

# Peace Lutheran Church



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / DECEMBER 14, 2025

**PASTORS:** KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER  
**ELDERS:**  
 Saturday 6:30pm Kevin Buss  
 Sunday 8:30am Wayne Vinkemeier  
 Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson  
**GREETERS:**  
 Sunday 8:30am Norb and Dee Hemmann  
 Sunday 10:30am Scott and Kay Haag

### 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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT BROUGHT IN YOUR AMAZING BAKED GOODS AND TREATS, HELPED WITH THE SALE, OR PURCHASED GOODIES AT OUR ANNUAL SALE, WE RAISED \$ 1,188.00 FOR THE DEBT AND WERE SOLD OUT IN A LITTLE OVER AN HOUR!

LAST CHANCE - IF YOU MISSED GETTING YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY, WE ARE POSSIBLY GETTING ONE MORE DAY, AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SETTING UP AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE TALK TO CONNIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. IF WE CAN GET ENOUGH PEOPLE INTERESTED, THEY WILL SET UP ANOTHER SESSION.

NOTICE - ELIA PETERSON, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICIALLY STARTED WORKING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH. HER INSTALLATION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3/4. THERE WILL BE A BRUNCH RECEPTION AT 9:30AM IN THE PEACE CENTER ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME MEET ELIA AND HER FAMILY OR STOP IN THE OFFICE AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

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.

GUIDING LIGHT UPDATE: THEY HAVE OBTAINED THEIR LICENSE AND ARE NOW OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT. THE NEXT THREE MONDAYS: DEC 15,, (4-7PM) AND DEC 22 & 29 ((4:30-6:30PM) THEY WILL BE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE.

THE TURKEY AND HAM DINNER 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!!!

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AFTER THE PROGRAM REHEARSAL ON SATURDAY, WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED OR HELPED. THE KIDS THOUGHT IT WAS WONDERFUL! HOPE YOU ALL PLAN TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM AT 10:30AM THIS SUNDAY.

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG IN THE COMMONS THIS SUNDAY.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN ARE FROM THE CHARLINE RANNOV FUNERAL WHICH WAS FRIDAY.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO DECORATE OUR CAMPUS SO BEAUTIFULLY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL LISTING, FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, DEC 17TH.

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—12/1/25.....	\$ 554,775.51*
Principal paid in 2023.....	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024.....	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025.....	\$ 608,232.14*
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Offerings Deposited 12/04 - 12/10	\$ 28,474
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE RAMPWAY THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH. IF YOU WISH TO START USING ENVELOPES, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. LIKewise, IF YOU WISH TO DISCONTINUE USING ENVELOPES BECAUSE YOU ARE DONATING ELECTRONICALLY OR USING AUTO DEPOSIT, LET THE OFFICE KNOW. THANKS.

ALL OFFERINGS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2025 OFFERING STATEMENT MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE PRIOR TO 12:00 NOON, DECEMBER 31ST.

## PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Rueben Draeger
Barb Ribar	Melissa Wanous
Elaine Lewerenz	Bev Alsleben
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Mabel Boelter
Melinda Mikolich	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	53
Sunday 8:30am	147
Sunday 10:30am	60
Advent 11:30am	52
Advent 4:30pm	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Online</b>	<b>903</b>

## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY (12/14)**  
 8:30am Worship  
 9:30am Caroling  
 10:00am Children Meet  
 10:30am CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

**MONDAY (12/15)**  
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**TUESDAY (12/16)**  
 6:45am Men's Bible Study  
 10:00pm Women's Bible Study  
 3:00pm Parables Bible Study  
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

**WEDNESDAY (12/17)**  
 9:00am ReleaseTime  
 9:00am Parish Health  
 10:00am Body and Soul  
 11:30am Worship & Lunch  
 1:00pm Mission Sewing  
 4:30pm Advent Worship  
**6:00 Adult Choir & Handbells**

**THURSDAY (12/18)**  
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**FRIDAY (12/19)**

**SATURDAY (12/20)**  
 No Worship Service

## UPCOMING

**SUNDAY (12/21)**  
 10:00am CAROLS & BELLS  
 WORSHIP SERVICE  
 11:00am CONGREGATIONAL  
 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

**MONDAY (12/22)**  
 10-12 Occas SaleWork Day

**TUESDAY (12/23)**

**WEDNESDAY (12/24)**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 Office Open 9-12  
**3:00pm Candlelight Worship**  
**5:00pm Candlelight Worship**  
**7:00pm Candlelight Worship**

**THURSDAY (12/5)**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**9:00am Worship w./Communion**  
 Office Closed

**FRIDAY (12/26)**  
 Office Closed

**SATURDAY (12/27)**  
 No Worship Service

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!

**Thank you to all the shoppers and volunteers and those who have generously donated items for our sales at Peace. The December 4<sup>th</sup> total sales were \$2,598.10!** One quarter of the December 4<sup>th</sup> sales \$647.77, will go to the local food shelf, \$647.77 will go towards building utilities and maintenance, and half, \$1294.56, will go towards debt reduction (which will also be matched by the Congregational Fund!) There was an additional sale in conjunction with the Annual Cookie and Bake Sale on December 6<sup>th</sup>. whraised \$965.00, This total amount will go towards the debt reduction. The next sale will be January 8<sup>th</sup> with a quarter of the proceeds going to Common Cup. . 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.