



August 2025

# Messenger of PEACE

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Dear Friends and Family of Peace,

“Wow! Super Fun! I grew so much in Faith!”

Those words and more described the LCMS National Youth Gathering this past month. July 18-25 the Youth of Peace Lutheran attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans along with more than 20,000 students from around the country and around the world. The gathering held every 3 years was filled with worship, Bible Study, serving, and a whole lot of fun. Our group students even got to spend their free day traveling to an old Plantation and alligator tour.

The theme and take home from the Youth Convention was, ENDURE!!! Hebrews chapter 12:1-3 says, “... Let us run with endurance the race set before us, Looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.. Consider him who endured.. So that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Our students heard the stories of many students, parents, and families whose faith in Jesus helped them endure the challenges, hardships and struggles of their lives. We are not alone! There are others just like us and together we can use what we have learned to help and encourage our friends and family to ENDURE.

## PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

### SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

### SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

## ONLINE WORSHIP

### **Livestream**

[plchutch.org](http://plchutch.org) Watch Live@8:30am



### **FacebookLive**

[www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN](http://www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN)

### **YouTube**

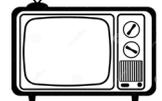
[www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn](http://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn)

### **CABLE TV - HCVN**

chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



On Behalf of our students, volunteers, and staff we thank you for all your support and prayers to make our trip to the National Youth Gathering a mission trip we will never forget. Thank you!

We are looking forward to continuing our mission to Endure this Fall with all of the upcoming opportunities for our youth and children ministries here at Peace Lutheran this Fall.

God’s Blessings to you and your family!

Pastor Weber



## Associate Pastor's Corner

There is a passage in Isaiah, chapter 54:2, that talks about God (using Isaiah) telling the Israelites to get used to the fact that they needed to “enlarge their tents.” For you campers you know what that means – get your stakes out further, get more canvas, maybe provide more doorways and windows. But the group you are accustomed to being with will no longer stay the same. The folks in your tent will look, sound, and may likely smell different from us. God was going to punish the Israelites for their prolonged disobedience, but he would welcome new people, a different people into His community, a people who would hear His call.

I am sure most of you have heard the definition of insanity – it is doing the same thing and expecting different results. Here at Peace, we seem to be comfortable with the routine we are in. Routines are good. They are dependable and predictable. But if we look ahead 5 more years, do you think we will all see the same faces? I don't think so. Some of those will be gone and some will be new. I hope the new and different faces are those whom God draws into our tent.

For us to get to a desirable future our congregation needs to expand its leadership base. We will soon find out that we can't hire enough staff and support them to do everything that we want our congregation to do. We will need new people to expand our volunteer leadership base. I don't mean that we replace the leaders we have today. I mean we must expand that circle – people who see a future, people who are willing to learn how to lead and provide guidance to ongoing programs/services and to new programs/services that we will need tomorrow. And these leaders must come from within our membership.

I suppose we can always wait for “SOMEONE” to do “IT” for us! But it would be so helpful if new leadership could come alongside now, catch the vision and companionship and help our church move into tomorrow intentionally. Will you help us see what God has in store for Peace Lutheran. We will look different in ten years. Help us to get there.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Miller

### August

#### **Ushers**

#### **Saturday 6:30pm**

**Aug 2:** Patty Thul & Brian  
Baysinger  
**9:** Dick & Corinne Higgins  
**16:** Rhonda Tronick & Kathy  
Hochsprung  
**23:** Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

#### **8:30am Team 3 & 4**

Tim Zackrison  
Marc Max  
Marlin Haag  
Troy Kurth  
Mike Mckimm  
Nic Tews  
Owen Streich  
Scott Streich

#### **August Readers**

#### **Sunday 8:30am**

**Aug 3:** Nona Anderson  
**10:** Mary Haag  
**17:** Bev Luke  
**24:** Melissa Weckwerth  
**31:** Darlyn Egge for the 10am Service

#### **Saturday 6:30pm**

**Aug 2:**  
**9:** Dick Higgins  
**16:** Joanne Keilen  
**23:** Annette Koehler  
**30:** No Service

#### **10:30am**

Sadie Jenkins  
Sharon Christensen

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### **FUNERALS**

**July 18 – Janet Klapotz, 94, passed July 12**



#### **August 3**

**8:30** Matthew Thomforde &  
Brianna Johnston

#### **August 10**

**8:30** Brian & Jessica Schlueter

#### **August 17**

**8:30** Greg & Darlene Plath

#### **August 24**

**8:30** Joyce Tews &  
Arlene Benschhoff

#### **August 31**

**10:00** Anita Miller

## Occasional Sale Update

July occasional and garage sale proceeds were \$2,911.11!! Half of the proceeds, \$1,455.55 went to debt reduction, Common Cup received \$727.78, and the same amount went toward utilities and maintenance. We are thankful for all of our amazing volunteers and donors.

The next drop-off date is August 25th from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Please ring the doorbell, and volunteers will receive your donations. We are accepting clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor (especially fall), 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. Items can also be dropped off during those times.

The next occasional sale date is August 7th from 10:00-6:00 with one more sale in the Peace Place garage, including clothing. The occasional sale will feature all ADULT clothing half-off. In the garage there will be a \$5 bag sale (bag provided) for all unmarked items. A quarter of the occasional and garage sale proceeds will be given to Safe Avenues (previously McLeod Alliance). Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487 if you have any questions about donations.

## Peace Lutheran Bloodmobile was Ranked #1 in the MN-Dakota Region for Blood Donations in the past year. Yeah Peace!

Peace collected 1,695 units in the past year. There were 50 collection sites in the Minnesota/South Dakota region and we were the only one of three that collected over 1000 units. Red Cross Account manager, Jillian Turner, presented the volunteers with a chart of the statistics and a trophy to be displayed at drives along with cake and balloons to celebrate with donors.

Current volunteers have put in the following hours at Peace:

Marion Fenske 2010-2025 ( also at Buffalo Lake),

Barb Plath 2023-2025 ( also at 3M)

Shari Zieman 2015-2025

Renee Clabo 2012-2025 ( also at Gibbon)

Kathy Hochsprung 2021-2025 ( also in Brownton)

Marith Witte 1995-2025 ( also at the city)

Shirley Wurdell 1995-2025 ( also with school, 3M and city)

Mary Haag 2000-2025

Sharon Olson started in 2025.

George Quast 2000-2025 ( also with city)

We have also had members like RoxAnn Lauer and Barb Kirchoff and others help in the past, especially making phone calls. We started out with a request from Pastor Rathjen to have 2-3 drives a year following the city drives to give another opportunity to those that couldn't make those dates. In September 2011 we started hosting monthly drives for the community. Of course, we could never do this without the faithful donors that continue to show up, the community members that provide the meals for the staff and the volunteers, cookies for the donors and the members that put in extra time to set up the tables before and after the drive. Currently Shirley Wicklund and John Lietz show up every month. Jill Lieder and Sue Kroyer also make sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you to all!!

## Save-The-Dates!

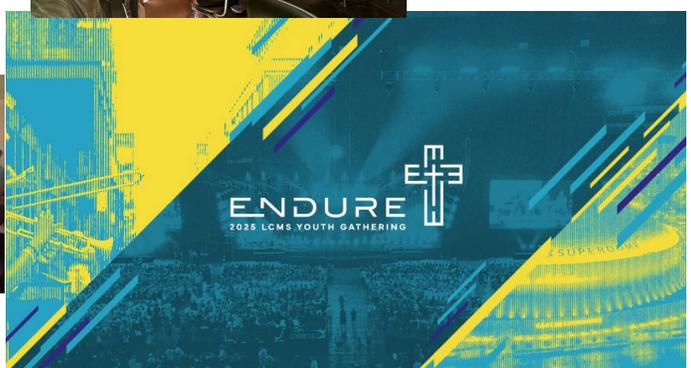
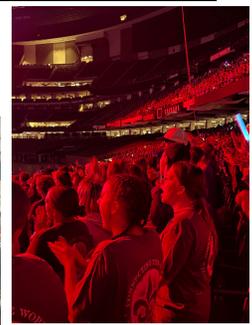
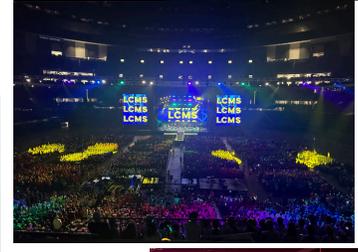
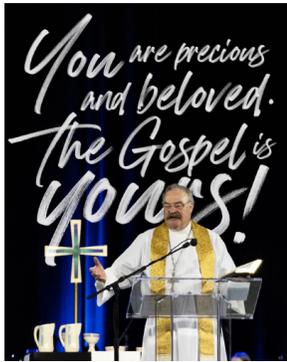
**Register TODAY at [PLCHUTCH.ORG](http://PLCHUTCH.ORG)**

Please watch for details of these events in the upcoming Bulletins!

<b>WED. SEPT 3rd</b>	<b>Confirmation Orientation</b> Gr. 6, 7, & 8 (you will be receiving information of Confirmation details)
<b>SUN. SEPT 7th</b>	<b>Rally Day - Family Fun Day</b>
<b>WED. SEPT. 10th</b>	<b>First Day of Confirmation</b> Gr. 6, 7, & 8
<b>SUN. SEPT. 14th</b>	<b>First Day of Sunday School</b> 3 yrs - Gr 8
<b>WED.. SEPT. 7th</b>	<b>First Day of Bible Study/Lunch</b>



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



## Bloodmobile

**TUESDAY, Sept 9th**  
**TUESDAY, Oct 14th**  
**12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center**

• Appointments can be made on line at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



## SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~

**Monday August 11th 1-5 pm**  
**Thursday September 11th 1-5 pm**

**Room 207-209 Education Building**

The next 55+Drivers Discount Class at Peace Lutheran Church is scheduled for Monday, August 11th 1:00 – 5:00pm in rooms 208-210. The Fall classes have been changed to Thursdays. September 11th, November 13th, and December 11th. The classes will be held at the same time and in the same rooms. Registration is still through Precision Driving Center of Minnesota. You may call 320-308-1400 or 888-234-1294 or register online at [www.DriverDiscountProgram.com](http://www.DriverDiscountProgram.com).

Hope to see you there!



## Diaper Collection During August

Throughout August, Peace will be collecting diapers in support of Common Cup's Diaper Distribution program. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, August 31. Most needed sizes: 3, 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups. Please drop off diaper packages in the Commons Area. Thank you for helping support local families in need!



## School Supply Distribution

Families may request FREE school supplies online. Forms available at [www.common-cup.org](http://www.common-cup.org) Deadline to submit is August 1, 2025.

**DISTRIBUTION DAY:**

Wed. August 13; 3:00 - 6:00 pm Tiger Elementary School; 805 School Rd. SW, Hutchinson.

We are grateful for the love and prayers shared by our church friends. Each day is a blessing, and we thank God for the joy of fellowship, faith, and friendship. This summer is flying by and we are making the best of all of it. Our garden beds are flourishing and we are slowly starting to enjoy what it was produced for us. We are thankful for the peaceful days, blooming friendships, and the strength that faith brings us. May August be filled with grace and gentle joy for us all.



God's Blessings,  
Destini Doring  
Executive Director  
Prince of Peace Retirement Living  
#320.234.7588  
[www.poprl.org](http://www.poprl.org) Blessings,

## Peace Lutheran Women in Mission

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)



Thirty three (33) new Mission Grants were approved at the National LWML convention. See all the new Mission Grants at [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants).

Mite Progress Report - As of April 30, 2025, mites received totals \$2,742,337.04; Mission Goal is \$2,350,000.00; total overage of mites offerings is \$392,337.04.

**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. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN LWML MEMBER TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.** If interested, contact Nona Anderson (583-6745).

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He will listen. He can live anywhere in the universe and He chose your heart.

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# Thank You

**We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the congregation at Peace Lutheran Church for the financial support, prayers, encouragement, love, and support of all our fundraisers to help make this trip possible. It was filled with memories that will last forever. Our foundation of faith was built stronger.**





## August 2025 Prayer Calendar



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I Thessalonians 5:16, 17, 18

- 1-Thank God He never takes a vacation or time off, but is always available.
- 2- Pray for your family, neighbors and friends to understand the importance of praying and worshiping regularly and sincerely.
- 3-Pray for God's clear guidance in whatever you do today.
- 4-Pray for individuals and families affected by natural disasters as they work to put their lives back together.
- 5-Continue to pray for God's choice of a Youth and Family Minister and Director/Teacher for Guiding Light.
- 6-Give thanks for the wonderful talent we get to enjoy in the Summer Concerts.
- 7-Pray for teachers as they begin preparation for a new school year.
- 8-Pray for good health for our Pastors.
- 9-Make today a day of thankfulness.
- 10-Praise God for His unending goodness and love.
- 11-Pray for God's wisdom for any decisions you need to make today.
- 12-Pray for the medical personnel that come with the Bloodmobile and our volunteers, and that God would bless the donors.
- 13-Pray for those volunteering in the Parish Health and Occasional Sale programs.
- 14-Give thanks that Jesus was with you yesterday, is with you today, and will be with you tomorrow.
- 15-If you have a bad day or week, think about past blessings from God - the sun will shine again.
- 16-Pray that God will strengthen and deepen your faith.
- 17-Give thanks for God's forgiveness given when you take communion.
- 18-Give thanks that God and His promises never change.
- 19-Pray the summer activities have a positive effect on the youth.
- 20-Pray for more trust in God's timing and never give up praying.
- 21-Give thanks and pray for all those that volunteer their time serving God at Peace.
- 22-Pray for our nation's politicians for honesty, integrity, wisdom and safety as they govern our nation.
- 23-Pray for safety for the men and women in our armed forces serving in countries at war.
- 24-Read Psalm 5 and think about how you can apply God's Word in your life.
- 25-Think of one amazing thing God has done for you and give Him sincere thanks.
- 26-Pray those attending the Mens and the Womens Bible Studies grow in faith and understanding of God's Word.
- 27-As summer comes to an end, give thanks for good health and time for vacations, activities and relaxing.
- 28-Pray for God's peace for our shut-ins and travel safety for those ministering to them.
- 29-Give thanks to God that He hears and answers all our prayers.
- 30-Pray God's peace today for yourself, your family and your neighbors.
- 31-Pray for patience if answers to prayer are slow in coming.

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 Pastor Jeff Miller 320-510-3674  
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OFFICE HOURS  
 Monday- Closed  
 Tuesday – Friday 9 am - 1 pm

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting	4 Office Closed	5 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 6:00 Women Talk 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders	6 11:30 Summer Concert	7 Occasional Sale 10-6	8 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion	9 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship
10 8:30 Worship 9:30 Blood Pressure Check 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Communion	11 Office Closed 1-5 Drivers Training 6:30 Council	12 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 12-6 Bloodmobile 6:30 Promise Keepers	13 9:00 Parish Health Meet	14	15 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion	16 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion
17 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	18 Office Closed	19 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 10:30-12 MS Madness 6:30 Promise Keepers	20	21 6:30 Trustees	22 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship	23 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship
24 8:30 Worship 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Communion	25 Office Closed	26 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers	27	28	29 No Service	30
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