



*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

### Pastor's Article

Who or what is the LCMC? You may have heard those letters thrown around recently. The LCMC is the association to which we belong and stands for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. For the next few months, we'll look at one of the four core values of our association. The first is simply stated, **"We are an association of congregations who are free in Christ."**

The idea of being "free in Christ" comes from Galatians 5 where Paul writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free." What does it mean to be free in Christ? A lot could be said on this, but to be free in Christ *for a congregation in the LCMC* is to freely act on Christ's behalf as we are called. The LCMC doesn't and won't give us direction on how we exercise our freedom in Christ. They simply trust we will do so in accord with the Word of God and according to how the Spirit leads.

What can this look like? Financially we can freely give as we see fit. Is there a local, national, or global ministry that we feel called to support? Then we are free to partner in ministry with them, even if they aren't Lutheran! Conversely, if something doesn't align with our values, then we have no obligation to give. We aren't even required to financially support the LCMC.

In regard to ministries like VBS, Confirmation, Sunday School, quilting or even how we choose to worship on a Sunday morning; there we are free as well. We are free in Christ to minister to the people around us because we know them better than a national organization ever can. The LCMC will not tell us how to do any of these things. Neither will they tell a congregation who they should call as a pastor. As Paul says in Galatians 5:13, we are simply called to use our freedom to serve one another in love; and that love can be expressed in many ways.

In Peace and Freedom,  
Pastor Sean

## PLC Newsletter August 2025

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*Proud member of the Northern Plains  
District of the LCMC*

### **Did your child attend a Bible camp this summer?**

The women of Peace Lutheran Church allocate funds to help with camp reimbursement. Please reach out to Lisa Ptacek (218-201-0763) with an invoice to be reimbursed.

## Church Council Minutes Summary for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Meeting

Council members in attendance: Wayde Bauman, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Jason Rossow, Shelley Serr, and Jennifer Vetter. Absent was Gunnar Hanson and Pastor Sean.

Secretary's and Treasurer's report accepted.

Pr. Barnhart's report. Pr. Barnhart was on vacation June 15-22; started showing The Chosen on Monday evenings; mailed the newsletter June 26; attended the Chamber Meeting on July 2, continued pre-marital counseling with one couple; and conducted the funeral and burial for Rodney Ohlhauser on July 8.

Property Committee report. Mark Heidrich attended the Linton City Council Meeting to discuss the parking lot. The company doing the work for the City of Linton will call and stop by in August to look at and discuss parking lot options.

No reports for Stewardship, Worship, Education, and Evangelism Committees.

Old Business. Fundraising for an updated sound system is going well. The Council will attend the July Linton Lions Club meeting to request funds for the sound system.

The council discussed the parking lot concrete project and four bids received. Jennifer Vetter made a motion to pursue the bid with Tony Sorrels for \$10,000 or less. Wayde Bauman seconded the motion. The motion received six aye votes and one nay vote. The council discussed next steps for the parking lot project. First the council will ask Mr. Sorrels to install the concrete, then pursue removal of the light post and new lighting fixtures, then the project will be on hold until the August meeting with the company to discuss surface options, and finally, once all surfaces are in place, pursue new lines.

New Business: The council was contacted through second and third parties regarding cemeteries needing repair and maintenance. The council determined if there is a land owner or cemetery manager asking for Peace Lutheran Church to mow, maintain, or repair a cemetery, that individual should contact the council, directly, and in writing with a specific request. Pr. Barnhart asked the council to consider the purchase of an AED for the church. Motion unanimously carried. Edgar Ohlhauser was chosen to fill out the remainder of Tim Dockter's term on council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 7pm.

 <p><b>8:10 Devotions</b></p> <p>Weekdays at 8:10 AM Live on YouTube and Facebook</p>	<p>Add a little Scripture to your daily routine! Join Pastor Sean each day on Facebook or YouTube at 8:10 AM Monday through Friday for a short devotion. Tune in live or watch later at your convenience.</p>
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## Daily Scripture Readings

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>Aug. 1<sup>st</sup></b> Daniel 7:9-10	Daniel 7:11-14
<b>Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Revelation 4:1-11	John 17:1-5	Ezekiel 1:1-11	Isaiah 6:1-8	Isaiah 35:1-4	Isaiah 35:5-7	Isaiah 35:8-10
<b>Aug. 10<sup>th</sup></b> Revelation 5:1-13	John 1:29-31	Revelation 10:1-7	Revelation 10:8-11	Revelation 11:1-3	Revelation 11:4-6	Revelation 11:7-13
<b>Aug. 17<sup>th</sup></b> Revelation 6:1-8	John 14:1-4	Revelation 6:9-17	Revelation 7:1-3	Revelation 8:1-5	Revelation 8:6-9:6-15	Revelation 11:15-19
<b>Aug. 24<sup>th</sup></b> Revelation 13:1-18	John 12:30-32	Revelation 12:1-6	Revelation 12:7-12	Revelation 12:13-18	Revelation 14:1-5	Revelation 18:1-3
<b>Aug. 31<sup>st</sup></b> Revelation 21:1-6						



### Online Bible Study

Join Pastor Sean with Online Bible Study on our YouTube channel posted on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM at [Youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357](https://www.youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357)



### The Chosen: Season 4

Join us on Mondays at 7:00 PM to watch season four of “The Chosen”!

*Snacks are welcome.*



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please consider directing them to your church. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” or log go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

## Online Giving Made Easy!

Tithe.ly makes it easy to give either with their app or by clicking the green “Give” button on our church website ([ndpeacelutheran.com](https://ndpeacelutheran.com)). Give using your credit card or give directly from your bank account. You can choose to give a onetime gift (“I forgot my checkbook!”) or set your gift up to be recurring (“I never want to carry my checkbook again!”) You can even designate which fund your gift will go to and leave a memo to indicate an honorarium or memorial.



Download the **Tithe.ly** app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at [ndpeacelutheran.com](https://ndpeacelutheran.com)



## Find Peace Wherever You Go!

Follow Peace Lutheran on all our socials. Keep up with the most current announcements, be fed by God’s Word through 8:10 Devotions and Online Bible Study, and never miss a worship service!

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton](https://facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton)

**YouTube:** [youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357](https://youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357)

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/peace.lutheran](https://instagram.com/peace.lutheran)

Our fall **Harvest Festival** date has been set! On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, our church will gather together to for our biggest fundraiser of the year! If you are not available please let Lisa Ptacek, Deb Jahner, Lori Bechtold, or Delores Ohlhauser know **before July 1<sup>st</sup>**. The plan is to have the donation and work list out by **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. If your name has been removed and you would like to contribute or help work we are more than happy to put your name back on the list. Also, if you want to change your current donation or job assignment, let the committee know and they’ll work with you. Thank you to everyone who helps in any way! Our church is blessed with great people.





## CARILLON “SPECIAL” MUSIC



Would you like to honor or remember someone or some event with a song played on the carillons? If so, let the church office know the date and song you would like played (if available). It will be played on that date, and you may choose the time either: 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. The song and donor will be acknowledged in the bulletin. The cost for Special Music is a donation.



Please take a moment to check the white board set up in the Narthex and see which Sunday works for you to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, or Acolyte. Sign up for a whole month or just a

Sunday. Volunteers are needed each Sunday.



### ***Need a Ride?***

If you need a ride to worship?  
Please call  
**Elwin Nieuwsma: 254-0167**



### **HONOR SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS**

The Flower Committee: Janice Baer and Evelyn Petrick, along with Linton Floral N' More, has set up a system for members to provide flowers for Sunday Worship Services. For **\$40**, Linton Floral N' More will provide two arrangements of flowers to be placed in the two vases behind the altar or for \$30, a larger single arrangement displayed at the front of the sanctuary.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday: Give your money to one of the ladies on the Flower Committee. Specify the date you would like flowers displayed let them know the special occasion and how that info should be listed in the bulletin.

If you or anyone you know would like a **weekly church bulletin** or a **monthly newsletter** mailed to them, please let the Church Office know. The deadline for the newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month! Please get your news and upcoming information to the church office by that date!

## **Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

***WELCOME*** people in  
Help them ***GROW***  
Send them out to ***CARE***

***Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care***

# Mission of the Month: Wounded Warrior Project

## MISSION

To honor and empower wounded warriors.

## VISION

To foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history.

Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) began in 2003 as a small, grassroots effort providing simple care and comfort items to the hospital bedsides of the first wounded service members returning home from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As their post-service needs evolved, so have

WWP's **programs and services**. Today, through direct programs in **mental health, career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care**, along with **advocacy efforts**, WWP improves the lives of millions of **warriors and their families**.



## Country of the Month: Myanmar



Recently, Pastor Sean attended a call via Zoom in which Pastor Martin Lalthangliana, leader of the Lutheran Church in Myanmar. The church consists of ten congregations and various preaching stations. It also oversees an orphanage, Bible School, a helping hands ministry, and earthquake relief. Pastor Martin is also overseeing the translation and publication of Lutheran Confessional writings into the Burmese language.

Myanmar's military junta (1962-2011, 2021-) is a ruthless power. Their policies brought poverty to a land rich in resources. They squashed protests, put their opponents in prison, and implemented forced labor. A policy of cruel violence against certain minorities led to destroyed villages, rape, torture, displaced populations, and international condemnation. After an era of greater democratic governance, the military performed the third coup of Myanmar's short history, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Widespread protests were met with murderous violence. Now, coalitions of anti-regime militias, many of them comprised of ethnic minorities, have made significant progress in the fight against the junta's armed forces. Some say the regime is not far from collapse. Pray for what seems impossible except through Christ: the solidarity, peace, and courage represented by the three colors of the nation's new flag.

Pray for Pastor Martin, the Lutheran Church in Myanmar and their many projects, earthquake relief, and the many difficulties within the Myanmar government.

## Mission of the Month

In June, our congregation sent \$1,048 to The Emmons County Food Pantry!  
Thank you for your faithful giving.



### Memorials received as of July 21<sup>st</sup>:

- To Youth Group meals from David and Lavonne Erickson in memory of Rodney Ohlhauser
- To the Sound System Update from Rhonda Dockter in memory of Tim Dockter
- To the Sound System Update from Marvel Malpert in memory of Tim Dockter
- To the Sound System Update from Edgar and Delores Ohlhauser in memory of Tim Dockter



### Youth Group/Confirmation Kick-Off

It's time once again for fellowship, games, food, and Bible Study! On Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to Pastor Sean and Anne's house for Youth Group at 6:30 pm. This is also the kick-off for our Confirmation program, for our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Let's have a great year!



### Updating the Sound System

The Church Council has decided it is time to upgrade our sound system in the sanctuary. The intention of this project is to improve the sound quality throughout the sanctuary. A digital sound board will also give us better flexibility and a more consistent sound week to week as well as give us more control over the sound quality in our live streams and recordings. If you would like to give to this project, please talk to Pastor Sean.



### **August Baptismal Celebrations**

- 3 Barbara Robinson
- 4 Josi Conroy
- 5 Lillian Kunz  
Acacia Stuckle  
Jerry Thornton
- 9 JoAnn Humann
- 10 Donna Tveito
- 12 Terence Serr
- 15 Albert Weber  
Sylvia Weisser  
Aspen Praus
- 17 Larry Umber
- 21 Violet Nieuwsma
- 25 Ava Marie Fiebiger
- 27 Janice Wolfer  
Beckham Spotts
- 29 Bruce Martin

### **August Birthdays**

- 2 Jacob Rossow  
Janice Wolfer
- 3 Jeffrey Erickson
- 4 Travis Humann  
Lois VanBeek  
Lacie Brueckner
- 6 Elaine Streyle
- 8 Bryan Schatz
- 11 Carol Huber
- 13 Justin Martin
- 14 Matthew Ferderer  
Blayne Huber
- 15 Kayla Hendrickson  
Paxton Randle
- 16 Jenna Rae Mercer
- 17 John Ohlhauser  
Violet Nieuwsma
- 18 Trinity Bodvig  
Alexander Jones
- 21 Travis Dockter  
Erma Wohl
- 22 Noah Alderin  
Bruce Martin
- 23 Josie Schwab
- 24 Arthur Rudy  
Libby Wohl
- 25 Lucas Schrantz
- 26 Jennifer LeFrancois  
Skylar Hoff-Wald
- 27 Kimberly Heitz
- 28 Joshua Schlosser
- 29 Michael Haas  
Jacob Ohlhauser
- 30 Dennis Ferderer

*"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*

*Psalms 139:13-14*