

# 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 AFTER PENTECOST / JULY 20, 2025**

<b>PASTORS</b>	Gerhard Bode and Jeffrey Miller
<b>ELDERS</b>	
Saturday 6:30am	George Quast, Marc Telecky
Sunday 8:30am	Kevin Buss, Paul Otte
Sunday 10:30am	Brad Havemeier
<b>GREETERS</b>	
Sunday 8:30am	John and Mary Melin
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.

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

This Sunday, Pastor Gerhard and Pat Bode will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. In lieu of the Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:40, we will be honoring the Bode's in-between the services in the Peace Center with a casual reception. Please join us for some cake and coffee!

**WE WILL BE HOLDING A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD AT 9:30AM IN THE PEACE CENTER. THE ONLY AGENDA ITEM FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE A VOTE BY THE CONGREGATION TO EXTEND A CALL TO THE CANDIDATE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALL COMMITTEE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY POSITION AT PEACE.**

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—7/17/25.....	\$ 703,906.93*
Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025	\$ 459,100.72
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Offerings Deposited 7/10-7/16	\$ 13,338
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

**Guiding Light Early Learning Center** is an official business entity as of Dec 2024 and recently received 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. Please keep the center in your prayers as we search for a suitable candidate for Director position. Visit our website at [www.guidinglightelc.com](http://www.guidinglightelc.com)

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

- Sundays Family Bible Study Peace Center, 9:40am  
Book of Genesis "Where Did It All Begin"
- Tuesdays Men's 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**

The Youth lunch stand held in conjunction with the July occasional sale was a success even with almost getting rained out. We still raised \$ 470 for the youth to attend the National convention in New Orleans! The homemade cookies so generously donated by our members were a huge hit! THANK YOU to everyone that supported, donated and volunteered! The kids did an amazing job and are so appreciative of the support of the Congregation. Our group of 16 attending (13 kids and 3 chaperones) left Friday and will return next Friday. Please keep them in your prayers.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** – Our fifth concert this coming Wednesday will feature Chris Nelson on the organ. Chris is the grandson of Pastor and Pat Bode. The concert starts at 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:15pm

Thank you to our members that brought in supplies for preparing our monthly Messenger. We are truly blessed!

The Red Cross collected 135 units at their stop this past Tuesday. In recognition of last month's amazing total of 160 units, the Red Cross brought in cake for everyone, presented our volunteers certificates of appreciation and presented Parish Health of Peace with an engraved keepsake that will be on display at the check-in table at future bloodmobiles. Congratulations – job will done!

## PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Mabel Boelter
Barb Ribar	Ruthie Flaig
Elaine Lewerenz	LeRoy Albrecht
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Bev Alsleben
Melinda Mikolichek	George Moehring
Darlene Piehl	Louis Schmeling
Delores Plath	June Beach
Rueben Draeger	Karen Burzynski
Angie Alsleben	Nancy Klapotz
Melissa Wanous	

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 the bags during worship and return them to the wagons

## LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

### SUNDAY (7/20)

8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:40am Bode Reception  
10:30am Worship

### MONDAY (7/21)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

### TUESDAY (7/22)

6:45am Men's Bible Study  
10:00am Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

### WEDNESDAY (7/23)

11:30am Summer Concert/Lunch

### THURSDAY (7/24)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

### FRIDAY (7/25)

### SATURDAY (7/26)

6:30pm Worship/communion

### SUNDAY (7/27)

8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:40am Family Bible Study  
10:30am Worship/Comunion

### MONDAY (7/28)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

### TUESDAY (7/29)

6:45am Men's Bible Study  
10:00am Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm Promise Keepers

### WEDNESDAY (7/30)

11:30am Summer Concert/Lunch

### THURSDAY (7/31)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

### FRIDAY (8/1)

### SATURDAY (8/2)

6:30 pm Worship

### Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	64
Sunday 8:30am	133
Sunday 10:30am	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257</b>
Online	853

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday—CLOSED

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

## ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR COMMON CUP

**ITEMS NEEDED: 15 BACKPACKS, 100 BOXES OF COLORED PENCILS (12 COUNT), #2 PENCILS (SHARPENED) 50 GREEN NOTEBOOKS (WIDE RULE) 75 COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS (WIDE RULE) (CASH ACCEPTED TOO) DROP YOUR DONATIONS OFF IN THE COMMONS AREA PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST. WE WILL BE COLLECTING DIAPERS FOR COMMON CUP DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. PLEASE PLACE THE DONATED DIAPERS IN THE PLAYPEN IN THE COMMONS AREA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

**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 July total sales were \$2,911.11!** One quarter of the July 10th sales, \$727.78, went to Common Cup, \$727.78 will go towards building utilities and maintenance and half of the sales, \$ 1,455.55, will go towards debt reduction. The next sale will be **August 7th, 10am-6pm**. One quarter of the August sales will go to Safe Avenues (formerly McLeod Alliance for Domestic Violence) The sale will be again expanded into the garage area for August, (for the last time this year). **August Specials** – In the Garage - \$5/bag sale (bag will be provided) of all unmarked items; In the Store – End of Summer Sale – All Adult Clothing 1/2 price. Donation drop off date/time will be the WEEK BEFORE THE SALE (instead of the week of the sale) from 4:00-6:00pm on July 28<sup>th</sup> 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 THE DOOR!**

July 13, 2025

To Peace Lutheran Church Congregation,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a Nominating Committee has been seated and we are beginning the work of establishing the slate of candidates who will run for Church Council or the Board of Elders. All elected positions serve two-year terms. The election will be held at the annual Voters'/Congregational Meeting on/about January 2026. The actual date for the meeting will be posted once it has been set.

The Church Council consists of a total of nine members; four officers, and five at large council members. The Church Council is the governing body of the Peace Lutheran Church congregation. The Church Council has the authority to enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, and develops policies as required to execute the goals approved by the Congregation.

There are five Church Council seats up for election this year. They are as follows: President, Vice President, and three At-Large seats.

The Board of Elders consists of ten male members of the Congregation who serve staggered two-year terms. The Board of Elders elects their own Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. The Board of Elders nurtures and encourages the spiritual growth of the Congregation, and advises and assists the pastors in worship, preaching, congregational care, administration of the sacraments, and church discipline.

There are five Board of Elders seats up for election this year. Given that the Board of Elders elects its own officers, all seats up for election are At-Large seats.

The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider serving PLC in an elected capacity. If you are interested in doing so, please contact a member of the committee to express your interest.

Thank you and God bless you!

PLC Nominating Committee

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