

# Peace Lutheran Church



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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ AUGUST 24, 2025

<b>PASTORS</b>	<b>KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER</b>
<b>ELDERS</b>	
Saturday 6:30pm	Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 8:30am	Paul Otte
Sunday 10:30am	Robbie Peterson, Marc Telecky
<b>GREETERS</b>	
Sunday 8:30am	Arlene Benshoff, Joyce Tews
Sunday 10:30am	John Lietz, Shirley Wicklund

**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.

We have an urgent need for someone to join the 8:30am AV team on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Please call or text Dr. Joan at (952) 277-9961.

The Red Cross collected 148 units at their recent stop here at Peace. Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers that make this successful every month!

**REMINDER:** Due to the holiday, there will be NO Saturday night worship service on Aug 30<sup>th</sup> and only ONE worship service on Sunday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am

We are in need of snack donations for Sunday School, Release Time and after school activities for our youth. Please check the poster on the ramp bulletin board for the items we need. Thanks for your generous support!

**THANK YOU** to Steve Maki for refinishing our outside wooden doors to the Narthex. They look amazing – our almost 100 year old doors look practically brand new!

A huge **THANK YOU** to our Trustees and their family members who are helping facilitate the carpet project. Dealing with the pews is no small task – detaching, moving (three times), reattaching, along with the cutting/dismantling a couple of them plus major cleaning in the Sanctuary Job well done! Everything should be completed for our service next weekend.

**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. UPDATE – THEY ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE HIRED 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 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. Visit our website at [www.guidinglightelc.com](http://www.guidinglightelc.com)

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

<b>Sundays</b>	Peace Center, 9:40am Book of Genesis “Beginnings Part 2”
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Mens Bible Study, Cashwise Caribou, 6:45am “Mere Christianity” by CS Lewis
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Peace Center with lunch, 11:45pm starting 9/10 1 Samuel

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the maintenance of our beautiful campus—specifically maintaining and watering our potted flowers and weeding our flower beds and upcoming fall clean-up. If you would be willing to assist, please contact the Church Office or Corinne Higgins at (320) 587-7480.

The MN South District Fall Women’s Retreat will be held on September 12-13, at Camp Omega in Waterville, The theme is “Christ’s Creation: Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ”. Go to [mnsdlwml.org](http://mnsdlwml.org) and click on Events/District for information and to register, the deadline is August 26

**CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY** – It is time again for us to do a picture directory of our members. We have the following photo sessions reserved (September 25, 26 & 27; October 3 & 4; and November 6, 7 & 8). More dates will be added if needed. Each individual or family unit having their photo taken will receive a free 8 X 10 color picture, a copy of the completed book (which will be 8½ x 11, spiral bound) and the option to order Christmas cards or additional pictures in various sizes which will arrive prior to Christmas for gifts. This will be a “one stop-shop” – pictures will be taken and you will immediately be able to view them and select the photo you want in the book (and if you want a different one as your free 8x10) and also place an order for additional pictures or Christmas cards. Your photos will be mailed directly to you. The books should be available for pick-up by mid-January at the Church. Please plan on having your picture taken for this book. Sign up after worship services this weekend in the Commons area. Or, sign up on-line at [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com) – 1. go to ‘Photography’, 2. click on ‘Photography session sign up’, 3. our Church code is MN609, 4. our Password is photos. You can access this site from 12:01am on Sundays until 11:59pm on Fridays. The site is not accessible on weekends, however, you will be able to sign up in person here at Church. If you have questions, please contact Sue in the office.

<b>BUILDING DEBT FUND</b>	
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—8/17/25.....	\$ 683,046.68*
Principal paid in 2023.....	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024.....	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025.....	\$ 479,960.97*
<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>	
Offerings Deposited 8/14- 8/20	\$ 9,410
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

# PRAYER LIST

# UPCOMING

Rita Janke  
 Barb Ribar  
 Elaine Lewerenz  
 Jon & Sylvia Radtke  
 Melinda Mikolichek  
 Darlene Piehl

Delores Plath  
 Reuben Draeger  
 Melissa Wanous  
 Bev Alsleben  
 Mabel Boelter  
 Mary Melin

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, or would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN are in the red wagons in the Chapel, Peace Center or Narthex. Children may use the bags during Worship and return them to the wagon.

If you have extra produce from your garden and would like to share – place it on the table in the Commons. Thanks for sharing!

Attendance Last Week	
Saturday 6:30pm	68
Sunday 8:00am	125
Sunday 10:30am	51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Online</b>	<b>486</b>

**SUNDAY (8/24)**  
 8:30am Worship  
 9:40am Family Bible Study  
 10:30am Worship/Communion

**MONDAY (8/25)**  
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**TUESDAY (8/26)**  
 6:45am Men's Bible Study  
 10:00am Women's Bible Study  
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

**WEDNESDAY (8/27)**

**THURSDAY (8/28)**  
 10-12 – Occas Sale Work Day

**FRIDAY (8/29)**

**SATURDAY (8/30)**  
**NO WORSHIP SERVICE**

**\*\*REGISTER ON-LINE NOW: SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION\*\***

**SUNDAY (8/31)**  
**10:00am Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)**

**MONDAY (9/1)**  
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**TUESDAY (9/2)**  
 6:45 am Men's Bible Study  
 10:00am Women's Bible Study  
 6:30pm Promise Keepers  
 6:30pm Elders

**WEDNESDAY (9/3)**  
 5:00pm Confirmation Orientation

**THURSDAY (9/4)**  
 10am-6pm Occasional Sale

**FRIDAY (9/5)**

**SATURDAY (9/6)**  
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday—CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday— 9am-1pm**

### ANNUAL COMMON CUP DIAPER DRIVE

Throughout the month of August we will be collecting diapers in support of Common Cup's Diaper Distribution Program/ Most needed are sizes 3,4,5,6 and pull-ups. Please drop off your diaper donations in the playpen in the Commons Area. Thank you for helping local families in need

**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. **WE ARE STARTING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR & WE ARE DEFINITELY IN NEED OF SOME THRIVENT CARDS!** 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 August total sales were \$2,543.17!** One quarter of the August 7th sales, \$635.79, will go to Safe Avenues (formerly McLeod Alliance for Domestic Violence), \$635.79 will go towards building utilities and maintenance and half, \$1,271.59, will go towards dept reduction. The next sale will be September 4th. One quarter of the September sales will go to the local Food Shelf. **SEPTEMBER SPECIALS: ALL clothing ½ price. Donation drop off dates and times are from 4:00-6:00pm on August 25th (the week before the sale instead of the week of the sale)** 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!**