

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT / DECEMBER 22, 2024

<b>PASTORS</b>	KURT WEBER
<b>ELDERS</b>	
Sunday 10:00am	Matthew Markgraf
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	
Sunday 10:00am	Kiara Durbin, Brynn Kobow
<b>GREETERS</b>	
Sunday 10:00am	Gloria Janicke and Joyce Tews

**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 - Will resume January 5th

**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.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that again donated their time and talents to decorate our Church campus, inside and out, for the holiday season.

The **Red Cross** collected 136 units at their recent stop here at Peace. From those that donated blood, to our Church members that donate their time every month to this great cause—Thank You!

The **2025 Offering Envelopes** are available in the ramp-way. If you do not find yours, please notify the Church office. If you no longer wish to use envelopes (auto-deposit, etc) please notify the office. Offerings/donations that you wish to be reflected on your 2024 statement must be received in the office by 12noon on Dec 31st.

**Sewing Assistants** - We are looking for volunteers to assist our elementary and middle school sewing groups. We meet 90 minutes, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. If interested contact Shirley Wurdell 583-1009

**Cookie & Bake Sale** – Thank you to everyone that brought in homemade goodies to make this annual event a success again! Our net proceeds were \$1,607.00 which will go towards the debt reduction and be matched by the Congregational Fund.

### Special Christmas Lunch & Congregational Meeting

Following our worship service today there will be a special holiday luncheon in the Peace Center for EVERYONE. At this time we will also conduct a short congregational meeting with 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 Director of Youth and Family Ministry 2) vote to officially make the transfer from Vacancy Pastor to Associate Pastor for Pastor Jeff Miller. Please join us for the luncheon, meeting, and this special time for holiday fellowship with your 'Peace family'.

The beautiful evergreen crosses on the front doors of the church were donated to Peace by Stockmens Nursery.

**Thank You for Your Generosity**—Common Cup Ministries would like to thank you for your donation of food and offering dollars collected during Thanksgiving. Your kindness enables us to share spiritual and financial resources to those in need. As the cold weather sets in, we are especially in need of children's snow pants, boots, mittens and hats. If you're able to contribute, donations can be dropped off at the Common Cup office or in the Church commons area. Thank you.

Stop in the office and greet our new Office Manager, **Michelle Holden**, who just started this past week, and welcome her to Peace Lutheran family

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILIES FROM THE PASTORS AND STAFF AT PEACE!

### Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund .....	\$ 67,319.07	Building Fund.....	\$ 23,591.52
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—12/17/24.....	\$1,243,628.90*		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal paid YTD in 2024	\$ 402,637.82		

### Offerings Deposited 12/12-12/18

General Fund.....	\$ 19,375.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 1,035.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

## PRAYER LIST

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

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

Advent 11:30am	65
Advent 4:30pm	59
Advent 6:30pm	18
Saturday 6:30pm	47
Sunday 8:30am	103
Sunday 10:30am	237
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>529</b>
<b>OnLine</b>	<b>1260</b>

## LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

<b>SUNDAY (12/22)</b> 10:00am Worship Carol & Bells 11:30am Congregational Mtg & Congregational Holiday Lunch	<b>SUNDAY (12/29)</b> 10:00am Worship/Communion
<b>MONDAY (12/23)</b> Office open 9am-12noon 10-12am Occas Sale Work Day	<b>MONDAY (12/30)</b> Office open 9am-12noon 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
<b>TUESDAY (12/24)</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Office open 9am-12noon 3:00pm Candlelight Service 5:00pm Candlelight Service 7:00pm Candlelight Service	<b>TUESDAY (12/31)</b> Office open 9am-12noon
<b>WEDNESDAY (12/25)</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Office closed 9:00am Worship/Communion	<b>WEDNESDAY (1/1)</b> Office Closed
<b>THURSDAY (12/26)</b> Office closed	<b>THURSDAY (1/2)</b> Office Closed
<b>FRIDAY (12/27)</b> Office closed	<b>FRIDAY (1/3)</b> Office Closed
<b>SATURDAY (12/28)</b> No Worship Service	<b>SATURDAY (1/4)</b> 6:30pm Worship/Communion

The January-February-March Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex and Commons Area.

Our Fall Sunday School mission project was Orphan Grain Train. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer organization that distributes personal resources for the needy in America and around the world. 26 large boxes (11—shoes; 2—socks; 1—underwear; and 12 stuffed animals) have been packed and will be delivered to OGT. Our next mission project will focus on Common Cup.

## OCCASIONAL SALE UPDATE

**Thank you to all the shoppers and volunteers and those who have generously donated items for our first three sales at Peace Place!** One quarter of the December 5th sales, \$347.50, was donated to the McLeod Alliance for Domestic Violence; \$347.50 will go towards utilities and maintenance and half of the sales \$695.25, will be matched by the Congregational Fund for debt reduction. We also were open on December 7th in conjunction with the Cookie Sale. \$140.00 of the proceeds were used to purchase the live garlands and wreaths for the Church entry, with the remaining balance of \$383.50 going towards the debt reduction. Starting with the **January 9th** sale, regular hours will be from 10:00am to 6:00pm. One quarter of the January sales will go to Common Cup. Donation drop off dates and times are from 4:00-6:00pm on 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. **Every Monday & Thursday 10am-12noon the crew will be at Peace Place. Please feel free to come help and see what's going on (or drop off donated items) PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS OUTSIDE OF DOOR!**

## POINSETTIA MEMORIALS 2024

### IN MEMORY OF/HONOR OF

Ronald Swenson, Steven Swenson (2)

Our Family & Loved Ones (2)

Justin Nass (son), Darlene Thulin (Mom)

Lloyd & Norma Mattson, Curt Mattson (2)

Carol Mons

Jack Meyer & All loved ones

Alan Schmoll

Larry Stender

Lyle Shaw, Steve Shaw

Fran & Achim Graupmann

Bruce, Judy and Mark Radunz

Loved Ones

Parents and love for our family

Loved Ones (2)

Walt & Ardys Rannow (2)

### GIVEN BY

Marlys Swenson

Rev Jeff & Anita Miller

Dan & Jody Holtz & family

Barb Sorensen

Gary Mons & family

Jeanette Meyer

The Schmoll Family

Phyllis Stender

Faye Shaw

Linda & Greg Ziemer

Sarah Radunz

Dale & Judy Schumann

Gene & Jeanette Ebnet

Marv & Donna Seller

Sue Kroyer & Bruce Rannow

**MEMORIAL GIFTS 2024**

<b>IN MEMORY OF</b>	<b>GIVEN BY</b>	<b>FUND</b>
Loved Ones	Scott & Liz Brusehaver	Debt
Lorraine & Corwin Meyer & other loved ones	Jim & Sandie Haugen	Cemetery Visitation
Donald Fenske & Our parents	Marion Fenske	Debt
John, Doris and Bret Havemeier	Brad Havemeier	Debt
Kenneth Koehler	Koehler Family	Debt
Henry & Minnie Krause, Mary Kleinschmidt Vern & Marge Flaig	Randy & Ruthie Flaig “	Building “
Norman & Jeffrey Beach	Gary & Cynthia Eure	General
Don Lickfelt, Miranda Lickfelt, Jason & Matt Lickfelt	Bonnie Lickfelt, Mike Lickfelt & Shayne	Debt
Carol Mons	Gary Mons	Sunday School
Jerry Janicke	Gloria Janicke & family	Cemetery
Our Parents	Jeff & Rita Janke	Debt
Victor & Lucy Schmidt, Marion Starke	Their families	Cemetery
Lyle Shaw, Steve Shaw	Faye Shaw	Building
Steve Brown	Doug & Lynn Brown	Building
Steve Brown	Darlyn Egge	Building
Loved Ones & Our Pastors	Dale & Judy Schumann	Taxi Service
Arlin Otto	Shirley Otto & family	Debt
Carl & Delores Schmidt, Cyndy Schmidt	Wally & Pat Kohls & family	Cemetery
Jeff Rasmussen	Don & Irene Rasmussen	Debt
Leslie & Lucille Smith	David Smith	Debt
<b>IN HONOR OF</b>	<b>GIVEN BY</b>	<b>FUND</b>
Our Grandchildren	Jim & Sandie Haugen	Debt; AV
Our Grandchildren	Mike & Linda Field	Debt
Greg & Deb Holtz	Eric & Cassie Padrnos & family	Debt
Keeley June, Our great-granddaughter	John & Mary Melin	Debt