



# PEACE OFFERINGS

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From Pastor Jones

## “Luther on the Gospel”

Peace Lutheran Church  
*Worshipping, Gathering, Serving*

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### Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*“We at Peace Lutheran Church are developing passionate disciples of Jesus Christ according to the Word: gathering together in community, worshipping the Triune God, and ministering to the needs of others.”*

### Worship Service Time

Sun. Worship at 9:15 A.M.

Sun. Education Hour

(September through May)

at 10:30 A.M.

### Staff

Pastor:

**Rev. Steven Jones**

Office Administrator:

**Kathy Bencker**

Organist & Director of Music:

**Leah Galaudet**

Peace Choir and Hand Bell Director:

**Grace Maunula**

Peace Praise Singers:

**Leah Galaudet & Annie Pitschka**

Parish Nurse:

**Melissa Jones**

Youth Director:

**Katrina Schmidt**

In this month in which we celebrate Martin Luther beginning the Reformation with his “95 Theses,” I thought it might be interesting to see how He himself ended his part in the Reformation. This excerpt from his last preached sermon before his death speaks to how people’s wisdom leads them to honor the corrupt and corrupt the honorable. In other words, I think people today continue to chase with frenzy after God, refusing to see Him where He chooses to appear: Word and Sacrament ministry in your own local church.

“In times past we would have run to the ends of the world if we had known of a place where we could have heard God speak. But now that we hear this every day in sermons, indeed, now that all books are full of it, we do not see this happening.

“You hear at home in your house, father and mother and children sing and speak of it, the preacher speaks of it in the parish church — you ought to lift up your hands and rejoice that we have been given the honor of hearing God speaking to us through his Word.

“Oh, people say, what is that? After all, there is preaching every day, often many times every day, so that we soon grow weary of it. What do we get out of it? All right, go ahead, dear brother, if you don’t want God to speak to you every day at home in your house and in your parish church, then be wise and look for something else; in Trier is our Lord God’s coat, in Aachen are Joseph’s pants and our blessed Lady’s chemise; go there and squander your money, buy indulgence and the pope’s secondhand junk; these are valuable things! You have to go far for these things and spend a lot of money; leave house and home standing idle!

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Pastor's article continued:



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

You can still sign your kids up for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year! All kids ages 3—12th grade are invited to participate. Sunday School will be held each Sunday. Registration forms can be done on the Peace website [www.peacelutheranmn.org](http://www.peacelutheranmn.org). We are going to have a great year!

“But aren't we stupid and crazy, yes, blinded and possessed by the devil? There sits the decoy duck in Rome with his bag of tricks, luring to himself the whole world with its money and goods, and all the while anybody can go to baptism, the sacrament, and the pulpit! How highly honored and richly blessed we are to know that God speaks with us and feeds us with his Word, gives us his baptism and the keys. [absolution] But these barbarous, godless people say: What, baptism, sacrament, God's Word? — Joseph's pants, that's what does it! It is the devil in the world who makes the high personages, the emperor and the kings, oblivious to such things and causes them to allow themselves to be so grossly duped and fooled and bespattered with filth by these first-class rascals and liars, the pope and his tonsured shavelings. But we should listen to God's Word, which tells us that he is our schoolmaster, and have nothing to do with Joseph's pants or the pope's juggling tricks.

**Yes, even today I meet people who say, “If only I could see God, hear God, feel and experience God, then I'd believe and change.” But He is there, I tell them, right in your local Word and Sacrament.**

## ADULT EDUCATION

Pastor Steve is leading Sunday morning Adult Education classes in the Fellowship Hall after worship service. Check out the bulletin for more information.

**JOIN US** for Bible study in the Parish Center on Wednesdays at 10:00 am.



**BLOOD DRIVE** – The Crystal VFW, 5222 Bass Lake Rd, is having a blood drive on Tues., **October 3rd** from 2-8 pm. You can sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call (763)5379914. Walk-ins are also welcome. Tell them you are with Peace!. Blood banks are seriously short of blood. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. Dave Minke, Board of Missions and Outreach.

**Faith & Blue Fall Festival** - NEAR's 2nd Annual fall festival with the Crystal Police Dept. will be held at NEAR on Saturday, October 7th from Noon to 2pm. Come and join us for food and fun. Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

## DON'T KEEP YOUR LOVE IN A BOX!

Mark records: *'A woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume...She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, 'Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold...and the money given to the poor.' And they rebuked her harshly. 'Leave her alone,' said Jesus...'She has done a beautiful thing ...The poor you will always have with you...But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. I tell you... wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her'* (Mark 14:3-9 NIV).

Joseph of Arimathea brought a hundred pounds of ointment to embalm Jesus after He was dead, and not a word of praise is spoken about it in Scripture. This woman brought one pound of ointment and poured it on Him while He was still living, and Jesus pointed out two things: a) *'She did what she could.'* Acts of kindness are usually not about doing great things, but about doing small things with great love b) *'What she has done will also be told, in memory of her.'* What will you be remembered for, a life of service or self-centeredness?

If you think good things about someone, tell them. Go out of your way to fill their lives with joy while there's still time. Those expressions of appreciation, those words of forgiveness, that special gift you've had in mind, give it while you can. Don't keep your love in a box!

### PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me to do acts of kindness to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen**

**Tim Hetzner, Ambassador for Spiritual Growth**

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## PUT YOUR LOVE IN A BOX!

After reading the above article it really hit home for me! I immediately thought of our Mite boxes! You CAN keep your love in a box, but only for a SHORT time and then it goes out to show love and caring to millions of people all around the world. Every penny you put in your Mite box is your act of love for someone in need.

Let's show our LOVE IN A BOX!

Kathy Bencker

WOP Representative

\*get your Mite box from Kathy.

\*\* See Sherry Kroll's article on page 8 for more information on mites!



**Women of Peace**, (an LWML Society) invites you to the FALL CONFERENCE RALLY at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am with registration. Child care will be available. If you would like to carpool from **church** please see Kathy Bencker. Tickets are \$10.00. Rev. Chou Vang, pastor at Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church will be the speaker. Lunch will be served after the Rally. Nancy Wadsworth has tickets.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

Rosalie Nemitz.....	October 3
Joshua Vogt.....	October 5
Miranda Tomperi.....	October 7
Augustus Wrayee.....	October 7
Susan Torgerson.....	October 4
Melissa Jones.....	October 9
Jessica Louise Olson.....	October 9
Maryann Faye Thomas .....	October 10
Joseph Robert Huber .....	October 11
Chelsea Mohs .....	October 14
P.J. Pitschka.....	October 14
Jenna Marie Johnson.....	October 17
Fritz Ehlers .....	October 19
Steve James Galaudet .....	October 19
Cassi Ann Schwalbe .....	October 19
David William Dufner.....	October 21
Preston Anthony White .....	October 21
Heather MacPherson .....	October 22
Alexander Dufner .....	October 23
Bill Oliver Niederloh.....	October 24
Katrina Jane Schmidt .....	October 26
Aiden Haag .....	October 27
Kurt Niederloh.....	October 27
Nick Michael Allshouse.....	October 28
Ethan Michael White.....	October 28
Adrian Audrey Steinbach.....	October 28
Jason Alan Zimmermann.....	October 30



## OCTOBER 15TH IS OUR MONTHLY POTLUCK!

Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share. All food should be brought to the kitchen with instructions on what needs to be done with the dish...ie...keep warm, bake at 350 degrees, etc. Please keep in mind also that there are members who are gluten free and vegetarian ...

**Women of Peace** will once again be responsible for the Potlucks.

**Women of Peace Rep. Kathy Bencker IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU CAN HELP** give her a call at: 763-957-0785(cell) or 763-533-0570 (church) or sign up on the sheet. See Kathy to sign up. ANY help is appreciated!

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY!!!

**After potluck this month Women of Peace would like to invite you to:**

**“Make fleece tie blankets for NEAR's 2023 Toy Distribution Event;** We appreciate the many church groups are in the process of making these blankets for this year's event. Our goal is to have around 550 blankets available at the event in December!! Thank you for considering helping as we strive to have blankets for all that might need them! “

Plan to stay for a **short time** to help us cut and tie blankets. There is no sewing involved! Anyone can help!

See Kathy Bencker if you have questions.

## Board of Worship

Check out the beautiful new banners enhancing the Chancel. They were made possible from money given in memory of member Arlou Wicks.

There are many opportunities to serve our church. If you would be willing to be a

Greeter,

Usher,

Lector,



Communion Assistant

or

Communion Preparation

please let Bill Lindig, Director, Board of Worship, know!

## Board of Congregational Ministries

### Reconnect Project

PASTOR JONES, KAREN PITSCHKA AND I HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (PLC) MEMBERSHIP TO REACH OUT TO THOSE MEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN INACTIVE FOR THE PAST 1-2 YEARS OR MORE. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO TALK WITH THEM BY TELEPHONE, BY IN-PERSON VISITS OR BY LETTER TO DISCUSS THEIR SPIRITUAL STATUS WITH PLC. THIS WILL BE A LENGTHY PROCESS BUT A NECESSARY ONE TO ENCOURAGE THOSE ABSENT MEMBERS AND UPDATE OUR RECORDS AT THE SAME TIME. WE WILL BE PERIODICALLY PRINTING A SHORT LIST IN THE BULLETIN AND/OR NEWSLETTER WITH THE NAMES OF MEMBERS WHO WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT ASKING IF YOU KNOW THEIR CURRENT SITUATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN A MORE MEANINGFUL WAY OR HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE LET PASTOR, KAREN OR I KNOW.

WE WILL BE OFFERING A BIBLE STUDY/ TRAINING ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

KAYE LINDIG, DIRECTOR, BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES



BRING-A-FRIEND-TO-CHURCH  
COMING...  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH!

# SERVING OCTOBER 2023

## Greeters:

01 Dave Neumann, Liz Reiter  
08 Kathy Bencker, Jeff Niederloh  
15 Berit Gerhardson, Nancy Wadsworth  
22 Berit Gerhardson, Liz Reiter  
29 Sherry Kroll, Kathy Bencker

## Communion Preparation:

08 Bill Lindig-(rail)  
22 Dale & Dar Hauschildt-(cont.)  
29 Dan Mast

## Lector/Communion Assistants:

01 Cole Haaland  
08 Bill Lindig  
15 Kathy Bencker  
22 Gary Schmidt, Bill Lindig (asst.)  
29 Nancy Wadsworth, Jeff Niederloh (asst.)

## Ushers:

Team 1: LeoTomperi, Quinn Haaland,  
Dale Hauschildt  
Team 2. Dan Mast, John Reiter III,  
John Reiter ,Jr., Augustus Wrayee  
Team 3: Steve Van Tassel, Bob Wadsworth,  
Gary Schmidt, Jim Hald  
Team 5: Dave Neumann, Randy Theil,  
Dave Minke, Ray Vomhof

OCT. 01 Team 3  
08 Team 2  
15 Team 5  
22 Team 1  
29 Team 3

## Altar Guild

Joanna and Stacy

## Worship Video Recording

Katrina Schmidt, Vicky Frank



Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship after the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month down in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to donate treats and help with serving and clean up please let Vicky Frank know. 612-232-3401.

## Trunk or Treat is coming!

Save the date: Saturday, October 28th from 4:00-6:00pm.

This is a great event for us to provide a family night for our neighbors! Adults and kids of every age are invited to get involved by hosting a trunk/game. Our goal is 20 trunks! We will also need volunteers for the registration booth and snack station. Find more details and sign up in the narthex! Questions?

Ask Annie Pitschka

## *October Recognizes Bone and Joint Awareness*

A woman's risk of breaking a hip is equal to her risk of developing breast cancer, uterine and ovarian cancer *combined*, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation website.

This is why Peace Lutheran Church is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. The screenings provided include an ultrasound of the heel, which is a first-rung osteoporosis risk test. This is an important test to take during October, a month dedicated to recognizing bone and joint disorders such as osteoporosis.

Screenings include tests to check for blocked carotid arteries, atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Nearly 800,000 strokes will occur this year.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and PAD, also called "hardening of the arteries" in the legs. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-844-591-7160 or go to <https://lisa.social/HC> or text the word **circle** to 216-279-1607. Pre-registration is required.



## **Life Line Screening**, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Peace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

### **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

### **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>1</sup>

### **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

### **Atrial Fibrillation**

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>

OR call Kathy Bencker in the church office with questions-763-533-0570.



On Sunday, October 15th we will celebrate LWML Sunday. The “official color” of this organization is PURPLE. We encourage everyone to wear purple on October 15th.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is an organization that has an emphasis on mission. Projects are chosen at the local, state and international level.

After the projects are approved, and the amounts of money needed, then the budgets are set. To my knowledge, every single mission project has been financed by the “Mighty Mites” given by congregations world wide...see the accompanying article for the history of “might Mites”

Submitted by Sherry Kroll

#### “MIGHTY MITES”

We’re all familiar with the account of Jesus’ comments about the widow’s mite.

At Jesus time, widows had a very different life from widows today! They couldn’t earn money. They relied on the generosity of family and community.

When the widow put her mite (a very small unit of money) in the offering box, she probably gave all she had.

LWML has adopted “Mighty Mites” as its logo for the change put into mite boxes. This change, multiplied by many people is used to support all the mission projects locally, nationally and across the world.

Please be generous with your mites on Potluck Sundays and help support our mission projects.

Submitted by Sherry Kroll

Mites can also be put in the offering plate. Put in a plastic bag and mark it MITES or you can give them to Tamara Foley, our society treasurer.

The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**, (LWML), also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Visit the website [www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) for upcoming events and a multitude of information about the Minnesota South District LWML

Our LWML Society is called Women of Peace. We are currently looking for a secretary to record notes at our board meetings. The current officers are, Kathy Bencker-(Interim) President, Tamara Foley-Treasurer, Nancy Wadsworth and Kathy Bencker-Delegates. If you would be will to serve in some capacity it would be an awesome chance to learn more about LWML and all they do here at Peace and in our Zone. Contact Kathy Bencker –763-957-0785– if you are willing to serve or if you have questions.



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<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.  
<sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
Psalm 65:11-12

