



May 2025

# Messenger of PEACE

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Dear Family and Friends,  
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

40 days after our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rose from the grave he completed his mission on earth. Then he Ascended into heaven and now reigns in glory.

Before Jesus left this earth he gave his disciples some very exciting instructions to continue his mission to share God's love with all the world. Here is Jesus' message to his disciples then and to us his church still today: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Our Lord physically has left this earth but he left his Spirit to be with us and empower us his disciples today to be his witnesses in our words and actions. We Peace Lutheran Church are his witnesses today! Where? We are his witnesses in Hutchinson, Glen-coe, Mankato, and to the ends of the earth! What kind of witness will we be?

I have heard it said once, "If your church was suddenly gone, what would the community say they miss the most?" Would our friends and neighbors miss our worship services, Sunday school, Early Release, Confirmation, Youth ministry, Bell Choir, Adult Bible Classes, Women's LWML/Dorcas ministry, Parish Nurse ministries, The Occasional Sale, The Fish Fry, Vacation Bible School, and all of our amazing volunteers? I think they would say they miss all those wonderful witnesses and ministries and a Whole lot more! But there is so much more for us to give a witness to the mercy and grace of God in the days, months, and years ahead.

I am so glad that you and your family are part of our church family to be witnesses to God's love for such a time as this! God Bless you!

See you in Church!  
Pastor Kurt Weber



## 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](http://plchutch.org) Watch Live@8:30am

### FacebookLive

[www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN](http://www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN)

### YouTube

[www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn](http://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn)

### CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 - Nuvera, chan 8 - Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



# Associate Pastor's Corner

I want to thank the parents of the seventh-grade confirmation class for their persistence in helping their students attend classes and be willing to participate. I know I was new to everyone – and this was new to me again. Our class successfully completed the required assignments of learning the 10 commandments and the Apostles' Creed. We used the Confirmation workbook and Luther's Catechism. Some lessons were also taken just from Scripture – yes, the students didn't really know for sure which source I would use for the class. I did allow and will allow students to use a Bible App on their phone. I use one as well. Mine is from Concordia Publishing House – our synod's publishing arm. I hope your student came home with good reports about the class. I enjoyed their company, their participation, their interest in most things we talked about and their frustration that I was challenging them to think like adults. I provided each student with a Journal – most of them were not very good in using it during class. I tried to have them complete some writing assignments in the journals so they would have some remembrance of our learning.

Parents of sixth graders – future seventh graders. I look forward to working with you next Fall. If you have special concerns, please feel free to contact me. Again, we plan to use the confirmation workbook and Luther's Catechism. I also try to make classroom conversations about Scripture, so familiarity with the Bible will be helpful. We can all look forward to our Fall meeting when we talk about the year's confirmation study.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Miller

## 2025 Wednesday Summer Concert Series



Free Concert at 11:30 am - Luncheon at 12:15pm  
\$10.00/luncheon

### Concert Dates

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| JUNE 25   | Grace Puckett soloist  |
| JULY 2    | Stoney Point   |
| JULY 9    | Piano & Organ Duets<br>Brandon Begnaud & Joan DeVee Dixon                        |
| JULY 16   | The Cogley Sisters, Linda Evenson, Bobbie Ludewig, Patti Hoerner & Barb Peterson |
| JULY 23   | Chris Nelson Organist Pastor Bode's Grandson                                     |
| JULY 30   | Basics<br>Brothers and Sisters in Christ Singing                                 |
| AUGUEST 6 | Shannon & Austin Gospel  |

Supplemental funding by Thrivent Financial.  
Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry at Peace.

### May Ushers

- |                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8:30am<br>Team 3 & 4                  |               |
|                                       | Tim Zackrison |
|                                       | Marc Max      |
| Saturday 6:30pm                       | Aiden Fromm   |
| May 6: Kevin & Gloriann Heikes        | Marlin Haag   |
| 13: Dick & Corinne Higgins            | Mike McKimm   |
| 20: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung | Nic Tews      |
| 27: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff              | Owen Streich  |
|                                       | Scott Streich |

### May Readers

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
|                     | Saturday 6:30pm |
| May 3: Lee Uldbjerg |                 |
| 10: Corinne Higgins |                 |
| 17: Joanne Keilen   |                 |
| 24: Annette Koehler |                 |
| 31: John Mons       |                 |
|                     | 10:30am         |
|                     | Youth           |
|                     | Eric Oberg      |
|                     | Sadie Jenkins   |
|                     | Phyllis Hecht   |

- Sunday 8:30am
- |                          |
|--------------------------|
| May 4: Matthew Thomforde |
| 11: Darlyn Egge          |
| 18: Marion Fenske        |
| 25: Arlene Benshoof      |

### May Greeters

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| May 4                                    | May 18                       |
| 8:30 Dale and Shari Zieman               | 8:30 Annette Koehler         |
| 10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier                   | 10:30 Glenn and Marith Witte |
| May 11                                   | May 25                       |
| 8:30 Dolores Barlau and Margaret Messner | 8:30 Doug & Lynn Brown       |
| 10:30 Anita Miller                       | 10:30 Greg and Darlene Plath |

## OFFICIAL ACTS



### BAPTISM

April 27- Wyatt Martin Kvam,  
son of Joseph and Jessica Kvam

### WEDDINGS

### FUNERALS

April 25- Sharlene Hanke, 87, passed April 9th

### Memorials

David Schmidt - \$500 – General Fund

### RECENT TRANSFERS

# 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**

## Occasional Sale Update

Once again we were blessed with wonderful sales at the April Peace Lutheran Occasional Sale with total sales of \$21,364.01! \$1,068.20 went to debt reduction, \$534.10 went to Meleod Alliance, and the remaining \$534.20 to utilities and maintenance. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers and those who bring in amazing donations.

The next drop-off date is April 28 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 and Summer), towels, bedding, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, small appliances, crafts, toys, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, and vinyl. We welcome volunteers to help sort and price donations on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-noon and donation drop-off times. May 1st sale will be from 10:00-6:00. A quarter of May's proceeds will go to Birthright.

In June the occasional sale will be held for two days, June 5th and 6th, and will extend into the west side of the Peace Place garage. We will also be accepting sporting goods, tools, and gardening and outdoor items at the April 28th and June 2nd drop-off dates. For further information or questions, please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487.



### Hutchinson Area Youth Ministries

#### High School FREE LUNCH

APPROX. 350 KIDS SERVED  
EVERY THURSDAY at CROSS POINT CHURCH

2025 PEACE SERVES:

**May 15**

If you would like to be a part of this outreach,  
please contact Jill at 320-587-3031

May is a month of blooming flowers, sunshine, and new beginnings. As the flowers bloom this season, we shall stay rooted in God's love. We'll blossom in strong faith, have our prayers grow deep, and let His light shine bright. If you are like myself, your allergies may make you feel under attack this season, but do not fear as your soul is still in His hands. So stay strong, grab your kleenex by the box and remember that God's grace is STRONGER than pollen. I also want to share that we had a WONDERFUL Volunteer Appreciation Tea enjoyed by all! Thank you to all of you who attended - we appreciate you. Lastly, we want to say Happy Mother's Day to all of the mom's out there - especially those who are part of your community who step up to fill in during a time of need. Don't ever stop being what God intended you to do and keep up the good work!



Blessings,  
Destini Doring  
Executive Director  
Prince of Peace Retirement Living  
#320.234.7588  
[www.poprl.org](http://www.poprl.org)



## 2024-2025 Rite of Confirmation

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:1-14 Please join us Sunday, May 4th, as the 8th grade students receive the Rite of Confirmation at Peace. It is an exciting time for these young people and their families as they affirmed their Christian beliefs. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith walk and follow Jesus.

It has been the privilege to teach and equip this years students with the tools needed to fulfill their Confirmation vows, as well as guide them to a life-long living faith in Jesus Christ.

To the Confirmation parents: The love and encouragement you give your student in keeping the vows they take at Confirmation, is a testament of your faith, love, and devotion to our Lord and Savior.

### 2025 PEACE LUTHERAN CONFIRMANDS

Mason Carlson, son of Levi Schultz & Megan Carlson, James Phillips  
Easton Christensen, son of Brian & Melissa Christensen  
Lily Demere, daughter of Chris & Jenny Demere  
Aiden Fromm, son of Jill Lieder and Jeff Fromm  
Ruby Hoff, daughter of Brandon and Lisa Hoff  
Kylie Johnson, daughter of Russ & Tonia Johnson  
Evan Kruse, son of Shane & Kimberly Kruse  
Wyatt Kruse, son of Shane & Kimberly Kruse  
Micah Perrault, son of Joe & Kristen Perrault  
Jozie Peterson, daughter of Jay & Tracie Peterson  
Keira Plath, daughter of Brian & Amber Plath  
Harper Powell, daughter of Jacob & Brooke Powell  
Liam Schlueter, son of Brian and Stephanie Schlueter  
Cooper Schuft, son of Kristen Schuft



**MIDDLE SCHOOL Madness**

For all those entering and exiting Middle School!  
At Christ the King

**TUESDAYS 1-3**  
June 10 - July 22

**JUNE 10 - KNIGHTS OF FLAGDOM!**      **JULY 1 - SAFARI! \*\*AT OHCC**

**JUNE 17 - WATER DAY!**      **JULY 8 - MINUTE TO WIN IT EXTREME!**

**JUNE 24 - NERF WAR & LASKET!**      **JULY 15 - CRUD WAR!**

**JULY 22 - VALLEY FAIR! (NEED A SPECIAL PERMISSION SLIP!)**

**Register Here!**

### Cards for Confirmation & Graduation!

At the Dorcas Card Shop! You will find a nice selection of Confirmation, Graduation, Mother's Day and all-occasion cards in the rampway of Peace. Stop and pick up a few cards - you'll be supporting Dorcas missions with your purchase.



Peace will honor our graduating High School Seniors Sunday, May 18th at the 10:30 am worship service, prior at 10:00 am we will have a small reception for graduates (and their parents/family) in the Peace Center.

The Community-wide Hutchinson Baccalaureate Service will be held - Wednesday, May 21st, HHS.

### *Please pray for Peace's High School Seniors:*

Daytona Boettcher | Chloe Borka | Gavin Chelin | Anton Cox | Keegan Dennis | Nash Fitzwater | Carter Hausladen | Zach Hausladen | Nash Hooper | Brie Kobow | Shayne Lickfelt | Jaslyn Maki | Addelynn Mulqueen | Cameron Myllykangas | Eric Oberg | Kaitlyn Rahne | Chevei Rannow | Madalyn Reiter | Macy Salmela | Isaac Schiro | Rolin Schmidt | Ashton Schroeder | Kami Sillivent | Cora Sitz | Rylee Telecky | Rhian Tucker | Morgan Wagner | Madison Wichman | Kiera Ziemer



# Peace Lutheran Summer VBS

400 Franklin St SW Hutchinson, MN • PlcHutch.org

**320.587.3031**

**June 9 - 13**  
**9 - 11:30 am**

**For Children Age 3 to Grade 4**  
(Grade 5 and older please register as leaders)

Just  
completed

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Peace? Yes/No

I would like to be a Leader

☐

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Who has permission to pick up your child

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending Friday 11am program and Pizza Party

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Special needs/Allergies/Other concerns

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that by signing below, my child may be photographed and may appear in photos and/or other media used to promote VBS and children's programs at Peace Lutheran.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# MAY PRAYER CALENDAR

“God has brought me laughter; everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” Genesis Ch 21 vs 6

1. May Day: Pray for gratitude for what we have
2. Pray to be a good listener when one is needed
3. Pray for our student's safety going to the prom this weekend
4. Confirmation- Pray for our confirmands to continue to grow in their faith
5. Be the smile that someone needs today
6. Pray, help me live a life of truth, honesty, forgiveness, and charity
7. Beer and Bells Pray for great fellowship, food, and good times, singing to God's glory
8. Pray for cancer patients for peace and healing
9. Pray for our caregivers and the difficult decisions that they have to make
10. Pray, help guide me through generational differences
11. Mother's Day Know that YOU are a Gift from GOD
12. Pray for those who have lost a loved one, and include them in your activities
13. Pray to help renew our mind and spirit
14. Pray that everyone knows LOVE is unconditional
15. Pray, Help us with our addictions, whether food, drugs, phone use, or social media
16. Pray for continual growth within Peace Lutheran Church
17. Armed Forces Day: Pray for our military that continues to fight for our freedom
18. Pray for our graduates that they will become strong in their relationship with God
19. Pray for all the volunteers who are needed to run our church
21. Celebrate our differences and the uniqueness that each of us has
22. Give Thanks for all the wonders of the world
23. Pray, thank God for our administrative workers as they help make the church run smoothly
24. Pray that our Special Needs Individuals are always included
25. Pray for forgiveness for the feelings that we have hurt others with
26. Memorial Day, pray for ALL that served and Gave All
27. Pray for our homeless in the Hutchinson area
28. Pray for good weather for our farmers and outdoor businesses
29. Ascension Day Pray, Thank You Lord, because of your death, you redeemed the world
30. Pray for our outreach in the VBS program
31. Pray for a safe summer for our school students

Pastor Kurt Weber 989-430-6585 Prayer Chain: 320-587-6484  
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# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 Worship/Comm. 9:40 Sunday School <b>10:30 Rite of Confirmation</b>	4 10:00 Prayer Chain	5 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders	6 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders	7 10:00 Body & Soul <b>Root Beer and Bells</b> 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Program	8 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study	9 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Church Council
8:30 Worship Blood Pressure Checks 9:40 Sunday School Reception 10:30 Worship/Communion	11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Church Council	13 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Church Council	14 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study	15 <b>8:30-1 HAY Lunch Peace Serves</b> 6:30 Trustees	16 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Church Council
8:30 Worship/Comm. 10:00 Senior Reception <b>10:30 Senior Recognition Worship</b>	18 1-5 Drivers Training	19 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers	20 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers	21 9:00 Parish Health Meeting 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Baccalaureate HHS	22 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers	23 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers
10:00 Worship/Communion	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	26 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers	27 10:00 POP Bible Study 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Proverbs Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers	28 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Baccalaureate HHS	29 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers	30 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers
				10-6 Occasional Sale	2 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Lunch/Bible Study 6:30 Promise Keepers	3 6:30 Worship w/ Comm

## Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, May 13th  
TUESDAY, June 10th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• **Appointments only** can continue to be made on line at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. **Thank you for continuing to support us.**



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



Thank you to the generous donors on Sunday mornings!! We will be taking a break for the summer on the treats for Sunday Bible Study. If you would like to contribute to the Taxi Fund to help those that depend on it, feel free to bring your donations into the church office during office hours. If you can't make it in, no problem bring with your offering (just make sure you label it) and we can get to the right people to make many very happy. Thank you so much for the many blessings in helping those attend our beautiful worship services.



### 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. Information on the convention is in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly magazine or on the LWML website. **ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION IS NOW OPEN.** 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The Minnesota South District LWML is seeking volunteers to help at the 31st District Convention in 2026. The Crow River Conference, which is made up of the Arlington Zone, the McLeod Zone and the Litchfield Zone, will be the Host Committee for the convention. Around 30 volunteers are needed from the three zones. Please consider attending the convention and being a volunteer. More information will be coming soon. If interested, contact Nona Anderson (583-6745).

A new letter has arrived from our Adopt-a-Student Seminarian Tyler Linnemann. It has been posted on the LWML bulletin board. Stop by for an update on his journey to becoming a Pastor.

### MISSION GOAL REACHED!

Praise God! Through His grace and your faithful support, we have exceeded the Mission goal for the 2023-2025 biennium of \$2,350,000. Each contribution supports ministries both locally and worldwide. Your giving makes a difference!

When someone donates blood, it saves three lives. I know a man who gave His blood and He saved the entire human race!

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

Monday, June 30, 2025 1:00pm-5:00 pm

Monday, August 11, 2025 1:00pm-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](http://www.DriverDiscountProgram.com)

Thank you, Renee Clabo, Parish Health







Peace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
March 11, 2025

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

Welcome

Opening Prayer & Devotion: Matthew 9: 9-13

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Dean to accept 2-11-25 council minutes, 2nd by Gary. Motion carried.

Reports:

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Kurt shared update on the call committee for the Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry. Update on Elder's report and Acts of the Church. Guiding Light planning is going well. Pastor will be hosting the Pastors Circuit Meeting 3-12-25. Pastor visited Prince of Peace to celebrate the month's birthdays of residents.
2. Administrator Report: Sue shared New Orleans dinner raised for Youth \$1425.00. March Occasional Sale \$2400. 1200 to debt, 600 maintenance and utilities, 600 to McLeod county foodshelf. Getting ready for fish fry. Michelle is no longer working in the office. Volunteers will be recruited to help for the current time and reevaluate in late summer.
3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the P & L for February.
4. Elder's Report and update from last Elder's meeting: shared above

Old Business

1. Missions update in Messenger:
2. Door/entrance security: Peace Place has a separate key. Daycare separate keys. Exterior doors for church have a separate key. Receiving door in the kitchen has a keypad. Limited keys will be handed out and the code as well.
3. Lease for Guiding Light: The board wants to meet and review the lease.
4. Volunteers for more greeters: Continue to look for greeters. Will continue to look in late summer / fall.
5. Governance documents: Chuck shared update on where this is at.

New Business:

1. Projected timeline for \$1 Million debt mark: The projected date is July or August 2025. Ideas for a visual in the rampway to share progress was discussed. How to celebrate this?
2. New Church Directory: Pictures late summer/fall and distributed before Christmas 2025.

Adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Closing Prayer by

Next meeting: April 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka  
Church Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth  
Church Council President

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THE  
SPIRIT



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Or In The Commons Area at Church