

February 2025

Messenger of PEACE



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PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP

Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN



YouTube

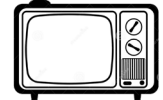
www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



Happy New Year! Hear Some Good News from God today:

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

In this New Year, God is doing a New thing and a really Good thing here at Peace Lutheran. It is not just one new thing but lots and lots of Good things!

I had the chance the other day to go with the children over to Prince of Peace Retirement home. The children played Bible Bingo with our Seniors. As we were sitting at the table chatting, one of the seniors called out, “Bingo” and they brought over her prize of yummy candy. Well, the older lady promptly gave the candy to the very bright young girl and she said, “Thank u!” Then something special and new happened. The young girl went to her coat and brought out granola bar and she gave it to the older lady and said, “There you go!” It was a blessing to see this Christian girl share with the older lady who couldn’t eat candy any longer for health reasons. I smiled and thought, “thank you God for the opportunity to reach out to our children through our Early Release children’s ministry. God is doing a new thing!

For months now, 4 months to be exact, all different ages of men have been coming forward and saying, “Hey Pastor, what do you think about doing a new men’s Bible study?” This past week I met with one of our young dads and he is super excited to help lead a new Bible study for men, called, “Be a Man, Becoming the man God created you to be.” I am so excited God is growing this young man in his relationship with Jesus to step forward and help me lead a new study. Join us every Tuesday beginning January 28 at 6:30 am. God is doing a new thing!

This past week we celebrated the eternal life of one of our beloved church family members named John. John helped us in so many ways with our church building as well as our child care center ministry. What an amazing Legacy! John’s going home to his Lord along with several others this past year brought to mind the great need to care for our church family and friends who have had loved ones die. So we are starting something new and it is called, “Grief Share Support Group”. We are currently building our team of helpers and look forward to sharing this new ministry with the church beginning in February. God is doing a new thing!

What new thing is God doing in your life? In the life of your family? Maybe God is calling you to serve the children and youth here at Peace, or maybe he has you diving into a new Bible Study. Or maybe this is season where we can care for you as a church after the passing of your loved one.

Jesus said in the New Testament book of Revelation, “Behold, I am making all things New!” Revelation 21:5

A Blessed New Year to you and your family!

See you at church!

Pastor Kurt Weber

Associate Pastor's Corner

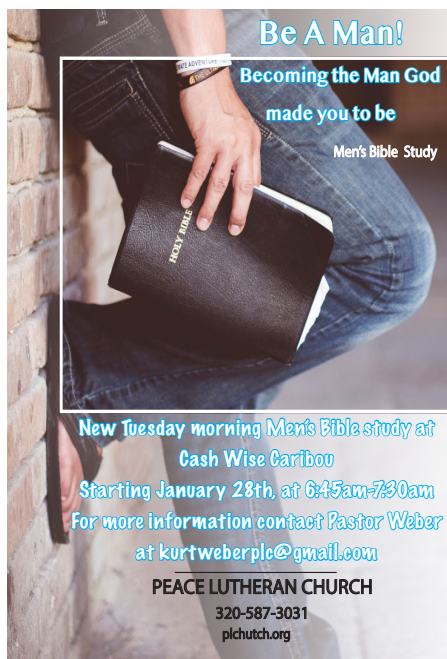
I have never been an Associate Pastor before. So, this position is new to me. But I do remember what it is like to not be in charge – so to speak. In High School Band I always played second or third chair. It did not bother me to NOT be first chair. Those people practiced our pieces outside of school, which I did not do? I played an instrument just to be in the group.

What you see: assist with worship services. Preach occasionally. Teach 7th grade confirmation. Smile and greet every one of you, because I am glad to see you.

What you may not see: Paul Otte and I share the responsibility of visiting and communing the shut-in members of our congregation. I also make hospital visits and special visits when necessary. Like all our lives “STUFF” happens. I am available to step in when Pastor Weber is not available and help with the “stuff” in life. I am considered “Staff,” so I share in the staff meetings.

Most of all – I am here and serving Peace Lutheran Church as a pastor, in order to help our congregation become a vibrant congregation again. Keep your staff and our congregation in your prayers.

God's Peace,
Pastor Miller



Be A Man!
Becoming the Man God made you to be
Men's Bible Study

New Tuesday morning Men's Bible study at
Cash Wise Caribou
Starting January 28th, at 6:45am-7:30am
For more information contact Pastor Weber
at kurtweberple@gmail.com

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

February Ushers

Saturday 6:30pm

Feb 1: Kevin & Gloriann Heikes
8: Dick & Corinne Higgins
15: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
22: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

8:30am

Team 3 & 4
Tim Zackrison
Marc Max
Marlin Haag
Troy Kurth
Mike McKimm
Nic Tews
Owen Streich
Scott Streich

February Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

Feb 1: Kevin Heikes
8: Dick Higgins
15: Joanne Keilen
22:

Sunday 8:30am

Feb 2: Mary Haag
9: Hazel Sitz
16: Darlyn Egge
23: Marion Fenske

10:30am

Sara Peterson
Aiden Fromm
Phyllis Hecht
Anita Miller

February Greeters

February 2

8:30 Scott & Shannon Streich
10:30 Gloria Janicke

February 9

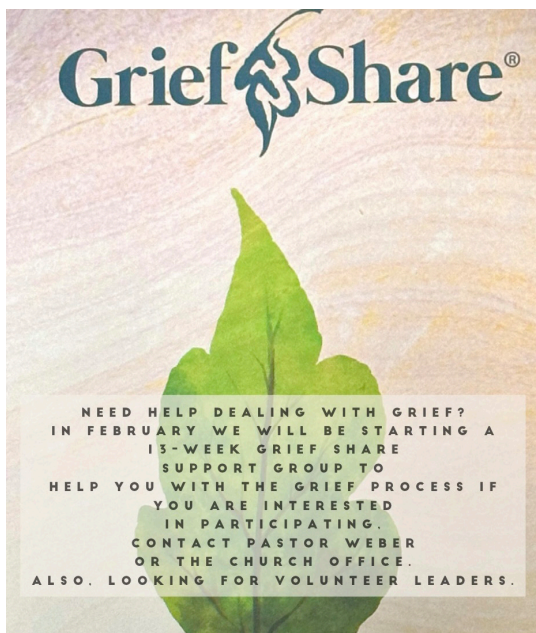
8:30 Jerry & Mary Haag
10:30 Ron & Barb Kirchoff

February 16

8:30 Doug & Lynn Brown
10:30 Robbie & Sara Peterson

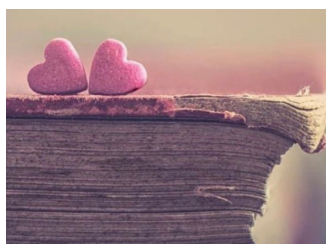
February 23

8:30 Norb & Dee Hemmann
10:30 Anita Miller



Grief Share®

NEED HELP DEALING WITH GRIEF?
IN FEBRUARY WE WILL BE STARTING A
13-WEEK GRIEF SHARE
SUPPORT GROUP TO
HELP YOU WITH THE GRIEF PROCESS IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN PARTICIPATING.
CONTACT PASTOR WEBER
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.
ALSO, LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER LEADERS.



OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM

January 26 – Lucy Schmidt, daughter of Cody and Katarina Schmidt

WEDDINGS

December 5 – Roger Kaufmann and Lisa Kalenberg

FUNERALS

November 30 – Eldor Lade, 89, passed November 15
December 7 – Janet Healy, 80, passed November 25
December 23 – Jule Schroeder, 82, passed December 15
January 11 – John Korngiebel, 91, passed January 3
January 28 – Randy Ulrich, 64, passed January 17

Memorials

Charles Schmidt - \$1,000 – General Fund
Eldor Lade - \$50 – General Fund
Janet Healy - \$10 – Debt Reduction
\$50 – General Fund
Rhonda Henderson - \$500 – General Fund
\$500 – Debt Reduction
\$500 – Dorcas
John Korngiebel - \$310- Debt Reduction
\$120 – General Fund

RECENT TRANSFERS

Keith Anderson, transferred to Good Shepherd Lutheran, Glencoe, MN
Travis, Stephanie and Jayden Brecht, released to join St. John's CCCC, Biscay MN

Annual Voters Meeting



WHO: Peace Lutheran Members

WHAT: Annual Voters Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, February 2
after the 10:30 service

WHERE: Peace Center

Please plan to attend as we share the Annual Financial Plan and various reports from committees.

Occasional Sale Update

Thank you to all the shoppers, volunteers, and those who have generously donated items for the Winter sales at Peace Place!! One quarter of the December 5th sales, \$347.50, was donated to McLeod Alliance for Domestic Violence. \$347.50 went toward utilities and maintenance, and half of the sales, \$695.25, was matched by the Congregational Fund, for a total of \$1,390.50 toward debt reduction. Occasional sale was also open on December 7th in conjunction with the cookie sale. \$140 of the proceeds was used to purchase live garland and wreaths for the church entry, with the remaining proceeds of \$383.50 going to debt reduction. One quarter of January sales, \$365.55 will be sent to Common Cup, \$365.55 to maintenance and utilities, and the remaining \$731.10 will go to debt reduction.

Donation drop-off dates and times are from 4:00-6:00 on February 3rd at the flower door. Please ring the doorbell, and volunteers will receive your donations. We are accepting clothing including outerwear, shoes, boots, purses, jewelry, home decor including holiday (Valentine/Easter), towels, sheets, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, small appliances, crafts, toys, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, and records. We welcome volunteers to help sort and price donations on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-noon or donation drop-off times. February sale is February 6th from 10:00-6:00 A quarter of the proceeds will go to Youth missions. Any further questions, please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it's packed with opportunities for all of us to celebrate life, nurture connections, and focus on well-being. From Valentine's Day to Heart Health Awareness, this month reminds us of the importance of love—both for others and for ourselves. Simple steps like daily walks, eating heart-healthy foods, and managing stress can make a big difference. This month I suggest you make plans daily to complete a good deed, stay active, and reconnect with others.



Blessings,
Destini Doring
Executive Director
Prince of Peace Retirement Living
#320.234.7588
www.poprl.org

SOUPER Sunday School Mission Project –

Please bring a can of SOUP for our “SOUPER BOWL” fundraiser for Common Cup Ministries. We will also be having a “SOUPER” lunch after church on February 9th. There will be no charge for lunch but a freewill donations with proceeds are also going to Common Cup. Soup, crackers, beverages, and mac & cheese will be provided. Please feel free to bring you favorite dessert to share. Everyone is invited, hope to see you there!!



Tiger Tweens- Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-5)

Every Wednesday during school year 3:30-4:45 Church Basement.
- Children meet at the Park Elementry “Rock” and are walked to church together.



KIDS CONNECT

Confirmation | Wednesdays

Begins Sept 21 | 2:30 pm | Grade 6,7,8

The confirmation program at Peace Lutheran provides an opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to continue their spiritual journey, that they may come to have a greater understanding of the Bible and Luther's Catechism in their daily lives. Classes are held September through April.

This year students are invited to join youth group prior to class on early release days.

Sunday School Age 3-Gr 8

Sept.-May

Children can come and interact with friends and teachers to learn about the Old and New Testament through team building games, movies, crafts, and Bible stories. There is music each week as well that the children will be working on towards Family Worships. Jesus is constantly showing us his great plan and we love to teach the little ones how it is unfolding into a bigger plan for them.

Release Time Grades 2-5

Wed. Morning Church Basement Beginning Oct. 30th

This is a great mid-week program in which children are released from school for one hour to go to a church of their choice for religious education. This year we will be going over the Ten Commandments in detail, along with visits to Prince of Peace, holiday crafts, prayers and much more.



THERE WILL BE UPCOMING FUNDRAISING FOR THIS SUMMER'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE OR DONATE TO OUR CHURCHES YOUTH, PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTHS FOUNDATION OF FAITH.



Annual Snowtubing at Powder Ridge!

MS - Thurs. Feb 6
HS - Wed. Feb 5

Sign Up in the Commons TODAY!!

Deadline to Sign Up Thurs. Feb 1



Peace Hosts Thursday Free Lunch at Crosspoint Church

This year there are 3 lunch periods, beginning at 10:45. We are done and cleaned up by 1:00 –1:30pm. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Jill Lieder (320) 420-5436. We meet at Peace at 8:30am day of lunch. Help is always needed. Thank you



Peace Lutheran next serve date is Feb. 20th 2025



February 2025 Prayer Calendar



1. Pray for the weakest among us, that we can support them in their need.
2. Pray that God will grant success to our efforts to establish our Pre-School.
3. Make a list of the gifts God has given you today and thank Him for them.
4. Lord, help me to listen for your voice when I feel worried or scared.
5. Pray for God to bless those who lost homes in the California fires.
6. Pray for true love: knowing a person's faults and loving them even more for them.
7. Help me to use my power and resources for others' good and Your glory.
8. Father, teach me to love people where they are and not expect them to change for me.
9. Pray that we might expend more effort for Christ than for the Superbowl.
10. God bless our choir and inspire more people to join in singing.
11. Let me come closer to You, O Lord, in my devotions and life.
12. Thank you for the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln: "My concern is not whether God is on our side, my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."
13. Pray for all the Confirmation students at Peace.
14. Thank the Lord for our pets.
15. Bless the work of the office staff at Peace.
16. Help me to be sensitive to the needs of others.
17. Pray for President Trump, that his leadership will be God-pleasing.
18. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to increase my faith and strength.
19. Help me to be faithful and to do all I do for God's glory, remembering it is God I serve.
20. Lord, give me wisdom to understand your answers to my prayers.
21. Dear Lord, let me always see the treasure hidden in plain sight in my heart.
22. Thank God for the wisdom of George Washington: "The future of this nation depends on the Christian training of our youth."
23. Lord, help me to remember that my hiding place is in your arms.
24. Strengthen and bless the preaching and work of Pastor Weber.
25. Strengthen and bless the preaching and work of Pastor Miller.
26. Bless those who volunteer their time and work at Peace.
27. Pray for the writers of "Portals of Prayer" that their work will be fruitful.
28. Lord, in the midst of uncertainty, help me to wait on You and stay where you have planted me.



February 2025

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 Web Site: www.plchutch.org
 Email: office@plchutch.org

Pastor Kurt Weber 989-430-6585
 Pastor Jeff Miller 320-510-3674
 Church Office 320-587-3031

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30 Worship/Comm. 9:40 Adult Bible Study 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Annual Meeting	3 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:30 Elementary Sewing 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders	4 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:30 Elementary Sewing 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders	5 10:00 Body & Soul 11:30 Lunch/Bible Study Early Release Youth 2:30 Confirmation 3:30 Tiger Tweens 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells HS Winter Tubing at Powder Ridge?	6 10-6 Occasional Sale MS Winter Tubing at Powder Ridge	7 No School	8 6:30 Worship
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Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, February 11th

TUESDAY, March 11th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• **Appointments only** can continue to be made on line at redcrossblood.org or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. **Thank you**



If anyone is interested in taking a CPR class, and it is also time to recertify those that took the class in 2023. They should contact Shirley W. at 587-5064. **Thank you**



Parish Health Nurses will be available in the office between services for blood pressure checks on the second Sunday of each month. Come on in!



We have a new member. Sharon Olson joined Renee Clabo, Mary Haag, Marith Witte, Sally Moehring and Shirley Wurdell. We meet the third Wednesday of each month.

We are currently working to fund the taxi service for worship services. Generous donations have been received from members of the congregation and a couple riders have contributed when the can. It is good to see that it is being used by those that have no other way to attend services. Money donations are welcome because the Taxi is now around \$800/month. Every Sunday we serve coffee and snacks at Sunday morning Bible Study and before the 10:30 Worship service in Peace Center. Items are donated by members and the servers so all the donations go to the taxi service. Donations are welcome. Just contact Shirley.



We have yarn for anyone wanting to make Prayer shawls to be given to members. If you know someone in need of a prayer shawl please contact one of us.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 100 th anniversary on January 26, 2025. Also, thank you to the committee for their efforts to plan our celebration. We pray for the Lord's and your continuing support as we "serve the Lord with gladness" for many years to come.

Mite Report as of October 31, 2024.

Mission Goal for 2023-2025 biennium: \$2,350,000

Mites received: \$2,155,699.71

Mites still needed: \$194,300,29

The 41st Biennial LWML Convention will be held from Thursday, June 26, 2025 to Sunday, June 29, 2025 in Omaha, Nebraska. The convention theme is Growing in God's Grace based on 2 Peter 3:18. The convention goal statement: through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory. Information on the convention is in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine or on the LWML website. Whenever you are in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it because that is God answering someone else's prayer through you.

SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ REFRESHER COURSE ~

The next scheduled dates from the Precision Driving Center for the 55+ Driver Discount Program at Peace Lutheran Church are:

Monday, February 24, 2025 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

(17 participants have signed up already)

Monday, April 7, 2025 1:00pm-5:00 pm

Monday, May 19 2025 1:00 pm -5:00 pm

To register for these classes call 320-308-1400 or 888-234-1294

You may also register online at

www.DriverDiscountProgram.com

Thank you, Renee Clabo, Parish Health



May God grant you Health for your body, Peace for your soul, and Love for your heart. God's Blessings until next time. Parish Health team.





Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
December 10, 2024; 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kim Borka, Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Pastor Kurt, Gary Havemeier, Kathy Hochsprung, Dean Kirchoff, Sue Kroyer, Justin Evenson, Barb Otte, Jeff Weckwerth

Peace Lutheran Church DRAFT
Council Meeting

December 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor Weber—Luke 2; 1-20

Approval of Minutes—Justin made a motion to accept the 11-12-24 minutes with changes. 2nd by Barb. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor thanked all of PLC for the warm welcome and days he and Laura have had in Hutchinson. Dec. 22/29 will have one service at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve/Day have multiple services. In late January, a 13 week video series will begin. It will focus on Grief. It will be run by Pastor Weber. Continue to pray for the Guiding Light Learning Center.
2. Administrator/Office Report: Sue shared \$1390.25 was raised from the December occasional sale (\$695.25 will go to debt reduction, \$347.50 will go to McLeod County Alliance for Domestic Violence, the remainder will go to maintenance / utilities.) Another sale occurred on December 7 and raised \$523.50 (\$383.50 will go to debt reduction and the remainder will go towards garland & wreaths for PLC). The cookie sale raised \$1527.00, all of which will go to debt reduction. PLC has exceeded the \$50,000 amount needed to be matched. This will bring our remaining balance of our loan to approximately \$1,179,000. Thank you to everyone for helping make this possible! \$4264.00 was also raised from the Turkey & Ham dinner. We have new, full time office manager as of December 9, 2024. Her name is Michelle Holden. Welcome Michelle!

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the Profit & Loss report.

4. Elder's Report: Jeff shared the elders recommend starting groups that focus on service ministries such as grief, divorce, etc.

The elders continue to work on the governance policies for the elders.

Discussion was held among elders regarding door security and parish health tax services.

Old Business

1. Door/entrance security and Cybersecurity - A lockbox will be used for Elders to unlock the building.
2. Governance documentation – Chuck shared Prince of Peace returned their edits. The congregational fund committee and elders need to turn in their edits yet.
3. Congregational meeting 12/22: This will be after the 10:00 service with food served.
4. Annual meeting 2/2/25: Discussion on agenda items to be presented.
 - a. Annual vote for our "support" of Guiding Light Early Learning Center--discussion
 - b. Congregational Fund liaison—we are asking this person be present at the annual meeting on February 2, 2025.

New Business

1. How to get more people involved--discussion
2. Budget for 2025—will be shared / discussed on January 14, 2025.

Adjourn @ 8:55 p.m.

Closing Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka

Church Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth

Church Council President

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Let Us Help You Celebrate Valentine's Day!!

Surprise your favorite valentine(s)
with a delicious homemade 10" deep dish pie.
(8 large pieces)



All orders must be submitted with payment by
12 pm Monday, February 10th



Pies will be wrapped and
tied with a pretty bow.

Available for pick up
Fri. Feb. 14th
by noon

in the Peace Center
(Also by arrangement).

CHOOSE FROM:

-  APPLE
-  CHERRY
-  BLUEBERRY
-  PECAN
-  BANANA CREAM
-  LEMON MERINGUE
-  FRENCH SILK



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