

## Peace Lutheran Church June Newsletter



### **BURGERS AND BIBLES**

Good food. Good people. Time with God.

Join us on three Wednesday evenings this summer for burgers, fellowship, and a relaxed church service afterward.

Burgers begin at 6:00 PM.

Worship Service follows dinner.

The **Burgers and Bibles** services will be held in the Peace Lutheran Church on June 17, July 15, and August 19.

Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and join us for a meaningful summer evening together.



### **Welcome New Members**

On Sunday, May 17, Karl and Tracy Carson, Samuel Birkeland, Travis, Audrina, Elaria, Reya, and Sarah Gumeringer were welcomed to the Peace Lutheran Church family.



**Confirmation Bowling Fun**

The Last Day of Confirmation was 20 May. Students and parents had a fun evening of pizza and bowling at Midway Lanes in Mandan.



**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

**Vacation Bible** School is scheduled for July 26th - 30<sup>th</sup>. The program is *Snowball Mountain Challenge*. Get ready to join us for our summer VBS, which is an unforgettable adventure with Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026! This program invites kids to an exciting winter sports event, where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Our Theme Verses is *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* - Philippians 4:13

Peace Lutheran VBS  
July 26-30  
6-8:30pm



We will be looking for volunteers to teach different stations of the program, volunteers to lead the kids from station to station, and helpers in the kitchen, along with decorating/set up and clean up.

**Sunday School Teacher Recognition**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, we recognized those people in the congregation that volunteered to share their love of Jesus with the children by leading them during Sunday School. Council President Kathy Mauch also extended our sincere appreciation to our coordinator, Leslie Livengood.

Ashley Garaas  
Aubrey Schock  
Carissa Staflein

Alek Livengood  
Miranda Seim  
Gabriel Thurn

Paul Livengood  
Renaë Smith

Rachel Schaffner  
Tobie Sorenson



Kathy Mauch thanking Leslie Livengood



Leslie Livengood thanking Alek Livengood, Carissa Staflein, Miranda Seim, Tobie Sorenson, Gabe Thurn, and Renaë Smith

***Thank-You to Luther League Youth***

We truly love it when our Luther League youth do Community Service events right here at Peace. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the Youth went to work picking up about 4 bags of winter garbage out of the trees surrounding the church property lines. Thank-You!



Brayden Schock, Sam Lopez, and Alek Livengood



Alek Livengood, Brayden Schock, Chance Christenson, Sam Lopez, and Gabe Thurn

***Sunday, May 31<sup>s</sup> - Special Service and Offering***

The Month of May had 5 Sunday's, and since Pastor Kevin was on vacation, we had two special people leading our service on May 31st and we had a special offering that will be sent to Camp of the Cross. Gabe Thurn and Alek Livengood led the service which had a "**Camp**" theme. These young men also led us in singing some "Camp" Songs.



Gabe and Alek



Channing Livengood reading scriptures.



Daxon Livengood, with a little help from his mother, reading scriptures.



For the Children's Sermon, Alex and the kids played "Name That Tune", with the tune being "This Little Light of Mine".

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**May Council Meeting - Pastor's Report:**

Number	Activity
2	Hospital visits
0	Incarceration visits
21	Home visits
20	Pastoral counseling events
1	Baptisms
0	Confirmations
0	Weddings
1	Funerals

We had First Communion Class for children 5 years and up who have not yet had instruction on Tuesday, 7 April 2026, with four children attending. They were Reya Gumeringer, Ricky Hojins, Brody Schaffner, and Brendan Smith. They received first communion on Sunday 12 April 2026 with their families.

ELCA has a free VBS program titled, "At the Table." It can be viewed/acquired at <https://store.elca.org/DSF/SmartStore.aspx#!/SearchResults/ELCASJ1516/>

Bishop Craig has received an appointment to serve Churchwide in Chicago as executive director for the Christian Community and Leadership. Consequently, he will not be seeking reelection to bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod at the Synod Assembly this year.

The Western North Dakota Synod council is looking for individuals to serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee and the Reference & Counsel Committee, two synod council committees that serve important leadership roles during a synod assembly. Any lay or rostered person from our synod is welcome to serve on these committees.

The Western North Dakota Synod is also looking for a rostered individual from our conference to serve on the synod council. I have agreed to allow my name to be advanced for consideration.

The ELCA Program, "God's Work Our Hands" will be on 13 September 2026, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands." Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

**May Council Meeting - Old Business**

- Coffee Kiosk Sale update – Pastor Cory Thrall with Legacy Methodist Church will present our asking price of \$10,000 to their church council.
- Grinnell update/New Insurance Provider? (Pastor and Jaime Siem) - Church Mutual wants to present us a proposal for our insurance business. Without objection, the council is willing to review what they are offering.
- Next meeting 4/30 at 6:30pm (Teams)

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- Accepted Resignation of Council Member at Large Shelby Prochnow – They are moving to a Church in Mandan to be closer to their home.
- Propose Tammy Bulman to fill the Council Member at Large vacancy – So moved by Secretary Johnson, second by Treasurer Thurn. Motion approved.
- Grant President Mauch authority to approve borrowing out tables and chairs to other parties – approved without objection
- Weekly Summer Sunday Meal – Camp of the Cross: Council approved without objection a special offering at the 05/31/2026 service for donation to Camp of the Cross for a Sunday Meal.
- Summer Services
  - Wednesday evenings –
  - The expectation was set that the Church Council represents themselves at the Wednesday services in the summer
  - Measurement of success will be at least 50% of the average summer season service decrease in Sunday service attendance
  - We will host burger feeds on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of June, July, and August, starting at 6pm
  - Services run 7-8pm
  - Outdoors – Lincoln Days Community Service in Millenium Park in Aug (see church calendar for details)

**May Council Meeting - April 2026 Financial Report Summary**

4	Categories	Annual Ministry Plan	Monthly Ministry Plan	Current Month	Year to Date	Budgeted Year to Date	% of Ministry Plan
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
	Benevolence	\$9,075	\$756	\$489	\$2,326	\$3,025	26%
	Compensation	\$140,752	\$11,729	\$11,447	\$45,974	\$46,916	33%
	Vision	\$1,000	\$83		\$0	\$332	0%
	Stewardship	\$1,100	\$92	\$260	\$260	\$368	24%
	Property	\$27,900	\$2,175	\$1,285	\$4,367	\$8,700	16%
	Worship	\$5,520	\$460	\$492	\$2,024	\$1,840	37%
	Education	\$4,050	\$338	\$0	\$199	\$1,352	5%
	Recognition	\$500	\$42	\$0	\$75	\$168	15%
	<b>Total Expense General Fund</b>	<b>\$189,897</b>	<b>\$15,675</b>	<b>\$13,973</b>	<b>\$55,225</b>	<b>\$62,701</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>INCOME</b>							
	Local Income	165,000	13,750	9,652	46,142	\$55,000	28%
	Other Income	15,000	1,250	12,416	13,655	\$5,000	91%
	Day Care Utilities	9,000	750		1,783	\$3,000	20%
	<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>15,750</b>	<b>22,068</b>	<b>61,580</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>	<b>33%</b>
	Pass Through			110	507	\$0	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>15,750</b>	<b>22,178</b>	<b>62,087</b>	<b>\$63,000</b>	<b>33%</b>

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**May Council Meeting - Committee Assignments**

<b>Team</b>	<b>General Responsibilities</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<b>Property</b>	Buildings and Grounds Maintenance	Scott Netland, Gerold Thurn, Lewis Schock, Jaime Seim, B. Schock, Harry Sorenson, Scott Bulman	
<b>Stewardship</b>	Ideas to encourage others to share their Time/Talents/ Financial resource	Miranda Seim, Council, Angela Schock, Kathy Mauch, Gabe Thurn	
<b>Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas to enhance the social life within our congregation</li> <li>• Reaching out into the community</li> </ul>	Miranda Seim, Carissa Richter, Constance Thurn, Kathy Mauch, Alek Livengood, Gabe Thurn	Lincoln Days – 14-16 August
<b>Worship and Music</b>	Planning Worship and Music	Kathy Mauch, Pastor Kevin, Rachel Schaffner, Deanna Muth	
<b>Education</b>	Children/Youth/ Adult Education	Leslie Livengood, Carissa Stafslie, Ashley Garaas, Tobie Sorenson, Alek Livengood, Gabe Thurn	
<b>Mutual Ministry</b>	Meets with Pastor Kevin quarterly to discuss ideas of change and any concerns	Pastor Kevin, TBD	
<b>Safety and Emergency Management</b>	Provide a safe and secure environment for all ministries to thrive in	Sean Johnson, Jamie Seim, Aaron Thurn	
<b>Lincoln Community Cupboard</b>	Management of the food pantry	Miranda Seim, Pastor Kevin, Sharren Goehring, Connie Thurn, Kathy Mauch, Angela Schock, Scott Bulman	
<b>Information Technology</b>	Provide IT technical support for all ministries	Sean Johnson, Leslie Livengood, Jamie Seim, Alek Livengood, Gabe Thurn, Aaron Thurn, Harry Sorenson	

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### **Church Council Members and Positions**

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact one or all of the Council members.

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Kevin Nelson	Pastor	701 333-8164	Pastor@PeaceLutheranOfLincoln.Com
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Marlene Thurn	Financial Secretary	701 391-3855	Financial-Sec@PeaceLutheranOfLincoln.Com
Leslie Livengood	Youth Coordinator	406-671-8440	Education@PeaceLutheranOfLincoln.Com

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<b>JUNE 2026</b>						
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>31</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	<b>1</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>2</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 7:30pm Education committee	<b>3</b> Day Care	<b>4</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>5</b> Day Care	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	<b>8</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>9</b> Day Care	<b>10</b> Day Care	<b>11</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard 6:00pm - 8:00pm Exec Council Meeting	<b>12</b> Day Care	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	<b>15</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>16</b> Day Care 6:30 Church Council	<b>17</b> Day Care	<b>18</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>19</b> Day Care	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	<b>22</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>23</b> Day Care	<b>24</b> Day Care 6:00pm – 8:00pm Burgers and Bible	<b>25</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>26</b> Day Care	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	<b>29</b> Day Care 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Cupboard	<b>30</b> Day Care				