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# Peace Lutheran Church

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### **PB&J DRIVE – HELP US STOCK THE SHELVES!**

Peanut butter and jelly is a staple for kids, and it's yummy too! Pick up your favorite peanut butter and jelly to bless kids with lunch or an after-school snack. All PB&J Drive donations in the 91.9 FM listening community will support St. Joseph Food Program to help bless families in need.

Collection boxes are located  
in the Narthex.



### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

The Social Ministry Board is requesting donations of school supplies during the month of August. Pens, pencils, markers, crayons, note books, binders, boxes of Kleenex / tissue, etc. Donated items will be given to Trinity Lutheran school in Menasha.



### **VACANCY PASTOR**

Pastor Hintz's office hours are by appointment. Please contact him by text, voicemail or email to schedule an in-person appointment.

### **Pastor David Hintz.**

Please call the church office for phone number/email address.



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Worship Services:  
Saturdays: 5:00pm  
Sundays: 9:00am

## What Are You Doing With What You've Been Given?

Jesus tells a powerful story in Matthew 25:14–30. A master goes on a journey and entrusts his servants with his property—five talents to one, two to another, and one to a third. When the master returns, he finds that two of the servants have put those talents to work. They've doubled what they were given. The third buried his talent. He returned it, untouched and unused.

That parable still speaks to us today.

You've been given something. Whether it's a skill, a voice, time, experience, a way with people, a heart for organization, or hands that serve—you have something. Some of you have a lot. Some may think you have very little. But the question isn't how much. The question is: What are you doing with what you've been given?

### A Challenge to Multiply

In the business world, leaders talk about “multipliers.” These are people who share what they know and raise up others around them. They don't keep their skills to themselves. They build capacity. They strengthen teams. They make others better.

That's what we need in our church family.  
We need people who are ready to multiply.  
We need people who will serve.  
People who will mentor.  
People who will invite others in.  
People who will help shape the future of Peace Lutheran.

### As September Approaches...

This fall, we'll begin looking for members to serve on our church boards. Our Constitution lays out those boards—Elders, Trustees, Evangelism, Stewardship, Education, and more. Each of these boards carries real responsibilities. They serve the church in different but connected ways.

We are now looking for:

- People to serve on these boards
- People to help find others who can serve

You may not feel qualified. You may never have served before. But don't count yourself out.

- Are you good with numbers? The Stewardship Board or Finance roles may be right for you.
- Do you care about visitors and welcoming others? Evangelism or Social Ministry could use your voice.
- Are you passionate about kids or teaching? The Board of Education needs you.
- Do you quietly help behind the scenes? The Trustees will put you to work.
- Do you care deeply about our spiritual life together? Elders and Worship support that mission.

There is something for everyone.

### What's Holding You Back?

I want to ask you directly:

What is keeping you from serving?

Is it time? Confidence? Feeling like your skills aren't useful in a church setting? Let me know.

We can work through that. We can talk about what's realistic. We can help you find a good fit. What matters is a willing heart.

Just like the parable, we are not all given the same talents. But we are all called to use what we've been given.

### The Church is Looking

As we continue our search for a new pastor, we are also looking for something else. We are looking for people who want to make the church whole again. Not just through preaching or teaching, but through service, teamwork, and faithful presence. We need your help to steward what God has given us.

We are not just keeping the doors open.  
We are building something.  
A future for our children.  
A place for the hurting.  
A community rooted in the Word of God.

Will you pray about where your talents belong?  
Will you step up—or help someone else step up?  
Let's not bury what we've been given.  
Let's multiply it.

*Warm Regards,*  
**Tim Florek, Chairman of the Congregation**



## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE, AUGUST 2025

The Chairman of the Congregation has contacted Pastor to extend the Pastoral Call.  
Pastor has replied with an acknowledgement of the Pastoral Call. He anticipates providing a decision by Sunday, August 3rd.



If you have questions about the process or the candidates, please ask a Call Committee member: Kathy Ehlert, Megan Florek, Evan Gawron, Don McDermott, Jim Piepenbrink or Kim Rabideau.

Please continue to pray for our church, the Pastor and his family, and our Call Process.

### PEACE MISSION GUILD HAPPENINGS:

#### PMG AUGUST GATHERING

Liz Jenz's presentation has been postponed. Please watch the Weekly News for the rescheduled date and time.



The **2025 Fall Retreat** will be held from **September 26 - 27, 2025** at Embassy Suites by Hilton MKE/ Brookfield, 1200 S Moorland RD, Brookfield, WI 53005.

**SEPTEMBER 26-27**

#### August Birthdays

Barb Bergner	8/4
Becca Thomas	8/4
Lois Dailey	8/11
Anne Wilson	8/17
Barb Kaun	8/21
Shari Brennan	8/27



You can't pour from an empty cup,  
**refill** with weekend worship.



**summer  
worship  
schedule**

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 9:00am

Communion at both services

Online livestream on YouTube



## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers for this upcoming school year. Please contact Caitlin Vanden Bloomer or Betsy Ehler for more information. Make a positive difference in the Christian Education of our youth!

## DEACONESS VISIT—POSTPONED

Deaconess Liz Jentz will be presenting on her deaconess internship in Tasmania, Australia where she served at St Peter's Lutheran Church for the month of March. She will share her deaconess duties both at the church and the school, the current affairs of the Lutheran Church of Australia, promotion of the deaconess role in Australia, and some pictures of the land, sunsets, and animals of Tasmania, Australia. **Please watch the Weekly News and monthly newsletter for the rescheduled date and join us as we hear about the land down under from a Lutheran perspective.**



## EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Education Scholarship Applications are now available. The completed applications are due in the church office **no later than August 5th**. Scholarships are available for Lutheran elementary/high school and college.

**AUGUST 5**



## CHURCH UPHOLSTERY AND CARPET CLEANING

The church upholstery will be cleaned on **Thursday, August 7th** and the carpets will be cleaned on **Friday, August 8th**. Some areas and rooms in the church may have limited access or be unavailable on those days. We suggest limiting visits to the church on those days due to extra cleaning personnel and equipment in the building.

**AUGUST 7 & 8**



## SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group is open to anyone who would like to attend. We usually meet in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fun group with varied levels of seamstresses, and we are always willing to share our knowledge if you need help with a project. Call Linda Bradley for more info. **Sewing Group will meet Wednesday, August 13th, 9:00am-Noon.**

**AUGUST 13**





### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursday, August 14th at 6:30pm.**

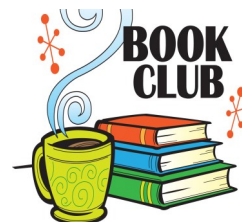
**Thursday, August 28th at 6:30pm.**

**AUGUST 14 & 28**

### **BOOK CLUB**

Book club meetings are the **3rd Wednesday of each month.**

Our next meeting will be **August 20th at 10:00am** in the church library.



**AUGUST 20**

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

With preparations for the upcoming school year, please watch the Weekly News and announcements for any days in August with office hours changes.

**The church office will be closed Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.**



**SEPTEMBER 1**

### **SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

Young and vivacious Chelsea Irwin, serving the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Eurasia region as missionary coordinator for volunteer opportunities will visit Peace. Based out of Český Těšín, Czech Republic, she works with LCMS missionaries and local church partners to place and send volunteers to serve in Eurasia. Chelsea seeks to challenge volunteers to live out the Great Commission by viewing each day as a mission trip.



**NOVEMBER 9**

From 2010–2019, she served as a volunteer at Jawornik English Camp in Jawornik, Poland, where she taught English, Bible stories and music to middle school students. She also served as an LCMS missionary in Bohumín, Czech Republic, for a year and a half (2020–2021). Chelsea has worked with LCMS missionaries Ben and Rebecca Helge, who visited Peace in May.

Give thanks to God for the faithful service of Chelsea who supports the Synod's mission efforts in Eurasia. Pray that God would guide those who are prayerfully considering being a volunteer.

**Chelsea will be here at Peace on Sunday, November 9th. Plan to participate in her visit.**

### **NO 5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP IN AUGUST**

Even though August has five Sundays, a 5th Sunday Fellowship will not be held on Sunday, August 31st due to Labor Day weekend. We look forward to fellowship together on Sunday, November 30th at 8:00am.

**NOVEMBER 30**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**VBS 2026 will be held June 8th—12th.**

Reserve those dates on next year's calendar.

**JUNE 8-12, 2026**





## YOUNG ADULT / FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study will meet the **4th Saturday of each month**. Everyone is welcome, and we especially want families with children to feel welcome to join us! We use the Lutheran Study Bible for our readings, the cliff notes and discussions. Following the study and discussion is some time for a group fellowship activity that includes all in attendance, including any children and youth. There is no homework for this study! Just bring yourself and come join us in reading God's Word!

**We will not be meeting in August.**

Contact Rebecca Doyle with any questions,  
or if you would be willing to serve by watching the young children during the study portion of the morning.



**YEAH OWLS** YEAH! The **OWLS** have landed and we're having a **HOOT!!!**  
**Y**(young) **E**(especially) **A**(at) **H**(heart) **O**(older) **W**(wiser) **L**(livelier) **S**(saints).

Have you HEARD the news? YEAH OWLS  
will resume on **Thursday, September 18th**.  
Mark your calendars and watch for more details.



## FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

In thankfulness for God's gracious benefits to us, and in answer to the questions in Romans 10, *How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?*, the following missions and missionaries have been supported to preach the Good News:



January – LCMS Joint Seminary Fund

February and May – Amy Formella, Lutheran Bible Translator in Sierra Leone

March – A Place of Refuge a *Crisis Pregnancy Advocacy Service and Shelter*,  
LCMS South Wisconsin District (SWD) Recognized Service Organization (RSO)  
Camp LuWiSoMo LCMS SWD RSO

April – Rev. Samuel & Erica Bobby, LCMS Missionaries to Latvia  
Hmong Ministry at Trinity Lutheran, Oshkosh

May – LCMS Disaster Relief

June – Chelsea Irwin, LCMS missionary in the Czech Republic/Eurasia  
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) RSO

July – Lutheran Counseling & Family Services WI RSO  
Lutherans for Life (LFL) RSO

## 2025 SHIFT DEVOTIONALS

### Serving Him In Faithful Testament

**SHIFT** was introduced in July 2024. We continue our journey examining these concepts through devotions each week in 2025. **You can find these half sheet devotions on the back credenza in the narthex.** These selections are intended to continue to promote total commitment to using what God has given us according to His purposes and to further the mission of our church. They are a perfect size to share with others outside of church too!

### 2025 SHIFT DEVOTIONS FULL-YEAR COLLECTION

Please let Kathy Ehler or the church office know if you are interested in a booklet containing the full-year collection of the **SHIFT** Devotions for 2025.



### TIMELESS TREASURES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Summer break is a great time to make crafts.  
**The Christmas Bazaar is only 4 months away!**

Here are some suggestions of items that sell well:

Knitted or crocheted scarves

Knitted, crocheted or quilted baby blankets

Potholders and aprons

Wooden items such as cutting boards, coasters, etc.

Hand sewn items

Jewelry

Candles

The list is endless. So, put on your thinking caps and start crafting!



## SERVE GOD WITH YOUR TALENTS

### LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN CHURCH?

Want to make a difference for the church and your community?

Here are a few ways to make an impact . . .

**Coffee**—Coffee Fellowship after service on Sundays is always appreciated. Instructions are provided. Treats are optional and not expected. The sign-up sheet is on the coffee bar.

**Greeters**—Greeting our members and guests before services on Saturdays and/or Sundays welcomes our community into our church family. 2025 sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the middle hallway across from the library.

**Counting**—Assisting in counting the weekly offerings is an appreciated volunteer opportunity. Instructions and guidance are provided. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the middle hallway.

**Altar Flowers**—Altar flowers have a long tradition of adding beauty, color and life into church. The sign-up sheet, order slips and envelopes are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hallway.

*Volunteers are the*  
**HEART**  
*of our church*

CAUTION!!! GARDEN HOSE GUARD

Please drive slowly and carefully over the garden hose guard that is across our parking lot this summer to nourish our Compassion Garden. Driving too quickly can shift the guard and twist the hose underneath.



COMMUNICATION CARDS

Please remember to fill out the communication cards for each service you attend. Print clearly and include the names of all family members and visitors. This helps us with service attendance analytics in our members software and the annual LCMS statistical reporting. Thank you!

Death: Joyce Wolf, August 23-1930—July 16, 2025

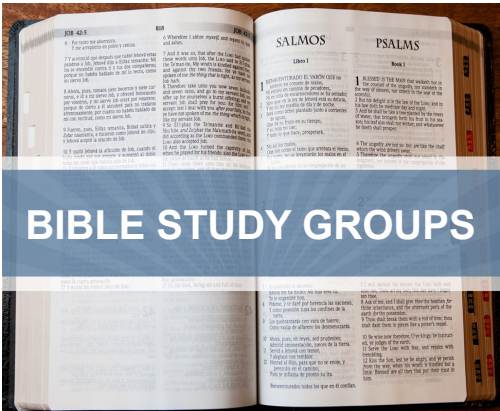
Total Baptized members:	377	Men:	179
Total Confirmed members:	326	Women:	202
Households:	226		



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

A variety of Bible study groups are available here at Peace Lutheran Church. Please join us at the one(s) that fit best into your schedule.

Adult Bible study is offered:  
Sunday mornings after church at 10:30am with Pastor;  
Wednesday mornings at 6:00am;  
Thursday mornings at 9:30am with Pastor;



Men's Bible Study takes place the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30pm;  
Young Adult/Family Bible Study will be the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00am-11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Please consider attending one of our current Bible study offerings. Not only is it a way to spend devotional and learning time with our Lord, you will also be blessed spending time in fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. We are stronger together.

Also, there is discussion of starting a Women's Bible study. If you are interested in joining, have feedback on content selection, or would like to volunteer as a leader, please reach out to the Board of Education or Rebecca Doyle. We will need leaders willing to step up. Thank you and Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: WHEN HOSPITALIZED

Please contact the church office if you incur hospitalization. Hospitals no longer automatically call on your behalf.





## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Rally Day will be celebrated Sunday, September 7th.**

Planning has begun for this upcoming year's Sunday School.

Teachers, if you are willing to return, or anyone who is interested in helping with Sunday School this upcoming year, please contact Caitlin Vanden Bloomer or Betsy Ehlert.



**SEPT 7**



## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED

How can you serve in our church? One way is in the Senior High Youth Room. Currently there are no youth leaders for the Fall. These high school youth need faithful servants to lead them and guide them. These young people are the future of our church and amazing individuals. Please see anyone from the Board of Education if you have interest, as we need to secure positions very soon.

Please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity for these youth.

**Sunday School begins in September. Please help us fill this need in our church education program.**



## SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up poster is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hallway. Weekends throughout the year are available to honor and celebrate your special dates. Altar flowers bring beauty, life and color into church and remind us of the world created by God. Flower sponsorship pink slips and payments can be enclosed in the Altar Flower envelopes and placed in the offering basket or brought to the office. **Please consider sponsoring Altar Flowers this year.**



## THE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR (L.Y.N.) FUND

For several years, members of the congregation have been helping each other through the LYN Fund. This Fund was started many years ago as a vehicle to facilitate anonymous financial gifts from member to member. Not even the pastor knows who forwarded the gift. This is an excellent way of helping an individual or family in times of crisis. Envelopes with instructions can be found on the bulletin board in the middle hallway across from the library. The LYN Fund has been used often since its inception.

## LIVESTREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Find our livestream services on YouTube at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

Search Peace Neenah. Click on the image of our cross for our

page with videos and livestreams. [www.youtube.com/@peaceneenah426](http://www.youtube.com/@peaceneenah426)



## PEACE NEENAH ON FACEBOOK

Connect with us on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/peaceneenah](http://www.facebook.com/peaceneenah)

**Like our page.\*** Watch for posts with news, events and updates.

Share our events with family and friends.

**(\*Please note, our current Facebook page is not a "friend request" page.**

**That older page is online, however will not be processing friend requests.)**



**JUNE 2025 & YTD INCOME & EXPENSE FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER**  
**PREPARED BY LOREN WAHL, TREASURER, JULY 14, 2025**

**\$ 27,825 June Budget (anticipated expenses)**

\$ 30,911 Actual June Income

\$ 21,894 Actual June Expenses

**\$ 9,017**

**\$ 166,949 YTD Budget (anticipated expenses)**

\$ 205,366 Actual YTD Income

\$ 140,406 Actual YTD Expenses

**\$ 64,960**



**Summary:**

Financial reports are posted in the central hallway.

2025 Jan-June giving is \$24,705 below 2024 Jan-June.

Cash reserves are slightly increasing due to the pastoral vacancy.

During your estate planning, please consider a gift to Peace's Endowment Fund.

**QUESTION:**

**Following a Communion service, what are the prescribed means for the disposal of the consecrated wine and wafers?**

**Answer ... according to [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org):**

"To begin, care should be taken that inordinate amounts of bread and wine are not consecrated at each service, but rather just what is needed for that service.

While Scripture does not tell us whether Christ's body and blood are still present in the bread and wine after Communion, we should still treat what remains with greatest reverence.

The point here is to recognize the fact that these elements were used in the service to deliver our Lord's very body and blood to us. How we treat them after the service should never lose sight of that great mystery of faith.

There are two places to find helpful information on this topic. One is Section B.2.c. of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations' 1983 document titled, [\*Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper\*](#).  
*B.2.c. Post Communion Reverence*

*The consecrated elements which remain after all have communed should be treated with reverence. This reverence has been expressed by Lutherans in various ways. Some have followed the ancient practice of burning the bread and pouring the wine upon the earth. Others have established a basin and drain-piscina-specifically for disposal for the wine. The elders or altar guild may also return the consecrated bread and wine to specific containers for future sacramental use, or the elders and pastor can consume the remaining elements. All of these practices should be understood properly. The church is not, thereby, conferring upon the elements some abiding status apart from their use in the Lord's Supper itself."*



## 2025 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you! We are so grateful to everyone who helped make the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast a huge success. Thanks to your hard work and generosity, we served over 300 people! Your support makes a difference for our youth, and we truly appreciate each and every one of you. **Thank you for showing up, serving with joy and inviting the community into our church!**



**Thank you to Hannah Davies and Sam Davies** who did a wonderful job organizing, coordinating and putting so much time and effort into this community outreach event.

## SCRIP NEWS—AUGUST 2025



**Yes, back to school season is coming!** With summer soon coming to a close and a busy, new routine on the horizon, there's so much to do—and so many ways to earn rebates. When you shop for your school essentials using gift cards from RaiseRight, you can raise funds to benefit Peace Lutheran Church very easily. Before you head out to shop for new school clothes and supplies, quick and easy meals, or a home office restock, remember to take a look at the many available brands we offer to turn every purchase into earnings.



Our Look Book is located on the Welcome Desk where SCRIP is sold. Check it out! We appreciate your cooperation and participation in our SCRIP gift card program which currently supports our Youth Group and Lutheran Education Scholarships. If you are interested or have any questions about SCRIP... please contact Kathy Ehlert.

## COMPASSION GARDEN – THANK YOU 2025 PICKERS

As the garden begins to thrive, the harvest will be upon us before we know it. The Board of Social Ministry organizes picking and deliver of produce each year. We appreciate everyone who has volunteered to work in our Compassion Garden this year. Please pray for a bountiful harvest and the ability to help others with this outreach opportunity.



**\*Please remember that shoes worn in the garden may not be worn in the church building. If you plan on coming into the building during or after gardening, please leave your shoes outside or bring a clean pair of shoes or sandals to change into. Thank you.**

## PRAYER GROUP MEETS ON SUNDAYS

There is a **Prayer Group that meets on Sundays** immediately after service in the choir area. This group is open for all. Prayer request cards are located on the back credenza in the Narthex and can be placed in the provided box or brought to the office.



**SUNDAYS**

## THE ANTS GO MARCHING . . . let's keep them outside.

Please remember to wash all kitchen items after use and keep the kitchen counters, sink, floor and trash cans clean after any kitchen use to help prevent ants from being drawn indoors.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REACHING OUT . . . SERVING JESUS . . . CELEBRATING HIS LOVE

**Bible Study**

Sundays 10:30am

Wednesdays 6:00am

Thursdays 9:30am

Men's 6:30pm

(2nd & 4th Thurs/month)

Young Adult/Family

10:30am (4th Sat/month)

**Sunday School**

Sundays 10:30am

(September-May)

**Service Livestreams**

**on YouTube**

Peace Neenah

