

August 2026 Messenger



Peace Worship Times

Saturday 6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday 8:30am Worship in Sanctuary
9:40am-10:20am Bible Study in Peace Center
10:30am Worship in Peace Center

Find us at:

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Online Worship

Livestream: plchutch.org watch live @ 8:30am
FacebookLive: www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN
YouTube: www.youtube.com Peace Hutchinson MN

Cable TV - HCVN

Channel 10 - Nuvera, Channel 8 - Mediacom
Sunday 7:00pm & 10:00pm,
Wednesday 5:00pm, Thursday 10:00am

Dear Church Family,

I am super excited to share with you one of the great ministries that God has blessed our congregation to serve and support. The ministry is the "Mission in our midst - Guiding Light Early Learning Center". This past Winter the new child care opened under a new management in our church facility. The staff including Director Kaylee Entinger, who holds a BA in Music Education, her co-teacher Bailey with extensive theater background and two loving and kind teacher aids Hailey and Josie bring a wonderful nurturing Christian environment for children in these age groups: toddlers and preschoolers Before and After School Care and Summer care. GLELC is a Christ Centered safe child care center for the children to learn and grow. I asked Kaylee the Director, "What makes Guiding Light special? Kaylee smiled and said, "We are here to provide an environment where the kids can grow closer to Jesus". She quoted our Lord Jesus' words to his disciples; "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven. And he took them in his arms and blessed them". Mark 10:14,16. Five days a week Monday thru Friday from 6:00am - 5:30pm the Child Care center is open to the young children who will experience outdoor play, group learning, music education religious instruction and more. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided. Guiding Light is a special place to carry out God's mission. Contact information is guidinglight.board@gmail.com. How can we help? By continued prayers, support, bringing our children to the center and inviting family, friends and community families to bring their children to this wonderful place. May God continue to bless the children and their families.

God Bless you and your family!

Pastor Kurt Weber

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Message from Associate Pastor Jeff Miller

In June I had the opportunity to not only be on the Alaska Mission Trip team, but I also was the worship leader for Mt. Drum Lutheran Church in Copper Center, AK. Their worship service looked like and sounded just like one of our services, but the setting and folks were more informal. One big difference was the way they joined together for Holy Communion. Because they are not a large number of people – 50 or less, they join in a circle for distribution. So, they celebrated Holy Communion as one big family united. But it is the same Lord, the same Word of God, the same message, the same fellowship - it just looks different. They also have a fellowship meal after the service – potluck style. Good treats for a person from the “lower 48.”

HEADS UP TIME! When I used to play baseball, we often used the warning, “Heads Up” when a ball was coming your way! The following is to give notice that many different ministry opportunities are coming your way.

GRIEF SHARE – This 13-week opportunity for those struggling with grief begins August 17 at 4:00pm. Each session will be held in room 210 of the education wing. It lasts until 5:30pm. It is recommended that a participant attend at least 3 sessions. If you have been to Grief Share before and missed some sessions you are welcome to attend the ones you missed. You are also welcome to attend the complete series again.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION – Letters of invitation have gone out to families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Please note the information meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 5:00 pm. “HEADS UP!” Instruction will be different this year, so get a head start and find out what will be different this year. If you know of someone else who would be interested in their Middle School youth attending, please welcome them to come along with you.

SHUT-IN MINISTRY. Paul Otte and I provide communion to many of the members of Peace who are unable to make it to church. Some of them are in homes, some in apartments, many are in other facilities. Here is a list of places, dates, and times when we provide a large gathering of people: Woodstone Active – 1st Monday at 1:00 pm; Woodstone Assisted – 2nd Thursday at 1:30 pm; Cedar Crest, Silver Lake – 2nd Thursday at 2:45pm; the Pines – 3rd Friday at 10:00 am; Village Coop is set-up each month by its residents; Harmony River – 4th Tuesday at 11:00 am. We also visit Buffalo Lake, Dassel and Cokato regularly. Please call the church office (320-587-3031) for more information or set up a separate appointment.

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Official Acts

Funerals

July 17, 2026 - Darlene Schmoll, 76, passed away June 7, 2026

Transfers

Matthew & Brianna Thomforde to Immanuel Lutheran Church Gaylord, MN

Memorials

Alan Kock - \$1,340 - Organ Fund & \$1,250 for Debt Reduction

Youth and Family Ministry

June has been a month full of blessings and we are grateful for all that God has done. One of the highlights was serving God's children through Vacation Bible School (VBS) here at home and in Alaska. It was a joy to share God's love and his word with these young lives.

VBS is a wonderful ministry that leaves a lifelong impact on the hearts of children. It also reminds us that every ministry of our church has the opportunity to shape lives for eternity. Whether through Sunday School, youth group, worship services, mission trips, service projects or the many ways you faithfully serve behind the scenes, God uses each of these ministries to strengthen faith, encourage families and point people to Christ.

Thank You for your faithful support and service. Never underestimate the difference God is making through your willingness to serve. May He continue to bless you as you invest in the lives of others and faithfully care for the families He has entrusted to us.

Mark your Calendars for Youth Events in August

August 6th - Hot dog stand at Peace Place Sale (11:00am-2:00pm)

August 12th Youth Group meeting at 5:00pm for 6th-8th grades

August 12th "Parking Lot Talks" in south parking lot at 7:00pm for 9th-12th grades.

We will play games, listen to music and discuss topics relevant to today's youth. Bring your lawn chairs. We will be grilling out hot dogs. Come join the fun!

August 26th Youth Group meeting at 5:00pm for 6th-8th grades

August 27th 6:00pm Family Night - Everyone is welcome to attend

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2026-2027 EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES:

Confirmation, Sunday School, Release Time and Tiger Tweens

Find registration for this in our website plchutch.org

September 9th - Parent/Youth Confirmation orientation at 6:00pm

September 13th - Rally Sunday - First day of Sunday School

September 16th - Confirmation Starts

September 16th - Tiger Tweens Starts

God's Power & Love
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Readers:

Saturday 6:30pm

August 1st - John Lietz
August 8th - Corinne Higgins
August 15th - Joanne Keilen
August 22nd - Lee Uldbjerg
August 29th - John Mons

Sunday 8:30am

August 2nd - Darlyn Egge
August 9th - Arlene Benshoof
August 16th - Heidi Sickman
August 23rd - Sara Peterson
August 30th - Duane Hall

Sunday 10:30am

August 2nd - Kevin Pfau
August 9th - Sharon Christensen
August 16th - Jen Plath
August 23rd - Sharon Christensen
August 30th - Sadie Jenkins

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am

August 2nd - Scott & Kay Haag
August 9th - Glen & Marith Witte
August 16th - Tim & Deanna Puchalski
August 23rd - Barb Otte
August 30th - Al & Deb Koglin

Sunday 10:30am

August 2nd - Dale & Judy Schumann
August 9th - John & Linda Kalenberg
August 16th - Dale & Judy Schumann
August 23rd - Sara Peterson
August 30th - Anita Miller

Ushers:

Saturday 6:30pm

August 1st - Brian Baysinger & Patty Thul
August 8th - Dick & Corinne Higgins
August 15th - Rhonda Tronick/Kathy Hochsprung
August 22nd - Dean & Lisa Kirchoff
August 29th -

Sunday 8:30am Team 3

Brynn Kobow
Micah Luthens
Blake Rarick
Sydney Jackson
Kiera Lieder

Sunday 10:30am Team 4

Marlin Haag
Troy Kurth
Owen Streich
Scott Streich
Tim Zackrison

Common Cup Ministries Diaper Collection During August

Peace Lutheran will be collecting diapers in support of Common Cup's Diaper Distribution Program. Donations will be accepted through August 31st. Most needed sizes 4,5,6 and pull ups. Please drop off diaper packages in the Commons Area. Thank you for helping support local families in need.

Taxi Service

The Taxi is still bringing worshipers and many of the congregation members are making generous donations to help. We got a \$50 donation in honor of a 50th anniversary. What a great way to celebrate and do a good deed. The riders are also helping to cover some expenses. We try to make everything easy so they just have to make the call for the ride. All billing comes to the church and donations can be made to Parish Health.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (DCMS). Since 1998, the LWML has also been known as Lutheran Women in Mission. The first meeting of the Dorcas meeting of the Dorcas Society of Peace Lutheran Church was held in January of 1925. The name Dorcas was chosen based on Acts 9:36 "In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha which, when translated means Dorcas, who was always good helping the poor". The 100th anniversary of the LWML at Peace Lutheran was celebrated on January 26, 2025. The legacy of the original founding group continues with the Card Shop, serving funerals, the Cheer Committee and sewing mission quilts and assembling baby kits. We participate in Zone, District and National events. Those who were members in the past are still members today. The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness". The WML Mission Statement is "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others". Mites collected amounts to millions of dollars that fund District and National Mission Grants. Offerings collected fund projects within the church or organizations sanctioned by the LCMS. We welcome any and all women to join us in mission service to the Lord. Gifts from the Heart donations from the District convention were too numerous to list here. The items and amounts donated are posted on the LWML bulletin board. Monetary donations are still being tallied for the four offerings at the District Convention. They will be posted as soon as they are available. You can watch all 4 sessions of the recent MN South District convention on Facebook at MNSLWML.

Bloodmobile will be here on 12-6pm in Peace Center on: Tuesday, August 11th and Tuesday, September 8th

Appointments can be made on line at redcrossblood.org

We had a remarkable Bloodmobile on July 14th. We went over goal by 13! We collected 152 units on a very hot, hot day. It is good that the community feels comfortable at our church for such a great cause. Every unit can help up to three people and the donors can follow their donation on their app so they know where it goes. 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 (55+ Driver Discount Program) Room 207-209 Education Building

August 20th - 1:00pm to 5:00pm

October 1st - 1:00pm to 5:00pm

November 12th - 1:00pm to 5:00pm

December 17th - 1:00pm to 5:00pm

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. To register for these or other classes in our area call 320-308-1400 or 888-234-1294

You can also register online at www.DriverDiscountProgram.com

Occasional Sale Update:

On July 9th the occasional sale proceeds were \$4,109.08, which includes \$614.10 from garage sales. One-half went toward debt reduction, one quarter to building and maintenance and one quarter to Common Cup. We continue to be blessed by dedicated volunteers, those who bring in donations, and our faithful shoppers. The next drop-off dates are Monday, July 27th and August 24st from 4:00-6:00pm. Volunteers will also accept donations on **Monday mornings from 10:00-Noon**. We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor, especially Fall 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. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487. **The next 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.

Peace Lutheran Church August 2026

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August 2026 Prayer Calendar

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know to God." Philippians 4:6

- 1 - Lord, help me remember that Your presence and Your help are just a prayer away.
- 2- Pray for strength to trust God's plan when situations become difficult.
- 3- Give thanks for the gift of faith.
- 4- Pray for God's help to be more gracious, compassionate and helpful to others.
- 5- Give thanks to God for His comfort and His guidance.
- 6- Pray for wisdom and strength to deal with whatever happens today.
- 7- Ask God to guide you today in thought, word and deed.
- 8- Be thankful that God loves you no matter what you do or say.
- 9- Read Psalm 100 today and praise God for His faithfulness.
- 10- Give thanks for God's grace and peace for today and every day.
- 11- Pray for God's direction for whatever you have to do today.
- 12- Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 13- Pray for our Pastors and staff for wisdom, strength, good health and a clear understanding of God's direction for Peace.
- 14- Pray for honesty and wisdom for anyone seeking public office.
- 15- Pray for God's strength and wisdom to do what He calls you to do today.
- 16- Thank God for never forsaking you.
- 17- Pray for faith and trust in God's plan for today.
- 18- Give thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus that makes eternal life with Him possible.
- 19- Pray for strength and ability to do the good things God calls on you to do today.
- 20- Give thanks for God's forgiveness and mercy every day.
- 21- Pray for wisdom and direction to bring a kind word to someone today.
- 22- Give thanks for the joy we have in Jesus.
- 23- Pray for strength that your faith does not waiver during difficult times.
- 24- Thank Jesus again for His willingness to pay the price for our sins, granting us salvation.
- 25- Give thanks for the many wonderful things God has granted, though undeserved.
- 26- Pray for wisdom to use this day wisely.
- 27- Thank God for providing all that you need to make it through today.
- 28- Ask God to watch over and protect all those serving in the military.
- 29- Pray for good attendance at the many Bible studies offered at Peace.
- 30- As the summer nears an end, pray for teachers getting classrooms and students' studies ready for the start of school.
- 31- God, walk beside me today, calm my heart and let Your peace be stronger than my worries.

Look back and thank God, look forward and trust God.