

PEACE LUTHERAN



CHURCH

Dresser, WI

ALL ARE WELCOME

OFFICE HOURS

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

WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM

Weekly Communion
& Fellowship

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**APRIL - MAY
2025**

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A Family of Christ, Spirit Led ~ Grace Fed



2025 Jamaica Mission Team

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From Pastor Lori's Pen
March, 2025

So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away. Everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Greetings, Peace Lutheran! As your new pastor, and staff member I want to say thank you for the warm welcome, encouragement and guidance. It has been a delightful beginning to a new chapter in our collective service to the Lord.

The Christian life offers many opportunities to have fresh starts, too. Each week in worship, we begin with a time of confession. When we began our Lenten midweek series, Journey of Stones we took a few moments to assess the weight of our past mistakes. We imagined the stone in our hand containing our regrets. Even though it wasn't a pleasant experience, we realized that it is important to our spiritual growth to occasionally come clean with God, to admit that our lives are not perfect, that we do a few things we know shouldn't, and have failed to do a few things we should. The best part of the evening was that we were able to leave our stones of regret at the foot of the cross - with Jesus.

Thanks be to God, our confessions are followed by Good News. Psalm 103:12 reminds us that, *"As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us."* What a gift! It is a gift to know that Jesus made it possible for the slate of our sin to be wiped clean. It is a gift to know that we can leave our regrets with Jesus and, allow him to make all things new. And it is a gift to know that with a clean heart, we can carry on without the weight of the past and begin again - a little wiser.

I do hope that you can join us for midweek suppers and services this year as we discover together what other stones we might be carrying. Let's remember that we don't have to wait for a Wednesday night, or a Sunday morning to have a fresh start with God. Lamentations 3:22 reminds us God's mercies are new every morning. Each sunrise is a reminder that as baptized children of God, we are becoming a new creation, claimed, redeemed, and set free by the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Each sunrise is an opportunity for a fresh start.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Lori

NOTES from the office



APRIL/MAY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:00 am

Kid's Connection 10:00-10:45 am

Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am

Holy Week schedule on next page

April 27th Creation Sunday

May 11th Honor our HS Graduates

May 14th Baccalaureate Service
7:00pm at Peace

ATTENDANCE / FINANCIAL

February

2nd-146 9th-131 16th-143 23rd-129

March

2nd-189 9th-144 16th-116 23rd-248

Financial Giving (Feb./March)

Budget \$57,768 Missions \$2,036

Mortgage Principal \$5,050

Noisy Offering \$150

Mortgage Balance on March 24
\$140,128

Council Minutes are posted on our
website: plcdresser.org

Email Addresses REVAMPED

We will be rolling out our new email addresses on March 24th. Emails will be forwarded to these new addresses effective immediately. We are excited about this update and making our addresses simpler for everyone. The biggest change is going to be the .ORG - we are not used to typing .ORG, so it will take some time and a few "errors", but the emails should bounce back to you if you don't use the .ORG. As a reminder, you do not need to use capital letters as we have below. We are just using them for example to make the new address stand out.

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Peace Confirmation Group,
What a nice surprise on a Weds.,
night when a group of boys from
Peace stopped at our home to sing
a song for us. It was nice to be
remembered by younger kids of our
church. Again, a big thank you.

Mavis and Dave Lindahl



Interested in Becoming a Member?

If you are new to our church and would like to find out more about becoming a member or if you have been here for years and want to become an official member, contact Pastor Melissa, Pastor Lori or the church office at:
office@plcdresser.org

CALENDAR DATES / SCHEDULES

WEEKLY

Sundays

- Worship Service @ 9:00am
- Kid's Connection @ 10:00am
- Coffee & Fellowship
- Good Neighbor Ukulele Group @ 3:00pm-come join us!

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

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 Tues. @ 1:30pm.
- Youth Ministry Meeting 3rd Thursday @ 5:00pm
- Peace Council Meeting 3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm

Congratulations to our High School Grads!



Special dates to remember:

April 30th, 8:30 pm-meet with Pastor Melissa at church. We'll have a short devo time, you will receive a special gift and pick out your blanket for Senior Sunday.

May 11th, 9:00 am Senior Sunday. Join us for worship as we celebrate you, send you off wrapped in blankets with our blessings for this new journey.

May 14th, 7:00 pm Baccalaureate Service at Peace for all graduates in the St. Croix Valley. Bring your cap & gown!

SAVE THE DATES!

Spring Clothing Event

Monday, April 7th, 2:00-6:00 pm

Set up for the Clothing Event will be on Sunday, April 6th @ 10am.

The Clothing Event is Monday, April 7th, 2:00-6:00pm.



Please separate your donations (men's, women's, children's) and label the bags or boxes. This helps so much with the set up on Sunday!

BINGO @ Peace

Sunday, April 27, 4:00-6:00 pm

Blood Drive @ Peace

Monday, April 30th, noon-6pm

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Weds., May 7th, 5:00-7:00 pm

Join us for a great dinner and then browse the silent auction selection of items to bid on!



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday-

9:00am Worship with Choir Cantata.

10:00am Breakfast with proceeds for the Youth Summer Mission Trip

Maundy Thursday-

5:45pm Supper

6:30pm Mentors/Confirmants

7:00pm Worship with First Communion

Good Friday-Noon Service

Easter Sunday-

9:00am & 10:30am Easter Services!

Stewardship Corner

"Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts her affairs with justice..... She has scattered abroad her gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Psalm 112: 5 and 9, New International Version.

This Psalm is part of a group of five that combine praise with the sort of wisdom and counsel that is also found in the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. It is quoted by Paul in his second letter to the church in Corinth as he encouraged them to continue and expand the generosity they had begun to practice.

It echoes many other scripture passages that express the idea that acknowledging God's gifts and sharing them will result in the sort of blessings that will allow us to continue and expand our generosity. Chief among those gifts is the grace that God pours out on us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. As we celebrate in this season the wonder of the empty tomb, may we remember, as Paul reminded the Corinthians, *"Now God, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."*

2 Corinthians 9:10, NIV.

See you next time!

Stewardship Ministry

Outreach Ministry

Little Dresses for Africa

On Feb. 1st we had 27 people attend our Sewing Day at Peace. In late April, Jeff & Vicky Simpkins will drive our dresses (and boys shorts) to the LDFA distribution center in Rockwood, MI. By then we will have about 500 dresses and 187 shorts ready! People continue to sew dresses at home, preparing to send them along with Peace's African trip next winter. Please pray for these little girls and boys.

Teach Haiti

Now that they are regularly back in school, our 6 children are thriving. The civil unrest in Haiti continues in surrounding areas. We hope to have pictures and updates soon on Rossendjy, Hervendz, Jean-Rubens, Soidenaica, Anne, and Nilandie. The ports and airports are closed to mail. The funds we send are safe, going to Wheaton, IL and then to the school.

Last year at Easter we sent extra money to buy chickens, and the children are eating eggs nearly every day. It is a great boost to their nutrition. Parents are required to help with the garden, animals, or school work each week. The students are also taught gardening and animal care as part of their lessons.



Feed My Starving Children

Sign up now to help pack nutritious meals during the Polk County Mobile Pack being held at the fairgrounds April 24-26. This year's goal is to pack 171,000 meals over the 3-day event. Peace members are invited to sign up for a two-hour session that's full of fun and fellowship. Contact Pete Peterson or Claire Cook Chinander to register, or you can sign up online at FMSC.org.



Confirmation & HS Youth

7th -8th Grade Confirmation

The last day of Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 7th. Families are encouraged to attend the spaghetti dinner fundraiser together (begins at 5:00 pm), and then small groups will be presenting their final projects in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm (parents welcome to stay) while we enjoy root beer floats.

9th Grade

Students should be finishing up their course work for the year from their Peace University Book.

All 9th grade students, along with one parent/guardian, will sign up for a time to meet with Pastor Melissa for the year end check-in and to hear about plans for student's final projects and what to expect next fall. More information will be emailed out to parents soon.

A Huge Thanks to all our Leaders & Volunteers!

Thank you to all the youth & adults who helped make Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group and Youth Programs great this year!! If you have helped with the weekly programs for our children or youth this year, we want to say THANK YOU! You are appreciated more than you know!

Idaho Youth Summer Mission Trip...

Upcoming Dates!

May 7th - Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction (sign up to help online)

June 29th - Blessing & Send off (9am), Final Meeting with Parents (10am), Final Training Session (Students only) (11am-1pm).

Kwik Trip Cards

We have more 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!)



5th - 8th Grade Summer Serve

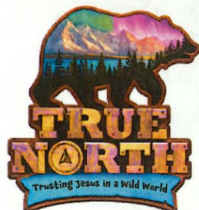
Summer Serve is a weekly program throughout the month of July for current 5th - 8th grade students that focuses on service in and around our community.

We gather together on Wednesdays throughout July (beginning July 9) and Thursday, July 31st from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a fun day of challenging and rewarding experiences. We'll spend the morning doing service at various locations and agencies in and around the community, have lunch together, a short bible study on the summer's theme, then spend the afternoon sharing fun activities like mini golf, waterslides, bowling, swimming, and even a Valley Fair. It's a great way to meet people, have fun with your friends, and do something important during your summer.

*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!!

Kid's Connection

VBS 2025-Save the Dates! "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"



August 4th-7th
6:00-8:00 pm
\$25 per child or
\$60 family max

Club 56 Summer Adventure Outing

August 22-23, 2025

Save the Date!

For 5th & 6th Graders.

Watch for more info.



[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!!)



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LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP, INC.



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BIBLE CAMP

That's right...We believe Camp is such an incredible experience & an important part of how we grow in our faith that Peace Lutheran is 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 are available if needed), but the rest will be covered by fundraising and generous donations from Peace Members.

Camp Wapo helps us understand why camp is so important (as found on their website, www.lakewapo.org):

Why Camp? Because Your Child Needs It Now More Than Ever.

Summer is right around the corner, and if you haven't signed up for camp yet, now is the time! Camp isn't just a fun getaway - it's an essential experience that builds confidence, **deepens faith, strengthens mental well-being, fosters leadership skills, and creates deep, lasting friendships.** In a world filled with distractions, pressures, and screens, camp provides a much-needed space to **breathe, grow, and reconnect.**

At **Camp Wapo** and **Wilderness Canoe Base**, campers step into a supportive, faith-filled community where they can **explore who they are, develop independence, and experience the joy of belonging.**

And camp isn't just for kids! We offer **Family Camp**, **Grandparent/Kid Camp**, and **Intergenerational Camp**, so the whole family can experience the renewal and joy of time away together.

Your child (and your family!) needs camp. **Make this summer one that brings adventure, faith growth, and lifelong memories.**

*Full and partial scholarships are available to all! Please reach out to plcyouthpastor@gmail.com if you want to learn more or call 715-755-2515.

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)

Happy Birthday!

APRIL

2nd Jenny Corbett
 3rd MaryLou Baillargeon
 John Lee
 4th Justin Wynne
 5th Jan Bents
 6th Dan McElfresh
 Miles Twohy
 7th Mary Cotch
 Margo Langer
 Garrett Slater
 8th Reed Corbett
 9th Monica Robinson
 10th Don Dehmer
 Ashley Maloney
 12th Selah Greenquist
 Miles Gregory
 13th John Adam
 Lori Maypark
 14th Ruby Demulling
 16th Barb Hanson
 Amy Hagen
 Jameson Tracy
 17th Deb Kravik
 18th Mary Lee
 Steve Kromrey
 Rick Dvorak
 20th Patty Storby
 Mark Gjovig
 Minnie Kolve
 Kelly Waalen
 21st Ashlyn Tinney
 22nd Judy Rondeau

23rd Linda Meixner
 Rebecca Tanger
 24th Connie Landgren
 Hallie Glenna
 Natalie Betow
 Madison Hanson
 Reese Hanson
 25th Jim Kirby
 Ben Neumann
 Trey Anderson
 26th Trish Slater
 Kurt Lietz
 27th Pam Brunclik
 Peter Ward
 Abby Wynne
 28th Barb Boyken
 Evy Hanson
 29th Sarah Kromrey
 30th Jonah Lietz

MAY

1st Bonnie Crary
 Isaac Demulling
 2nd Angie LaMirande
 3rd Don Meixner
 4th Jan Museus
 Mari Swanson
 5th Kelly Bliese
 Aiden Steffen
 Ellie Hagen
 Michael Gregory
 7th Dianne Bystrom
 Delaney Steffen

8th Dick Tomforde
 Mary Jo Cavallin
 Soren Skinner
 9th Kathy Stephansen
 Dave Swiontek
 10th Arianna Miller
 12th Marian Sinclear
 Emmet Berg
 13th Ben Brown
 14th Mavis Lindahl
 John Leisch
 15th Craig Corbett
 16th Ronda Haley
 17th Pete Peterson
 18th Maxine Waddick
 Peggy Basham
 20th Shay Rysdam
 Lucas Hale
 21st Vicky Simpkins
 Jennifer Demulling
 22nd Carrie Larson
 Chris Larson
 23rd Sarah Hanson
 Jadie Simpkins
 Peyton Everson
 Jerzie Peterson
 24th Andrea Skinner
 25th Trish Tompson
 28th Barb Lear
 29th Steve Schiebel
 30th Steve Storby
 31st Julie Campbell
 Kylie Johnson



UPCOMING EVENTS!



SECOND SUNDAY SUPPERS

Sunday, April 9th @ 5:30pm

Join us for supper and conversation at "Stella's on 97" by Forest Lake. Please RSVP to the office by Thurs. April 6th.

Sunday, May 11th @ 5:30pm

Join us for supper and conversation at PY's Bar, Osceola. Please RSVP to the office by Thurs., May 8th.



Palm Sunday Worship & Breakfast

Worship with us on Palm Sunday, April 13th.
9:00am service with the Choir Cantata.
Breakfast will be served following worship.

Proceeds for the HS Summer Mission Trip



Bingo Event & Supper Sunday, April 27th, 4:00-6:00 pm

Come for the fun and stay for supper! We will be playing Bingo from 4-5:30 and end our time with a meal together. Prizes for winners of all ages!



Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction Wednesday, May 7th

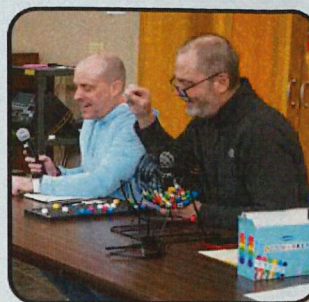
Join us for Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00am with the Choir Cantata and stay for breakfast!

Proceeds from this event for the summer Mission Trip

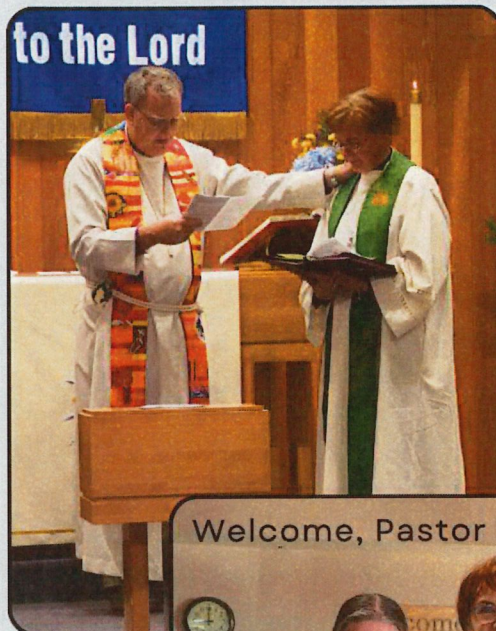


Baccalaureate Service Wednesday, May 14th, 7:00pm

This ecumenical service is for all graduating high school students in the St. Croix Valley.
Students- bring your cap and gown to wear!.



BINGO was fun!
Join us for another
fun Bingo event on
Sunday, April 27th
4:00-6:00 pm.



Freezer Meal Event



Welcome, Pastor Lori!



Dear God,
we pray for those who are sick.
we pray for those who need homes.
we pray for those who have passed.
we pray for those who are dealing with
passing.

Dear God,
we pray for everyone who is having a
tough time with life.

Bless us with control, passion, and
kindness as we pray for each other.
Amen.

written by Addy Benson,
4th grade Peace member



Mission Trip
Blessing

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You Are Welcome Here!!

