Peace Lutheran Church 2084 County Road N Baldwin, WI 54002

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# July/August 2025

# **Tidings of Peace Newsletter**

# **PEACE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- 1. In-person at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. on Sundays
- 2. On Facebook (streamed live at 8:00 a.m. and then posted following the service)
- 3. On Cable Channel 6 at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays
- 4. On YouTube anytime (search for Peace Lutheran Church Baldwin)

Christian Magnell, Pastor Peace Lutheran Church (a place of welcome...) Church Office 715-684-2770 welcometopeace.org office@welcometopeace.org Join us Sunday mornings!
Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
(September to April)

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Laura Bryngelson

## Director of Sunday School

Missi Blegen

#### Youth on Fire Sarah Tyler-Peterson

Director of Family Ministries Pauline Wangen

#### ...our Pastor



In May I mentioned that we'd start sermon based small groups this fall.

Here are some details:

**The Goal** – get people together to study God's Word and build relationships.

How? Around mid-August through the Sunday after Rally Sunday, I'll have sign ups out to either host a group or sign up to be a part of one. The reason for the timing is to make sure those that "come back" after the summer have a chance to learn about it and sign up.

What will hosting a group entail? Very simply – providing a space to meet. Maybe you'll want to facilitate the group or maybe someone else in the group will facilitate. Speaking of that...

What does facilitation look like? Each week, I will type up a series of questions and scripture citations related to the sermon (hence: Sermon Based Small Groups). The facilitator in the group (and it could also rotate each week) will lead the group through the questions. Very easy! You do not need to be a Bible scholar or have experience leading studies!

How often, then? The small groups will meet weekly. The host isn't expected to provide refreshments; depending on when your group meets, you may want to rotate bringing food/snacks/etc. You could also meet each week over a meal at a restaurant. But I want this to be easy and accessible for everyone involved.

I will start to publicize this more next month with the goal of kicking off a couple of weeks after Rally Sunday in September.

Blessings,

**Pastor Christian** 



## BOARD of TRUSTEES June 8, 2025

Call to Order: 11:52. Those in

attendance were Jared, Kevin, Cole, Joel, Wes, Chris, Amy, and Christian. Melissa joined for part of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Jared made a motion. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wes presented the treasurers' report. Expenses were higher this month since this was a three-payroll month. Giving is down significantly so far this year compared to the last two years. We are still in a decent spot, but we need to make sure to continue to monitor over the next couple of months before it becomes a major concern. We may need to work with the Board of Stewardship going forward to help share. Jared made a motion and Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Mowing – Jim has started mowing and Allie is continuing. They have been doing a good job keeping up with all of the mowing that is required. Ongoing Events Calander - No update. Signage – Pictures of the sign on the south end of the church were sent in for a proposal. Solar panels – Met with a solar company to look at locations and size requirements of the solar panels needed. There are multiple options in sizing and pricing points that need to be discussed and thought through before a decision can be made. Proposed to have this information shared at the Church Council meeting for direction. Youth on Fire – Discussed the desire to have this position but the need to weigh it out with the current financial situation. Bus Settlement – A response letter was drafted to be sent back

to the insurance company rejecting and countering the offer. LRFPC - Continuing to get people identified and on board with joining the committee. Goal is to have the first meeting in August. Benevolence tracking for camp -Voted to pay for half of the camp cost as we have in previous years. Jared made a motion, Chris seconded; a vote was taken and passed. HVAC Maintenance -Continuing to work through the existing equipment. Can Trailer - Need to find help with the can trailer. Need to put a message in the bulletin and the announcements to try and find help. Damaged windows - One of the windows is ordered. Verifications on the other window need to be completed to order. Stump Grinding - Equipment broke down but hoping to be completed in the next week. A/V Equipment – Received a proposal for the A/V upgrades requested to support worship services. The Trustees agreed to propose this as a fundraising goal for the Silent Auction. Benevolence – Propose having people submit their request for benevolence the month before it is dispersed so that we can be intentional with the giving. PCC – Melissa McClaren joined the meeting to let us know that she is taking over as the interim director of PCC. Jared shared that they are looking for more board members and that if Melissa takes over as the permanent director, they will need to find a new board president. Working with the licenser to make it clear what is required to add kids and younger ages.

Next meeting is on 7/9 at 6:00pm. Chris made a motion to adjourn. Kevin seconded. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 2:04pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cole Tobin

#### **BOARD of TRUSTEES July 9, 2025**

Call to Order: 6:02. Those in attendance were Kevin, Cole, Joel, Wes, Chris, Scott, and Christian.

Secretary's Report: Chris made a motion. Scott seconded.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wes presented the Treasurer's report. Chris made a motion and Joel seconded. Motion carried.

Mowing – Jim cannot continue to mow, Allie is going to do the church property, and the Dykhouse family is going to take care of Woodside. The other Toro mower is acting up now, and they believe it is just a safety switch that needs to be replaced. Ongoing Events Calander - No update. Signage – Pictures of the sign on the south end of the church were sent in for a proposal. Solar panels – Continuing to discuss what the goal/size of the system as well as how this would fit into the long-term plan of the facilities. Facilities: Going to reach out to Lakes Gas for pre-buying fuel. Bus Settlement – Awaiting the counteroffer from Sedgwick. Brotherhood Mutual's lawyer

offered to help. Painting downstairs - Painting is underway and continuing to move forward. Stewardship Brainstorm - Financial Peace University. LRFPC -Continuing to get people identified and on board with joining the committee. Provided a list of names, Cole made a motion and Scott seconded. Goal is to have the first meeting in August. HVAC Maintenance - Continuing to work through the existing equipment. Can Trailer -Trailer needs some updating, going to look after the meeting. Damaged Windows – Windows are ordered. Stump Grinding - Equipment broke down again but has been started. A/V Equipment - Received a proposal for the A/V upgrades requested to support worship services. The Trustees agreed to propose this as a fundraising goal for the Silent Auction. Benevolence – Propose having people submit their request for benevolence the month before it is disbursed so we can be intentional with the giving. PCC: Melissa approved the preliminary drawings that were marked up with the changes. Next step is to find an architect that can formally draft them and stamp them for state review. (cont.)

Next meeting is on 8/13 at 6:00pm. Chris made a motion to adjourn and Joel seconded. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:20pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cole Tobin



### BOARD of EDUCATION June 12, 2025

VBS

- Need a more robust behavior management for older kids next year. We feel a strong male presence would be a positive choice.
- Advertise in local parades.
- Advertising options send info to elementary/middle school?
- Move to last full week in June to avoid the start of summer rush.
- Music time went EXCELLENT!
- Everyone loved the videos and bible buddies.

Fundraiser

Pancake breakfast isn't what it used to be.
 Considering doing a brat stand instead. Will discuss at future BOE mtg.

#### Walk-a-thon

 Doing a switch up. Kids will have the option of doing the walk and it will count as attending class, or they can go to class. Music will be as a large group at the beginning like we did last autumn. Missi will reach out to Pastor Chris to assist in communication to the Kenya team.

#### Classrooms

• We would like to spruce up the decor in the classrooms. Missi to reach out for info on when painting is expected to be completed so the BOE can coordinate a day/time to get 'er done.

Respectfully submitted, Missi Blegen

## BOARD of DEACONS June 15, 2025

Meeting time: 9:15am on June 15, 2025.
Present: Jennifer Nickowski, Jeanette Dahl, Robert
Rust, Allie Magnell, Gary Rott, Cheri Rott. Jeanette
attended the Council meeting on May 15 and will attend
the June meeting on June 17.

We had a group picture taken today and Jeanette will forward to Pauline Wangen. Allie Magnell has joined the Deacons filling our final opening. We used the rest of the meeting to determine the communion schedule for the deacon members. We will meet again on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheri Rott



# CHURCH COUNCIL June 17, 2025

Call to order: Peder Parizek at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance: Peder Parizek, Pastor Christian Magnell, Amy Hutchins, Brenda Cronk, Jeanette Dahl, Jared Peterson, Bonnie Braymen, Ken Rimer, and Laura Bryngelson.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Peder Parizek and

seconded by Jeanette Dahl. Carried.

Next Meeting: July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Pastor

Christian/devotions.

**Secretary's Report**: As printed in the newsletter. Moved by Jared Peterson and seconded by Bonnie Braymen. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted with agenda. Moved by Ken Rimer and seconded by Bonnie Braymen. Carried. Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Ken Rimer that May benevolence be carried over until next month. Carried.

Reports: Executive Committee - We had a conversation regarding our growing ministries. If you have concerns, please talk directly to the people involved. You are welcome to attend any board meetings and/or the Council meeting. All of the minutes from the meetings are always in the newsletter to keep you informed of decisions (cont.)

that are taking place. Pastor Christian Magnell - Pastor plans to start sermon-based groups in the fall. He will create the questions based on the sermon after each Sunday service for the people who host. He is working with the Board of Trustees to form a vision team to look at staffing and facility needs over the next five years. He will take the former nursery as his office for more privacy, and Laura will take Pastor Christian's current office. Board of Trustees - They are creating a form for benevolence requests. Sound equipment is being purchased to run additional inputs and software to run the digital board and to improve streaming online. Talked about ways to communicate automatic giving to Peace. Someone in the congregation is interested in giving funds toward options for solar and they are getting bids. There is also a grant that can be applied for pursuing solar. We are looking at replacing or repainting signage. There is a need to have additional help with can recycling moving forward. There are some broken windows that need to be replaced. There are stumps on the property that need to be ground. Sherri Meyer resigned as Child Care Director and Melissa McLaren is taking over in the interim. A YOF paid leader position will be talked about in the fall. Board of Stewardship - They are creating a tri-fold pamphlet for new members and visitors and making business cards to pass out at parades, events, etc. They are working on the Ministry Fair coming this fall. Board of Deacons - Allie Magnell has joined the board. Director of Family

Ministries - Craft nights are taking a break in July and August. There are some tickets left for Church Basement Ladies play August 7. Over 55 - They are taking a break in July and August. LOGOS - Brat stand raised \$1768. Thank you to everyone who helped serve or purchased brats. Child Care - No representative. Board of Education - No representative. Director of Sunday School - They are looking at different ways to advertise for VBS. Walk-a-thon is looked at being revised. Painting is happening in some classrooms and then decorating after that. Worship Director - Sound equipment is getting updated. VBS participants enjoyed themselves. We are working on a master calendar. Vespers services will be the last Wednesdays of June, July, and August at 6:30. Women of Peace - No new business. Youth on Fire - No representative. Usher - No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Jeanette Dahl to accept Allie Magnell for the Board of Deacons and Angela Mathison for the Board of Education. Discussion took place about having a food stand at Windmill Days next year. Christmas by Candlelight is in need of someone to organize if we want it to continue.

Adjourn: 7:38 p.m. Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Jeanette Dahl. Carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Cronk



## BOARD of STEWARDSHIP June 22, 2025

Present – Bruce Ashlin, DeAnn Ashlin, Sue Gillis, Kathy Miller, Kathy

Paulson, Heather Serier.

Chairwoman Heather Serier called the meeting to order at 9:15am. Bruce Ashlin led devotions. Sue Gillis will do devotions in July.

We continued our discussions of the Sept. 7 Ministry Fair and the October Re-Commitment Sunday. Bruce will write a letter to go out by email to the heads of committees/boards/etc. explaining what is expected of them for the Ministry Fair. DeeDee will take care of emailing it to all those people. Our purpose is to let everyone know what is available to participate in here at Peace.

Re-Commitment cards are still under discussion. How do we get updated contact information from members but have a better return on investment in the cards we usually send? We are still discussing QR codes, those folks who don't use computers/phones wouldn't know about QR codes, and other related items.

Heather has designed business cards and a triple fold handout to inform people about Peace. The business cards would be used at parades and similar events. The tri-fold brochure would be available at the usher stand to be given to visitors and prospective new members.

We thank Robert Rust for setting up an email for the Board of Stewardship.

Next Stewardship meeting is July 13, 9:15am. Sue will do devotions. Next Council meeting is July 15, Bruce will represent Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Miller, Secretary

# Pauline Wangen is the Director of Family Ministries (pauline.wangen@gmail.com or 651-210-5106).



<u>Church Library</u> – Check out the church library located by the puzzle table in the south entry. There are books for all ages!

Piecing It Together Craft Night - We will not be meeting in July and August.

Over 55 – We will not meet in July and August and will resume in September.

#### **ONGOING Weekly Ministries at Peace**

Rise & (Son)Shine – ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER. Join us Thursday mornings from 7-8:45am at church for exercise (7:00) and Bible study (7:45). Contact Cheri Rott for more information (cherigary@gmail.com). You can join us for one or both parts.

**TOPS Club** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Meetings are weekly on Thursdays from 5:15-6:00pm. For more information, check out www.tops.org or contact Liz Rust (<a href="mailto:erust@digitalsilk.net">erust@digitalsilk.net</a>).

Bible Study – Saturdays at 9:00am in person or on Zoom. Contact Pauline for login.

Bible Study – Sundays at 9:00am in the lounge (across from the offices).

If you are getting a paper copy of this newsletter and would prefer to receive an electronic copy, please go to our website (welcometopeace.org) and fill out a request on the home page. Thanks!

#### **THANK YOU!**

Terry and I wish to thank everyone at Peace for your support in prayer, your well wishes, and your handson help in the cleanup after the tornado that hit our property and buildings. We are so grateful to be part of a community of believers that holds each other up when someone's chips have fallen or when a need presents itself. We are now beyond the cleanup stage from the crushed pole barn, coops, and green house. If anyone is interested in box elder wood chips, we have huge piles made from the fallen trees.

The replacement phase has begun. Terry's new chicken coop arrives mid-July. The pole barn construction is set to begin in September. Repairs to our large pole barn have yet to be determined. All is good. We realize much worse could have happened. God would still have been our Savior. As it is, too many coincidences have happened not to see this as a miracle in the making. From the destruction, through the cleanup, to the rebuilding, God has/is present in his creation. More specifically, God has shown his mercy and blessing to us in real time. And Peace Lutheran is part of that blessing to us. Thank you for your love and aid. Thank you, God, for your hand at work in this world.

In Gratefulness and Thanksgiving, Jeff Hogden and Terry Wilson

HOW DO I GET SOMETHING IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS? Please have all items for the announcement slides and sheets to us by Wednesday mornings to give us enough time to get them included. Items should be sent to Pastor Christian, Laura, and Amy at announcements@welcometopeace.org. Thanks!

#### **AUGUST SCRIP ORDERS**

The August deadline for ordering Scrip is **Sunday**, **August 3**. Your order will be ready for pick up the following Sunday, August 10. To place an order, simply complete your order form (blank forms at the Scrip station in the narthex and on the website) and place it in an envelope along with your **cash**, **check**, **or debit card slip**. Place your envelope in the



"scrip box" in middle office or either of the church drop boxes. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program and how easy it is to use, please contact Sharon Hauschild 715-307-2531 (cell). Thank you!

**CANS** - We collect aluminum cans as a fundraiser for the Building Fund. Cans can be thrown in the trailer at the north end of the farthest parking lot (**PLEASE THROW THEM IN LOOSE – NO BAGS**). *Please note we no longer take ink cartridges*.



Please remember the **Food Pantry**. The "Lord's Cupboard" is at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Food may be dropped off anytime the church is open.

#### Gifts and Memorials

Gifts were received in memory of Bob Rosin and Orville Wahl.

#### PASTORAL ACTS

**June 29** – Service of Holy Baptism for Miley June Moening, daughter of Braeden and Jenna Moening.

### Silent Auction 2025 - October 5, 2025

Time to come up with donation ideas for the 2025 Silent Auction! Please donate YOUR talent to the Peace 2025 Silent Auction!

Do you like to paint? Take photos? Bake? Serve others - babysitting, raking leaves, spending time playing a card game? Take someone to coffee or lunch? Perhaps you make crafts - woodworking, homemade cards, or something else you can share? Maybe you are a gardener and can share your bountiful blessings as a donation? Or maybe you like to be creative with your basket ideas - such as fishing theme, or geared towards kids of different ages, or a basket with of all the same color, or perhaps an entire meal? What is your talent you can share?

Please have donations to church by September 19<sup>th</sup>! THANK YOU!! Please reach out to Eileen VanSomeren 715.307.3055 or Leann Huston 715.556.2129 with any questions.

#### \* \* \* BULLETIN BOARD \* \* \*

WORSHIP TEAM MEMBERS WANTED!! We are putting together worship teams to lead worship on Sundays beginning this fall. If you are interested in singing, playing an instrument, or working behind the scenes with AV, please talk to Laura. We'd love to have you on the team!

**SUMMER FOOD & FUN** – Every other Wednesday at Gethsemane Lutheran Church from 5:00 to 6:00 (**July 23**, August 8). This supports ALL youth/families with a free meal, groceries to take home, and food vouchers.

**PEACE'S TURN TO SERVE** – It is Peace's turn to cook and serve the Tuesday Community Supper on **August 5** at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. See the sign-up sheet in the entry for how you can help. Thank you!

TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER – Peace will be serving the TCS from 5pm – 6pm on August 5 in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The TCS is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food. Please join us!

**VOLUNTEER AT THE BALDWIN FOOD PANTRY** - Looking for a meaningful way to serve others? The Baldwin Food Pantry needs volunteers! Whether stocking shelves, sorting donations, or helping families feel welcome, your time and care make a big difference here in our community. No experience necessary—just a willing heart. We are open on Tuesdays (3-7 pm) and Thursdays (8 am - noon). To learn more or to sign up, contact <a href="mailto:baldwinpantry@gmail.com">baldwinpantry@gmail.com</a> or stop by 1010 Main Street, Baldwin. Let's work together to share God's love in a practical way!

#### JULY / AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 - Tobie Anderson/Katy Kroening - 4 - John Polk/Wyatt Weeks - 5 - Nick Veenendaal - 6 - Bob Read/Jerry Wold/Novia Bryngelson/William Freese/Kadyn Helgeson - 7 - Terry Goveronski/Bella Ford - 8 - Bonnie Braymen/Pat Richards/Krista Cronk - 9 - Nola Monicken - 10 - Halle Gessler - 11 - Charley Gillis/Matt Smith /Keely Huston - 12 - Barb Hanson/Jerry Kaiser/Chris Carroll - 13 - Sherry Crosby/Gracie Bowell - 14 - Nancy Rowe/Nikki Read - 16 - Anthony VanSomeren/Noah Sarauer/Molly Sarauer - 17 - Ann Findlay - 19 - Nue Vang Ford/Summer Gardner/Dawson Weeks/Devyn Weeks - 20 - Kennedy Smith - 21 - Ian Corrigan/Ava Wernlund /Maggie Duch - 22 - Janet DeYoung/Christa Hanson/Jordyn Letter/Della Miller/Evelyn Newton - 23 - Brenda Wold/Sydney Dumond - 24 - Duane Alwin - 25 - Ryan Peavey/Angela Mathison/Brandon Lee - 26 - Brent Galbraith/Ruby Goossens/Carter Goossens/Dottie Carstens/Vincent Grant - 27 - Jordan Woyda/Maren Grant 28 - Pauline Wangen - 30 - Braeden Moening/Claire Lee - 31 - Taylor Jernell/Isaac Kusilek - 2 - Dale Wolf/ Keyan Winger - 3 - Rachel Gardner/Nicole Benck/Judd Greenfield - 4 - Duane Newton/Amy Jurgens/Austin Borowicz - 8 - Matt McKone/Greta Bryngelson/Zane Feidt - 9 - Lee Hanson/Denise Corrigan/Kyle Walker 11 - Mary Bergseng/Warren Rust - 12 - Denise Paulson/Rori Roy - 14 - Jonathan Burns/Peter DeLong/Emily Newton/Hunter French - 16 - Pam Edwards/Nate Weinandt/Bridget DeLong - 17 - Marie Ista - 18 - Barb Ramberg/Kasen Walton/Brooks Schroyer - 19 - Arik Feidt/Remi Wizykoski - 21 - Cyn Niebeling/Chanelle Marsh/Brad Quinlan/Nicolina Salaba - 22 - Don Rode/Dick Ulrich/Cindy VanSomeren - 23 - Jan Hanson/Ray Gessler/Brynn Feidt - 24 - Laura Thompson/Dede Wizykoski - 25 - Sherry Neisius - 26 - Matthew Niebeling /Ellen Anderson/Audrey Harken/Magnolia Harken - 29 - Eli Brushaber - 30 - John Hanson - 31 - John Lamb /Madison Burns/Alexa Read

# **Vespers Wednesday Night Praise Band Worship**







# Join us for a night of praise music led by the worship band:

Wedne<mark>sday</mark> 7/30/2025

Peace Lutheran Church 2084 Cty N Baldwin, WI 54002

Doors open: 6:11 Service starts: 6:1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July/August 2025					18 7:00 AA	19 9:00 Bible Study
20 <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> 9:15 Youth Band 9:15 Bible Study	9:00 Women of Peace Work day	22	23	24	25	26 9:00 Bible Study
				5:15 TOPS	7:00 AA	
27 <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> 9:15 Youth Band 9:15 Bible Study	28	29	30	31	1	2 9:00 Bible Study
			6:30 Vespers	5:15 TOPS	7:00 AA	
3 <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> 9:15 Youth Band 9:15 Bible Study	4	5	6	7 Church Basement Ladies	8	9 9:00 Bible Study
Scrip orders due				5:15 TOPS	7:00 AA	
10 <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> 9:15 Youth Band 9:15 Bible Study	31	12	13	14 1:30 Women of Peace	15	16 9:00 Bible Study
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17 <b>8 &amp; 10:30 Worship</b> 9:15 Youth Band 9:15 Bible Study	18 9:00 Women of Peace Work Day	19	20	21	22	23 9:00 Bible Study
		6:00 Church Council		5:15 TOPS	7:00 AA	