

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 OF EPIPHANY / JANUARY 12, 2025

PASTORS	KURT WEBER AND JEFFREY MILLER
ELDERS	
Saturday 6:30pm	Matthew Markgraf
Sunday 8:30am	Kevin Buss
Sunday 10:30am	Robbie Peterson, Wayne Vinkemeier
ADOLYTES	
Saturday 6:30pm	Kiera Plath, Weston Schmidt
Sunday 8:30am	Aiden Fromm,
GREETERS	
Sunday 8:30am	Gwen Wichman, Hazel Sitz
Sunday 10:30am	Dale and Judy Schumann

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. The **2024 Offering Statements** are now available in the rampway. Please note any offerings received after December 31st will be credited to your 2025 statement. Also, any past, or future, donations to Guiding Light Early Learning Center will not be reflected on your PLC offering statement as they are a separate entity. You must request donation receipts from them directly.

Note the **Building Debt Balance**—A check for additional principal received in December in the amount of \$30,621.25 has been forwarded to LCEF. Looking ahead it is anticipated we will easily drop under the 1M mark during 2025! Thank you for your support!

Current Checking Account Balances			
General Fund	\$ 71,425.44	Building Fund.....	\$ 12,495.64
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—1/1/25.....	\$1,163,007.65*		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99		
Building Debt Principal paid in 2024	\$ 483,259.07*		
Offerings Deposited 1/1-1/8			
General Fund.....	\$ 11,207.00	Building Fund.....	\$ 770.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 0.00	Dedicated Funds...	\$ 0.00

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission—will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on January 26. Stop by the Commons and help us commemorate this momentous occasion. Coffee and treats will be service between the services. A free will offering for missions will be taken.

BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT WEBER

Wednesday - Will resume January 8th

Sunday - Will resume January 5th

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! Also, the freewill offering resulted in \$628 for the debt reduction!

If you are interested in serving on the **Call Committee** for the position of Director of Youth and Family Ministry, please contact Melissa Weckwerth at jmweck@gmail.com or the Church office with your name, or names of anyone that you think should be considered for this important position.

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. You do not need to be an expert seamstress, all you need is basic knowledge. If you are interested in helping, contact Shirley Wurdell at 583-1009.

Guiding Light Early Learning Center is an official business entity as of December 20, 2024. If you would like to support the center with monetary gifts, please place your check in an envelope and drop in the box on desk in Commons Area. You may also mail your check to: Guiding Light Early Learning Center, PO Box 94, Hutchinson MN 55350

New Years Blessings to You and 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 Blessed!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—VOTERS MTG—FEB 2ND

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Marlene Hamblin
Barb Ribar	Coleen Cronen
Elaine Lewerenz	Angie Alsleben
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Melissa Wanous
Melinda Mikolichek	Naomi Meier
Darlene Piehl	Linda Larson
Shirley Zackrisson	Deb Hammond
Marlene Schrupp	June Beach
Delores Plath	Mabel Boelter
Rueben Draeger	Mae Schuette
Mariana Macemon	Randy Ulrich

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	69
Sunday 8:30am	129
Sunday 10:30am	128
TOTAL	326
OnLine	872

LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

SUNDAY (1/12)

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

MONDAY (1/13)

10-12am Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (1/14)

10:00am Women's Bible Study
12-6pm Bloodmobile
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
3:20pm Middle School Sewing
6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (1/15)

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

THURSDAY (1/16)

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

FRIDAY (1/17)

SATURDAY (1/18)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (1/19)

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

MONDAY (1/20)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (1/21)

10:00am Womens Bible Study
3:00 Proverbs Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (1/22)

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 (1/23)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (1/24)

9:00am Abelight

SATURDAY (1/25)

6:30pm Worship

FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS PROJECT FOR SPRING, WE WILL BE COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP FOR COMMON CUP MINISTRIES. PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATED CANS TO THE FOOTBALL DISPLAY IN THE COMMONS AREA ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE, WE WILL BE HAVING A "SOUP"ER BOWL LUNCH - (ITS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!)

SOUP, CRACKERS, MAC & CHEESE, BEVERAGES—WILL BE PROVIDED

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!

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!**