November 2026 Messenger

PEACE
Lutheran Church

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: 400 Franklin ST SW
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Online Worship
Livestream: plchutch.org watch live @ 8:30am
Facebook Live: 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 friends and family of Peace Lutheran Church,

We are heading into a very busy Fall and Winter Season as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year approaches. I don't know about you but I am so excited for all the joy and celebration it will bring. I can smell the turkey and ham and pumpkin pie. I am looking forward to putting the decorations on the Christmas tree and worshiping in the Sanctuary together as we sing those beloved Christmas carols. I can't wait to see family and how much the grandchildren have grown. As the Apostle Paul says, we are to **Rejoice Always!** hope you and your family can do a lot of celebrating!

Can I encourage you to not forget to pray! The Bible says **Pray without ceasing!** Pray to God everyday thanking him for all his blessings to you! I bet if you thought of all God's gifts to you of clothes, food, home, family, church, and good health you could never count them all. With gratitude in your heart, say a little prayer for those who are without this season. I pray that God would move you to put some legs on your prayers and share with others in need a bag of groceries, a hot meal, or your listening ear and time together.

Thanksgiving and Christmas and the New Year are also a good time to give thanks. **Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18,** I love the Bible example of the one leper who came back to thank Jesus for healing him. Let's follow his example and give our thanks to God for not only the good in our lives but also the challenges of this past year.
We know that for those who love God all things work together for good. Romans 8:28

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you and your family,

Pastor Kurt Weber
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Message from Associate Pastor Jeff Miller

Today I want to draw your attention to Grief Share's Survival Guide for the Holidays, a guide for navigating your grief during the Holidays. This Survival Guide session will be held at Peace Lutheran on November 12th from 6:30 – 8:00pm. It is a ONE-TIME session. Books will be available, and there is no cost. We introduced this Survival Guide last year. When family members lose a loved one the loss, the loneliness, the grief can sometimes be lessened by attending and participating in the 13-week Grief Share program. But, as most sufferers of grief know, the Holidays bring a special time of anxiety because of family memories. Join us, invite a friend and/or family member. Thursday, November 12th, 6:30 – 8:00pm "Surviving the Holidays."

Pastor Jeff Miller, Associate Pastor
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Grief Share Schedule

	Date	Topic	Time
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

Official Acts

Weddings at Peace Lutheran Church

Caroline Williams and Jadon Clabo were married on September 26th
Lara Egge and Matthew West were married on October 16th

Transfers

Allan Kellermann from Good Shepherd Church, Glencoe, MN to Peace Lutheran Church

Memorials

Ronald Kern, $40 towards debt fund

October 31st and November 1st, we will remember those who have entered into eternal life this past year. Letters have gone out to all family contact persons. Names listed below will be read at all services.

Grace Schumann
Shelley Rusch
Charline Rannow
Bernadine Telecky
Donald Hecht
Irene Rasmussen
Dolores Barlau
Leon Nelsen
Allan Kock
Carolyn Majeski
Ruthie Flaig
Darlene Schmoll
Elaine Lewerenz
Esmerelda Miller
Lori McElmury
Ronald Kern
Marlys Fredrick

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Dear Families,

September was such a glorious month! Give God the glory! Sunday School attendance has been wonderful. Thank you for taking the Great Commission to heart by helping to make disciples. Discipleship begins at home, where you instill Christian values in your children. We are humbled and blessed to partner with you on this journey.

The offerings your children are bringing are going toward supporting our military people. We will be preparing care packages and hope to deliver them by mid-November. If you have any loose change, please send it with your children. This effort not only benefits our military people, but also teaches our children about stewardship and the importance of sharing what God has given us with others.

The call to youth ministry is always open! Please encourage your teens to stand up for Jesus and gather with fellow believers as often as they can. Now more than ever, our teens need to stay connected to Jesus and build strong relationships with one another through faith.

Teen Talks take place on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. for students in grades 6–8 and on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service for grades 9-12th

I also want to thank our youth for making Youth Talent Night on October 8th a success! A heartfelt thank-you goes to all the volunteers, families, and friends who supported our youth and you helped make the event special.

Thanks to all the kids and all the volunteers who helped on October 28th with collecting food for the food shelf.

May God continue to bless you all! Stay close to Him!

God's Power & Love,
Elia Peterson, DCE
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Readers:

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
November 7th - John Mons
November 14th - Dick Higgins
November 21st - Joanne Keilen
November 28th - John Lietz

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
November 1st - Darlyn Egge
November 8th - Bennett Oberg
November 15th - Mary Haag
November 22nd - Heidi Sickmann
November 29th - Gwen Wichman

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
November 1st - Sara Peterson
November 8th - Sadie Jenkins
November 15th - Kevin Pfau
November 22nd - Sharon Christensen
November 29th - Kim Kruse

Greeters:

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
November 1st - Gloria Dobratz & Jean Schultz
November 8th - Marion Fenske & Brenda Petersen
November 15th - Bev Luke & Gloria Janicke
November 22nd - Greg & Darlene Plath
November 29th - Dale & Judy Schumann

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
November 1st - Robbie & Sara Peterson
November 8th - Dale & Judy Schumann
November 15th - Ron & Barb Kirchoff
November 22nd - John & Linda Kalenberg
November 29th - Anita Miller

Ushers:

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
November 7th - Brian Baysinger
November 14th - Dick & Corinne Higgins
November 21st - Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
November 28th - Brian Baysinger & Kathy Hochsprung

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Teams 3 & 4

Brynn Kobow	Marlin Haag
Micah Luthens	Troy Kurth
Blake Rarick	Owen Streich
Sydney Jackson	Scott Streich
Kiera Lieder	Tim Zackrison

Common Cup Ministry

Coming Together in Song Concert – Sunday, November 15th

Join us for the annual **Coming Together in Song** concert on **Sunday, November 15th, at 3:00 p.m.** at **Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson**. Enjoy an uplifting afternoon of music featuring a variety of choirs from our community, united in song to support neighbors in need. Through participation and financial gifts, this special event brings our community together to share the joy of music and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We hope to see you there!!

SAVE THE DATE — Thursday, November 5th, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Come shop at the **Occasional Sale at Peace Place** and support a great cause!
25% of all sales proceeds will benefit Common Cup Ministry!
Bonus Savings!
50% OFF Fall Décor
50% OFF All Long Pants
Shop for great deals while helping make a difference in our community. You won't want to miss it!

30 Days of Thankfulness
November is **30 Days of Thankfulness Month!** Check out the 30-day calendar on the Common Cup bulletin board (in the ramp way) for 30 days of ideas to help meet the needs of individuals and families throughout McLeod County.

Whether you donate a single item or fill a bag, box, or basket, every contribution makes a difference! Donations may be dropped off in the church Commons Area. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share God's love with our neighbors in need! www.common-cup.org

Taxi Service

The taxi continues to deliver our worshipers to services. The cost continues to be high. We can't cover the entire cost from "coffee' money. Some are so very generous and some still expect it to be free for some reason or figure $1 covers two coffees and treats. Donations are welcome and very needed. The riders can donate too, whatever is possible. It is good to see our friends come to worship with us. Welcome.

Mission Quilting

Mission quilting has begun again and we meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm. If you have wondered what we do, please join us just to have a look see. We can talk and tie at the same time and look forward to showing you the ropes. Thank you.

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

The McLeod Zone Fall Rally was held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. The speaker was Pastor Mark Biebighauser from Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. His topic was "The Importance of the Table". There were 35 in attendance. Gifts from the Heart was a food item or cash for the Food Shelf. $359 and numerous food items were collected. Mites collected totaled $275.95 and the offering for the District was $352. A delicious lunch was served.

MITE PROGRESS REPORT

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

As of June 30, 2026 mites collected for the LWML National biennium Mission Goal is $71,321.98. The Mission Goal is $2,622,270.00. Mites still needed to meet the goal is $1,612,631.15

Bloodmobile will be here on Tuesday, November 10th, from Noon - 6:00 p.m. in the Peace Center

It's always the second Tuesday of the month. The Bloodmobile is still doing well and always welcomes new donors. The need for blood continues. Disasters anywhere in the US means they are probably not able to have their regular blood drives and they count on us. We can do this. Just call Shirley for an appointment at 320-587-5064. Appointments can also be made on line at redcrossblood.org

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

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

We are not sure if they will be offering these classes anymore at Peace Lutheran in 2028, so if you are interested please sign up now.

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

Proceeds from the October 1st occasional sale were $3,779.41. One-half went toward debt reduction, (which will be matched by the Congregational Fund), one-quarter to building and maintenance, and one-quarter, $944.85 to Safe Avenues. We are so blessed to have such faithful volunteers, amazing donors, and shoppers. The next drop-off dates are October 26th and November 23rd from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Volunteers will also accept donations on **Monday mornings from 10:00-noon**. We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor, especially Christmas and winter 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 sale is November 5th from 10:00 a.m-6:00 p.m. November specials are 50% off slacks and jeans store-wide and Fall décor. One-quarter of November sales will benefit Common Cup.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting September 8, 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, Dean Kirchoff

AGENDA
Welcome
Opening Prayer and Devotion–Psalm 100
Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dean to approve the August 11, 2026 minutes with correction to monies raised from the administrator/ office report from August 2026. Second by Gary. Motion carried.

Reports
1. Pastor's Report: Next week is Rally Sunday / Rally Week! Programs will be starting! Exciting news! Bible studies are starting–a new one, a 2 years bible study "Crossways" will begin. Check out Facebook or the webpage to sign up. Pastor Miller and Weber will be starting a new sermon series. Discussion of how our church can continue to grow, change and try new things.
2. Administrator/Office Report: Sharing of quarterly financial updates for PLC was discussed.
$3509.88 was raised from the September Occasional Sales. Half of this, which is $1754.94, goes to the debt, which is going to be matched by the Congregational Fund. $877.47 will be given to both the food shelf and maintenance/utilities.
Telephone/internet bill is dropping down to saving $2600 per year and internet speed will be faster! Exciting!
$113,466.00 is left on debt. Sept. 16th the balance will be under $100,000! So blessed we are!
3. Treasurer's Report: Justin shared the P & L sheet from January - August 2026. Sprinkler system has been checked. Piping was checked as well. Both are doing well right now.
Discussion on organ maintenance.
4. Elder's Report: The elders report was shared.
5. Youth programming update: No report available.

Old Business
1. LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training) training, scheduled for 10/3/26. Begins at 9:00. There will also be lunch. If you want to know more about it, the first hour is just informational before the training begins.
a. All ages welcome to attend

b. Website taking sign-ups: lcms-lert.org Cost is $20 per person

2. Church directory: Sue shared that all information has been submitted, final proof will be done by the end of September and books should be in hands my November 1, 2026.

3. Guiding Light update: By October, 14 students should be enrolled. They are looking for a new director as well. Continue to pray for this program…a lot of hard work is going into this.

New Business
1. Set congregational meeting date: February 7, 2027 @ 11:30.
a. Debt free meeting for congregation with Congo Fund and Trustees
Adjourn @

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 13. Kim Borka will be absent. Minutes will be taken by another board member.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship/Communion 9:40am Crossways 9:40am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am 9-12th grades "Inside Teen Talks"	2 10:00am Prayer chain Grief Share 4:00pm-5:30pm	3 6:45-7:45am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Women's Bible Study 3:00pm Godly Citizens 6:00pm Women Talk 6:30pm Elders	4 Early Release – No Tiger Tweens 10:00am Body & Soul 11:45am-1pm Lunch/Crossways 1:00pm Youth Handbells 2:30-4:30pm Confirmation 4:30pm Youth 6-8th grades 5:00pm Choir/6:00pm Handbells	5 Occasional Sale 10:00am-6:00pm	6	7 6:30pm Worship
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YOUTH HANDBELLS

Thank you to all of our outstanding young bell ringers!

We are so blessed by your musical talents!

All students are welcome, so please let Dr. Joan know if you wish to join us. We meet during early release times after school.

Our next rehearsal is November 4th and we will play November 8th at 8:30am.

We will also play for the Children's Christmas program on December 13th.