

Peace Lutheran Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / DECEMBER 21, 2025

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS
 Sunday 10:00am Matthew Markgraf
GREETERS
 Sunday 10:00am Barb Marquardt, Dianne Johnson
 and Anita Miller :

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!

GUIDING LIGHT UPDATE: THEY HAVE OBTAINED THEIR LICENSE AND ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT. THEY WILL BE HOSTING OPEN HOUSES THE NEXT TWO MONDAYS: DEC 22 & 29 (4:30-6:30PM) .

THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AFTER THE PROGRAM REHEARSAL LAST SATURDAY, WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED OR HELPED. THE KIDS THOUGHT IT WAS WONDERFUL! IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU CAN STILL WATCH IT ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE.

THE FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS OF \$621.30 HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AND WILL BE MATCHED BY THEM.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT NUMEROUS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED RECENTLY VIA TEXT OR EMAIL “ON BEHALF” OF ONE OF THE PASTORS ASKING FOR A VARIETY OF THINGS SUCH AS PURCHASE OF GIFT CARDS FOR OUR SHUT-INS OR FOR GIFTS FOR THE STAFF – PLEASE BEWARE THESE CALLS ARE ALL SCAMS!

| 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—12/17/25..... | | \$ 492,460.24** |
| Principal paid in 2023..... | \$ | 640,035.99 |
| Principal paid in 2024..... | \$ | 483,259.07 |
| Principal paid in 2025..... | \$ | 670,547.41** |
| WEEKLY OFFERINGS | | |
| Offerings Deposited 12/11 – 12/17 | \$ | 14,921 |
| Average Offerings Needed Per Week | \$ | 15,673 |

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

Sundays Peace Center; 9:40am – will resume Jan 7th
Tuesday & Saturdays Cashwise Caribou; 6:45am – will resume Jan 6th

IF YOU MISSED GETTING YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE DIRECTORY, WE MAY POSSIBLY GET ONE MORE DAY. 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.

WE RECENTLY SENT A CHECK TO COMMON CUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000, WHICH WAS HALF OF OUR TOTAL THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

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

THIS YEAR THERE ARE MANY AREAS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH FOR FAMILY HOLIDAY PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES: THE TREES IN THE COMMONS, THE NATIVITY WALL HANGING IN THE COMMONS, THE LARGE TREE AND HOLIDAY WALL HANGING IN THE PEACE CENTER, AND OF COURSE, OUR BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY.

THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH PORTALS OF PRAYER ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX AND COMMONS.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RAMPWAY. 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.

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE PRINTED THIS YEARS LISTING OF CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS, WE STILL WILL ACCEPT ANY MEMORIALS/DONATIONS (AND IF RECEIVED BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR ANNUAL STATEMENT.

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

THE PASTORS AND STAFF WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND HOLIDAY WISHES TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE CARDS, TREATS, GIFTS AND PRAYERS. WE FEEL TRULY BLESSED!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH TODAY IN THE PEACE CENTER & ENJOY A LITTLE HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP!

PRAYER LIST

THIS WEEK

UPCOMING

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 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 |
| | Steve Schramm |

SUNDAY (12/21)
 10:00am CAROLS & BELLS
 WORSHIP SERVICE
 11:00 am HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
MONDAY (12/22)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

SUNDAY (12/28)
 10:00am Worship/Communion
MONDAY (12/29)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (12/23)

TUESDAY (12/30)

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized or would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office.

WEDNESDAY (12/24)
CHRISTMAS EVE
 Office open 9-12
 3:00pm Candlelight Woirship
 5:00pm Candlelight Worship
 7:00pm Candlelight Worshi

WEDNESDAY (12/31)
NEW YEAR'S EVE
 Office open 9-12

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.

THURSDAY (1/1)
NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Office Closed

THURSDAY (12/25)
CHRISTMAS DAY
 Office Closed
 9:00am Worship/;Communion

FRIDAY (1 2)
 Office Closed

SATURDAY (1 3)
 6:30[, Worship/Communion

FRIDAY (12/27)
 Office Closed

Attendance Last Week

SATURDAY (12/28)
 No Worship Service

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|-----------------|------------|
| Saturday 6:30pm | 36 |
| Sunday 8:30am | 98 |
| Sunday 10:30am | 217 |
| Advent 11:30am | 68 |
| Advent 4:30pm | 59 |
| TOTAL | 478 |
| Online | 620 |

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 4th total sales were \$2,598.10! One quarter of the December 4th 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 6th. whraised \$965.00, This total amount will go towards the debt reduction. The next sale will be January 8th 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.

2025 POINSETTIAS

In Memory Of

Larry Stender
Darlene Thulin; Justin Nass
Our Family Members (2)
Marvin and Verdella Demenge
Fran and Achim Graupmann
Wilmer and Ruth Haag; Emil and Edna Peterson
Carl and Joyce Karg (2)
Lloyd and Norma Mattson; Curt Mattson
Carol Mons
Lyle Shaw; Steve Shaw
Beb & Virginia Brown; Francis & Dorothy Chovanec (2)
Richard Olson; Everett & Ruth Hagen (2)
Trudy Johnson, John & Kathy Kobow
Eldor & Leona Kohls; Charlie & Katie Kalenberg (2)
Our Parents
Daryl Luthens
Mary Ann Luthens
Walter & Ardys Rannow (2)

In Honor Of

Peace Lutheran Church

Given By

Phyllis Stender, Wife
Dan, Jody and Cory Holtz
Pastor Jeff and Anita Miller
Their Family
Linda and Greg Ziemer
Delton and Arlis Haag
All of the Kids
Barb Sorensen
Gary Mons
Faye Shaw
Doug and Lynn Brown
Sharon Olson
Brooke, Brie and Brynn Kobow
John and Linda Kalenberg
Dale and Judy Schumann
Kurt and Jackie Reiner
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Sue Kroyer and Bruce Rannow

Given By

Elia Peterson

2025 MEMORIALS

| In Memory Of | Given By | Fund |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Carol Mons | Gary Mons Family | Sunday School |
| Eldor & Leona Kohls; Charlie & Katie Kalenberg | John & Linda Kalenberg | Debt |
| Jeff Rasmussen | Don & Irene Rasmussen | Debt |
| Marvin & Amelia Sylvester | Family | Debt |
| Our Parents | Jeff & Rita Janke | Debt |
| Leslie & Lucille Smith | David Smith | Debt |
| LeRoy & Martha Klemm; Norbert & Rosemary Ebnet | Gene & Jeanette Ebnet | Debt |
| Loved Ones | Scott & Liz Brusehaver | Debt |
| Kenneth Koehler | Annette Koehler | Debt |
| Don Lickfelt; Miranda Lickfelt; Jason & Matt Lickfelt | Bonnie Lickfelt, Mike Lickfelt & Shayne | Debt |
| Donald Fenske & Parents | Marion Fenske | Debt |
| Loved Ones | Ed & Sue Homan | Debt |
| John, Doris & Bret Havemeier | Brad Havemeier | Debt |
| Bud & Grace Schumann | Rod & Leann Olson | General |
| Jerry Janicke | Gloria Janicke & Kelly SeEVERS & Family | Cemetery |
| Marion & Emil Starke; Victor & Lucy Schmidt | Their Family | Cemetery |
| Vern & Marge Flaig; Henry & Minnie Krause and Mary Kleinschmidt | Randy & Ruthie Flaig | Cemetery |
| Nolan Henke | Butch & Judy Henke | Youth |
| Our Parents | Jim & Sandie Haugen | Visit/Ministry Debt/AV Cemetery |
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| In Honor Of | Given By | Fund |
| Our Grandchildren | Linda & Mike Field | Debt |
| Pastor Weber & Pastor Miller | Audrey Knacke | General |
| Greg & Deb Holtz | Eric & Cassie Padrnos | Debt |
| Pastors and Staff | Dale and Judy Schumann | Debt |