

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MAY 18, 2025

<b>PASTORS</b>	<b>KURT WEBER and JEFFREY MILLER</b>
<b>ELDERS</b>	
<b>Saturday 6:30pm</b>	Matthew Markgraf, George Quast
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>	Paul Otte, Marc Telecky
<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>	Dale Schumann
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	
<b>Saturday 6:30pm</b>	Bryn Kobow, Sydney Jackson
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>	Cael Taralson, Kash Zemlicka
<b>GREETERS</b>	
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>	Glenn and Marith Wittee
<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>	Annette Koehler, Shirley Otto

**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.

From January 1 to date the **Sunday School** has raised \$250.50 for **Lutheran World Relief**. LWR will match funds, so we will continue to accept donations through the end of May. You can drop donations off at the Church office.

Last Wednesday we were treated to our annual **RootBeer and Bells** event—great music, great food, great fellowship and we raised \$910 for our music programs!

This weekend we will be blessing **234 quilts** recently completed by our volunteers. Thank you to all who participated! These quilts will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.

The **Red Cross** collected 48 units on their stop at Peace this past Tuesday. Unfortunately, they had to shut down early due to air conditioning issues.

We served 316 hungry students Thursday at Peace's last **HAY lunch** for this school year. Thanks to all that helped!

### BUILDING DEBT FUND

Balance—1/1/23.....	\$2,286,302.71
Balance—1/1/24.....	\$1,646,266.72
Balance—1/1/25.....	\$1,163,007.65
Balance—5/1/25.....	\$ 774,339.51*
Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025	\$ 388,668.14

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offerings Deposited 5/8-5/14	\$ 10,765
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

**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 mail your check to: Guiding Light Early Learning Center, PO Box 94, Hutchinson MN 55350

Guiding Light Early Learning Center Update: The center is coming together nicely with fresh paint and clean carpets. The Board is busy organizing the items left in the center, setting up age appropriate rooms for licensing and working with a variety of consultants to get the center ready for operation. The Board is actively seeking applicants for the Director position. Please keep the center in your prayers as we search for a suitable candidate for this position. Visit our website at [www.guidinglightelc.com](http://www.guidinglightelc.com)

**"MERE CHRISTIANITY" New Men's Bible Study Tuesdays, 6:45-7:30am at Cashwise Caribou, started April 22nd. For more info contact Pastor Weber. All men welcome.**

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

**Sundays—** This Bible Study will resume June 1st 9:40am  
**Book of Genesis "Where Did It All Begin"**

**Wednesdays—** This is the last week until Fall  
**Book of Judges "Here Comes Judges"**  
**11:45am—Lunch; 12:15pm—Bible Study**

In our continued effort to make our campus secure, we have completed the changing of all locks. The receiving door by the kitchen will remain 'emergency exit only.' We apologize if our door policy causes inconvenience. We prayerfully ask for your support as we attempt to protect our staff, our volunteers, our children, our members and our buildings and its contents.

**We are looking for volunteers to assist with the summer maintenance of our beautiful campus—specifically maintaining/watering our potted flowers and weeding our flower beds. If you would be willing to assist, please contact the Church Office or Corinne Higgins at (320) 587-7480**

Sunday, at the 10:30 worship service, we will be recognizing our graduating high school members. We will also be honoring these seniors at a reception at 10:00am in the Peace Center. Everyone is welcome..

On June 5th & 6th the Occasional Sale will be held on two days and will also be expanding into the garage area of Peace Place with outdoor/sporting goods/larger items, etc. In conjunction with this event **our youth will be having a lunch stand** (hot dogs, chips bev & cookie) to raise funds for the National Convention. Make sure to stop in! We are also looking for our wonderful bakers to **help us out by donating cookies**. If you can help, please bring them to Church by noon on Wed, June 4th.

## PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Rueben Draeger
Barb Ribar	Mariana Macemon
Elaine Lewerenz	Angie Alsleben
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Melissa Wanous
Melinda Mikolich	Mabel Boelter
Darlene Piehl	Ruthie Flaig
Marlene Schrupp	LeRoy Albrecht
Delores Plath	Bev Alsleben

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 6:30am	53
Sunday 8:30am	195
Sunday 10:30am	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>316</b>
Online	622

## LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

**SUNDAY (5/18)**  
8:30am Worship/Communion  
10:00 Grad Senior Reception  
10:30am Worship

**MONDAY (5/19)**  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day  
1-5pm Drivers Training

**TUESDAY (5/20)**  
6:45am Mens Bible Study  
10:00am Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

**WEDNESDAY (5/21)**  
9:00am Parish Health  
10:00am Body & Soul  
11:45pm Lunch/Bible Study  
6:30pm Baccalaureate (HHS)

**THURSDAY (5/22)**  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**FRIDAY (5/23)**

**SATURDAY (5/24)**  
**NO WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY (5/25)**  
**10:00am Worship/Communion**

**MONDAY (5/26)**  
**Memorial Day**  
**Office Closed**

**TUESDAY (5/27)**  
6:45am Mens Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

**WEDNESDAY (5/28)**

**THURSDAY (5/29)**  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**FRIDAY (5/30)**

**SATURDAY (5/31)**  
6:30pm Worship/Communion

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

*(Memorial Day thru Labor Day)*

**Monday—CLOSED**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday— 9am-1pm**

**COME SERVE!** We have many opportunities to volunteer at Peace: **GREETERS, READERS, USHERS, OFFICE HELP, OCCASIONAL SALE, GARDENERS.** Contact the Church Office if you would be available to help out in any of these areas. Thank you in advance.

**Thrivent members:** you can apply for two \$250 grants per year. These grants have been used for various events/programs here at Peace from supporting our youth activities (HAY luncheons, VBS, Sunday School curriculum), purchasing fabric/supplies for quilts for Lutheran World Relief, to helping offset expenses for our fundraisers. These monies help with the purchase of items not covered by the budget and also help make our fundraisers more profitable by eliminating some of the expenses. Contact Sue in the Church office if you are interested in applying for a grant. Thank You!

### OCCASIONAL SALE UPDATE

**Thank you to all the shoppers and volunteers and those who have generously donated items for our sales at Peace. The May total sales were \$1,844.20!** One quarter of the May 1st sales, \$461.05, was donated to Birthright, \$461.05 will go towards utilities and maintenance and half of the sales, \$922.10, will go towards debt reduction. The next sale will be two days, **June 5th (10-6) & June 6th (10-4)**. One quarter of the June sales will be divided between our Youth and the local Food Shelf. The sale will be expanded into the garage area of Peace Place and we will be accepting sporting goods, tools, gardening and outdoor items. Donation drop off dates and times are from 4:00-6:00pm on June 2nd at the "flower door" (south side of Peace Place—by the parking lot) where volunteers will receive donations. Please note: we will not accept any donations on the days of our sales. Any questions, please contact Lynn at (320) 582-0193 or Gayle at (320) 583-2487 **We are always looking for VOLUNTEERS to help sort, price, display donated items. Every Monday & Thursday 10am-12noon the crew is at Peace Place. 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!**