

NOVEMBER
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PEACE OFFERINGS

A publication of Peace Lutheran Church Robbinsdale

From Pastor Jones

“Reaching out”

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (Luke 15:1-7) Leaving the ninety-nine at risk to seek out the one at risk. Maybe that’s not what we would do. Or is it? Do we not have loads and loads of stories about heroism? Risk-taking? Service for others at one’s own personal expense? Maybe our society is more Christ-like than we think?

Talking to others does not seem very risky, but what if that ‘other’ is someone you used to know? Someone who ‘used’ to attend church at Peace but no longer does? Quite possibly, their falling away was the result of something said or done which hurt feelings or implied some slight. We have all felt that way. Talking to that ‘one of a hundred’ does take risk. It is not easy for all to do. Some of us have the gift for that kind of ministry, and some do not. But I encourage you to spend some time in prayer to see how you can help reach out to those who might have strayed from our congregation. What if it was you? The powerful Lord Jesus would indeed seek you. Even if He used someone else like you to do so.



Peace Lutheran Church
Worshipping, Gathering, Serving

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Tues. - Wed. 8:30am-3:30 pm

Thurs. 9:00am to 3:00pm

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office@peacelutheranmn.org

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

Parish Nurse:

Melissa Jones

Youth Director:

Katrina Schmidt

From Dale Hauschildt, Congregation President

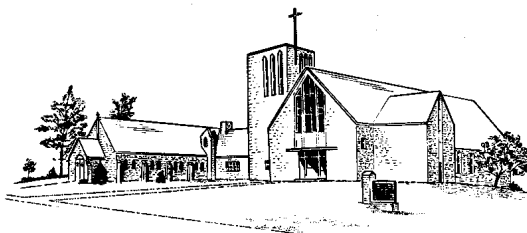
Earlier this summer it was determined that we had some pretty serious hail damage to our roofs. A claim was submitted and subsequently approved. The insurance adjuster estimated the cost to replace the shingles on our buildings at \$128,851.

Ron Billstrom, from the Board of Properties, has been working with the contractor and we have an agreement with them to start work as soon as the city of Robbinsdale issues the permits. It is estimated that the project will take 4-5 days. Hopefully, this will be completed by the week of October 23rd.

We have insurance to replace the shingles. Unfortunately, it doesn't cover all the cost. The Parish office building roof was insured on an actual cash value basis due to the age. Depreciation reduced the claim payment by approximately \$9,000. The Chapel and Sanctuary were insured under replacement cost value and not subject to depreciation. The insurance policy had a deductible of \$2,250. We also opted for upgraded shingle that is wind/hail resistant with a 20-year warranty. The additional cost for the upgrade is \$6,000.

The bottom line is this major improvement to our church is at a cost to Peace of almost \$18,000. While we have the funds to cover this expense, we are concerned about the trend of our income versus expenses this year. We also are expecting a substantial increase in our insurance premium this November. We are considering a fundraiser to cover this \$18,000 cost. This would leave our bank balance in a more comfortable position going forward. Please prayerfully consider any additional contributions that you can. Thank you for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact Dale with any questions-763-694-6159.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

New Banner & Yearly Theme: The 2023-2024 theme for Peace is **Live Through Him** based on 1 John 4:7-9 *"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him."* What does this mean? There is only one way to live a Christ-honoring life, and that is by faith. Living by faith applies to the past, present, and future of a Christian's life. It means believing in what Christ did on the cross, what He is doing in you now, and what He will do in the future. The banner up front in the Sanctuary was painted by the Sunday School Youth and Teachers on Rally Day to remind us to live through Him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages 3-12th grade are encouraged to join Sunday School! Classes are held at 10:30 am after worship.



ADULT EDUCATION

Pastor Steve is leading Sunday morning Adult Education classes in the Fellowship Hall after worship service.

Schedule:

- November 5: *Shepherding the Strays with Pastor Steve*
- November 12: *Shepherding the Strays with Pastor Steve*
- November 19: *Shepherding the Strays with Pastor Steve*
- November 26: *Christian Funerals-Pre-Planning with Pastor Steve/BCM*
- December 3: *Christian Funerals-Pre-Planning with Pastor Steve/BCM*

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us in our study of the book of Luke.
We meet in the Parish Center at 10:00 am.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Nancy Ilona Wadsworth	November 1
Jennifer Joyce Flygare	November 6
Whitney Kay Milani	November 6
Lisa Jane Niederloh	November 6
Karen Elizabeth Pitschka	November 12
Josephine London Lindig	November 13
Rosa Olson	November 15
Karen Jane Schmidt	November 21
Cole Andreas Haaland	November 22



NOVEMBER 19TH 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 and dairy free and vegetarian ...

Women of Peace IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU CAN HELP

Call Kathy Bencker at:763-957-0785(cell) or 763-533-0570 (church office) or sign up on the sheet located in the kitchen.

PACK THE PEWS IN NOVEMBER!!!

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
TO CHURCH AND PLACE IN THE BACK PEWS.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR DONATION:

CANNED SOUP
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
PANCAKE MIX
BOX MEALS
TOOTH BRUSHES
CANNED VEGETABLES
CEREAL
PASTA
SYRUP
BOX POTATOES
TOOTH PASTE
CANNED FRUIT

PACK THOSE PEWS!!!



Board of Worship

SERVICE TIMES FOR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

10/29	Reformation Sunday	Continuous Communion (not Healing Service)
11/22	Thanksgiving Evening	7:00 pm Wednesday Pie Social afterwards
11/29	Advent (also 11:30 am)	7:00 pm Wednesday
12/9	Advent (also 11:30 am)	7:00 pm Wednesday
12/13	Advent (also 11:30 am)	7:00 pm Wednesday
12/20	Advent (also 11:30am)	7:00 pm Wednesday (Decorate church after)
12/24	Sunday Service	9:15 am
12/24	Christmas Eve	9:00 pm
12/25	Christmas Day	10:00 am

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

Greeter,
Usher,
Lector,
Communion Assistant
or
Prepare Communion,

please see
Bill Lindig,
Director,
Board of Worship



*Worship
Assistants*

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Music Ministry Minutes November 2023

As the church year comes to a close, we will be having adjusted rehearsals starting with Thanksgiving Eve through the Advent season as noted below. There is always room for more musicians, even if you only want to play and/or sing seasonally. (There are plenty of seasons and festival Sundays out there!) See Grace or me for options.

Adjusted Rehearsal Schedules:

Handbells: 6:00pm-6:45pm,
Wednesdays, Nov. 22 -Dec. 20,
directed by Grace Maunula

Adult Choir: Following evening services, Wednesdays, Nov 22 – Dec. 20, directed by Grace Maunula.

September brought the start of another musical year and a great celebration commemorating my 20th anniversary as the organist and Director of Music here at Peace. Thank you all so much for the gift card, the flowers, the GIANT pink card, and wonderful food! How wonderful to have Gaye play one of my favorite hymns, along with a fun descant sung by Grace and Kaye! The choir put together a lovely Psalm for the occasion, as well, because we musicians love any chance to enhance the service with musical offerings. It has been an honor to “Serve the Lord with Gladness” and to serve Peace Lutheran with Grace and all of the musical volunteers we have. Thank you for your continued support!

Musically yours,
Leah Galaudet
Director of Music

leah@peacelutheranmn.org

SERVING NOVEMBER 2023

Greeters:

05 Nancy Wadsworth, Liz Reiter
12 Bill Lindig, Jeff Niederloh
19 Dave Neumann, Bill Lindig
26 Sherry Kroll, Kathy Bencker

Communion Preparation:

05 Melissa Jones (cont.)
12 Bill Lindig (rail)
22 Dale and Darlene Hauschildt (cont.)
26 Dan Mast (cont.)

Lector/Communion Assistants:

05 Bill Lindig, Dan Mast (asst.)
12 Gary Schmidt
19 Cole Haaland
22 Bill Lindig, Ray Vomhof (asst.)
26 Gary Schmidt, Jeff Niederloh (asst.)

Ushers:

Team 1: Leo Tomperi, 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

NOV. 05 Team 2
12 Team 5
19 Team 1
22 Team 2
26 Team 5

Altar Guild

Colleen and Jenny

Worship Video Recording

Katrina Schmidt, Vicky Frank

THANKSGIVING IS COMING-

With Thanksgiving coming up, I am remembering back to one Sunday in September when I had a conversation with a couple women of our congregation in the parking lot. I had just moved into my new "senior living" apartment. We got to talking about how kitchen designers were not thinking about older people and shorter people, when they drew plans for kitchens both in homes and apartments for seniors. We went on and on about how we needed step-stools to reach things on the second shelves, but at the same time we were told not to use those stools and never, never climb on a chair. Later at home, I got to thinking, not of my poorly design kitchen, but about the women living in such poor conditions that had the had a shelf, they would have nothing to put on it. Years ago, when I listened to Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion*, I remembered he had a well know choir who sang a song whose lyrics went something like this: "Thank you Lord for my sudsy shampoo, and the fluffy white towel to dry my hair". Those are by far **not** the lyrical words of the original, but you get the idea. During this Thanksgiving season, take time with your family to make a list of things you take for granted. It could turn out to be serious, funny, and eye opening all at the same time.

Then, say a prayer of gratitude recognizing that all the good stuff comes from God.

And then also remember,

Having food and raiment, let us therewith be content. (1 Timothy 6:8-10)

SUBMITTED BY MARION MAYNARD

Board of
Congregational Ministries



Bring-A-Friend-To-Church
Sunday,
November 19th -

We all need friendship, fellowship and community to be a part of God's wondrous plan. Consider asking a friend or two to come worship this day and then invite them to stay for potluck. All are welcome here!

Board of Congregational Ministries

Pie Social,
Wednesday Evening,
November 22 -

Apple or pumpkin pie anyone? After service, grab a slice to celebrate the Thanksgiving season upon us. All are welcome to partake!
Board of Congregational Ministries.



Board of
Missions and Outreach

BLOOD DRIVE – The Crystal VFW, 5222 Bass Lake Rd, is having a blood drive on Tues., **Dec. 5th**, from 2-8 pm. You can sign up at red-crossblood.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.



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.



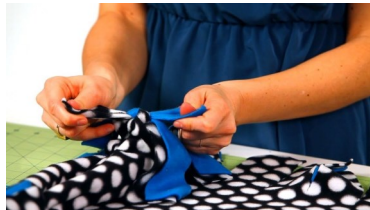
LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
NOVEMBER 19TH AFTER POTLUCK...

Stay after potluck to help finish tying fleece blankets for N.E.A.R. and sign Thanksgiving cards for our homebound members and youth. We want them to know we care and we are praying for them.
Call Kathy Bencker with any questions.

Can't stay but want to help? Women of Peace will be accepting donations of fleece fabric or finished fleece blankets through November 19th.

Leave your donations with Kathy Bencker at the office, Tues., Wed., or Thursday from 10:00—2:00.



MIGHTY MITE SUNDAY!!!

The third Sunday of each month is "Mighty Mite Sunday"! Bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and "YES" paper money! All these coins and paper go to the District and National (LWML) Lutheran Women in Mission to fund the mission grants voted on at conventions. This year the National goal is 1.35 million dollars and we have NEVER failed to make our goals! You can place your mites in a plastic bag and put in the offering plate or put them in the large Mite box downstairs in the Fellowship Hall OR give them to our Women of Peace Treasurer, Tamara Foley.



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 willing to serve in some capacity it would be an awesome chance to learn more about LWML and all we do here at Peace, in our Zone and around the world!

Contact Kathy Bencker -763-957-0785- if you are willing to serve or if you have questions.

Visit the website www.mnslwml.org or www.lwml.org for upcoming events and a multitude of information about the Minnesota South District LWML and the National LWML.

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).

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Psalm 136:1-3 ~ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Happy and blessed Thanksgiving everyone! Kathy B.

