



January 2026 Messenger of PEACE

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Dear Family and Friends,

As we begin this New Year we begin by thanking God for all the blessings of this past year. We have much to be grateful for at Peace Lutheran Church. There are so many blessings in each of our families lives as well. I bet there is a long list you could make too. I would like to share some of God's gifts to Peace Lutheran in 2025.

We thank God for the children and adults that were baptized into God's family. We praise God for the new members who committed themselves and their families to serve Jesus at Peace. We thank God for the children and youth who participated in Sunday school and the youth ministries of the church including those who went to the National Youth gathering in New Orleans. We thank God for the music ministries of bell choir, church choir, summer concerts, and the children's Christmas service. We thank God for so many generous givers who brought down our debt to enable even more new ministries. We thank God for the blessing of new carpeting in the Sanctuary. We thank God for the many opportunities to reach out to our community through Vacation Bible school, the Women's Ministries, Sunday school missions, Fish Fry, Common Cup, and all of the children's and Youth Ministries like HAY Lunch, Tiger Tweens, Confirmation, Youth Bible Studies and the Release Times.

God has blessed us with amazing new staff to serve God's people at Peace and our community. All of these blessings come from God. We as God's people at Peace praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen!

Now we start a brand New year of 2026 together. It is a time of many new opportunities and blessings waiting to happen in God's timing! I can't wait to see all that God has in store for us!

There was a time in the Bible that God's people were beginning a new season. Joshua stood in front of the

PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am

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YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

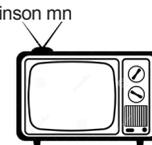


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Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



people and said, ..Choose this day whom you will serve,.. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. As we begin this New Year I encourage you and your family to choose to serve Jesus and his church. There are so many ways for you and your family to bless others with the Good news of Jesus who came to Save us and all people from our sins!

*Let us faithfully serve our Lord together and always be grateful for God's blessings!
Happy New year!*



Associate Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year. I pray that you welcome this new year with anticipation, joy and wonder. We just passed through the Christmas season – and it always brings to me the wonder and the miracle of what God can and does do for us. Imagine one more time, God gave HIS only Son for our sake. The big question for me is, will I keep serving Peace as a Pastor. So far, the answer is yes, as long as God gives me health. Besides that, those 6th and 7th grade confirmation students are just some very good students. I would miss them. I also have a long list of enjoyments serving with the staff, the elders and council.

For January – GRIEFSHARE will begin another session on January 12 beginning at 4 pm and going to 5:30 pm. If you have attended before and would like to attend again, feel free to attend. If you know someone who is struggling with grief, encourage them to come. REMEMBER what is said there stays there. All conversations are confidential. People who attend don't have to be members of Peace. So invite neighbors and friends if they have need. 7th Grade confirmation starts again on January 7 at 2:30, after school. We have the best food in town and we do some serious learning in an enjoyable way. At least I think we do. Remember, if you are not able to make it to worship and would like to have communion brought to you, please call the office and we will make arrangements to serve you.

ONE MORE THANK YOU. ANITA AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR REMEMBERING US WITH CARDS AND GIFTS DURING CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Miller

January Ushers

Saturday 6:30pm

Jan 3: Brian Baysinger & Patty Thul
10: Dick & Corinne Higgins
17: Dick & Corinne Higgins
24: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
31: Kathy Hochsprung & Brian Baysinger

8:30am
Team 1 & 2
Glen Witte
Doug Witte
Brian Koehler
Rusten Huls
Kevin Buss
Mike Mckimm
Alan Broll

Saturday 6:30pm

Jan 3: Bennet Olberg
10: Dick Higgins
17: Joann Keilen
24: Heidi Sickmann
31: Lee Uldberg

January Readers

Sunday 8:30am

Jan 4: Lynn Brown
11: Matthew Thomforde
18: Hazel Sitz
25: Mary Haag

10:30am

John Lietz
Arlene Benschhof
Sadie Jenkins
Sharon Christensen

January Greeters

January 4

8:30 Paul & Barb Otte
10:30 Barb & Ron Kirchoff

January 11

8:30 Tim & Deanna Puchalski
10:30 Anita Miller

January 18

8:30 Glenn & Marith Witte
10:30 Dale & Judy Schumann

January 25

8:30 Alan & Deb Koglin
10:30 Barb & Ron Kirchoff



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

Wednesday Noon Bible Study LUNCH TIME IN GOD'S WORD at 11:45 am

The class is structured so you may come and go as your schedule allows. It's a tremendous opportunity not only for yourself, but maybe there is a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker who would be blessed by attending the Wednesday Lunch & Word of God. Prayerfully think about who you may know.

OFFICIAL ACTS



BAPTISM

December 7 – Henry David Westlund, son of Alec and Abby Westlund

FUNERALS

November 29- Shelley Rusch, 76, passed Nov 23

December 12- Charline Rannow, 77, passed Dec 6

Memorials

Grace Schumann - \$20- Cemetery Fund
\$185 - Taxi Fund
\$500 - Debt Reduction
\$500 - Kitchen Fund

Bill Christensen - \$2,000 - Debt Reduction



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.



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!

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.



Occasional Sale

December 4th occasional sale proceeds were \$2,598.10. Half of the proceeds, \$1,299.05 went to debt reduction, which was matched by the Congregational Fund!! Our local food shelf received \$649.52, and the same amount went toward utilities and maintenance. The December 6th sale held in conjunction with the cookie sale raised \$965.00, with all of that going toward debt reduction. We are thankful to all of the volunteers, donors, and shoppers who make this monthly sale so successful. The next drop-off dates are Monday, December 29th and January 26th 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 then. Please ring the doorbell, and volunteers will receive your donations. We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor, towels, bedding, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, end tables, small appliances, crafts, yarn, toys, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, vinyl records, sport trading cards, and other miscellaneous items. Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487 if you have questions about donations.

The next occasional sale date is January 8th from 10:00-6:00. Specials are 50% off athletic/exercise wear and men's and women's pants. Look for \$3 mystery bags!! A quarter of the proceeds will be given to Common Cup.



Thank you to everyone that brought in your Amazing baked goods, and treats for our annual Christmas Bake sale! Also, thank you to all that purchased yummy treats. We raised \$1,188.00 for our debt! It was also incredible to sell out in a little over an hour. Thank you to all for yet another successful event at Peace.

As we step into this new year, we do so with gratitude for all we've experienced and excitement for what lies ahead. January invites us to reflect and look forward with hope. And we are grateful to be doing that alongside each of you. Here's to a year of connection, joy, growth, and continued blessings. Your involvement strengthens our mission & helps us serve with purpose.

Thank you for being part of our story—and for allowing us to be part of yours - God is good. Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Destini Doring
Executive Director
Prince of Peace Retirement Living
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www.poprl.org



Sunday School

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!

We are thrilled to have experienced such a wonderful children's Christmas program this year. Thank you to all who played a role in making this day unforgettable, from the congregation's lovely singing to the exceptional prelude performed by our gifted young ladies. Our gratitude extends to the teachers, volunteers, and helpers, as well as to the parents for their dedication. The children's portrayal of The Best Story Ever Told was truly heartwarming!



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. Sunday School lessons: January 11th- John the Baptist, January 18th- The Temptation of Jesus, and January 25th- The First Disciples. We welcome any new students that would like to join in on the fun and christian education-sign up sheets are in the commons you are more than welcome!!

Christian Education Meeting January 13th at 6:00 pm

SOUPER Sunday School Mission Project -

Please bring a can of SOUP for our "SOUPER BOWL" fundraiser for Common Cup Ministries. This mission will run from January to the end of February. We will also be having a "SOUPER" lunch after the 10:30 service on February 8th. There will be no charge for lunch but a freewill donations with proceeds are also going to Common Cup. Everyone is invited, hope to see you there!!



¡Hola, Amigos en Cristo!

You're invited to a joyful Epiphany Celebration—Mexican style! Let's come together as one family in Christ to remember the visit of the Wise Men and the light of Jesus shining in our world.

Join us for a festive gathering filled with faith, fellowship, and flavor!

We'll be celebrating with traditional Rosca de Reyes, warm drinks, and lots of laughter. Who will find the Niño in the cake? Come and see—there may even be a surprise or two!

Bring your smiles, your Teens, and your festive spirit as we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the nations. Let's kick off the new year with joy, community, and the sweet reminder that God's love is for everyone.

Date: January 7, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Peace Lutheran

Come ready to enjoy good food, good friends, and God's goodness!

God's Power & Love,
Elia Peterson, DCE



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OFFICE HOURS
 Monday – Friday 9 am - 4 pm

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Epiphany Sunday 4						
8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Welcome Brunch 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Installation of Elia Peterson</i> DIRECTOR OF CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY		6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Parables Bible St 6:00-7:00 Women Talk 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders	Early Release 7 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Bible Study & Lunch 1:00 Quilting 2:45 Confirmation 4:30 Youth Epiphany Gathering 5:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbells	<i>Office Closed</i> No School-423	<i>Office Closed</i> No School-423	6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion <i>Installation of Elia Peterson</i> DIRECTOR OF CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY
8:30 Worship/Communion <i>Blood Pressure Checks</i> 9:40 Bible Study 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	4-5:30 Grief Share	6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 12-6 Bloodmobile 3:00 Parables Bible St 6:00 Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Council	9:00 Release Time 14 10:00 Body & Soul 11:45 Bible Study & Lunch 3:20 Tiger Tweens 2:45 Confirmation 4:30 Youth Group 5:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbells	10-6 Occasional Sale		6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion
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Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, Jan 13th
TUESDAY, Feb 10th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments only can continue to be made on line at redcrossblood.org or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. Thank you for continuing to support



SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~

Thursday January 22nd 1-5 pm

Thursday March 5th 1-5 pm

Room 207-209 Education Building

The next 55+Drivers Discount Class at Peace Lutheran Church is scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd 1:00 – 5:00pm in rooms 208-210. 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. Hope to see you there!



Taxi still sponsored for worshipers on weekends for those not able to drive to our services. So glad you can join us and thank you to the generous donors. Paying at least what your snack is worth on Sunday mornings puts money in the Taxi fund. The church does not pay for these treats so thanks for help.



Quilting on the first and third, 7th and 21st from 1-3. Always looking for new interested volunteers. Come see what we do and find out how you can be part of this mission project.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of those that contributed to the \$2000 in offerings from the Turkey & Ham Dinner that was given to Common Cup. Common Cup uses to help many in so many way- Thank You!!



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!!!

**Peace Lutheran
Women in Mission**



We remember our LWML sister Doris Sturges who took the hand of Jesus and entered eternal life in 2025.

It is about 6 months until the MN South District convention in Mankato in June. Nona Anderson from our congregation is the Convention Chairman. If you have never attended the convention, it is an amazing experience. The fellowship of several hundred Lutheran women who believe in the mission of the LWML is awesome. The mission speakers, the Divine Service with communion, the singing is inspiring. Words do not do it justice. You have to be there. That being said, please consider helping Nona by volunteering. See the following information below.

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).



January 2026 Prayer Calendar



Are you fearful in today's world? "I am with you, I the Lord hold your hand." Isa 41:10

1. 2026 A New Beginning. Will you commit to pray and read the Bible every day?
2. Pray for your family and friends, keep a list, jotting down your prayers and thanks for each answer.
3. God's love is for today and forever. Count your many blessings in this new year of 2026.
4. Epiphany. Pray daily for Elia Peterson, installed today as our Youth Minister. PTL.
5. God hears and answers our prayers. Pray for our government and other nations. Rom 3:22
6. As you and your family worship, pray the Spirit and Word speak directly to you.
7. Pray that you appreciate God's forgiveness of our sins. We are free in Him.
8. Pray for our church body-LCMS and our home church Peace that we are growing in faith and love.
9. Pray with a grateful heart for our pastors, showing us God's mercy and grace.
10. Pray for all our teachers that our children learn to love their Savior, Jesus.
11. Pray for the confirmands that their lessons enrich their faith life.
12. Give thanks that we know Jesus as Son of God and Son of Man.
13. God has given each of us talents to use for Him and in love for others. Pray to know yours.
14. Give thanks for our musicians whose singing and piano and organ enhance our worship.
15. Pray Psalm 121 v. 1-2. "My help comes from the Lord, who made Heaven and earth."
16. Pray thanksgiving for His help for us, the sheep of His pasture.
17. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Ex.20:8
18. Pray for missionaries around the world that God's Word will be made known far away.
19. Pray for family members that have rejected their faith, that they may be faithful again.
20. Pray for our elders, that they are in Bible Study and growing spiritually.
21. Pray for our council that they seek God's will in decisions for Peace.
22. Give thanks for our trustees and the ability to keep our church mechanical's working.
23. For all who give time and talents to keep Peace's mission growing in Hutch and elsewhere.
24. Grant us the humility to realize that our desires might not be God's will.
25. For the Lord's Day today at worship, praise the Lord in prayer and song.
26. Pray for help and healing for people affected by natural weather disasters in the U. S. and elsewhere.
27. Pray for protection of Christians who live in countries hostile to Christianity.
28. Pray: "Teach me to number my days that I may obtain a heart of wisdom.
29. Give thanks today that "The works of His hand are faithful and just." Ps. 111v. 7
30. Pray for our shut-ins and those nearing the end of life, that their faith stays strong.
31. Pray always for peace of mind and heart. Trust in Jesus. Rom. 10. 11

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Epiphany Worship Services

January 3rd at 6:30pm

January 4th at 8:30am

&

January 4th at 10:30am

Children Sing

As we celebrate Epiphany
ALL children will be invited
to become “kings” and
join in bringing gifts to the
newborn Jesus!!!



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