

Peace Lutheran Church



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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 15, 2026

PASTORS:

KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER

ELDERS

Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 8:30am

Sunday 10:30am

GREETERS

Sunday 8:30am

Dale and Judy Schumann

Sunday 10:30am

John and Linda Kalenberg

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 Will resume after Easter

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

WE HAVE ADDED A DONATION BOX IN THE NARTHEX FOR THE TAXI FUND. WE PROVIDE THIS SERVICE FOR OUR SHUT-INS WHO HAVE NO OTHER WAY TO ATTEND OUR WORSHIP SERVICES. THE COST FOR THIS SERVICE AVERAGES \$800/MONTH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

THE FIRST MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST HELD ON JAN 31ST WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH 45 ATTENDEES, GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP! WE HAVE SCHEDULED ANOTHER ONE FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH. ALL MEN AND BOYS ARE INVITED

THE RED CROSS COLLECTED 158 UNITS AT THEIR STOP AT PEACE THIS PAST TUESDAY. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED AND TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP WITH THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!

DUE TO THE MAJOR INCREASE OF ELECTRIC/GAS UTILITIES (OUR MOST RECENT BILL WAS OVER \$7,000, AN INCREASE OF ALMOST \$2,600 OVER LAST MONTH) WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO HELP US BE MORE CONSCIOUS OF ELECTRIC USE BY TURNING OFF UNNECESSARY LIGHTS, ETC. – EVERY LITTLE BIT WILL HELP.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CONGREGATIONAL FUND HAS OFFERED ANOTHER \$50,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE DEBT REDUCTION!

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 – 2/1/26.....	\$ 394,593.68*
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.....	\$ 36,524.34

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offerings Deposited 22/5 - 2/11	\$ 27,366
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,884

WE ARE AGAIN OFFERING THE 13-WEEK GRIEF SHARE SERIES ON MONDAYS 4-5:30PM. 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 FEB 16 "ANGER"; FEB 23 "REGRETS"; MAR 2 "GRIEF & YOUR HOUSEHOLD"; MAR 9 "GRIEF & YOUR FRIENDSHIPS"

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 FREE-WILL OFFERING OF \$322 FROM LAST SUNDAY'S 'SOUP-ER' BOWL LUNCH WILL GO TO COMMON CUP. WE WILL CONTINUE COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH FOR COMMON CUP - CURRENTLY CLOSE TO 600 CANS AND HOPING FOR 1000! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

WE HAVE IMPORTANT (& UNFORTUNATELY, EXPENSIVE) REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE DUE ON OUR BEAUTIFUL PIPE ORGAN – WHICH WILL BE 30 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR. PROCEEDS FROM THE PIE SALE (\$1,136 – THANK YOU EVERYONE!) AND FROM THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES WILL GO TOWARDS THIS CAUSE. ALSO, WE HAVE BOOKED THE "LOONEY LUTHERANS" (AKA "CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES") FOR AN AUGUST PERFORMANCE ALONG WITH THE RETURN OF OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL EVENT AS FUNDRAISERS FOR THE ORGAN.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN WERE PLACED BY THE FAMILY OF ALAN SCHMOLL IN HONOR OF WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS 46TH BIRTHDAY ON FEB 12TH

BAPTISM AT THE SATURDAY SERVICE:

CARMEN JANE SCHMIDT

DAUGHTER OF JUSTIN AND LAURA SCHMIDT

SERVING AS HER SPONSORS: NICK AND LARISSA JASKOWIAK AND JESSE OLSON

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Mabel Boelter
Barb Ribar	Gale Schlueter
Elaine Lewerenz	Jan Klabunde
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Bryce Cassens
Melinda Mikolich	Mary Melin
Delores Plath	Morgan Miller
Rueben Draeger	Hazel Sitz
Melissa Wanous	Dolores Barlau
Bev Alsleben	Irene Rasmussen

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	49
Sunday 8:30am	126
Sunday 10:30am	105

TOTAL	280
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Online	481
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REMINDER: Folding day for the Messenger is this Fri, Feb 20th at 10:30am in Room 209

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (2/15)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship

MONDAY (2/16)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (2/17)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (2/18)

9:00am Release Time
10:00am Body and Soul
11:30am Worship and Lunch
1:00pm Mission Sewing
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Youth Group
5:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (2/19)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (2/20)

SATURDAY (2/21)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Worship/Communion

UPCOMING

SUNDAY (2/22)

8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (2/23)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (2/24)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (2/25)

9:00am Release Time
10:00am Body and Soul
11:30am Worship and Lunch
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Youth Group
5:30pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY (2/26)

10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (2/27)

SATURDAY (2/28)

7:30am Men's Bible Breakfast
6:30pm Worship

We will continue to collect cans of soup for Common Cup through the end of February.

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 February 5th total sales were \$3,039.30! One quarter of the February sales \$759.83, will go to Safe Avenue, \$759.83 will go towards building utilities and maintenance, and half, \$1,519.66, will go towards debt reduction (which will also be matched by the Congregational Fund!). The next sale will be March 5th with a quarter of the proceeds going to The Closet. The next drop off date is Monday, February 23rd, 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.