Tidings of Peace

come grow with us

OUR PLACE TO WORSHIP — March 2026

As we gather each Sunday for service, we are blessed to have each other and to have the many opportunities to share God's love. We are able to watch God's creatures visit us during the service and smile as the Pastor wonders what is behind him. Here at Peace, we have a beautiful place to worship and gather with plenty of land.

The Property Team is responsible in making sure the grounds and the buildings are in good repair and maintained. Like owning a home, there is always something that needs to be done; from making sure the trash is taken out, the lights work, to repairing the furnaces and budgeting for resurfacing the parking lots.

These chores take many hands to complete and the Property Team would like your help. We provide several ways you can do this. Each spring we have a spring cleaning day where we do some of the non-routine cleaning of the church and property, such as washing windows, dusting shelves, cleaning the yard of winter's accumulation. We also post a sign-up sheet so you can volunteer to mow the lawn on a weekly basis. There are several landscaped areas around the church that need to be maintained and could use your loving touch on one of them. There are a few projects that we would like to complete this year. One is painting the fascia and soffit on the old section of the church. Another is cleaning and resealing the train and there are others.

We are always looking for people with some skills in carpentry, electrical and plumbing. The Team meets every other month to discuss and evaluate what needs to be done to keep the facilities working smoothly. You are welcome to visit us at a meeting or talk with one of the members regarding any of the above. This is your house of Worship.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 25th at 7 pm.**
Property Team: Joe Crigier, Harry Moore, Steve Clark, Terry Jorgensen, Don Leiby, Marv Sommer

DATES TO REMEMBER

Lenten Suppers and Bible Study : Thursdays (Page 3)

Articles Due for March Tidings: March 23rd

Noisy Bucket Offering: March 29nd

Men's Breakfast

We will meet at the Eaton Place for breakfast and fellowship on… **Thursday, March 12th at 8:30am.**
Hope to see you there!

Men's Night Out

We will meet for dinner and fellowship on **Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 pm**

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday, March 18th
11:30 am at Evelyn Bay

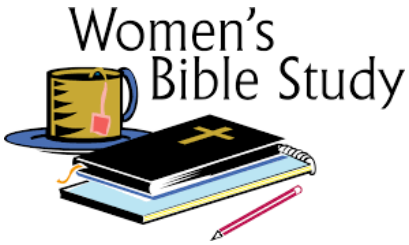
2026 Peace Lutheran Church Council

- President: Joe Crigier
- Vice President: Bill Cahill
- Secretary: Carissa Hueter
- Karen Jorgensen
- Jim Bradley
- Amy Hoesli
- Brenda Morris

Lenten midweek soup suppers and Bible study are on **Thursdays** again this year **at 5:30 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area where you can sign up to bring soup or bread or dessert. We'd like one vegetarian soup and one non-vegetarian soup if possible. As always, coffee or tea will be provided. Any questions, ask anyone on the Worship team. Looking forward to our time together to enjoy fellowship and Bible study.

Baptism

On February 22nd, we celebrated the baptism of Macy Mauk. Congratulations, Macy!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study meeting is **March 14th at 10:30 am.**

For more details contact Sandy Hassen.

The Pregnancy Center

The center has a specific need for size 4 and 5 diapers. Please place your donation in the basket in the Gathering Area.

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CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

Peace Lutheran Church will host its first Craft and Vendor Show on **May 1 and 2, 2026**, the weekend prior to Mother's Day. The crafter and vendor booths will be located in the Gathering Area, youth room, nursery, class room and the narthex. PLC will have a bake sale and a succulent plant sale and perhaps a couple of items available for a drawing. Funds from the booth fees as well as PLC sales will go toward the mortgage reduction with 10% going to a local charity. Applications were handed out to crafters at the Frontier Days Craft Show in September and the Holiday Market in Charlotte in December. We will also be handing out more applications at the Olivet FFA Craft and Farm Toy Show on March 29. We have room for 25-30 booth spaces and hope to fill all spaces. Applications have already started coming in.

When it gets closer to show time, the Committee will be requesting your support to:

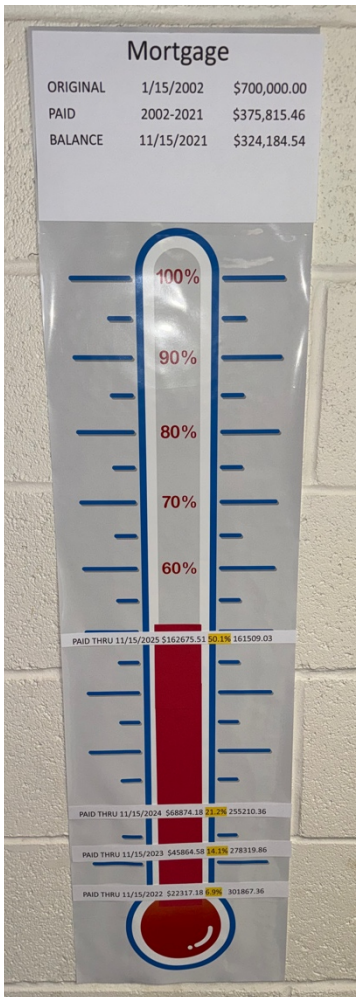
1) provide baked goods, candies, etc. and
2) volunteer to help on the days of the event.

If you know of any crafter that would be interested in renting a booth space, an application can be picked up from the PLC office or by contacting Bev Cahill 352-446-1560 or bevcahill2@gmail.com.

Serve God and Others in Worship

Each week it takes many of God's people working together to make worship happen-and there is a place for you! Join the ministry of worship by serving as an usher, reader, worship assistant or serve on the altar guild. You may want to be a Gathering Host. **Sign up sheets are located in the Gathering Area.** You are welcome to join any of the teams at Peace. The teams are the Caring Team, Community in Action Team, Finance Team, Growing in Faith Team, Personnel/IT Team, Property Team and the Worship Team. Please contact the office if you are interested in this ministry.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS??



This thermometer is a visual look at the church mortgage. The original mortgage was in January of 2002 for the construction of the new sanctuary, pastor's office, narthex and bathrooms as an addition to the existing building. The mortgage was for $700,000. It took almost 20 years to pay the first half of the mortgage. In November of 2021 the remaining balance of $324,000 was refinanced for 15 years with a 5 year balloon payment due in November of 2026.

The balance as of December 2025 is $155,000. This huge reduction in the balance was accomplished by several large one-time payments on the principal along with some members of the congregation also making monthly or annual donations toward the principal. With the current vacancy of a pastor, it was decided to use some of the funds which would be used to pay a pastor to help reduce the balance even further. The mortgage will be reviewed with the bank in the second half of 2026 for any changes needed for the remaining 10 years on the mortgage. The more we can reduce the balance before this review the better position we will be in.

VISITATION MINISTRY

The Caring Team is asking for help with a Visitation Ministry in reaching out to our members. We need volunteers to visit people in the congregation that have difficulty in getting to church on a regular basis. Visitors would go out in teams of two and would be making one visit per month. Each month you would be visiting a different member, and your visiting partner might change. You will receive a schedule of who and what week to visit and who is your visiting partner. Your responsibility is to get with your visiting partner and contacting the member to set up a visitation time. Then to go and enjoy learning more about one of our members.

After making a visit you will realize that you are the one that have been blessed. This is a ministry where you receive more than you give.
Please contact Char Ehlers if you are interested in this ministry.

Staples

When buying ink from Staples for you or your family please consider using Peace's phone number when checking out. Your purchase of ink can apply to Peace's Rewards program. The office uses the rewards dollars for supplies for our church.

Helping Hands Ministry

For the month of January, we are collecting **macaroni**. A basket has been placed in the gathering area in front of the Helping Hands Ministry bulletin board to place donations. Thank you for your support!

Did you know that we recycle pull tabs here at Peace?

Pull tabs are taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing

They turn these tabs in to cash to help support the House. The House provides care, comfort, and a free place to stay for families to heal together while their child receives medical treatment.

This is a simple way to help support the House, just pull those tabs off the cans and **place them in the container at church** and Dar will see that they get over to Ronald McDonald House.

CHURCH CLEANING SERVICE

Bryce Dickinson is cleaning the church. He is not an employee of the church. The cost to have Bryce clean our church is **$60 every two weeks**.

A Church Cleaning By-Weekly Schedule has been set up beginning last October. Payments of $60 per pay period are due the first Saturday of the period and are is to be written to Bryce Dickinson and placed in his mailbox at Church.

Please indicate on your check the weeks you are paying for.

The sign-up sheet has been posted on the Church Bulletin Board. Beginning With the October cleaning.

Thank you for your help in keeping our Church cleaned.

If you have any questions, please contact the Property Team.

Thanks for volunteering to be a Gathering Host.

You don't need to provide an entire meal, just prepare the coffee and bring a small treat like cookies! The coffee is provided by the church!!! Any questions ask anyone on the worship team.

- With Jim & Louise no longer cleaning the Church, the Property team is asking the Gathering hosts to do a little more. The following is a list of items we would like them to do:
  - Wipe off any crumbs or spills on the tables and chairs with sanitizer solution.
  - Unplug coffee pot and warmer, empty grounds & clean pots.
  - Fill & run dishwasher.
  - Wash and put away dishes.
  - Clear off counters & wipe with sanitizer solution.
  - Sweep up any crumbs and wipe up any spills on the floor.
  - Straighten chairs.
- If you have any questions about cleaning up, please ask Joe Crigier

Worship Ministry
March 2026

Date	Sunday 3/1	Sunday 3/8	Sunday 3/15	Sunday 3/22	Sunday 3/29
Altar Guild	Louise Bradley	Louise Bradley	Louise Bradley	Louise Bradley	Louise Bradley
Audio/ Visual	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert	Scott Lumbert
Choir Director/ Musician	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio
Fellowship	The Augenstein's	The Crigier's	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**
Flowers	The Augenstein's	Dian Leckrone	Beverly Leffler	Beverly Leffler	**Volunteer Needed**
Lector	Phyllis Augenstein	Phyllis Augenstein	Phyllis Augenstein	Phyllis Augenstein	Phyllis Augenstein
Pastor	Pastor Jim Couser	Pastor Dave Augenstein	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Pastor Dave Augenstein
Ushers	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**
Worship Assistant	Barb Myckowiak	Barb Myckowiak	Barb Myckowiak	Barb Myckowiak	Barb Myckowiak

Church Calendar – March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering 12:00 pm Building Rental	2	3 7:00 pm CAT Team Meeting	4 11:30 am Caring Team Meeting 6:00 pm AA Meeting	5 5:30 pm Soup Supper and Lenten Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7
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Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for the Tidings to the editor, Kristin Shannon gore.kristin88@gmail.com

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