

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

# The Messenger

January 2026

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Welcome to the New Year and God's blessings to everyone!! 😊



WOW. 2025 has come and gone. This first year as your pastor has been wonderful. Deb and I have never felt so good about a move and the people whom we have come to know and love. Everyone has been so gracious, helpful and kind to Deb & I. While we're still learning names and family info about all of you, you have made us feel like family and we really appreciate all of it.

Meanwhile – It's a new year and that means changes and new things on top of anything that we've brought forward from last year. There are a number of projects that we've been working on and will continue, like the Monday evening episodes of "The Chosen" and then we have new projects starting almost immediately: like the new Bible Study program on the book of Romans that begins on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. I really hope that more of you join us in either or both studies.

Let's also remember that Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. That's going to get here sooner than we might expect. I look forward to everything that we'll be doing during this coming year and for the years to come. If you have an idea for something new or how to improve something old and traditional, please let me know.

**Prayers for God's blessings for each and every one of you.**

Respectfully, Pastor Augie

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!  
February 1, 2026**

**2026 Proposed Budget attached for your review**



Minutes approved by e-mail on December 18, 2025  
Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
December 16, 2025

Present: Anastasia Black, Stacey Rogers, Pat Mikesell, Keith Pickerign, Shawn Swaenepoel, Marlene Schultz.  
Absent: Al Erickson Guest: Pastor Augie, Tom Johnson.

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

Devotions by Pastor Augie.

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

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

Shawn made a motion to sponsor the Memories at the Dunn Co. Fair at the cost of \$3,000, paid on June 1, 2026. This will come from the Kelling Music Fund. Seconded by Stacey. All approved.

Tom Johnson attended the meeting and agreed to run for Council.

Pastor Augie gave his report. Thirty holiday bags were made and delivered to the home bound.

Marlene made a motion to increase Aaron Schuldt salary by \$.50 and Kittrick Singerhouse to \$175.00 per service. Seconded by Pat. All approved.

Shawn made a motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented to Council. Seconded by Keith. All approved.

Stacey reviewed the financial reports to the Council.

Pat made a motion to accept Brenda and Mark Grambo's membership transfer out of Peace Lutheran Church. Seconded by Stacey. All approved.

Stacey made a motion to pay Christmas bonus of \$250.00 to seven employees. Seconded by Keith. All approved.

Stacey made a motion to pay \$50.00 registration fee to Synod Winter Theological event. Seconded by Keith. All approved.

Stacey made a motion to pay \$2,000 for Blue Hills Chorale performance at PLC at 9:00 service and then at Mabel Tainter at 2:00, out of the Kelling Music Fund. Seconded by Pat. All approved.

Pat made a motion to pay \$10,000 to LCM from the Kelling Education Fund. Check will be cut after 2/1/2026.

Stacey made a motion to pay \$3,300 to the Menomonie School Angel Fund to pay off delinquent lunch funds out of the Kelling Council Gain. Seconded by Marlene. All approved.

Stacey made a motion that the loose offering will not be donated to LCM when they conduct Sunday services. Seconded by Pat. All approved.

Pastor Augie will do devotions at the January meeting.

Announcements on Sunday, December 21, 2026, will be given by Anastacia.

Marlene made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Stacey.

The meeting ended at 6:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Marlene Schultz, Secretary

Approved by e-mail.

Marlene made a motion to approve the 2026 budget with corrections. Seconded by Anastacia. All approved.



## December Messenger – Sunday School and Confirmation News

How can it be the end of year 2025. Seems we just welcomed children into Sunday School and confirmation faith learning.

At worship on Sunday December 14, 2025, twenty-three (23) Peace Lutheran Church Sunday School and Confirmation youth engaged the congregation in the story of Jesus' birth as told in the book of Luke. The older children read the story as told in the Bible, while the younger children dressed as either an angel, a shepherd, or a wise man. We also had Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus in the manger as the story unfolded. We are so very proud of the children. They did an awesome job! I believe if you asked the children, they would tell you they enjoyed telling the story and singing the songs that also told the story of our Savior's birth.

Thank you to the following assistants for their part in the success of the program: Kathy Forster, Sally Gates, Kim Lehmann, Brianna Forster, Stacey Rogers, Jamie Lehmann, Marissa Talmage, Pat Mikesell, Leah Webster, Ellianna Evans, Patty Bosse and Pastor Augie Hohl.

Students and teachers wish to send a special thanks to parents, grandparents, baptismal sponsors, neighbors, friends, family and the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church for your continued support in youth worship participation.

The attached pictures include the Sunday School students and staff at the Christmas program and students and staff at the confirmation Christmas celebration.

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday January 7th.  
Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>

Blessing to everyone!

Patty Bosse



Confirmation students & Mentors are visiting  
**Dunn Co Humane Society on January 28**

They are collecting donations of both  
cleaning and pet supplies. A list of items is  
available in the Narthex.

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

**Summer Camp Registration is now OPEN!**

**When you register before April 1 with a deposit,  
you'll lock in our best-value rate**

Board Members: Kathy Siler, Cindy Langland, Linda Lenz, Priscilla Lyon, Ginny Helgeson, Nancy Myran

PLCW Board meets the first Tuesday of each month

**REMINDERS**

Leah Bible Study Circle  
 Leah Circle Bible Study  
 meets the THIRD MONDAY  
 of the month @ 1:00 p.m. at  
 the church. All are welcome!

Contact: Kathy Siler 715-  
 235-5207

Ø Please Note:

PLCW Board Does Not Meet  
 In January or February

**LOOKING AHEAD**

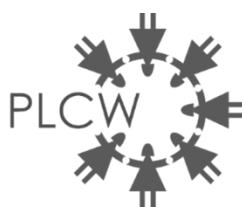
January:  
 19 Leah Circle – 1:00 p.m.

February:  
 16 Leah Circle – 1:00 p.m.

March:  
 3 PLCW Board – 9:30 a.m.  
 16 Leah Circle – 1:00 p.m.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

May:  
 9 – Spring Tea  
 July:  
 9 Ice Cream Social  
 November:  
 7 Mission Festival/Bazaar  
 22 Thankoffering Service

**UPCOMING GATHER BIBLE STUDIES 2026**

Winter 2026: "Embodied Prayer" By the Rev. Liv Larson Andrews

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God, and one of the ways we respond to God speaking in our lives. At the same time, we may carry all kinds of baggage or heavy questions about prayer: Am I doing it "right?" Do I pray enough? Is prayer always done with words? This two-part Bible study looks to Scripture as a guide to explore some different ways we can pray with our bodies—and with the body of the earth.

(January) Session One: Praying with our bodies

Looking to the Apostle Paul, Mary, the Psalms and more, we'll learn about and try three embodied practices of prayer based on breathing techniques, the use of beads (such as the rosary) and praying in different postures (sitting, standing and kneeling).

(February) Session Two: Praying with the body of the earth

Scripture inspires us to regard the natural world as both sacred space and our neighbor. This session explores ways we can pray not only for creation but with creation as our sacred neighbors. As we pray, even the trees and rivers are our prayer partners. The session concludes with the glorious vision in Revelation 22 of a restored world and the river of life.

**NEWS FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF on BABY CARE KITS**

Nancy Myran reported that going forward all items for the Baby Care Kits will need to be brand new! That means no more gently used items will be accepted. More info to come on this.

**CANCELLED STAMP MINISTRY:**

This is a joint ministry between Peace Lutheran and the Menomonie Alliance Church. How this works: cut or tear off cancelled stamps from your mail, bring them to church and place them in the mailbox by the elevator. Menomonie Alliance folks trim, sort and send them to Shell Point Retirement community in Florida where Residents prepare the stamps to be resold to stamp dealers. The money raised supports preparation and distribution of Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches in 40 different denominations in 19 different Spanish-speaking countries in South America, Central America and even in the USA.

**GIFTS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND** – At our December Board Meeting we voted to make the following donations: Bridge to Hope-\$200; Menomonie Free Clinic-\$100; Hope Gospel Mission-\$100; Feed My People-\$100; Fierce Freedom-\$100; Lutheran Disaster Relief-Ukraine-\$200; Luther Park-\$100; Save the Children (water filters)-\$300; LWR Good Gifts Goats & Chickens-\$120. For a grand total of \$1320.00. Thank you all for your generosity in supporting our two fundraisers – the annual Ice Cream Social and the Fall Festival and Bazaar which make these gifts possible.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH:** The Shack, by William P. Young. c2007 2 copies available.

Donated by Rhonda Erickson

Mackenzie Allen Philips's youngest daughter, Missy has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mac receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment, he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

**DID YOU KNOW:**

§ The final total from our Thankoffering service was \$872.00! Great job ladies!



The next Worship Committee Meeting is on Thursday, 8 January at noon in the Narthex. We meet every second Thursday of the month. You are welcome to join us!

Enjoy our JANUARY RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Deb Hohl

#### Easy Pumpkin Dump Cake- Set oven for 350 degrees

1 15oz can pumpkin puree  
1 12oz can evaporated milk  
3 large eggs or (4 if the eggs are small)  
1 Cup brown sugar  
1 Tablespoon of pie spice  
Mix all the above together.

1Cup chopped pecans  
1 yellow cake mix  
1 stick of butter

Spray a 9 X 13 pan with pam. Pour mixture in the pan.

Sprinkle one yellow cake mix and over the liquid in the pan and take butter and cut up in slices and spread around the top of the pan. Pour chopped pecans on top and put in the oven to bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

#### **TUESDAY'S TABLE an opportunity to volunteer** **January 2026**



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 along side 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 ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS IN 2025!**

OUR COOKS: Carolyn Knutson, Jeannine Peterson, Linda Lenz, Jan Harvey, Julie Hintzman, Pastor Augie, Sharon Wold

OUR CLEAN-UP CREW: Debbie Hitz, Debbie Verdon, Luanne Reckin, Sandy Eckert, Jodi Bird

#### **TUESDAY'S TABLE DATES FOR 2026-**

**January 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10**

#### **Lutheran Campus Ministry Monday Night Meals**

Come be a part of something great! You are invited to share your love of cooking with our young adults on Monday nights! We are looking to fill seven more Monday night dinners for the spring semester. Could you prepare a meal on February 9, 23, March 2, 9, April 6, 13, or 27? Please email Sara McCullough at [lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com) if interested!

**Stepping Stone Cart donations  
delivered  
Every First Monday of the Month**

**GIVING  
MATTERS!**



## Generosity

Tom & Cheryl Johnson	IHO 68 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Len & Merna Frank	IHO Pickerign's 60yh Wedding Anniversary
Chelsalyn Klatt	IMO Winnie Wolf
Larry & Jan Dahms	IMO Winnie WOLF
Tom & Cheryl Johnson	IMO Wendy Hastings IMO Adrienne & Bob Johnson
Debbie Hitz	IMO John & Lois Hitz

Thank you to all who generously donated Poinsettias for the Christmas Season!!  
They were enjoyed by many, beautifully honoring Jesus's birth and our love.



### Pastor's Notes about Upcoming Events

January 1st - Thu	Happy New Year
January 4th - Sun	9:00 am - Regular Service
January 5th - Mon	10:10 am Sunday School
January 6th - Tue	5:30 pm - "The Chosen" Bible study
January 7th - Wed	9:00 am - PLCW
January 11th - Sun	9:00 am - 10:30 am - "Book of Romans" Bible Study 3:30 pm - Confirmation class 6:30 pm - Choir Practice 9:00 am - Regular Service 10:10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sunday Funday Bingo 10:15 am Pie & Coffee with baked goods sale
January 12th - Mon	Fundraising for Dunn County Humane Society project
January 13th - Tue	5:30 pm - "The Chosen" Bible study 9:00 am - Property Committee meets 9:30 am - Witness & Service Committee meets 5:30 pm - Executive Committee meets
January 14th - Wed	9:00 am - 10:30 am - "Book of Romans" Bible Study 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm Confirmation Class Meets 6:30 pm - Choir Practice
January 15th - Thu	ALL NOTES for Council Agenda to Anastasia
January 18th - Sun	9:00 am - Regular Service
January 19th - Mon	10:10 am Sunday School
January 20th - Tue	1:00 pm - Leah Circle 5:00 pm Menomonie Area Mission Coalition meeting
January 21st - Wed	5:30 pm - Church Council Meets 9:00 am - 10:30 am - "Book of Romans" Bible Study 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm Confirmation Class Meets 6:30 pm - Choir Practice
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER info to Kalani	
January 25th - Sun	9:00 am - Regular Service
January 26th - Mon	10:10 am Sunday School 5:00 pm MAMC Meeting
January 28th - Wed	5:30 pm - "The Chosen" Bible study 9:00 am - 10:30 am - "Book of Romans" Bible Study 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm Confirmation Class Meets 5:30 pm - Mentors & Students to visit DCHS 6:15 pm - Students & Mentors meal 6:30 pm - Choir Practice
February 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sun	9:00 am - Regular Service 10:10 am Sunday School 10:00 am ANNUAL MEETING!!! immediately following worship 11:00 am Pot Luck meal After the Annual Meeting

### Upcoming Schedules & Events

### Upcoming in the Community



Join our choir for those living with memory loss, their care partners and singing volunteers. No musical experience necessary to participate.

Rehearsals & Social Time will take place on  
**Thursdays 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

January 15 - April 9  
(no rehearsal April 2)

Concert & Social Time: April 16 at 1:00pm  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
910 9<sup>th</sup> Street East, Menomonie

Music Director: Dominique Stewart  
Accompanist: Oxana Khramova

If you are interested, please contact Dominique at  
[vibrantvoicesdirector@gmail.com](mailto:vibrantvoicesdirector@gmail.com)



## READERS, USHERS And COMMUNION ASS'T

**Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Make Updates and Changes on Church Bulletin board**

Communion Assist	January '26
Sharon B.	4 <sup>th</sup>
Court S.	11 <sup>th</sup>
John L.	18 <sup>th</sup>
Gary B.	25 <sup>th</sup>

Communion Assist	February '26
Sharon W.	1 <sup>st</sup>
Pat M.	8 <sup>th</sup>
Cindy L.	15 <sup>th</sup>
Mary H.	22 <sup>nd</sup>

Ushers	January '26
Keith P.	4 <sup>th</sup>
Court S.	
Pat B.	11 <sup>th</sup>
Curt H.	
Eddie H.	18 <sup>th</sup>
Shawn S.	
Julie H.	25 <sup>th</sup>
Kevin H.	

Ushers	February '26
Tom J.	1 <sup>st</sup>
Randy M.	
Al E.	8 <sup>th</sup>
Curt H.	
Jeff E.	15 <sup>th</sup>
Eddie H.	
Josh F.	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Kari S.	

### Greeters

### January 2026

Pat and Keith Pickerign	4th
Barb and Court Sand	11th
Linda and John Lenz	18th
Patty Bosse/Marlene Schultz	25th

### Readers

### January 2026

Jan Harvey	4th
Kevin Hintzman	11th
Luanne Prochnow	18th
Jodi Bird	25th

### Greeters

### February

Cindy Langland/Pat Mikesell	1st
Rhonda Erickson/Sharon Behling	8th
Helen Thomas/Dorothy Schneider	15th
Mary Hendrickson/Jan Harvey	22nd

### Readers

### February

Kathy Forster	1st
Court Sand	8th
Stacey Rogers	15th
Patty Bosse	22nd

### Greeters

### March

Patty Winberg/Stacey Rogers	1st
Cheryl Johnson/Mary Ranney	8th
Sandy and Jeff Eckert	15th
Debbie Hitz/Luanne Reckin	22nd
Pat and Keith Pickerign	29th

### Readers

### March

Mary Ranney	1st
Shawn Swaenepoel	8th
Pat Mikesell	15th
Kalani Krautbauer	22nd
JoAnn Trainor	29th

### Greeters

### April

Barb and Court Sand	5th
Patty Bosse/Marlene Schultz	12th
Earlyne Way/Pat Mikesell	19th
Cindy Langland/Nancy Myran	26th

### Readers

### April

Sharon Wold	5th
Linda Lenz	12th
Kevin Hintzman	19th
Jan Harvey	26th

## Church COUNCIL

<u>Council Officers:</u>	Name	Phone Number	E-mail
<b>President</b>	Anastasia Black	715-556-5750	anastasia_black@rocketmail.com
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Stacey Rogers	(715) 309-3186	graysl521@gmail.com
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<b>Board of Trustees</b> Property & Finance	Al Erickson	715-556-5252	areriver@charter.net
<b>Board of Faith Formation</b> Parish Education	Shawn Swaenepoel	715-577-6992	swaenepoel6@gmail.com
<b>Board of Worship</b> Stewardship, Worship	Pat Mikesell	715-556-0843	pat_mikesell@yahoo.com
<b>Board of Mission:</b> Social Concerns, Fellowship	Keith Pickerign	(715) 664-8767	kppickerign@wwt.net

## ANNUAL MEETING

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**February 1, 2026**

**2026 Proposed Budget attached for your review**



## January 2026

Keep up with dates and schedule changes Online.

Send schedules, additions, and changes to

[office@plcmenomone.com](mailto:office@plcmenomone.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 ● 9a Worship service ● 10a Sunday School	29 ● 1p Leah Circle	30 ● 9a "The Chosen" bib	31 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	1 ● 12p Worship Cmte	2 ● 5p Agenda deadline sub	3 ● 5p Newsletter deadline
4 ● 9a Worship service ● 10a Sunday School	5 ● 5:30p "The Chosen" bib	6 ● 9a Property crntr mtg ● 9a Witness & Service C ● 11a Kelling Cmte ● 5:30p Executive Cmte	7 ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	8 ● 14 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	15 ● 14 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	17 ● 15 ● 5p Newsletter deadline
11 ● 9a Worship service ● 10a Sunday School	12 ● 4:30p Fellowship mtg ● 5:30p "The Chosen" bib	13 ● 9a Property crntr mtg ● 9a Witness & Service C ● 11a Kelling Cmte ● 5:30p Executive Cmte	14 ● 13 ● 9a Property crntr mtg ● 9a Witness & Service C ● 11a Kelling Cmte ● 5:30p Executive Cmte	15 ● 14 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	16 ● 15 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	17 ● 16 ● 5p Newsletter deadline
18 ● 9a Worship service ● 10a Sunday School	19 ● 1p Leah Circle	20 ● 5p MAMC @ OSL ● 5:30p Council mtg	21 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	22 ● 21 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	23 ● 22 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	24 ● 23 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal
25 ● 9a Worship service ● 10a Sunday School	26 ● 5:30p "The Chosen" bib	27 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 5:30p DCHS visit with 1 ● 6:15p Mentors & Meal ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	28 ● 27 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 5:30p DCHS visit with 1 ● 6:15p Mentors & Meal ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	29 ● 28 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 5:30p DCHS visit with 1 ● 6:15p Mentors & Meal ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	30 ● 29 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 5:30p DCHS visit with 1 ● 6:15p Mentors & Meal ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	31 ● 30 ● 9a Adult Bible Study ● 3:30p Confirmation class ● 5:30p DCHS visit with 1 ● 6:15p Mentors & Meal ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal
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