

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / MAY 4, 2025

<b>PASTORS</b>	<b>KURT WEBER and JEFFREY MILLER</b>
<b>ELDERS</b>	
<b>Saturday 6:30pm</b>	Paul Otte, George Quast
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>	Kevin Buss, Wayne Vinkemeier
<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>	Marc Telecky
<b>GREETERS</b>	
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b>	Dale and Shari Zieman
<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>	Wayne Vinkemeier

**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.

Our Annual Fish Fry was again an overwhelming success. We sold out shortly after 2pm—it was a pretty intense 3 hours! We served 926 meals and, after expenses, raised \$9,112.19 for debt reduction. Thank you to everyone that attended! Thank you to everyone that donated! And a huge Thank You to all of our Amazing Volunteers—this couldn't be done without you! We are truly blessed!

The freewill offering during the Easter breakfast raised \$1,083.25 for debt reduction. Thank you to all!

Confirmation, Graduation and Mother's Day cards are now available at the LWML card shop in the rampway.

*Mabel Boelter would like to thank everyone that acknowledged her 100th birthday on April 13th with cards and gifts and the well wishes from those that attended her reception.*

### 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 4/24-4/30	\$ 11,464
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 resumed on April 27

Book of Genesis "Where Did It All Begin"

9:40am—Coffee and treats

**Wednesdays**—This Bible study resumed on April 23

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.

**Cemetery Spring Clean-Up**—This Tuesday, May 6th at 5:30pm. Mainly we will be picking up sticks so they can mow. Everyone welcome to participate—the more that come, the quicker we will get done!

**Thank you** to everyone that supported the **pizza sale**. We raised \$544 for our youth to attend the National convention and also had 56 pizzas donated for Common Cup!

**We are looking for volunteers to assist with the summer maintenance of our beautiful campus—specifically maintaining/watering our 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**

Our Grief Share Support Group continues to meet Mondays, 1:00-2:30pm, Rm 210 of the Education Bldg. You are welcome to attend! Another series will begin in the fall. Final topic:

May 5 — What Do I Live For Now?

## PRAYER LIST

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

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	46
Sunday 8:30am	137
Sunday 10:30am	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>260</b>
Online	790

## LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

### SUNDAY (5/4)

8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:40am Sunday School  
10:30am **CONFIRMATION**

### MONDAY (5/5)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day  
1:00pm Grief Support Group

### TUESDAY (5/6)

6:45am Mens Bible Study  
10:00am Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers  
6:30pm Elders

### WEDNESDAY (5/7)

10:00am Body & Soul  
5:30pm **ROOTBEER & BELLS**

### THURSDAY (5/8)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

### FRIDAY (5/9)

### SATURDAY (5/10)

6:30pm Worship

### SUNDAY (5/11)

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

### MONDAY (5/12)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

### TUESDAY (5/13)

6:45am Mens Bible Study  
10:00am Womens Bible Study  
12-6pm Bloodmobile  
3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers  
6:30pm Council

### WEDNESDAY (5/14)

10:00am Body & Soul

### THURSDAY (5/15)

8:30-1 HAY Lunch  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

### FRIDAY (5/16)

### SATURDAY (5/17)

6:30pm Worship/Communion

### ROOTBEER & BELLS

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

5:30 PM DINNER

6:30PM PROGRAM AND HANDBELLS

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION

**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.

As a **Thrivent member** 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. Through your generosity, we received 42 grants totaling \$10,500 in 2024. That is amazing! 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 for one of these activities. 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!**