

April 2025



Messenger of PEACE

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Dear Family and Friends of Peace Lutheran,

A blessed Season of Lent and the joy and hope of our Lord's Resurrection be to you and your family every day. Listen to the Greatest words the world has ever heard, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? V.6 He is not here, but has risen"

These few words 'He is not here, But has risen' are the words spoken by the angels to the women at the empty tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ on that first Easter morning. They spoke the joyous truth that our Lord Jesus who died on the cross on Good Friday arose on the third day. He lives! He is alive! He lives and reigns in heaven!

This is the best news the world has ever heard because God has promised that because Christ is risen we too will be raised one day to be with our Lord forever in heaven. All who believe and have faith in Jesus as their Savior will have everlasting life.

The wonderful news is that our new life in Christ starts today. The Apostle Paul wrote in the book of Romans chapter 6 verse 4, We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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

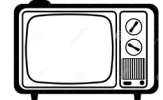
www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 - Nuvera, chan 8 - Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



Friends of Peace, because of Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday, your sins are forgiven. Christ has paid the debt. You have new life!

God continues to give his grace to his church and share forgiveness in the Sacraments Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These gifts are available to us every week as worship together at Peace Lutheran. We can share God's gift of grace and forgiveness with one another every day!

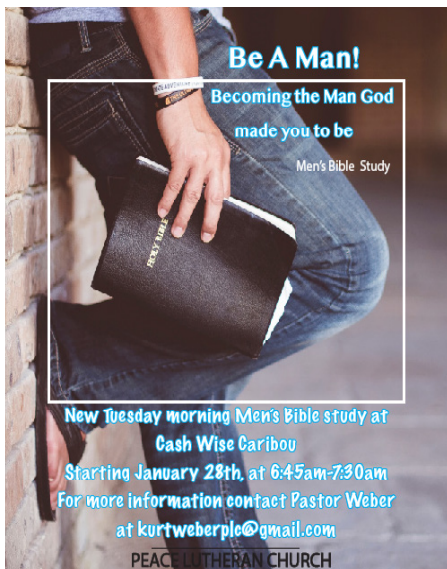
I invite you to renew your faith and make the most of this beautiful season of Lent. You are invited to our remaining Wednesday worship services. Then come and worship at any or all of the Holy week worship services of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. See the bulletin for service times! Let's Celebrate the Hope of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus together!

See you at Church! Pastor Weber

Associate Pastor's Corner

HIS MERCY IS MORE! Compassion, kindness, often involving forgiveness and leniency. When associated with Jesus and the Lent/Easter cycle it helps us see this church season as God's love being poured out over us. MERCY/MERCIFUL could describe the 7th Grade Confirmation instructor (me). It's a good class – thank you parents. I also help with visiting the members who are home bound or in a senior or rehab facility. Paul Otte splits the responsibility with me. Pastor Lemke used to do this ministry on behalf of the congregation. If you know someone who would appreciate a visit and receive Holy Communion please call me or the church office. I am also involved in the Grief Share classes. We are currently in our first cycle of sessions. They are going well. If you would like to check us out we meet each Monday at 1:00 PM in room 210 of the Education Wing, during May. We ask that you attend at least three times. Remember, what is spoken there, stays there.

God's Peace,
Pastor Miller



April

Ushers

8:30am
Team 1 & 2

Saturday 6:30pm

April 1: Kevin & Gloriann
Heikes

8: Dick & Corinne Higgins
15: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy
Hochsprung

22: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff
29:

Glen Witte
Doug Witte
Brian Koehler
Allan Fuchs
Rusten Huls
Kevin Buss

Midweek Ushers

11:30 am Lenten Services (Wed) April 2nd and 9th

11:30 am Maundy Thursday April 17th

11:30 am Good Friday April 18th

6:30, 8:30, 10:30 Easter Sunday April 20th

April

Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

April 5: Herbert Kuehl

12: Dick Higgins

19: No Service

26: Joanne Keilen

Sunday 8:30am

April 6: Nona Anderson

13: Sandra Hall

20: Easter.....

27: Duane Hall

10:30am

Sophie Sturges

Weston Witte

Sara Peterson



April Greeters

April 6

8:30 Tim & Deanna Plechalski

10:30 Lee & Shirley Uldbjerg

April 13

8:30 Brian & Becky Kobow

10:30 Elvern Mickle

April 20

8:30 Brenda Petersen & Marion Fenske

10:30 Anita Miller

April 27

8:30 Gloria Dobratz & Cyndi Fallon

LENTEN SERIES: Our Sins, They Are Many, His Mercy is More Join us this Lent for a sermon series titled, "His Mercy Is More. We will focus on the overwhelming and boundless nature of God's mercy, emphasizing that no matter how great our sins are, God's mercy is always greater, offering forgiveness and redemption through Jesus Christ. This is such good news for sinners like us. Thousands of years ago, Paul penned the powerful words, "But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." More recently, musicians Chris Bowell and Matt Papa composed lyrics to the song, "Our sins they are many, His mercy is more."

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| April 2nd | Peter's Denial | Pastor Miller |
| April 9th | The Unmerciful Servant | Pastor Bode |
| Good Friday | Theif on the Cross | Pastor Miller |

Palm Sunday, April 13th. Normal schedule. Sunday School sings at 8:30am.

Wednesday, April 16th. No lunch or classes, except Choir and Handbell rehearsals.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th: Worship at 11:30am & 6:30pm with communion (No lunch)

Good Friday, April 18th: Worship at 11:30am & 6:30pm (No lunch)

April 19th, NO Saturday night worship.

Easter, April 20th: 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am in the Sanctuary with communion at all.

Breakfast in the Peace Center. No Sunday School or Bible Classes.



Layettes for our last Early Release from school

We will be assembling layettes on the first Wednesday of April during early release at 1:30 for an hour or so. We are still in need of soap and baby stockings and baby jackets and good absorbent dark hand towels. We want these gifts to be blessings to the recipients so we try to give our best.

Congregational members are also encouraged to come to help. It's a great time with all the ages together. If you have any question please contact Shirley, 587-5064



Memorials/Flowers for Easter

Easter Lilies will be used this Easter, April 20th, to decorate the church. The cost will be \$13 for each of the flowers.

If you would like to buy a Lily as a memorial, or to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry below, you may stop by the church office by **April 16th, or mail in this form.**

Number of Easter Lilies _____

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Donations:

Debt Reduction _____

General Fund _____

Other (please specify) _____

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM

March 22- Moxxley Stanley Verner Blackstone, son of Joel and Melanie Blackstone

WEDDINGS

March 8- Kathy Hochsprung and Brian Baysinger

FUNERALS

Memorials

Kay Falling - \$1,234 – General Fund

RECENT TRANSFERS

Brianna Johnston
received into membership by profession of faith
Mathew Thomforde
received into membership by profession of faith

Occasional Sale Update

Blessings continued at the March Peace Lutheran Occasional Sale with total sales of \$2,400.66! \$1,200.34 went to debt reduction, \$600.16 went to local food shelf, and the remaining \$600.16 to utilities and maintenanc.

We couldn't do this without dedicated volunteers and amazing donations. Thank you!

The next drop-off date is March 31 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Please ring the doorbell, and volunteers will receive your donations. We are accepting clothing (spring/summer clothing especially appreciated), shoes, purses, jewelry, home decor including holiday (especially Spring, Summer, and Easter), towels, bedding, 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 and donation drop-off times. April sale is on April 3rd from 10:00-6:00. A quarter of April's proceeds will go to Meleod Alliance. If you have any further questions, please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487. Stay tuned for information about an extended two-day sale in June!!

Easter Breakfast



WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US FOR THE EASTER BRUNCH! FEATURING A WAFFLE BAR WITH ALL THE FIXINGS, AND ASSORTED PASTRIES. HOP ON IN ANYTIME BETWEEN 7:30-10 IN THE PEACE CENTER. SEE YOU THERE!

Spring is in the air! We pray your days are filled with sunshine, blooming flowers, and fresh new beginnings this season. We also celebrate Easter during this time of change and new beginnings. May the joy of Christ's resurrection fill your heart with hope, peace, and love. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter! And your children and grandchildren some extra chocolate bunnies as well. Lastly, we are excited to share that we are building a raised garden bed to help support our affordable meal program. If interested in donating to this project, please call the office for more details on how you can help. God's blessings to you all.



Blessings,
Destini Doring
Executive Director
Prince of Peace Retirement Living
#320.234.7588



Root Beer

& Bells



DINNER 5:30PM PROGRAM 6:30PM

May 7th 2025

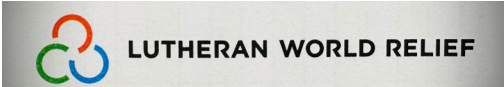
Menu

Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Cheezy Potatoes
Baked Beans
Dessert & Beverage
Ice Cream & Root Beer
Suggested \$10 Donation

Supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT
PEACE LUTHERAN

Spring Sunday School Mission Project



Greatest Impact

A Herd of Hope creates positive change that lasts.

This is a big idea that has an even bigger impact. Give a herd of hope and you will provide years of lasting blessings for families in need. This herd of helpful animals is a great source of nutritious milk and eggs to help keep children and adults healthy and strong. They also provide wool and fertilizer.

As the animals multiply, so will the fruits of your compassion, as families have more and more surplus to sell for much-needed income. Your gift includes two goats, two sheep, two piglets, one hen and six chicks.

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| Herd of 13 Animals | \$530 |
| Half a Herd of Animals | \$265 |

13 Life-Changing Animals

2 PIGLETS, 2 GOATS, 2 SHEEP, A HEN & 6 CHICKS

Confirmation

Grade 6, Wednesday, April 23, Last day of class
Grade 7, Fri/Sat. April 4/5, Camp Omega, Wednesday, April 23, Last day of class
Grade 8, Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30 worship service - 8th Grade First Communion.
 Fri/Sat. April 4/5, Camp Omega
 Wednesday, April 23rd, 6 pm, Confirmation
 Photos (Please arrive at 5:45)
 Wednesday, April 30, at 5 pm, Rehearsal and Reading of Statements
 Sunday May 4, 10:30 service, Rite of Confirmation

Sunday School

Sunday School Sings

April 13th Sunday School sings at 8:30am Palm Sunday
 May 11th Sunday School sings at 8:30am (Final week of Sunday School)

PRAYZ TEAM

sings at 10:30am on April 6th, May 4th, June 15th (VBS), and the remaining Wednesdays in Lent at 4:30pm.

Vacation Bible School

June 9-13, 2024 Vacation Bible School 9am-11:30am; Friday program at 11:00am. VBS sings on Sunday, June 15th at 10:30am

Remaining Sunday School Schedule

April 6 The Good Samaritan
 April 13 Palm Sunday
 April 20 Easter, No Sunday School classes. Worship at 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am
 April 27 The Resurrection
 May 4 The Ascension
 May 11 - 9:30am Family Reception



Tiger Tweens- Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-5) Last Day April 23rd

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

SAVE-THE-DATE

Peace Lutheran VBS
JUNE 9TH-13TH
 9:00AM - 11:30AM EACH DAY

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SALATIANS 5:22-23 MY 22 BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE JOY PEACE FORBEARANCE KINDNESS GOODNESS FAITHFULNESS 23 GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW



A VERY BIG thank you to everyone that helped, ate, and donated to our New Orleans Fundraiser!! We raised \$1,425 for our LCMS National Youth Convention. Thank you for being such Joy Makers in our congregation. Thank you also to all of those that have joy in serving at Peace Lutheran!!



APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR

Because of Jesus' Grace and Love that was shown to us on the cross let us pray for ourselves this month to be more like Him.

- 1- Lord thank you for covering me with your love
- 2- Please help me to walk where ever you lead me.
- 3- Guide me to be a leader for you.
- 4- Let me see in others what you see in me.
- 5- Lord, help me to trust you and your timing.
- 6- Lord, help me to overcome my fears.
- 7- Please forgive my shaky faith Lord
- 8- Thank you for your grace that gives me strength.
- 9- Help me to be a light so others can shine.
- 10- Lord let your work begin in me.
- 11- Help me to forgive when I don't see a way to.
- 12- Make me be bold and brave in the faith.
- 13- Help me to start over when I am off track.
- 14- Strengthen me and keep me focused on you
- 15- Keep me patient when I am anxious and distressed.
- 16- Lord take all I have to give and make me all you want me to be.
- 17- Help me to focus on your work of loving others.
- 18- Please help me to keep the integrity of my heart.
- 19- Thank you for walking the road to the cross for me.
- 20- Help me to proclaim the profound meaning of the resurrection.
- 21- Thank you for your Grace that changes everything.
- 22- Lord help me to give and receive according to your will.
- 23- Help me to respond to your promises with joy.
- 24- Keep me standing firm focusing on you.
- 25- Thank you for your loving arms that wrap me in love.
- 26- Help me to use my time to show grace to others.
- 27- Keep my heart cheerful and filled with joy.
- 28- Lord, I trust you to repair and prepare me for things to come.
- 29- Help me to be a witness for you.
- 30- Lord, you know my insecurities. Help me to put my doubts away and GET TO DOING YOUR WORK!

Thank you Lord for knowing all of me and loving me anyway.
IN Your name we Pray AMEN!

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April 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | Early Release 11:30 Worship & Lunch 1:30 Layettes w/youth groups 3:30 Tiger Tweens 2-45 Confirmation 4:30 Lenten Worship 5:15 Choir 5-45 Handbells 6:30 Lenten Worship | 10-6 Occasional Sale | | 6:30 Worship w/Comm |
| 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Adult Bible Studies 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship PRAYZ Sings | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | 10:00 Prayer Chain | 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 3:30-5 Elem Sewing 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders Meeting | 11:30 Worship & Lunch 1:00 Mission Sewing 3:30 Tiger Tweens 2-45 Confirmation 4:30 Lenten Worship 5:45 Handbells 6:30 Lenten Worship | | | 6:30 Worship |
| Passer Sunday | 14 | 15 | 16 | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | 17 |
| 8:30 Worship 9:40 Adult Bible Studies 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Communion | | 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Church Council | 1:00 Mission Sewing 5:30 Choir 6:30 Handbells | 11:30 Worship/Comm 6:30 Worship/Comm | 11:30 Worship 6:30 Worship | |
| Easter | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 2:30 Middle School Sewing 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers | 9:00 Parish Health 11:30 Bible Study & Lunch 3:30 Tiger Tweens (last day) 2-45 Confirmation (6,7 last) 5:30 Choir 6:00 Confirmation Photos 6:00 Unity Gathering (HAY) 6:30 Handbells | 6:30 Trustees | | 6:30 Worship |
| 6:30 Worship/Communion 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Worship/Communion Easter Breakfast | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
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| 8:30 Worship 9:40 Adult Bible Studies 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Communion | | | | | | |

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, April 8th
TUESDAY, May 13th

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



Thank you to the generous donors on Sunday morning!! You get this!! It is a chance to have a treat and pay a little extra to help with the taxi. Thank you, see you Sunday morning.



Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)



The 41st Biennial LWML National 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. **ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION OPENS MARCH 1ST.**

Registration fees increase by \$50 after May 1, 2025.

Information on the four National Convention offerings and Gifts from the Heart are posted on the LWML Bulletin board.

The McLeod Zone LWML Spring Rally will be on April 5, 2025 at First Lutheran in Glencoe. Come meet and learn about Gideon the Comfort Dog. Gideon interacts with people in many different situations. The rally begins at 9:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served. RSVP's are appreciated. More information is posted on the LWML bulletin board. Everyone is welcome to attend..

The information published about Peace Lutheran's LWML in the March Messenger's Missions and Outreach article was just a small percentage of our activities in 2024. A copy of the 2024 LWML annual report is posted on the LWML bulletin board. We will continue to honor God and our 100 year legacy.



Need a pick-me-up? Call the taxi for a ride to worship services. 552-0195.



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!

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:

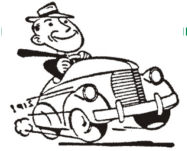
Monday, April 7, 2025 1:00pm-5:00 pm

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





Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 11, 2025, 6:30pm

Present: Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Justin Evenson, Kathy Hochsprung, Dean Kirchoff, Gary Havemeier, Lynn Brown, Pastor Kurt Weber, Sue Kroyer

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor Weber, Isaiah 43:1-5

Approval of Minutes – Dean made a motion to accept the January 14, 2025, minutes, as corrected. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Kurt reported that the new Men's Bible Study has started and is being well received. The Grief Share Support Group has started. The Call Committee has completed the first draft of the job description for the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Wednesday Bible Study is now studying the Book of Judges.
2. Administrator/Office Report: Sue reported that the February occasional sale proceeds were \$1,013.41 (\$253.35 each to youth outreach and maintenance/utilities and \$506.71 to the debt reduction). The March outreach will be to the local Food Shelf. The Soup-er Bowl event raised \$185.48 and 191 cans of soup for Common Cup. The annual fish fry has been scheduled for April 11th. The Personnel Manual has been revised to delete all reference to Little Lambs. There will be a page included in the March Messenger listing all of the missions and outreach accomplished in 2024. Work is continuing to ready the building for the opening of Guiding Light
3. Treasurer's Report: Justin reviewed the P & L for January. He also updated us on the progress of the proposed security measures for our Church campus.
4. Elder's Report: The February minutes were reviewed.

Old Business

1. Reviewed the February 2nd Congregational meeting
2. Door/entrance security – A lock box was installed by Justin for use by the Elders for the purpose of opening the building for worship services.
3. Lease for Guiding Light – Initial draft should be ready for review at the March meeting.

New Business

1. Volunteers for door duty or more greeters – Discussion was held proposing greeters at all entrances for worship services. This would not only serve to welcome attendees and assist visitors, it would also help with security.
2. Church library – discussed ways to make our library more visible and inviting so that more people would realize we actually have this resource available and utilize it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka
Church Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth
Church Council President

Minutes were recorded by Sue Kroyer, Administrator, in Kim's absence.

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Annual PEACE LUTHERAN FISH FRY

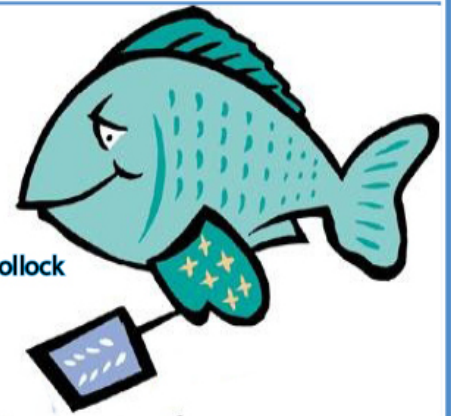
Friday, April 11th

11 am - until the fish is gone

Adults \$17
Children(6-12) \$8
5 & under FREE

MENU

- * Deep Fried Alaskan Pollock
- * Au Gratin Potatoes
- * Baked Beans
- * Coleslaw
- * Dessert Buffet
- * Coffee-Milk-Water



Eat in
(adult carry out meal available)

Supplemented by Thrivent Action Grant

