

Peace Lutheran Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / JANUARY 18, 2026

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER

ELDERS

Saturday 6:30pm George Quast, Jeff Weckwerth

Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss, Marc Telecky

Sunday 10:30am Dale Schumann

GREETERS

Sunday 8:30am Glenn and Marith Witte

Sunday 10:30am Dale and Judy Schumann

WEEKLY BIBLE 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 “1 Samuel

LAST CHANCE - WE HAVE SECURED A FINAL PHOTO SESSION FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH. PLEASE CALL CONNIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT!!!

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!

THE RED CROSS COLLECTED 140 UNITS AT THEIR STOP HERE AT PEACE ON TUESDAY. THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS AND OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – THERE WILL BE A MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 7:30-9:00AM IN THE PEACE CENTER. BIG BREAKFAST! BIG BIBLE STUDY! AND, BIG FUN! ALL MEN AND BOYS INVITED. FREE WILL OFFERING. LET PASTOR WEBER KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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!!!

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 19 “YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY”; JAN 26 “LONELINESS & SADNESS”; FEB 2 “SELF-CARE”

THE CHURCH LIBRARY JUST RECEIVED 10 KAREN KINGSBURY BOOKS. FOUR ARE FROM THE ‘ABOVE THE LINE’ SERIES, FIVE ARE FROM THE ‘FIRST BORN’ SERIES, AND “ON EVERT SIDE” IS A STAND ALONE. COME CHECK THEM OUR AND WHILE YOU ARE THERE, SEE WHAT ELSE WE OFFER IN OUR LIBRARY.

JUST SCHEDULED – THE ANNUAL FISH FRY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH!

THE 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES. AND 2025 OFFERING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RAMPWAY.

BAPTISM AT 10:30 SERVICE

ELLIOT DENIS MILLER, SON OF TIMOTHY MILLER AND LEXI HEMMESCH; SERVING AS SPONSORS: MITCHELL HEMMESCH, NICOLE MILLER AND JENNY HUBER; AND SERVING AS OFFICIANT WILL BE ELLIOT’S GREAT-GRANDFATHER PASTOR JEFF MILLER.

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
Balance – 1/17/26.....	\$ 418,440.15*
Principal paid in 2023.....	\$ 640,035.99
Principal paid in 2024.....	\$ 483,259.07
Principal paid in 2025.....	\$ 731,889.63
Principal paid in 2026.....	\$ 12,677.87

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offerings Deposited 1/8– 1/14	\$ 13,061
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

Rita Janke
 Barb Ribar
 Elaine Lewerenz
 Jon & Sylvia Radtke
 Melinda Mikolichek
 Delores Plath
 Rueben Draeger
 Melissa Wanous

Bev Alsleben
 Mabel Boelter
 Gale Schlueter
 Jan Klabunde
 Steve Schramm
 Bryce Cassens
 Mary Melin

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

Saturday 6:30pm	47
Sunday 8:30am	179
Sunday 10:30am	74
TOTAL	300
Online	412

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

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!

Common Cup Ministry's Weekend Food Program currently serves 400 students each week in McLeod County, providing weekend meals to children whose families qualify for educational benefits. We gratefully accept donations of food items and monetary gifts to help sustain this vital program. Food items most needed: fruit cups, hot chocolate packets, ramen noodles, 100% juice boxes, applesauce cups, snack cracker packets (peanut butter or cheese) pop tarts, pudding cups, instant oatmeal packet (flavored), Easy Mac packets, granola bars, protein bars, Chef Boyardee cups, Jif to go packs, Ritz short stacks and 8 oz instant breakfast bottles. If you would like to help support this program, please drop off donations in our Commons Area

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.

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 Parish Health
 9:00 Release Time
 10:00am Body and Soul
 11:45am Lunch & Bible Study
 2:45pm Confirmation
 3:20pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Youth Bible Study
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Bell Choir

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

FRIDAY (1/23)

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

SUNDAY (1/25)
 8:30am Worship
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (1/26)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (1/27)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 3:00pm Parables Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (1/28)
 9:00am Release Time
 10:00am Body and Soul
 11:45am Lunch & Bible Study
 2:45pm Confirmation
 3:20pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY (1/29)
 10-12 Occas Sale Wor

FRIDAY (1/30)

SATURDAY (1/31)
 6:45pm Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

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