

October 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](http://www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonMN)

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Cable TV - HCVN

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

Dear friends and family of Peace Lutheran Church,

The Psalm writer wrote a very familiar verse. He said, **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

The Psalm writer of long ago prophesied of the coming Messiah our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the Cornerstone of God's church. He was rejected and crucified for the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. It is on Christ our cornerstone that our church Peace Lutheran and our faith is built.

On Sunday, October 4 Peace Lutheran Hutchinson will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our beautiful Sanctuary. I invite you to join us for our special celebration worship services that weekend.

The month of October will be a busy month for us as a congregation. On Saturday October 3rd from 9am till noon Pastor Kristian Bjornstad from our Minnesota South District will offer special community emergency training called LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training). All ages are welcome to attend and lunch will be provided.

Small groups for our new CrossWays Bible study will begin on the evening of October 7th at the Parsonage and on the morning of October 17 at one of our members' home.

Our Youth will be very busy with a special Talent Night on October 8, trip to Concordia St Paul on October 10th, and Trick and Treat for the Mcleod County Food Shelf on Wednesday October 28th.

All of these opportunities to worship, serve, and grow in our faith require two things.

One - You and your family! Join us!

Two - Your prayers for God's Blessing and provision!

God bless you and your family this month!

Pastor Kurt Weber

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Message from Associate Pastor Jeff Miller

This month I want to spend some time sharing resources that supplement the Grief Share experience. Grief Share is specifically for people who have experienced loss and who are struggling with the pain of grief associated with loss. Our sessions have been well received and we hear good reports regarding the materials that are used. I thought others would find comfort and help from some of the additional resources that are offered by Grief Share. Following will be some of the book titles with a short description of the information. **These resources will be in the Church Library for your use.**

IS MY GRIEF NORMAL?

Just one of the questions grief stricken people ask. This resource lists 51 different questions most often asked and provides answers. It is written by counselors and other professional care providers.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

The pain of losing a spouse can be overwhelming and seem impossible. This book wants to tell you that what you are feeling is understandable, but there is a pathway out of this fog. Professionals and relatable stories will help the reader to cope, understand, and guide the reader to better understand their grief and loss.

LIVING WITHOUT MOM

When Mom dies it may seem like the anchor in life just let go of it's hold. The stories included help the reader to understand that your pain and suffering is normal, and you will discover that you too can navigate your way through this season.

TENDER HEARTS /TIRED HANDS

This book is a Christ-Centered approach to caregiving. Taking care of a loved one is a significant task. This book helps the caregiver to make thorough preparation before taking on this responsibility. I have extra copies of most of these resources. If you would like to purchase them they cost \$15.

Pastor Jeff Miller, Associate Pastor

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Grief Share Schedule

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Time</u>
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.

Official Acts

Funerals

September 2, 2026 - Lori McElmury, 65, passed away August 27, 2026

September 19, 2026 - Ronald Kern, 78, passed away September 7th

September 25, 2026 - Marlys Fredrick, 88, passed away September 4th

Youth and Family Ministry

Wow! Summer came and went. The good news is that Summer will return again! The other good news is that October is packed with fun opportunities for our youth. Please encourage your teens to be part of these meaningful events.

LCMS Youth Day at Concordia University, Talent Night, weekly Teen Talks, Trick or Treat which (collects food for the Food Shelf). They are the reason Youth Ministry exists. Here, they will discover what God has planned for them and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Above all, the best news is the Good News of God's Word and His Son, Jesus. He is calling everyone to come to Him! Thank you for responding to His call!

It is so wonderful to see so many children returning to the Sunday School classrooms, Confirmation, and Tiger Tweens. Thank you for bringing your children to hear God's Word and for helping them grow in their faith.

May the Lord strengthen the body of Christ so that more children, youth, and adults may come to know our Savior and Creator and develop a personal relationship with Him.

Mark your calendars

Thursday, October 8th at 6:00pm is Youth Talent Night in the Peace Center.

Everyone is invited to see our amazing youth share their God given talents.

It will be a night filled with Fun & Fellowship.

Saturday, October 10th - Synod Youth Day at Concordia University. We will meet at 8:00am in our church parking lot to drive there together.

Every Wednesday at 4:30-5:00pm Youth Group grades 6-8th meet in the basement youth room.

Note - No confirmation, Tiger Tweens or youth meetings when school will be closed on MEA.

Every Sunday at 11:30am - Inside Teen Talks meet in the basement youth room.

Come join the fun and help support our community by collecting food for the Food Shelf.

Its our annual Trick or Treat project that starts at 4:30pm on October 28th. We will have a pizza party in the Peace Center at 5:30pm after we are done collecting the food items.

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers and ALL the VOLUNTEERS that help weekly. We appreciate all your hard work and all the time and dedication you give to our church with helping our youth. A big Thank You to Everyone who donates food and supplies to help with the cost.

God's Power & Love,
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Readers:

Saturday 6:30 p.m.

October 3rd - Lee Uldbjerg
October 11th - Corinne Higgins
October 18th - Lee Uldbjerg
October 24th - Joanne Keilen
October 31st - Joanne Keilen

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

October 4th - Lynn Brown
October 11th - Melissa Weckwerth
October 18th - Arlene Benshoof
October 25th - Nona Anderson

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

October 4th - Jen Plath
October 11th - Kevin Pfau
October 18th - Sharon Christensen
October 25th - Caitlyn Kruse

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

October 4th - Alan & Barb Plath
October 11th - Alan and Delores Reiner
October 18th - Orlin & Judy Henke
October 25th - Norbert & Dee Hemmann

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

October 4th - Ron & Barb Kirchoff
October 11th - Anita Miller & Allan Hansen
October 18th - Shirley Wicklund & John Lietz
October 25th - Barb Marquardt & Dianne Johnson

Ushers:

Saturday 6:30 p.m.

October 3rd - Brian Baysinger & Patty Thul
October 11th - Dick & Corinne Higgins
October 18th - Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
October 26th - Brian Baysinger & Kathy Hochsprung

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Teams 1 & 2

Glenn Witte
Doug Witte
Brian Koehler
Rusten Huls
Kevin Buss
Mike McKimm
Allen Broll

(LERT Training)

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams) training will be held here at Peace on Saturday, October 3rd 9:00a.m.- Noon. Cost is \$20/person. For more information, there are brochures in the Narthex and the Commons Area. To sign up go to lcms-lert.org

Common Cup Ministry

Warm Coat Distribution — One Day Only, Thursday, October 15th | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Warm coats will be available at **Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Hutchinson** and the **Glencoe City Center in Glencoe**.
No appointment is needed.

SAVE THE DATE! — Coming Together in Song

Join us for Common Cup Ministry's annual concert, **Coming Together in Song**, on **Sunday, November 15th, 3:00p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson**. More details will be shared soon!

Thank You, Peace Lutheran!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated diapers during our August diaper drive. **Peace Lutheran donated an amazing 600 diapers!** Your generosity will make a meaningful difference for local families in need. Thank you for helping Common Cup Ministry share God's love in our community.

For more information about Common Cup Ministry and its programs, visit www.common-cup.org or call **320-587-2213**.

Taxi Service

Taxi service is available to worship services for those that cannot drive. Money is raised by donations from members (thank you so much), from anything the riders can help with (it is all appreciated because we now have a monthly charge besides the \$30/person/ride) and from generous donations for treats at Bible study on Sunday before the 10:30a.m. service. The food and supplies are all donated so all donations go to the taxi.

Mission quilt making will resume on October 7th from 1:00-3:00p.m. in the church basement. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call Shirley at 320-587-5064. It is as easy as tying your shoe.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The McLeod Zone Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2026 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. The speaker will be Pastor Mark Biebighauser from Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the rally starting at 9:00 a.m. There is no registration fee. Gifts from the Heart will be a food item or cash for the Food Shelf. Lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a box in the Commons area to collect food shelf donations to be taken to the Zone Spring Rally.

2026 DISTRICT CONVENTION OFFERING TOTALS

Offering #1 for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch -	\$6,586.27
Offering #2 for Lutheran for Life -	\$6,123.00
Offering #3 for 2026-2028 Mission Grants (Mites) -	\$6,685.11
Offering #4 for Orphan Grain Train -	\$5,769.00
Grand Total	\$25,163.38

SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

A Silent Auction event was held at the recent District Convention with 29 baskets and 2 beautiful quilts donated by various Zones and groups. A total of \$3,120.00 was raised. That money will go toward the 2026-2028 Mission Goal of \$272,500.00.

MITE PROGRESS REPORT

As of June 30, 2026, total mites collected for the 2026-2028 biennium Mission Goal is \$37,046.00.

MISSION POSSIBLE DAY

So far \$50,547.00 has been collected on September 15th, Mission Possible Day. Donations are still being received. A final total will be posted when available

Bloodmobile will be here on Tuesday, October 13th from Noon - 6:00 p.m. in the Peace Center

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

It's always the second Tuesday of the month. Did you know we are one of the top 10 sites in the Nation??

What a great accomplishment and saving so many lives!!! Way to go!!

Blood pressures checks will continue between worship services in the Parish Health office on the second Sunday of the month.

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

October 1st - 1:00-5:00 p.m. November 12th - 1:00-5:00 p.m. December 17th - 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Peace Lutheran Occasional Sale Update:

On September 3rd the occasional sale proceeds were \$3,509.88. One-half went toward debt reduction, one-quarter to building and maintenance, and one-quarter, \$877.47 to McLeod County Food Shelf. We appreciate everyone who continues to make the sale possible, including our dedicated volunteers, amazing donors, and faithful shoppers.

The next drop-off date is October 26th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Volunteers will also accept donations on **Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - Noon**. We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor, especially Christmas items, towels, bedding, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, end tables, crafts, yarn, toys, books puzzles, DVD's, CD's, vinyl records, antiques, collectibles, and miscellaneous items. Questions? Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487.

The next sales are October 1st and November 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. October specials are 50% off kitchen items including new appliances in boxes, sweatshirts, and jackets. A quarter of October sales will benefit Safe Avenues.

Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting August 11, 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, Elia Peterson, Dean Kirchoff

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Ephesians 4: 1-16

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kathy to approve the June 16, 2026 minutes as presented with changes.

Second by Justin. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor shared updates with activities at PLC. Topics included Grief Share, Rally Day Sunday School, Bible Study, Sermon Series: "Artemis 2: Exploring a Whole New World in Christ", New Member Classes, LERT, Guiding Light.
2. Administrator/Office Report: Occasional sales for August: \$3659.09. Of this, \$1829.55 went to debt reduction and \$914.77 went to Stroll for Hope. July Occasional sale was a total of \$4109.08 with \$2054.54 going to the building debt and \$1027.27 going to Common Cup and building.
Concert Series: \$1944.00 was raised. Ice cream social raised: \$366; Looney Lutherans also raised \$4220.00 A total of \$6530 was raised and this will go to the Organ Fund.
3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the P & L report for Jan. 2026 through July 2026.
4. Elder's Report: No report shared
5. Youth programming update: Elia shared updates of programs that have been happening over the summer and what will happen beginning in the fall. She shared an amazing story of one of her experiences with VBS in Alaska.

Old Business

1. Congregational Fund committee meeting information: Melissa attended this meeting in June.
 - a. Legacy gifts: This committee is hoping to host a congregational educational meeting to help people learn more about this.
 - b. Review Trustees list of maintenance: An idea list of projects going ahead as we look at completing our debt reduction was shared.
2. Church directory: Sue updated us. We are hoping the company will have them to us by September.
3. Technology updates: Just shared that the TV in the upstairs rooms as ready to go for use with tablets, computers, etc.
4. Small group ministry & service ministry in our community

New Business

1. LERT training (Lutheran Emergency Response Team), scheduled for 10/3 at 9:00 a.m. This will be step one in getting some people from PLC trained for this team.
2. Prayer chain: We do have this and it is listed on the website.
3. Goal setting, aligning with maintenance list: discussed above

Adjourn

Closing Prayer by Pastor Weber.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church October 2026

1:00pm Wednesday - Mission Sewing weeks 1,3 & 5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Occasional Sale 10:00am-6:00pm 1:00-5:00pm Drivers Training	2 9:00am LERT 6:30pm Worship/Communion	3
100th Anniv. Cornerstone 4	5 10:00am Prayer chain	6 6:45-7:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study 3:00pm Parables	7 Early Release - No Tiger Tweens 10:00am Body & Soul 11:45am-1pm Lunch/Crossways	8 6:00pm Talent Night	9 Synod Youth Day at Concordia University. We will meet in our parking lot at 8:00am to drive there together.	10
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The Importance of Prayer from Pastor Weber

Dear Friends,

Our Lord Jesus taught his first disciples and us how to pray in the Lord's Prayer. God's word the Bible teaches to pray to God often and to pray with faith that God will answer our prayers.

Luke 11:1-9. It is often said that prayer is the backbone of the church. Without prayer covering our ministry we leave God's ministry open to our own strength and not the power and blessing of God.

For many years Peace Lutheran Church has been blessed by the ministry of prayer. Weekly prayers are offered in worship and included as part of our Bible studies, meetings, meals, serving opportunities as well as our own personal prayers.

The church also has a faithful group of volunteers who serve on the prayer chain that pray for special prayer requests from the members of our congregation. Any member may request private prayer from the prayer chain by contacting Annette at: khck@mchsi.com or calling 320-587-6484; or by contacting one of the pastors. Public prayer requests to be prayed during worship are to be submitted to the pastors or church office

The word of God encourages us to pray for one another **James 5:16**

Please join me and pray for God's people listed weekly in our church bulletin and pray for the ministries God has given us each day of our October Calendar. God bless our prayer.