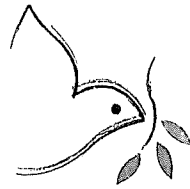


# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT / DECEMBER 15, 2024

<b>PASTORS</b>	KURT WEBER AND JEFFREY MILLER
<b>ELDERS</b>	
Saturday 6:30pm	George Quast, Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 8:30pm	Brad Havemeier, Wayne Vinkemeier
Sunday 10:30am	Kevin Buss
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	
Saturday 6:30pm	Evelyn Kaping, Kelby Wichman
Sunday 8:30am	Kash Zemlicka, Cael Taraldson
<b>GREETERS</b>	
Sunday 8:30am	Butch and Judy Hanke
Sunday 10:30am	Tom and Deb Wiprud

**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! The proceeds, \$4,264.61, 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!

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 stop here at Peace this past Tuesday. 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 rampway.

**Giving Tree**- This holiday season we have added 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! Our net proceeds were \$1,577.00 which will go towards the debt reduction and be matched by the Congregational Fund.

**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 Director of Youth and Family Ministry 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.**

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

**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

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund .....	\$ 50,025.58	Building Fund.....	\$ 24,581.52
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—12/1/24.....	\$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 12/5-12/11.			
General Fund.....	\$ 10,036.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 1480.00
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 Mikolichek	Angie Alsleben
Darlene Piehl	John Korngiebel
Shirley Zackrison	Melissa Wanous
Marlene Schrupp	Naomi Meier
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

Advent 11:30 am	64
Advent 4:30 pm	50
Advent 6:30pm	28
Saturday 6:30pm	68
Sunday 8:30am	140
Sunday 10:30am	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>425</b>
OnLine	710

## LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

**SUNDAY (12/15)**  
8:30am Worship  
10:30am Childrens Christmas Program

**MONDAY (12/16)**  
10-12am Occas Sale Work Day

**TUESDAY (12/17)**  
10:00am Womens Bible Study  
10:00am POP Bible Stu  
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Stu  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

**WEDNESDAY (12/18)**  
9:00am Release Time  
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 Choir and 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 (12/22)**  
10:00am Worship Carol & Bells  
11:30am Congregational Mtg & Congregational Holiday Party

**MONDAY (12/23)**  
Office Open 9am-12noon  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**TUESDAY (12/24)**  
Office open 9am-12noon  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
3pm—5pm—7pm

**WEDNESDAY (12/25)**  
Office Closed  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9:00am Worship/Communion

**THURSDAY (12/26)**  
Office Closed

**FRIDAY (12/27)**  
Office Closed

**SATURDAY (12/28)**  
No Worship Service

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

### 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. \$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!**