



July 2026

Messenger of PEACE

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Living the Great Commission

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." — Matthew 28:19-20



What a joy it is to see so many parishioners responding to Christ's call in the Great Commission. It is inspiring to witness both youth and adults serving the Lord and His children through their ministries and acts of faith.

Our volunteers generously share their time, talents, prayers, and financial support as an expression of their love for Christ and His mission. Through their service, they help spread the Gospel and strengthen our parish community.

In a time when society often places Jesus aside, faithful Christian leaders continue to rise and overcome the challenges that can hinder ministry. Their dedication reminds us that Christ is still at work through His people.

Our Lord also prayed for all believers, asking that they remain united in faith and love. May all volunteers hold firmly to His prayer and continue the mission He entrusted to His Church. May they remain steadfast in their commitment, joyful in their service, and confident in God's guidance.

Thank you to all who serve. May God bless you abundantly as you continue His mission and bring the light of Christ to others.

PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 - 10:20 - Family Fellowship/Sharing/Devotion
Peace Center

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



Associate Pastor's Corner

You have heard much information about the Alaska Mission Trip. We leave June 17 and return June 27, VBS will be June 22-26. One of our goals is simply to teach Jesus and to share the love He has for us with the children and adults who come. Our follow up will be to begin planning for the next year. To do a Mission Trip with Alaska Missions for Christ means that you sign up for a minimum of 3 years. We pray that volunteers will want to go next year as well. Our expectations are that people from Peace will see the need to share Jesus with people who are different than us. We also expect to equip new leaders for ministry through this experience. Add those thoughts to your prayers. –

Thank you!

Thank you for the generous support, encouragement and support for sending our team this year. We are grateful

For the participant that is going, especially if they have “NEVER” done anything like this before involves:

RISK – for some on the team this is the “FIRST” time they are experiencing this kind of mission service.

R – Responsible – each volunteer is leaving their comfort zone, many are going to places that they have only heard about, they are wondering if they can DO THIS – the travel, the inconveniences, meeting and teaching children different from our own. ONE security is that God is with us, He guides and protects us and He even gives us His Word to share. He will grant the success.

I – Invite, Insurance, Innovate, “I SPY”, Include, Instruct. All words that describe what we will be doing on a mission trip whether it is scary or not.

S – Always the SAVIOR. Sunday morning's Bible Study now is on the book of ACTS. It is about mission trips – telling strangers about Jesus the Savior. This Book helps us and encourages us.

K – KIDS, Kitchen, Kindness, Kinetic energy (we will see a great deal of that – help us Lord to keep us with it.)

We have entrepreneurial people in our congregation and in our lives. We know what RISK is about. Moving forward always includes RISK. But there is uncertainty with RISK – the unknown, even though we planned so well.

LORD, help us to be your hands, feet and voice by sharing your word to people here and Alaska.

God's Peace,
Pastor Miller

OFFICIAL ACTS



Funerals

June 5th- Alan Kock, 88, passed May 30th

June 6th- Carolyn Majeski, 95, passed June 13th

June 13th- Ruthie Flaig, 78, passed on June 4th

Transfers

Chuck & Michelle Jones transferred to St. Paul

Lutheran Waseca MN

Eric Hoffman, released to join River of Hope in Hutchinson MN

Greeters

July 5

10:00 Doug & Lynn Brown and
Ron & Ron Kirchoff

July 12

8:30 Margo Kaping & Arlene Benshoff
10:30 Barb Marquardt &
Dianne Johnson

July 19

8:30 Brian & Becky Kobow
10:30 Anita Miller & Allen Hansen

July 26

8:30 James & Darlyn Mutezel
10:30 Anita Miller & Allen Hansen

JULY

Ushers

Saturday 6:30pm

July 4: No Service

11: Dick & Corinne Higgins

18: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy
Hochsprung

25: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

Sunday 8:30am

Team 1

Glenn Witte
Doug Witte
Brian Koehler

Team 2

Rusten Hulls
Kevin Buss
Mike Mckimm
Allen Broll

Readers

Saturday 6:30pm

July 4: No Service

11: Dick Higgins

18: Lee Ulbjerg

25: Joanne Keilen

Sunday 8:30am

July 5:

12: Nona Anderson

19: Gwen Wickman

26: Sandra Hall

10:00 Service Lynn Brown

Jen Plath

Sharon Christenson

Kim Kruse



The 31st Biennial LWML MN South District Convention was held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato on June 18 - 20, 2026.

Information from the District convention on Mission Grants selected, total donations for the 4 offerings and Gifts of the Heart donations will be posted as soon as they become available.

It may not be obvious but there is an LWML presence at Peace Lutheran. We are still accepting offerings and mites to continue the mission work of the LWML.

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

As you may know, Common Cup Ministry has provided school supplies to students in McLeod County each August since 2006. In the past they have asked each of the member congregations to collect particular supplies for the packs. This year, however, they are requesting a financial donation of \$300 to be given to Common Cup to purchase needed supplies in bulk. You may help with this worthy cause by bringing a donation to the Church office or you may place a donation in the offering plate (please mark it Common Cup). They will be collecting these funds through July 31st.



Come serve! We have many opportunities to volunteer at Peace: greeters, readers, ushers, office help, occasional sale, and even gardeners. Contact the Church office if you would be available to help with any of these areas. thank you in advance.

July feels like the heart of Summer filled with family gatherings, fireworks, and endless community events. Our community is LOVING this time of year. The sun is shining, the garden is thriving, and it's a great time to get outdoors to be active. Not only are we celebrating Independence Day, but also Social Wellness Month. In case you didn't know, this month is Social Wellness Month. It's a good reminder to be intentful and present when you are with your family and friends. It's just as important to them as it is for your well-being. This month we look forward to slowing down to celebrate with our family and friends at our Annual Jammin' for Jesus Ice Cream Social.



Blessings to you,
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Occasional Sale Update

June 4th occasional sale proceeds were \$3,107.06, with \$588.55 of that figure coming from garage sales. One-half went toward debt reduction, one-quarter to building and maintenance, and one-quarter to the local food shelf. Many thanks to all volunteers, those who bring in donations, and our faithful shoppers. God has truly blessed our church and community. The next drop-off dates are Monday, June 29th and July 27th 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. 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 records, and 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 July 9th from 10:00 a.m-6:00 p.m. Clearance and gardening, items, sporting goods, tools, and other items will be sold in the Peace Place garage. July specials are 50% off red, white, or blue glassware and red, white, or blue clothing, including denim. A quarter of July sales will benefit Common Cup.

We are continuing to provide taxi service to worship services during the summer. It is well used and this is exactly why it is offered. Members that can no longer drive to services can continue to worship as they have done in the past. We do not charge for this service but it is definitely not free. Our bill for May was \$930. Donations are always welcome. We have members that are very generous and a few riders have made donations. We offer the rides, but if riders or others can contribute it all helps. The coffee/treats from Bible study and 10:30 services helps to pay during the school year. This is considerably less during summer months. The taxi offers independence to the riders because they make their own appointments. Bringing your friends with you to services is also an option, so they don't have to rely on the taxi.

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, JULY 14th

TUESDAY, AUG 11th

12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

- Appointments can be made on line at redcrossblood.org



Bloodmobile continues to have faithful donors and Parish Health provided the lunch for the workers and volunteers and cookies for the donors with a grant from Thrivent. If you have never donated blood, we are always looking for new donors. Just call Shirley at 587-5064.

SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

~ COURSE DATES & TIMES ~



July 9	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
August 20	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
October 1	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
November 12	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
December 17	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Room 207-209 Education Building

If you are in need of a refresher to get a discount on your car insurance please call the State of Minnesota to sign up for our class. Please call to register for these or other classes in our area call Minnesota Highway and Safety Research Center at 1-888-234-1294 or 1-320-308-1400 or visit WWW.DRIVER-



Mission quilting does not meet during the summer but we can always use new or used sheets or large pieces of fabric.



Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting May 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

Welcome

Kay Haag, newest council member

Opening Prayer and Devotion Phillipians Chapter 1: 1-8

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Dean to approve the April 14, 2026 minutes as presented with changes. Second by Kathy. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report Pastor shared a graph which tracks baptisms, new members, funerals & transfers from Jan. through April 2026. End of the year activities are going on. Looking at the calendar to ensure activities / events, etc. are spaced appropriately.

A promotional flyer is being created to share all of the great events at Peace. It will be electronic also.

2. Administrator/Office Report: Occ. sale raised \$3001.22 in May. \$1500.60 of this went to the debt. \$ 750.31 went to Birthright. Remaining balance went to building maintenance. June charity will go to the the McLeod County food shelf.

\$945 rootbeer and bells raised.

To date, \$16,425.00 has been raised for the organ. \$10,669.00 is needed to cover the remainder of costs for the organ.

As of now, \$241,641 is the building debt. By June it will be at \$200,000. Yay! This is amazing!

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the updated P&L report.

4. Elder's Report: A report from their meeting on 5-5-26 was shared.

5. Youth programming update: Elia shared the end of the year celebration on April 29, 2026 went well. First family night is on May 28th. Food will be provided with fellowship & game and just a night of fun. VBS planning is underway. Youth will be helping pack lunches at Common Cup.

Old Business

1. Church directory-continues to be worked on by Sue and staff.

2. LCMS foundation will visit on 6/14/26.

3. Technology updates: TV's will be purchased for use in the building.

4. Social/Team events for PLC: Pastor looked into team events, park rentals, etc. to potentially create some team games, etc. He will continue to look into this.

Sue is looking into securing a booth spot at the McLeod County Fair.

New Business

1. Goal setting: One as discussed above, which is creating more fellowship. The idea of having a "new member board" which would somewhat like a mentor program for new members to help them get acquainted into their new church family.

Adjourn @ 7:32 p.m.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Weber.

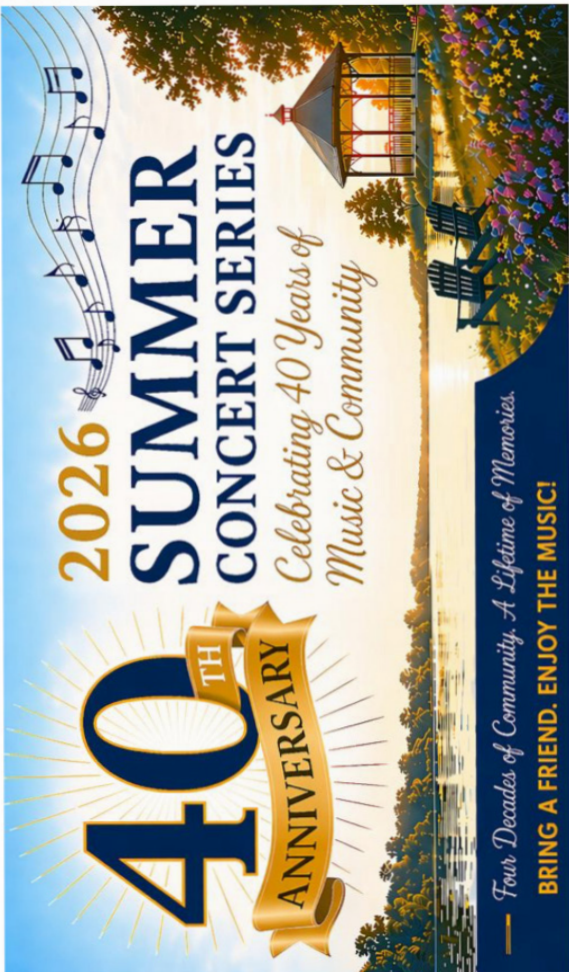
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Reminder, no July meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka Melissa Weckwerth

Council Secretary Council President



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

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

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!





July 2026 Prayer Calendar



- July 1: Pray Psalm 19:14. "Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable in your sight Oh Lord, my rock and my redeemer."
- July 2: Pray, praise and give thanks to God for the freedoms we have within these United States of America.
- July 3: Prayer of thanksgiving for all the men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms throughout these 250 years.
- July 4: Pray for the continued health and welfare of our country as the United States of America celebrates its 250th birthday.
- July 5: Pray for the health and safety of all the men and women currently serving in the Military.
- July 6: Pray for all military men and women currently living with effects from their past military service.
- July 7: Pray for the families of our military members as they "keep the home fires burning."
- July 8: Pray for our National government officials. "God's will be done."
- July 9: Pray for our State government officials. "God's will be done."
- July 10: Pray for our County officials. "God's will be done."
- July 11: Pray for our Local community leaders. "God's will be done."
- July 12: Pray for our Church Leaders. Thank them for saying "yes".
- July 13: Today let us Pray, Praise, and give thanks to God.
- July 14: Pray for those who do not know God as their Lord and savior. May they find His peace.
- July 15: Pray Psalm 118:1 "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever."
- July 16: Thank God today that "his mercies are new every morning"!
- July 17: Pray for God's guidance in the lives of the youth within our church and in the community.
- July 18: Pray for the lives of all children both those born and unborn. May God keep them in His care.
- July 19: Pray for the youth of our nation and church to have the strength to say "NO" to drugs.
- July 20: Pray we can forgive one another as God has forgiven us.
- July 21: Pray Psalm 118:29 "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."
- July 22: Pray John 14:1 Jesus said as he comforted his disciples "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me."
- July 23: Pray for all children as each is a gift from God.
- July 24: Pray that the heart of the unbelievers may be open to the word of God.
- July 25: Pray Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.
- July 26: Pray Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
- July 27: Pray Psalm 95:1 "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us shout aloud to the Lord of our salvation."
- July 28: Pray Psalm 145:1 "... The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving to all he has made."
- July 29: Pray Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart. Oh God and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
- July 30: Pray Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
- July 31: Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

(PS: Thank you Jesus for 'having our backs'. Amen.)

DCE's Corner

As I reflect on the past six months of serving you and the children of this congregation, I am humbled and grateful for this special season in my life. As Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." As a child, my favorite season was Vacation Bible School (VBS), and as an adult, it remains my favorite part of summer. During this special week, our children come to know their Savior in a fun, loving, and faith-filled environment. This congregation is blessed with devoted Christians who faithfully lead our VBS program. More than 36 youth and adult volunteers have shared their time, talents, and faith to make this a joyful experience. Thank you to each volunteer for your dedication and servant hearts. Thank you also to the families for your support, monetary donations, encouragement, and trust. May the seeds of faith planted in our children's hearts through God's Word continue to grow. May our youth be strengthened in their faith, and may God bless each of you this season as you seek His Word and grace.

Our younger youth will be packing food at Common Cup for Head Start on the following days

July 8th Youth Servant project 6th to 8th graders at 10: 30 AM church parking lot
July 25th Youth Servant project for 6th-8th graders at 10:30 Church Parking lot
Parking Lot Talks Join the conversation. Lead the discussion.


Hey, 9th–12th graders!

Join us for Parking Lot Talks on July 20th at 7:00 PM in the church parking lot. Whether you want to listen, share, ask questions, or lead the conversation, there's a place for you.

Jesus said, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

Bring a friend and your lawn chairs!

Come connect, grow in your faith, and be part of meaningful conversations centered on Christ.



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OFFICE HOURS
 Monday – Friday 9 am - 4 pm

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 10:00 Worship Service/Communion	6 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 6:00 Women Talk 6:30 Promise Keepers	7 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 6:00 Women Talk 6:30 Promise Keepers	8 10:30 6 th -8 th grade service project 11:30 Brandon Begaud & Joan DeVee Dixon , duets 12:15 Lunch Summer Concert Series	9 Occasional Sale 10-6	10 Office Closed	11 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship
12 8:30 Worship <i>Blood Pressure Checks</i> 9:40 Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Communion	13 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 12-6 Blood Mobile 6:30 Promise Keepers	14 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 12-6 Blood Mobile 6:30 Promise Keepers	15 11:30 Cogley Sisters 12:15 Lunch Summer Concert Series	16	17	18 6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion
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