

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST / AUGUST 11, 2024

**PASTOR:** Jeffrey Miller  
**Elders:**  
 Saturday 6:30pm Kevin Buss  
 Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf  
 Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson, Dale Schumann  
**Acolytes:**  
 Saturday 6:30pm Blake Rarick, Aiden Fromm  
 Sunday 8:30am Mason Carlson, Micah Perrault  
**Greeters:**  
 Sunday 8:30am Jerry and Mary Haag  
 Sunday 10:30am Don and Phyllis Hecht

It is with great joy that we share with you the following letter of acceptance from Pastor Weber

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*  
*I accept your call to be senior pastor of Peace Lutheran Church Hutchinson. My wife Laura and myself look forward to serving with you at Peace beginning September 1, 2024.*

*We are praying for God's blessing upon you and your families and the many upcoming years we serve Jesus and His church together!*

*See you soon! Pastor Kurt and Laura Weber*

Parish Health will again be administering **blood pressure checks** starting this Sunday between worship services. They will be providing this service the second Sunday of each month.

**Warning**—there have again been scammers contacting members on “behalf” of our Pastors. These are not legitimate. If you receive questionable email requests please do not reply to them and report them to the Church office.

We recently received the \$50,000 congregational fund match from this spring. Please note our balance has now dropped below 1.4! Thank you everyone for your support on the debt reduction!

**Background Checks**—Effective with the start of this school year it is mandated by our insurance carrier that all employees or volunteers working with children are required to complete a form to authorize a background investigation. If you have not yet received or completed a form, they are available at the Commons desk and in the Church office, and must be turned in to Sue by Aug 30th.

We look forward to working closely with President Woodford's staff and Pastor Reed, our circuit minister, to finalize the details of Pastor Weber's installation service, which will be held **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 10:00AM** *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18*

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

**Peace Lutheran Women in Mission**—The August “Mission of the Month” is Common Cup. They share the resources of McLeod area churches to help those in need. If you wish to donate to this mission, drop your donation in the “Mission of the Month”: boxes.

Due to recent events, we are implementing new practices regarding security on our Church campus. Information sheets explaining these changes are available in the Narthex, at the Commons Desk or in the Church Office. **NOTE: we have had 3 ‘door/security incidents’ in the last 3 weeks and need to be aware and safe. There have also been continued issues at other local churches**

We are also reminding everyone that any acquisition, removal, rearranging, relocation, etc of any church property must go through the Church Office and approved by the Facilities Mgr

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund .....	\$ 92,870.96	Building Fund.....	\$ 30,608.64
Cemetery Fund .....	\$ 67,152.49	Dedicated Funds..	\$ 69,207.16
Building Debt Balance—1/1/23.....	\$2,286,302.71		
Building Debt Balance—1/1/24.....	\$1,646,266.72		
Building Debt Balance—8/1/24.....	\$1,355,320.58 *		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal paid YTD in 2024	\$ 290,946.14		
Offerings Deposited 8/1—8/7			
General Fund.....	\$ 15,167.46	Building Fund.....	\$ 1,232.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 0.00

## Please pray for Peace members

Rita Janke	Marlene Schrupp
Barb Ribar	Delores Plath
Elaine Lewerenz	Reuben Draeger
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Rhonda Henderson
Melinda Mikolichek	Mariana Macemon
Darlene Piehl	Marlene Hamblin
Pat Schmidt	Coleen Cronen
Shirley Zackrison	Janet Healy

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	63
Sunday 8:30am	119
Sunday 10:30am	97
<b>Week Total</b>	<b>279</b>
Online	648

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### SUNDAY (8/11)

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Blood pressure checks  
10:30am Worship/Communion

### MONDAY (8/12)

### TUESDAY (8/13)

10:00am Womens Bible Study  
10:00am POP Bible Study  
12-6pm Bloodmobile  
6:30pm Promise Keepers  
6:30pm Council

### WEDNESDAY (8/14)

### THURSDAY (8/15)

6:30pm Trustees

### FRIDAY (8/16)

### SATURDAY (8/17)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

### SUNDAY (8/18)

8:30am Worship/Communion  
10:30am Worship

### MONDAY (8/19)

### TUESDAY (8/20)

10:00am Womens Bible Study  
10:00am POP Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

### WEDNESDAY (8/21)

9:00am Parish Health

### THURSDAY (8/22)

### FRIDAY (8/23)

9:00am Abelight

### SATURDAY (8/24)

6:30pm Worship

**THRIVENT CARDS**—If you are a Thrivent member you are eligible to receive two \$250 grant/cards per year that can be used to help sponsor events here at Peace. Contact Sue in the Church office for more information.

**What is your favorite hymn?** We will be singing many of your favorite hymns through the end of August. If you haven't yet made a request, please do so. Fill out a form at the Commons desk. We still have the forms from last year and will be including those as well.

**COMMON CUP DIAPER DRIVE**—Now through the end of August we will be collecting diapers for Common Cup. All sizes needed. Place your donations in the play pen in the Commons Area. Thank you

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 4, Wednesday, 5:00pm—Confirmation parent meeting

September 8, Sunday, 10:00am - Installation of Pastor Weber (one worship service that weekend)  
Children and Youth Sing; Congregational Indoor Picnic Lunch to Follow

September 11, Wednesday, 2:30-4:30pm - 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation classes

September 15, Rally Sunday Family Fun Day, 9:40am; Parents meet with Pastor Weber at 10:00am;  
Children and Youth sing at 10:30 am Worship service

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME HELP!

We have lots of exciting things happening here at Peace Lutheran! We are approaching our busy season—start up of Sunday School, Confirmation, Release Time, After School Programs, Bible Studies, Youth Events, PLUS, WE HAVE OUR NEW PASTOR ARRIVING! Do you have some spare time? We would love to have you join us in the office. Flexible/any hours available. Must have basic computer skills (ie data entry ability). We also could use someone to answer phones/greet Thursday mornings and/or afternoons. If you are available or have questions, give Sue a call.