

Peace Lutheran Church



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / MARCH 1, 2026

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS
 Saturday 6:30pm Kevin Buss, George Quast
 Sunday 8:30am Allen Broll, Marc Telecky
 Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson
GREETERS
 Sunday 8:30am Allan and Delores Reiner
 Sunday 10:30am Dale and Judy Schumann

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT
Sundays Peace Center; 9:40am
 "Book of Acts"
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 TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, IS FAST APPROACHING! THERE ARE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE COMMONS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THAT DAY. ALSO, WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF BOTTLED WATER AND HOMEMADE DESSERTS (IT CAN BE ANYTHING – CAKE, PIES, BARS, NON-REFRIGERATED DESSERTS)

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 SECOND MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST WAS HELD SATURDAY. IT WAS AGAIN A HUGE SUCCESS WITH GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP! THE NEXT ONE SCHEDULED WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST. ALL MEN AND BOYS ARE INVITED

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 – 2/28/26.....	\$ 370,504.52*
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.....	\$ 60,513.50
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Offerings Deposited 2/19 - 2/25	\$ 15,912
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: MAR 2 "GRIEF & YOUR HOUSEHOLD"; MAR 9 "GRIEF & YOUR FRIENDSHIPS" MAR 16 "QUESTIONS FOR GOD"

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.

STARTING MARCH 1ST THE SPRING MISSION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE TO COLLECT NEW SOCKS AND NEW (OR GENTLY USED) SHOES AND SANDALS FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN. THERE IS A COLLECTION BOX IN THE COMMONS AREA.

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. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN 3 PHASES, THE FIRST STARTED THIS WEEK. THE ORGAN WILL REMAIN FUNCTIONABLE DURING EACH PHASE. PROCEEDS FROM THE RECENT 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. SIDE NOTE: JIM STREUFERT, OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR FROM 1983-87 WAS ONE OF THE REPS FROM DOBSON ORGAN OF IOWA THAT WAS WORKING ON THE ORGAN AND ASSISTED BY SEVERAL OF OUR ELDERS AND TRUSTEES (THANKS GUYS!) SOME OF OUR MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO REMINISCE WITH JIM, HE ALSO BROUGHT SOME PROGRAMS FROM THE ORIGINAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, WHICH HE STARTED IN 1986!

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Melissa Wanous
Barb Ribar	Mabel Boelter
Elaine Lewerenz	Gale Schlueter
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Mary Melin
Melinda Mikolich	Dolores Barlau
Delores Plath	Irene Rasmussen
Rueben Draeger	Arlene Kruse

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	65
Sunday 8:30am	152
Sunday 10:30am	108
Wednesday 11:30am	94
Wednesday 4:30pm	83
Wednesday 6:30pm	32
TOTAL	534
Online	942

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (3/1)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (3/2)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (3/3)
 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 (3/4)
 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 Worship
 5:15pm Youth Group
 5:30pm Handbells
 6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (3/5)
 10-6 – OCCASIONAL SALE

FRIDAY (3/6)

SATURDAY (3/7)
 6:45am Men's Bible
 6:30pm Worship

UPCOMING

SUNDAY (3/8)
 8:30am Worship
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship/Communion

MONDAY (3/9)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

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

WEDNESDAY (3/11)
 10:00am Body and Soul
 11:30am Worship and Lunch
 5:30pm Adult Choir
 6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (3/12)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (3/13)
11AM – FISH FRY

SATURDAY (3/14)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship/Communion

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, 8 OZ INSTANT BREAKFAST BOTTLES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS IN OUR COMMONS AREA.

WE WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING A CPR CLASS FOR OUR MEMBERS. ON MONDAY, MARCH 30TH, 7-9PM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY WURDELL AT (320) 583-1009

IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT MEMBER YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TWO GRANTS OF \$250 EACH PER YEAR THAT CAN BE USED HERE AT PEACE FOR VARIOUS EVENTS AND MINISTRIES. WE HAVE USED THESE FOR CURRICULUM AND SUPPLIES FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL, RELEASE TIME, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, CONFIRMATION) AND TO OFFSET EXPENSES FOR OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE CHURCH WITH THIS, PLEASE CONTACT SUE IN THE OFFICE TO SEE WHAT WE CURRENTLY NEED CARDS FOR. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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, March 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.