

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 AFTER PENTECOST / JULY 6, 2025

PASTORS	Gerhard Bode and Jeffrey Miller
ELDERS	
Sunday 10:00am	Matthew Markgraf, Marc Telecky
GREETERS	
Sunday 10:00am	Dale and Judy Schumann

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.

On Sunday, July 20th, Pastor Gerhard and Pat Bode will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and coincidentally, Pastor Bode will be filling in for Pastor Weber that weekend (as he will be in New Orleans with our youth at the National Convention). 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!

Don't forget to submit your favorite hymn in the box at the Commons desk.

July-August-September Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex and the Commons Area.

REMINDER – There is no Sunday Bible Study this week. Family Bible Study will resume next Sunday.

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—7/1/25.....	\$ 715,755.10*
Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025	\$ 447,252.55

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offerings Deposited 6/19-6/25	\$ 13,067
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

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 June occasional sale was a GREAT success! We raised \$1,373 for the youth to attend the National convention in New Orleans July 18-25! 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 plan to do a lunch stand again for the sale on July 10th. **STOP IN AND GET YOUR LUNCH THIS THURSDAY 11-3 AND HELP SUPPORT OUR KIDS. THE GROUP OF 16 (13 KIDS & 3 CHAPERONES) WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING DURING THE 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE 13TH. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – Our third concert this coming Wednesday will be piano and organ duets featuring Brandon Begnaud and Dr. Joan Dixon. The concert starts at 11:30am, followed by lunch at 12:15pm.

3M'ers – We are in dire need of basic scotch tape in the office. We go through a lot of tape each month with preparing the Messenger and our supply is pretty much depleted. If you could pick some up at the company store, it would be much appreciated!

PRAYER LIST

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

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	62
Sunday 8:30am	140
Sunday 10:30am	55
TOTAL	257
Online	1033

LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

SUNDAY (7/6)
10:00am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (7/7)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
4-6pm Occas Sale Drop Off

TUESDAY (7/8)
6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
12-6pm Bloodmobile
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (7/9)
11:30am Summer Concert/Lunch

THURSDAY (7/10)
10am-6pm Occasional Sale
11am-3pm Youth Lunch Stan

FRIDAY (7/11)

SATURDAY (7/12)
6:30 pm Worship

SUNDAY (7/13)
8:30am Worship
9:40am Family Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (7/14)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (7/15)
6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (7/16)
11:30am Summer Concert/Lunch

THURSDAY (7/17)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (7/18)

SATURDAY (7/19)
6:30pm Worship/Communion

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 - THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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. Thanks 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 June total sales were \$4,639.44! One quarter of the June 5th & 6th sales was divided between our Youth and the local food shelf (each receiving \$579.93), \$1,159.84 will go towards building utilities and maintenance and half of the sales, \$2,319.72, will go towards debt reduction. The next sale will be **July 10th, 10am-6pm. One quarter of the July sales will go to Common Cup. The sale will be again 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 July 7th 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!****