

# Peace Lutheran Church



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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MAY 25, 2025

<b>PASTORS</b>	<b>KURT WEBER and JEFFREY MILLER</b>
<b>ELDERS</b>	
<b>Sunday 10:00am</b>	Dale Schumann, Wayne Vinkemeier
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	
<b>Sunday 10:00am</b>	Aiden Fromm
<b>GREETERS</b>	
<b>Sunday 10:00am</b>	Barb Otte, Sharon Olson

**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 \$406.50 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. Thank you!

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

There seems to be some concern regarding the summer office hours. As we do not currently have a front office person and the activities are reduced during the summer, this was a logical decision. Our small staff will still perform their regular duties and will be in the office beyond the posted hours and also when there are events such as bloodmobile, concerts, funerals, etc.

We thank Kathy Hochsprung and Roger Kaufmann for again this year placing the flags on the Veteran's graves at our Church cemetery for Memorial Day weekend. This is a wonderful tribute and means so much to the families!

**Guiding Light Early Learning Center** is an official business entity as of Dec 2024. They recently received their 501(c)(3) non-profit classification and are working on acquiring their state licensing and hiring a director. If you would like to support the center with monetary gifts, please mail your check to: Guiding Light ELC, PO Box 94, Hutchinson MN 55350 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)

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

**Sundays** This Bible Study will resume June 1st 9:40am  
**Book of Genesis "Where Did It All Begin"**  
**Tuesdays** Mens Bible Study, Cashwise Caribou, 6:45am  
**"Mere Christianity" is the current book**

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**

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, each day from 11-3, **our youth will be having a lunch stand** (hot dog, chips, cookie & beverage for \$5!) to raise funds to attend the National Convention in July. Make sure to stop in! We are also asking 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. Thanks!

**WITH SCHOOL SOON ENDING & SUMMER FAST APPROACHING—IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR KIDS REGISTERED IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! VBS WILL RUN JUNE 9-13. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON LINE, AT THE COMMONS DESK & IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. COME JOIN US! WE CAN STILL USE MORE VOLUNTEERS TOO!**

### 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—5/15/25.....	\$ 762,522.88*
Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025	\$ 400,484.77

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offerings Deposited 5/15-5/21	\$ 10,597
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

## 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	69
Sunday 8:30am	145
Sunday 10:30am	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>298</b>
Online	714

### REMINDER

SIGN-UP FOR  
VBS

## LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

**SUNDAY (5/25)**  
10:30am Worship/Communion

**MONDAY (5/26)**  
MEMORIAL DAY

**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

**SUNDAY (6/1)**  
8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:40am Bible Study  
10:30am Worship

**MONDAY (6/2)**  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day  
4-6pm Sale Drop Off

**TUESDAY (6/3)**  
6:45am Mens Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

**WEDNESDAY (6/4)**

**THURSDAY (6/5)**  
10am-6pm Occasional Sale &  
Annual Garage Sale  
11am-3pm Youth Lunch Stand

**FRIDAY (6/6)**  
10am-4pm Occasional Sale &  
Annual Garage Sale  
11am-3pm Youth Lunch Stand

**SATURDAY (6/7)**  
6:30pm Worship

### 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!**