

Peace Lutheran Church



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER

ELDERS:

Saturday 6:30pm Paul Otte
 Sunday 8:30am Dale Schumann
 Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson, Wayne Vinkemeier

GREETERS:

Sunday 8:30am Allen and Carol Swenson
 Sunday 10:30am 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.

NEW! YOUTH HANDBELLS – Come join the fun and ring with us! Wednesday, October 1st during early release time after school. Please contact Dr. Joan for more info and transportation options. Middle school students can stay at Church for Confirmation

We will be continuing to print the **Order of Worship** and the **Bulletin** separately. We urge you to take the Bulletin (the colored sheet) home with you as a reference for information on upcoming events.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP Mondays, 4-5:30pm

This is a 13 week course, but you are welcome to join us at any time. We meet in Room 210 of the Education Bldg. Upcoming Topics: Sept 29 “Self-Care”; October 6 “Fearful & Overwhelmed”; October 13 “Anger”; October 20 “Regrets”

Looking for new members who are willing to join their voices with us as we sing a joyful song to the Lord! We meet on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Choir Room.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FUND HAS NOTIFIED US THAT THEY WILL AGAIN PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE DEBT REDUCTION FOR DONATIONS UP TO A TOTAL OF \$50,000 STARTING OCTOBER 1ST!

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—9/17/25.....	\$ 663,939.89*
Principal paid in 2023.....	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024.....	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025.....	\$ 499,067.76*
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Offerings Deposited 9/18 - 9/24	\$ 10,607
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

Sundays Peace Center: 9:40am
 Book of Genesis “Beginnings Part 2”
Tuesday & Saturdays Men’s Bible Study, Cashwise Caribou, 6:45am
 Men of Faith and Action
 ”Mere Christianity” by CS Lewis
Wednesdays Peace Center with Lunch, 11:45am
 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: October 3 and 4; and November 6, 7 and 8. More dates will be added if needed. Each individual or family unit having a picture taken will receive a free 8 X 10 color picture, copy of the completed book (which will be 8 ½ X 11, spiral bound) with the option to order picture Christmas cards plus additional pictures in various sizes which will arrive prior to Christmas for gifts. This will be a “one stop-shop” – the pictures will be taken and you will be able to immediately view them and select the photo you want in the book and if you want a different one as your free 8 X 10 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.** You may sign up in the Commons before or after the worship services. 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 11:59am on Fridays. This site will not be accessible on weekends, however, you will be able to sign-up in person here at Church. **PICTURE SESSIONS WILL BE IN THE PEACE CENTER.** If you would like to have a multi-generational or an extended family picture taken, please sign-up for two consecutive photo sessions to allow adequate time. **WE HAVE ADDED A DIRECT LINK TO THE SIGN-UP FROM OUR WEB SITE.**

Peace Lutheran was again voted **#1 Church Dinner** and **#1 Fish Fry!** This would not happen if it were not for our wonderful, hard working volunteers! Thank You To All!

Guiding Light Early Learning Center: Pending licensure, they are hoping to be operational in early November. For more information go to www.guidinglightelc.com

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.

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

Reuben Draeger
 Melissa Wanous
 Bev Alsleben
 Mabel Boelter
 Jan Klabunde
 Gale Schlueter

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 garden produce and would like to share – please place it on the table in the Commons. Thanks!

The October-November-December Portals of are available in the Narthex or Commons Area

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	70
Sunday 8:30am	160
Sunday 10:30am	90
TOTAL	320
Online	609

SUNDAY (9/28)
 8:30am Worship
 9:40am Bible Study
 9:40am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (9/29)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (9/30)
 6:45am Men’s Bible Study
 10:00am Women’s Bible Study
 3:00pm Parables Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (10/1)
 10:30am Body and Soul
 11:45 am Lunch & Bible Study
 12:30pm Youth Handbells
 2:45pm Confirmation
 4:30pm Teen Bible Study
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (10/2)
 10-6 Occasional Sale

FRIDAY (10/3)
 2-9 PICTURES

SATURDAY (10/4)
 6:45am Men’s Bible Study
 10-4 PICTURES
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

SUNDAY (10/5)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40 Bible Study
 9:40am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (10/6)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (10/7)
 6:45am Men’s Bible Study
 10:00am Women’s Bible Study
 3:00pm Parables Bible Study
 6:00pm Women Talk
 6:30pm Promise Keepers
 6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (10/8)
 10:30am Body and Soul
 11:45am Lunch & Bible Study
 2:45pm Confirmation
 4:30pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Teen Bible Study
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (10/9)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (10/10)

SATURDAY (10/11)
 6:45am Men’s Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship

ANNUAL COMMON CUP COAT DRIVE – We are collecting coats (no wool coats please), boots, snowpants, mittens, etc – new or gently used – infant to adult sizes, for Common Cup. There is a box in the Commons Area for your donations thru October 10th. Thank you for your generous 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 September total sales were \$2,028.83! One quarter of the September 4th sales, \$507.21, will go to the local Food Shelf, \$507.21 will go towards building utilities and maintenance and half, \$1,014.41, will go towards dept reduction. The next sale will be October 2nd. One quarter of the October sales will go to Safe Avenues. Donation drop off dates and times are from 4:00-6:00pm on Monday, September 22nd (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!** *****NOTE In the 12 months the store has been operational their total sales have been \$27,389.91 (this includes \$14,589.61 for the debt fund & \$6,479.15 for various charities.) We have an amazing crew of volunteers that continue to work countless hours to make this such a success! THANK YOU ALL!!!**