

Peace Lutheran Church



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Fifth Sunday of Lent / March 22, 2026

Pastors: Kurt Weber and Jeff Miller

Weekly Bible Studies with Pastor Kurt

Elders

Saturday 6:30pm Dale Schumann
Sunday 8:30am Paul Otte
Sunday 10:30 Robbie Peterson, Brad Havemeier

Greeters

Sunday 8:30am Cyndy Fallon & Gloria Janicke
Sunday 10:30am John Lietz & Shirley Wicklund

Sunday 3/22/26 Service - Baptism at 10:30 AM
Jayce Owen Sorensen son of Taran & Cheyenne Sorsensen. Sponsors are Laila Dubay, Aleasha Fischer and Travis Sorensen Taran Sorensen will also be baptized.

Another Successful Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Peace Lutheran on Saturday March 21st. Thanks to all who attended.

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 \$700 - \$800/month. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Annual Fish Fry was again a HUGE SUCCESS We served just under 800 meals in a little less than 3 hours & raised \$8,089.02 for the Debt Fund (Which will be matched by the Congregational Reduction Fund) A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for their involvement & support with this annual event. We are so blessed with our volunteers they are BEYOND AMAZING!!!

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 3/5 - 3/11	\$18,433
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$15,884

Informational Alaska Mission Trip Meeting in Peace Center at 9:40 AM Sunday, March 22nd. Bible Study is cancelled. Please attend to find out all the details of our Mission to help spread God's word.

Saturdays "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism"

Wednesdays Will resume after Easter

We will again be offering the 13 week Grief Share Series on Monday's 4-5:30pm. For more 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 23 "Stuck in Grief", Mar 30 "Hope & Resilience".

We are serving HAY Lunch this Thursday 3/26 to approximately 350 highschoolers. If you would like to volunteer to help serve, please call Jill Lieder at 320-420-5436. We also need donations of brownies to be brought to our church kitchen on Wed. March 25th by Noon. Thank You in advance for all your help and donations.

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 are collecting winter coats, scarves, hats, gloves, sweatshirts and socks. A Collection Box is in the Commons Area.

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.

Organ Repair Update

Dobson Organ Company will be here this week to reinstall the pipes from the Swell organ (the top keyboard). They have cleaned the chamber and pipes and repaired the pipes that had tuning issues. This is routine maintenance for our organ, which will be 30 years old next year. This work is Phase One of Three phases. We hope to complete Phase Two in 2027. We are grateful for all of the elders and trustees who have assisted us. Side Note: Former music director Jim Streufert has been here working with Dobson. We have enjoyed reconnecting with him and we look forward to welcoming him and his wife back on July 1st for a 40th anniversary celebration of their first concert here at Peace.

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Mabel Boelter
Barb Ribar	Gale Schlueter
Elaine Lewerenz	Jon & Syliva Radtke
Mary Melin	Dolores Barlau
Delores Plath	Arlene Kruse
Rueben Draeger	Irene Rasmussen
Melissa Wanous	Jeff Beadell
Scott Haag	Cynthia Beadell
Don Hecht	John Youngdahl

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	89
No Sunday Services due to Snow Storm	
Online	565

We are in need of snacks for the Youth Activites. Please check the Bulletin Board in the rampway for suggestions. Thanks!

If you have not done so yet, please pick up your 2026 Offering envelopes and 2025 offering statements the rampway. Thanks!

Easter Cards are now available for sale in the LWML Card Shop in the rampway.

THIS WEEK

Sunday (3/22)

8:30am Worship
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Alaska Mission meeting
10:30am Worship/Communion

Monday (3/23)

10-12 Occas Sale work day
4:00pm Grief Share

Tuesday (3/24)

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

Wednesday (3/25)

9:00am Release Time
10:00am Body and Soul
11:30am Worship & Lunch
2:45pm Confirmation
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
5:15pm Youth Group
5:30 Adult Choir

6:30 Worship

Thursday (3/26)

10am -12pm Occas work day
HAY LUNCH

Friday (3/27)

Saturday (3/28)

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

Upcoming

Sunday (3/29) Palm Sunday

All Services in Sanctuary
8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Sunday School
9:40am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship

Monday (3/30)

10-12 Occas Sale work day
4:00pm Grief Share

Tuesday (3/31)

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

Wednesday (4/1)

10:00am Body and Soul
11:30am Worship & Lunch
3:20pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Worship
5:15pm Youth Group
6:30pm Worship

Thursday (4/2)

Maundy Thursday Worship
11:30am with communion
10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
Worship at 6:30pm with communion

Good Friday 4/3 Worship

11:30am & 6:30pm

Saturday (4/4)

No Saturday 6:30pm service
Sunday 4/5 Easter Services
6:30am, 8:30am & 10:30am

We will again be offering a CPR Class for our members on Monday, March 30th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
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 Lutheran 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 & volunteers & those who have generously donated items for our sale at Peace. March 5th total sales were \$3,547.50. One quarter of the March sales \$886.87 will go to The Closet, \$886.87 will go towards building utilities & maintenance and half, \$1773.76 will go towards debt reduction which will be matched by the Congregational Fund!) The next sale will be April 9th with a quarter of the proceeds going to Habitat For Humanity. The next drop off date is Monday, March 30th, 4-6pm. Please note we will not accept any donations on the days of our sales. Any questions, please contact Lynn at 320-583-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487. We are always looking for Volunteers to help sort, price, display donated items. Every Monday & Thursday from 10:00am - 12 Noon, The crew is at Peace Place. Feel free to come & see what's going on (or drop off donated items). PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE OF THE DOOR.