

Peace Lutheran Church



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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / DECEMBER 28, 2025

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS
 Sunday 10:00am Brad Havemeier, Dale Schumann
GREETERS
 Sunday 10:00am Brian and Becky Kobow

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

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!

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.

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) .

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE 'LESSONS AND CAROLS' SERVICE LAST WEEK. IT WAS AMAZING! ALSO THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE LUNCHEON! FROM THE FREWILL OFFERING, WE RAISED \$849 FOR THE DEBT REDUCTION!

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

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

THE FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS OF \$631.30 HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AND WILL BE MATCHED BY THEM.

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.

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!

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!

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—12/17/25.....	\$ 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 12/18 – 12/23	\$	14,234
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$	15,673

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
	Steve Schramm

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.

Attendance Last Week

Sunday 10:00am	182
Online	745

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (12/81)
10:00am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (12/29)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY 12?30)

WEDNESDAY (12/31)
NEW YEARS EVE
Office Open 9-12

THURSDAY (1/1)
NEW YEARS DAY
Office Closed

FRIDAY (1/ 2)
Office Closed

SATURDAY (1 /3)
6:30pm Worship/Communion

UPCOMING

SUNDAY (1/4)
Installation Sunday
8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Welcome Brunch
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (1/5)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

TUESDAY (1/6)
6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:00 pm Women Talk
6:30pm Elders

WEDNESDAY (1/7)
10:00am Body & Soul
11:45am Bible Study & Lunch
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Youth Epiphany Party
5:30pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (1/8)
10am-6pm OCCASIONAL SALE

FRIDAY (1/9)

SATURDAY (1/10)
6:45am Men's Bible Study
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!

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.