

PEACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Dresser, WI

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday  
8:30am-4:00pm

**WORSHIP WITH US**

**SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM**

Weekly Communion  
& Fellowship

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# AUGUST • SEPTEMBER 2025

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Family of Christ, Spirit Led ~ Grace Fed



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR  
MISSION WORK**

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## **The Youth are on Fire!!**

*"The Youth! The Youth! The Youth are on fire!  
We don't need the devil cuz' the devil is a liar!!"*



Imagine 75 youth jumping up and down and singing this chant at the top of their lungs and you'll get a small glimpse of the excitement and energy that our youth had this summer! The "chant" above is from a well-known camp song and there's nothing better than hearing youth shout it out loud while they are dancing around and "on fire" for Jesus!

The Youth of Peace are certainly on fire for Jesus and this summer was a great time to experience faith in different ways. Middle School students met on Wednesdays in July this summer to live out their faith in real and tangible ways during Summer Serve. They would gather for a short bible study or "devo" as we call it, and then head out to serve our community and other local communities in different ways. After lunch, middle school youth would enjoy some great fellowship opportunities together by participating in different fun activities and going to different places.

High School Students blew me away on our annual high school mission trip. As a church, we should be extremely proud of these faithful, respectful youth! Traveling with 28 students across country in three different vans is no easy feat, but this group of beautiful young adults made for an incredible week of serving God, loving "neighbors", and growing in faith in God's beautiful Idaho creation. It was hard work and the days were hot, but God was right there with us as we gave all glory and praise to Christ.

Many of our younger children experienced Jesus in different ways this summer too! We had a handful of children attend one of our fabulous bible camps this summer, many families enjoyed fellowship with other community members at events such as Touch a Truck and Bingo nights. While we didn't have any takers for VBS this summer, we are excited to see where God may be leading us next with Children's ministry. We also have one more Park Play Date that we hope our younger children and families will join us at!

If there is anything that we can learn from our children and youth, it is that they are faithful and faith-filled! Over and over again, we see the importance of faith in children and youth's lives, and we see how they continue to excite, inspire and be the church that God calls us to be today.

Let us look to those qualities of our children and youth and be on "fire" for Christ again!!

See you in Church,  
Pastor Melissa, Co-Pastor of Children, Youth & Family (CYF) Ministries

P.S. The Spirit is leading us once again...check out our children's ministry section for new and exciting opportunities for our children's ministry this year. Perhaps think about inviting a new family to join in on the excitement!



# NOTES from the Office



## AUG./SEPT. SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 am  
Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am  
Aug. 31st-Outdoor Worship  
Sept. 7th-Grandparent's Sunday  
Sept. 14th-Rally Day  
Sept. 21st-Guest Speaker, Miquette McMahon, from TeachHaiti  
Sept. 28th-PreK & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

## ATTENDANCE / FINANCIAL

### June

1<sup>st</sup> 123 8<sup>th</sup> 145 15<sup>th</sup> 105 22<sup>nd</sup> 157 29<sup>th</sup> 214

### July

6<sup>th</sup> 114 13<sup>th</sup> 126 20<sup>th</sup> 101 27<sup>th</sup> 128

### Financial Giving (June/July)

Budget \$79,467  
Missions \$833  
Noisy Offering \$548-Mission Trip  
Snacks & School Supplies  
Building Maintenance Fund \$3,985

Council Minutes are posted on our website: [plcdresser.org](http://plcdresser.org)

## PASTORAL DUTIES

June 22nd-Baptism of Rylie Quinn,  
daughter of Lucas & Becky Windsor

July 18th-Memorial Service for Bev Rawlings

## WEEKLY @ PEACE

### Sundays

- Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- Coffee & Fellowship @ 10:00 am
- Sunday School (beginning Sept. 14th)

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

- Quilting Group @ 8:30 am
- Scripture Study @ 1:30 pm
- 5:30 pm CLUB56 (See Kid's Connection page)
- 6:30 pm 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation
- 7:00 pm HS Youth Group

### Thursdays

AA @ 7:00 pm

## MONTHLY @ PEACE

- Worship Ministry Meeting  
1st Tues. @ 4:00 pm
- Adult Ministry Meeting  
1st Tues. @ 6:00 pm
- Caregiver Support Group  
3rd Tuesday @ 2:00 pm
- Breast Cancer Support Group  
1st Monday @ 6:30 pm. For more info contact Becky Anderson 715-557-0836
- Rachel Circle  
4th Tuesday @ 1:30 pm.
- Youth Ministry Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 5:00 pm
- Peace Council Meeting  
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 pm



# MORE newsworthy items



Emma Shreck, Hannah Haley and the Adult Ministry members for organizing the Touch a Truck event

Nicole Brown, Joe Berg, John Hale, Dallas Wynne & Becky Anderson for volunteering to be chaperones for the Idaho Mission Trip

Kelly Kneath, Maria Hanson, Andrea Skinner, Janelle Meyer, Pat Adam, Pastor Lori, Becky Anderson, Jerry Rosenow, Stacy Everson, and Angela Gorski, Summer Serve leaders, for their help making Summer Serve a success

Pam Brunclik for keeping us (the office) organized and Doris Johns for shopping for the school supplies

## Meet Holly Schnitzler, our new Administrative Assistant

Born and raised in Marshfield, Wisconsin, I've always been rooted in small-town values with a creative soul. I began my academic journey at UW Marshfield/Wood County, where I earned my Associate of Arts & Sciences degree. I then went on to pursue my passion for the arts, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts from UW-Stevens Point.

Life has taken me through a wide variety of roles—from working in medical offices to serving as the office administrator for the WI State Genealogical Society. These experiences have given me a deep appreciation for history, people, and the many paths life can take.

I recently moved to Balsam Lake, and I share my home life with my cat, Calypso, and two lovable dogs, Willow and Braxton. Creativity has always been a constant for me. I love trying new DIY projects or diving into my newest hobby—jewelry making. I find joy in crafting & creating.

I also have fond memories of my grand-parents, who were members of Zion Lutheran Church in Granton, where I attended services with them growing up. Their love and faith played a quiet but meaningful role in shaping who I am today.

I look forward to joining the staff at Peace, and please stop in to say hello!

## SAVE THE DATES!

### October Bible Study

Join Ronda for a 5-week study "Carry the Flame" by Jim Cymbala, on Thursdays in October, beginning Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am. We will learn to carry the flame Christ lit, follow the Holy Spirit, and accomplish extraordinary things. We will look at examples from Acts as well as modern-day testimonies to encourage, inspire, and equip our study group to respond. How will we? Will you answer God's call to carry the flame?

### Peace Ham Dinner, October 6th

Please plan on joining us (invite a friend) for a delicious meal and fellowship time. In-Person dining and To-Go Orders will be available. \$15 Adults, \$6 kids. All proceeds will benefit Missions and Mission work.

### "Seasoned Saints" Blessing Brunch October 15th

For those 80 years & over. Brief devotional time, brunch & fellowship. Invites will be sent.

### SEEKING ADULTS OF ALL AGES TO WORK WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

Do you have a gift or passion to help lead our children and youth? If so, join us on **Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30pm** to hear about all the incredible opportunities you can help shape the faith life of our children and youth. There are so many ways you can be involved...from behind the scenes/at home prep, to setting up spaces before church, to being a small group leader and even helping teach Children's Church. Join us and find out more on Wednesday, September 10th from 6:30-7:30pm



From Pastor Lori's Pen,

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope." — Jeremiah 29:11*

Have you ever had a moment or two that you wanted to last forever? Whenever I have all the kids home and in my little 'nest', I want to stop time because I can't imagine any where else I'd rather be. It's always a bit of a jolt when their adult lives start calling and off they go, leaving me to long for the days I could put them in a car seat and keep them safely tucked beside me.

Why is it so hard to be flexible when change is the one constant in our lives? Things are always changing. There's no doubt our families are changing, our climate is changing, our government is changing, even things here at church are changing as we adjust to the needs of our current members and staff.

In times of uncertainty, the promise of God's steadfast love and care can anchor our souls. We can ride the wave of faith as we put our trust in the eternal hope secured in Jesus. The world around us may shift, but God's Word remains steady. God is working to weave together the entirety of our lives into a tapestry that tells a beautiful story of our redeemed life in Christ.

Faith is not just wishful thinking—it is a confident expectation rooted in the faithfulness of God. Through Christ's resurrection, we are given a living hope (1 Peter 1:3), one that looks beyond today and fixes its eyes on the eternal. This promise reminds us that every change, every new thing, every horizon also marks a new beginning and we can trust that God is simply preparing us for something far greater than we can ever imagine.

Trust that God is Blessing and Keeping You Always!

*Pastor Lori*





# Youth Events

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP BEGINS SEPT. 24TH**

Calling all 9th - 12th grade students!! Join us on Wednesday nights this year from 7-8pm for games, fun, and growing in faith! We begin our year together on Weds, September 24th with a Kick-off Event that you won't want to miss!! Invite your friends and join us for a great year where we will laugh, eat, play games, and grow in our relationship with God.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00PM...SEE YOU THERE!!**

### **Incoming 7th - 9th Grade**

Confirmation Parent Meeting-Weds., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

7th-9th Graders and parents/guardians can plan to join us for our Confirmation Kick-off/parent night on Wednesday, September 17th. Come and hear all about our confirmation programs, and 9th graders can stay for the 2026 Mission Trip Informational Meeting for all high school students after the meeting. You will soon receive a mailing about this registration night. If you do not receive one within a week before this kick-off date, please contact the church office to make sure we have you on our list! See you then!

### **10th Grade Reminders**

October 5th :  
Confirmation Retreat

October 22nd:  
Confirmation Pictures

October 26th:  
Confirmation Sunday

### **2025-2026 Student Leadership Team Breakfast Club**

11th & 12th grade students are invited to join the 2025-2026 Student Leadership Team. This team will meet every other week throughout the school year for breakfast, bible study and leadership planning on Wednesdays at 6:45am. We will kick off this breakfast club on Weds., September 24th at church. Breakfast will be provided and rides will be available to school following Breakfast if needed. Join us on the 24th to learn more about what the Leadership Team entails!

### **2026 YOUTH MISSION TRIP:**

Mountain Top (Appalachia Mountains, Tennessee)  
Informational Meeting on Sept. 17th at 8:00pm

All students entering 9th - 12th grade are invited to the 2026 Summer Mission Trip to serve God's people in the Appalachia Mountains of Tennessee at Mountain T.O.P.

Come find out more and reserve your spot for this life changing trip on Weds., September 17th at 8:00pm. We will meet in the Sanctuary. A \$75 non-refundable deposit will be required to reserve your spot and friends are invited!! Scholarships & fundraising available and spaces are limited.



### **4K-4th Grade Children's Church and Parent Meeting**

Join us on Sunday, September 14th at 10am in the Sanctuary to hear about our new Children's Church and Ministry opportunities on Sunday mornings. This meeting is for both children and parents who plan to participate in Sunday mornings this year. Invite a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker's family too! Let's gather together as we gear up for a great year of ministry here at Peace Lutheran Church! Following a short parent/child meeting, we will have some fun activities to celebrate the new ministries at Peace!

Here is some other information for this "Rally Sunday" that you won't want to miss out on!

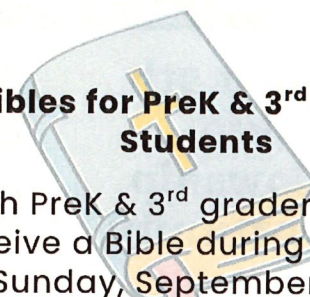
- \* 9am - Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks (bring backpacks!)
- \* 10am - Parent/Child Meeting, followed by Celebration Activities (watch for a personal invitation coming soon! Spread the Word!)

See you on September 14th!!

## *Kid's Connection*

Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 14th  
Sunday School begins Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Bibles for PreK & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students**



Each PreK & 3<sup>rd</sup> grader will receive a Bible during worship on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Following worship there will be a milestone learning class for the parent(s) and the child. Come and experience God's Word in fun and exciting ways.



### **Club 56 now on Wednesdays!!**

If you are entering 5th or 6th Grade, you now get to be a part of our Wednesday night program!!

That's right...Club 56 is moving to Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm. Come join us on the best night of the week (friends invited....dinner included!). Watch for more info coming soon!

### **CLUB56 Summer Adventure Outing**

August 22-23, for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This Overnight Adventure Retreat begins on Friday, August 22nd until Saturday, August 23rd. We will be camping out at church, going to Vertical Endeavors for some rock climbing, participating in a service activity, and enjoying some fun time together! Watch for an invite in the mail for more details and to register. Friends are invited too!



# Save the Date Something for Everyone!



**JOIN US  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**August 9th  
Adult  
Fellowship  
Opportunity**

**Africa Mission Team Fundraiser.**

Peers Bar, 5:00-6:00pm Meat Raffle & Paddle Raffle.  
Limited food menu available. All proceeds to 2026  
Africa Mission Trip.

**August 13th  
Shindig  
5:00-9:00pm**

Community Meal (free-will donation), Live Music,  
Social Time, Kid's Activities, Cash Bar (Beer/Wine),  
Open to the Public.

**August 16th  
Park Playdate  
10:00am-noon**

Park Playdate, 10am-noon. Lions Park, SCF.  
Scavenger Hunt, Snack, Craft. Play time for kids and  
fellowship for parents!

**August 22nd  
CLUB56  
Camping**

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Overnight adventure.  
Camping, service activity, fun @ Vertical Endeavors.  
More info will be sent.

**Sept. 14th  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Supper**

Second Sunday Supper will be on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30  
pm. This is an adult fellowship opportunity. If you've  
never joined us before-please do! Restaurant to be  
determined for September. Watch the slides & weekly  
email for location.

**Sept. 14th  
Rally Day**

Worship at 9:00am. Blessing of the Backpacks and  
all Youth Leaders (Sunday School & Confirmation).  
Meeting with all parents at 10:00am and then games,  
fellowship & more!

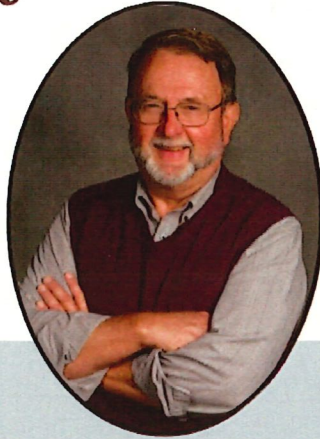
**Sept. 22nd  
Clothing Event  
2:00-6:00pm**

Donations of fall & winter clothing and shoes & boots  
are needed for our Clothing Share. Items may be  
brought beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> (Rally Day). Help  
is also needed with set up on Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.



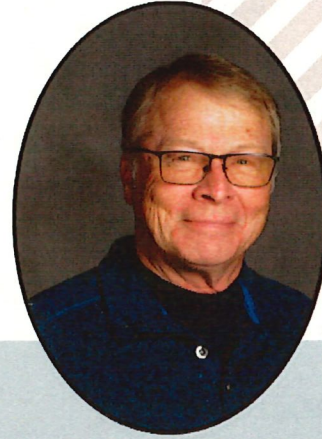
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## OUR TEAM!



**PETE PETERSON**

Peace Choir Director



**STEVE SWENSON**

Peace Choir Director

How many years have you been a member of Peace?

*42 years-wow!*

*I have been a member of Peace since it's inception and was a member of Bethany (one of the two churches that formed Peace) since birth.*

Things that you like best about our church family?

*Exactly that- it's so like a family*

*The thing that I like best about Peace is that it has been a very "accepting" congregation.*

What are your hobbies outside of being a choir director?

*Competitive bridge, reading, and gardening.*

*I was a 37-year member of the Indianhead Barbershop Chorus and the director for 21 of those years. I collect Dresser Junction advertising pieces, old sheet music and deer hunt and fish.*

What genre of music do you listen to at home?

*A variety, but mostly classic rock.*

*I like to listen to the 60's and 70's rock-n-roll.*

What would you like to be celebrating in your life a year from now?

*Life Master status in bridge.*

*A year from now I would like to be celebrating the fact that I have something to celebrate.*



## Stewardship Corner

*"And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry.'"* Luke 12:19, New International Version.

This commonly quoted phrase, which many don't realize is scriptural, comes from one of Jesus' parables as reported by Luke. In it, Jesus warns one of His followers of the danger of greed—that is, putting one's trust in the abundance of one's possessions. In the parable, the man who is quoted passes away suddenly, and the wealth he has accumulated is enjoyed by others.

The solution to this problem, Jesus says, is to focus on being, "...rich toward God (verse 21b.) Simply and specifically, Jesus says, *"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourself that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail...."* (Verse 33.)

See you next time!

### Stewardship Ministry

The Mission of the Stewardship Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church is to educate all Peace members about God's Scriptural teachings regarding stewardship; namely, that our lives and our property belong to God, and that our grateful response should include generously, intentionally, proportionately, and joyfully sharing our time, talent, and treasure for use in His service.

## Outreach Ministry

Peace recently sent school tuition for our Haiti children that we are sponsoring. Unfortunately, two of our children are not returning to the school. We will soon be receiving information on two other children for us to sponsor along with the four pictured below. Please keep these children in your prayers as they endure the continued unrest in Haiti.

On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Miquette McMcMahon, will be sharing more information about the school that the children are attending and their stories. Miquette is the founder of TeachHaiti and the older sister of John & Mary Lee's adopted daughters.



Soidenaica Jean  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Anne Priscile Jean  
Francois 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



Hervends Souffrant  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



Hanaelle Nilandie Jean  
Francois 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Happy Birthday!

## AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup> Will White  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Kaiser  
3<sup>rd</sup> Robyn Bjornstad  
Shawn Busby  
Karli Mayer  
4<sup>th</sup> Barb Degner  
5<sup>th</sup> Tim Smith  
Jackson Scholz  
6<sup>th</sup> Kaden Tinney  
7<sup>th</sup> Jeff Needham  
8<sup>th</sup> Ted Bents  
Susan Lee  
9<sup>th</sup> Lori Peper  
Lucy Haines  
11<sup>th</sup> Kathy Clark  
Debbie Brust  
Jim Glenna  
Jessica Demulling  
Maria Hanson  
Marley Peer  
12<sup>th</sup> Judy Dittrich  
Jackie Peterson  
13<sup>th</sup> Charlie Kaiser  
14<sup>th</sup> Sonya Swanson  
Larry Koenig  
15<sup>th</sup> Michael Hale  
16<sup>th</sup> Deb Koehler  
19<sup>th</sup> David Rosik  
Brody Mayer  
22<sup>nd</sup> Diane Swiontek  
24<sup>th</sup> Maggie Isaacson  
Leevi Berg  
25<sup>th</sup> Marge Williams  
Connor Brown  
26<sup>th</sup> Wayne Johnson  
Jolene Baillargeon  
Dean Skinner

27<sup>th</sup> Matt Gregory  
Madison Gorski  
Alex Robinson  
Bekah Robinson  
Aydin Koenig  
28<sup>th</sup> Larry Carlson  
29<sup>th</sup> Jeff Simpkins  
30<sup>th</sup> Addison Jeske  
31<sup>st</sup> Audrina Adam

## SEPTEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Megan Hall  
Rowan Prokop  
Griffin Demulling  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bret Johnson  
5<sup>th</sup> Barb Kloetzke  
Ben Peterson  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Olson  
7<sup>th</sup> Maggie Peer  
Alyssa Chapman  
8<sup>th</sup> Victoria Hove  
10<sup>th</sup> Clayton Hanson  
Erin Martinson  
11<sup>th</sup> Roy Basham  
12<sup>th</sup> Doris Johnson  
Karrie Swenson  
13<sup>th</sup> Dan Johnson  
Olivia Pederson  
15<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Swenson  
Denise Sinclear Todd  
Patty Willeman  
Sara Haase  
Ross Lechman

16<sup>th</sup> Casey Betow  
17<sup>th</sup> Trinity Greenquist  
18<sup>th</sup> Craig Brunclik  
19<sup>th</sup> Bennet Kneath  
20<sup>th</sup> Tom Moore  
21<sup>st</sup> Otto Ferris  
22<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Hutton  
23<sup>rd</sup> Susan Mayer  
Melissa Carmack  
24<sup>th</sup> Martin Tangen  
Jeff Hall  
Erek Gorski  
Caitlyn Vitalis  
25<sup>th</sup> Alex Malm  
26<sup>th</sup> Gail Fox  
27<sup>th</sup> Isaac Haines  
28<sup>th</sup> Nancy McElfresh  
Bev Johnson  
Addie Jensen





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**Custodian** Jerry Rosenow

# **You Are Welcome Here!!**

