

SEPTEMBER

2023



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

Peace Praise Singers:

Leah Galaudet & Annie Pitschka

Parish Nurse:

Melissa Jones

Youth Director:

Katrina Schmidt

PEACE OFFERINGS

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From Pastor Jones "Anxious?"

So much upset in the air. Hot weather. Droughts. Storms. Floods. Fires. And that's just the natural stuff. Presidents, our moral as well as political leaders, under investigation or charged for wrong-doing. Inflation. Lay-offs. Rising utility costs. Gas Pump hikes. Eggs at so much per dozen. "The news tells us too much." "The news tells us not enough." "You don't agree with me, so something is wrong with you." Hot-and-heavy electioneering so far from the actual election. Name-calling. Identity crises. And on and on and on and on.

Jesus says, "*Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious [worrying] can add a single hour to his span of life?*" (Luke 12:22-25)

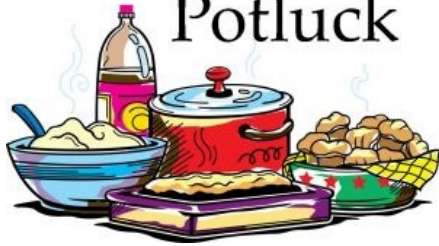
When I get anxious about the news cycle, I think back to many years ago when as a teenager, I would visit with my friend his grandparents. Immigrants from Germany, they owned a farm in the Texas Hill Country. And while I don't remember any pithy sayings or nuggets of wisdom, I do remember his quiet confidence and trust in God. Texas summers came and went; rain fell or didn't. Still, calves were born, grass grew, hay came in, all by the gracious hand of the Lord Jesus, he would confess to us boys. This Texas man was to me a solid rock amidst tumultuous times of my life following the loss of my father, much like Christ, the Solid Rock.

"And give us this day, our daily bread ..."

Jesus said to them, "*I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*" (John 6:35)

God has got all this world can devise and scheme against His saints. You are His, and He has got this.

Monthly Potluck



Our monthly potlucks begin on September 17th!

This special potluck we will celebrate our organist/music director, Leah Galaudet, on twenty, YES TWENTY, years at Peace!

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.

Kathy Bencker is leading this months potluck so if you have questions or if you can **HELP** give her a call. 763-957-0785.



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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Don't forget to 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 starting on Rally Day on September 10. Registration forms can be done on the Peace website www.peacelutheranmn.org. We are going to have a great year!

ADULT EDUCATION

Pastor Steve will lead Sunday morning Adult Education classes in the Fellowship Hall after worship service. Check out the bulletins or call the office (763) 533-0570 for more information.



Join us, Wednesdays at 10:00 am, in the Parish Center, beginning September 6th for weekly Bible study. We will be starting with Titus.

*"After much prayer and a lot of soul searching, I have decided that I would like to be considered for the Music Director and/or Organist position(s) here at Peace Lutheran."
June 26, 2003*

How do 20 years pass by so quickly? We at Peace have been blessed in so many ways by the music of Leah Galaudet, our Organist/Music director for TWENTY YEARS!!!

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT???

Leah has shared her gifts of music with us tirelessly and with grace. We truly are so fortunate to have her with us!

CONGRATULATIONS ON TWENTY YEARS, LEAH!
We pray for twenty more!

CELEBRATE LEAH WITH US ON SEPTEMBER 17TH DURING WORSHIP AND POTLUCK!



Music Ministry Minute September 2023

Happy Music Ministry season! Unbelievably, it is already time for our musical group rehearsals to resume. The schedule will be as follows:

Rehearsal Schedules

Handbells: 6:00pm-7:00pm, Wednesdays starting **Sept. 13**, directed by Grace Maunula

Adult Choir: 7:00pm-8:00pm, Wednesdays starting **Sept. 13**, directed by Grace Maunula

Special groups: As needed. Strings will continue to be used to add to our 4th Sunday folk worship.

We are always striving to be as flexible as possible; therefore, we will occasionally be offering alternative rehearsal dates/times for special Sundays throughout the year.

I would like to thank the musicians that continued to help providing music throughout this summer—including Pastor Steve as he chose and provided the outdoor worship service music.

New ideas and special requests are always welcome!

Musically yours,

Leah Galaudet
Director of Music
leah@peacelutheranmn.org



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

Rupert Edward MacPherson	September 1
Mark Anthony Hervey	September 3
Sherri Tomperi	September 7
Oliver Niederloh-Petersen	September 8
Joan Velma Ridgley	September 8
Brooklyn Abbott	September 10
Quinn Faith Benincasa	September 10
Katie Lynn Gierach	September 14
Patsy Grace Johnson	September 14
Lisa Doolittle (Milani)	September 16
Joanna Rosendahl	September 16
Merrilee Ann Johnson	September 20
Abigail Lynn Niederloh	September 22
Jim Robert Wawrzyniak	September 23
Lucas John Fahey	September 24
Robin Ehlers	September 25
Annie Marie Pitschka	September 26

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



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE) (LWML) **IT'S TIME TO ZONE IN!**

The LWML Zone Fall Conference Rally is
October 7th, 8:30 AM
Registration
at Beautiful Savior.

Our Society, Women of Peace, would love for all of you to attend!

Pastor Chou Vang will be the guest speaker and the theme of the rally is Missions to the Nations. More information coming soon!

On another note, our society, Women of Peace, has been very quiet these past few years due to the pandemic and other reasons. It's time to change that!

If YOU have a desire to serve your Lord with gladness in some way here in the church please contact Kathy Bencker and let her know.

Women of Peace in the past had many activities going on and was in charge of the Potlucks. We would like to see this happen again! If there is something YOU would like to see us do, let us know!

There are some ideas for mission projects coming up for an opportunity to Serve the Lord with Gladness!

There will be a Women of Peace "get back together" meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and see what the LWML is all about.

It is a great thing to:

"SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS." Psalm 2:100

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.¹

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.²

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://llsa.social/HC>

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



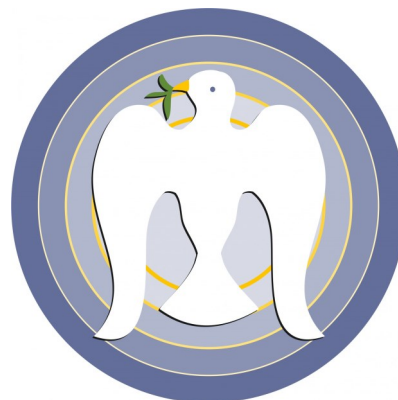
Board of Congregational Ministries

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



SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Greeters:

03 Liz Reiter, Berit Gerhardson
10 Bill Lindig, Sherry Kroll
17 Berit Gerhardson, Elizabeth Reiter
24 Bill Lindig, Jeff Niederloh

Communion Preparation:

10 Dan Mast-rail
24 Melissa Jones-(cont.)

Lector/Communion Assistants:

03 Sherry Kroll
10 Gary Schmidt (rail)
17 Cole Haaland
24 Nancy Wadsworth, Dan Mast (asst.)
(cont.)

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

SEPT. 03 Team 3
10 Team 2
17 Team 5
24 Team 1

Altar Guild

Nancy and Vicky

Worship Video Recording

Katrina Schmidt

Congratulations to the August 20 BINGO winners: Mary Rhodes (twice!), Mary Ann McCabe, Carolyn Diane Smith, Bob Wadsworth and Kayla Buschkowski (twice!). An abundance of prizes held everyone's attention until the very end. The hotdog picnic was next and was a perfect ending to a perfect morning. Thanks to all for the donations of prizes, NEAR school supplies drive and the help before, during and after the hot dog picnic. This wouldn't have happened without everyone pitching in. You are loved and appreciated in every way. We hope you enjoyed the game and fellowship! God bless!
Board of Congregational Ministries



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with VBS in August!
It was a fun time for everyone!
Board of Education

For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic— "Rise, pick up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. Matt 9:5-7

There are many amongst our church family that, though they may attend church regularly, have a feeling deep in their heart that they are **unforgivable**. I know this because **I** have felt this way. Yet Jesus not only forgives, but he also heals hurt that might be hidden deep away.

Those of you who were able to attend the educations we did this past month know to some extent the breadth of the problem we have in our society today when we talk about human trafficking. It comes in many forms: forced labor, debt bondage, domestic servitude, forced marriage, sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, and the recruitment and use of child soldiers, among others. I know we can't tackle it all, but I also know that as Christians we can't stand back and do nothing. Unfortunately, if you look at a heat map of the U.S., Minneapolis is a hot bed for trafficking. Like the ripple of a pebble tossed into a pond, the ripple of trafficking is far reaching beyond the immediate person in the abuse but affects families, extended families, and communities alike.

One thing we can do is help those in our midst to heal. I have shared before from the RAINN website, <https://www.rainn.org/> . You may not realize it or know it consciously, but you know an individual or family that has been affected and is in the need of Christ's healing.

Every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted.

1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.

About 3% of American men—or 1 in 33—have experienced or completed rape in their lifetime.

Statistics suggest that even within our small summer worship (60 total), there are likely 5 women and 2 men who are survivors of sexual abuse. If we expand that to the 100 or so who are somewhat regularly connected to Peace, the numbers grow to 8 women and 3 men. If we consider our entire membership list of 300+ ... well That's a lot of people we know and love who may have been affected by sexual abuse trauma.

I will be starting a Bible study in our home called "Hope and Healing" for survivors and families alike. These are difficult topics and confidentiality is a must as survivors and family sadly often feel shameful, which is why we will hold this study on an evening away from the church to provide as much privacy as we can. Now I do not pretend to be a therapist, so these aren't therapy sessions. I do not pretend to have a magic wand that will instantly wipe away the tears. I do, however, have an understanding from the perspective of being a survivor. Here you will find empathy, and appreciation for the feeling of shame and guilt. But most importantly you will find the forgiveness, love and healing that can only come through the Lord himself, Jesus Christ, your Savior.

The study is comprised of 12 sessions. We will meet twice a month starting Monday September 11 at 6:30 pm. We will continue this study to finish in the Spring just in time for the celebration of new life that is ours on Easter Sunday. If you are interested, please contact me at kessed.healing@gmail.com or Pastor and we will make sure you have the study materials.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt 11:28-30

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Psalm 20:4 "May he give you the
desire of your heart and make all
your plans succeed."

