

Peace Lutheran Church



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / NOVEMBER 30, 2025

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS:
 Saturday 6:30pm Paul Otte, George Quast
 Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf, Marc Telecky
 Sunday 10:30am Kevin Buss, Wayne Vinkemeier
GREETERS:
 Sunday 8:30am Scott and Shannon Streich
 Sunday 10:30am John Lietz, Shirley Wicklund

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

GRIEFSHARE 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: December 1 "What Do I Live For Now?" (this is the final session of this series) New session will start January 12th.

The Red Cross collected 115 units at their stop here at Peace on the 11th. Thank you to everyone who donated and a special thank you to all of our volunteers who make this important event happen!

It is Peace's turn to provide cookies for the Bloodmobile next month. Please bring your donated cookies to the Peace Center on or before Tuesday, December 9th. If you have questions, contact Shirley Wurdell at (320) 583-1009 Thanks!

The Sunday School offerings to Lutheran World Relief are being matched through the end of the year.

REMINDER – THIS COMING SATURDAY, DEC 6TH, IS OUR ANNUAL COOKIE & BAKE SALE. WE ARE ASKING ALL OF OUR TALENTED BAKERS TO BRING IN SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE GOODIES. WE WILL START PACKAGING AT 9AM (LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP) WITH THE SALE BEING 12NOON UNTIL 3PM. THE OCCASIONAL STORE WILL ALSO BE OPEN THAT DAY FROM 12-3.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FUND WILL AGAIN PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE DEBT REDUCTION FOR MONIES DONATED UP TO A TOTAL OF \$50,000! WE HAVE ALSO HAD A MEMBER PLEDGE AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS!

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—11/17/25.....	\$ 598,684.18*
Principal paid in 2023.....	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024.....	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025.....	\$ 564,323.47*
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Offerings Deposited 11/20 - 11/26	\$ 16,393
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

CHURCH DIRECTORY – The last day scheduled for pictures, December 2, is full. If you still have not scheduled your photo session and would like to – please call the Church office. Each person or family unit having a picture taken will receive a free color 8 X 10 picture plus a copy of the completed book with the option to order additional pictures in various sizes which will arrive in time for Christmas for gifts. This will be a "one stop-shop", you will be able to immediately view your pictures and select your photo you want in the book and also order pictures. Your photos will be mailed directly to you. The completed directories will be available at the Church.

Update: DCE Elia Peterson has accepted the call and we are proceeding with the background checks..

REMINDER – SUNDAY, DEC 14TH THE 10:30AM SERVICE WILL BE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON SATURDAY THE 13TH, FOLLOWING THE 10:00 REHEARSAL, THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KIDS & FAMILIES WITH FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS, AND AN APPEARANCE BY SANTA. ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – DECEMBER 21ST. 10:00AM 'CAROLS AND BELLS' THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THAT WEEKEND AND IT WILL FEATURE OUR CHOIRS AND HANDBELLS. FOLLOWING THE SERVICE THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON IN THE PEACE CENTER.

THE TURKEY AND HAM DINNER HELD LAST WEEK WAS AGAIN A HUGE SUCCESS! THERE IS A REASON WHY WE WERE AGAIN VOTED "BEST CHURCH DINNER" - IT'S BECAUSE OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!! THE CROWD WAS MUCH SMALLER THAN ANTICIPATED, BUT WE SERVED 263 DINNERS AND DUE TO THE USE OF SEVERAL THRIVENT CARDS, DONATIONS, GENEROUS ATTENDEES AND SOME BARGAIN SHOPPING WE MADE \$4,509.00 FOR THE DEBT REDUCTION FUND. WE ALSO COLLECTED 82 FOOD ITEMS FOR COMMON CUP!!!

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Rueben Draeger
Barb Ribar	Melissa Wanous
Elaine Lewerenz	Bev Alsleben
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Mabel Boelter
Melinda Mikolichek	Gale Schlueter
Delores Plath	Jan Klabunde

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.

Christmas cards are available at the LWML Card Shop in the rampway

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	44
Sunday 8:30am	185
Sunday 10:30am	95
Thanksgiving 11:30am	66
Thanksgiving 6:30pm	62
TOTAL	452
Online	558

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (11/30)

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

MONDAY (12/01)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (12.02)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00pm Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:00pm Women Talk
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (12/03)

9:00am Release Time
10:00am Body and Soul
11:30am Worship & Lunch
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Advent Worship
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (12/04)

10am-6pm Occasional Sale

FRIDAY (12/05)

SATURDAY (12/06)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
9am-12noon Cookie Pkg
2-3pm Cookie/Bake Sale
12-3pm Occasional Sale
6:30pm Worship/Communion

UPCOMING

SUNDAY (12/07)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Bible Study/Caroling
9:40am Sunday School
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (12/08)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (12/09)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
12-6pm Bloodmobile
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (12/10)

9:00am Release Time
10:00am Body and Sou
11:30am Worship & Lunch
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Worship
5:30pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (12/11)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (12/12)

SATURDAY (12/13)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Program Rehearsal
11:30am Children Holiday Party
6:30pm Worship

Coffee and treats are served for Sunday morning Bible Study and BEFORE the 10:30 service. The coffee will remain available, but the treats put away at the start of the worship service. ALL donations support the taxi service. Thank You! It is so appreciated!

BENJAMIN HYLDEN – A big Thank You to everyone who attended, brought cookies or assisted in any way to make Benjamin Hylden's visit to Peace Lutheran successful. Benjamin's story and his current occupation of motivational speaker and life coach is truly God blessed. Thank You!

Thank you to all the shoppers and volunteers and those who have generously donated items for our sales at Peace. The November total sales were \$3,302.53! One quarter of the November 6th sales \$825.63 will go to The Closet (this local outreach focuses on the needs of foster and adopted children), \$825.63 will go towards building utilities and maintenance, and half, \$1,651.27, will go towards debt reduction (which will also be matched by the Congregational Fund!) The next sale will be December 4th. One quarter of the December 4th sales will go to the local food shelf. We will also be having a sale on December 6th in conjunction with the Cookie & Bake Sale. The proceeds from that sale will pay for the live holiday garland and wreaths on the front of the church exterior with the balance going to the Debt Reduction Fund. The next drop off date is Monday, December 29th, 4-6pm. 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 and Thursday from 10:00am to 12 noon, the crew is at Peace Place. Feel free to come and see what's going on (or drop off donated items). PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE OF THE DOOR.