



June 2026 Messenger of PEACE

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Dear Church Family,

In the words of the Apostle Paul,

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..

Philippians 1:3-5

What joy it is to be partners in the mission of the Gospel at Peace Lutheran. We have such a wonderful faith family and everyone has a part to play in God's mission to share his love with our community and world.

This past year we welcomed a new partner at Peace. Elia Peterson is our new DCE and Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Elia accepted God's call from Peace Lutheran this past December. She and her husband Steve live in Hutchinson. We are so glad she is here to serve Peace Lutheran with the rest of our church staff. We pray God's continued blessings on her service to the families of Peace and our community. I encourage you to meet Elia if you haven't had the opportunity. I also encourage you to offer your service to help volunteer with all the children, youth, and family Ministries like Vacation Bible School, Family Nights, Youth events, Sunday School, Release time, and Tiger Tweens. I am sure Elia will find a place for you to serve.

Here is a special note from Elia to all of you.

God Bless your summer! Pastor Weber

As warm weather arrives, it brings excitement and opportunities to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Families gather for camping trips, weekends at the cabin, fishing adventures, gardening, outdoor walks, and memorable vacations. These moments create joy, laughter, and good memories with the people we love most. While enjoying these blessings, it is

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 Watch Live@8:30am



FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 - Nuvera, chan 8 - Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



important to remember and thank the One who makes them all possible. God provides the beauty of nature, the changing seasons, the places we explore, the loved ones we hold dear, and the resources that allow us to experience life's many joys. Taking time to pause, reflect, and spend a few moments with Him in gratitude brings peace and reminds us of how richly we are blessed. God rejoices when His children come to Him with cheerful and thankful hearts. I am also deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you. Thank you for your welcoming heart, your kindness, and your continued support. Your encouragement is truly appreciated and never taken for granted.

Elia Peterson-Children, Youth and Family Ministry

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OFFICE HOURS
 Monday – Friday 9 am - 4 pm

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 6:00 Women Talk 6:30 Elders	3	4 Occasional Sale 10-6	5 VBS 9-11:30 11:00 VBS Program 11:30 VBS Pizza Party	6 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion
7 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	VBS 9-11:30	8 VBS 9-11:30	10 VBS 9-11:30	11 VBS 9-11:30	12 VBS 9-11:30 11:00 VBS Program 11:30 VBS Pizza Party	13 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship
14 8:30 Worship Blood Pressure Checks 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Communion VBS Children Sing	15	16 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Council	17 6:00 Handbells Rehearsal	18 6:30 Trustees	19 VBS Alaska	20 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion VBS Alaska
21 8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	22	23 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 6:30 Promise Keepers	24 11:30 Karen Van Wert 12:15 Lunch Summer Concert Series	25 10:30 Fold Day Messenger	26 VBS Alaska	27 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship VBS Alaska
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Peace Lutheran Church Congregational Fund

Legacy Giving

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Legacy giving is a meaningful way to support the future ministry and mission of our congregation. Through planned gifts, members can leave a lasting testimony of faith that continues to bless future generations.

“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:4

Ways to Give

- Cash donations
- Bequests through a will or trust
- Beneficiary designations (retirement accounts or life insurance)
- Gifts of stocks or securities
- Memorial gifts
- Real estate gifts

Your Legacy, Our Future

Gifts to the Peace Lutheran Church Congregational Fund are invested so the principal remains intact. Each year approximately **90% of the earnings** help support ministry and projects at Peace Lutheran. The remaining **10% of earnings and growth are reinvested back into the fund as principal** to help the fund grow and support the church for generations to come.

The Peace Lutheran Church Congregational Fund complements the church's General Fund. Therefore, gifts to the Congregational Fund should not be considered an alternative to regular congregational giving. Rather, this is an opportunity for individuals to make special gifts over and above regular giving in a way that will serve to broaden and expand the mission of Peace Lutheran Church for perpetuity.

Learn More

Contact members of the Peace Lutheran Church Congregational Fund:

Mike McKimm – Committee Chair – 320-583-6451
Connie Lambert – Financial Secretary – 320-583-5637
Bonnie Lickfelt – Recording Secretary – 320-583-0938
Scott Haag – Committee Member – 320-583-3258
Tim Zackrisson – Committee Member – 320-296-6500

Associate Pastor's Corner

SUMMER SEASON IN MINNESOTA. That spells busy for most everyone. Be sure to take for family and personal rest and enjoyment.

Two years ago, I volunteered to help out my home congregation and fill the gap of a pastoral vacancy. My expectation was to help transition to our next full-time Senior Pastor. See how quickly expectations change! I am still here serving as a pastor.

What do you expect for the future of Peace. I think most of us have gotten to be quite comfortable with our present situation. Confirmation classes are taught, worship continues, attendance has been better and people seem pleased. But we all know how quickly the bubble of expectations can burst. Tomorrow at Peace will be different from today. Our staff, elders, and council talk about this regularly. We as a congregation need to pray about our future and seek our what God has in store for us. I suggest the following topics: IN FIVE YEARS/10 YEARS 1. Help us see who our next members will be 2. Help us staff our ministry for our future 3. Help us equip more leaders for Bible study, for ministry service and 4. Help us recruit our next ministry leaders. Fill your prayer corner with those thoughts this summer.

June for me can be summed up with VBS at Peace followed by VBS at Copper Center, AK. Besides VBS in Alaska, I will serve their congregation as ministry leader – preach and provide the sacrament, for two Sundays. Their last pastor died and they do not have regular weekly services. Please pray for our VBS team of eleven. We leave June 17 and return June 27.

God's Blessings to you!!
Pastor Jeff Miller

June Ushers

Saturday 6:30pm

June 6: Brian Baysinger & Patty Thul
13: Dick & Corinne Higgins
20: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
27: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

June Greeters

June 7
8:30 Duane & Sandra Hall
10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier
June 14
8:30 Jerry & Mary Haag
10:30 Dale & Judy Schumann

8:30am
Team 5 & 6
Wayne Vinkemeier
Dale Schumann
Robbie Peterson
Ross Peterson
Travis Brecht
Brad Havemeier
Gary Havemeier
Roger Kaufmann

June 21
8:30 John Lietz & Shirley Wicklund
10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier

June 28
8:30 Diane Neubarth & Bev Czmowski
10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier

June Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

June 6: Bennet Olberg
13: Corinne Higgins
20: John Mons
27: Joanne Keilen

Sunday 8:30am

June
7: Annabelle Luthens
14: Weston Witte
21: Melissa Weckwerth
28: Arlene Benshoof

10:30am

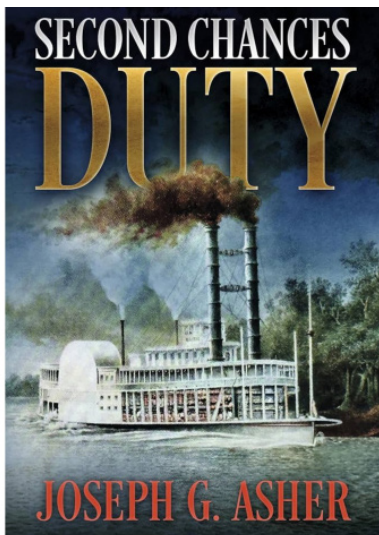
Kevin Pfau
Sharon Christensen
Kim Kruse
Sadie Jenkins

OFFICIAL ACTS



Memorials

DON HECHT	\$50.00	DEBT FUND
IRENE RASMUSSEN	\$20.00	DEBT FUND
	\$20.00	ORGAN FUND
MARILYN BECKER	\$300.00	DEBT FUND
LEON NELSON	\$800.00	DEBT FUND



Many of you recall Pastor Asher was working on his book while serving here at Peace. It has now been published and is available at Amazon, Walmart and Barnes and Noble ect.

Swept along in a strong and dangerous current of events, sixteen-year-old John Holman is rapidly carried away from all former expectations for a satisfying and adventure-filled existence. He must adapt his objective to simple survival as his country spirals toward the American Civil War and a crazed killer seeks his life. Set in 1856 Louisville, and since North and South meet in Kentucky, John will have to sort out his views on slavery, patriotism, and loyalty.

But *Second Chances: Duty* is not just about war. It is also a love story. The love of a boy for a girl and a girl for a boy which becomes the love story of a man for a woman and a woman for a man. But ultimately the love story is about God's love for us in Christ. John and his sister, Sarah, will both need the courage to trust God in unexpected ways. They will face the questions, "Where is God when life falls apart? Does He really 'never leave us or forsake us?'"



JOSEPH G. ASHER is a lifelong student of the Civil War. As a boy reading newspaper articles highlighting Civil War history, he developed a passion for the stories of nineteenth century America. He then began to read books about the Antebellum and visit the battlefields and cities associated with this turbulent time in America. In his novels, he writes only about the places he has visited and researched.

Professionally, he has taught junior high, high school, and college students and coached baseball. He's been a prison chaplain and the pastor of a congregation. He's served the Lutheran Church on the clergy roster for forty years in ministry in the USA and Europe. He is now retired, living in Missouri, and pursuing his passion in historical fiction and the American Civil War.

Occasional Sale

May 7th occasional sale proceeds were \$3,001.22; half will go toward debt reduction, one-quarter to building and maintenance, and one-quarter to Birthright in Hutchinson. We are so thankful to everyone who continues to make this monthly fundraiser and outreach a reality.

The next drop-off dates are Tuesday, May 26th (one day later due to holiday) and Monday, June 29th 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. We are currently accepting gardening items, sporting goods, and small tools. Questions? Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487. The next occasional sale is on June 4th from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Additionally, clearance and gardening items, sporting goods, and tools will be sold in the Peace Place garage. June specials are 50% off sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, and all clear glass. A quarter of June sales will benefit our local food shelf.

Sunshine, warmer temperatures, blooming flowers, and so much more — there are plenty of reasons to smile this June! We are busy planting our raised garden beds, we've welcomed adorable baby ducks in the landscaping, and the patio furniture is officially out for the season. After the cool temperatures this spring, it almost felt like these beautiful days would never arrive, but the warm weather is finally here! Our Walking Group is back in action, and this year they are adding a little extra fun by placing painted rocks along the way. If you're out enjoying a walk around the neighborhood, keep an eye out for these colorful surprises. If you spot one, be sure to snap a picture and share it on our Facebook page for everyone to enjoy! We are blessed!!



Blessings,
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Peace Lutheran Vacation Bible School

STUDENT REGISTRATION
For Children Age 3 to Grade 5
(Grade 6 and older please register as leader/volunteer)

Which group are you Registering for:

- Ages 3 - K (just completed)
- Grades 1 - 5 (just completed)

Name _____
Just completed Grade _____

Member of _____ church.

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Who has permission to pick up your child

What size Tshirt does your child wear? _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number

Special needs/Allergies/Other concerns

Please consider donating to help with cost for VBS, and the pizza party. \$\$ enclosed _____

I understand that by signing below, my child may be photographed and may appear in photos and/or other media used to promote VBS and children's programs at Peace Lutheran.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, June 9th
TUESDAY, July 14th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments only can continue to be made on line at redcrossblood.org or by calling Shirley W. at 587-5064. Thank you for continuing to support



- Bloodmobile on 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.

The Parish Health Team at Peace is looking toward the future and exploring continued volunteer support. If you are a currently licensed Registered Nurse and would be interested in helping with this ministry at Peace Lutheran Church, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the church office to start the conversation.

Common Cup Ministries

You're Invited to Summer FREE SWIM Nights at Hutchinson and Glencoe Aquatic Centers

Save-these-Dates!

Hutchinson - 900 Harrington St SW

• Friday, June 19, 4 - 7 pm

* Friday, July 31, 4 - 7 pm

Glencoe - 3 Desoto Ave S

• Sunday, June 21, 6 - 8 pm

• Sunday, August 2, 6 - 8 pm

All ages welcome, bring the family!

SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

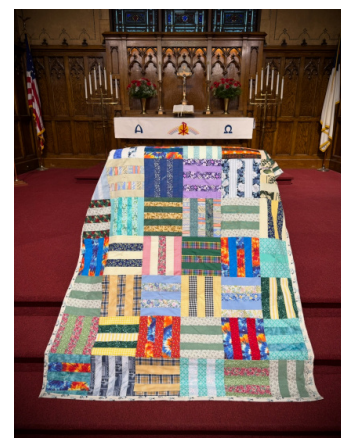
~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~



July 9th 1pm-5pm

Room 207-209 Education Building

The next 55+Drivers Discount Class at Peace Lutheran Church is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th 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. Hope to see you there!



33 Layettes (baby kits) were assembled by confirmation students, were blessed and sent to LWR. Quilts were blessed and were then take to the LWR depot by Joan and Jackie Dixon.

Blood pressures are offered on the second Sunday every month in the Parish Health office.

**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. Please keep the women of the Minnesota South District LWML in your prayers as they come together to do mission work for the Lord.

The MN South District LWML convention will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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.



40TH

ANNIVERSARY

2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Celebrating 40 Years of Music & Community

— Four Decades of Community. A Lifetime of Memories.

BRING A FRIEND. ENJOY THE MUSIC!

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

- June 24th Karen Van Wert, Handbell soloist
- July 1st James and Sylvia Streufert, piano duets
- July 8th Brandon Begnaud and Joan DeVee Dixon, duets
- July 15th Cogley Sisters
- July 22nd 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 29th **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
5:30pm meal, suggested donation \$10
6:15pm Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers



August 5th
THE LOONEY LUTHERANS
6:30pm \$20 ticket, no meal
Hold the lutefisk – a fun skit!



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Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting April 14, 2026

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

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Ecclesiastes 3

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Justin to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes as presented. Second by Dean. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Grief share went well for the 13 weeks of the program. Next class is starting on August 17, 2026.

There will be 7 children at Guiding Light! 4 currently, 3 more to arrive! A great blessing!

Confirmation Day: May 3, 2026: 8 students will be confirmed.

Elders be working on contacting inactive members. More elders are going to get involved with the shut in visits as well.

Worship and bible studies will stay on the same schedule for the summer.

2. Administrator/Office Report:

The fish fry raised \$8089.02 as profit which went to debt reduction. This amount was matched by the Congregational Fund.

Easter breakfast: \$602.00 donated which went for debt reduction. This amount was also matched by the Congregational Fund.

\$3652.06 was raised at the April occasional sale. \$1826.02 of this went towards the debt deduction and will also be matched. The remainder went to Habitat for Humanity and Building Maintenance.

As of today, we only need \$4300 to reach the \$50,000 matching from the Congregational Fund.

Organ fundraising: \$13,700.00 has been raised so far. Profits from summer concerts, Rootbeer & Bells and also the Looney Lutheran Ladies will go towards repairs.

Directory: Sue and office personnel are continuing to work on this.

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the Profit and Loss Comparison from January through March 2026.

4. Elder's Report: a written report was shared.

5. Youth programming update: Elia shared a report. Lots of great things happening! Elia will post items she needs to support events / activities for the youth on the bulletin board. Thank you to all who are able to donate to our youth—it is appreciated!

Old Business

1. Church directory update: See above.

2. LCF visits on 4/15 & 6/14.

3. At large Council vacancy: A member has accepted this position: Kay Haag.

Motion made by Dean to accept Kay Haag in the position of an at large council member. 2nd by Gary. Motion carried.

4. Technology updates: Justin shared that we will put some new technology in the upstairs rooms (Rooms 207-209).

5. Organ repairs update: Phase 1 is being worked on. Phase 2 will be done in 2027.

CCM annual meeting (Common Cup Ministry) is scheduled for April 20, 2026 @ 12:00 pm at Hunter's Ridge Community Church.

New Business

1. Goal setting - discussion on having a bowling league, softball league, Golf outing, Pickleball, Bean bags, horseshoes, etc. Pastor Kurt is contacting Community Education to get some information and Melissa is going to contact the bowling alley.

2. Date for June council meeting: will be moved to June 16.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Weber

Adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka

Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth

Council President

6/ 8-12 VBS and youth are strongly encouraged to help during this time

6/17-27 Youth and adults' trip to Alaska for a week of VBS.

No Family Night in June due the Alaska trip.

7/ 30th Family Night at 6:00-7:00

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Orphan Grain Train. Because of your generosity, many children and adults will be blessed with shoes and socks. We collected 311 pairs of socks and 122 pairs of shoes

Having shoes and socks to wear is something many of us take for granted, but for some people around the world, they are a true luxury. Your kindness and willingness to share God's love will bring comfort, hope, and dignity to many little kids and adults.

May God richly bless each of you for your giving hearts and faithful support. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and for sharing His love with others.--

God's Power & Love,

Peace Lutheran Church- Hutchinson MN

Elia Peterson, DCE



May 2026 Prayer Calendar



- June 1 Pray to watch over those who are traveling this summer.
- June 2 Watch over our Elders as they meet this day.
- June 3 Remind us that we are all valuable because we exist.
- June 4 Continues blessings for our sales at the Occasional Sale
- June 5 Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2
- June 6 Please give us patience in all we do.
- June 7 Even though we have many frustrations give us grace.
- June 8 Pray for the Children and those who help for VBS-Jesus Fisher of Men.
- June 9 Be thankful for all your brothers and sisters.
- June 10 Grant me the grace to know your forgiveness and love.
- June 11 Pray to bless our homes.
- June 12 Protect all those who are working on our highways.
- June 13 Give that for the fact that we have been blessed with wonderful pastors to lead us.
- June 14 Keep us positive in our thoughts.
- June 15 Guide those who keep the church property so beautiful.
- June 16 Pray for guidance of our church council as they meet and make decisions.
- June 17 Watch over all those that are traveling to Alaska for the mission trip.
- June 18 Watch over the ladies attending the LWML South District Convention
- June 19 Pray to God for forgiveness in all known and unknown
- June 20 Give praise to all those who provide food for us.
- June 21 Pray for all the Father's here on earth and now in heaven
- June 22 Continue to remind us that it is an honor and blessing to care for our parents.
- June 23 Watch over all health care workers and they care for us.
- June 24 Pray for all the beautiful talent that will be performing during the Summer Concert Series
- June 25 Continue to let us experience your love.
- June 26 Pray as you sit outside all that we can be thankful for.
- June 27 Ask God to guide you in how you can help others.
- June 28 Pray for all government workers and the decisions that they make.
- June 29 Thank God for all the wonderful staff Peace Lutheran Church has.
- June 30 Help us to trust your guidance in all we do.

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