

Peace Lutheran Church



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Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Pastors: Kurt Weber and Jeff Miller

Elders

Saturday 6:30pm George Quast and

Wayne Vinkemeier

Sunday 8:30am Paul Otte and Matthew Markgraf

Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Orlin & Judy Henke

Sunday 10:30am Shirley Wicklund & John Lietz

October is Pastor appreciation month. We would like to recognize and thank the following people:

Pastor Kurt Weber - 22 years in ministry.

Pastor Jeff Miller - 55 years in ministry.

Pastor Gehard Bode - 60 years in ministry.

Pastor Layton Lemke - 64 years in ministry

Elia Peterson - 17 years in LCMS ministry.

The Bloodmobile collected 128 units on October 13th. Thanks to the church for providing the opportunity to offer the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Special thanks to Shirley Wicklund and John Lietz for again helping with the resetting of the room, it is so appreciated. Thank you also to all the dedicated volunteers that help make this a success.

We hosted a successful LERT (Lutheran Early Response Training) session this past weekend. If you missed this event, another training is available close by! Minnesota North and Minnesota South Districts are sponsoring a Basic LERT training event on Friday, October 23rd, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kimball, MN from 6:00-9:00pm. Visit the website lcms-lert.org for more details.

Thank you everyone for all your generous donations for the debt reduction and also the Congregational Fund for matching \$50,000 and **current \$25,000** 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, October 18th at 9:40am Bible Study Crossways in the Peace Center.

Tuesday 6:45am Bible Study Crossways at "Caribou Coffee" in Cash Wise.

Wednesday at 11:45am Lunch and Bible Study Crossways

Wednesday at 6:30pm-8:00pm Crossways Bible Study for small groups hosted in homes. Coming soon a new Saturday morning small group. Call church office for more details.

October Monthly calendar change - The Crossways Bible Study that was scheduled for Tuesdays at 6:00pm-7:30pm has moved to Wednesdays at 6:30pm-8:00pm to accommodate everyone's busy family and work schedules. We will not be posting it on the monthly calendar since it is in our church member homes. If you are looking to attend a small group we still have openings. If you would like to host a small group in your home, please let the church office know.

Grief Share is October 19th at 4:00pm - 5:30pm in room 210. This is our ninth session and the topic is "Grief & Your Friendships." This is a 13 week program. You do not have to commit to all 13 sessions. You can attend any session. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 320-587-3031. We are having a special session of Grief Share on November 12th from 6:30-8:00pm called "Surviving the Holidays."

Congratulations to Lara Egge and Matthew West who were married here on Saturday, October 17th.

"Inside Teen Talks" grades 9-12th will meet in the the youth basement room at 11:30am on Sundays.

Youth Group grades 6-8th meet every Wednesday at 4:40pm in the basement youth room.

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 10/16/26.....\$76,212.80

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.....\$354,905.22

Prayer List

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

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized or would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church office.

Attendance Last Week

Saturday 6:30pm	50
Sunday 8:30am	188
Sunday 10:30am	<u>68</u>
Total	306

Online 415

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.

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

Be sure to check out the LWML Card Shop in the hallway ramp. They have a nice selection of birthday and sympathy cards. The cost is \$1.00 per card. Boxed cards are \$7 for a quantity of 12.

This Week

Sunday (10/18)

8:30am Worship Service/Communion
9:40am Bible Study Crossways
9:40am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Inside Teen Talks 9-12th grades

Monday (10/19)

Peace Place - Donation drop off from 10:00am-Noon
4:00-5:30pm Grief Share

Tuesday (10/20)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Parish Health
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Godly Citizens Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

Wednesday (10/21)

10:00am Body & Soul
11:45am-1:00pm Lunch/Crossways
2:30-4:30pm Confirmation
3:30pm Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Youth 6-8th grades
5:00pm Choir/6:00pm Handbells

Thursday (10/22)

Occas sale work day 10:00am-Noon

Friday (10/23)

10:30am Fold Day Messenger

Saturday (10/24)

6:30pm Worship Service

Upcoming

Sunday (10/25)

8:30am Worship Service
9:40am Bible Study Crossways
9:40am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service/Communion
11:30am Inside Teen Talks 9-12th grades

Monday (10/26)

10:00am-Noon Occas sale work day
4:00-5:30pm Grief Share
4:00-6:00pm Drop off donations at Peace Place

Tuesday (10/27)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Godly Citizens Bible Study
6:30pm Promise Keepers

Wednesday (10/28)

10:00am Body & Soul
11:45am-1:00pm Lunch/Crossways
2:30-4:30pm Confirmation
3:30pm Tiger Tweens
4:30-6:00pm Youth Trick or Treat for Food Shelf
5:00pm Choir/6:00pm Handbells

Thursday (10/29)

Occas sale work day 10:00am-Noon

Friday (10/30)

Saturday (10/31)

6:30pm Worship Service/Communion

WATER DONATIONS NEEDED - we are looking for bottles of water (8oz, 10oz, 12oz & 16 oz) for youth activities, grief share & other upcoming activities. Thanking you in advance for your donations.

The next occasional sale is November 5th and one quarter of the proceeds will go towards Common Cup. If you have any questions regarding donations for the sale contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487. Correction to the October monthly calendar, the donation drop off for the November sale will be on October 26th from 4:00-6:00pm.

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.