

*"We give thanks to you, Almighty God and pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*



Dear Peace Family, and Friends,

Do you recognize the prayer above? It is the prayer that comes after Communion in the Lutheran hymnal. Through this prayer, we give thanks for the Lord's Supper and ask God to strengthen us in faith. If you noticed, we are also praying that through holy communion with Christ, God would "strengthen us . . . in fervent love toward one another."

In other words, as we return from the Welcome Table of Jesus, we express our gratitude for the gifts of God's grace and, ask for help in our heartfelt love for one another.

This prayer reminds us that even the followers of Jesus need help loving one another. We do need help caring for one another because it is not always easy. Just like the rest of the world, we are tempted by fear, jealousy, and misinformation to exclude, dismiss and be unloving. And yet, for us, as believers and followers of Jesus, it is a calling placed upon us. It's the light that shines in the darkness. It's the humility, kindness and justice seeking that God requires in Micah 6:8.

The love we are called to offer is a particular kind of love. It is not the kind dependent upon the emotions we are feeling at any particular moment. It doesn't come and go depending on our circumstances. Our love is rooted in Christ. It is allowing the Spirit, given us at baptism, to be present for us, and take up space within us. It's the kind of love that when we express it through kindness, generosity, and service our hearts are opened and our spirits are lifted. It is the kind of love we see in Jesus, a sacrificial kind of love that motivated him to pour out his life, to care for the poor, heal the sick, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger and the outcast because it is God's dream that each and every one of us would receive a permanent welcome in the kingdom of God.

Expressing fervent love for one another isn't always easy. And that is exactly why Paul needed to write to the church in Ephesus reminding them to bear with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2). He goes on to remind them of what Christ-like love looks like. It is a love that forgives even when others wouldn't. It is a love that continues even if it is not expressed in return. It is a love that endures on the hardest, most difficult of days. It is a love that is sometimes confusing, sometimes needs to be tough and, sometimes means great sacrifice and so, we pray. That is why we pray, and come together, week after week, walking together toward the altar of love to take in the wine and the bread of His presence. And I pray that the world may know us, as Christians gathered in a community called Peace, by our fervent love for one another.

God Bless You!! ❤️  
Pastor Lori

# NOTES from the Office

## FEB. / MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 am  
Children's Church 9:15 am (except  
for the last Sunday of each month)  
Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am

Noisy Offering February 22<sup>nd</sup> &  
March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 22nd Africa Blessing/Send-Off

## ATTENDANCE / FINANCIAL

### December

7<sup>th</sup> 168 14<sup>th</sup> 189 21<sup>st</sup> 191  
24<sup>th</sup> 220/267/98 28<sup>th</sup> 72

### January

4th-135 11th -155 18th- 156 25th-149

### Financial Giving - November

Budget \$38,168  
Noisy Offering \$473  
Bldg. Maintenance \$565

### Financial Giving -December

Budget \$54,124  
Noisy Offering \$259  
Designated Memorial \$145  
Bldg. Maintenance \$8,125

## PASTORAL DUTIES

November-Install new members  
Install Council & Ministry members

### January

17th-Memorial Service of Dolly Ladd

## WEEKLY @ PEACE

### Sundays

- Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- Children's Church @9:15am
- Coffee & Fellowship @ 10:00am
- Choir Practice @8am OR 10:15am
- Ukelele Ministry @ 1:00pm  
(All levels welcome)

### Tuesdays

- Coffee Time @ 9:00am
- Staff Meeting @ 9:30am

### Wednesdays

- Quilting Group @ 8:30 am
- Scripture Study @ 1:30pm w/Pete
- "Encounters with Jesus" @ 6:30pm  
led by Pastor Lori during February
- CLUB 56 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) @ 5:30pm
- Dinner @ 6:30pm
- Confirmation & HS Youth Group @7pm

### Thursdays

- AA @ 7:00 pm

## MONTHLY MEETINGS/GROUPS

- Worship Ministry Meeting  
1st Tues. @ 4:00pm
- Adult Ministry Meeting  
1st Tues. @ 6:00pm
- Caregiver Support Group  
3rd Tuesday @ 2:00pm
- Breast Cancer Support Group  
1st Monday @ 6:30pm. For more  
info contact Becky Anderson  
715-557-0836
- Youth Ministry Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 5:00pm
- Peace Council Meeting  
3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm
- Itty Bitty Book Bunch Last Sunday of  
the month @ 10:00am

## Easter Flower Orders

Order forms will be available at the Welcome Center  
or contact the church office to order.

- Easter Lily or Tulips \$16
- Mums \$18
- Hydrangea or Azaleas \$30

Orders are due March 1st.



# MORE newsworthy items

## Mission Trip to Africa! (Feb. 24-March 11)

Please pray for the following Peace members and friends as they travel to the village of Hope, in Lusaka, Zambia. While there they will be volunteering at a school, All Kids Can Learn International (AKCLI).

Mark & Maria Gjovig, Shay Rysdam, Denise Sinclear Todd, Pat Linehan, Vicky Simpkins, Jan Museus, Craig Jansen, Michelle Jansen, Mary Prazich, Suzi Orlopp.



## Speaking of Mission Trips...

Peace is heading back to Jamaica! We will be heading back to Jamaica to work with our mission partners at Robins' Nest Children's Home in early 2027!! Come and learn more about this mission and possibly being a part of this exciting intergenerational mission trip at the informational meeting that will be held on Sunday, March 8th after worship at 10:15am.



## Community Referral Agency (CRA)

This shelter in Milltown has been one of our benevolences for 35+ years. CRA provides a safe place for a short-term stay and helps women with emotional issues, the legal system, and finding safe living arrangements. Please pray for these families!

To support them in additional ways, the following items are always needed:

laundry soap, fabric softener sheets, shampoo & conditioner, cleaning supplies, ziplock bags, plastic wrap, foil, paper towels, toilet paper, twin sheet sets or mattress pads, any size children's diapers, canned soaps, any kind of cereal, hamburger helper, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, children's liquid tylenol. Gently used pajamas or slippers for women and children are always welcome, as is a gas or Walmart gift card. We will have a collection box in the narthex throughout March.

## Welcome, Carmen Woeltge, PLC Administrator!

My name is Carmen Woeltge (pronounced *well-key*), and I'm so happy to be joining the church staff as the new office administrator. I live in Lindstrom with my husband, Mark, who is an ELCA pastor serving two churches in western Wisconsin. We have two children, Ashlyn and Garin. Family is a big part of our lives. Ashlyn is married and lives in Coon Rapids with her husband, AJ, where she works as a counselor. Garin is a junior at UMD, double-majoring in mechanical and industrial engineering. We're incredibly proud of both of them.

In our free time, our family loves gathering around good food, playing board games, and simply being together. I'm also a big Minnesota Wild fan. I love traveling, sunshine and beaches. I also enjoy being creative, staying organized, and helping things run smoothly behind the scenes. I feel grateful for the opportunity to serve this church and am really looking forward to getting to know everyone.

## Thank You

Dear members of Peace Lutheran Church, thank you for your incredible generosity in supporting the Blessing Basket program in December. Because of your donations of clothing, toys, outdoor gear and financial gifts, 100 families-including more than 200 children-experienced joy, warmth and hope during the Christmas season. Your church's kindness is truly making a difference and we are deeply grateful.

Blessing Baskets Crew,  
Kayli Schounard, Jen Rud, Dana Weber

# Wednesday Night Youth Program Updates

*\*A reminder to all students: If either SCF or OHS closes or is cancelled due to inclement weather, church activities will be cancelled as well.*

## Schedule of Events:

5:30pm-6:30pm Club 56 Programming (5th & 6th Grade),

6:30pm Dinner for all (\$3),

7:00pm-8:00pm Confirmation (7th-8th Grade)

7:00pm-8:00pm High School Youth Group (9th-12th Grade)

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## SPECIAL "AGAPE" CONCERT FOR YOUTH! Feb 25th @ 5:30pm

Hey Youth (5th - 12th Grade) - join us at 5:30pm on February 25th for an exclusive workshop and concert from **AGAPE**, world renown artist, speaker and rapper.

**Who is Agape?** Here is a bit more about him: Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling and his fluency in Spanish, AGAPE\* connects with his listeners in a way that they really "get it". His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. Even those who do not normally enjoy hip-hop, find themselves dancing to his music and captivated by his unique presentation of the Gospel. AGAPE\* brings an authentic approach by translating the theological depth of his seminary training into songs and stories that can be understood by every listener. His passion is to bring together people of all backgrounds and let them know about God's love for the whole world. This is "AGAPE\*!"

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## MID-WINTER CONFIRMATION RETREAT

**February 28- March 1, 2026**

All 7th-9th graders are invited to attend the Mid-Winter Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wapo. This Retreat is a perfect chance to get recharged, reconnect with friends from church, and meet some new ones. This retreat is a fun filled weekend that includes worship, praise, learning and play. Students will return home fully excited to serve others and share the love of Christ!

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**Youth Programming Updates:** Here's what's happening with our youth for the next couple of months.

**7th -9th Grade Confirmation** - During the season of Lent (beginning February 18th), students will meet one-on-one with mentors of their choosing. Mentors and students will engage in weekly conversation and attend Lent Worship Services together each week.

✓ **10th - 12th Grade** - Beginning February 18th, Youth are encouraged to attend Lent Worship Services each Weds., & then meet from 7:30-8:30pm for youth group time.

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**BUTTER BRAIDS** will be available for purchase in February and March. A link will be found in upcoming weekly emails, forms will be at the Welcome Center or contact the office. Butter Braids will be delivered in time for Easter!

**[Almost] FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR  
3RD & 4TH GRADERS!!!  
CAMP WAPO OR LUTHER POINT...CHOOSE YOUR CAMP!!**  
(You pay the Deposit...we pay the rest!!)

That's right...We believe Camp is such an incredible experience and important part of how we grow in our faith that Peace Lutheran wants to help get all kids to camp! Through generous donations, after you register for camp and pay the deposit (ranges from \$25-\$150 depending on the length of camp), Peace Lutheran will pay the rest.

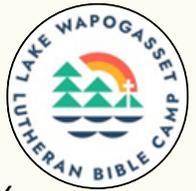
Peace Lutheran partners with both Camp Wapo in Amery and Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg. Both camps have many different camp options and offer different experiences. If you are wondering more about which camp might be right for you, talk with Pastor Melissa!



We have guaranteed spots at Camp Wapo on the following weeks:

SEEDS Weekend (Current Grades 1-3): July 17 - 19, 2026  
(10 spots available)

WAPO YOUTH CAMP (Current Grades 4-9): June 21 - 26, 2026  
(10 spots available)



### **Children's Church Update:**

Children's Church has a new gathering room and a new curriculum! Come and check us out! Children ages 4year old through 4th grade are released from Worship after the children's message each Sunday around 9:15am (except the last Sunday of every month, where they stay in worship and participate in a "Last Sunday" event after worship). Each week, Children experience worship in an age-appropriate way, with focus on singing songs, learning basic bible stories, prayer and the Lord's prayer. They also engage in an activity each week to bring the bible story to life!

\*\*Here are some important dates coming up for Children's Church:

- February 22nd - Last Sunday Funday (Family Lent Event)
- March 29th - Last Sunday Funday (Palm Sunday Breakfast & Family activity)

### **Tubing Night at Trollhaugen Night**

The Children, Youth & Family Committee invites you to a fun night of tubing at Trollhaugen! Invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids and co-workers to a fun night of Tubing. Anyone and Everyone is welcome! Cost is just \$10/person. This event is on Weds, February 4th from 6-8pm.







**FEBRUARY**

- 1st Dick Blattner
- 2nd Glen Museus
- 4th Shannon Bents  
Jayce Leisch
- 5th Lee Carlson
- 7th Tara Adam  
Roman Ferris  
August Rickard
- 8th Drew Ekstrom
- 10th Gabbie Neumann
- 11th Daniel Hanson  
Lucas Jeske
- 15th Julian Rivard  
Ella Waalen
- 16th Nan Scholz
- 18th Christine Hanson  
Jordan Lee  
Sylvie Rivard  
Cooper Steffen
- 19th Kim Kaiser  
Marian Madsen
- 20th Laurie Spaeth  
Madi Johnson
- 21st Dee Larsen  
Henry Kovar
- 22nd Diane Reeck  
Mike Langermann  
Shari Steele
- 24th Talon Berg  
Addison Lossing  
Jackson Lossing
- 25th Caysie Ward  
Hank Martinson
- 27th Amy Lee

**MARCH**

- 1st Stacy Everson  
Adam Kovar  
Jack McNitt
- 2nd Elijah Larson
- 3rd Mike Williams  
Claire Chinander
- 4th Linda Ferris  
Kayla Sheehan
- 5th Robin Ekstrom  
Jacob Hall
- 7th Tammy Guggisberg  
Anna Willeman  
Ada Haines
- 8th Mia DeGroote  
Luanne Grove
- 9th Tory Greenquist  
Sam Glenna
- 10th Shauna Fehlen  
Rylee Hall
- 11th Jordan Lieftring  
Alex Willeman
- 13th Jennifer Pederson
- 14th Jason Prokop  
Chad Slater  
Jenna Bents
- 16th Matt Haase  
Ethan Hall
- 17th Tim DeMenge  
Linda Moore  
Sara Larson
- 20th Dallas Wynne  
Hope Anderson
- 22nd Emmett Adam  
Jamie Neumann  
Brooke Ellefson  
Addie Koenig
- 24th Melissa Hall  
Larissa Chapman
- 26th Alma Gast
- 27th Alison Wynne  
Bennet Lechman
- 29th Roxann Nelson  
Michelle Ward  
Troy Dvorak  
Lana Miller
- 30th Lori Getschel  
Rene Lechman  
Carey Meyer
- 31st Lisa Schiebel  
Brianna Lee



# Psst...

We need your help!

**Hospitality Group**-the purpose of this group is to oversee specific areas of service for church activities.

 **Kitchen Cleaning/Restocking**

Monthly cleaning of countertops, shelves, and floor. Check pantry to restock items. Quarterly check of food expiration dates in the pantry and refrigerator.

 **Laundry**

Check the kitchen 1x/month or after special events for dirty laundry. Take home to wash and return within a week.

 **Sunday Morning Treats**

Before Friday, verify food signup for the upcoming Sunday. If treats are needed, contact members, pull cookies out of freezer, or purchase. Plate treats and clean up if necessary. May be needed 3-4 times per year for special events.

 **Soup Suppers-Lent**

A team of 2-3 persons/family to oversee soup supper coordination. Arrange for setup and cleanup and verify food signup. Great opportunity for a team of people to share the responsibility.

 **Confirmation Meal Preparation**

On Wednesday afternoons, pick up pre-ordered groceries. Prep for evening meal. (2 hours max, 1-2 times a month)

 **Prayer Shawl Cabinet**

2x a year coordinate the display of Prayer Shawls in the Narthex for sharing/giving.

 **Advent/Christmas Decorating**

The week before Advent, coordinate with the custodian for placement of decoration bins. Schedule a volunteer day for church decorating before Advent and undecorating the first week of January.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

# “Songs of Peace”

## Lenten Journey



Join us this Lenten Season as we worship together on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Our confirmation youth will be engaged with mentors, dinner will be served, and each week we will hear a different musical group share “song & story” with us. Join us and experience God in new ways! More info will be coming soon through emails, announcements & social media.

Dinner begins at 5:45pm each Wednesday, Mentees and Mentors meet at 6:30pm, Worship begins at 7pm.

February 18 -Ash Wednesday Worship & Ashes

February 25 -Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

March 4 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

March 11 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

March 18 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

March 25 - Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm



## Holy Week

March 29 - Palm Sunday Worship @ 9am (Breakfast to follow\*)

April 2 - Maundy Thursday/First Communion Service @ 7pm

April 3 - Good Friday Service @ Noon

April 5 - Easter Sunday Services:

7:00am Sunrise Service

9:00am & 10:30am Traditional Easter Worship



### **\*Palm Sunday Breakfast: Sunday, March 29th**

The youth will once again host our Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 29th. For a free will donation, you will receive a great breakfast of pancakes, sausage, egg bakes & fruit. All proceeds from this breakfast will go directly to the High School Youth Summer Mission trip. Breakfast will be served following worship at 10am.

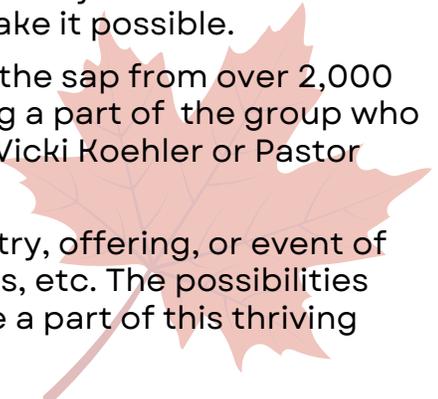
### **Sunday, March 1st, 10:00am**

### **Maple Syrup Informational Meeting**

Join us for an informational meeting about our Maple Syrup Ministry at Peace. For it to be a successful sap season, we need Peace families to help make it possible.

In March, the sap will be running and help is needed to gather the sap from over 2,000 maple trees around the SCF area. If you are interested in being a part of the group who is notified when help is needed to collect sap, please contact Vicki Koehler or Pastor Melissa.

Your help will earn “Maple Bucks” to be used toward any ministry, offering, or event of Peace: mission trips, family or youth camp, material for quilters, etc. The possibilities are endless! Come and enjoy God’s creation this spring and be a part of this thriving ministry.



**Fellowship  
Join Us!**

**“2nd Sunday Brunch” @ Logger’s, SCF**

**Sunday, Feb. 8th:**

**10:30 am Breakfast / 11:00am Lunch**

Please join us for a time of fellowship. We love meeting our Peace members in a casual setting. Good food and lots of laughter! RSVP to the church office by Thurs., Jan. 29th.

**“Walking Together”**

**NW Synod of WI Event**

Bethany Church, Rice Lake

March 21, 8:00am-4:00pm

More info to come in the weekly emails.

Register and events list:

<https://hswi.org/walking-together-event>

**Feed My Starving Children**

**Polk County Mobile Pack**

April 23-25th @ Polk Cty. Fairgrounds.

Please watch for further info and an opportunity to sign up to pack meals.

We would love to have you join us.

“Help turn hunger into hope.”

**Sewing Day at Peace**

**Sat. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm**

Help is needed to cut, iron and sew. No experience is necessary. If you want to sew, bring your machine. A light lunch will be served. Some of the dresses will be sent to Zambia with our mission team in March.

We also need volunteers to sew quilt tops. These are cut and in kits, all ready to be stitched together. The kits are in the narthex.



**An Event for Adults and  
Children at Peace!**

**Sunday, February 22, 4-6pm**

Fun for all ages! Join us as we play Bingo from 4-5:30 and then gather for a light meal together. No cost.

**Welcome New Members to Peace!**

Beverly Braun	1024 Frontage Rd., Osceola, WI 54020	715-417-0888
Margaret Harstad	404 Garfield St. , Dresser, WI 54009	715-294-4496
Brock & Heather Luehman Children: Hutson (8), Baker (5), & Austyn (2)	2173 86 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Osceola, WI 54020	B: 715-554-2226 H: 715-781-4260
Bill Lundgren	2125 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Dresser, WI 54009	715-294-0096
Kacy Schmidt-Meyer Children: Alivia (10), Adalynn (9), & Ava (5)	637 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., E., Osceola, WI 54020	715-338-0794
Jennette Wolf	1783 175 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Centuria, WI 54824	574-850-8310

# Adult Ministry

You are Loved and Welcome!



There's always room for you!



Learn Yarn Art!

## Faith, Growth & Bible Studies

Wednesdays at 1:30.....**Gospel Study** with Pete.  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 in February..... **Book Study**  
....."Encounters with Jesus" Led by Pastor Lori  
Second Mondays at 1:30.....**Forest Heights**  
First Thursdays at 10:30.....**Eagle Ridge**  
Fourth Tuesdays at 1:30..... Rachel Circle Study  
**Coming Soon** - Is It Time to Dive In?  
.....Adult **Catechism** Review and **Bible Basics**

## Fellowship & Fun

Tuesdays at 9.....**Coffee** with Friends  
Sundays at 1..... **Ukulele Circle** - All Levels  
**2nd Sunday Sunday Suppers at 5pm**  
....February 8th at Loggers.&...March 8th TBD  
February 4, 11 at 4pm..... **Crochet** with Linda  
February 22 @ 9am...Adult **Africa Mission** Team  
.....Blessing and Commissioning  
February 22 4-6pm...**Bingo** for the Whole Family.

## Ways to Help

Have a little bit of **free time**?  
Interested in **meeting people** and getting more  
involved in the **Peace** Community?  
....Great! **You are welcome** to join us in ministry!

- **February 7th Sewing Day** Little Dresses for Africa  
.....No Experience Necessary.....
- **Wednesday Mornings**.....Quilting
- **Sunday** Readers/Ushers/Altar Guild/ Sound Booth
- **Music** Ministry - Choir, Praise Band, Ukulele Jams
- **Kitchen and Table Ministry**
- **Feed My Starving Children**
- **Teaching** Special Skills Classes
- **Youth** Support, **Elder** Care and Visitation
- **Building Upkeep**, Recycling, Watering, Painting,  
Parking Lot Maintenance
- **Call the Church Office with Questions/Details**