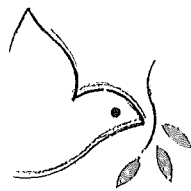


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We are a loving community called by God's grace — that all know the Peace of God.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT / DECEMBER 1, 2024

PASTORS	KURT WEBER AND JEFFREY MILLER
ELDERS	
Saturday 6:30pm	Kevin Buss, George Quast
Sunday 8:30pm	Wayne Vinkemeier, Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 10:30am	Dale Schumann
ACOLYTES	
Saturday 6:30pm	Harper Powell, Aiden Fromm
Sunday 8:30am	Liam Schlueter, Ophelia Schlueter
GREETERS	
Sunday 8:30am	Brian and Stephanie Schlueter
Sunday 10:30am	Barb Marquardt, Diane Johnson

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—The December "Mission of the Month" is Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, a Christ-centered residential treatment and education center for troubled children and their families. Drop your donation in the "Mission of the Month" boxes. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT WEBER

Wednesday - Will resume January 8th

Sunday **9:40am** coffee, juice & treats—Dec 1 & 8
The smallest books of the Bible

Giving Cards—For members that donate electronically, or use direct deposit, you may use an offering card provided in the Narthex rack to symbolize your offering during worship.

The **Annual Turkey and Ham Dinner** held last Friday was again a huge success! With the generosity of many of the attendees, the utilization of Thrivent cards, and thrifty shopping—our net profit was \$4,264.61! The proceeds from this event will go towards the debt reduction and also will be matched by the Congregation Fund. We also collected a shopping cart full of food for Common Cup. An event of this proportion takes a tremendous amount of volunteer hours. Thank you to everyone that volunteered—you are all a true blessing!

We assembled and delivered 75 shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Thank you to everyone that donated items, helped assemble the boxes, donated money for postage for this great cause!

Christmas cards (individual & boxed) are available at the LWML card shop in the rampway.

Giving Tree- This holiday season we are adding a large Christmas tree in the Peace Center and we will be 'selling' ornaments to decorate it with all of the proceeds going to Common Cup to help with their Christmas outreach programs. Ornaments will be available in the Church office and before/after Advent services.

Cookie & Bake Sale- Saturday, December 7th. We are calling all of our amazing bakers to bring in your sweet treats for this annual sale. We will be packaging goodies from 9am until 12 noon that day (and could use assistance). The actual sale will be from 12noon until 3pm. All proceeds from this sale will go to the debt reduction fund. The occasional store at Peace Place will also be open during these hours. Proceeds from this special sale will go towards the purchase of the live garlands and wreaths adorning the front exterior of the Church.

Holiday Party—Saturday, December 14th at 11:30am—After the Sunday School Christmas Program practice, there will be a special party with pizza and ice cream, ornament making, tree decorating and have your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus! **COME JOIN US—EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Special Service/Congregational Meeting/Christmas Lunch

On Sunday December 22 our worship service will be at 10:00am (this will be the only service that weekend). This special service will feature guest soloists, our adult choir and our bell choir. A short congregational meeting will immediately follow the service. There are two items on the agenda: 1) vote to allow the Church Council to appoint a call committee to proceed with the call process of a Youth and Family Minister; 2) vote to officially make the transfer from Vacancy Pastor to Associate Pastor for Pastor Jeff Miller. After the meeting, lunch will be served and a time for some holiday fellowship. Please mark this special day on your calendar.

FIREWOOD—One of our members is again generously donating mixed hardwood for your fire needs. \$200/pick-up load, delivered (within 10 miles of Hutch). The \$200 will be donated to the debt reduction fund. If interested, contact Sue in the Church office.

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 72,002.85	Building Fund.....	\$ 20,433.52
Cemetery Fund	\$ 48,137.13	Dedicated Funds....	\$ 71,487.16
Building Debt Balance—1/1/23.....	\$2,286,302.71		
Building Debt Balance—1/1/24.....	\$1,646,266.72		
Building Debt Balance—11/17/24.....	\$1,276,126.17*		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal paid YTD in 2024	\$ 370,140.55		

Offerings Deposited 11/20—11/27

General Fund.....	\$ 16,072.89	Building Fund.....	\$ 230.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Reuben Draeger
Barb Ribar	Mariana Macemon
Elaine Lewerenz	Marlene Hamblin
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Coleen Cronen
Melinda Mikolichuk	Angie Alsleben
Darlene Piehl	Lynette Hart
Shirley Zackrison	John Korngiebel
Marlene Schrupp	Melissa Wanous
Delores Plath	

LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

SUNDAY (12/1)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (12/2)

10-12am Occas Sale Work Day
4-6pm Occas Sale Drop Off

TUESDAY (12/3)

10:00am Womens Bible Study
10:00am POP Bible Stud
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
3:20pm Elem Sewing
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (12/4)

10:00am Body and Soul
11:30am Worship & Lunch
2:40-4:30pm Confirmation
3:30pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Worship
5:45pm Handbells
6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (12/5)

9am-6pm Occasional Sale

FRIDAY (12/6)

SATURDAY (12/7)

12-3pm Cookie/Bake Sale
12-3pm Occasional Sale
6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (12/8)

8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (12/9)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (12/10)

10:00am Womens Bible Study
10:00am POP Bible Study
12-6pm Bloodmobile
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
3:20pm Elem Sewing
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (12/11)

9-11am—Release Time
10:00am Body and Soul
11:30am Worship & Lunch
1:00 Mission Sewing
2:40-4:30pm Confirmation
3:20pm Elem Sewing
3:30pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Worship
5:45pm Handbells
6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (12/12)

FRIDAY (12/13)

SATURDAY (12/14)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

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 6:30pm	83
Sunday 8:30am	167
Sunday 10:30am	85
TOTAL	335
OnLine	815

If you are a Thrivent member you are eligible to apply for two \$250 grant cards per year. These cards can be used for many events here at Peace and help tremendously for many activities. As we near the end of the year, we still have a need in several areas. If you are interested, contact Sue in the office to see what you should apply for. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL—FALL MISSION PROJECT—ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

***STUFFED ANIMALS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)** ***SHOES (CLEAN/WEARABLE)** ***SOCKS & UNDERWEAR (NEW/ALL SIZES)**

WE ARE COLLECTING THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT IS A CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT DISTRIBUTES PERSONAL RESOURCES TO THE NEEDY IN AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD)

OCCASIONAL SALE UPDATE

Thank you to all the shoppers and volunteers and those who have generously donated items for our first two sales at Peace Place! One quarter of the November sales, \$425.17, was donated to our local food shelf; \$425.17 will go towards utilities and maintenance and half of the sales, \$850.32, will be matched by the Congregational Fund for debt reduction. The extended December hours will be 9:00am-6:00pm. One quarter of the **December 5th** sales will support McLeod Alliance for Domestic Violence. An additional sale date on **December 7th**, will occur during the same time (12Noon-3:00pm) as the cookie sale at the Church (with the proceeds from that day's sale going towards the purchase of live garland/wreaths for the Church entry). Starting with the **January 9th** sale, regular hours will be from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Donation drop off dates and times are from 4:00-6:00pm on December 2nd and January 6th at the "flower door" (south side of Peace Place—by the parking lot) where volunteers will receive donations. Any questions, please contact Lynn at (320) 582-0193 or Gayle at (320) 583-2487 **Also every Monday & Thursday 10am-12noon the crew will be at Peace Place. Please feel free to come and help and see what's going on (or drop off donated items). PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS OUTSIDE OF DOOR!**