

Peace Lutheran Church



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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / DECEMBER 29, 2024

PASTORS	JEFFREY MILLER
ELDERS	
Sunday 10:00am	Robbie Peterson, George Quast
ACOLYTES	
Sunday 10:00am	Blake Rarick, Micah Luthesn
GREETERS	
Sunday 10:00am	Annette Koehler, Arlene Benshoof

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.

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 **2025 Offering Envelopes** are available in the rampway. 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 for 90 minutes on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. If you are interested in helping, contact Shirley Wurdell at 583-1009

Note the **Building Debt Balance** has now gone below \$1.2 million! Plus, a check for additional principal will be sent at months end which will be \$28,000+. Looking ahead it is anticipated we will easily drop under the 1M mark during 2025! Thank you for your support!

BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT WEBER

Wednesday - Will resume January 8th

Sunday - Will resume January 5th

Congregational Meeting A congregational meeting was held after the special worship service on December 22nd. There were 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. Both items passed unanimously The meeting was held in conjunction with a holiday luncheon and fellowship which was attended by over 150 members!

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 recently joined us, and welcome her to Peace Lutheran family

NEW YEARS BLESSINGS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILIES FROM THE PASTORS AND STAFF AT PEACE! WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS FOR THE GIFTS, PRAYERS AND HOLIDAY WISHES EXTENDED TO US AND OUR FAMILIES. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED!

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 84,761.96	Building Fund.....	\$ 14,895.20
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—12/20/24.....	\$1,193,628.90*		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal paid YTD in 2024	\$ 452,637.82		
Offerings Deposited 12/19-12/23			
General Fund.....	\$ 10,507.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 0.00
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 Mikolichek	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	66
Advent 4:30pm	63
Advent 6:30pm	16
Sunday 10:00am	240
TOTAL	385
OnLine	980

LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

SUNDAY (12/29)

10:00am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (12/30)

Office open 9am-12noon
10-12am Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (12/31)

NEW YEARS EVE

Office open 9am-12noon

WEDNESDAY (1/1)

NEW YEARS DAY

Office closed

THURSDAY (1/2)

Office closed

FRIDAY (1/3)

Office closed

SATURDAY (1/4)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (1/5)

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

MONDAY (1/6)

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

TUESDAY (1/7)

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

WEDNESDAY (1/8)

9:00am Release Time
10:00am Body & Soul
11:45am Lunch/Bible Study
2:45pm Confirmation
3:30pm Tiger Tweens
5:30pm Adult Chior
6:30p m Handbells

THURSDAY (1/9)

10am-6pm Occasional Sale

FRIDAY (1/10)

SATURDAY (1/11)

6:30pm Worship

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. We also collected \$146.50 in Sunday School offerings which has been sent 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!**