

Peace Lutheran Church



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / JANUARY 11, 2026

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS
 Saturday 6:30pm Brad Havemeier
 Sunday 8:30am Paul Otte
 Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson, Wayne Vinkemeier
GREETERS
 Sunday 8:30am Tim and Deanna Puchalski
 Sunday 10:30am Anita Miller

WEEKLY BIIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

Sundays _Peace Center; 9:40am
 "Genesis-The Book of Beginnings, Part 2"
Tuesday & Cashwise Caribou; 6:45am
Saturdays "The Reason for God: Belief in An Age of Skepticism"
Wednesdays Peace Center (11:45am lunch prior to study
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LAST CHANCE - WE HAVE SECURED ONE MORE PHOTO SESSION FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH. PLEASE CALL CONNIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT!!!

HUGE UPDATE – GUIDING LIGHT IS OFFICIALLY OPENING MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH! THEY ARE ALSO HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH FROM 11:30-1:30.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WHICH WAS 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

WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING THE 13-WEEK GRIEF SHARE SERIES ON MONDAYS 4-5:30PM STARTING JANUARY 12TH. FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT CONNIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMMIT TO THE ENTIRE SERIES, YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND JUST ONE OR TWO. IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUSLY, YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AGAIN. UPCOMING TOPICS: JAN 12 " IS THIS NORMAL?"; JAN 19 "YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY"; JAN 26 "LONELINESS & SADNESS"

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 – DO NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION, JUST HANG-UP!

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.

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

THE 2025 OFFERING STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP IN THE RAMPWAY. ALL OFFERINGS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2025 OFFERING STATEMENT MUST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE PRIOR TO 12:00 NOON, DECEMBER 31ST.

PLEASE NOTE OUR CURRENT DEBT BALANCE LISTED BELOW! 2025 WAS AN AMAZING YEAR - THANKS TO OUR WONDERFULLY, GENEROUS MEMBERS. PLUS THE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION OF THE OCCASSIONAL STORE AND OUR VARIOUS FUND RAISERS. IT IS VERY EVIDENT THAT THIS DEBT CAN BE TOTALLY RETIRED IN 2026!!!

Hello Everyone – I would like to express my sincere gratitude for welcoming me into this ministry. Thank you for your prayers, kind words, cards, gifts and for being present at my installation. The Lord knows how meaningful that day was to me, and I am truly grateful. As we move forward in our mission, I humbly ask for your prayers and support. The ministry our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded us to carry out (Matthew 28:18-20) can be challenging without unity. It truly takes all of us working together to lead our youth to Christ. Elia Peterson, Director. of Children, Youth and Family Ministry

| 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—1/1/26..... | \$ 431,118.02*** |
| Principal paid in 2023..... | \$ 640,035.99 |
| Principal paid in 2024..... | \$ 483,259.07 |
| Principal paid in 2025..... | \$ 731,889.63*** |
| WEEKLY OFFERINGS | |
| Offerings Deposited 1/1 – 1/7 | \$ 13,015 |
| Average Offerings Needed Per Week | \$ 15,673 |

PRAYER LIST

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| 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 |
| Bryce Cassens | 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

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| Saturday 6:30pm | 57 |
| Sunday 8:30am | 163 |
| Sunday 10:30am | 85 |
| TOTAL | 305 |
| Online | 434 |

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (1/11)
8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (1/12)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (1/13)
6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
12-6 Bloodmobile
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers
6:30pm Council

WEDNESDAY (1/14)
9:00 Release Time
10:00am Body and Soul
11:45am Lunc & Bible Study
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Youth Group
5:30pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (1/15)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
6:00pm Christian Ed Mtg
6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (1/16)

SATURDAY (1/17)
6:45am Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Worship/Communion

UPCOMING

SUNDAY (1/18)
8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (1/19)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (1/20)
6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (1/21)
9:00am Release Time
9:00am Parish Health
10:00am Body and Soul
11:45am Lunch & Bible Study
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Youth Group
5:30pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (1/22)
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
1-5pm Driver Training

FRIDAY (1/23)

SATURDAY (1/24)
6:45pm Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Worship

Thrivent has granted us money to raise funds for the Taxi Service. The last 3 Sundays in January and also February 1st. will be the days we will try to reach a goal of \$500 for the taxi. Please donate extra for treats and coffee. Thank you for being generous!

If you are a THRIVENT MEMBER you are eligible to apply for two \$250 grants per calendar year which can be used for various ministries here at Peace. This past year we again utilized close to \$10,000 worth of Thrivent grants for a variety of things, such as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School curriculum and supplies, Bibles for our Confirmands, materials for mission sewing for Lutheran World Relief, supplies for our fund raising events. Contact Sue in the Church office for a list of upcoming projects/events that we could use Thrivent funding for.

Thank you to all the shoppers and volunteers and those who have generously donated items for our sales at Peace. The January 8th total sales were \$2,142.25! One quarter of the January sales \$535.56, will go to Common Cup, \$535.56 will go towards building utilities and maintenance, and half, \$1,071.13, will go towards debt reduction. The next sale will be February 5th with a quarter of the proceeds going to Safe Avenues (formerly McLeod Alliance) . . . The next drop off date is Monday, January 26th, 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.

AGENDA
PEACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Welcome

1. Slate of candidates for open positions on Church Council & Board of Elders
2. Ballot distribution, vote
3. Director of Family Ministries introduction/update
4. Guiding Light update
5. Annual Financial Plan
6. Trustee report
7. Congregational Fund Committee report
8. Pastor's report

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH-2026 OFFICIAL BALLOT

Church Council-President (Vote for one)

- Melissa Weckwerth (Incumbent)

Church Council-Vice President (Vote for one)

- Dean Kirchoff (Currently serving as an At Large council person with one year remaining in his first term)

Church Council-At Large (Vote for three)

- Kathy Hochsprung (Incumbent)
 Gary Havemeier (Incumbent)
 Sara Peterson

Board of Elders-All Seats are At Large (Vote for 5)

- Robbie Peterson*
 Dale Schumann*
 Matt Markgraf*
 Mark Telecky*
 Allen Broll

*Incumbent