

Peace Lutheran Church



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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ AUGUST 17, 2025

PASTORS	GERHARD BODE AND KURT WEBER
ELDERS	
Saturday 6:30pm	George Quast, Dale Schumann
Sunday 8:30am	Matthew Markgraf, Wayne Vinkemeier
Sunday 10:30am	Brad Havemeier
GREETERS	
Sunday 8:30am	Greg and Darlene Plath
Sunday 10:30am	Dale and Judy Schumann

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

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.

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

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

NOTE: Due to the Sanctuary carpet project being started this week, ALL worship services next weekend will be held in the Peace Center. Hopefully, we will be able to be back in the Sanctuary the following weekend.

REMINDER: Due to the holiday weekend, there will be NO Saturday night worship service on August 30th and only ONE worship service on Sunday, August 31st which will be held at 10:00am

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.

Starting in September we would like to add an office volunteer for Thursday mornings to greet/direct visitors and answer phones. If this is something you would be able to do, contact Sue in the office. Thanks!

Our Summer Concert Series has come to a close and we would like to thank everyone that attended. We would especially like to THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS that helped to again make this event such a success! Plans are already underway for securing next year’s performers. 2026 will mark our 40th year of this great program!

The MN South District Fall Women’s Retreat will be held on September 12-13, 2025, at Camp Omega in Waterville, MN. The theme is “Christ’s Creation: Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ”. The registration deadline is August 26. Go to mnsiwm.org and click on Events/District for information and to register.

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

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

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—6/15/25.....	\$ 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 8/7- 8/13	\$ 12,914
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

PRAYER LIST

UPCOMING

Rita Janke
 IBarb Ribar
 Elaine Lewerenz
 Jon & Sylvia Radtke
 Melinda Mikolichuk
 Darlene Piehl
 Delores Plath
 Rueben Draeger
 Melissa Wanous

Mabel Boelter
 Ruthie Flaig
 LeRoy Albrecht
 Bev Alsleben
 George Moehring
 June Beach
 Karen Burzynski
 Jackie Dixon

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 and Narthex. Children may use the bags during Worship and return them to the wagon.

Attendance Last Week	
Saturday 6:30pm	70
Sunday 8:00am	151
Sunday 10:30am	70
TOTAL	291
Online	707

SUNDAY (8/17)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Family Bible Study
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (8/18)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (8/19)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 6:00 pm Christian Educ Mtg
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (8/20)

THURSDAY (8/21)
 10-12 – Occas Sale Work Day
 6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (8/22)

SATURDAY (8/23)
 6:30pm Worship

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)
 6:45 am 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

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!

THANK YOU to everyone that so generously donated school supplies for Common Cup's Backpack Program!

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 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!**