

Peace Lutheran Church



400 Franklin St. SW | Hutchinson MN
 Phone: (320) 587-3031
 Prayer Chain: (320) 587-6484
 Website: www.plchutch.org
 Email: office@plchutch.org

We are a loving community called by God's grace — that all know the Peace of God.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / AUGUST 3, 2025

PASTORS	KURT WEBER and JEFFREY MILLER
ELDERS	
Saturday 6:30pm	Paul Otte, George Quast
Sunday 8:30am	Brad Havemeier, Jeff Weckwerth
Sunday 10:30am	Wayne Vinkemeir
GREETERS	
Sunday 8:30am	Matthew Thomforde, Brianna Johnston
Sunday 10:30am	Ron and Barb Kirchoff

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 the activities are reduced during the summer, this was a logical decision. Our small staff will still perform their regular duties and will be in the office beyond the posted hours and also when there are events such as bloodmobile, concerts, funerals, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Tuesday, August 19, 6:00pm there will be a Christian Education meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Wednesday, August 13 from 6:00-7:30pm we have scheduled a Youth Fun Night for our youth Grades 6-12. Plan on Bible Study, Food, Fellowship, Fun and if the weather cooperates we'll have the volleyball net up too! Bring your friends!

If you still wish to donate items for the Common Cup School Supply Drive, please bring your items to the cart in the Commons Area. We especially have a need for backpacks. Thanks for your support!

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—8/1/25.....	\$ 695,044.38*
Principal paid in 2023	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025	\$ 467,963.27

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offerings Deposited 7/24-7/30	\$ 10,450
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

Guiding Light Early Learning Center is an official business entity as of Dec 2024, they have received 501(c)(3) non-profit classification and are working on acquiring their state licensing. UPDATE – THEY ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT AS OF THIS WEEK, THEY HAVE SECURED 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 their website at www.guidinglightelc.com

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

Sundays	Peace Center, 9:40am Book of Genesis "Where Did It All Begin"
Tuesdays	Mens 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

Our 13 youth (Lily Demere, Aiden Fromm, Lilliam Fromm, Ruby Hoff, Sierra Jenkins, Kylie Johnson, Annabelle Luthens, Liam Schlueter, Madeline Schlueter, Alexis Selle, Dalton Selle, Ashby Smahel and Weston Witte) that attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans would like to express their appreciation for the prayers and support they received from the congregation. We would also like to give a huge thank you to Jill Lieder, Stephanie Schlueter and Pastor Weber for so generously serving as chaperones!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – Our seventh concert this coming Wednesday will be our final program of this year and will feature the Praise Team from Christ the King (Pastor Steve Olcott, Pastor Brian Nehring and Music Director Shannon Watts) along with Dr. Joan, performing "favorite old hymns in new style". The concert starts at 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:15pm

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

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
Reuben 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 bags during worship and return them to the wagon

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	76
Sunday 8:30am	148
Sunday 10:30am	45
TOTAL	269
Online	673

LOOKING AHEAD AT PEACE

SUNDAY (8/3)

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

MONDAY (8/4)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (8/5)

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

WEDNESDAY (8/6)

11:30am Summer Concert/Lunch

THURSDAY (8/7)

10am-6pm Occasional Sale

FRIDAY (8/8)

SATURDAY (8/9)

6:30pm Worship

SUNDAY (8/10)

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

MONDAY (8/11)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
1-5pm Drivers Training
6:30pm Council

TUESDAY (8/12)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
12-6pm Bloodmobile
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (8/13)

6:00pm Youth Fun Night

THURSDAY (8/14)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (8/15)

SATURDAY (8/16)

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. 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 28th 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

Chuck Jones, Vice President, PLC Church Council
320-583-1411 cjones@broadband-mn.com

Robbie Peterson, Chairman, PLC Board of Elders
320-250-3382 rrrspete@hutchtel.net

Pastor Kurt Weber, Senior Pastor
989-430-6585 kurtweberplc@gmail.com

Barb Otte
320-583-6855 bpotte@mchsi.com

Roger Kaufmann
320-296-0869 kaufman@hutchtel.net