

Peace Lutheran Church



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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ AUGUST 31, 2025

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| PASTORS | KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER |
| ELDERS | |
| Sunday 10:00am | Matthew Markgraf, Wayne Vinkemeier |
| GREETERS | |
| Sunday 10:00am | Anita Miller |

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 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call or text Dr. Joan at (952) 277-9961.

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!

A huge THANK YOU to our Trustees and their family members who helped to facilitate the carpet project. Dealing with the pews is no small task – detaching, moving (three times), reattaching, along with the cutting/dismanteling a couple of them plus major cleaning. Job well done!

Starting this week the office hours for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will return to 9am-4pm. Fridays we will still be open 9am-1pm and we will remain closed on Mondays for the foreseeable future.

We will be continuing to copy the Order of Worship and the Bulletin separately. We urge you to take the Bulletin home with you as a reference for information and upcoming events.

| BUILDING DEBT FUND | |
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| 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—8/31/25..... | \$ 675,982.50* |
| Principal paid in 2023..... | \$ 640,035.99 |
| Principal paid in 2024..... | \$ 483,259.07 |
| Principal paid in 2025..... | \$ 487,025.15* |
| WEEKLY OFFERINGS | |
| Offerings Deposited 8/21- 8/27 | \$ 8,368 |
| 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. 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

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

- Sundays** Peace Center, 9:40am, starting 9/14
Book of Genesis “Beginnings Part 2”
- Tuesdays & Saturdays** Mens Bible Study, Cashwise Caribou, 6:45am
Men of Faith and Action
“Mere Christianity” by CS Lewis
- Wednesdays** Peace Center with lunch, 11:45pm starting 9/10
1 Samuel “Kingdoms rise and fall, but Christ is Forever King (History of the Monarchy of Israel)

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 at the by mid-January at the Church. Please plan on having your picture taken for this book. Sign up before or after the worship service this weekend in the Commons area. Or, sign up on-line at 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 on Saturdays and Sundays. NOTE: ALL PICTURE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE PEACE CENTER. If you wish to have multi-generational or extended family pictures taken, please sign up for two consecutive photo sessions to allow adequate time. If you have questions, please contact Sue in the office.

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

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

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

TUESDAY (9/2)
 6:45am 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)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

**REMINDER: SIGN-UP ONLINE FOR
 SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION**

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

MONDAY (9/8)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (9/9)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 12-6pm Bloodmobile
 3:00pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers
 6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (9/10)
 10:00am Body and Soul
 11:45am Bible Study & Lunch
 2:45pm Confirmation
 4:30 pm Teen Bible Study
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (9/11)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 1-5pm Drivers Training

FRIDAY (9/12)

SATURDAY (9/13)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship

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 | |
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| Saturday 6:30pm | 59 |
| Sunday 8:00am | 108 |
| Sunday 10:30am | 74 |
| TOTAL | 241 |
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| Online | 644 |

A heartfelt thank you to Peace members for your generous donations of school supplies and diapers during August! Through Common Cup's School Supply Distribution, more than 500 children in the Hutchinson and Glencoe communities were equipped for a successful school year – what an incredible outreach for families in need! Your diaper donations are also making a difference. With distributions held in Hutchinson on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, many young families are receiving the necessities they need for their little ones. We are so grateful for your continued support!

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!

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!**