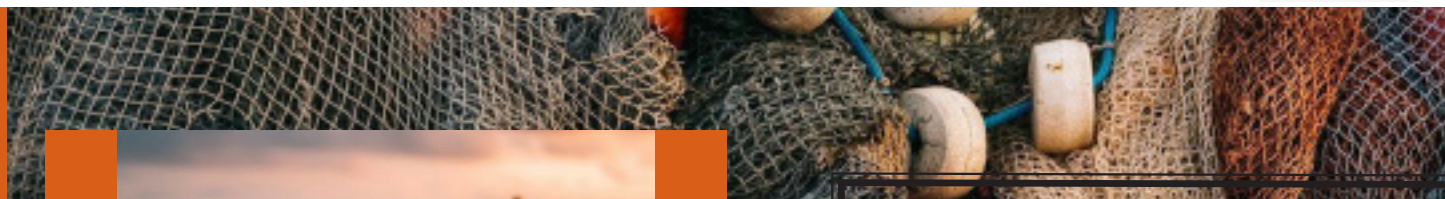




# May 2026 Messenger of PEACE

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## PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

### SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

### SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

## ONLINE WORSHIP



### Livestream

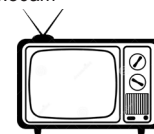
[plchutch.org](http://plchutch.org) Watch Live@8:30am

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### YouTube

[www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn](http://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn)



### CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 – Nuvera, chan 8 – Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am

*Dear Church Family,*

*It is an exciting and beautiful time of the year in the Spring and Summer. I love this time with all the beautiful sunny weather, fun activities outside with family and friends, seeing our gardens grow, and of course there is fishing. Everyday is a good day when you get to go fishing.*

*Jesus loved to fish and so did his followers. Do you remember when one of the disciples said, “I am going fishing” and six of his buddies jumped in the boat with him. Unfortunately it was another unlucky fishing expedition. Of course, I know what those are like. Hah! Ha!*

*As the daylight began to shine on their already sunburned faces, someone called from the shore, “Boys, do you have any fish?” “No!” The tired fisherman yelled back. “Cast your net on the right side of the boat” Well, you know this story don’t you, they caught so many fish they were unable to haul it in. They caught 153 fish in all! Then John said to Peter with a grin on his face, “It’s the Lord!” That was the third time our resurrected Lord appeared to his disciples!*

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Just as our Heavenly Father sent*

*Jesus into the world to complete God’s plan of Salvation for the world, he now sends you and me to tell the world all about Jesus our Lord and Savior and fellow fisherman. So it is time to go fishing again! Time to fish for people as you travel, enjoy picnics and ball games, and just feel the warm breeze of the spring and summer air. I will have my pole and worms ready and a Bible in my Packers backpack. On Sundays, I will meet you at church and Bible study. Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Mark 1:17  
Whose with me? Let’s Go Fishing!  
Pastor Kurt Weber*



# Associate Pastor's Corner

About 14 years ago our youngest granddaughter came to our home for Christmas. She brought her parents along because she was 3 years old. We made plans to keep her busy while she was with us to make sure she enjoyed her time with Grandpa and Grandma. One of those adventures was sliding on Rocket Hill. Where she lived they had snow but no good hill. I bought a couple plastic sleds and away we went. Of course, I went sliding with her. The first time on the hill I walked to the bottom in order to film her first trip down. When she figured out how fast it went and raised her hands in the air and yelled. "I'M FREE!" I loved it – a great afternoon adventure.

It's May already. I can imagine many people will be saying "I'm Free!" by the end of the month – free from school – (Good heavens I have a daughter retiring as a teacher this year). Students from high school, college, trade school, those who complete military service. BUT after we celebrate, then what? A saying I heard a long time ago, "We plan/God provides" It is based on Jeremiah 29.11 – "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." REMEMBER the words following also, "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." Don't forget to call upon the LORD. Not all goes smoothly, but God is always there. Let Him help.

ALASKA update: Our team from Peace is 7 people. We add two more friends from outside of Peace, and we add two more members from Michigan and we are a large team of 11 people. We go to Copper Center, Alaska. This is a small community of 300+ about a 5-hour drive from Anchorage. We will live, worship, teach, eat and sleep at Mt. Drum Lutheran Church, a small congregation using a multipurpose building. Our VBS week will be similar to VBS here at Peace, but it will be very different. But like us, they need Jesus. Right now we are busy gathering supplies, planning sessions and gathering teaching resources.

GREIFSHARE – We concluded another session of Griefshare the Monday after Easter. Some folks want to come back and do it again. Some have said that these 13 weeks have been very helpful. Some people said, I didn't know other people had the same problems and sorrows I had. If you have lost a loved one and want to talk about it, or just come and be with people who share the same grief but with hope, our next session of GRIEFSHARE begins August 17 at 4 PM here at Peace. Feel free to join us. You can register online at [Griefshare.com](http://Griefshare.com) and sign up for our Peace Lutheran location.

Have a blessed Spring,  
Pastor Jeff Miller

## May Ushers

### Saturday 6:30pm

May 2: Brian Baysinger & Patty Thul  
9: Dick & Corinne Higgins  
16: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung  
23: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff  
30:

## May Greeters

### May 3

8:30 Gwen Wickman & Jean Schultz  
10:30 Shirley Wicklund & John Lietz

### May 10

8:30 Steve & Sandy Sturges  
10:30 Sara & Robbie Peterson

### 8:30am

Team 3 & 4  
Brynn Kobow  
Micah Luthens  
Blake Rarick  
Sydney Jackson  
Kiera Lieder  
Marlin Haag  
Troy Kurth  
Owen Streich  
Scott Streich  
Tim Zackrisson

### May 17

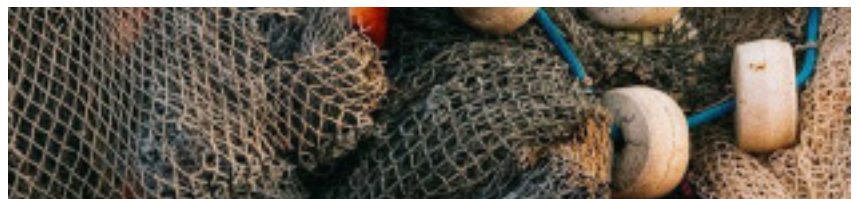
8:30 Cyndi Fallon & Sharon Olson  
10:30 Shirley Wicklund & John Lietz

### May 24

8:30 Greg & Brenda Ewing  
10:30 Gloria Janicke

### May 31

8:30 Beverly Luke & Gloria Dobratz  
10:30 Sara & Robbie Peterson



## May Readers

### Saturday 6:30pm

May 2: Joann Keilen  
9: Dick Higgins  
16: Lee Uldbjerg  
23: No Service  
30: Joann Keilen

### Sunday 8:30am

May 3: Matthew Thomforde  
10: John Lietz  
17: Mary Haag  
24: 10:00 Service Sara Peterson  
31: Darlyn Egge

### 10:30am

Confirmation Students  
Kevin Pfau  
Sharon Christenson  
Jen Plath

# OFFICIAL ACTS



## BAPTISM

April 18th - Leva Marie Samuelson, daughter of Brittney and Mitchell Samuelson

April 25th - Emry Rose Bacon, daughter of Katrina Urban and Ryan Bacon

## FUNERALS

March 31st- Donald Hecht, 92, passed away on March 23  
 April 1st- Irene Rasmussen, 97, passed away on March 26  
 April 4th- Dolores Barlau, 91, passed away March 30  
 April 8th- Leon Nelson, 92, passed away April 6

## Memorials

MELINDA MICHOLICHEK	\$20.00	DEBT FUND
DON HECHT	\$155.00	DEBT FUND
	\$25.00	ORGAN FUND
	\$100.00	CHOIR FUND
IRENE RASMUSSEN	\$1081.00	DEBT FUND
	\$1031.00	ORGAN FUND
DOLORES BARLAU	\$345.00	DEBT FUND
LEON NELSON	\$200.00	DEBT FUND

## Transfers

Janice Hall from Methodist ( Faith United ) Church in Winthrop, MN

# Occasional Sale

April 9th occasional sale proceeds were \$3,652.06, which will be the amount going towards the debt after funds are matched from the Congregational Fund. Habitat for Humanity McLeod County, will receive \$913.02, one quarter of sales, and the same amount went toward utilities and building maintenance on our campus. As always, we thank our dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and shoppers, and GOD, who has made this outreach possible!!

The next drop-off dates are Monday, April 27th and May 26th (one day later due to holiday) from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Volunteers sort and price donations on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-noon. Items can be dropped off then too. Please ring the doorbell. We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor, especially summer items, towels, bedding, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, end tables, crafts, yarn, toys, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, vinyl, and other miscellaneous items. Watch the next Messenger for additional items that will be accepted at the May drop-off. Questions? Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487.

The next occasional sale is on May 7th from 10:00 a.m-6:00 p.m. Clearance items will be sold in the east Peace Place garage. May specials are 50% off all long pants storewide, games, and teapots. A quarter of May proceeds will benefit Birthright-Hutchinson.



This month, we take time to say thank you to mothers, to those who have stepped into a mother's role, and to all who have offered nurturing guidance and mentorship. While not everyone becomes a mother, many of us find ourselves caring for and supporting others—it's a role that truly takes a village and never ends. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who volunteer here at Prince of Peace. In April, we were delighted to host a wonderful and successful Volunteer Appreciation Tea honoring our 2025 volunteers. This year's French-themed event was especially memorable, with Lisa sharing a bit of the French language and everyone enjoying a selection of delicious French hors d'oeuvres.

Blessings,  
 Destini Doring  
 Executive Director  
 Prince of Peace Retirement Living  
 #320.234.7588  
 www.poprl.org



## Rite of Confirmation

*"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*

Please join us for **Sunday, May 3rd**, as our eight 8th grade students receive the Rite of Confirmation at Peace Lutheran.


It is an exciting time for these young people and their families as they affirmed their Christian beliefs.

*Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith walk and follow Jesus.*

It has been the privilege of Pastor Weber and Pastor Miller, to teach and equip this years students with the tools needed to fulfil their Confirmation vows, as well as guide them to a life-long living faith in Jesus Christ.

**To the Confirmation parents:** The love and encouragement you give your student in keeping the vows they take at Confirmation, is a testament of your faith, love, and devotion to our Lord and Savior.

*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*  
John 14:6



## JESUS & THE FISHER OF MEN

### Catch the Faith!

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
June 8 through June 12, 2026

### 2026 Confirmation Students

Kiara Riley Durbin daughter of Spencer and Whitney Durbin  
 Sydney Lynn Jackson daughter of Ashley and Brad Jackson  
 Brynn Erin Kobow daughter of Brian and Becky Kobow  
 Brittney Ann Merkins daughter of James and Tricia Merkins  
 Morgan Lynn Miller daughter Stacy and Bo Miller  
 Kiera Lea Lieder daughter of Nick and Kristin Lieder  
 Micah Henry Luthens son of Garrett and Melissa Luthens  
 Blake Kevin Rarick son of Dan and Kari Rarick



## YOUTH GROUP

FAITH. FRIENDS. PURPOSE.

### MAY WEDNESDAYS

📅 **4:30 PM**  
6<sup>TH</sup>–8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

🕒 **7:00–8:15 PM**  
9<sup>TH</sup>–12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

✝️ **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*You Belong Here. ♥️*



Peace Lutheran Church presents

## FAMILY NIGHT

~ First Family Night! ~  
**Thursday, May 28th**  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Supper    Devotion    Games

*Take a Break, Recharge & Reconnect!*  
Food • Faith • Fun for the Whole Family!

At the **Peace Center**  
Join us on the Last Thursday of Every Month!  
*We can't wait to see you!*



## BACCALAUREATE

**WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH**  
**AT 6:30 PM**

**HUTCHINSON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**AUDITORIUM**

**ALL GRADUATING SENIORS ARE WELCOME!**



## Class of 2026

### GRADUATION Senior Service

🏛️ **MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
🕒 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

👥 **10 o'clock Reception**  
GET-TOGETHER IN THE PEACE CENTER

CELEBRATE • HONOR • ENCOURAGE  
*We are proud of you! ♥️*

## Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, May 12th

TUESDAY, June 9th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments only can continue to be made on line at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. Thank you for continuing to support



Bloodmobile on May 12 from noon to 6. New donors are always welcome. If you have never given before, we have been told that our drive is a great place to begin. Call Shirley W. at 320-587-5064 with questions. Love to see you there.

Sunday morning coffee and snacks continues to be a great place to share our care by supporting the taxi service. We are having our last one on May 10th until fall. The cost continues to rise and your generosity is appreciated. Thank you!

Blood pressures are offered on the second Sunday every month in the Parish Health office. Thank you to the members for continuing to share their talents by making prayer shawls. It is such a great way to let people know we care.

**Peace Lutheran  
Women in Mission**



The 31st Biennial LWML MN South District Convention will be held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato on June 18 - 20, 2026. The theme is "The Peace of Christ" based on Colossians 3:15-16a.

Registration for the District convention is open as of March 1st. It is exclusively ON-LINE and open until May 1. Late registration fee is \$45. Information on registration for the LWML District Convention in June will be in the Spring issue of the WOM and on the website: [mnslwml.org](http://mnslwml.org).

If you don't feel equipped, if you feel like there are other women who would be better.....know this: Long ago, God hand selected you for whatever is right in front of you. He had everyone on the entire planet to choose from and said, "She's the one I want. She's the best one for this job. She can do this."

Check out the LWML bulletin board. There is a lot of new information posted there.

## SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~

May 28th 1pm-5pm

July 9th 1pm-5pm



Room 207-209 Education Building

The next 55+Drivers Discount Class at Peace Lutheran Church is scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd 1:00 - 5:00pm in rooms 208-210. The classes will be held at the same time and in the same rooms. Registration is still through Precision Driving Center of Minnesota. You may call 320-308-1400 or 888-234-1294 or register online at [www.DriverDiscountProgram.com](http://www.DriverDiscountProgram.com). Hope to see you there!



We will have Dedication of Quilts on  
May 10th at the 10:30am service.



**WEDNESDAYS** | 11:30AM, 12:15PM LUNCH

- June 24<sup>th</sup> Karen Van Wert, Handbell soloist
- July 1<sup>st</sup> James and Sylvia Streufert, piano duets
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Brandon Begnaud and Joan DeVee Dixon, duets
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Cogley Sisters
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> The Spice Quartet, Sweet Adelines  
*Champion Quartet from the City of Lakes Chorus, Minneapolis*

ALL PERFORMANCES IN THE SANCTUARY  
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

12:15PM LUNCH  
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

BRING A FRIEND.  
ENJOY THE MUSIC!

**EVENING PROGRAMS**



July 29<sup>th</sup> **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
5:30pm meal, suggested donation \$10  
6:15pm Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers

August 5<sup>th</sup>  
**THE LOONEY LUTHERANS**  
6:30pm \$20 ticket, no meal  
*Hold the lutefisk - a fun skit!*



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**STAINED GLASS WINDOW WALKING TOUR**

1:30  
 MAY 17, 2026

Hosted by *Women Talk*

**Peace**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
400 Franklin Street Southwest

**Root Beer & Handbells**

**Peace Lutheran CHURCH**  
**MAY 6**

**5:30 DINNER**  
 **6:30 CONCERT**

400 Franklin St. SW

★ ENJOY A NIGHT OF MUSIC & FUN! ★

Mark your calendars for “Root Beer & Bells” on Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30pm with a Ham Dinner & 6:30pm program. A suggested donation of \$10 This event will benefit the organ repair project. Our theme this year is Hawaiian! Wear a floral or hawaiian short and come join the fun!!!



Peace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
March 10, 2026

Present: Melissa Weckwerth, Pastor Miller, Kathy Hochsprung, Gary Havemeier, Elia Peterson, Sara Peterson, Lynn Brown, Pastor Weber, Sue Kroyer, Justin Evenson, Kim Borka, Dean Kirchoff

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Proverbs 31: 15-31

Approval of Minutes Motion made by Justin to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes as presented. Second by Gary. Motion carried. Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor shared a report / graph that Connie created updating us with baptisms, new members, funerals and member transfers for 2026. Men's ministry is going well. Men's breakfast is also going well. Men's bible study will continue into summer. It will also continue on Sundays. Holy week is 3 weeks away. Please keep Pastor Bode and Pat in your prayers.

Pastor Miller shared that there will be a group mission trip (so far 9 signed commitments to attend) to Alaska June 17 - 27, 2026. Information will be shared on March 22, 2026 about the trip.

2. Administrator/Office Report: Sue shared March's occasional sale was \$3547.50 from sale last week. \$1773 will go to debt and also be matched by the Congregational fund. One fourth will also go to The Closet. Fish fry is 3-13-26. Our new health inspector shared that The Church Lady Bill asks that we have a member who has a Serve Safe certification. Jill Lieder has this certification. This will cover events that we offer to the public such as the Fish Fry.

HAY lunch will be on March 20, 2026. It will be the last one of the school year. 7:30 -10:00 will be Easter breakfast. Personnel handbook is being updated by Sue and Connie.

Organ repair is near completion. Pipes will be returned on March 23. This is phase 1 and there will be more phases in the future to update the organ. There may be a new auto deposit program Sue will utilize.

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the P & L from January and February 2026 compared to January and February 2025.

4. Elder's Report: Minutes from the Elder's meeting on March 3, 2026 were shared.

5. Youth programming update: Elia shared she will looking at the curriculum with current teacher input. She updated us going on with Children Ministries, Youth Ministries and with families.

Old Business

1. Church directory update: Sue shared proofs should arrive soon.

2. Guiding Light: 2 students enrolled. Open houses continue for the public.

3. LCF visits on 4/15 & 4/26

4. End of the debt celebration: Continuing to work on ideas for this occurs.

5. At large Council vacancy - names of those to contact? Lynn will reach out to a contact she has in mind.

New Business

1. Goal setting - update on possibility of Vicar: Discussion of future plans.

a. Begin putting together a call committee for Associate Pastor? Discussion of future plans.

2. Creation of Pastor's discretionary fund:

a. Questions: Discussion.

3. Website/Facebook: Pictures have been updated.

4. Technology in conference room & large education room: Discussion.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Weber.

Adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka  
Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth  
Council President

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OFFICE HOURS  
 Monday – Friday 9 am - 4 pm

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion
8:30 Worship/Communion <b>10:30 Worship Rite of Confirmation</b>	<i>Gowns are Due for return</i>	6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Parables Bible St 6:00 Women Talk 6:30 Elders	9:00 Parish Health 10:30 Body & Soul 1:30 Youth Handbells <b>Root beer &amp; Bells 5:30 Ham Dinner 6:30 Program</b>	<b>Occasional Sale 10-6</b>		8 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship
<i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30 Worship <i>Blood Pressure Checks</i> 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Communion Dedication of Quilts		6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 12-6 Blood Mobile 3:00 Parables Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Council	10:30 Body & Soul 4:30 Youth Group (6-8) 7:00 Youth Group (9-12) 6:30 Baccalaureate HHS			15 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion
17 8:30 Worship/Communion 10:00 Senior Reception 10:30 Worship Senior Service 1:30 Window Tour open to everyone		6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Parables Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers		6:30 Trustees	10:30 <b>Fold Day Messenger</b>	22 No Service
24 10:00 Worship/Communion	<b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	26 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Parables Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers	27 10:30 Body & Soul 4:30 Youth Group (6-8) 7:00 Youth Group (9-12)	1-5 Drivers Training 6-7 Family Night		29 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion



# May 2026 Prayer Calendar



This month we will be praying for our community. You pray the prayers that are in your heart for each topic.

May 1 Your neighbors

May 2 The children in your neighborhood

May 3 confirmation students

May 4 Your postal carrier

May 5 Police Officers

May 6 City Officials

May 7 Our community library

May 8 Assisted living facilities

May 9 Our schools and the teachers

May 10 Pastors

May 11 Fire fighters

May 12 Farmers

May 13 Daycares

May 14 Common Cup

May 15 Our Restaurants

May 16 Coaches

May 17 Our Church

May 18th County Officials

May 19 Your Friends + Family

May 20 Healthcare workers

May 21 volunteers

May 22 Our City and County Parks

May 23 Your Hair Stylist or Barber

May 24 Church workers

May 25 Your place of work

May 26 Local DNR workers

May 27 our Health clubs

May 29 Someone you know that is hurting

May 30 Kindness in our community

May 31 \_\_\_\_\_ You fill on the blank

May God bless our city, county and all the surrounding towns in our area. Thank you for your prayers.

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