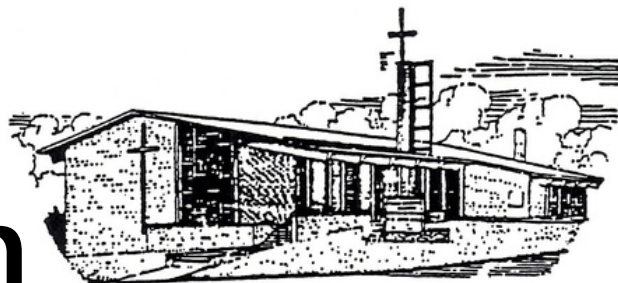


Peace Lutheran



Getting Centered

By Pastor Sean Barnhart

In September, I introduced the following prayer to our Sunday worship:

“Gracious and Heavenly Father,
As we gather for worship
Open our ears to hear your Word;
Free our lips to sing your praises;
Prepare our hearts to receive your gifts;
And give us eyes to see the world as you do. Amen.”

Sunday worship is truly a gift, one we often take for granted. We are busy people and life only seems to get busier. Too often do we treat Sunday worship as another item to check off a growing to-do list as we prepare for the week. Thus, it's easier to enter into worship (if we make it there at all) with the rest of the day on our mind.

So my simple hope with this prayer is that it would help us all to take a moment and focus on why we gather for worship. In praying this prayer I believe two things will happen.

First, I hope the words will remind us why we are in the sanctuary to begin with. We are there to hear God's Word, sing his praises, receive his gifts, and have our perspective on the world realigned with God's.

Second, I trust God will answer the prayer. In Matthew 7:7-8 Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." Our gathering prayer is exactly the kind of "ask" Jesus is speaking of. This is the kind of prayer he desires to answer.

So when you are next in worship and we open with our gathering prayer, remember why you are there and trust that God will give as he desires to in that sacred time.

Mission Statement

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

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care

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Worship Together

October 4th: 10:45 AM
October 11th: 10:45 AM
October 18th: 10:45 AM
October 25th: 10:45 AM
(Wear red for Reformation Sunday!)



Northern Plains
District of the LCMC



Church Council Summary September 9th, 2026

Council members in attendance: Kevin Heer, Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Lisa Hendrickson, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, Shelly Serr, and Jennifer Vetter. Absent was Wayde Bauman.

August's meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved. Of note: the old soundboard and amp sold for \$1,080 with proceeds going to the Music Fund. Baptismal candles, catechisms, and baptismal certificates were purchased. A new over-the-ear mic was purchased for \$1,975.

Pastor's report included:

- Attended LCMC Meetings with LCMC Staff, Ministry Board, Board of Directors, and District and Fellowship Leaders (August 12-14).

- Youth Group for 26 7th-12th grade students on August 26
- Strasburg Care Center Service on August 27
- Baptized Reese, Rayah, and Renna Wangler on September 6
- Three hospital visits since last council meeting
- Kicked off Wednesday Morning Prayer (7:30am) and Text Study (Thursdays at 8:00pm via YouTube), Adult Bible Study and ABS Recap (YouTube)
- Sinner/Saint Bible Study starts Monday, September 14
- Began Confirmation for 8th and 9th graders using a new curriculum with a self-study option
- Redesigned the newsletter using Canva

Property Committee: The seal between the bell tower and sidewalk is repaired. Kevin Heer is working to address the leak noted near the window alongside the south entry door to the church. The bottom door seal for the north entry door needs a new weather strip.

The Bethlehem Cemetery fencing project materials have been delivered, One-Call has been contacted, and build will start soon. Lisa Hendrickson is still searching for a vacuum. Bobby Kramer has volunteered to paint the paneling in the main basement area. Kevin Heer and Kevin Hendrickson repaired the parsonage water heater.

Stewardship Committee: Allie Bartholomay offered to help audit the books when the time comes.

Worship Committee: October 4 will be a Celebrate Service and Pr. Marlin Sapp will fill the pulpit. Communion will be moved to October 11.

Education Committee: Sunday School resumes September 13. Second graders will receive their bibles, Sunday School teachers will be installed, and root beer floats served after worship on September 13th. Mornings at Peace will be Wednesday, September 16.

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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

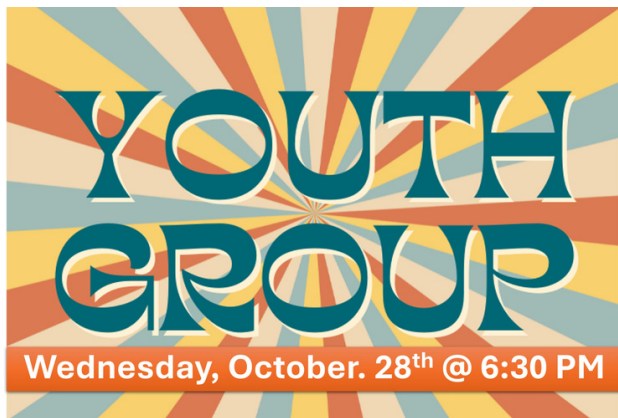


8:10 Devotions

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

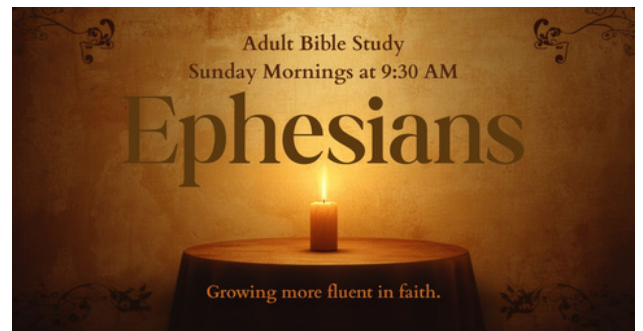
YouTube: youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357

Facebook: facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton



On Wednesday, October 28th, all 7th-12th Graders are invited to the church for Youth Group. We'll enjoy supper together, study God's Word, and play some games. Supper is served at 6:30 PM and youth need not be members of PLC to attend.

Deep study of God's Word is one of the best ways to grow in faith. Ephesians is rich in the Gospel and makes for great conversation. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for Adult Bible Study.



In the Small Catechism Luther says, "God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father, and that we are truly his children, so that we may boldly and confidently pray to him, just as beloved children speak to their dear father." Interrupt your week in the best way possible with prayer on Wednesday mornings.

Peace Lutheran Church Women's Meeting

On Sunday, October 11th after Sunday worship, all women of the congregation are asked to stay for a quick meeting to discuss some of the activities and events the PLCW does on a yearly basis. "Many hands make light work!"

Peace Lutheran Church Quilting Resumes

Beginning Monday, October 5th, everyone - regardless of skill level or church membership - is welcome to join the quilting program at church. Quilting will be held each Monday at 9:00 AM through November.



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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August 2026

Mission of the Month Giving



In August, our congregation was able to give \$750.00 to the Alzheimer's Association! The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research.



The 26th Annual Gathering of LCMC takes place October 4th-7th in West Des Moines, Iowa at Lutheran Church of Hope. Later in the month, LCMC will make sessions available via their website at LCMC.net.

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.

Country of the Month:**Nigeria**

Tragically, Nigeria has emerged as a global epicenter for the martyrdom of Christians. Each year, the death toll of Christians at the hands of extremist organizations frequently exceeds 4,000 — a figure that often surpasses the combined total of Christian deaths from persecution everywhere else in the world.

Based on a report released in April 2023 by the International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law, no fewer than 52,250 Christians who

were persecuted have lost their lives over the past fourteen years — targeted solely because of their faith. Over the last five years, this bloodshed has expanded southward into Nigeria's middle belt, where radicalized Fulani herders have begun attacking Christians to seize their agricultural land.

Boko Haram has since been joined in the region by another extremist organization known as the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP). Both groups share the alarming goal of eliminating Christianity entirely from the northern states.

Pray for Nigeria and our brothers and sisters in Christ located there.

**Taken from globalchristianrelief.org*

October 2026 Mission of the Month:**ECMA Thanksgiving Baskets**

Every year, the Emmons County Ministerial Association provides 96 baskets of food to Emmons County residents who could use a little help providing a traditional Thanksgiving meal for their family. Baskets include turkeys, milk, stuffing, and vegetables.

If you or someone you know could use a basket, please let Pastor Sean know. Distribution will take place on Friday, November 20th.

Daily Readings from the Narrative Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Oct. 1st Exodus 1:8-14	Exodus 3:1-17	Exodus 5:1-9
Oct. 4th Exodus 14:5-29	Exodus 15:1-10	Exodus 15:22-27	Exodus 16:1-16	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 17:8-16	Exodus 19:1-25
Oct. 11th Exodus 19:3-7	Leviticus 19:13-18	Deut. 6:1-9	Deut. 34:1-12	Joshua 1:1-11	Joshua 3:1-17	Joshua 4:1-9
Oct. 18th Joshua 24:1-15	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Samuel 17:1-11	1 Samuel 17:12-30	1 Samuel 17:31-54	2 Samuel 11:1-13	2 Samuel 11:14-27
Oct 25th 2 Samuel 12:1-9	2 Samuel 12:10-25	Psalms 51:10-19	2 Samuel 23:8-17	1 Kings 1:5-37	1 Kings 1:38-53	1 Kings 2:1-12

During worship on Sunday, October 25th (Reformation Sunday), the following students will publically affirm the faith gifted to them in baptism: Julia Barnhart, Bailey Huber, Wyatt Mastel, Parker Masset, and Brax Vogel. May the Lord continue to grow their faith as they live in the promises of their baptisms!

AFFIRMATION OF
Baptism
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT 10:45 AM

Council Minutes Continued →

Evangelism Committee: Shelly Serr will continue to send cards of appreciation, sympathy, etc...

Old Business: 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.

Lisa Hendrickson will talk to Rodney Heitz about addressing the extra pew in the back before we purchase tables in the back.

New Business: Mark Heidrich made a motion to approve the TK Enterprises contract for elevator services in the amount of \$1751.25. Lisa Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. A quarter of beef will be donated for Pr. Barnhart.

Lisa Hendrickson made a motion to purchase a second quarter and pay for the processing for the half beef. Shelly Serr seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Pres. Jahner will call about the property tax letter received for Martin Luther Cemetery. Cookbooks and history books found in the church. They will be available in the narthex for free will donation (suggested \$10/cookbook and \$25/history book).

Meeting Adjourned

October Baptisms

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

October Birthdays

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

Psalm 139:13-14