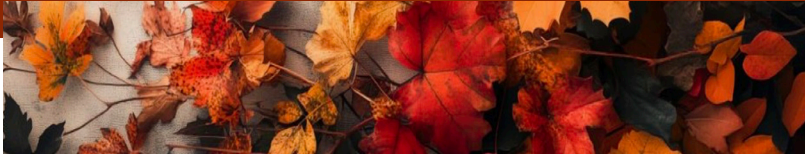




# November 2025 Messenger of PEACE

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Dear Church family and friends of Peace Lutheran,

I wanted to extend an early greeting of a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families! You are such a blessing to our church, our community, your family, and friends.

And, you are a blessing to my wife Laura and myself and our family. I can't thank you enough for your kindness and for your partnership in the Gospel as we serve our Lord and God's church Peace Lutheran.

I thought for a moment what I should share with you this month of November. It didn't take long. Here is a verse that I pray is a blessing to you as it is to me. It is from the New Testament book of Romans chapter 12 verse 1, I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. It is an amazing but somewhat confusing verse. I think there is one word that makes its meaning clear. The word is Thanksliving! No, not just Thanksgiving to God for all his blessings of family, friends, church, and home! We have so much to be grateful to God for in our hearts. But Thanksliving! We can live each day with an attitude of gratitude and show it in our actions of serving God by serving others. The Bible describes this Thanksliving life as being like the offering of ourselves on God's altar in selfless acts of kindness and generosity to the church and each other.

This past month we were super excited for our son and his family as we cheered him on at his graduation from the police academy. He still has on the job training for the next month but then will be on his own to serve and protect the citizens. That is his Thanksliving to serve his community and serve the Lord.

**PEACE WORSHIP TIMES**

SATURDAY  
6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY  
8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

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**ONLINE WORSHIP**

**Livestream**  
[plchutch.org](http://plchutch.org) Watch Live@8:30am

**FacebookLive**  
[www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN](http://www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN)

**YouTube**  
[www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn](http://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn)

**CABLE TV - HCVN**  
chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom  
**Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm**  
**Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am**




God has an opportunity designed for each of us to show our thanks and serve others whether that's our family, our community, or our church. What opportunity has God provided for (your) Thanksliving? We shared another Bible verse in church a month or so ago that I would like to end this November newsletter. 1 Peter 4:10, As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace! Use your gift generously!

Happy Thanksliving!  
Pastor Kurt Weber



# Associate Pastor's Corner

The thought struck me recently that I called this monthly rambling a "Corner." When I was much younger, I would end up facing a certain corner in our house – supposedly I was to "think" about what I had done or said. I knew "somebody else" was more guilty than I was – I had 2 sisters at the time. But here I am again, back in the corner – thinking. Of course, my first thoughts are about those 7th graders-and 6th graders- that attend confirmation class, Jill helps – you parents already know that. We will cover the 10 commandments by the time we finish our classes in December. The commandments help us to establish limits in our relationships and behavior and thinking. Please don't make them JUST A RIGID LIST OF RULES. Jill also leads a Bible Study that follows confirmation class. Our students are encouraged to learn with and from their peers. It goes from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. I want to thank you parents of confirmands – your students are cooperative, interested, interesting and responsive. I like their energy in doing the skits also. (Did you know we do skits?)

**GRIEF SHARE** – This 13-week session support group is for people who experience loss of loved ones. We are pleased to see a good number of folks attending. We began this in order to provide "after-care" to the growing number of survivors in our congregation. Life just isn't the same after a family member dies. Please feel welcome. This is open to the community also. What is said there, stays there.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** – This is an extra bonus of Grief Share. This will be a ONE SESSION only topic presented by Grief Share leaders. The class will be held November 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

**BE THANKFUL** – God has been good to us individually and to our congregation. Let us join together and give thanks to God for His mercies endure forever.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Miller

## OFFICIAL ACTS



### BAPTISM

October 5th – Violet Dawn Mickolichek, daughter of Colby & Rosanna Mickolichek

October 11th – Jade Ann Marie Sanchez, daughter of Francisco Sanchez & Kylie Hill

### WEDDINGS

October 18th – Ryan Knacke and Mary Zavoral

October 25th – Matthew Thomforde and Brianna Johnston

### FUNERALS

October 16 - Elvern Mickle, 81, passed October 12  
October 23 – Darlene Piehl, 87, passed October 19

### Memorials

Nolan Hanke – Youth - \$20

Elsie Alsleben – Debt Reduction Fund - \$225  
Cemetery Fund - \$225

Bill Chirstensen – Debt Reduction Fund - \$215

Elvern Mickle – Taxi Fund - \$25

### Saturday 6:30pm

Nov 1: Brian Baysinger & Patty Thul

8: Dick & Corinne Higgins

15: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung

22: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

29: **November Readers**

### Saturday 6:30pm

Nov 1: Joanne Keilen

8: Corinne Higgins

15: Anitan Miller

22: Joanne Keilen

29: Lee Ulbdjerg

### Sunday 8:30am

Nov 2: Darlyn Egge

9: Sandra Hall

16: Duane Hall

23: Lynn Brown

30: Bennett Oberg

### Nov 2

8:30 John Lietz & Shirley Wicklund

10:30 John Lietz & Shirley Wicklund

### Nov 9

8:30 Duane and Sandra Hall

10:30 Hazel Sitz

### Nov 16

8:30 Sharon Olson and

Margo Kaping

10:30 Dale & Judy Schumann

### November

### **Ushers**

8:30am

Team 3 & 4

Tim Zackrison

Marc Max

Marlin Haag

Troy Kurth

Mike Mckimm

Nic Tews

Owen Streich

Scott Streich

### 10:30am

Kevin Pfau

Sara Peterson

Kevin Pfau

Arlene Benshoof

John Lietz

### **November Greeters**

### Nov 23

8:30 Doug and Lynn Brown

10:30 John & Linda Kalenberg

### Nov 30

8:30 Scott and Shannon Streich

10:30 John Lietz &

Shirley Wicklund

## 2025 All Saints

On the weekend of November 1st & 2nd we will remember those who have entered into eternal life in the past year. Letters have gone out to all family contact persons, and names will be read at all services. If you have an questions, please contact the church office.

David Schmidt  
Beverly Schmidt  
Janet Healy  
Jule Schroeder  
John Korngiebel  
Randy Ulrich  
Kay Falling  
Etheline Clasen  
Walter Ahrens  
Sharlene Hanke  
Virginia Retzlaff  
Gilmer Von Ohlen

Sharon Sustacek  
Janet Klapotz  
Doris Sturges  
Nancy Klapotz  
Allen Fuchs  
Sharon Schroeder  
Daryl Luthens  
Elsie Alsleben  
William Christensen  
Elvern Mickle  
Jerome Fischer  
Darlene Piehl



Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.



### CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

It is time again for us to do a picture directory of our members. We have the following photo sessions reserved November 6, 7 & 8. One more day of December 2nd has been added. Sign up after worship services 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. Or call the office to have Connie help you reserve your spot today. You may also register on our website at [www.plchutch.org](http://www.plchutch.org)



### Adult Choir

Come join the Adult Choir at Peace Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have this start again. Join us Wednesday at 5:30pm. We would love to see you there!!



### Save the Date

Turkey and Ham dinner November 21st, more details on the back page. See you there!!



## TIGER TWEENS

**What:** an after-school program  
**When:** Wednesdays, 3:15-4:30  
**Who:** 4th and 5th graders  
**Where:** met by Tiger Tween leaders at "the rock"  
**We'll have a snack, music, interactive Christian curriculum plus visits with Prince of Peace residents throughout the school year. Sign up on PLC website or on registration forms in the Commons. Come join us!!**

**Confirmation | Wednesdays**  
**Begins at 2:30 pm | Grade 6,7,8**

The confirmation program at Peace Lutheran provides an opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to continue their spiritual journey, that they may come to have a greater understanding of the Bible and Luther's Catechism in their daily lives. If intrested in joining, please feel free to contact Jill in the office at 320-587-3031.

**Release Time Grades 2-5**  
**Wed. Morning Church Basement**

This is a great mid-week program in which children are released from school for one hour to go to a church of their choice for religious education.

**\*\*REGISTRATION must be done prior to attending to be excused from school. Forms are returned TO JILL LIEDER IN THE OFFICE.**

**Help Needed!** We are looking for parents/adults who are interested in helping with our youth programs. What better way to serve at Peace Lutheran than through helping children deepen their love for the Lord! If interested please call the church at 587-3031, and talk with Jill and she can help you find the best way you can serve. We have many activites, come see where you fit in!!



**A Huge thank you to the many volenteers, helpers, and all those that donated to the Peace Lutheran's HAY lunch on October 23rd!! The 360 children were so happy and thankful to all that helped. It is a big project with with an incredible impact on many. Thank you again for this blessing!**

We have an URGENT need for additional Audio-Video team persons. Please consider this vital ministry. Call or text Dr. Joan at 320-587-3031. The computer training isn't difficult but some "techy" skills are helpful.

## Sunday School

We are delighted that so many students (preschool through 8th grade), teachers, parents and helpers are joining us on Sunday mornings to learn more about the Bible. Our lessons this month are: November 2 Elijah and Baal; November 9 Three Men in the Fiery Furnace; November 16 Daniel in the Lion's Den; November 23 The Ten Lepers; November 30 Zecharias

## Sunday School Missions

Our fall mission project is purchasing animals through Lutheran World Relief. Animals are part of LWR programming because healthy, thriving animals contribute to healthy and thriving communities. LWR works in rural farming communities because those in poverty often live in rural settings and rely on agriculture for survival, including livestock. Sunday School offerings will go toward this project.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Sunday School's fall/winter offering for Lutheran World Relief animals. We have raised enough money, thus far, for several goats, pigs and chickens!

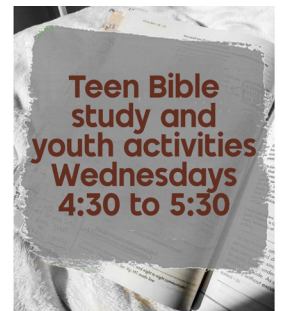
## Children's Christmas Program

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM -- Please sign up for the Christmas program ASAP. Parts will be distributed before Thanksgiving. We look forward to everyone's participation! Rehearsal and party are December 13th and the program is Dec. 14th at 10:30am.



We will be packing Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse in the beginning of November. I'm having trouble getting a time to do it so please watch the bulletin and listen for an announcement. The deadline is the week of November 17-24. We have quite a few nice items. We can use pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, a "WOW" gift that will fit in the box and make the recipient feel special. Use your imagination or ask me or look up on line. They have ideas to share. Balls of all kinds are welcome and I have pumps so we can deflate large balls to fit. Thank you for helping with this worthwhile project. I think it is great that each box is done with a special person in mind. Very Personal.

Teen Bible Study and Youth activities are every Wednesday in the Peace Center. We would love you to come and join us! Lots of good activities to do and be with like minded friends every week.



Quilting will be 1-3 on Nov 5. and the Nov.19th. We will also be quilting on Oct 29. New people always welcome. One church has the men tie the quilts. See, we can all help. You don't have to know how to sew and some of the things can be done at home. So many ways to help. Just ask. It is a great mission and lots of fun.

## Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, Nov 11th  
TUESDAY, Dec 9th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments can be made on line at  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



Welcome, November — please be nice. We're running on leftover Halloween candy and early Christmas spirit. Speaking of Christmas spirit - remember to join us for our Holiday Tour of Home Open House this month. More info can be found in this messenger, social media, and the Chamber website. Thank you to those who made contributions to our Casion Night event that helps fund our resident activities, to the kids who came for Halloween, and to those who have dropped off donations to help in other areas - we are GRATEFUL! God is good & we are blessed with the BEST.

Blessings,  
Destini Doring  
Executive Director

## TAXI



We are always looking for donations to help defray the cost of the Taxi service. Funds collected from Sunday Morning Coffee will be applied to the cab service bill. We want our members to be able to attend worship services and any help we can give those that are unable to drive to services is a blessing. Taxi services available to worship services by calling for a ride. 552-0195

## Peace Lutheran Women in Mission



Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

The final tally for giving to support missions around the world on Mission Possible Day, September 16, was \$58,246.92.

Mission goal report for June 2025: the amount received for the 2023-2025 biennium is \$3,043,277.17.

Stop by the LWML bulletin board and read a thank you note from our Adpot-a-student Seminarian Alexander Nelson.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The Minnesota South District LWML is seeking volunteers to help at the 31st District Convention on June 18-20, 2026. The Crow River Conference, which is made up of the Arlington Zone, the McLeod Zone and the Litchfield Zone, will be the Host Committee for the convention. Around 30 volunteers are needed from the three zones. Please consider attending the convention and being a volunteer. More information will be coming soon. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN LWML MEMBER TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.** If interested, contact Nona Anderson (583-6745).

Radio station KTIS 98.5 FM is a Christian station out of the University of Northwestern in Roseville, MN. They play contemporary Christian music and offer Christian commentary.

## SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~



Thursday November 13th 1-5 pm  
Thursday December 11th 1-5 pm

### Room 207-209 Education Building

The next 55+Drivers Discount Class at Peace Lutheran Church is scheduled for Monday, August 11th 1:00 – 5:00pm in rooms 208-210. The Fall classes have been moved to Thursdays- November 13th, and December 11th. The classes will be held at the same time and in the same rooms. Registration is still through Precision Driving Center of Minnesota. You may call 320-308-1400 or 888-234-1294 or register online at [www.DriverDiscountProgram.com](http://www.DriverDiscountProgram.com). Hope to see you there!

**Prince of Peace Retirement Living**  
Independence \* Community \* Safety \* Affordability

**Holiday Tour of Home**  
Sat, November 22nd ★ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Come for a led tour and enjoy...

- \* Entertainment by TrisKy Duo
- \* Coffee, treats, & more
- \* 20+ Themed Christmas Trees

**Hutchinson's Best Kept Secret!**

301 Glen St SW, Hutchinson ~ [poprl.org](http://poprl.org)

The save the date is here!! Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 pm in the Peace Center.

Benjamin Hylden at age 16 was in a single motor vehicle accident on a rural road in North Dakota. Given a 5% chance of survival. He lived! Come hear his story.

There is no charge to come but you will be invited to give a freewill donation after his presentation. Posters are on the bulletin boards. Let us fill the Peace Center to overflow and give Benjamin a warm Minnesota welcome!

A big THANK YOU!! in advance.

**COMMON CUP MINISTRY Save-the-Dates!**



Community Open House - Thursday, November 13, 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
 Please join us for our Community Open House at our new location, 405 California St NW. on Thursday, November 13, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Come tour our new space, meet our staff & board members, & learn more about our programs as we celebrate 25 years of serving McLeod County residents.

Coming Together In Song Concert - Sunday, November 17, 3:00 pm  
 You're invited to a special community concert, Coming Together in Song, Sunday, November 17, 3:00 pm at Christ The King Church. Enjoy performances from several local choirs and experience the joy of music and community. A freewill offering will be accepted to support the ongoing mission of Common Cup Ministries. After the concert, stay and visit with friends over coffee and cookies. We'd love to see you there!

**November Occasional Sale Update**

October occasional sale proceeds were \$2,548.70. Half of the proceeds, \$1,292.36 went to debt reduction, which will be matched by the Congregational Fund. Safe Avenues received \$646.17, and the same amount went toward utilities and maintenance. Thank you for the incredible dedication of our volunteers and donors!!

The next drop-off date is Monday, October 27, from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Volunteers are always welcome to help sort and price donations on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-noon. Items can also be dropped off during those times. Please ring the doorbell, and volunteers will receive your donations. We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor (especially Christmas), towels, bedding, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, small appliances, crafts, yarn, toys, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, vinyl records, and sport trading cards.

The next occasional sale date is November 6th from 10:00-6:00. Specials are buy 1 book, get 1 book free of equal or lesser value, 50% off Precious Moments, and 75% off all milk glass items. A quarter of the occasional sale proceeds will be given to The Closet, McLeod County. This is an outreach focusing on the needs of foster and adopted children. Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487 if you have any questions about donations.



**Cornucopia for Common Cup**  
 One of the traditions at Peace is a Cornucopia (Horn of Plenty). This benefits people in our local community. Please bring your food donations for the Cornucopia display in the Commons Area for the month of November. Thank you!!!



*Poinsettias*

Peace members and visitors will again be enjoying beautiful decorations during the Christmas season. The cost of a plant is \$13. If you would like to buy a poinsettia plant as a memorial, or perhaps to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry such as **TTNG** (Debt Free Initiative), **General Fund**, or **Other**, please fill out the form below and return to church along with your donation by **December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

In Honor or Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Poinsettias x \$13 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_



Peace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
September 9, 2025

Present: Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Gary Havemeier, Kathy Hochsprung, Lynn Brown, Pastor Weber, Sue Kroyer, Justin Evenson, Kim Borka

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Luke 16

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Justin to accept the 8-11-25 minutes. 2nd by Lynn. Motion carried.

Reports:

Pastor's Report:

Update on Youth & Family Minister Call Committee: The first week in September there was a meeting with Concordia St. Paul (CSP) Names are continuing to be looked at for candidates. Some options presented by CSP to obtain a person for this position are having an intern, looking for a candidate, or there is a 1.5 year process / training that someone from the church could take and get certified to do be in this position. We are going to continue to work with CSP to search for a candidate.

Paul and Jeff continue to do shut in visits. For this, we are very thankful. The grief share group continues to meet with good attendance.

Divorce care group is potentially going to start in January 2026.

Guiding Light: Goal to open is November 3, 2025. Kaylee Entinger is the Director.

Alaska Missions for Christ: The third week of June 2026 is the tentative date for this mission trip. Most likely will be in Juneau.

Rally Day for Sunday School had a nice turnout.

Bible Studies are beginning again: Samuel 1.

Genesis Bible study on Sunday continues and Men's Bible study meets at Cashwise at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

2. Administrator / Office Report: Sue shared occasional sales for August were : \$2028.83. \$1014.41 went to debt reduction. \$507.21 went to the Food Shelf. This was the 12th month of sales. In the 12 months, \$27,389.91 has been raised. In total, \$14,589.61 went to debt reduction as the amount was matched. Many local charities benefited from these dollars as well. As of October 1, 2025 we will have up to \$50,000 of matching funds from the Congregational Fund which can be utilized.

Current balance for loan is: \$675,982.50.

Ham and Turkey Dinner, Cookie Sales will be in the fall / late fall. PLC won the award for #1 Church Dinner and #1 Fish Fry from the Hutchinson Station.

Great news! 96 families are currently signed up for directory photos.

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the year to date P & L report.

4. Elder's Report: A printed version of the September minutes was shared.

Old Business:

Carpet installation—looks amazing!

Church directory—reminders to sign up

Guiding Light Updates: See above.

Governance Documents—Discussion and vote:

Vote to approve the edits to the Resolution for the PLC Congregational Fund. All edits were approved with the exception of A6 which will remain as the 1993 language. Motion made by Melissa. All in favor, no opposed. Motion carried.

Governance Policy Manual: Discussion and edits to the document took place. The council will continue to review the manual. Chuck will update with revisions and the council will review the revisions.

New Business:

Goal setting or ideas for next year: will be discussed in October.

Closing prayer

Adjourn at: 9:

Next meeting: October 14, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka  
Church Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth  
Church Council President



## November 2025 Prayer Calendar



1. Lord, we honor those saints who are in Heaven.
2. Pray about an opportunity to serve in the way that God has planned for us.
3. Lord, we ask for your guidance to those involved in the opening of Guiding Light Early Learning Center.
4. Pray for those seeking political office that they will serve with integrity.
5. Lord, help us to appreciate that Your blessings are new every day.
6. Help us to let go and remember that you always know what is best.
7. Thank you for our pastors and all those who lead our youth and remember them in our prayers.
8. Lord, remind us that through all life's challenges, we can trust You.
9. Dear God, thank you for the opportunities to care for others in our church family and community.
10. Lord, please be with the Elders and Church Council as they meet and make decisions on behalf of the Congregation.
11. Be thankful for the service of men and women in the military who have and continue to keep our country safe.
12. Dear God, please guide our decisions that we make for our family.
13. Pray for those seeking employment so that they can support their families.
14. Lord, even when we forget and think we are alone, You are there to guide our every step.
15. We pray for all those who are in care facilities, and remember them through visits, cards, and prayers.
16. Dear Lord, we pray for all the challenges facing our youth today. Help them to put on the armor of God each day.
17. Pray for facilitators and participants in Grief Share groups in our church and other communities as they seek comfort after a loss.
18. Lord, bless all those involved in the Occasional Sale and the outreach that has been realized.
19. Lord, we thank you for the many bible studies that are offered and pray that even more will seek out those opportunities.
20. We treasure and give thanks for relationships that have been formed with the residents at Prince of Peace retirement living.
21. Dear God, help us to keep helping, even on the hard days.
22. We pray for all the volunteers who serve for funerals, bible studies, and church dinners.
23. Lord, we thank the pastors for proclaiming the true Word of God.
24. Lord, help us to be bold and share the message of salvation to those who do not believe or have not heard the Good News.
25. We thank God for the Trustees and the many hours of service given to maintain our church campus.
26. Dear God, we are grateful for those who maintain our campus, adding beauty to our church grounds.
27. We pray and give thanks to the Lord for many blessings bestowed on us each and every day including shelter and food.
28. Give thanks to our church staff who help make it possible to carry out the ministries of our church.
29. We give thanks to the ladies and children of our church who share their quilting and sewing talents, providing quilts and layettes for those in need.
30. Thank you, Lord, for the generosity of everyone who supports Common Cup Ministry and our local food shelf.

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Please join us for

# Peace Lutheran Traditional Holiday Dinner

November 21st 11am-3pm  
Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and  
gravy, dressing, corn, cranberries,  
dessert table, and beverage

Adults \$17 - Children 5-12 \$8 - Under 5 years FREE  
\*\*\$16 with donation of food item for Common Cup

*Dine in  
Take Out Available*

