

September 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

Online Worship

Livestream: plchutch.org watch live @ 8:30am
Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/Peace Hutchinson MN](https://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonMN)

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Sunday 7:00pm & 10:00pm

Wednesday 5:00pm, Thursday 10:00am

Dear Church Family,

Its hard to believe that we are beginning another brand new Fall season of ministry together! What an exciting and busy season it will be for us as God's people in Mission at Peace Lutheran.

This past month we began a new sermon series: "Artemis 2: Exploring a whole New World in Christ!" Pastor Miller started out this new season by sharing God's message: "It's about Time!" Just like God sent his Son in the fullness of time to save all people, God is sending us out in our time into our community to bring new people into his kingdom.

God has blessed us with many solid ministries to prepare and equip us to do His mission work. Will your children come to Sunday School to grow in Jesus? How about Confirmation? Will you join us for monthly family nights?

How about Bible study? We are offering a new Bible study called "Cross Ways" in large group settings and in small groups.

How about serving opportunities? On October 3rd we are hosting LERT (Lutheran Early Response Training) training to prepare God's people to help others in times of disaster and storms.

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? Do you cook? Do you love to pray?

We all have a part in God's Mission! God has given us this time to learn, grow and share God's love! What is your part in God's Mission?

God Loves you and so do I! (We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19)

Pastor Kurt Weber

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Message from Associate Pastor Jeff Miller

The first eight months of 2026 certainly went fast. I am looking forward to an interesting next four months of this year. I can only recall the Fall season keeping high school and elementary youth involved with their activities. Hopefully we would all meet at home for supper at a reasonable time each day. Parents! Be patient and enjoy. When it is gone, it is gone!

GRIEF SHARE HAS BEGUN. Our classes follow the same 13 session format with the same topics. Each topic is announced in the bulletin. GRIEF SHARE also produces supplemental books to help participants grow further in their knowledge about dealing with grief. One of the latest book's title is, **Tender Hearts Tired Hands**. It is a study for people who plan to be or are a "Caregiver." This resource helps to understand how to plan for this responsibility how to assess your personal needs, fears, and worries. It anticipates many of the emotions the caregiver will have. It speaks to the reality of the physical demands of being a caregiver. I WILL PLACE SOME BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY FOR YOUR USE.

TAKE ONE HOME AND STUDY IT. Even if you are not THE caregiver, you might find this resource helpful. Another book will be in print this Fall and is available from Griefshare.org and it is called, **Life After the Loss of Your Child**. You can order it online and receive it in Kindle or other electronic sources.

CONFIRMATION

I am looking forward to having the seventh graders this year for confirmation instruction. We will approach the same topic - teaching what God says and what Lutherans believe. Each student will need the youth Bible and Luther's Catechism. They should already have those from sixth grade confirmation. I look forward to our first meeting on September 9th at 6:00 pm.

Artemus 2 at Peace Lutheran Church – If you missed the message on August 15, 16 – the following is a synopsis. To begin this series Pastor Weber and I thought the similarity to the Artemus 2 space mission had many similarities. So, the Scripture lessons for August 15-16 landed themselves to talking about the topic, "IT'S ABOUT TIME."

1. Why do people/organizations explore? ANSWER: To determine what is out in front or to explore something new, or to find new ways to use what we already do well, or to explore new skills that might be valuable to have new skills now and in the future. Exploring can be done by wandering or by intentionally testing new things or directions. We, at Peace, prefer to be cautious but brave, using our strengths and looking for new ventures.
2. Exploring also needs to know how to operate from its strengths. Peace Lutheran does have strengths such as a stable base of operation, we have demonstrated dependable programs, we have been tested and shown dependable and faithful, we have weathered our troubles of years ago, AND most of all we have the right Senior Pastor in the right place and at the right time.
3. We invite Peace Lutheran individuals to join on this venture with each of the skills, abilities, faith, joy, PRAYERS, and hopes as we launch into a new future for our congregation – one that serves our community and beyond with the gifts God has given us. THANK GOD THAT HE IS SO GOOD.

Pastor Jeff Miller, Associate Pastor

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Official Acts

Funerals

August 6, 2026 - Elaine W. Lewerenz, 91, passed away July 24, 2026

August 17, 2026 - Esmerelda Miller, 90, passed away June 21, 2026

Transfers

Ben, Erin, Jillian and Grant Schuerman to St. Paul's Lutheran, Lester Prairie, MN

Derek Erickson, Everett and Hazel to St. John's Lutheran, Cedar Mills, MN

Allyson Carrigan Luthens to St. Johns Lutheran, Cedar Mills, MN

Memorials

Darlene Schmoll - \$500 Organ Fund & \$25 Debt Fund

Howard Treseder - \$500 Cemetery Fund

Elaine Lewerence - \$40 Debt Fund

Baptisms

James Harvey Tatro was baptized on August 9th, 2026. He is the son of Krystal Schulte.

Youth and Family Ministry

Looking Forward to What God Has in Store.

Wow! The Summer break just flew by! The good news is that the kids are back in school and getting back into their routines. And routines are good for our mental and emotional well being!

I am so grateful for the time I have spent with our youth this Summer. They are such wonderful, fun and caring kids to be around. I am especially proud of them for "showing up" to youth meetings, service events and other activities with such great attitudes and willing hearts.

I am also grateful for our families who encourage their children to be active in church activities. Being involved in church and spending time with Christian friends can help young people grow emotionally, spiritually and socially. In our youth ministry, they are continually reminded of how valuable they are and how valuable the people around them are because we are all God's creation, created and loved by Him.

As we begin a new school year and a new season of ministry, I am excited to see what God has in store for our youth, our families in Christ, and overall, for the ministry at Peace Lutheran.

May God continue to guide our young people, strengthen our families and bless our ministry as we grow in faith and love. What an exciting season ahead!

Mark your Calendars for Youth Events in September

Please make sure you have registered for Confirmation, Sunday School, Release Time & Tiger Tweens (forms are available at Commons Area desk or on-line)

Reminder for all parents of 6th - 8th graders:

There is a meeting on September 9th at 6:00pm in Peace Center. We will provide the orientation for for students and parents to know the following:

- Which class and instructor to go to.
- What the subject matter will be for the year.
- What the class schedule for the year looks like.
- What is expected of parents and students.

September 13th is the first day of Sunday School 9:40am (make sure you sign-in at the Commons Area desk)

September 16th is the first day of Confirmation 2:30-4:30pm & Tiger Tweens at 3:30pm

September 16th - Confirmation 2:30-4:30pm & Youth group 6-8th grades at 4:30-5:30pm

September 23rd - Confirmation 2:30-4:30pm & Youth group 6-8th grades at 4:30-5:30pm

September 24th - Family Night at 6:00pm

September 30th - Confirmation 2:30-4:30pm & Youth group 6-8th grades at 4:30-5:30pm

Note "Parking Lot Talks" for grades 9-12th that were on Wednesday's at 7:00pm outside will be moved inside to every Sunday at 11:30am starting on September 20th. We will call it "Inside Teen Talks".

God's Power & Love,
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With school starting soon, many of the supplies are on sale. If you are interested in donating for Peace Lutheran Education here is a list of supplies they need: colored pencils, construction paper, thin & thick markers (washable and dry erase) dixie cups and bulletin board paper. Please drop these items off in the church office.

Readers:**September 6th (One Service at 10:00am) - Duane Hall****Saturday 6:30pm**

September 5th - No Service
September 12th - Dick Higgins
September 19th Joanne Keilen
September 26th - John Mons

Sunday 8:30am

September 6th No 8:30 Service
September 13th - Mary Haag
September 20th - Bennett Oberg
September 27th - Bev Luke

Sunday 10:30am

September 6th - No 10:30 Service
September 13th - Kim Kruse
September 20th - Sharon Christensen
September 27th - Sadie Jenkins

Greeters:**September 6th (One Service at 10:00am) - Anita Miller & Wayne Vinkemeier****Sunday 8:30am**

September 13th - Darlyn Egge & Sharon Olson
September 20th - Dean & Lisa Kirchoff
September 27th - Dale & Shari Zieman

Sunday 10:30am

September 13th - Anita Miller
September 20th - Wayne Vinkemeier
September 27th - Wayne Vinkemeier

Ushers:**Saturday 6:30pm**

September 6th - No Service
September 12th - Dick & Corinne Higgins
September 19th - Rhonda Tronick/Kathy Hochsprung
September 26th - Brian Baysinger & Patty Thul
September 26th -

Sunday 8:30am Team 5 & 6

Wayne Vinkemeier
Dale Schumann
Robbie Peterson
Ross Peterson
Brad Havemeier
Gary Havemeier
Roger Kaufmann

Update on Debt Reduction

We are pleased to announce that effective September 1st, we have another Congregational Fund match of \$25,000 towards the debt. We are close to the final \$100,000 left to pay off our debt. Our goal is to get this paid off by December and start out 2027 debt free. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and generous contributions.

Common Cup

Thanks to your generosity we raised \$540 for Common Cup School Supplies.

Thank you also to all that donated to the Diaper Collection in August for Common Cup.

The Annual Common Cup Coat Drive - There will be a box in the Commons Area through October 4th. We are collecting coats (No wool coats please), boots, snowpants, mittens - new or gently used - infant to adult sizes.

Thank you for your generous support.

Taxi Service

Another Thank You! We continue to have members attend services even though they can no longer drive. It is great to see that they can still join us for worship and Bible study between services. As I count up the donations, it makes me smile to see some \$20 bills for coffee. It tells me that some of you "get it", that is a way to help pay for the rides. It costs \$30 per rider each day and the monthly bills have run from \$900 to \$700 during the Summer. The July charge was \$630. "Coffee" money has been collecting about \$200 per month. In June/July we collected \$420. We have been collecting \$70-\$140 each Sunday.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

On September 15th it is Mission Possible Day, which is our big day of giving. Last year, thanks to your contributions, LWML raised \$58,246.92! Let's match that energy this year.

LWML Sunday is September 27th here at Peace. This year we focus on Supporting Missions. The theme is based on the texts: Ecclesiastes 3:9-15, Galatians 2:1-10 and Mark 10:35-45. Check out our display table located in the Commons Area.

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 Tuesday, September 8th from 12-6pm in the Peace Center

Appointments can be made on line at redcrossblood.org - for new donors, call Shirley at 587-5064

The Red Cross Blood Mobile is still collecting great donations here at Peace. Our goal is almost always 139 and the last two months we have collected 152-153. Thank you for providing such a wonderful experience for our donors.

Senior Driver Safety Program Dates/Times (55+ Driver Discount Program) Room 207-209 Education Building

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 August 6th the occasional sale proceeds were \$3,659.09, which includes \$466 from sales in the garage. One-half went toward debt reduction, one-quarter to building and maintenance, and one-quarter to Stroll for Hope sponsored by Hutchinson Health Foundation. We value ALL who make this ministry possible, including our dedicated volunteers, our generous donors, and our faithful shoppers.

The next drop-off date is September 21st, 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, antiques, and miscellaneous items. Questions? Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487.

The next occasional sale is September 3rd from 10:00am-6:00pm. September specials are 50% off bedding, linens, window treatments, doilies, sandals, and short-sleeved clothing. A quarter of September sales will benefit McLeod County Food Shelf.

Mission Sewing will start in October. We will meet on Wednesday's at 1:00pm on weeks 1, 3 & 5. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Wurdell at 587-5064.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting June 16, 2026 6:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor Weber: Ephesians 3: 14-21.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Justin to approve the May 12, 2026 minutes as presented with changes.

Second by Gary. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report

We are at the beginning of the Ecclesiastes series for sermons. Men's bible study groups will also study this.

Books of Acts is still being studied on Sunday morning bible study.

Small group leaders being sought to begin small groups with a program called Cross Ways: It is a 2 year Bible study that goes through the Bible. This will begin in fall 2026.

Alaska Mission team leaves tomorrow at 6:00 a.m. They return June 27th. Please keep them in your prayers.

August 17th: begins the Grief Share program

2. Administrator/Office Report: Occasional sales were \$3107.06 in June. The mission for June was McLeod County Food Shelf (1/4 of sales) and mission for July (1/4 of sales) will be to Common Cup. August will go to the Cancer Walk. The mission proceeds go to local places that do outreach in the community.

3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the P & L report for Jan. 2026 - May 31, 2026.

4. Elder's Report: No report shared as there was no June meeting.

5. Youth programming update: Elia is preparing for Alaska so Pastor read her notes. Notes per

Elia: Youth meetings, Pizza Ranch visit in June, VBS was a success-56 registered.

July: youth meetings, serving through Common Cup by meal packing.

New Ministry: Parking Lot talks: will be held in parking lot, worship, talk, etc. Owen Streich will attend as a guest speaker. Family night in May: approximately 50 people attended. Next one will be in July.

Old Business

1. VBS update and other summer programming: see above per Elia's notes.

2. Church directory-any updates? Sue shared this continues to be worked on.

3. LCF visit on 6/14: This visit went well. Approximately 20 people attended with questions.

4. Technology updates: no new updates

New Business

1. Small group ministry & service ministry in our community: see above per Pastor's report

2. Youth activities on the website:

3. Elder / Council pictures: update bulletin board: will be updated

4. Messenger distribution questions: some members have asked if they can have them put out in the rampway vs. getting mailed in order to get them in a more timely fashion.

5. Goal setting: discussion was held at the beginning of the meeting regarding the vision of our church

Adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

***Reminder, no July meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Borka

Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth

Council President

Peace Lutheran Church September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2		3	4
		6:45-7:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Women Talk 6:30pm Elders	Occasional Sale 10:00am-6:00pm			No Worship Service
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labor Day Office Closed	6:45-7:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study Noon-6:00pm Bloodmobile 3:00pm Parables Bible Study 6:30pm Promise Keepers 6:30pm Council	10:30am Body & Soul 6:00pm Parent Confirmation Meeting 5:00pm Choir/6:00pm Handbells			6:30pm Worship
10:00am Worship/Communion (One Worship Service)						12
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Rally Sunday						19
8:30am Worship 9:30am Blood Pressure Checks 9:40am First Day of Sunday School 9:40am Orientation Mtg – New Bible Study Cross Ways 10:30am Worship/Comm Presentation of Bibles to children ages 3, 1st grade & 6th grade	10:00am Prayer chain Grief Share 4:00pm-5:30pm	6:45-7:45am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Parish Health 10:00am Women's Bible Study 3:00pm Parables Bible Study 6:30pm Promise Keepers	10:30am Body & Soul 11:45am-1pm Lunch/Cross Ways 2:30-4:30pm Confirmation 3:30pm Tiger Tweens 4:30pm Youth 6-8 th grades 5:00pm Choir/6:00pm Handbells	6:30pm Trustees		6:30pm Worship/Communion
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Grief Share Schedule

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Time</u>
Week 1	8/17/26	Is this Normal	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 2	8/24/26	Your Grief Journey	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 3	8/31/26	Loneliness & Sadness	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 4	9/14/26	Self-Care	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 5	9/21/26	Fearful & Overwhelmed	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 6	9/28/26	Anger	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 7	10/5/26	Regrets	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 8	10/12/26	Grief & Your Household	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 9	10/19/26	Grief & Your Friendships	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 10	10/26/26	Questions for God	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 11	11/2/26	Stuck in Grief	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 12	11/9/26	Hope & Resilience	Monday at 4:00pm
Week 13	11/16/26	What Do I Live For Now	Monday at 4:00pm

**We have having a special session on November 12th called "Surviving the Holidays".
Time is 6:30pm -8:00pm**

You do not have to attend all sessions you are free to attend as many sessions as you want.
If you have any questions, please call the church office.