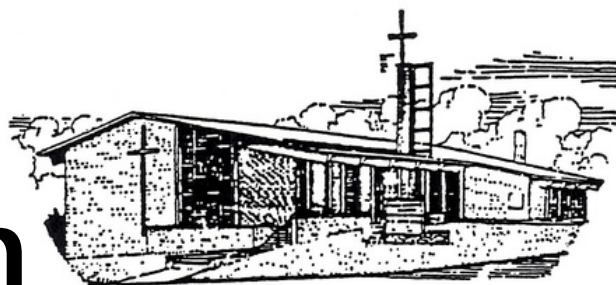


Peace Lutheran



Faith Fluency

By Pastor Sean Barnhart

During my August 9th sermon, I introduced what I would call my own personal mission statement as pastor at Peace Lutheran: “Helping others grow more fluent in faith.”

In that sermon I told the story of how in high school I studied Spanish. The more I studied the more fluent I became. Greater fluency aided me in navigating the streets of Juarez, Mexico while on mission trips as a youth.

Faith works the same way. As we become more knowledgeable in the Scriptures, more consistent in prayer, and are fed by regular worship we become more fluent in faith. The more fluent in faith we become, the more capable we are to understand and navigate the trials and joys of life.

Faced with death, we know the faithful don’t become angels, but are given rest in Christ as they await his Return. We also know that upon his Return, we will be raised to new life not merely as spirits, but in the body. This is the full and final defeat of death!

Equipped with this, the faithful have a tremendous and victorious Gospel to proclaim in the face of death. We have fluency in the language of faith and know how to speak to the situation.

Fluency in faith also grows through prayer. In prayer we give God our praise, express our thanks, give word to our fears, and lay our petitions at the throne of God. Through prayer, God invites us to wrestle with him in lament and wonder. And if we don’t know what to say in prayer, we go back to God’s Word - the Psalms and the Lord’s Prayer.

Faith fluency grows best within the community of believers. In worship we hear the Word together, prayer together and receive God’s gifts and promises together.

As a new school year and season begins; commit yourself to growing in faith fluency.

Mission Statement

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

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care

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Worship Together

September 6th: 9:30 AM
September 13th: 10:45 AM
(Note the time change!)
September 20th: 10:45 AM
September 27th: 10:00 AM
(Note the time change!)



Northern Plains
District of the LCMC



Church Council Summary August 12th, 2026

In attendance: Kevin Heer (by phone), Lisa Hendrickson, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, and Jennifer Vetter. Not in attendance: Wayde Bauman, Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Shelly Serr and Pastor Sean

July minutes and treasurer's report approved

Pastor's report included: New Schedule for the Fall to help our people grow more "Fluent in Faith" including:

- Weekly Text Study (YouTube):
- Wednesday Morning Prayer
- Adult Bible Study
- Adult Bible Study Recap (YouTube)
- Midweek Bible Study
- Confirmation for 8th-9th Grade
- Youth Group once/month
- 8:10 Devotions (YouTube and Facebook): Mondays-Fridays at 8:10am

Pastor also reported three visits with Holy Communion; Premarital Counseling for two couples; Held and attended the Northern Plains District Gathering (Approximately 35-40 people attended)

Property Committee: The seal between the bell tower and sidewalk will be repaired in the next few weeks. Bobby Kramer has volunteered to use his paint sprayer to paint the paneling in the main basement area. No further leaks noted near the window alongside the south entry door to the church (no rain events). The Bethlehem Cemetery fencing project materials have been purchased and will move forward. Jennifer Vetter made a motion to approve the purchase of a new vacuum, noting Lisa Hendrickson can use her best judgement in brand and price for longevity and function. Jason Rossow seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Worship Committee: Celebrate is meeting Tuesday, August 18 to plan Celebrate Services. Lisa H. will reach out for options on pulpit supply for October 4.

Education Committee: Sunday School will resume September 13.

No reports from Stewardship or Evangelism Committee's and no Old Business.

New Business: Lisa Hendrickson made motion to purchase a new headset for pastor (\$1,835 from Dakota Sound) and a second new handheld mic to use with the current receiver (\$250). Jason Rossow seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Pr. Barnhart would like to purchase three round 60" tables (approximately \$400 total) for the back of the sanctuary and remove one pew from the area. The goal is to create a fellowship and meeting space. The council tabled the discussion until September.

Peace Lutheran Online



Text Study

An in-depth study of the coming Sunday's sermon text
Thursday @ 8:00 PM



ABS Recap

A recap of Sunday morning's Adult Bible Study
Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM

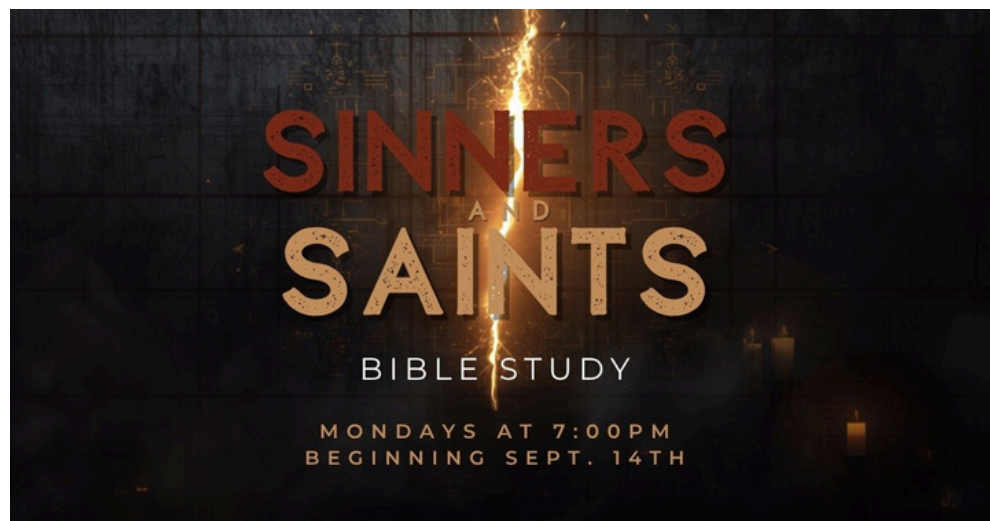


8:10 Devotions

Begin your weekdays with a brief devotion
Mon-Fri @ 8:10 AM

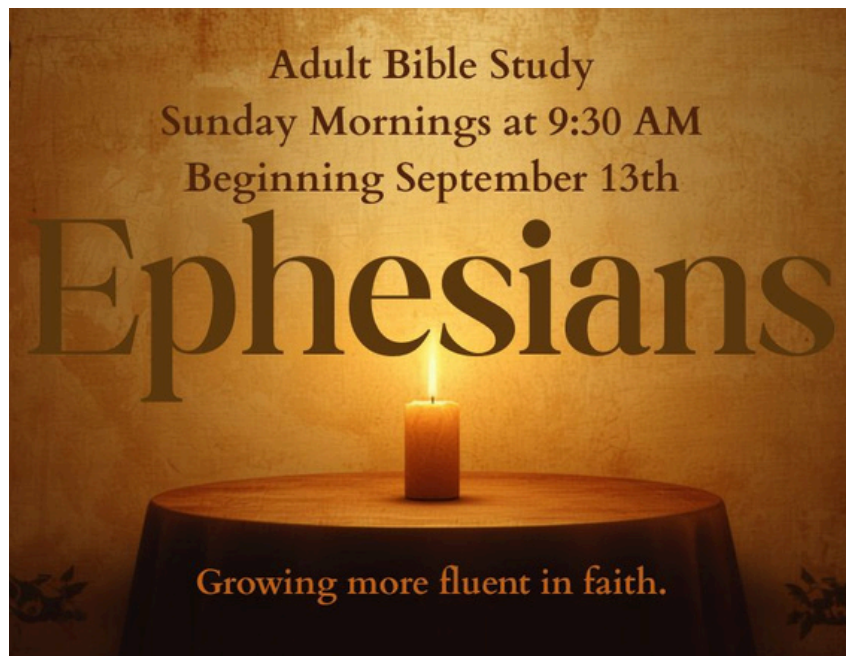
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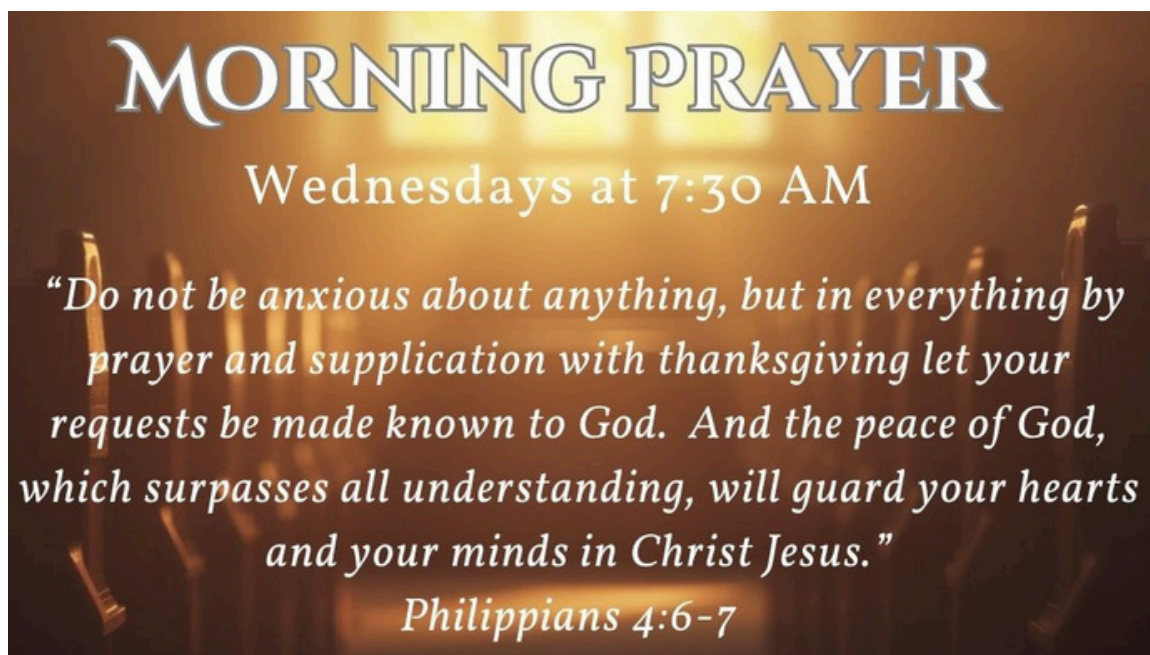


Join this Seven-Session Bible Study
Monday evenings at 7:00 PM
beginning **September 14th**.





Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus covers rich themes such as baptism, election purely by the grace of God, justification by grace alone, and the unity of believers who are the body of Christ. Grow in your understanding of all these and more as we delve into this sacred text together.



Luther once said,
**"to be a Christian without prayer
is no more possible than
to be alive without breathing."**

Join Pastor Sean on Wednesday mornings for a brief devotion followed by a time of dedicated prayer.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

All Thrivent members are eligible to receive Choice Dollars and direct them to registered nonprofits such as Peace Lutheran! Choice Dollars are now fully available at the start of the year rather than accruing over time AND members can direct their dollars anytime through December 31st.

To direct your Choice Dollars, visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836.



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July 2026

Mission of the Month Giving

In July, our congregation was able to give \$745.00 to the Linton Lion's Den! This nonprofit is located in the Linton High School and provides food, clothing, footwear, school supplies, and hygiene products to any LPS student in need.



Honor a Loved One with Flowers

A donation of \$40 will provide two arrangements of flowers to be placed on the pedestals behind the altar. Or for \$30 or more, a larger single arrangement could be displayed elsewhere in the sanctuary.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday, call the office or speak to Evelyn Petrick. Specify the date you would like flowers displayed, the special occasion for the flowers, and how that info should be listed in the bulletin.



Memorials Received: (As of August 20th, 2026)

In memory of Tom Tschritter, to the Endowment fund by Sam and Helen Renschler

Country of the Month: Democratic Republic of Congo



The Democratic Republic of Congo is a failed state by any measure of the term. The lands under this name have no centralized government, no connectedness between the vast and far-flung regions, almost no functioning infrastructure and no single language or culture to unite its many diverse peoples. More than five million people have lost their lives through war, violence, starvation and the virtual collapse of the health system.

The Christian Church is an essential entity for rebuilding the DRC. It remains the only viable national social structure to survive and retain some credibility. Its role in rebuilding the nation is crucial. Most hospitals, clinics and schools now operate with Christian initiative. Catholics admirably invest much into these institutions. Pray for Christian leaders of spiritual maturity and moral integrity to be raised up for ministry both in the Church and in society. Many leaders compromised and lowered their standards during the manipulative dictatorship of Mobutu and the chaos of the 1990s.

Today, the DRC suffers one of its worst outbreaks of the Ebola virus to date. Pray for a quick end to this health care crises.

September 2026 Mission of the Month



The mission of the Abused Adult Resource Center is to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and human trafficking by establishing and maintaining a program which will provide temporary shelter, crisis intervention, prevention, education, support and hope as a vision to eliminate violence.

The Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC) headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota since 1976,

provides emergency support, crisis intervention, temporary shelter, food, counseling, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and human trafficking. We serve families and individuals in distress throughout south central North Dakota, helping them find a life free from abuse. The service area includes Burleigh, Morton, Kidder, Grant, Emmons, Sheridan and Sioux counties (including the Standing Rock Indian Reservation).

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AARC programs, staff and volunteers have been widely recognized for their work in building a healthier, safer community.

Daily Readings from the Narrative Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Sept. 1st Deut. 8:19-20	Deut. 9:1-5	Deut. 9:6-10	Deut. 9:11-17	Deut. 9:18-29
Sept. 6th Exodus 20:17	Exodus 20:18-21	Deut. 6:4-9	Leviticus 19:15-18	Matthew 22:34-40	Genesis 2:2b-7	Genesis 3:1-13
Sept. 13th Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 9:18-29	Psalms 93	Psalms 104:1-9	Psalms 104:24-35	Genesis 11:1-9	Genesis 11:26-32
Sept. 20th Genesis 12:1-9	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 21:1-8	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 33:1-15	Genesis 37:1-24	Genesis 37:25-36
Sept. 27th Genesis 39:1-23	Genesis 41:1-13	Genesis 41:14-45	Genesis 47:1-12			

Northern Plains District Gathering Recap

On July 31st and August 1st, the first annual gathering of the Northern Plains District was held at Charity Lutheran in Bismarck with the theme of “Come and See”.

The event kicked off with supper, worship, and fellowship on Friday evening and resumed Saturday morning with Bible study led by Leon Miles from the Institute of Lutheran Theology.

The event continued with a series of speakers featuring Julie Smith, Service Coordinator of LCMC. Maureen Bessey, former District Coordinator of the Northwest District, and Dr. Don Simmons from Pierre, SD also spoke.



During lunch, Pastor Sean conducted district business which included a financial report and a few amendments to the bylaws which were adopted in May of 2025.

The event continued with a short panel discussion. The panelists included speakers for the gathering

as well as the district council and attendees were invited to ask questions.

The gathering concluded with worship. All told, congregations as far east as Scotland, SD and as far west as Miles City, MT attended as well as representatives from non-LCMC congregations.

September Baptisms

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

September Birthdays

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

“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.”

Psalm 139:13-14