

# Peace Lutheran Church



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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / JANUARY 25, 2026

**PASTORS:** KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER  
**ELDERS**  
 Saturday 6:30pm Matthew Markgraf  
 Sunday 8:30am Paul Otte  
 Sunday 10:30am Brad Havemeier, Robbie Peterson  
**GREETERS**  
 Sunday 8:30am Al and Deb Koglin  
 Sunday 10:30am Ron and Barb Kirchoff

### 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

**REMINDER - THERE WILL BE A MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST NEXT 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.**

**THE RED CROSS COLLECTED 140 UNITS AT THEIR STOP AT PEACE LAST WEEK. THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS AND OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE FROM THE FUNERAL OF BERNADINE TELECKY, WHICH WAS HELD HERE AT PEACE ON MONDAY.**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 11:30AM IN THE PEACE CENTER. ATTENDANCE ENCOURAGED**

**THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED - WE HAVE SEVERAL EVENTS CONING UP THAT WE NEED THRIVENT CARDS FOR. CONTACT SUE IN THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO APPLY FOR ONE. THANKS!**

**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 OCCASIONAL 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 26 "LONELINESS & SADNESS"; FEB 2 "SELF-CARE"; FEB 9 "FEARFUL & OVERWHELMED"; FEB 16 "ANGER**

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART FOR THE LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION ARE FOR MINISTRIES TO THE HOMELESS OF THE NEW FREEDOM STORE IN THE TWIN CITIES. WE WILL BE COLLECTING WINTER COATS, SCARVES, HATS, GLOVES, SWEATSHIRTS AND SOCKS. A COLLECTION BOX WILL BE IN THE COMMONS AREA.**

**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.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS - THE ANNUAL FISH FRY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH!**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO YET, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES. AND 2025 OFFERING STATEMENTS IN THE RAMPWAY. THANKS**

### BAPTISM - SATURDAY AT 6:30PM

HARPER MICHAEL SCHMIDT  
 DAUGHTER OF BENJAMIN AND MORGAN SCHMIDT;  
 SERVING AS HER SPONSORS ARE TRAVIS SCHMIDT AND JORDAN SCHMIDT

### BAPTISM - SUNDAY AT 8:30AM

CLARA LYNN CASSENS AND CADEN CASH CASSENS  
 CHILDREN OF BRANDON AND MADISON CASSENS;  
 SERVING AS SPONSORS FOR THE TWINS ARE LOGAN HEMPEL AND HALEY AND JOSH GRASS

#### 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 1/15- 1/21	\$ 13,965
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,673

## PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Bev Alsleben
Barb Ribar	Mabel Boelter
Elaine Lewerenz	Gale Schlueter
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Jan Klabunde
Melinda Mikolichuk	Steve Schramm
Delores Plath	Bryce Cassens
Rueben Draeger	Mary Melin
Melissa Wanous	Morgan Miller

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	38
Sunday 8:30am	129
Sunday 10:30am	134
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301</b>
Online	673

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> with a quarter of the proceeds going to Safe Avenues (formerly McLeod Alliance) The next drop off date is Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## NEXT WEEK

**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 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

**THURSDAY (1/29)**  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

**FRIDAY (1/30)**

**SATURDAY (1/31)**  
7:30 :Men's Bible Breakfast  
6:30pm Worship/Communion

## UPCOMING

**SUNDAY (2/1)**  
8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:40am Sunday School  
9:40am Adult Bible Study  
10:30am Worship  
**11:30 CONGREGATIONAL MTG**

**MONDAY (2/2)**  
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day  
4:00pm Grief Share

**TUESDAY (2/3)**  
6:45am Men's Bible Study  
10:00am Women's Bible Study  
3:00pm Parables Bible Study  
6:00pm Women Talk  
6:30pm Elders

**WEDNESDAY (2/4)**  
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  
5:30pm Adult Choir  
6:30pm Handbells

**THURSDAY (2/5)**  
10am-6pm OCCASIONAL SALE

**FRIDAY (2/6)**

**SATURDAY (2/7)**  
6:45am Men's Bible Study  
6:30pm Worship