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Messenger of PEACE

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Praising God for His Goodness



**OH GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD, FOR HE IS
GOOD;
FOR HIS STEADFAST
LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER!
PSALM 107:1**

Dear Church family and friends,
The Psalmist wrote, Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! V.2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,.. Psalm 107:1-2a

Today and everyday is a day to praise and thank our Great God for all of his goodness! When God's love and grace and blessings fill our hearts and lives we can't help but let Him and all those around us know how grateful we are. The Psalmist said it best, Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.. Psalm 107:2

It is time to say so! It is time to tell everyone what He has done even in the midst of trouble and sorrow and pain that we all have experienced in our state recently with the horrible shootings of our leaders.

We as God's church continue to keep the families, our leaders, and our state in our prayers.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd and Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; for your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Ps 23:4. Today we thank God first for his comfort in our risen living Lord Jesus who died on the cross so that we might live eternally. Because he lives we can face today and tomorrow and the next day and the next day with Hope and Peace and gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips. Let the praise begin!

Praise God for:

- the amazing staff and volunteers at Peace Lutheran! I have never seen more hardworking joy-filled workers for God.
- the most beautiful worship, fantastic organ, joyful choir, and hearty singing church that honors our Holy God!

PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 - 10:20 - Family Fellowship/Sharing/Devotion
Peace Center

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP

Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 - Nuvera, chan 8 - Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



- the super beautiful smiles, helpful hands, Jesus loving, caring children and youth ministries!
 - the caring hearts of parish nurses, Dorcas LWML, Comforting Grief share, dutiful pastor and elder visiting shut-ins.
 - a united community caring for its citizens young and older
 - the future even though we don't know what it holds but we know who holds the future.
 - And so much more!!!!!!!!!!!!
- This list is just a beginning. Now it's your turn to share your praise with us. How are you celebrating and praising God for his blessings at Peace this summer? I would love to hear it! I know God would love to hear it even more!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...

See you at Church!
Pastor Kurt Weber

Associate Pastor's Corner

I had an interesting question come to me during a shut-in visit recently. I thought I would elaborate on the question and hopefully answer some questions for other church and family members. The question was, WHO WILL BE THE PREACHER AT MY FUNERAL? I know this is not a normal Sunday noon meal discussion. But a few of us might want to know about those matters. So let me expand on the whole topic of funerals.

THE BIGGER QUESTION - What should family do when "Mom and/or Dad" die? Hopefully the family will think of their own need for comfort and reminders that God has taught us – the Holy Spirit surrounds us with God's presence and comfort, there really is a Resurrection of the Dead, and you can tell your grandchildren – YES, Grandma/Grandpa is now in heaven! SO – let's celebrate that. Secondly, the funeral yes is about what Mom or Dad wanted. BUT really the funeral is for the living! WHAT DO YOU NEED God to be saying to you today? REMEMBER ALSO, the congregation WANTS to remember and rejoice with you, they want to comfort and reminisce with you. Celebrate together.

WHAT IS APPROPRIATE? Even when Mom and Dad are old and/or very old, family will have sorrow. There is always a need for comfort and assurance. Our God is a God of comfort, hope and presence. Don't short-circuit that need. Let God be God at these moments. Help your family remember what was important to you which hopefully is your family events. Also remember that the congregation needs to remember and to join your family in remembering your life.

WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL MATTERS TO CONSIDER NOW? Talk to your family members about important dates and events in your life. Talk about your church being an important part of your complete life. Who do you want contacted outside of normal family members and friends? Find out what music and scripture are important to your family and why. Also, many folks donate money to the family as a memorial – what organization do you want to benefit from those memorials.

Be assured that whoever is the pastor/preacher, if he is from Peace the message will focus on God's comfort, God's promises especially of eternal life because Jesus earned it for us, and that our God will continue to walk with you through this time of your life. You may also look at our church's website, plchutch.org and go to the bottom of the opening page and read some more about funeral preparation.

God's Peace,
Pastor Miller

OFFICIAL ACTS



Baptism

June 29th- Kainey May Telecky, daughter of Jake & Ashley Telecky

Funerals

June 14th- Marlene Schrupp, 76, passed June 7th

June 16th- Sharon Sustacek, 81, passed June 9th

JULY

Ushers

Saturday 6:30pm

July 5: No Service

12: Dick & Corinne Higgins

19: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung

26: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

Sunday 8:30am

Team 1

Glenn Witte

Doug Witte

Brian Koehler

Team 2

Allen Fuchs

Rusten Hulls

Kevin Buss

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday Closed
Tuesday - Friday - 9 am - 1 pm

Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

July 5: No Service

12: Corinne Higgins

19: Joanne Keilen

26: Weston Witte

Sunday 8:30am

July 6: 10:00 Service Sara Peterson

13: Arlene Benschopf

20: Duane Hall

27: Sandra Hall



10:30am

Anita Miller

Greeters

July 6

10:00 Dale & Judy Schumann

July 13

8:30 Jeff & Melissa Weckworth

10:30 Barb Marquardt & Dianne Johnson

July 20

8:30 John & Mary Melin

10:30 Anita Miller

July 27

8:30 Dale & Judy Schumann

10:30 Elvern Mickle

The MN South District Mite goal for the 2024-2026 biennium is \$270,000. As of May 5, 2025 mites received totals \$138,493.12.

There are many resources available on the LWML website. Go to www.lwml.org and click on Faith and Service and then Servant Resources.

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).

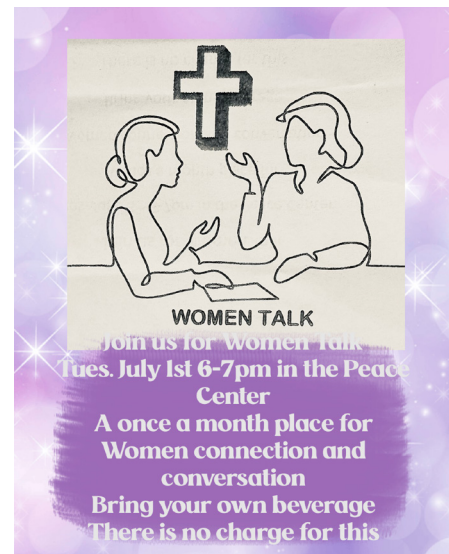
When you feel you are "drowning" in life's situations, don't worry. Your Lifeguard walks on water.

Hello Summer! As we make our way into July just remember that this month it's totally acceptable to eat hot dogs like a competitive sport, sweat like you're training for the Olympics, and call fireworks a bedtime story. A reminder to stay hydrated, don't work too hard, and slow down to smell all the flowers - not just the roses. Here at Prince of Peace we are enjoying watching our new raised garden beds grow us some produce, taking long walks, and truly enjoying our patio in the evenings.



God Bless,

Destini Doring
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Common Cup Ministries - Fare For All

Through CCM, The Food Group sells high quality, low-cost groceries in urban and rural communities. There are no income or residence requirements, and it is open to everyone who is looking to save money. There is no pre-registration, no pre-ordering and no pre-payment. Great food, at a great price. For more information, visit thefoodgroupmn.org.

Upcoming Dates: July 17, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4 3:30-5:30 p.m.

— Oak Heights Covenant Church, 1398 South Grade Road
S.W. Hutchinson



FAVORITE HYMN

Submit your favorite hymn/song in the box in the commons area!

If you have already submitted a hymn we still have it here.

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song!





THIS WILL BE OUR LAST FUNDRAISER BEFORE WE GO TO THE NEW ORLEANS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING. STOP ON OVER TO THE HOT DOG STAND AND GRAB A MEAL FOR \$5!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE OR DONATE TO OUR CHURCHES YOUTH, PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTHS FOUNDATION OF FAITH. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



Come serve! We have many opportunities to volunteer at Peace: greeters, readers, ushers, office help, occasional sale, and even gardeners. Contact the Church office if you would be available to help with any of these areas. thank you in advance.


ENDURE
 2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
 HEBREWS 12:1-3
 NEW ORLEANS
 July 18-25, 2025



Occasional Sale Update

Two-day June occasional sale and garage sale proceeds were \$4,639.44!!! Half of the proceeds, \$2,319.72 went to debt reduction, Peace youth and local food shelf each received \$579.93, and the remaining \$1,159.84 went to utilities and maintenance. We are so grateful for our dedicated volunteers and donors who continue to donate their time and bring in amazing donations.

The next drop-off date is July 7th from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Please ring the doorbell, and volunteers will receive your donations. We are accepting clothing (summer clothing especially appreciated), shoes, purses, jewelry, home decor, towels, bedding, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, small appliances, crafts, yarn, toys, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, and vinyl records. We welcome volunteers to help sort and price donations on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-noon and donation drop-off times. The next sale date is July 10 from 10:00-6:00 and will again include a sale in the Peace Place garage. Sporting goods, tools, gardening items, and small furniture can be donated on the July 7th drop-off date. Peace Lutheran youth will host a food stand as a fundraiser for the July national LCMS youth convention. A quarter of the occasional sale and garage sale proceeds will be given to Common Cup. Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487 if you have any questions about what donations are acceptable. Space is limited. Please NO ELECTRONICS.

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, JULY 8th
TUESDAY, AUG 12th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments can be made on line at redcrossblood.org



Because we had to shut down the May Bloodmobile, we did not get appointments made by donors that didn't give. July is a good time to get an appointment if you have been unsuccessful in the past. We need your donations.

SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~



Monday August 11th 1-5 pm

Thursday September 11th 1-5 pm

Room 207-209 Education Building

If you are in need of a refresher to get a discount on your car insurance please call the State of Minnesota to sign up for our class. Please call to register for these or other classes in our area call Minnesota Highway and Safety Research Center at 1-888-234-1294 or 1-320-308-1400 or visit WWW.DRIVER-DISCOUNTPROGRAM.COM!

Hope to see you there!



School Supplies NEEDED
for Back To School Program
Can you help?

Peace Lutheran Recommended Collection Items
Donations Accepted Until August 1st

- 15 Backpacks
- 100 boxes Colored Pencils (12 ct)
- 50 Glue Bottles (4 oz)
- 50 GREEN Notebooks (wide ruled)
- 75 Composition Notebooks (wide ruled)
- #2 Ticonderoga Pencils (sharpened)
- CASH Donations

Drop off in the Commons Area.
Thank you for your generosity!

Visit common-cup.org for Online Applications and distribution dates.



Show that you CARE!



We are not serving Coffee and snacks for the summer but the Taxi bills continue. May was \$900.00 . We thank you for any donations that you have given and we welcome more. It costs \$30. for each to and from services per person, no matter how many in the cab. We have some faithful worshippers.



Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
May 13, 2025

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

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor Weber-Psalm 148

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Gary to approve the 4-8-25 council minutes, 2d by Chuck. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report:

There have been two interviews for the Youth & Family Minister position. Two more interviews are coming up. This committee continues to meet weekly.

Discussion of 2025-26 priorities and prayers for PLC.

Summer Ministry updates.

Pastor proposed a break in the summer from one of the Council Meetings. Chuck made a motion to have no Council meeting on 7-8-25. 20d by Dean. Motion carried.

2. Administrator/Office Report:

Sue shared our debt balance is \$774, 339.00. \$544 from pizza sales is going towards the youth trip to New Orleans. (56 pizzas were also donated to Common Cup). There will also be a hot dog sale on June 5 and 6 when the Occasional Sale is happening. These monies raised will also go towards the New Orleans trip. \$910 was raised from Rootbeer and Bells and will be designated to the Music program.

Treasurer's Report: Sue shared a brief update.

Elder's Report: Pastor Miller and Paul Otte have served communion to 70 homebound congregation members. Members are so very grateful for this. Discussion has happened about a potential future mission trip to Alaska with youth and adults. Having greeters at doors before each service has been going well. In the fall, letters will be sent to parents of Sunday school students in regard to dropping off and picking up in the parking lot only and not having their child cross the road to enter the door on the north side of the building. This is for safety reasons.

Old Business

Debt balance continues to drop!

Door/entrance security: This seems to have been going smoothly and members are adjusting to the new guidelines.

Church directory: Various companies are being considered for selection.

Lease for Guiding Light: This is currently on hold.

Governance documents - timeline for completion: Chuck shared updates and will reach out to Congregational Fund members to continue completion of the documents.

Peace Place: This continues to be a blessing for our Occasional Sale Site and in the future could be utilized for youth activities or other events at PLC. Having insight from our future Youth and Family Minister will be valuable.

New Business

Summer schedule: Discussion was shared in Pastor's report.

Summer gardening on PLC grounds is being shared among 3-4 volunteers. We are blessed to have their help and expertise!

Kathy Hochsprung and her brother will take care of flags this summer for PLC cemetery. Thank you in advance to both of them!

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Borka
Church Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth
Church Council President

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2025 SUMMER CONCERTS at Peace

Please Join Us!



WEDNESDAYS

11:30 am • FREE CONCERT

12:15 • LUNCHEON

\$10 Adults ~ Suggested Donation



JULY 2

Stoney Point

JULY 9

Piano & Organ Duets

Brandon Begnaud and Joan DeVee

Dixon

JULY 16

The Cogley Sisters

Linda Evenson, Bobbi Ludewig, Barb

Peterson, & Patti Hoerner



JULY 23

Chris Nelson Organist

Pastor Bode's Grandson

JULY 30

Basics

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Singing

AUGUST 6

Shannon & Austin

Old and New Hymns



July 2025 Prayer Calendar



1-We must thank God at all times for you, brothers, you whom the Lord loves. For God chose you as the first to be saved by the Spirit's power to make you his holy people and by your faith in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13

Pray with thanksgiving for the Spirit of the Lord that saves you. Pray for faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2-Heavenly Father, guide our thoughts and hearts so that we may speak with love and kindness to those around us.

3-Help those who may be suffering from illness. Bring healing and strength according to your love and mercy.

4-Thank you, Lord, for the freedom and justice afforded to us in this country. We pray for the continued enjoyment of these freedoms, and we thank you for those who fought and continue to fight to provide us with this right.

5-Heavenly Father, bless all the children in your care. Help them to grow in faith and curiosity for the Lord.

6- Oh Lord, you know my heart, forgive my sins, and help me to forgive others as You have forgiven me.

7-Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way, you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Pray for compassion on our fellow man, that we build them up emotionally, assist them when they are in need, and show them love even when they are undeserving.

8-Dear Jesus, hold those who grieve the loss of a loved one in the comfort of your care. Help them to cope and learn to live with joy in knowing their family member is at rest with you.

9-Holy Spirit, help those who have questions about their faith or are unsure of their faith to see Christ as their Savior. Bring them to faith and help them to grow in understanding.

10-Heavenly Father, bless our public servants with good health and keep them safe in their jobs as they work to protect, help, and serve our community.

11-Thank you, Lord, for the friends you place in our lives. Bless them and help us to nurture these relationships showing love and kindness in our interactions.

12-Bless, oh Lord, husbands and wives. Help them to grow together in love and keep their marriage strong.

13-Thank you, Jesus Christ, for suffering on the cross in our stead that our sins may be forgiven.

14-These are the laws that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you...Write them on the doorposts on your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith and give you courage to declare God's Word and teach it to future generations. Help us Lord to live our faith out loud for all to see.

15-Dear heavenly Father, thank you for those who work in the ministry devoting their lives to sharing your Holy Gospel and inspiring us with their words, through the Holy Spirit, to love you.

16-Lord, give physicians, nurses, and medical caregivers wisdom in their work. Guide their hands so that they might be skilled and give them strength to continue their work healing and strengthening those in need.

17-Dear Jesus, bless children who are orphaned or alone. We pray that you will provide loving caregivers in your time and according to your will.

18- Heavenly Father, bless the earth as it provides nourishment for our bodies. May we continue to honor you by caring for our planet and the gifts you have given to us that are in it for many generations to come.

19- Thank you, Lord, for music. Bless those who share their musical talents in worship for you.

20- Heavenly Father, we pray your love and guidance today in our lives. Inspire us to love others and live out our faith in showing kindness to those around us that they may see Christ-like love in our actions.

21- ...I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself...the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach for what is ahead...which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above. Philippians 3:12-14

Pray that we devote our time and attention not on ruminations of past ills and problems or earthly endeavors but rather, let us devote our life faith in Christ Jesus that we may live with Him in eternity.

22-Dear Jesus, thank you for childcare workers that lovingly care for our children. We pray you will give them patience and wisdom as they go about their work with our children.

23-Heavenly Father, forgive our short tempers and help us consider carefully our words and actions as we go about our day. Help us to reflect love and kindness to those around us.

24-Dear Jesus, keep our teenagers safe from harm, protect them from temptations, and help them to choose a path that is pleasing to you.

25- Lord, in a world that is ever evolving technologically, help us to remember you are the creator of all things.

26-Heavenly Father, help us to place our faith in Christ alone. Keep us strong in faith and forgive us when we fail to lean on you for guidance. Redirect our hearts when we fail to see Jesus and misplace our trust in the world rather than you.

27-Thank you, Lord, for the gift of families, the blessings of children and grandchildren. Help us to nurture our relationships within the family and help us to grow together in faith.

28-Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Dear heavenly Father, we glorify You, we magnify You, we praise You for your loving mercy and grace.

29-Lord, when we fail to worship you faithfully, when we forget to pray as we ought, failing to put our trust in you, forgive us and send your Holy Spirit that we might be inspired to lead a more faithful life.

30-Thank you, Lord, for the gift of summer, for the abundant fruits and vegetables of the garden, and the glorious sunshine that sustains our bodies.

31-Heavenly Father, help us to be a shining light for Jesus wherever we go and whatever we do.

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
 Monday- Closed
 Tuesday – Friday 9 am - 1 pm

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible Study 10:30-12 MS Madness- OHCC 6:30 Promise Keepers	2 11:30 Summer Concert	3 Office Closed Happy 4 th	4 No Service	5
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