

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST / AUGUST 18, 2024

**PASTOR:** Gerhard Bode  
**Elders:**  
 Saturday 6:30pm Brad Havemeier, George Quast  
 Sunday 8:30am Wayne Vinkemeier, Jeff Weckwerth  
 Sunday 10:30am Marc Telecky  
**Acolytes:**  
 Saturday 6:30pm Easton Christensen, Cooper Schuft  
 Sunday 8:30am Micah Luthens, Liam Schlueter  
**Greeters:**  
 Sunday 8:30am Alan and Shirley Fuchs  
 Sunday 10:30am Tom and Deb Wiprud

**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.

**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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the funeral of Alvin Peetsch, which was held here at Peace Monday.

Parish Health would like to thank the LWML for their recent donation. Their generous gift covered the taxi expense for a month!

Peace was well represented in the ‘winner’s circle’ again at the County Fair—Congratulations to all!

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*

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** (This will be the only worship service that weekend) *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Thess5:16-18* 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 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

The **Red Cross** collected 142 units at their stop at Peace on Tuesday. Great job everyone—Thank You!

### Current Checking Account Balances

|   |              |                    |              |
|---|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| General Fund .....                                | \$ 90,529.09 | Building Fund..... | \$ 30,688.64 |
| 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 8/8—8/14

|                    |             |                     |          |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------|
| General Fund.....  | \$ 7,854.00 | Building Fund.....  | \$ 80.00 |
| 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  | 64         |
| Sunday 8:30am     | 133        |
| Sunday 10:30am    | 46         |
| <b>Week Total</b> | <b>243</b> |
| Online            | 902        |

## Looking Ahead at Peace

### 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

### SUNDAY (8/25)

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

### MONDAY (8/26)

### TUESDAY (8/27)

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

### WEDNESDAY (8/28)

### THURSDAY (8/29)

### FRIDAY (8/30)

### SATURDAY (8/31)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

If you have a portable picnic table that you could loan to the Church for the Installation 'picnic' on Sept. 8th, please let the Church office know. We would like to set these up in the playground/courtyard area and in the Commons. Thank you!

**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  
We are asking for the donation of canned goods for the food shelf

**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/days 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.