

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

We've been looking at the four core values of our association, the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.) The third core value is **"we're rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions."**

From the LCMC website: "We strive to be a light to the world, not a reflection of it. We view God's word as the #1 authority when it comes to our faith and how we practice it. While we understand that science, personal experience, tradition and other factors contribute to the conversations that we have, we do not believe that they have equal influence to what's written in the Scriptures. We believe the Lutheran Confessions to be a faithful witness to the truth of Scripture and that they give us reliable principles by which to guide the continued development of this association."

Healthy plants and trees need solid rooting to thrive. So do we as individuals and the church. Holy Scripture is that which holds us steady, nourishes us, and causes us to strive. Scripture gives us a solid ground to walk on in a world that seems to always be shifting. I would hazard to guess that most of us believe this.

But many of us may not be as well educated on what it means to "believe the Lutheran Confessions to be a faithful witness to the truth of Scripture." What are the Lutheran Confessions? Generally, they are documents found in the Book of Concord; a collection of Lutheran statements on matters of doctrinal faith formulated around the time of the Reformation. Our church's own constitution refers to this, "This congregation believes, teaches and confesses the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid expositions of the Holy Scriptures." (C2.06. The section previous to this specifies holding to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and the Small Catechism, both also found in the Book of Concord.)

Why are these documents important? They help us to understand key theological elements of the Scriptures. As C2.06 in the constitution says, they are valid **expositions** of the Holy Scriptures. In other words, they explain what the Scriptures say on key matters like justification or good works. In sum, these help us to understand what it means to be a Lutheran and what Lutheran theology can bring to the world wide church.

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We, as a church body, are rooted in the Holy Scriptures and this is a great place to be. As Psalm 1 says, “Blessed is the man... [whose] delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

Tune in to the Livestream of the
LCMC Annual Gathering,
October 5-8th. Visit
<https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering> to find the broadcast!

Church Council Meeting Minutes Summary for September 10th, 2025

In attendance: Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Edgar Ohlhauser, Jason Rossow, and Jennifer Vetter. Absent was Wayde Bauman and Shelley Serr.

Previous meeting minutes and the Treasurer’s reports were accepted.

Pastor’s report: Held a Strasburg Care Center Services on August 14 and September 4. Hosted Youth Group at his home for about 25 kids on August 20. Held a funeral for Beatrice Balliet on August 23. Mailed newsletters on August 26. Started Confirmation on August 27. Baptized Callum Spotts on August 31. Resumed Adult Bible Study on Hebrews on September 7. Held Mornings at Peace September 10 with 26 kids, 15 being from other congregations.

Property Committee report: The property committee will line and mark the new concrete area of the parking lot. Lisa Hendrickson was in attendance to visit with the council about the nursery remodel project. Unfortunately, the project will cost more than originally expected because mold was discovered behind the paneling. The paneling had been glued and nailed to the concrete wall, which will also increase the remodel cost. Edgar Ohlhauser made a motion to proceed with finishing the room; wait on furniture until the room has been finished; and evaluate total cost compared to donations. Mark Heidrich seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. John Thorson visited with Gunnar Hanson in the basement regarding the floor surface. Because of his current workload, he will need to come back on a rain day or this winter to make the repairs.

Education Committee report: Sunday School started September 7, with 19 kids in attendance. The first Mornings at Peace was held September 10.

Old Business: The council continued discussion about the church’s mission for Stewardship and Evangelism, particularly the wise use of resources God has entrusted us with. The council decided the Stewardship and Evangelism Committees should meet to discuss and make recommendations for how we care for those in our own church and how we partner with those around the world. The discussions should also include recommendations for how to handle the Mission of the Month and our PLC Community Help Fund.

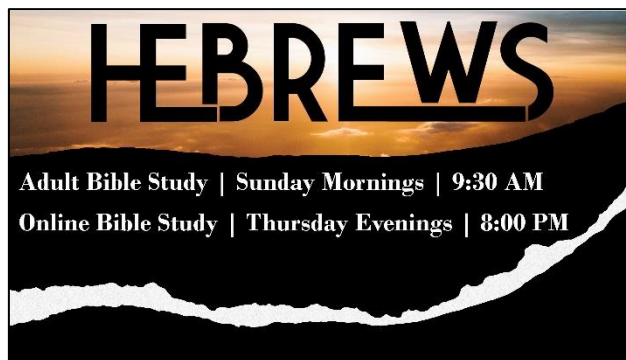
Having no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 7pm.



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
			Exodus 8:16-9:12	Exodus 9:13-10:29	Exodus 12:1-32	Exodus 13:17-14:25
Oct. 5th Exodus 16:1-18	Numbers 21:4-9	Deut. 5:1-22	Joshua 1:1-9	Joshua 24:2-25	Judges 5:1-31	1 Samuel 1:20-2:11
Oct. 12th 1 Samuel 3:1-21	1 Samuel 7:3-17	1 Samuel 8:1-22	1 Samuel 10:17-27	1 Samuel 12:1-25	1 Samuel 13:1-15	1 Samuel 15:1-35
Oct. 19th 1 Samuel 16:1-13	2 Samuel 1:1-27	2 Samuel 5:1-5	2 Samuel 7:1-29	2 Samuel 12:1-24	1 Kings 1:28-40	1 Kings 3:3-28
Oct. 26th 1 Kings 5:1-5	1 Kings 11:1-13	1 Kings 11:41- 12:19	1 Kings 16:1-28	1 Kings 16:29-34	1Kings 17:1-24	



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)



Add a little Scripture to your daily
routine! Tune in each day on
Facebook or YouTube at 8:10 AM
Monday through Friday for a short
devotion or watch later at your
convenience.



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Download the **Tithe.ly** app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at ndpeacelutheran.com



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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!

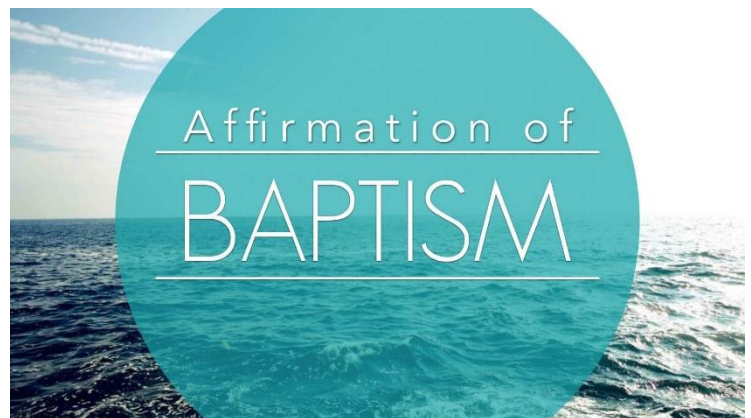
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On Sunday, October 26th, the following youth will affirm their baptism:

Mia Caruso
Skylar Hoff-Wald
Brody Ptacek
Brandon Rossow
Connor Umber
Nicole Vander Vorste



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.



Sunday. Volunteers are needed each Sunday.

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



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 20th 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



Human trafficking is a hidden crisis that can touch any community. At **31:8 Project**, our mission is to equip and challenge society to proactively address this urgent issue. As a community-driven nonprofit, we empower people to recognize and respond by educating, advocating, and raising awareness through dynamic workshops, regional summits, and customized presentations.

We also walk alongside survivors, amplifying their strength through our **Survivor Mentorship** program, and bring comfort and hope to at-risk youth **with Bravery Backpacks** filled with necessities – addressing the immediate physical and emotional needs of children rescued from harm. Everyone has a role to play: join us in this mission. Contact 31:8 Project today to learn more or schedule a customized presentation, and help build a community where dignity, hope, and freedom prevail.

Mission of the Month

In August, our congregation sent \$564 to the Wounded Warrior Project! Thank you for your faithful giving.



Youth Group/Confirmation

It's time once again for fellowship, games, food, and Bible Study! On Wednesday, October 22nd, all 7th-12th graders are welcome to Pastor Sean and Anne's house* for Youth Group at 6:30 pm.

*We'll meet at the house if we can be outside. If not, we'll meet in the church basement.

Country of the Month: Uruguay



Uruguay has a population of almost 3.5 million people and is known as the most secular nation in South America. Most Uruguayans follow a “do-it-yourself” spirituality influenced by New Age ideas. The nation is 55% Catholic (the lowest in Spanish-speaking Latin America), and only 2% attend mass. Afro-Brazilian Spiritism attracts many people.

Miguel Nunez and Varinia Cuello, a married couple from Chile are currently serving in Uruguay. Miguel is an ordained and certified pastor in the LCMC. This month at the LCMC Annual Gathering, Varinia will also be ordained. Their heart for Uruguay and their dedication to Lutheran theology is clear and impressive.

Pray for Miguel and Varinia as they minister to the people of Uruguay. You can visit their church’s website at <https://encuentroconcrisomvd.org/>. You can also read Miguel and Varinia’s mission newsletter at <https://mzuruguay.wordpress.com/walking-together-newsletter/>. (Unless you speak Spanish, you will need to use the translation tools your internet browser provides. On Google Chrome, right click over the page and find the option to translate into English.)



Memorials received as of September 23rd:

- *To the Sound System Update from Jim and Sylvia Weisser in memory of Rod Ohlhauser
- *To the Refinishing Fund from Paul and Brenda Benedict in memory of Rodney Ohlhauser
- *To the Refinishing Fund from Violet Ohlhauser in memory of Rod Ohlhauser and in memory of Sandi Lawler

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 towards this project, please talk to Pastor Sean.





October Baptismal Celebrations

- 2 Heidi Nieuwsma
- 3 Paul A. Ferderer
Julie Westergaard
- 6 Jayda Schilling
- 8 Trinity Bodvig
- 9 Tyson Bodvig
Kay Janecek
- 10 Wyatt Schwab
- 12 Kyle Masset
Angela Sayler
Joshua Schlosser
- 13 Matthew Ferderer
- 14 Kelani Bentz
- 16 Michael Haas
- 17 Marilyn Malmedal
Bear Bauman
- 18 Dustin Kurtz
Heather Rossow
Sydney Ferderer
- 19 Donavin Grenz
Lucas Schrantz
- 22 Carol Huber
- 23 Brad Praus
- 26 Marley Click
Eric Grenz
Justin Grenz
Bailey Schilling
- 27 Jacob Rossow
- 28 Stacy Bingham
- 30 Bryan Rudy
- 31 Lelyn Will

October Birthdays

- 1 Joy Lewis
- 4 William Wahl
- 5 James Streyle
Bradlee Bauman
Thomas Vander Vorste
- 6 Brent Bodvig
Kaidra Connor
- 10 Eliza Fisher
Margie Vossler
- 11 Boston Bodvig
- 12 Ava Marie Fiebiger
- 13 Nicole Spotts
- 14 Chad Dockter
- 15 Tristan Grossman
- 16 Kay Janecek
Travis Plenis
Brody Ptacek
- 18 Ross Tesky
Bryce Weisser
- 19 LaDean Schafer
- 20 Becky Caruso
- 23 John DeBoer
James Weisser
- 25 Alison Randle
- 27 Darren Tveito
Aspen Praus
Bonnie Ohlhauser
- 28 Ramona Humann
- 29 Richard Backhaus
Brandon Rossow
- 30 Lavonne Erickson

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