be open the 1st Thursday of each month. 50% of monies raised will go to debt reduction. 25% of profit will go to utilities at Peace Place and the remainder 25% will be decided on a monthly basis of which charity to donate to. The goal is to open in August. All items will be from donations and volunteers will run the program.

June 26: Paul Otte will be hosting a youth night.

- d. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared a Mold Moisture test was done at Peace Place. Test came back good—very little found. 2 trouble spots, but not a mold problem.

Discussion of reimbursement to Paul Otte discussed.

Pastor Miller's contract / wages were discussed with Pastor Miller. Plans are finalized and being drawn up by Sue.

Updates on the roof repair were shared.

6. Old Business:

- a. Door/entrance security - Justin shared that a lockbox could go on the building.
- b. Stephen Ministry update - no update as this time
- c. Paul Otte filling visitation position: discussion above in Treasurer's report

7. New Business

- a. Policy Based Governance - Chuck updated where the process of this is at.

8. Dean made motion to adjourn. 2nd by Chuck. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.



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

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Installation Sunday
Pastor Kurt Weber



September 8th 2024
10:00 am service

Congregational Indoor Picnic
Lunch in the Peace Center
following his Installation





August 2024 Prayer Calendar



1. Stroll for Hope will take place at Riverside Park tomorrow. It's replacing the Relay for Life. Pray for those fighting and surviving cancer.
2. We live in an agriculturally rich area. Thank God for that blessing. Learn more about Hutchinson's farming history as Historic Hutchinson presents the 'Tilling of the Land' at the Public Library at 1:30
3. Pray for the student that are receiving the lunches from Common Cup. May it be to their good.
4. It's Sunday!! Enjoy the day of rest that God gave you. Go ahead. He said to do it!!
5. Do you need to refresh your driving skills? You can do that today at the Driver Education class from 1-5. Thank God for the opportunity to drive and to do it safely.
6. Give thanks for the Elders that are watching over our congregation.
7. How does your garden grow? Not so good? Thank God for the opportunity to shop at the Farmers Market and enjoy the fresh produce.
8. Thank God for the ability to do things for others. Have you thought about delivering Meals on Wheels. They are so appreciated.
9. Give thanks for new friends but keep yourself open to make new ones.
10. Give God thanks for the sense of taste and enjoy the Garlic festival at the McLeod County Fairgrounds today.
11. Which service will you attend this weekend? Thank God for the opportunity to worship freely.
12. How will you serve God this week? There are so many ways to show his love.
13. It's the Bloodmobile today. Red Cros comes to Peace every month to collect life saving blood. If you can't give, pray for those who can.
14. Did you know the Hutchinson Public Library has a scavenger hunt designed by students from New Century Academy to help kids learn more about Hutchinson. They can have fun as they use the smarts God gave them.
15. It's fair time. This is the first day of the McLeod County fair. Pray for the exhibitors as they present their best.
16. God gave us pets for our enjoyment. The Heart of Minnesota Animal shelter is having a sale to support the care of animals in their facility.
17. Thank God for our beautiful Minnesota lakes. Time to go fishing or just relax by the water.
18. Hungry for Pork Chops? St. John of Hollywood is having their annual Pork Chop dinner. Pray for the volunteers and enjoy the meal.
19. Pray that God shows you a way to share your faith this week.
20. Ask God's blessing on the Bible studies at Peace today.
21. Thank God for the people that started our wonderful town. Learn more about our past with a free bus tour today provided by Historic Hutchinson. You will learn something new.
22. Pray for the people that will be visiting the Wall that Heals as it makes a visit to Hutchinson. May it bring healing for those connected to the Vietnam War.
23. Say a prayer for the volunteers that help at Ablelight Thrift shop. It is a worthy cause helping many people.
24. Give thanks for Christian education as the Immanuel Grace Lutheran School has its grand opening today.
25. Pray for the people at the next stop of the Wall that Heals. The closing ceremony for the Hutchinson visit is today.
26. Pray for students that will be attending school away from home for the first time. Help them remember that God is with them in their new location and help them find a local church.
27. Pray for the staff of local Public Schools. Remind them that God is there even if the government says they can't talk about Him.
28. Pray for Pastor Weber and his family as he prepares to come to Peace to lead us.
29. Pray that the students will be prepared and wanting to learn in their new class.
30. Pray for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Lutheran World Relief as they spread God's love through their work.
31. Pray for the Students at Peace that they will find friends, fellowship and learn of God's love as they gather at Peace Place through out the year.

Pastor Jeff Miller 320-510-3674
 Pastor Gerhard Bode 320-587-3031

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 9 am-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						3 6:30 Worship/Comm
4 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Worship	5 10:00 Prayer Chain 1 – 5 Driver Improve	6 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 5:00 Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 Elders 6:30 Promise Keepers	7 11:30 Concert & Luncheon 5:30-7:30 Youth Night (Grade 6-12)	8	9	10 6:30 Worship
11 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship/ Comm.	12	13 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 12-6 pm Bloodmobile 6:30 Church Council 6:30 Promise Keepers	14	15 6:30 Trustees	16	17 6:30 Worship/Comm
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