Peace Lutheran Church

Office Hours: 9:00-1:00pm Monday-Thursday

The Messenger October 2025

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October 2025

When I go on vacation or even to a pastoral retreat I always like to get back "Home". It's a grand feeling to get back, unpack, settle in and relax for a few minutes. My guess is that most of you know the same feeling of contentment after being away, followed by a deep breath and sigh of relief.

God feels the same way when he hears from you. Whether it was just this morning that you prayed over your breakfast meal, or it's bedtime and you're saying the Lord's Prayer before you share your other thoughts with him, he's always glad to hear from you. Yes, we know that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us and that our thoughts and worries are already known, but prayer should be a few moments that take our heart and soul to say "Thanks God" or "God here are my worries." He's as glad to hear from you as you are to speak to him as his beloved child. He's always worried that we might drift away and that he'll have to task the Holy Spirit with some sort of "reminder" that he wants us back.

God just wants us to trust him that we can speak to him any time and in any moment. That helps us keep up our faith and trust in him. Yeah, we may not get what it is that we pray for but God (as a parent) knows what's best for us and those around us. Trust that he has a plan and that we're in it somewhere, somehow. A simple prayer, even that of a few words of thanks is sufficient for the moment that you have had a great day and want to tell him that.

Then there is The Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught his disciples and we know from childhood. THAT'S a hard prayer to make it through and not to be distracted with some obscure thought that gets in the way of what we're trying to say to God. But we make it through and go to sleep, hoping to wake up in the morning and talk with God again.

Blessings upon all of you and your prayers. Tell God that you love and trust him and that you'll "talk with him again – very soon." He needs to hear that as much as you need to say it.

Your pastor - Augie

This month I'll be taking the back page of my letter to you and having a small topic for folks to consider.

PRAYERS – Also known as "petitions, intercessions, or thanksgiving."

There are so many reasons to pray. We pray for ourselves, family, friends, our country and its leaders, and people of other countries suffering through so many troubles. We can pray at any time of the day, as we wake up and thank God for that, at meals, as we travel to/from work (but be aware of your driving), before bed and generally any time of the day. With thanks, hopes, fears, questions, help for ourselves and others we have so many reasons to pray. Most of our prayers are by ourselves and for so many reasons. But now, do we pray as a group, at home and as a family together? Yes, we pray at church – within that community of fellow believers and usually as part and parcel of our church service. But what else do we do to share our worries or gratefulness with God and with others?

How about this...start by gathering your family at the table for lunch or dinner. (Yeah, it may be tough) AND put away the cell phones (Tougher still) and then offer a mealtime prayer for thanks, but add in another topic or two for the "practice" of it all.

If it's a short meal prayer, that's a place to start. But try to make this a more common and daily habit. You may even want to involve the "kids" in saying the prayer. Write it down for them and ask them to take an active part in the thanksgiving words of thanks. Even if you're in your "Later years" of age, ask your kids over for a meal or "Ask yourself" to their home for a Sunday meal. Then introduce the idea. It's not as tough as dragging them to church, but it's a place to start. Bring your prayer book with you (remember we have daily devotions books in the narthex of the church) and expand on things. Have someone read the story of the day and then follow it with the daily prayer.

Overall though, prayer starts with us. We need to talk with God as often as we can. Yes, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we have a blank moment in our mind and are not sure what to say to God, but it'll get easier with time. It's easier than talking to your dad when you've done something wrong. Our Heavenly Father wants to hear from us about everything in our hearts.

SO.... think of this: Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you may not be able to change. PRAYER is a conversation you can have with God about things that he can change and take care of for you.

Blessings on your family and your days. AMEN



God's blessing to everyone

Sunday (the first day of Sunday School) was filled with excitement, fun and great relationships.

The children had an awesome time making their very own "Prayer Jars"

I attached a couple of pictures for your enjoyment.

I did not get the parent/child waiver release forms distributed on Sunday - so sorry

I will have them for all to complete this Sunday September 21st

Pastor's Notes about Upcoming Events



BIBLE STUDY Programs

5:30 pm Monday evenings: Videos of "The Chosen"

9:00 am Wednesday mornings: The book of "Genesis" at church

SEPTEMBER

28th Sun After church Darcy Brown of the Red Cedar Thrivent Team The Red Cedar Team will be presenting tax saving/charitable giving strategies. What you'll talk about that morning can be used by any combination of adviser/client situation.

OCTOBER 9:00 am"Genesis" Bible study at church Wed 3:30 pm => 5:15 pm**Confirmation Class** 4th 10:00 am => 2:00 pmSet up at HS Theater Sat 2:00 pm => 4:00 pmPerformance by "Memories" **Monetary & Food donations for Stepping Stones** 4:00 pm => 6:00 pmTear down 5thWear Purple for Domestic Violence month awareness Sun Tickets go on sale for the 1 November Fall Bazaar $5^{th} & 12^{th}$ Committee Awareness Table displays are set up in entryway windows Sun 9:00 am"Genesis" Bible study at church Wed 3:30 pm => 5:15 pm**Confirmation Class** 15th 9:00 am"Genesis" Bible study at church Wed **Confirmation Class** 3:30 pm => 5:15 pm18th 11:00 am => 2:00 Empty Bowls fund raiser for Stepping Stones Sat Tangelewood Greens Golf Course \$15.00 for students, seniors & military...\$20.00 others 9:00 am"Genesis" Bible study at church 22nd Wed **Confirmation Class** 3:30 pm => 5:15 pm29th Wed 9:00 am "Genesis" Bible study at church 3:30 pm => 5:15 pm**Confirmation Class** 5:30 pm Mentors + Meals **NOVEMBER** 2nd 9:00 amChurch Service Sun 5th Wed 9:00 am"Genesis" Bible study at church 3:30 pm => 5:15 pm**Confirmation Class Q**th Sun 9:00 amChurch Service 10^{th} LCM Fundraising meal at Christ Lutheran Church Mon 12^{th} 9:00 am"Genesis" Bible study at church (Last Class) Wed 3:30 pm => 5:15 pm**Confirmation Class** 16th 9:00 amChurch service Sun 19th 3:30 pm => 5:15 pmWed **Confirmation Class** 5:30 pm Mentors + Meals 23^{rd} 9:00 amChurch Service Sun 26^{th} Wed 27^{th} Thu THANKSGIVING DAY 30th 9:00 amChurch Service Sun **DECEMBER** 14th Sun 9:00 amSunday Service: Children's Christmas Program THEN: "Load the Bags" + Deliver them



Minutes approved by e-mail on September 17, 2025 Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 16, 2025

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

Absent: Stacey Rogers Guest: Pastor Augie

Meeting called to order by Council President Anastasia at 5:30 pm.

Devotions by Pat.

Al made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Pat. All approved. August minutes were approved by e-mail vote on August 21, 2025. All approved.

Pastor Augie gave his report.

Financial reports were reviewed. August giving was high.

Shawn made a motion to approve new members, Kory and Ariana Sonnemann. Seconded by Al. All approved.

Shawn made a motion to raise Kittrick's payment to \$150.00 per week effective on September 1, 2025. Seconded by Pat. All approved.

Keith made a motion to pay \$1,961.75 for Ark expenses from the Kelling Education Fund. Seconded by Al. All approved.

Shawn made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Senior Center for 4 monthly meals from the PLC Church Council Kelling gains. Pat seconded. All approved.

Marlene made a motion to donate \$8,500.00 to Bridge of Hope in Menomonie out of the PLC Church Council Kelling gains. Seconded by Shawn. All approved.

Keith made a motion to give \$400.00 to the Fellowship Committee for expenses beyond budget. Pat seconded. All approved.

Keith made a motion to lease a black and white/color printer for a 60-month lease to own at \$184.22 per month. This is cheaper than our current printer. Seconded by Shawn. All approved.

Pat will do devotions at the October meeting. Also, Pat will make Council announcements on Sunday. Marlene made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Pat. The meeting ended at 6:55 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Minutes recorded and submitted by Marlene Schultz, Secretary

A motion was made by e-mail on September 7, 2025. It was approved on September 7, 2025.

Al made a motion to approve a "not to exceed" amount of \$1,000.00 for Cory Miller to help us correct the Facebook problem as well as a couple of other areas that need attention. Marlene seconded the motion.

Al made a motion to approve up to \$3,000.00 for potential purchases, one laptop for sure, plus a couple of smaller items. Marlene seconded the motion.



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

GIVING MATTERSI



Bob & Helen Thomas Grand Marshals

Spring Valley Parade September 21, 2025

The Memories **Reunion Concert**

A Community Event Sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church of Menomonie, WI



Saturday - Oct. 4th, 2025 2:00 - 4:00 pm

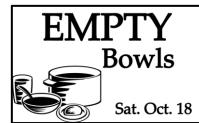
Menomonie **High School Auditorium**

Please join us for this FREE concert!! We will be accepting <u>nonmonetary</u> donations that go directly to Stepping Stones!

https://www.steppingstonesdc.org -No money donations please-



Coming on November 1 to **Peace Lutheran Church** Raffle Tickets on sale soon!



Looks

like

fun!

Fundraiser for Stepping Stones Hosted at Tanglewood Golf Course \$15 for students, seniors, & military \$20 others



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Generosity	Given by
IMO Kay Lenz	Barb Prochnow
IMO Dave Kraft	Dave Kraft
To the Cemetery Fund	Jerome & Betty Thayer
IMO Marion Ford	Kevin Hintzman
IMO Marion Ford	Jerome & Betty Thayer
IMO Eva Wahl	Carol Lierman

Deathy in the church family	Edwin Allen Sutliff 9/22/2025
Eva Wahl	Richard Weghorn
8/26/2025	8/18/2025



Fun in Faith Formation!!!





TUESDAY'S TABLE an Opportunity to Volunteer DATE FOR 2025 NOVEMBER 11

Tuesday's Table is a free meal served every Tuesday at St. Joe's Catholic Church to <u>anyone</u> 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.

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

Lutheran Campus Ministry Monday Night Meals

Lutheran Campus Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to help cook and serve meals for our students this fall!

· October 6, 20 · November 17 · December 1

If you are willing to help cook/serve, please email Sara McCullough, Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry, at lcm or call 715.563.6336.

Specific information regarding Monday meals:

- Meals begin at 6:00 p.m.
- · We serve around 10-15 college students each night
- · Feel free to choose the specific meal you would like to prepare. Our students are very appreciative of homemade food.
- · We will provide the dishes, cups, silverware, etc.

Lutheran Campus Ministry is very thankful for your presence and commitment to cooking meals on Monday nights.

Sara McCullough; Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry; University of Wisconsin Stout

Upcoming in the Coummunity







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

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



Thursday, November 6, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Johnny's Steakhouse - Holiday Inn South (Naples Room) 4751 Owen Ayres Court, Eau Claire

Refreshments will be provided
 This is a free event!
 Bring your family and friends
 RSVP requested, but not required:

715-832-3428 or office@spmcsw.com



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715-832-3428 - stokesprockandmundt.com
Cremation Society of Wisconsin
715-834-6411 - cremationsociety-wi.com
535 S. Hillcrest Parkway, Altoona, WI 54720

Vibrant Voices Memory Choir



A community choir that supports people with early stages of memory loss and their caregivers

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NEW!! A Memory Choir right here in Menomonie! If you are interested in joining the choir as a person with dementia, a care partner or a singing volunteer visit our Facebook page or find the link below to register on line.

Rehearsals are once a week at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie on Thursdays from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. There is no registration fee required for this fall session. So come and check it out! Our choir is called Vibrant Voices, the name was carefully chosen to change the perception of living with dementia.

Watch weau interview with Dominique Stewart, the Musical Director of the choir.

If you have additional questions contact

Dominique vibrantvoicesdirector@gmail.com

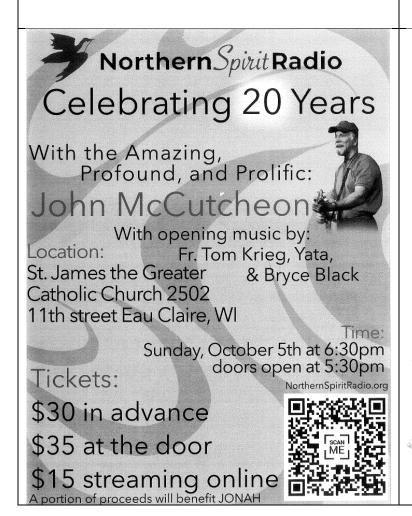
Here is the link to register for Vibrant

Voices: https://forms.gle/jVcLrc2upaaQE6iNA

Here is a link to the Facebook

page: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578266885383





Program: Vintage local railroad photos

Presented by Published author Aryln Colby Dunn County Old Settlers Society Luncheon 134th year

Monday, October 6, 2025 Moose Lodge Menomonie, WI

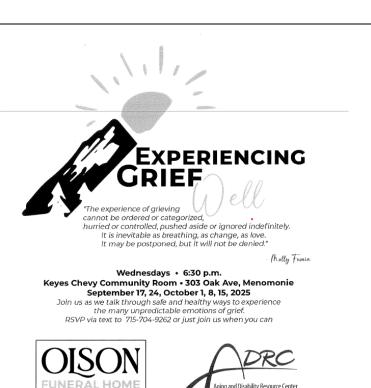
Registration -11:00 am Meal - 12:00 Noon Program to follow

\$20.00 per person

Reservations must be in by September 29, 2025

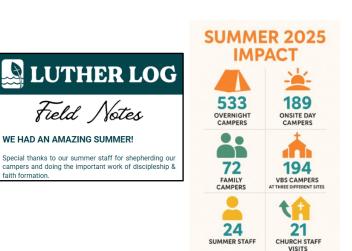
For Reservations Call:

Marilyn Fanetti 414-238-1810 Lois Sipple 715-505-1693 Julie Glocke 715-986-4800 Steve Kothlow 715-505-2939



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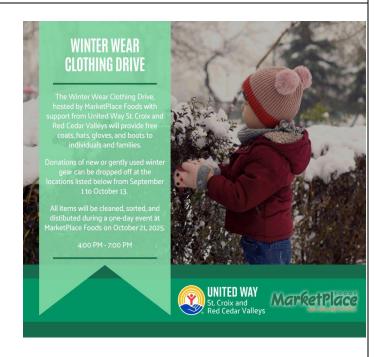


Luther Park Bible Camp | Chetek, WI Where Faith is nurtured through Holy Play!



Winter Wear Clothing Drive (September 1 – October 13)

From September 1 to October 13, nine locations throughout the Menomonie community will be collecting new or gently used winter items, such as coats, hats, gloves, boots, and other winter accessories, for individuals of all ages in need. This drive helps ensure that everyone in our community has the warm clothing they need to stay safe and comfortable during the cold winter months.



Winter Wear Open House (October 21)

On October 21, from 4-7 PM at Marketplace Foods in Menomonie, families and individuals in need are invited to the Winter Wear Open House to receive the winter clothing collected throughout the drive. Volunteers will be available to assist with selecting appropriate sizes and items, ensuring everyone has what they need to stay warm during the winter months.



GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF MISSION / WITNESS & SERVICE COMMITTEE October 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

In September 160#s were delivered to Stepping Stones! GREAT JOB Everyone! We were thanked many times over that day!

PLEASE NOTE: The first Sunday of each month the grocery cart will be brought forward with the general offering for God's blessing. OCTOBER 5 IS THE NEXT FIRST SUNDAY

UPDATES

- Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM): Pack the Park Fundraiser: 180 people attended the joint service with 84 staying for the breakfast meal. Fundraiser made \$3,768.62.
- Monday Night Meals at the Ministry. The LCM Board served 15 students on September 8. Our Committee served 11 students on September 22. Pastor & Deb are providing a meal on November 3.

ON THE HORIZON

- Stepping Stones Fundraiser November 10. The 3 ELCA churches in Menomonie are providing a meal fundraiser at Christ Lutheran to benefit Stepping Stones. Watch for more information coming soon!
- October is Domestic Awareness Month. The color purple is used to increase awareness. We will be
 collecting items for Bridge to Hope during the month of October. Look for the Purple Box in the
 Narthex to drop off needed items.
- Empty Bowls a fundraiser for Stepping Stones: Event will be held at Tanglewood Greens on Saturday October 18 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Collector bowls can be purchased for \$10.

NOTES FROM PASTOR AUGIE

- Pastor would like to plan for an event for 6th- 12th graders at PLC. Those with an interest in airplane flying will
 be given the opportunity through the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association). Watch for more info on this.
- Visitation Committee 7 members will assist with home bound communion. Deb Hohl was assigned as the data keeper.

Pastor would like to plan for putting together holiday baskets for each home bound member. This will take the place of the Angel Tree. We will be seeking donations from the congregation.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m.



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1	Peace Lutheran Church Choir Fall 2025
2	09/07/25 - "Take My Life and Let It Be" Arr. Thomas Keesecker
3	09/21/25 - "Give Me Jesus" Arr. By Ruth Elaine Schram
4	10/05/25 - "Walk Worthy" Music by Joseph M. Martin
5	10/19/25 - "Teach Me" Music by Stacey Nordmeyer Words by Joseph M. Martin
6	10/26/25 - "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" Allen Pote - Reformation Sunday
7	11/02/25 - "Song Of The Saints" Pepper Chopin – All Saints Day Sunday
8	11/16/25 - "I Want To Be Ready" - Arr. By Glenda Franklin
9	11/30/25 - "Light An Advent Candle" By Becki Slagle May
10	12/14/25 - "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Arr. By John Ferfuson
11	12/21/25 - "O Wonder Amazing" Arr. By Tom Fettke
12	12/24/25 - "Star Child" Victoria Davison & Rudy Lupinski

All are Welcomed!! Rehearsals starting Sept 3 and continue each Wednesday at 6:30 pm



READERS, USHERS And COMMUNION ASS'T

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Make Updates and Changes on Church Bulletin board

Ushers	Oct 2025
Jodi B.	5 th
Mike B.	
Randy M.	12 th
Shawn S.	
Kari S.	19 th
Josh F.	
Cindy L.	26 th
Tom J.	

Greeters	October	
Patty Bosse/Marlene Schultz	5th	
Betty Nyseth/Pat Mikesell	12th	
Cindy Langland/Nancy Myran	19th	
Rhonda Erickson/Sharon Behling	26th	

Greeters	November
Helen Thomas/ Dorothy Schneider	2nd
Mary Hendrickson/Jan Harvey	9th
Rhonda Erickson/Sharon Behling	16th
Earlene Way/Jeannine Peterson	23rd
Patty Winhord /Stacov Pogors	30th

SUNDAYS @ 9 a.m.	
Communion Assist	Oct 2025
Pat M.	5 th
Mary H.	12 th
Cindy L.	19 th
Linda L.	26th

Readers	December	
Cheryl Johnson/Mary Ranney	7th	
Sandy and Jeff Eckert	14th	
Earlyne Young/Marlys Fahl	21st	
	24th Christmas Eve-1st	
	24th Christmas Eve-2nd	
Debbie Hitz/Luanne Reckin	28th	

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Jodi Bird	5th	
Kathy Forster	12th	
Court Sand	19th	
Gus Myran	26th	

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JoAnn Trainor	14th
Sharon Wold	21st
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	24th Christmas Eve-2nd
Linda Lenz	28th



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Board of Mission:			
Social Concerns, Fellowship	Keith Pickerign	(715) 664-8767	kppickerign@wwt.net

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

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