



CHURCH

Dresser, WI

ALL ARE WELCOME

OFFICE HOURS

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

WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM

Weekly Communion
& Fellowship

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE - JULY 2025

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Family of Christ, Spirit Led ~ Grace Fed



Last payment on the mortgage!!

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A Note from Pastor Melissa

From paying off our mortgage to calling Pastor Lori as the pastor of Adult Ministries, this spring has brought so much joy to our Peace Lutheran family, and God continues to amaze me with how we are being called to be God's church in this world.

As I shift my duties of your pastor to focus more on our children, youth and families here at Peace, I am reminded of a concept of learning called "Godly Play" where we are encouraged to hear an idea and then explore that idea by simply wondering out loud about it.

I wonder what Peace will look like in 5 years, with how we are re-imagining it to be
I wonder what God is up to right now

I wonder whose heart(s) God may be placing a passion on to help minister to our children & youth here at Peace

I wonder what would happen if everyone took the summer to share God's love AND invite just one person or family to join them at Peace

I wonder how we can be a church for our community in a new way

I do wonder a lot of these things (and more!), but one thing I know for sure is that God is good, God continues to lead us and guide us as a family of faith, and God's love is bigger than anything we can ever imagine. And for that I am grateful.

See you in Church!

*Pastor
Melissa*



Congrats to our Peace High School Grads!

NOTES from the Office



JUNE/JULY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 am
Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am

The 1st Sunday of each month will be outside weather permitting. Rain date will be the following Sunday. Bring a lawn chair if you are able.

WEEKLY @ PEACE

Sundays

- Worship Service @ 9:00am
- Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- Quilting Group @ 8:30am
- Scripture Study @ 1:30pm, (men & women)

MONTHLY @ PEACE

- 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
- Rachel Circle 4th Tuesday @ 1:30pm.
- Peace Council Meeting 3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm

ATTENDANCE / FINANCIAL

April

6th-127 13th-213 20th-314/119 27th-145

May

4th-135 11th-177 18th-144 25th- 128

Financial Giving (April/May)

Budget \$66,614

Missions \$766

Noisy Offering \$211

Building Maintenance Fund \$6,540

Mortgage Principal \$111,460

Mortgage Balance: \$0

Council Minutes are posted on our website: plcdresser.org

Community Mission Spotlight "Interfaith Caregivers"

Our mission is to coordinate volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities to maintain their independence. Thank you for your support of Interfaith Caregivers.

In 2024, 159 volunteers helped 286 clients. Our volunteer hours were 7,227 and they gave 5,086 rides for a total of 106,610 miles! Other services include friendly visits, calls, respite visits, light housekeeping, minor fix-its, errands, grocery and food shelf deliveries.

For more info on how to be a volunteer or if you need help, call 715-483-8500.

MORE

newsworthy items



JOB POSTING

Administrative Assistant

Application Deadline: June 16, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church

Start Date: As soon as possible

Compensation: Commensurate to profession standards and experience

Position Summary - Peace Lutheran Church is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to provide professional, compassionate, and efficient support to the Adult Ministry Pastor and the broader church staff. This key role is responsible for a wide range of administrative, organizational, financial, and communication duties that support the mission and daily operations of the church. The ideal candidate is a detail-oriented, faithful Christian with QuickBooks experience, excellent communication, media and organizational skills with a strong sense of hospitality, confidentiality and service.

For more details go to the Peace Lutheran website: plcdresser.org

To apply please submit a resume and cover letter by June 16, 2025 to:

pastorlori@plcdresser.org

For questions, contact Pastor Lori Peper at 715-755-2515.



THANK YOU TO...

Linda Kahl for sending birthday cards to all Peace members 70 yrs & over

Larry Carlson and family for the beautiful Peace firepit

Tammy (media) for all the wonderful photos of people and events

Carol Rhoe for her organizational and decorating skills for the Blessing Lunch and the decorations in the Narthex

all who brought treats for the Baccalaureate service in May

Lori Kromrey for the spring flowers in our planters

all the Sunday School Teachers/Helpers & Confirmation Leaders for their commitment this past year

Bill & Dawn Tunison for helping move kitchen items so the floor could be professionally cleaned

**THANK
YOU!**

BIBLE STUDIES & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

Are you looking for a way to connect with other Peace members?
Or deepen your faith through Bible/Book studies?
Following are some ways for you to meet others,
and/or join a Bible/Book Study

Summer Bible/Book Studies

Summer Wednesday Online Bible Study

Join Pastor Lori Peper at 12:05pm for Bible Study! We will gather online to hear & discuss the upcoming Gospel reading. No homework! Please send an email to the church office if you wish to join. We will send you a Zoom link for the study. This will be for 30 minutes each Weds., of June, July and August.

"Sensible Shoes" Book Study

led by Pastor Maggie Isaacson.
June 5th-August 21st, 6:30 pm.
Sign-up sheet & books (\$10)
are at the Welcome Center.
Follow the stories of 4 women as they
are drawn into a spiritual formation
journey at a retreat center.

"Life Lessons from Philippians" Bible Study

led by Pastor Lori Peper. Sunday mornings
in July at 10:15 am in the Peace library. The
apostle Paul found faith as the foundation
of joy and promises that we can too. There
is no homework for this, so come when you
can. All are welcome to join the fun!

Scripture Study

Each Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the library
(men and women welcome). Led by Pete
Peterson and dig deeper in the scriptures
for the upcoming Sunday.

Rachel Circle

Every 4th Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the library
the women of Peace come together for a
monthly Bible Study. If you haven't joined
in before, this summer might be a good
time to visit.

Summer Fellowship & Fun Events!

Summer Strummers

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm-June, July & August
Good Neighbor Ukeleles will be welcoming
musicians, and players of all instruments to
join our summer musical circles at Peace.
We will be playing and singing our favorite
tunes, prepping for gigs, having an open mic
for the adventurous and hope that that
community will join us for some musical fun.
Listeners are welcome to come & enjoy the
music!

Second Sunday Supper

June 8th we will be gathering at 5:30 pm at
Running Aces (4 miles SW of Forest Lake). The
races start at 6:00 pm. There is limited seating
of 16 inside tables under Peace Church but
more casual seating outside for those wanting
to take in the action! Please rsvp to the church
office.

July 13th supper will be at 5:30 pm at Mixed Up
Waterside Bar & Grill, 1342 Lone Pine Lane,
Amery (located on Lake Wapogasset).

Touch a Truck Family Community Event

will be held on Sunday, July 13th. This fun event
is for all ages. Bring the kids and grandparents.
Come and meet the people in our community
who serve and protect you!

Crafts with Carol & Dale, Thursday, June 19th
10:00 am @ Peace. Wood "firecrackers & stars"
centerpieces and/or painting glass. If you have
a couple of glasses or wine bottle that you'd
like to paint, bring them along! Sign up at the
Welcome Center or rsvp to the church office by
June 12.



From Pastor Lori's Pen,

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way through the wilderness and streams to water the wasteland."
Isaiah 43:19

It all happened so quickly. This spring within 3 weeks barren trees were filled with leaves, tractors were in the fields, grass was getting mowed, and flowers had started to blossom. Now our world has fully bloomed into summer and change is everywhere we look. It all makes me wonder if God made the evolving world the way it is simply because he loves to watch things change and grow.

There's certainly been a lot of that around Peace Lutheran this summer. We've seen our staff, committees, church council and volunteer core bubbling with creativity. Pastor Melissa and I are coming up with all kinds of ideas now that we can focus on our separate assignments of Children Youth and Family, and Adult Ministry. In the office, we will be interviewing administrative assistants to allow Cheryl, and of course Pat after decades of faithful service, more time for family, and friends. We will definitely miss them but, if there is one thing that seeing all those graduating seniors here at baccalaureate gave me was a reminder that there is just no escaping the changes that come as the drum beat of life keeps playing ever onward.

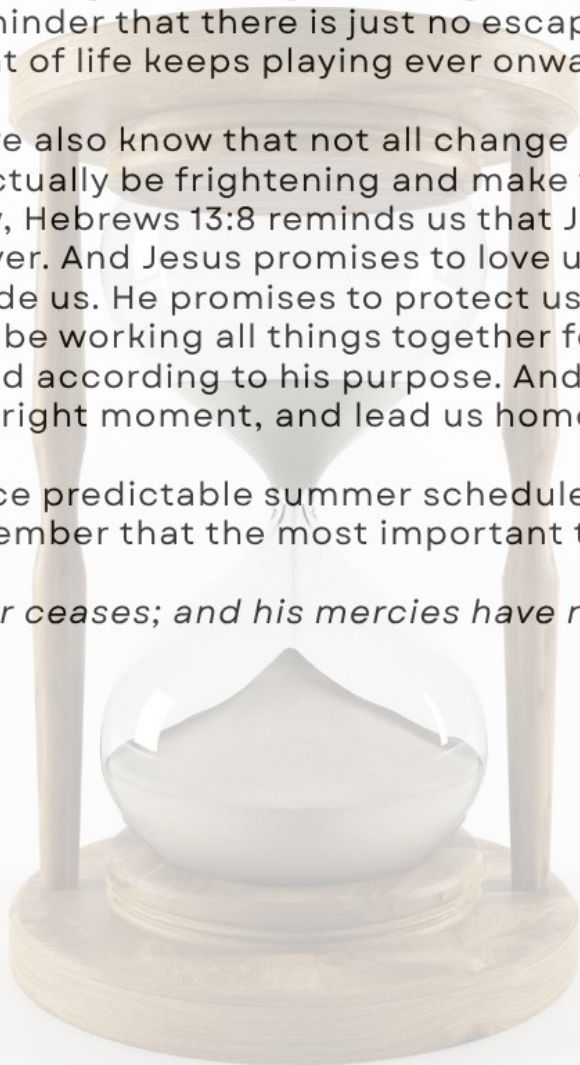
Even though change can be good, we also know that not all change is easy. Some of the changes we face can actually be frightening and make the future precarious and unknown. Thankfully, Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. And Jesus promises to love us, watch over us, strengthen, forgive and guide us. He promises to protect us, to be an ever-present help in trouble, and to be working all things together for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose. And, he even promises to come for us, at just the right moment, and lead us home.

If change is not your thing, and a nice predictable summer schedule eludes you like it usually does me, let's remember that the most important things in life never change.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; and his mercies have no end."

God is Good, All the Time!

Pastor Lori



Stewardship Corner

"The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul." Acts 11:29-30,

This example of generosity was carried out by the members of the nascent church in Antioch only about ten or twelve years after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. The young church comprised a mixture of Jews and Gentiles, and it bears the distinction of being the first place where Jesus' followers were referred to as Christians.

Consider, if you will, how these fledgling believers were motivated to be so spontaneously generous. Perhaps they had learned, no doubt through teaching by Paul and Barnabas, that all good things are gifts from God, and that their response of gratitude should include intentional, joyous, proportional giving to those in need.

We of Peace, having the advantage of generations of teaching about this sort of generosity, have recently amazed one another by paying off our mortgage in less than a year of a three year plan. Like the early Christians, we recognized that our gifts were meant to be shared as each one was able, and we learned that this sort of giving produces the satisfaction that can only come from doing God's work.

May we all imitate the Christians of Antioch by continuing the levels of giving to which we have become accustomed, so that, *"Then the church....enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened."*

Acts 9:31a.

Stewardship Ministry



Little Dresses for Africa

Last month Jeff & I had the opportunity to deliver 550 dresses and 200 shorts to the headquarters of Little Dresses for Africa in Rockwood, MI. Looking for what we were told was a warehouse turned out to be an old, beautiful church building. The congregation was long gone; however, the Holy Spirit was not. The building held boxes of dresses, shorts, bikes, school supplies and other items to give hope to those who may have lost it.

We had the honor of meeting the founder of LDFA, Mrs. Rachel O'Neil, whose mission has not changed since she began this wonderful Christian organization. LDFA is an example of 'God's work, our hands' at its best. We left knowing your donations, time and talents have not gone to waste. Matthew 25:40 "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Thank you for supporting this ministry. Vicky Simpkins, Outreach Ministry

Note: Later this summer Peace will be sending school tuition for our six Haiti children that we are sponsoring. Please keep Rossendjy, Hervendz, Jean-Rubens, Soienaica, Anne & Nilandie in your prayers.

FMSC Pack Update

The Outreach Ministry would like to thank our congregation for once again supporting our 2025 Polk County Mobile Pack. Also, thank you to those of you who were able to come to pack. This year was a great success, packing a total of 183,600 meals which will feed 503 children for an entire year, FMSC was founded in 1987, and our local mobile pack has been active for the past 14 years.

It is a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging & distribution of food to people in developing nations. Their mission is to feed God's starving children, believing that hope starts with food. FMSC receives no federal funding and consistently receives the highest awards for accountability and transparency. For further info see www.fmsc.org

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Mathew 25:35



Youth Events

The Mission Team loves road trip snacks!! If you are willing to provide a treat or snack, (chips, candy, granola bars, pre-packaged snacks, fruit cups, bagels, etc.), please let Pastor Melissa know (all food needs to be nut-free).

****Come and hear about the Mission trip on July 27th as Youth share their stories and experiences during worship****

9th Grade Reminders

- Final Project Proposals due to Pastor Melissa ASAP
- Turn in your Peace University Books when complete.
- You should have completed your individual Check-In Meeting with Pastor Melissa and a parent. If not, please contact her and set it up.

Prayer Send off for High School Idaho Mission Trip: Sunday, June 29th, 2025

We've been planning and fundraising throughout this past year and the time is finally here! 36 youth and adults from Peace Lutheran will be traveling to the Idaho to engage in Mission Work. Join us on Sunday, June 29th as we send off this team during worship! Please pray for the team as they travel and experience God and grow in their faith through this opportunity! Mission Trip dates are July 11-20, 2025.

Please Keep this team in your prayers:

Keagan Berg, Talon Berg, Natalie Betow, Bella Brown, Julie Bottolfson, Larissa Chapman, Sylvia Demulling, Peyton Everson, Aubrey Haase, Lucas Hale, Rylee Hall, Gavin Hansen, Daniel Hanson, Derek Hanson, Caleb Huhn, Josh Huhn, Kylie Johnson, Madi Johnson, Daniel Lackey, Bennet Lechman, Wyatt Martinson, Abi Palmer, Marlene Peer, Jackson Scholz, Justine Tronrud, Will White, Alex Willeman, Justin Wynne

Adults:

Pastor Melissa, Becky Anderson, Joe Berg, John Hale, Nicole Brown, Dallas Wynne

Africa (Adult) Mission Trip

The Africa Mission Trip to Zambia is scheduled for Spring 2026. If you would like more info or are interested in seeing if there are any spaces left (spots are limited), contact Pastor Melissa or Maria Gjovig.



5th - 8th Grade Summer Serve

This weekly program is during the month of July for current 5th - 8th grade students that focuses on service in and around our community.

This program is each Weds., in July & Thurs., July 31st from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The morning hours are spent doing service work at various locations around the community, we have lunch and a short bible study on the summer's theme, then then spend the afternoon with fun activities such as mini golf, waterslides, bowling & at Valley Fair too.

*Cost: \$130 for 5 days, (pro-rated if you can only attend 3 or less days) and includes all activities, tickets, Valley fair day, sack lunch each week (except Valleyfair Day) and a T-shirt. Scholarships are available upon request and maple bucks maybe used. Friends invited!!

CLUB56 Summer Adventure Outing

August 22-23, 2025 for 5th & 6th grade students

Registrations & information will be mailed to you this summer.





VBS 2025
August 4th-7th
6:00-8:00 pm

New price! \$10 per child or \$30 family max
Scholarships are available

*Kid's
Connection*

"Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"

Join us on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As you trek the tundra, you'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. True North VBS will point you toward Jesus and show you that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Register today so that you don't miss out on this incredible week that we have planned. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center.

VBS volunteers needed. We will need help with creating decorations and leading a "station" during VBS. Contact Pastor Melissa if you can help!

Planning for CYF (Children, Youth & Family Ministries) in the Summer!

We are already looking ahead to the fall and are looking for people who are interested in being team-teachers for Kids Connection, Confirmation leaders, or high school ministry leaders. Is God leading you towards being involved with our children or youth? If so, please contact Pastor Melissa!

[Almost] FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR 3RD & 4TH GRADERS!!

CAMP WAPO OR LUTHER POINT...Choose your camp!!
(You pay a \$50 Deposit...we pay the rest!!)



We believe that Camp is such an incredible experience & an important part of how we grow in our faith that Peace will be sending all current 3rd & 4th grade students to camp for FREE. We ask that each camper pay a deposit of \$50. Scholarships are available if needed), but the rest will be covered by fundraising and generous donations from Peace Members.

Luther Point Bible Camp has many camp options available for this age group (from 2-5 day), so we hope that there is an option for everyone. Give it a try and head to camp this summer!

*Additionally, \$50-\$300 partial scholarships will be given to all ages of students and families of Peace who attend camp this summer. (Amount depends on camp program). Please reach out to plcyouthpastor@gmail.com if you want to learn more or call 715-755-2515.

Camp Wapo Dates for Peace Members:

(Grades 1-3): June 20 - 22, 2025 and (Grades 4-12): June 22 - 27, 2025

meet

OUR TEAM!



TAMMY BRENIZER

Director of Media



JERRY ROSENOW

Chief Custodian

How long have you worked at Peace?

I have worked at Peace for four and one-half years. I really love the people of Peace. Being north of Hwy. 8, I never really knew people on the "other side". But, I am now quick to tell everyone how special you all are.

Four years. The people of this congregation are so kind and wonderful. I truly enjoy working here!

What are your hobbies outside of church?

I really enjoy a variety of activities: Orchestra Hall, Live Theater, watching the Vikings, Wolves & Lynx, floating at Ward Lake and adventures with my special groups of friends

I fish pretty much every day (if I need to or not). Spending time with family is the best.

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

Whatever God chooses! It is the little things in life that matter most.

Another year of a wonderful life.

Favorite or funny memory of working at Peace?

My favorite funny present memory is of Jason Prokop moving the balloons from the stage during the Easter service. Thanks Jason, for being such a great sport!

With storage at a premium in the church, things get put in various places from year to year. One year, just before Christmas, we lost the baby Jesus doll. Yikes! Luckily it was found before the due date!

What is your dream vacation?

I really haven't been much of a vacationer-I grew up a farmer's daughter, so it was always the last thing we had time for. But lately, the bug is growing. the big vacation I would like to take is spending a year or so traveling the US in a fifth-wheel.

I've travelled quite a bit around the world, but Alaska is still on the to-do list.



2025 Sap Collection



Burning the mortgage!



Our Media Team



PLAYDATE AT THE PARK! 10:00 am-Noon

Scavenger hunt, snack & craft provided. Free play for kids, fellowship for parents/caregivers.

June 21, at Oakey Park, Osceola
Aug. 16, Lion's Park, SCF



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