

Peace Lutheran Church



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Sunday, July 26, 2026

Pastors: Kurt Weber and Jeff Miller

Elders

Saturday 6:30pm Dale Schumann

Sunday 8:30am Matthew Markgraf

Sunday 10:30am Wayne Vinkemeier
Robbie Peterson

Greeters

Sunday 8:30am James & Darlyn Muetzel

Sunday 10:30am Anita Miller & Alan Hansen

July 29th will be the Ice Cream Social with a meal at 5:30pm followed by music by Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers, including his grandsons. Join us for this fun evening!

Youth Group 6-8th grades are meeting at 10:30am on July 29th at Common Cup for a community service project. If you have any questions, please contact Elia Peterson.

The Youth Group will be selling a \$5 hot dog lunch at the next Peace Place sale on August 6th to raise money for the 2028 youth gathering in San Antonio, TX. If you would like to help them with donating boxes of 1 oz size assorted chips or making cookies, bring them to the church by Noon on August 5th.

Thank you to all the youth and parents who attended our first Parking Lot Talks on July 20th. Special Thank you to Owen Streich for coming to speak to our youth about faith and hope. Our next event will be on August 12th. Hope to see you there!

Thank you everyone for all your generous donations for the debt reduction and also the Congregational Fund for matching \$50,000 towards the debt. Each year approximately 90% of the earnings help support our 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.

Since its inception in 1993, The Peace Lutheran Congregational Fund has been instrumental in financially assisting our Church in many ways including helping us fund the actual building of Prince of Peace and also procuring additional property for their campus, the purchase of Peace Place for our use and providing funds to assist us in constructing the Little Lambs building. Since 2014, they have provided us \$5,000 per month to be used towards the monthly debt payment, totaling \$745,000 to date; and since 2023 have also provided us \$390,000 in matching funds. Their assistance will allow us to realize our goal of retiring the debt at the end of this year.

Weekly Bible Studies with Pastor Kurt

Sunday, July 26th Bible Study we will study "Book of Acts"

This topic will continue through out the Summer.

Tuesday/Saturdays 6:45am Men's Bible Study at

"Caribou Coffee" in Cash Wise - "Book of Ecclesiastes"

The monthly messenger for August is located in the hallway ramp. Please pick up your copy to help us save on mailing costs. Any copies not picked up this weekend will be mailed out next week. We will continue this same process every month. The messenger is also available on-line. If you do not want to receive a paper copy, please call the church office to get your name removed from our mailing list.

The flowers on the organ were given in memory by the family of Allan Schmoll, who passed away three years ago.

If you have any extra garden produce you would like to share there is a table in the Commons Area. All produce is free.

The Looney Lutherans (formally known as Church Basement Ladies) will be here August 5th at 6:30pm and will perform "Pass the Lutefisk" Join us for a night of comedy with lots of fun and laughter. Tickets are \$20 and available in church office Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Grief Share sessions start on August 17th at 4:30pm in Room 210 and lasts 13 weeks. You do not have to attend all sessions. Our first session topic "Is This Normal". If you have any questions about this event, please call the church office.

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 7/16/26.....\$155,925.02

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.....\$275,193.00

PRAYER LIST

Rita Janke	Mabel Boelter
Barb Ribar	Jon & Sylvia Radtke
Elaine Lewerenz	John Youngdahl
Delores Plath	Jeff & Cynthia Beadell
Rueben Draeger	Melissa Wanous

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

6:30pm Saturday	64
8:30am Sunday	119
10:30am Sunday	<u>65</u>

Total **248**

Online **132**

\$169.60 was collected from recycled Aluminum cans. The money raised will go for debt reduction. Thanks everyone for your contributions. The donation drop off for cans is located in the Peace Place parking lot.

This Week

Sunday (7/26)

8:30am Worship
9:40am Bible Study
10:30am Worship/Communion

Monday (7/20)

Occas sale work day
10:00-Noon

Tuesday (7/28)

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

Wednesday (7/29)

10:30am Youth Group 6-8th grades meet at Common Cup for a service project
5:30pm Ice Cream Social
6:15pm Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers with Chuck's grandsons

Thursday (7/30)

Occas sale work day
10:00-Noon

Friday (7/31)

Saturday (8/1)

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

Upcoming

Sunday (8/2)

8:30am Worship/Communion
9:40am Bible Study
10:30am Worship

Monday (8/3)

Occas sale work day
10:00-Noon

Tuesday (8/4)

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

Wednesday (8/5)

6:30pm The Looney Lutherans here to perform "Hold the Lutefisk" a fun comedy skit

Thursday (8/6)

Peace Place Occas sale
10:00am - 6:00pm
11:00am - 2:00pm Youth will be selling hot dogs outside of Peace Place

Friday (8/7)

Saturday (8/8)

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

The next Peace Place occasional sale is on August 6th from 10:00am - 6:00pm. Gardening items, sporting goods, tools and other clearance items will be sold in the Peace Place garage. This will be the final garage sale for the season. August specials are 50% off shorts, capris, sleeveless clothing and kitchen items (excludes new items in boxes). A quarter of August sales will benefit Stroll for Hope, sponsored by Hutchinson Health Foundation. Funds raised stay within McLeod County to benefit cancer patients. If you have any questions regarding donations for the sale, contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487. Donation drop off will be July 27th from 4-6pm.

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.

There is a new change this year from Common Cup for the back to school donations. They are requesting cash only from all churches instead of donated items like they use to do in the past. Common Cup wants to purchase specific supplies for the students. If you are interested in helping them there is a box in the church office or you can put money in an envelope and put it in the church offering plate and label it "Back to School Supplies" If your child is need of school supplies you can register them by filling out a form on the common-cup.org website by August 1st. Paper forms are also located in the hall rampway on the Common Cup bulletin board.