

Peace Lutheran Church



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - October 4th, 2026

Pastors: Kurt Weber and Jeff Miller

Elders

Saturday 6:30pm George Quast &
Matthew Markgraf

Sunday 8:30am Paul Otte & Marc Telecky

Sunday 10:30am Robbie Peterson

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30am Allan & Barb Plath

Sunday 10:30am Ron & Barb Kirchoff

"Inside Teen Talks" for grades 9-12th will meet in 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 after confirmation class.

Talent night is October 8th at 6:00pm in the Peace Center. We are inviting all youth grades 6th-12th. This is their chance to share the God given talents He has blessed them with. Whether they enjoy cooking, baking, painting, drawing, singing, dancing, playing an instrument, poetry, or something completely unique - we want to see it. Everyone is invited to encourage our youth. We will have a delicious meal with a free will donation offering with all the proceeds going toward our 2027-2028 youth trips.

Annual Common Cup Coat Drive - We are collecting gently used or new items, sizes infant to adult. Donations for coats (no wool coats please) boots, snowpants, hats and mittens can be placed in the play pen located in the Commons Area.

October 4th is the final collection day.

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 4th 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 5th at 4:00pm - 5:30pm in room 210.

This is our seventh session and the topic is "Regrets". 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.

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

Parents please encourage your children grades 6th-12th to attend. This event is designed around real life situations teens are facing today and includes fun activities, fellowship and opportunities to connect with other Christian youth. The cost is \$30 which includes meal, t-shirts and events. Please let Elia Peterson know if you will be attending by filling out registration forms that were given to the kids last week Wednesday.

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 10/1/26.....\$89,943.42

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.....\$341,174.60

Prayer List

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	55
Sunday 8:30am	145
Sunday 10:30am	84
Total	284

Online 305

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 got a new selection of birthday and sympathy cards. The cost is \$1.00 per card. Boxed cards are \$7 for a quantity of 12.

The Peace Lutheran occasional sale was on October 3rd and we raised \$3,779.41. One quarter 944.85 will go to Safe Avenues. One quarter \$944.85 will go towards building/utilities. One half 1,889.71 will go towards the debt which will be matched. If you have any questions regarding donations for the sale contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487. The next occasional sale is November 5th and one quarter of the proceeds will go towards Common Cup. Thank you to all who donated items and all of our amazing volunteers.

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.

Our Savior's LWML Women's Guild wishes to cordially invite you to attend the 2026 LWML McLeod Zone Fall Rally, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hutchinson on Saturday, October 17th, 2026. Registration begins at 8:30am with the rally starting at 9:00am.

This Week

Sunday (10/4)

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 (10/5)

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

Tuesday (10/6)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:00pm Women Talk
6:30pm Elders

Wednesday (10/7)

10:00am Body & Soul
11:45am-1:00pm Lunch/Crossways
1:00pm Youth Handbells
2:30-4:30pm Confirmation
Early Release No Tiger Tweens
4:30pm Youth Group grades 6-8th
5:00pm Choir/6:00pm Handbells

Thursday (10/8)

Occas sale work day 10:00am-Noon
6:00pm Youth Talent night

Friday (10/9)

Saturday (10/10)

Synod Youth Day at Concordia University. Youth meet in our south parking lot at 8:00am to carpool.
6:30pm Worship Service

Upcoming

Sunday (10/11)

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 (10/12)

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

Tuesday (10/13)

6:45am Men's Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Noon-6:00pm Bloodmobile
3:00pm Parables Bible Study
6:30pm Council
6:30pm Promise Keepers

Wednesday (10/14)

10:00am Body & Soul
11:45am-1:00pm Lunch/Crossways
MEA - No School or youth events

Thursday (10/15)

Occas sale work day 10:00am-Noon
6:30pm Trustees

Friday (10/16)

Saturday (10/17)

6:30pm Worship Service/Communion