

Peace Lutheran Church



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MAY 11, 2025

PASTORS	KURT WEBER and JEFFREY MILLER
ELDERS	
Saturday 6:30pm	Dale Schumann
Sunday 8:30am	Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 10:30am	Brad Havemeier, Robbie Peterson
ACOLYTES	
Saturday 6:30pm	Hawkins Powell, Micha Luthens
Sunday 8:30am	Sophie Sturges, Kelby Wichman
GREETERS	
Sunday 8:30am	Dolores Barlau, Margaret Messner
Sunday 10:30am	Anita Miller

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.

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

A huge Thank you to our members that helped with the annual clean-up at the Church cemetery this past Tuesday!

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.

This past Wednesday we were treated to our annual **Root-Beer and Bells** event—great music, great food, great fellowship and we raised \$910 for our music programs!

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 5/1-5/7	\$ 12,064
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

“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
 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.

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

REMINDER—This coming Thursday, May 15th is our last time serving the **HAY lunch** for this school year. If you have never volunteered for this great cause, come join us!

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

Baptized on Saturday afternoon:
 Margaret Louise Karl, Daughter of Grant Karl and Karlee Karl
 Serving as Sponsors: Jordan Klabunde, Evan and Stephanie Karl

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Rueben Draeger
Barb Ribar	Mariana Macemon
Elaine Lewerenz	Angie Alsleben
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Melissa Wanous
Melinda Mikolichek	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	70
Sunday 8:30am	156
Sunday 10:30am	242
TOTAL	458
Online	708

LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

SUNDAY (5/11)
 8:30am Worship
 Blood Pressure Checks
 9:40am Sunday Schl Reception
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (5/12)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (5/13)
 6:45am Mens Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 12-6pm Bloodmobile
 3:00pm Proverbs Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers
 6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (5/14)
 10:00am Body & Soul
 11:45pm Lunch/Bible Study

THURSDAY (5/15)
 8:30am-1pm HAY
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (5/16)

SATURDAY (5/17)
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (Memorial Day thru Labor Day)
 Monday—CLOSED Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—9am-1pm

SUNDAY (5/18)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 10:00am Grad Seniors 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 Womens 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 (at HHS)

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

FRIDAY (5/23)

SATURDAY (5/24)
 No Worship

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 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!**