

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dresser, WI

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OFFICE HOURS

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

WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM

Weekly Communion
& Fellowship

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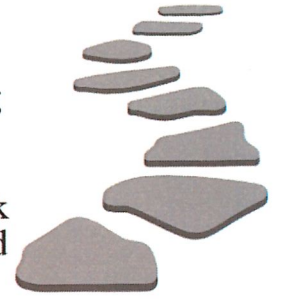
A Family of Christ, Spirit Led ~ Grace Fed



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THE JOURNEY OF STONES



I remember skipping stones as a child. In fact, I remember priding myself on how good of a “stone skipper” I was when I was young. I would walk along the shores of Lake Superior, which my family visited frequently, or crunch along the rocks down at Bayfield Park in Bayport on the St. Croix River, near where I grew up, and spend hours looking for the perfect skipping stones and try to make the skip and bounce across the waters. It was just as much about the journey of finding a stone - that perfect, smooth, flat stone with defined, yet rounded edges that fit perfectly in the shape of my hand - as it was about the attempt to skip them.

To this day, I still find myself scouring rocky shores when the opportunity presents itself, searching for the perfect skipping stone. One that has evidence of years spent in the current, shaped by forces beyond its control.

Throughout Scripture, stones hold deep significance. Jacob used a stone as a pillow during his wilderness journey and later set it up as a pillar to mark a sacred encounter with God (Genesis 28:18). David selected five smooth stones to face the giant Goliath, a testament to faith and preparation (1 Samuel 17:40). And Jesus Himself is named as a cornerstone. As 1 Peter 2:4-5 reminds us, He is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen and precious in God’s sight.

Beginning in March, we invite you to a special worship series on Wednesday evenings, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. We will gather weekly and be inspired by the themes of stones in Scripture. Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in scripture, we will go on a journey of prayerful and honest repentance - a powerful and life-changing journey of celebration, of grace, of awe at the miracle of the empty tomb and the promise of life.

Let’s journey through Lent together. Let the stones remind us of God’s presence and power in our lives.

See you in Church,

*Pastor
Melissa*

Jamaica Mission Team

17 Members and friends of Peace will be heading out to partner with and serve one of our mission partners, Robin’s Nest Children’s Home, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Please keep these team members in your prayers as they prepare for this mission that God has called them to, and as they are serving in Jamaica. Our mission team will be traveling March 9-16, 2025. Please join us in sending them off at worship and breakfast on Sunday, March 2nd (free will donation for breakfast and all proceeds will help purchase supplies for the team to bring with them).

Please keep these 2025 Jamaica mission team members in your prayers:
Nate, Linda, Roman & Otto Ferris, Dawn & Bill Tunison, Alyssa & Juan Mena, Kelly, Stacia & Bennet Kneath, Amanda LaBoda, Layla McGowan, Janelle Meyer, Melodie Needham, Shay Rysdam, Pastor Melissa Carmack.

NOTES

from the office



FEB./MARCH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 am
Kid's Connection 10:00-10:45 am
Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am

Feb. 16th 2nd Grade Stewardship
Milestone
Feb. 23rd K/1st Grade Prayer
Milestone and Noisy Offering
March 2nd Jamaica Blessing/Send-Off
March 9th Children's Sunday

Coffee @ Peace

Tuesdays @ 9:00 am
Join us on Tuesdays for Coffee
(or tea/hot chocolate)



Food Shelf Items

We are still collecting Mac-n-Cheese and Ramen Noodles for the Back Pack Program.

All the community food shelves are in need of non-perishable food items such as soups, peanut butter, cereal, laundry soap, and personal items.

Members of Peace Lutheran,
Thank you so much for the bag of goodies for the holidays. It is so thoughtful of you to remember us. I miss not being active at church but health problems have changed things for me. I have wonderful memories of our years at Peace.

God bless you-Kathy Vesperman

ATTENDANCE / FINANCIAL

December

1st 134 8th 132 15th 217
22nd 127 24th 206/229/95

January

5th-70 12th-120 19th-89 24th-147

Financial Giving (January) -

Budget \$33,440 Missions \$1,938
Mortgage Principal \$21,330
Noisy Offering \$150

Mortgage Balance on Jan. 24th
\$159,633

2025 Peace Council Members

Brandon Robinson, President
Joe Kahl, Vice-President
Amber Chapman, Secretary
Vicki Koehler, Council Treasurer
Tim Pauley
Jason Swanson

Ministries & Chairpersons

Care - Diane Moser
Adult Ministry - Christine Schreck
Children, Youth & Family -
Amber Chapman
Personnel - Tim Pauley
Stewardship - Maggie Isaacson
Property - Larry Carlson
Worship - Ronda Haley
Cemetery - John Haley

CALENDAR DATES / SCHEDULES

WEEKLY

Sundays

- Worship Service @ 9:00am
- Kid's Connection! @ 10:00am
- Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

MONTHLY

- Itty Bitty Book Bunch 2nd Sunday at 10:00am
- 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 Tue. @ 1:30pm.
- Youth Ministry Meeting 3rd Thursday @ 5:00pm
- Peace Council Meeting 3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm

Easter Flower Orders

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

Easter Lily or Tulips \$16

Mums \$18

Hydrangea or Azaleas \$30

Orders will be due March 2nd



SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, February 1st, 9 am-2pm

Little Dresses for Africa Community Sewing Day at Peace. Help is needed to cut, iron, & sew. No experience is necessary! Light lunch will be served.

Sunday, February 2nd @ 10:00am

Special Congregational Pastoral Call Meeting

Sunday, February 16th

2nd grade Milestone Ministry

Sunday, February 23rd

K/1st grade Milestone Ministry

Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 10:00am:

Following worship, an informational meeting will be held for those who are interested in our Maple Syrup Ministry. (see pg. 6)

Sunday, February 23rd, 4:00-6:00pm

Bingo & BBQ Supper for all ages! More info on the Events page!

Sunday, March 2nd

Jamaica Mission Trip Blessing Breakfast following worship with proceeds to be used for supplies to bring to Robin's Nest Orphanage

Monday, March 3rd at 6:30pm

Freezer Meal Class. More details coming in the weekly emails and bulletins. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday

Dinner at 5:45pm

Mentors/Youth meet at 6:30pm

Worship Service at 7:00pm.

See the display board in the Narthex to sign up for supper items.

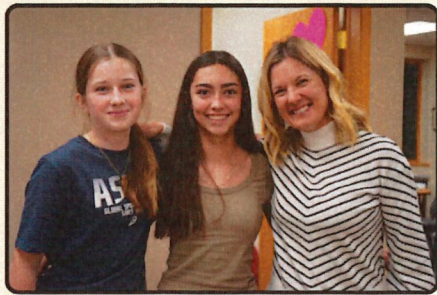


Confirmation & HS Youth

Here's what's happening with our youth for the next couple of months.

7th -9th Grade Confirmation

Wednesday night weekly programming during February. During the season of Lent (beginning March 5th), 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

Wednesday night Youth Group during the month of February. During March youth are encouraged to attend Lent Worship Services each Wednesday and then meet from 7:30-8pm for an abbreviated youth group time.



Maple Syrup Ministry Informational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, February 23rd at 10:00 am for an informational meeting about the help needed for a successful 2025 Sap Season. In March, the sap will be running and help is needed to gather the sap from over 2,500 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, general church offering, material for quilters, etc. The possibilities are endless!

Come and enjoy God's creation this spring and be a part of this thriving ministry!



Looking forward to a great sap season!

Upcoming Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers

Thank you for your continued support of missions as we continue to reach out to love and serve others. You can support the High School Summer Youth Mission Trip in the following ways:

Butter Braids Fundraiser

Butter Braid Pastries will be available for purchase in March. You can order yours by calling the church office or by submitting your order online (link will be found in our weekly emails in March). Butter braids will be delivered in time for Easter!

KWIK TRIP CARDS

We still have a couple large (\$50 & \$100) Kwik Trip Cards available for purchase. The youth mission team will receive 10% of all purchases! Contact the church office, or a mission trip participant to purchase your Kwik Trip card today (can be used in store OR for gas!)

Kid's Connection



UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb. 16th: 2nd Grade Milestone (Stewardship)

Sunday, Feb. 23rd: K/1 Milestone (Prayer)

Sunday, March 2nd: 4th Grade Milestone Event (Servant Heart)

Sunday, March 9th: Children's Sunday (Children help lead worship)

A note will be sent home with children for them to sign up to read a verse or prayer or play special music, etc.

Sunday, March 30th: 6th Grade Milestone Event (Servanthood)

[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!!)



That's right...We believe Camp is such an incredible experience and important part of how we grow in our faith that Peace Lutheran are willing to send all current 3rd & 4th grade students to camp for FREE. We ask that each camper pay a deposit of \$25-50 (Depending on length of the camp. Scholarships available if needed), but the rest will be covered by fundraising and generous donations from Peace Members.

NEW THIS YEAR! Peace Lutheran has begun a relationship with Camp Wapo in Amery, WI and youth are invited to sign up for camps at Camp Wapo! Youth may also still attend camp at Lutherpoint Bible Camp (individual registration). Both camps have many different camp options available for our youth (from 2 days - 5 days).

Camp Wapo Dates for Peace Members:

SEEDS Weekend (Grades 1-3): June 20 - 22, 2025 (5 spots available)

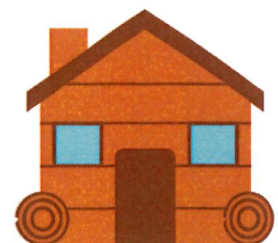
WAPO YOUTH CAMP (Grades 4-9): June 22 - 27, 2025 (5 spots available)

*Friends are invited to attend camp as well. Other options are available through the camps (specialized camps, etc.) that youth may also attend. Please check Camp Wapo & Luther Point Camp's Website for more options.

CAMP SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 9TH

Want to learn more about camp?? We will be having a CAMP SUNDAY on Sunday, February 9th. Pastor Suzi Orlop will be joining us as Camp Wapo Staff and will be sharing about camp during worship. Then, join us for a special Kids Connection Time as Pastor Suzi leads us in games and other fun activities.

Save the date (Feb. 9th!) and join in the fun!!



Stewardship Corner

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess God's name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:15-16, New International Version.

This letter, believed to have been written by an Apostle named Barnabas, was intended to support and encourage Jewish believers during the first period of persecution that the fledgling Christian church was experiencing. It is filled with reminders that Jesus' sacrifice and the victory over death that His resurrection brought about produced a system and a result that was far superior to the Jewish system of sacrifices that had been in effect for over a thousand years.

Hebrews' message should remind us also of the wonder of the gift of salvation that God has given us, and that our response should include joyfully, intentionally, and generously sharing our time, talents, and treasures in God's service.

See you next time! Stewardship Ministry

Outreach Ministry

Little Dresses for Africa

As noted on the calendar page, we are having a Sewing Day for our Little Dresses on Feb. 1st. Jeff & Vicky Simpkins will drive our dresses and shorts to the LDFA warehouse in Michigan in Feb. or March. Vicky will participate in the volunteer sorting event held once a month. We will count and pack our dresses on Feb. 1st, but there are probably at least 200+ dresses & many shorts ready to go. Thrivent grants help us support this effort.



Salvation Army Homeless Shelter for Polk/Burnett Counties

A sad update on this 3-4 year struggle. The small house (intended for families) is finished and housing 6 to 8 homeless adults. A great many of our supplies and donations are being used in this house. Unfortunately, the nursing home building that was to house homeless adults, was condemned and demolished! Many of our donations are still stored on site, and will be used whenever a new plan is developed.

Teach Haiti


Bonjour! We are grateful to share that our students have resumed school, and learning is back in full swing! However, we ask for your continued prayers during this critical time. Please pray for-

- Peace and stability following months of gang violence.
- The resumption of flights in and out of Haiti bringing essential goods; and
- For protection and strength for students, teachers and their families.

Your support and prayers make an immeasurable difference. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to generate change together.

With our gratitude, Miquette and the Teach Haiti team.

Hopefully, when flights resume we will get cards and updates on our students: Rossendjy, Hervendz, Jean-Rubens, Soidenaica, Anne, and Nilandie.



LENT is Coming ~ Save the Dates!

Join us this Lenten Season as we worship together Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Our confirmation youth will be engaged with mentors each week, dinner will be served, and worship will challenge everyone in new ways.

Plan to join us during Lent and watch for more information coming soon through emails, announcements and social media. Dinner begins at 5:45pm each Wednesday, Mentees and Mentors meet at 6:30pm, Worship begins at 7pm.

March 5th Ash Wednesday Worship & Ashes

March 12th, 19th, 26th Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

April 2nd & 9th Lent Mid-Week Service @ 7pm

Holy Week

April 13th Palm Sunday Worship @ 9am (Breakfast to follow)

April 17th Maundy Thursday/First Communion Service @ 7pm

April 18th Good Friday Service @ Noon

April 20th Easter Sunday Services (Times TBD)

SOUP SUPPERS BYOB (Bring Your Own Bowls!)

We will once again be gathering for supper during Lent before our services. Later in February there will be a Lent Display board in the Narthex with tags for you to take to make soup, sandwiches or dessert.

Please consider helping with the cooking, serving and/or cleanup. We need your help!

Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY

1st Dick Blattner
2nd Glen Museus
4th Shannon Bents
Jayce Leisch
5th Lee Carlson
7th Tara Adam
Roman Ferris
8th Drew Ekstrom
10th Gabbie Neumann
11th Daniel Hanson
Lucas Jeske
15th Ella Waalen
16th Nan Scholz
18th Christine Hanson
Jordan Lee
Cooper Steffen
19th Kim Kaiser
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
Paetyynn Bliese
Carter Durand
5th Robin Ekstrom
Jacob Hall
7th Tammy Guggisberg
Anna Willeman
Ada Haines
8th Mia DeGroote
9th Tory Greenquist
Sam Glenna
10th Shauna Fehlen
Rylee Hall
11th Jordan Lieffring
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
25th Bryce Durand
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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

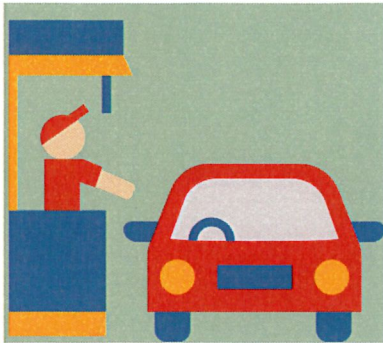


Second Sunday Brunch Sunday, February 9th @ 10:30am

Join us on Sun. Feb. 9th @ 10:45 am at Tippy Canoes.
Please RSVP to the office by Thurs. Feb. 6th.

Second Sunday Supper Sunday, March 9 @ 5:30pm

Join us at Fiesta Cancun Mexican Grill @ Center City!
Please RSVP to the office by Thurs., March 6th.



Drive-Thru Meal - \$10 Monday, February 10th, 4:00-6:00pm

Why cook when you can drive-thru and pick up supper for you and/or your family?! Serving: Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread Stick, & a Brownie!

Proceeds from this event for the Mission Trip to Robin's Nest Children's Home in Jamaica.



Bingo Event/BBQ Supper Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 4:00-6:00pm

Come for the fun-stay for Sloppy Jo's for supper! We will be playing Bingo from 4-5:30 & then end our time with a meal together. No money involved-prizes for winners of all ages!

This is sure to be a fun fellowship event!



Women's Freezer Meal Fellowship Event Monday, March 3rd @ 6:30pm

Join us for a fun fellowship event & leave with freezer meals to take home! Registration will be available in mid-Feb. Choose from a variety of meals (Chicken Alfredo, Chicken Fajitas, Teriyaki Chicken & Rice, Burrito Bowl, Chicken Pot Pie & more! Prices will vary based on meals and # of participants but will be \$8-12/meal which serves 4-6.

meet

OUR TEAM!



JASON SWANSON

Council Member



VICKI KOEHLER

Council Member

What do you like best about our church family?

What I like best about our church family is how welcoming and generous we are.

As a member of Peace since 1983, through all of the changes and transitions of our church, I appreciate the strength and good will of our congregation. We are blessed to have a strong, supportive body of Christ.

Favorite hobbies outside of being a council member?

Besides spending time with family, I also enjoy playing golf and pickleball.

Enjoy traveling, time spent with our children & grandchildren, sour dough bread making, walking outdoors.

Salty or Sweet?

Salty.

A combo of salty and sweet!

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

Our 2nd daughter (Laura) getting married and our youngest daughter (Mari) graduating college and our oldest daughter (Rachel) will be blessing us with our first grandchild this summer.

I would like to celebrate the everyday joys of our family and the bond of love that we share.

Anything else that you would like to add?

I am very thankful for the variety of talents and resources shared by our church family that all helps make Peace great!

I look forward to serving on council and to the unfolding of what God has in store for Peace.

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Bookkeeper Cheryl Bjornstad

**Special Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, February 2nd
10:00 am

Pastoral Call
Recommendation and Vote**

You Are Welcome Here!!

