

Peace Lutheran Church



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / FEBRUARY 8, 2026

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS
 Saturday 6:30pm Paul Otte
 Sunday 8:30am Jeff Weckwerth
 Sunday 10:30am Brad Havemeier, Robbie Peterson
GREETERS
 Sunday 8:30am Dean and Lisa Kirchoff
 Sunday 10:30am Sharon Christensen

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT

Sundays Peace Center; 9:40am
 "Genesis-The Book of Beginnings, Part 2"
Tuesday & Saturdays Cashwise Caribou; 6:45am
 "The Reason for God: Belief in An Age of Skepticism"
Wednesdays Peace Center (11:45am lunch prior to study
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THRIVENT CARDS NEEDED – WE HAVE SEVERAL EVENTS COMING UP THAT WE NEED THRIVENT CARDS FOR. CONTACT SUE IN THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO APPLY FOR ONE. THANKS!

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.

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

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

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 FEB 9 "FEARFUL & OVERWHELMED"; FEB 16 "ANGER"; FEB 23 "REGRETS"; MAR 2 "GRIEF & YOUR HOUSEHOLD"

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 EVERY SIDE" IS A STAND ALONE. COME CHECK THEM OUT AND WHILE YOU ARE THERE, SEE WHAT ELSE WE OFFER IN OUR LIBRARY.

THIS SUNDAY, FEB 8TH, WE WILL BE HOLDING THE 'SOUP-ER' BOWL LUNCH AT 11:30. THE FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO TO COMMON CUP. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ALSO COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP IN THE COMMONS AREA THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH FOR COMMON CUP. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT (AND, UNFORTUNATELY, EXPENSIVE) REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE DUE ON OUR BEAUTIFUL PIPE ORGAN – WHICH WILL BE 30 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEARS PIE SALE 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 AS FUNDRAISERS FOR THE ORGAN. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PIE ORDER FORMS IS THIS WED, FEB 11TH WITH PICK-UP FRI, FEB 13TH.

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 1/29–2/4	\$ 14,338
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,884

PRAYER LIST

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

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	41
Sunday 8:30am	128
Sunday 10:30am	62
TOTAL	231
Online	522

REMINDER: Folding day for the Messenger is Friday, Feb 20th at 10:30am in Room 209

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (2/8)
 8:30am Worship
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship/Communion
 11:30am SOUP-ER BOWL LUNCH

MONDAY (2/9)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (2/10)
 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 (2/11)
 9:00am Release Time
 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 (2/12)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (2/13)
 PIE PICK-UP

SATURDAY (2/14)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

UPCOMING

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
 11:45am Lunch & Bible Study
 2:45pm Confirmation
 3:20pm Tiger Tweens
 4:30pm Youth Group
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Handbells

THURSDAY (2/19)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 6:30pm Trustees

FRIDAY (2/20)

SATURDAY (2/21)
 6:45am Bible Study
 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.