

Peace Lutheran Church



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT / DECEMBER 8, 2024

PASTORS	KURT WEBER AND JEFFREY MILLER
ELDERS	
Saturday 6:30pm	Dale Schumann
Sunday 8:30pm	Matthew Markgraf
Sunday 10:30am	Robble Peterson, Marc Telecky
ACOLYTES	
Saturday 6:30pm	Kiera Lieder, Lily Demere
Sunday 8:30am	Layla Johnson, Kendal Selle
GREETERS	
Sunday 8:30am	Norb and Dee Hemmann
Sunday 10:30am	Anita Miller

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.

The **Annual Turkey and Ham Dinner** 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!

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

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.

Congratulations and blessings to Lisa Kalenberg and Roger Kaufmann, who were joined in marriage here at Peace this past Thursday,

Current Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 81,511.20	Building Fund.....	\$ 17,085.92
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—12/1/24.....	\$1,253,834.24*		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal paid YTD in 2024	\$ 392,432.48		

Offerings Deposited 11/28—12/4

General Fund.....	\$ 22,353.46	Building Fund.....	\$ 663.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

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.

Cookie & Bake Sale— Thank you to everyone that brought in homemade goodies to make this annual event a success again! At the time of this printing we did not have a tally of the proceeds (which will all go to the debt reduction fund).

Holiday Party For All Ages—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 from 11:30am to 1:00pm "kids of all ages" can have their 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 Grace Puckett as guest soloist, 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. We are asking you to bring some of your favorite holiday cookies to share. Please mark this special day on your calendar.

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

As we do each year, we recently donated \$1,837.50 to **Common Cup**, which was one-half of our Thanksgiving offerings.

Thank you to Brandon Begnaud for again joining us and playing piano during our 8:30am worship service.

PRAYER LIST

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

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

Thanksgiving 11:30 am	93
Thanksgiving 6:30 pm	76
Saturday 6:30pm	75
Sunday 8:30am	148
Sunday 10:30am	89
TOTAL	481
OnLine	389

LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

SUNDAY (12/8)

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

MONDAY (12/9)

10-12am 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)

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

THURSDAY (12/12)

10-12am Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (12/13)

SATURDAY (12/14)

10-11:30am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
11:30am Christmas Party
6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (12/15)

8:30am Worship/Communion
10:30am Worship/Children's Christmas Program

MONDAY (12/16)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (12/17)

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

WEDNESDAY (12/18)

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

THURSDAY (12/19)

10-12am Occas Sale Work Day
6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (12/20)

SATURDAY (12/21)

No Worship Service

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)

If you are a Thrivent member, you are entitled to receive two \$250/grant cards/year. These cards can be used for many different projects here at Peace. There still is time for you to apply before years' end. Don't let them go unused. Thrivent allocates these monies each year and if members do not apply for them, Thrivent donates them to the charity of their choice. Contact Sue in the Church office for suggestions of projects that you could request cards for. These cards are a tremendous help to our Church!

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. At the time of printing the bulletin, the proceeds (which were going to be used for purchase of the live garlands/wreaths for the Church entry, with the remaining balance going towards the debt reduction) had not been recorded. 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 and help and see what's going on (or drop off donated items). PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ITEMS OUTSIDE OF DOOR!**