

Peace Lutheran Church



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / MARCH 8, 2026

PASTORS: KURT WEBER AND JEFF MILLER
ELDERS
 Saturday 6:30pm Brad Havemeier
 Sunday 8:30am Kevin Buss
 Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson and Dale Schumann
GREETERS
 Sunday 8:30am Greg and Darlene Plath
 Sunday 10:30am John Lietz and Shirley Wicklund

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES WITH PASTOR KURT
Sundays Peace Center; 9:40am
 "Book of Acts"
Tuesday & Saturdays Cashwise Caribou; 6:45am
 "The Reason for God: Belief in An Age of Skepticism"
Wednesdays Will resume after Easter

THE ANNUAL FISH FRY WILL BE HELD THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 13 STARTING AT 11AM UNTIL WE RUN OUT OF FISH 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 COSTS \$7-800/MONTH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

THE SECOND MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST WAS HELD LAST 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 IN NEED OF SNACKS FOR THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES. PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE RAMPWAY FOR SUGGESTIONS. THANKS!

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

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 9 "GRIEF & YOUR FRIENDSHIPS MAR 16 "QUESTIONS FOR GOD"; MAR 23 "STUCK IN GRIEF"

GIFTS FROM THE HEART FOR THE LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION FOR MINISTRIES TO THE HOMELESS OF THE NEW FREEDOM STORE IN THE TWIN CITIES. WE ARE COLLECTING WINTER COATS, SCARVES, HATS, GLOVES, SWEATSHIRTS, 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.

**BAPTISM ON SATURDAY:
 REECE SCOTT JURGENSEN
 SON OF COLLIN JURGENSEN AND CLAUDIA HOVENDICK;
 SERVING AS SPONSOR: ANTHONY MINERO**

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 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, AND HE BROUGHT SOME PROGRAMS FROM THE ORIGINAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, WHICH HE STARTED 40 YEARS AGO! UPDATE: JIM, AND HIS WIFE SYLVIA, PERFORMED THE FIRST CONCERT IN 1986 AND HAVE AGREED TO RETURN THIS SUMMER AND PERFORM AT THE JULY 1ST CONCERT!

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 2/26-3/4	\$ 16,368
Average Offerings Needed Per Week	\$ 15,884

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Melissa Wanous
Barb Ribar	Mabel Boelter
Elaine Lewerenz	Gale Schlueter
Jon & Sylvia Radtke	Mary Melin
Melinda Mikolichek	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	56
Sunday 8:30am	150
Sunday 10:30am	52
Wednesday 11:30am	91
Wednesday 4:30pm	56
Wednesday 6:30pm	38
TOTAL	443
Online	789

THIS WEEK

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
 3:00pm 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)
FISH FRY 11AM -?

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

UPCOMING

SUNDAY (3/15)
 8:30am Worship/Communion
 9:40am Sunday School
 9:40am Adult Bible Study
 10:30am Worship

MONDAY (3/16)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day
 4:00pm Grief Share

TUESDAY (3/17)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 3:00pm Parables Bible Study
 6:30pm Promise Keepers

WEDNESDAY (3/18)
 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 Worship
 5:15pm Youth Group
 5:30pm Handbells
 6:30pm Worship

THURSDAY (3/19)
 10-12 Occas Sale Work Day

FRIDAY (3/20)

SATURDAY (3/21)
 6:45am Men's Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship

EASTER CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE LWML CARD SHOP IN THE RAMPWAY.

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

COMMON CUP COMMUNITY EVENT - JOIN US FOR THE HUTCHINSON EMPTY BOWL PROJECT - A MEANINGFUL CELEBRATION OF HANDMADE BOWLS, WARM FOOD, AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION. SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM AT HUTCHINSON HIGH SCHOOL. CHOOSE FROM A BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF HANDCRAFTED CLAY BOWLS CREATED BY LOCAL PROFESSIONALS, HOBBYISTS AND STUDENTS. SUGGESTED DONATION - \$20. YOU WILL RECEIVE A BOWL OF HEARTY SOUP AND THE BOWL BECOMES YOURS TO KEEP AS A REMINDER OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHOSE BOWLS ARE EMPTY. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. EVERY DOLLAR RAISED SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF AND COMMON CUP'S WEEKEND FEEDING PROGRAM.

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 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 AND MAINTENANCE, AND HALF, \$1,773.76, WILL GO TOWARDS DEBT REDUCTION (WHICH WILL ALSO 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) 582-0193 OR GAYLE AT (320) 583-2487. 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.