

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*

Pastor's Article

Last month, we looked at the first core value of our association, the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. That value is "free in Christ." The second core value of the LCMC is "accountable to one another." We learn this best from the LCMC's website.

In LCMC, "accountability" happens in three distinct ways:

- Our association has given the Board of Trustees authority to remove congregations when they are no longer practicing our faith according to the Lutheran Confessions and Scripture.
- Our Ministry Board has been given the charge to recommend to the Board of Trustees the removal of pastors when necessary. Again, this happens in a direct conversation, by the members of the Ministry Board, and our staff, hoping to restore a pastor while at the same time upholding the integrity of our core values and of our association as a whole.
- Finally, we hope and expect that as pastors and congregations interact, there unfolds a "mutual accountability" that happens on a much more personal level. This is the highest form of accountability—where it is carried out among those who know, love and respect one another.

This core value, in a way, keeps our sinful nature's abuse of the first core value – free in Christ – in check. Our sinful nature always seeks to twist the freedom of the Gospel and aims to enslave us to sin. This is why we need accountability. It is why Paul sent Timothy and others to churches throughout the Greco-Roman world. It is why he wrote letters to those churches. It is also why we are to live lives of repentance.

This is also why the LCMC encourages congregations to join districts – so that those with common interest living in proximity to one another may keep each other accountable. It is also why the Scriptures are so communal in nature. Our faith isn't to be lived in isolation, but amongst others. We need one another for support and accountability.

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“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” **Colossians 3:15-16**

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

Church Council Minutes Summary for August 13th, 2025, Meeting

Council members in attendance: Wayde Bauman, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Edgar Ohlhauser, Jason Rossow, Shelley Serr, and Jennifer Vetter. Absent from the meeting: Gunnar Hanson

Pr. Barnhart's report: attended the LCMC District Coordinator's, Staff, and Board meeting from July 9-11; is doing premarital counseling for two couples; continues to join Global Mission Fellowship and District Coordinator Zoom calls; held a Strasburg Care Center service on July 17; had his first ride along with Deputy Mendoza on August 7; had three visits and one hospital visit; participated in the Day of Caring on August 13; and is preparing for Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, and Confirmation. Northern Plains District info: A website has been put together: northernplainslcmc.com The District Convention will be July 31-August 1, 2026 with a location to be determined.

Property Committee report: Continued discussion on parking lot repair. Discussion about the gutters for the building. The property committee will line and mark the new concrete area of the parking lot and contact the city for availability of concrete parking blocks.

Worship Committee report: Rally Sunday, the first day of Sunday School and Adult Bible Study, is September 7 with Adult Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:30am and Worship at 10:45am. Root beer floats will be served after worship.

Education Committee report: The first Mornings at Peace is scheduled for September 10. Anne Barnhart and Jennifer Vetter met with Pr. Barnhart, reviewed curriculum, set schedule for year, and will reach out to teachers.

Evangelism Committee report: The council held conversation about the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (www.lcss.church), international work happening with the LCMC, and potential future partnerships with international churches. The council held a conversation about needs of the Strasburg Care Center residents. Shelley Serr will contact the women of the church for projects to support the residents. The council discussed the PLC Community Help Fund and supporting members of the church who are in need and/or going through various difficulties. The council will revisit the discussion. It was tabled for discernment and reflection.

Old Business: The AED arrived. The invoice will be coming as well as training to use it.

New Business: A bill was received for additional cemetery mowing services due to weather. Motion to pay unanimously carried. The cemetery needs a site visit to determine needs for controlling lilacs.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 10, 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
	Sept. 1st John 4:1-14	Revelation 19:1-10	Revelation 19:11-21	Revelation 21:9-27	Revelation 22:6-13	Revelation 22:16-21
Sept. 7th Genesis 1:1-2:4a	1 Cor. 15:1-11	1 Cor. 15:12-19	1 Cor. 15:20-28	1 Cor. 15:29-34	1 Cor. 15:35-41	1 Cor. 15:42-49
Sept. 14th Genesis 21:1-3 22:1-14	1 Cor. 15:50-58	2 Cor. 1:1-7	2 Cor. 1:8-11	2 Cor. 1:12-14	2 Cor. 1:15-24	2 Cor. 2:1-4
Sept. 21st Genesis 27:1-23 28:10-17	2 Cor. 2:5-11	2 Cor. 2:12-17	2 Cor. 3:1-6	2 Cor. 3:7-18	2 Cor. 4:1-6	2 Cor. 4:7-12
Sept. 28th Exodus 3:1-15 4:10-17	2 Cor. 4:13-18	2 Cor. 5:1-10				



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! 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.



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Instagram: instagram.com/peace.lutheran

Mornings at Peace is back for another year! Want a safe space for your child to go on Linton Public School’s late start? Send your child to MAP on September 10th. We’ll begin with a free breakfast at 8:00 AM and then enjoy a puppet show, Bible lesson, crafts, and games. All children affected by the late start are welcome to attend.



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 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



The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Our Vision: A world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia

Our Mission: The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Care and Support

The Alzheimer's Association works on a national and local level to provide care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Research

As the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association is committed to advancing vital research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.

Advocacy

The Association is the leading voice for Alzheimer's disease advocacy, fighting for critical Alzheimer's research and care initiatives at the state and federal level.

Mission of the Month

In July, our congregation sent \$570 to Convoy of Hope! Thank you for your faithful giving.



Youth Group/Confirmation

It's time once again for fellowship, games, food, and Bible Study! On Wednesday, September 17th, 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: South Sudan



Recently, Pastor Sean heard from two pastors from South Sudan with hearts desperate for the Gospel to impact their country. One of these was Pastor Jordan Long, the leader of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS). Pastor Long describes the LCSS as a church in exile. The following information is from the LCSS website (lcss.church).

South Sudan gained its independence from Sudan in 2011 after the deadly and bloody civil war that claimed 2.5 million lives and caused 8 million natives to be displaced. While South Sudan is approximately the size of Texas, it is home to 65 tribes with 65 different languages and continues to be in a state of conflict. Fighting is intermittent but fierce.

Peace is the most indispensable phenomenon the world lacks. Many parts of the world experience wars and violence that result in mass displacement. South Sudan is one of the countries torn apart by cycles of wars. The country has not witnessed the fruits of peace for six decades. The latest civil war erupted on December 15, 2013. The war claimed 20,000 lives in one week and 400,000 more in the last seven years. It displaced 4 million and forced 4 million more to seek refuge in the neighboring countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and Sudan.

The violence then forced the Lutheran Church of South Sudan to relocate its head office from Malakal, South Sudan to Gambella, Ethiopia where it began to shine the light of the gospel on the refugee and the displaced. Many Sudanese refugees fled to neighboring countries and live in communities in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. LCSS reaches people in many refugee camps and in five different countries.

Please pray for South Sudan: for the LCSS as they minister to the masses who have fled from South Sudan; for those who have stayed in the country to minister to those who live in constant fear and need; and of course for peace from the civil war that plagues the young country.



Memorials received as of August 18th:

*To the Sound System Update from Mike and Lil Kunz in memory of Rodney Ohlhauser

*To the Sound System Update from Ron and Mary Maier in memory of Rodney Ohlhauser

*To the Refinishing Fund from Mark and Holly Johnson in memory of Rod Ohlhauser and Sandi Lawler

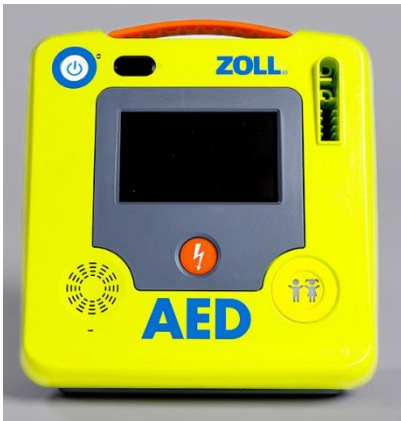
Updating the Sound System

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.



AED

It is long overdue, but we have finally purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Likely, it will be placed in the Narthex close to Pastor Sean's office. This fall, we anticipate scheduling a training session with the company we purchased it through. Stay tuned for when that will be.



Rally Sunday | September 7th
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study | 9:30 am
Worship | 10:45 am



September Baptismal Celebrations

- 1 Teagan VanderWal
- 3 Makayla Ptacek
- 6 Alexis Wangler
Dylan Hendrickson
- 7 Tyler Vander Vorste
- 10 Rylee Fandrich
Lois VanBeek
Jett Beitelspacher
- 11 Alice Lee
- 12 Parker Masset
Skylar Hoff-Wald
- 14 Jill Schmidt
- 15 John Ohlhauser
Beau Kramer
- 16 Jordan Bingham
- 17 Avis Mickelson
- 18 Michael Lee
Arthur "Rick" Rudy
Cassie Werlinger
Maddox VanderWal
- 20 Travis Dockter
- 21 Ella Vetter
Jess Renschler
- 22 Ashlee Bodvig
- 25 Cody Kurtz
- 27 Dennis Ferderer
Annabelle Nieuwsma
Holden Nieuwsma
- 29 Jade Alderin
- 30 Magdalena Bender

September Birthdays

- 1 Jade Alderin
Michael Hochhalter
Ronald Maier
- 3 Jean Ohlhauser
Denise Martin
- 4 Dustin Kurtz
- 8 Kelani Bentz
Colton Grossman
Ben Huber
Rodney Heitz
- 11 Heidi Nieuwsma
Rachal Peterson
- 15 Lelyn Will
- 16 Marvin Winterberg
- 17 Jennifer Vetter
- 18 Justin Grenz
- 19 Blaine Lemer
- 20 Savanna Kramer
- 23 Julie Westergaard
- 24 Sawyer Hendrickson
Bryan Rudy
- 25 Erica Umber
Brad Praus
- 26 Anne Barnhart
Bailey Schilling
Paislee Mae Schilling
- 27 Kelsey Larson
Jennifer Pocta
Levi Roemmich
- 28 Payton Rossow
- 30 Rebecca Bosch
Marilyn Malmedal

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