

Peace Lutheran Church

Office Hours:

9:00-1:00pm Monday-Thursday

The Messenger August 2025

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To my fellow Christians,

Welcome to August 2025

Here we are, just over half-way through the calendar year. WOW. I hope that you're enjoying summer now that it's REALLY here. We had the usual Wisconsin spring that didn't last very long and now we've been going through a good deal of summer heat. While it's tough on us personally some days, remember that it is needed for the crops that are growing to feed us.

Life is tough and we know it and have come to expect hard times to "Visit" us now and then. Kids, parents, Grand-parents and Great-Grand parents - all of us know about tough times. We just seem to know more about them as we get older and experience them more and more. But that's also a good thing to have behind us – experiences that we can share with others. While it's easy to remember the tough lessons that life gives us, perhaps it's also good to remember the good and great "spiritual milestones" and pass those lessons along to others, especially our children and grand-children.

When our kids and grand-kids are having challenges in life it's too easy to be judgmental and tell them what they should do and why they should do it the way that you did. The problem is that sometimes they just need a listening ear and asking if they want advice. If so, then relate to them your old situation and how you got past it. BUT, also understand that in today's times there may be a different or better way to move on.

Another good thing to do is to also remind them that better times are coming. Both here and in eternity. Tell them about some of your best times and how those events helped you along. Remind them that you are always there for them and that so is God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God knows each of us and will listen to troubles and prayers. Jesus is the intermediary who takes those troubles to his father through those prayers. He lived and died as a human. He has lots of experience in the "Field of troubles". Then there is the Holy Spirit who is always with us too but can help us calm our mind and remind us of God's love and patience, with helpful advice that'll come to us through our "Advocate", the Holy Spirit.

My hopes and prayers are also with you at all times, just as our friends, family and church members. Let's remember to share our troubles and good times with others. Sometimes they may be able to help us or sometimes we may be able to help them.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Blessings to each and every one of you in the days to come.

Pastor Augie



Pastor's Notes about Upcoming Events

"Pack The Park" Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser:

Lutheran Campus Ministry is hosting its largest fundraiser of the year on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Grab your family and friends and join us at the Wilson Park Bandshell for an outdoor worship service with the three ELCA churches in Menomonie! All are welcome!

Following worship, you are invited to join us in a delicious brunch featuring a variety of egg bakes, pancakes, sausage, and fruit. You will also have an opportunity to enter your name in a variety of bucket raffles.

Worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair!

Brunch will be served at 10:00 a.m. Price is \$15 adults/ \$10 kids.

Raffle will follow brunch. Prices are 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10.

All benefits will go to support the ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry to UW-Stout.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! We couldn't do this ministry without the help of you! If you have any questions, please contact Sara McCullough, LCM Director, at lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com or 715.235.4258

The new Church Directory project – PLEASE Get yourself scheduled as soon as you can.

On August 10th and 17th - before and after the church service, you will be able to schedule the day, date and time for your Directory picture setting.

There will be other picture scheduling options to follow such as:

Telephoning to the church office to schedule,

by using a URL Link or scanning a QR Code with your phone or I-Pad.

There are also still some volunteer positions that need to be filled. Your volunteering will be greatly appreciated for the success in our Church Directory. More volunteer information will also follow soon.

Thank you to all who are and will be involved in producing our Church Directory.





Minutes approved by e-mail on July 17, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
July 15, 2025

Present: Anastasia Black, Al Erickson, Pat Mikesell, Stacey Rogers, Keith Pickerign, Shawn Swaenepoel
Marlene Schultz.

Guest: Pastor Augie

Meeting called to order by Council President Anastasia at 5:35 pm.

Devotions by Shawn.

Pat made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Keith. All approved.

June minutes were approved by e-mail vote on June 20, 2025. All approved.

Pastor Augie gave his report. Keith made a motion to approve \$400 for registration and motel expenses for Synod/Conference/Pastoral Retreat Ministry on August 24-26, 2025. Seconded by Al. All approved.

Stacey reviewed the financial reports. Giving is down.

Stacey made a motion to not allow political presentations at Peace Lutheran Church. Seconded by Al. All approved.

Keith made a motion to not allow plaques to honor or memorial donations of monetary donations. Seconded by Marlene. All approved.

Benches and flowerpots were delayed until the August meeting.

Stacey made a motion for the Property Committee to spend \$2,100 from Cemetery Improvement Fund to reset several headstones at the cemetery. Seconded by Shawn. All approved.

Al made a motion to pay \$2,500 for new tables and chairs out of the PLC Church Council/Kelling gains. Seconded by Shawn. All approved.

Keith made a motion for Pastor Augie to spend \$130 for breakfast food on September 11, 2025 for the Chippewa Valley Conference to be held at Peace Lutheran Church. Seconded by Shawn. All approved.

Pastor Augie will do devotions at the August meeting. Stacey will make Council announcements on Sunday. Marlene made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Shawn. The meeting ended at 7:35 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Minutes recorded by Marlene Schultz, Council Secretary



All submissions for council meeting agendas due to council president by the Thursday prior to council meeting!!!



Thank you!! For everyone who has expressed interest and is giving their time to learn the process to assistance with counting offerings!!
Express interest to council president, church office or pastor



Help staff weekly office hours when regular office staff is unavailable.
Task include light duty answering the phones, taking messages, visiting if there are visitors, and occasionally folding bulletins, or preparing mailings for homebound parishioners or newsletters.



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GIVING MATTERS!

Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Peach Lutheran Church
917 7th St. E.
Menomonie, WI 54751

July 7, 2025

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$10,000.00 to Stepping Stones of Dunn County. Your support means the world to us and plays a crucial role in our mission to provide food and shelter to those in our community who need it most. With your contribution, our programs will be able to continue their vital work, making a real and lasting difference in the lives of our neighbors.

- Food Pantry Program - Main pantry distributions, rural pop-up pantries, SAM weekend kids' meals, Farmers Feed Dunn County, and Whole Community Foods programs
- Emergency Shelter - Cairn House Shelter, five shelter apartments, life skills classes, case management, housing and benefits application assistance, and referrals to other services
- Community Connections Program - Food deliveries and wellness checks, homelessness prevention program, direct assistance, and referrals and collaboration with partner agencies

To put it simply, your kindness and generosity are truly making an impact.

Once again, thank you for your support, and for being a valuable partner to our organization, and the communities we serve. We look forward to continuing to work together and furthering our mutual commitment to making a positive difference in Dunn County.

Thank you,

David Stanley
Assistant Director
Stepping Stones of Dunn County

*Thank you for
your support!*

June 24, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church
917 7th St E
Menomonie, WI 54751-2638

Thank You

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$150.00 to ELCA Global Mission.

"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your support enables ELCA Global Mission to send missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission, to serve in over 40 countries. It provides scholarships to international women leaders responding to God's call to ministry. And it funds investments in evangelism, education and church expansion.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

Benjamin Attoque

The Rev. Benjamin A. Hogue
Director, Giving, Christian Community and Leadership

*Pastor Hohl and Members
of Peace Lutheran:*

*Thank you very much
for your generous donation
to Wednesday's Table.
Your contribution will
help us continue this
important community
service.*

Your donation is

*very much appreciated
by the members of
Christ Lutheran and
by the staff and
volunteers of Wednesday's
Table.*

*Thanks again,
Christ Lutheran Church*

*Dear Peace Lutheran Church Members,
Thank you for the delicious +
plentiful meal you provided.*

*It means a lot to know our efforts
are recognized and valued. Your kind-
ness and encouragement inspire us to
continue serving with dedication and
pride.*

*Sincerely,
The Menomonie Police Department*

Generosity	Given by
IMO Marlys Jones IMO Dave Kraft IMO Ron Mikesell designated for Endowment Fund	Gladys Waller
IMO Dick Wisher	Sandra Wisher
IMO Ron Mikesell	Luanne Reckin
IMO Hazel Hintzman	Sue Adler
IHO Gladys Waller's 95th Birthday designated for PLCW LWR Baby Kits	Jerome or Betty Thayer

Generosity	Given by
IMO Dave Kraft IMO Larry Batchelder IMO Barb Gort	Len & Mena Frank
IMO Larry Batchelder	Rick & Patty Bosse
IMO Jeff Sundby	Rick & Patty Bosse
IHO Corrine Hellendrung's 90th Birthday	Rick & Patty Bosse
IHO Betty Moldenhauer's 96th Birthday	Rick & Patty Bosse
IMO Marian Ford	Sharron and Dan Wold

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Media Contact: Taylor Garms, The Garms Family

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Optional Headlines:

Community Hymn Sing Returns to Arkansaw on August 24

Public Invited to "Hymns in the Gym" at The Gospel Gym

Hymns Bring Community Together in Arkansaw

Arkansaw, WI (July 22, 2025) — The public is invited to the next gathering of "Hymns in The Gym", a community hymn sing on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 4 PM. The event will be held at The Gospel Gym, located at N6290 N H Street, Arkansaw, WI 54721. No tickets required. A fun afternoon of well-loved hymns and congregational singing. Sing loud or just listen— all are welcome! Refreshments to follow, and bring a treat to share. A door offering will be received. Contact The Garms Family at (320) 396-3785 or visit www.hymnsinthegym.com.

THE NEXT GATHERING OF

HYMNS IN THE GYM

COMMUNITY HYMN SING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 • 4 PM

THE GOSPEL GYM, ARKANSAW, WI
N6290 N H STREET

NO TICKET REQUIRED!

SONGS LED BY THE GARMS FAMILY
Everyone's welcome! Sing loud or simply listen. Doors open at 3:30 PM. Refreshments to follow. Bring a treat to share! Free admission. A door offering will be received.
(320) 396-3785 • HYMNSINTHEGYM.COM



SAVE the DATE

Hope Gospel Mission's Harvest of Hope

Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Annual
**Community
Lunch
& Pie Social**



Sunday, Aug. 17
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, Boyceville

**Hot Beef, Pulled Pork,
Homemade Potato Salad, Cukes,
Homemade Pies, Coffee, Milk,
Water & More!**



Do you need help with spring Yard Clean-Up? Painting? Indoor Cleaning? Window Washing? Recently I received an email from the president of the Stout chapter of Habitat for Humanity who said the group is looking for volunteer opportunities in the local community. They just want to help anyone that needs help.

When I worked at Stout, I advised this great group of students. I've had them do work around my place nearly every fall. They are full of energy and hard workers.

Feel free to contact the president: Simon Cao, nguyens3204@my.uwstout.edu or 715.440.4347.

In the past they have been available Monday through Friday AFTER 3:30 or all day Saturdays.

If you have any questions or would like some help setting up a volunteer day or just a few hours with Stout Habitat, just let me know.

Janine Thull

jathull02@yahoo.com 715.556.0063

TUESDAY'S TABLE an Opportunity to Volunteer AUGUST 2025

Tuesday's Table is a free meal served every Tuesday at St. Joe's Catholic Church to anyone who wishes to partake. Various churches in the community support this effort through volunteers.

PLC serves the second Tuesday of the odd-numbered months (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.)

ONLY 6 TIMES A YEAR!

Salem Iron Creek Lutheran will again serve alongside Peace Lutheran volunteers.

Here's what's needed from Peace: 2 prep cooks from 2:00-5:00 p.m.; 3-4 to help with clean-up from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to our July volunteers
Carolyn Knutson & Sharon Wold – cooks
Debbie Hitz, Debbie Verdon, Luanne Reckin, Sandy Eckert - clean-up crew

TUESDAY'S TABLE DATES FOR 2025 SEPTEMBER 8, NOVEMBER 11

Want To Get Involved? Contact: Sharon Wold-715-235-9762

UW-Stout LCM Monday Night Meal Signup

Volunteer opportunities for "LCM Monday Night Meals SP2025" are now open. We look forward to your groups sharing their scrumptious meals and supportive fellowship with LCM students this spring semester.

A couple of Monday nights are already filled: the LCM Board on January 27 and Christ Lutheran Youth on March 10.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/XQRRW

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page

Pass this message along to others who may be willing to serve a Monday night meal.

Thank you for supporting Lutheran Campus Ministry and UW-Stout students!

Ted Bensen; ted.bensen@charter.net

DISCIPLESHIP & STEWARDSHIP - AUGUST 2025

PLCW Coordinators, Ginny Helgeson & Sharon Wold

REMINDERS

Monthly Circle Meeting

The monthly **Leah** Circle Meeting is held on the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month @ **1:00 p.m.** at the church. All are welcome!
Contact: Kathy Siler 715-235-5207

THIS MONTH

AUGUST

5 PLCW Board 9:30 a.m.
7 & 21 Quilters 9:00 a.m.
18 Leah Circle 1:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

2 PLCW Board 9:30 a.m.
4 & 18 Quilters
15 No Leah Circle in lieu of Guest day on the 16!
16 GUEST DAY 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 1 Bazaar
November 23 Thankoffering



Upcoming gather Bible Studies Summer 2025:

“Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships”

by the Rev. Dr. Brooke Petersen

(August) Session Three: Relationships that push us to grow: For such a time as this, relationships aren’t always comfortable. There are times when we find ourselves navigating the painful work of growing and changing in our relationships. This session explores the story of Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai. How can we draw on the stories of our faith when we face great challenges in our lives and relationships with others? We’ll explore how vulnerability, trust and the power of faithful friendships help us to grow. (This is the final Session of the summer series).

Plus a Preview for Fall 2025!

“Money, Stewardship and Generosity” by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

(September) Session One: *Money – What do we treasure?*

(October) Session Two: *Stewardship – How do we tend our treasure?*

(November) Session Three: *Generosity – A wideness in God’s mercy*

NOTE: Copies of GATHER MAGAZINE will be available for checkout to Leah Circle Bible Study members! Look for the trays located on the Church Library shelves. Sign-out is on the clipboard.

GUEST DAY – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - Mark Your Calendar

Peace Lutheran Church Women are hosting Guest Day on Tuesday, September 16 @ 9:00 a.m.! Area churches are also being invited. We will have a social time and refreshments to start and a Bible Study led by Pastor Augie. Come and join us and bring a friend! (Leah Circle Members, Please Note we will not have our regularly scheduled circle meeting on Monday!)

ANNUAL PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to ALL who donated, participated and came to eat!!! We served over 100 and made \$1,586. Money from this event goes to support our youth and the community.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

It’s that time of year again when we begin to gather and assemble items for Lutheran World Relief Kits. The Display is up in the Narthex – Check It Out!

School Kit Bags – Please note we will not be collecting items for the school kit bags this year as we have received \$2500 from the Kelling Fund for purchasing items. However, if you personally would like to fill a bag or two, please feel free to do so. The information for needed items will be on the display table along with bags.

Baby care Kits – we will be collecting items for these kits. Item lists are on the display table with a sample kit.

Personal Care Kits – New this year! We haven’t done these kits for a number of years. However, with all the natural disasters they have become a much requested and needed kit. A sample kit will be on display along with a list.

AUGUST BOOK OF THE MONTH:

Nelson’s Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts, c1993, 1996 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Includes Reproducible Maps and Charts. Old and New Testaments. Whether you are leading a Bible Study group, teaching a Sunday School class, or just curious about biblical times, Nelson’s has the visual aids to help you and others gain a deeper understanding of the Bible. It provides a whole new way of looking at the Bible that organizes important information that makes its message come alive for you. Check it out at the Church Library!



GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF MISSION / WITNESS & SERVICE COMMITTEE AUGUST 2025

CURRENT MEMBERS: Deb Bell, Patty Bosse, Jan Harvey, Linda Lenz,
Keith Pickerign (Council Rep), Barb Sand, Sharon Wold (Chair)

WHAT IS WITNESS & SERVICE ALL ABOUT?

We are a committee under the Board of Mission. As such, we are to develop and increase awareness of witness and service opportunities within the congregation. We are to educate members on the importance of outreach opportunities in our community as well as engage in shared ministry opportunities such as working with area congregations, Lutheran Campus Ministry. The Tables and other witness and service activities. *Adapted from PLC Constitutional By-Laws*

In other words - We are the hands and feet for Jesus! To know Jesus is to make Him known!

CONTINUED MINISTRIES

GROCERY CART MINISTRY – STEPPING STONES

We delivered 82 pounds to Stepping Stones in June! Great Job everyone! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: The first Sunday of each month the grocery cart will be brought forward with the general offering for God's blessing. **AUGUST 3** IS THE NEXT FIRST SUNDAY

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pack the Park – AUGUST 3. This is an annual fundraising event and joint church service with the 3 ELCA Churches in town, held at Wilson Park at 9:00 a.m. A Pancake & Egg bake Brunch will follow the service. There will also be a number of raffle baskets.

WEDNESDAY'S TABLE

Barb reported that volunteers are always welcome to help serve this weekly meal. She also commented on the generous donation of \$4500 from Peace Lutheran church from the Kelling fund. She also noted that Christ Lutheran plans to open a thrift shop to help support the cost of the Wednesday Table meals.

COMMUNION ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Pastor Augie is seeking help in serving communion at the Neighbors on July 29 and August 12 @ 9:00 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: The Witness & Service Committee will meet Tuesday, August 12 at 9:00 a.m.



Carter Paul Hillman 7/27/2025



Marian Ford 7/13/2025	David Kraft 5/5/2025	James "Jim" Starkey 4/24/2025	Jane Molde 4/8/2025
Jeffrey Sundby 6/22/2025	Ron Mikesell 4/22/2025	Marlys Jones 4/25/2025	Charles H. Boe 2/9/2025



<u>Council Officers:</u>	Name	Phone Number	E-mail
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Board of Worship Stewardship, Worship	Pat Mikesell	715-556-0843 -	pat_mikesell@yahoo.com -
Board of Mission: Social Concerns, Fellowship	Keith Pickerign	(715) 664-8767	kppickerign@wwt.net



READERS, USHERS And COMMUNION ASS'T

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Make Updates and Changes on Church Bulletin board

Ushers	August 2025
Randy M. Court S.	3 rd
Shawn S. Curt H.	10 th
Al E. Court S.	17 th
Jeff E. Randy M.	24 th
Kari S. Cindy L.	31 st

Communion Assist	August 2025
Linda L.	3 rd
Marlene S.	10 th
Sharon B.	17 th
John L.	24 th
Court S.	31 st

Readers	August
Patty Bosse	3 rd
Shawn Swaenepoel	10 th
Pat Mikesell	17 th
Kalani Krautbauer	24 th
Linda Lenz	31 st

Greeters	August
Cheryl Johnson/Mary Ranney	3 rd
Rhonda Erickson/Sharon Behling	10 th
Sandy and Jeff Eckert	17 th
Debbie Hitz/Luanne Reckin	24 th
Patty Winberg/Stacey Rogers	31 st

Church Picture Directory

Harmann Studios will be at PLC Monday September 8th - Thursday September 11th

Sign up for your Directory pictures today!!

Schedule on either Sunday August 10th or 17th before and after worship

OR by calling the church office OR by using the URL Link / QR Code

We need you to make the 2025-26 PLC Church Directory a success!

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event





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August 2025

Keep up with dates and schedule changes Online.
Send schedules, additions, and changes to
office@plcmenomonie.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 ● 9a Worship service	28 9:30a VBS @ Christ Lutheran	29	30	31	1	2
3 Cart for Stepping Stones ● 9a Pack the Park with L ● 10a LCM Pancake Brun	4	5 ● 9:30a PLCW Board mtg	6	7	8	9
10 ● 9a Worship service	11	12 ● 9a Property cmte mtg ● 9a Wfness & Service C ● 5:30p Executive Cmte	13	14 ● 12p Worship Cmte ● 5p Agenda deadline sub	15	16
17 ● 9a Worship service ● 10a Sundae fellowship	18 ● 1p Leah Circle	19 ● 5:30p Council mtg	20 ● 5p Choir kick-off party	21	22 Newsletter deadline	23
24 ● 9a Worship service	25	26	27 Confirmation Info mtg ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	28	29	30
31 ● 9a Worship service	1	2 ● 9:30a PLCW Board mtg	3 ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	4	5	6