PEACE OFFERINGS

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Peace Lutheran Church
Worshiping, 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
Parish Nurse:
Melissa Jones, R.N.
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Katrina Schmidt
Custodian:
Jim Hald

FROM THE PASTOR

October 31

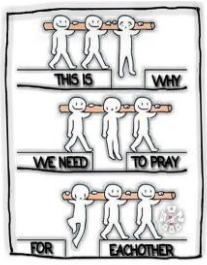
We Lutherans know that the last day in October is a special day. Reformation Day is the day we commemorate Martin Luther and his posting of the famous 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. October 31, 1517, Luther posted those Theses as a challenge to a theological debate amongst his academic fellows. Little did he know that his invitation would be so far-reaching!

So why did he do it? No, not why did he post the theses – they are theologically sound and were quite relevant to the church of Luther's day. The Theses challenged and disputed the practice of indulgences. Especially the sale thereof. Most Lutherans, and even many Catholics, know that the practice of indulgences involved a special purgation of mortal and venial sins. Indulgences were awarded as "extra credit." Pilgrimages, good and charitable works, service to the church or state, the doers of these kinds of activities were often rewarded with an Indulgence, guaranteeing a special erasure of sins for either the actor or whomever the actor desired – alive or dead. Oh yes, indulgences were often sought after to relieve the dead soul's burden and time in Purgatory. By Luther's day of course, the church had regressed so far into her practice of Indulgence granting, that these Indulgences were now for sale. "Yes, for the mere cost of two gold pieces, your dear mother's soul could be released from torment to enjoy the bliss of eternal heavenly rest."

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From the Pastor continued:
Who would fall for such a greedy scam, right? Well . . . . . thousands of people. And lest you think that the granting and selling of Indulgences was only a Medieval thing, think again. Popes and Catholic Church officials grant indulgences to this very day. So back to the question, "Why did he do it?" Not why did he wish to debate and disprove the practice of Indulgences, we see that is sound doctrine and theology, but why October 31, 1517?
It was no special "holy day," which as a by-the-way, is the source of our current English word: "holiday." No, but it was the day before a very special Holy Day. It was the eve of All Saints Day, then as now a special day of the church year to all. In fact this is exactly why he posted those 95 theses that day, or rather that evening. It was the Eve of All-Halloweds Day, or as we call it today: Halloween! Luther posted his challenge that day not because of ghouls, witches, ghosts, tricks or treats, but
because of this: He knew the church would be full the next day and most of his peers would see that challenge.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET **ALL MEETINGS** ON THE CALENDAR. ANY NOTICES YOU WISH IN THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE THE **20TH** OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH (**NOTE DATE CHANGE)** AND ALL BULLETIN NOTICES ARE DUE ON THURSDAYS BY **10:00AM**. THANK YOU. Kathy Bencker.



Prayer Partners: We have revitalized our Prayer Warriors and renamed the team to Prayer Partners. First and foremost, what is the Prayer Partners team? This is a group of individuals who are called upon periodically to lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters, their families, essentially anyone who is in need of prayer. There is a distribution email as well as text distribution so when prayers are requested we can easily get the information out to our prayer team.
Please provide your name email and phone number and we will add you to the prayer team.
Contact Melissa Jones at 612-616-4916 or kessed.healing@gmail.com. PLEASE contact Melissa with **any** prayer requests.



Peace Game Social. Please join us on **Saturday, October 31,** at **1:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for some games, laughter and fellowship. Whether you enjoy playing games or simply spending time with friends, there's a place for you at the table. Be prepared to test your creativity, knowledge and sense of humor! Please bring your favorite snack to share for our potluck, and come ready for good food, great conversation and plenty of fun. We'd love to see you there. If you have any questions please talk to Vicky Frank (612.232.3401).

Bunco Returns! Join us for an afternoon of laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition, typically held on the **second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Our planned game dates are **September 12, October 17, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, and May 8.**Never played Bunco before? No problem! It's a fast-paced, easy-to-learn dice game that requires very little skill, just roll the dice, have fun, and enjoy the company. Players of all ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope you'll join us and invite your family, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon filled with fun, fellowship, and delicious treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

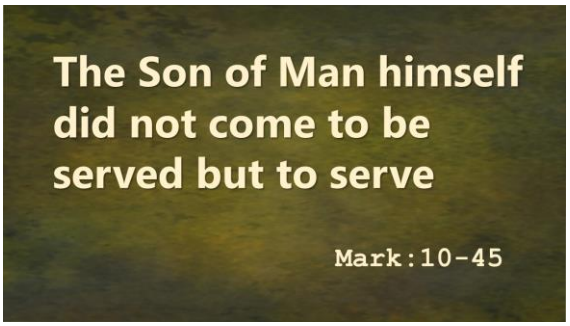
There will be a Helping Hands event on October 10 beginning at 9:00. This is a free event for all. Take what you need and need what you take. Contact Doreen Morales C- 612-802-9403 for more information.

SERVING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026

Communion Preparation:
04 Melissa Jones (cont.)
11 Bill Lindig(rail)
25 Dale $ Dar Hauschildt (cont.)

Greeters:
04 Bill Lindig, Sherry Kroll
11 Bill Lindig, Berit Gerhardson
18 Bill Lindig, Kathy Bencker
25 Mike & Lynda Goerisch

Lector/Communion Assistants:
04 Cole Haaland, Ray Vomhof (asst.)
11 Kathy Bencker
18 Nancy Wadsworth
25 Karen Schmidt, Dan Mast, Bill Lindig (assts.)



Ushers:
Team 1: K. Lindig, Q. Haaland, D. Hauschildt,
Team 2. D. Nelson, J. Reiter Jr, A. Wrayee,
Team 3: D. Mast, C. Kersten J. Hald
Team 4: K. Schmidt, T. Foley, V. Frank
Team 5: D. Neumann, R. Vomhof, R. Niederloh

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04 Team 1
11 Team 5
18 Team 4
25 Team 3

Altar Guild:
Joanna Rosendahl, Stacy Haaland

Worship Video Recording:
Katrina Schmidt, Vicky Frank

Fellowship hosts:
October 11 & 25
Cynthia Kersten, Carol Davitt

Member Updates:

Transfer to King of Kings in Roseville- David Minke

Confirmation Sunday

We joyfully celebrate the confirmation of **Mateo Estrada Rosendahl and Quinn Haaland** on **Sunday, October 25 during worship service**! Join us as we give thanks to God for His work in their lives and pray for them as they continue to grow in faith and live out their baptismal calling. Please come and celebrate this special day with them and their families!



Our LWML Group (formerly Society) is called Women of Peace with the following members serving as officers:
Kathy Bencker- President, Tamara Foley-Treasurer, Mary Rhodes, Secretary, Cynthia Kersten, Dar Hauschildt, Co-Funeral Coordinators and Kathy Bencker, Nancy Wadsworth-Zone Delegates. If you would be willing to serve as an officer, delegate or just help in any way, please let Kathy Bencker know!

POTLUCK WILL BE **OCTOBER 18, 2026,** AFTER EDUCATION HOUR. PLEASE BRING A MAIN DISH, SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE! AS ALWAYS, HELP IS NEEDED WITH SET UP, SERVING AND CLEAN UP!



LWML SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH!

GET THOSE MITES READY TO MAKE SOME NOISE!!! WOMEN OF PEACE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL COLLECTION OF "NOISY MITES" DURING THE OFFERING! HELP US WITH OUR DISTRICT MISSION GOAL OF $272,500.00 FOR 2026-2028! $47,883.00 has been collected as of 8/31/26



Check out the new Fall Quarterly magazine and the District newsletter "Women on a Mission" (WOM).
Visit www.mnslwml.org or www.lwml.org for upcoming events and 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).

Trunk or Treat 2026!

It's almost time for one of our biggest community events of the year—**Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 24th from 4:00pm-6:00pm (set up begins at 3:00pm)!** This fun evening is a chance to share God's love with our neighbors through fellowship, hospitality, and a little Halloween fun.

Each family that attends is invited to fill out a form where they can share prayer requests, sign up for our mailing list, or request more information about Peace. We also share an invitation to join us for worship and upcoming events, along with Gospel tracts for the kids. Last year, we had about 15 trunks and welcomed over 200 neighbors—what a blessing!

How can you be part of it?

- **Host a trunk**—decorate your car and set up a carnival-style game or activity (the Outreach Ministries Board can help with ideas and supplies if needed).
- **Donate candy** to help us bless all the children who come.
- **Volunteer** at the registration table or snack table.
- **Invite your friends, family, and neighbors** to join in the fun.

Sign-up sheets and more details are available in the Narthex. We would love for you to join us in making this a joyful night for our community!



Sunday School & Youth Bible Study

Who can join? Children 3 years old through 12th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School and Youth Bible Study. Classes are divided into age based classrooms. What do we teach? Each Sunday is a different lesson from the Old or New Testament, so if you miss a week, you can pick up on a new lesson the following week. We use the Answers Bible Curriculum from Answers in Genesis. Answers Bible Curriculum addresses the real-life issues that confront Christians every day. Students get a thorough understanding of the authority and primary teachings of Scripture. All ages will be equipped to defend the Bible, becoming conformed to the image of Christ, as they apply God's Word in their everyday lives.

New Banner & Yearly Theme

The 2026-2027 theme for Peace, **"By Grace Alone,"** is based on Ephesians 2:8-9: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works."* The banner displayed up front in the Sanctuary was painted by the Sunday School Youth and visually proclaims the heart of our faith: By Grace. Through Faith. In Christ. The heart represents God's gracious love, reminding us that our salvation is a gift we have not earned and do not deserve. The cross, formed from iron nails, points to Christ's sacrifice for us, through which we receive salvation by faith. Finally, the fish represents Jesus Christ, God's Son and Savior, and reminds us of His call to follow Him and share the Gospel as "fishers of men." Together, these symbols proclaim the truth of our yearly theme: we are saved by God's grace, received through faith, and found in Christ. The banner reminds us that our salvation does not depend on what we do, but on what Christ has already done for us. **By Grace Alone.**

Wednesday morning Bible Study continues at 10:00am in the Parish Center.
Everyone is welcome!
Coffee is provided!

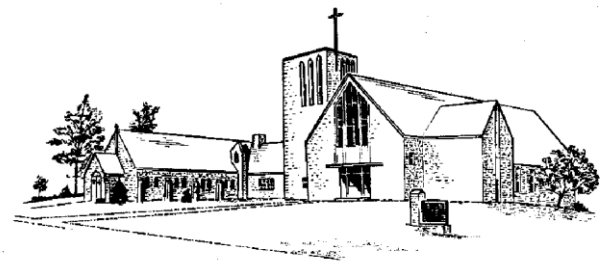
We are looking for people to teach one or more sessions of Adult Education Hour on Sundays. Also, we are looking for ideas of things you want to learn about. If you're interested or have ideas, please talk with Katrina Schmidt.

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"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law." – ***Romans 3:28***