

Peace Lutheran Church
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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)*

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Join us Sunday mornings!
Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
(September to April)

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...our Pastor

Hello!

In the last week of my sermon series on the Churches of Revelation, I invited people to a deeper walk with Christ. While speaking, for example, about parents dropping their kids off for Sunday School, I told parents: this is not condemnation but an invitation.

Jesus once said: "Come and see," as he was calling people to be his disciples. That is the invitation for us as well: Come and see. Come to worship. Be with a group of imperfect people. Go to a Bible Study or small group. Join a mission to Guatemala or Kenya. Help out with our Sunday School or Youth Ministry. Come and see.

That's my challenge to you: what is an area at Peace where you can "Come and see?" Maybe you've thought about joining a small group. Maybe you see the choir and think "I wonder if I should do that?" It could be helping to serve communion or greeting people at the front door.

God is moving. Come and see how you can be a part of it!

Blessings,

Pastor Christian

A Season of Growth and Gratitude at Peace Child Care

By Melissa McLaren, Director of Peace Child Care

Hello, Peace Family! My name is **Melissa McLaren**, and I have the joy and privilege of serving as the Director of Peace Child Care. I am also a proud member of **Peace Lutheran Church**, where faith, family, and community are at the heart of everything we do.

I've been blessed to share life's journey with my high school sweetheart—now my husband of **twenty-two wonderful years**—and together we have raised two amazing children, **Brooke and Brennan**. Our family also includes our two beloved boxers, **Gurdy and Gus**, who truly are like our babies! When I am not at work, you will often find me **golfing, lifting weights, reading, or bowling**. My husband and I also own **Strikers Lanes and Sports Bar** here in Baldwin, which keeps life fun and full.

My path in early childhood education began over **eight years ago**, and it has been an incredible adventure ever since. Before becoming a director, I ran my own in-home daycare while living in Roberts, and from that experience grew a deep passion for guiding and nurturing children during their most formative years. No two days are ever the same in this field—the curiosity, honesty, and humor of children never cease to amaze and inspire me. I often say I could write a book just on their stories!

Becoming a director has been a long-time dream come true. I feel so fortunate not only to teach but also to help lead our amazing daycare in its day-to-day operations. What makes this role even more special is doing it all **within the walls of our beloved church**, where faith and care come together in such a meaningful way. I am incredibly proud of our **dedicated team of teachers**, who pours their hearts into creating a loving, faith-filled environment for every child who walks through our doors.

This year brings exciting new beginnings for us at Peace Child Care. We're thrilled to share that the construction on **our new expansion will soon be underway**, paving the way for us to better serve families in our community, and with it comes the opportunity to **expand our care to include children under the age of two**. This has long been a dream for our program and a heartfelt need within our community. We are deeply grateful to a **generous couple**, who wish to remain anonymous, for their extraordinary donation that has helped make this vision possible.

We are especially thrilled about the creation of our **new infant room**, a space where our tiniest blessings will be nurtured, loved, and surrounded by warmth and faith. As we prepare this special room, we are gathering items and supplies to make it as welcoming and safe as possible. If you feel led to give—whether through donating items, offering financial support, or simply keeping us in your prayers—please know that your generosity, encouragement, and love mean the world to us.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are filled with gratitude—for our families, our church, our children, and for all of you who walk beside us in this journey. Please see the “Thanksgiving Table” in the entry for our “turkey leg wishes” for continued growth, love, and blessings as we step into this exciting new chapter together.

From all of us at **Peace Child Care**, thank you for your continued support, faith, and kindness. Together, we are creating a beautiful beginning for our youngest members and a bright future for our entire Peace community.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Peace Child Care Team!



BOARD of DEACONS

October 12, 2025

Meeting time: 9:15am on October 12, 2025. Present: Jeanette Dahl, Gary

Rott, Cheri Rott, Jennifer Nickowski.

Jeanette updated us that she wasn't able to be at the last council meeting. Jeanette will attend the next council meeting in October. Robert is trialing a new web link for

reminding people of duties at church. Robert will work with Laura to do a presentation of the new software. Jeanette will work with Laura to get the schedule on the slide show before services.

We used the rest of the meeting to determine the communion schedule for the Deacon members.

We will meet again on November 9 at 9:15.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheri Rott



BOARD of STEWARDSHIP

October 12, 2025

PRESENT – All members.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Heather Serier called the meeting to order at 9:15am and led devotions.

MINISTRY FAIR – The Board reviewed our recent Ministry Fair and thoughts on having it again in 2026 and any changes to be made to make it better.

PAMPHLETS – We are waiting on the completion of the new church website so we can have QR codes to have on our tri-fold handout for new and perspective members and

the business card sized handout for parades. We will have a draft version of the tri-fold pamphlet for Celebration Sunday, Oct. 26.

OTHER TOPICS – A Sunday to recognize senior members of the congregation and their participation. Maybe a coffee between services.

NEXT MEETING – Nov. 9, 2025, at 9:15am, DeAnn Ashlin will do devotions.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 6:00pm, Kathy Paulson is our representative.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Miller, Secretary



BOARD of TRUSTEES

October 12, 2025

Call to Order: 9:11am.

In Attendance: Wes, Chris, Scott, Jared, Cole, Kevin, Joel.

Secretary's Report: Scott made a motion to accept and Joel seconded. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report: Amy let us know that the last offering for September was not counted and was counted with the Oct. 5th offering. The Silent Auction raised \$11,000. The finance for the church is still a concern; costs are 10% below what was budgeted but giving is down year to date from last year. Discussed meeting with the Board of Stewardship to come up with ways to fundraise and share the message for the financial short fall. Farm truck and hay wagon were both sold in the Silent Auction Motion to accept was made by Chris and seconded by Scott, motion carried.

Facilities Report: Most of the old extra siding has been picked up. Some of the paint has flaked off in the basement, the contractor is going to get this addressed. The equipment maintenance book has been compiled, and we

are going to get a couple more copies made. Need to check on if JCI has provided a quote on the FA replacement so that we can get a second one that is comparable. Need to follow up with Laura to see if the wire has been pulled so that the speakers can get hooked up in the entry.

2026 budget – Trustees are sending out the yearly review for employees so that we can get the information put together for the 2026 budget. Meeting on Oct. 28th at 6:30 to work on budget prep.

Going to follow up with Jeff at Church Mutual to get another quote on insurance.

Moving forward with ordering the signs for the cemetery rules. We are going to hold off on getting the acrylic replacement sign made for right now. Going to reach out to Rooftech to get a budget for replacing all the remaining wood siding on the church with metal panels to match the ones already done before there are water intrusion issues.

Motion to adjourn by Chris and seconded by Joel at 10:29 am. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next regular Trustee meeting date is Nov. 16th at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted, Cole Tobin



BOARD of EDUCATION October 13, 2025

The Board of Ed met on Oct 13th, meeting called to order at 6:35pm. In attendance were Laurie M, Angela M, Alex R and our SS Director Missi.

We are looking for one to two more members for our board come next year. Our Oct. church mission is sending care packages to our service men and women overseas.

Nancy Rowe is taking the lead on this one. November we will focus on gifts for the Kenya mission. December will be gifts for local children.

Our Christmas pageant is ready to go, script written, parts decided, lines handed out at classes. Alex Roy and

Ela are our directors, thank you to them both for stepping in!

In lieu of the pancake breakfast this year, we are going to host a brat stand at Nilssen's next summer, hopefully during Windmill Days. We have an email in with Silent Messengers inquiring about open dates for the Christmas program or the Easter program.

We started discussing VBS and looking at themes as they are on sale this time of year. This led to discussion of a community VBS similar to what SV does. It's a huge success and they have a great turnout.

Our next BOE meeting will be Mon, Nov 10 @ 6.30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Mathison



CHURCH COUNCIL October 21, 2025

Call to order: Peder Parizek at 6:04 p.m.

Attendance: Peder Parizek, Pastor Christian Magnell, Brenda Cronk, Cole Tobin, Weston Arndt, Melissa McLaren, Pauline Wangen, Bonnie Braymen, Angela Mathison, Jared Peterson, Kevin Kroening, Jeanette Dahl, Ken Rimer, Kathy Paulson, and Missi Blegen.

Adoption of the Agenda.

Next Meeting: November 18, 6:00. Pastor Christian/Devotions.

Secretary's Report: September minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted with agenda. Moved by Jeanette Dahl and seconded by Peder Parizek. Carried. Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Weston Arndt that \$1,000 of August and September benevolence will go to 1517.org and the balance to military packages postage.

Reports: Executive Committee - No new business.

Pastor Christian Magnell - Fall schedules are off to a great start and attendance is good. However, the trend for giving is going downward. Giving should be done from a Biblical perspective by giving with joy and should be voluntary and a sacrifice. Envision what it would look like if we could increase giving above what is budgeted: staffing, building needs, supporting more missions, and dreaming about what we can do in the community. **Board**

of Trustees - They are working on roof repairs and preventative maintenance. There will be signs made for the cemetery. Silent Auction raised \$11,000. They are getting a fire alarm system quote and yearly reviews will begin for employees. There is a deficit in the budget and we are

operating below budget. They are working on a QR code for giving. **Board of Stewardship** - Talked about Ministry Fair and received feedback. Talked about senior appreciation ideas. **Board of Deacons** - Robert Rust is sending email reminders for assistants during the services. Communion assistants are needed at 10:30 services. They are working on posting assistants on a slide that will be shown prior to services. **Director of Family Ministry** - Over 55 will meet November 20 to make Thanksgiving crafts and learn about getting the most of your AARP benefits. **LOGOS** - No representative. **Child Care** - Working on getting plans drawn up for childcare expansion. Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Jared Peterson to approve a Thanksgiving table fundraiser. Carried. **Board of Education** - They are looking into a brat stand instead of their annual pancake breakfast. They are in need of an additional person on the board. The month of November is collection for Kenya Mission Team and December is Gifts for Children. Talked about the possibility of community VBS due to low attendance. Will check into the possibility of Silent Messengers coming for a Wednesday Lenten service. **Director of Sunday School** - Students will be making cards for soldiers this month. Alex Roy will be the director of the Christmas program.

Worship Director - No representative. **Women of Peace** - Their group will not have a cookie bake sale in December. Talked about the future of the group. **Youth on Fire** - New youth have come to the event this month and Bible study is going well. **Usher** - No report. **Old Business:** None at this time. **New Business:** Need to update security and perhaps form a security team during services. Talked about possibility of placing posts in front of doors. Board of Education will

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take over the back sale in December. Budget numbers are due in the office by November 3.

Adjourn: 8:08 p.m. Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Jeanette Dahl. Carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Cronk

NOVEMBER SCRIP ORDERS

Only TWO (2) scrip shopping days until Christmas!! The November deadline for ordering Scrip is Sunday, **November 2**. Orders will be ready for pick up the next Sunday, Nov. 9. 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 or check or debit card receipt**. Place your envelope in the "scrip box" in the 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 Leona Knutson and Jean Swenby.

PASTORAL ACTS

September 26 – Funeral service for Carroll Klanderaman

September 28 – Service of Holy Baptism for Callie Jo Salm, daughter of Jacob and Andrea Salm

October 12 – Service of Holy Baptism for Aletta June Anderson, daughter of Trevor and Jadynd Anderson (performed by Laura Bryngelson)

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YOUTH on FIRE is a group of young adults who gather in Jesus' name and enjoy expanding their spirituality through play, prayer, fellowship, friendship, and service. YOF is open to kids in grades 8 through 12. For more information about YOF, contact Pastor Chris at 715-441-174 or christian@welcometopeace.org.

COMING UP: Sunday, November 23, 5:00 p.m. – Game and Pizza Night (at church)
Wednesday, November 26, 1:00 p.m. – Feed My Starving Children (watch for sign-up in entry)
Wednesday, December 3, 6:15 p.m. – Secret Santa Shopping

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

FAMILY
ministry

Piecing It Together Craft Night – Friday, November 12, 6:00-9:00 pm

Do you have crafts you love to do but don't have the time or space at home? Here's the answer! Bring your pictures, paper, quilting, crocheting, beads, tools, stamps, ideas, and inspiration to share! *Pizza, snacks and beverages will be available for a freewill donation.*

Over 55 Event – Thursday, November 20, 10:00-1:00pm

Thanksgiving crafts and how to get the most from AARP benefits. Cost for lunch is \$6.00. *RSVP to Pauline for lunch count please.*

Church Library – Check out the church library now located in the north entry by the Women of Peace greeting cards. There are books for all ages!

Women of Peace Greeting Cards – Check out the cards in the north entry. There is a variety of cards for sale for a great price (singles and boxes) that benefit the Women of Peace.

ONGOING Weekly Ministries at Peace

Rise & (Son)Shine – 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 (erust@digitalsilk.net).

Bible Study – Saturdays at 9:00am.

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



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. - - - 1 Chronicles 29:13

(Please note we are not having worship on Thanksgiving Eve this year).



1 – Kathy Afdahl/Dave Mentink/Gabe Newton/Owen Borowicz
2 – Sarah Tyler-Peterson
3 – Don Timmerman/Daisy Cernohous
4 – Brian Woyda
5 – Alex Roy
6 – Rosie Rud/River Gossel
8 – Ben Engler
10 – Derek Miller/Mason Slind
11 – Tim Ramberg/Ben Johnson
12 – Darren Krueger
15 – Ken Rimer/Christian Magnell/Karl Peterson

16 – Mike O’Connell
17 – Judy Alwin/Pam Woyda/Trevor Anderson/Sophie Edin
18 – Myrt LaCosse/Dwight Alwin/Randy Everson/Colt Halvorson
20 – Grace Schaffer
21 – Jim Hauschild
22 – Camille Bennis/Zoey Kusilek
23 – Walter O’Brien/Aidan Fitts
24 – Vi Roquette/Rachel Bollinger/Nan Kundy
25 – Becky Anderson
26 – Gary Timm/Lynn Thoen
29 – Shelley Wynveen/Bentley Anderson
30 – Jeannie Van Beek/Beth Patzke/Carol Jensen/Lauren Russell

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET REVIEW MEETING – *The Trustees will present the proposed 2026 Budget at the November 18 Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is open to ALL congregation members. It is being held prior to the Annual Meeting to address concerns and questions about the budget.*



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...help change a life

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING – Winter will soon be upon us, and with it comes the annual Salvation Army Red Bucket Campaign. Peace’s day to ring bells is Wednesday, **November 26**, and we have slots from 10 to 5. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the entry - this is a great way to “ring” in the holidays!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN – Peace will be making their annual trip to pack meals on Wednesday, **November 26**. Meet at church at 1:00 p.m. and return approximately 5:30 p.m. We have 30 spots to fill, so this opportunity is open to the whole congregation. If you would like to join us, watch for the sign-up sheet in the entry



*** * * BULLETIN BOARD * * ***

THANK YOU - to Sunday School and all the congregation for helping send seven military care boxes in time for the holidays. Thanks for donating items and funds to pay for the mailing. May you be blessed for being a blessing to these special military men and women. And may God bless all of our troops serving at home and abroad!

COOKIES FOR KENYA - will be held during coffee hour on **November 9**. A freewill offering will be taken to support the medical clinic that the His Arms Children's Project Team will be providing when they travel to Kenya in January. Come and enjoy some cookies, coffee, and milk while supporting a great mission!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES RESCHEDULED – If you are interested in becoming a member of Peace or would just like more information about us, please join us between services on **November 9 and 16** to see what we're all about. We will be meeting at the south end of the fellowship hall.

BOARD of ED - The Board of Ed is seeking new members and helpful hands. All are welcome to volunteer their skills. Please contact Missi at ssdirector@welcometopeace.org or leave a note in the office.

PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING CLOSET - to support college students as they prepare for interviews, internships, and career opportunities. Primarily needed are men's sizes, including pants (size 28-40), button-down shirts, sports jackets, belts, shoes (size 8-15), and any other professional wear. Also accepted are women's professional dress clothes including suits, skirts, dress pants, belts, blazer, and dress shirts - any size is greatly appreciated. Look for a box in the entry or contact Lori with questions (715-781-8411 or mrswdot@gmail.com). Thank you!

NOVEMBER COLLECTION – The Board of Ed needs your help gathering items for our Kenya Mission Medical Team going to Africa in January. Included items: Tylenol/Motrin (adult or children's chewable) / vitamins (adult or children - no GUMMIES) / Tums / Electrolyte packs / Vicks VapoRub / muscle creams / medicines (contact Nancy Rowe or Sarah Tyler-Peterson for further info) / underwear for women (s/m/l, unused). Asante Sana for being a blessing! Thank you! Nancy Rowe (715.531.8784)

NORWEGIAN MEATBALL SUPPER – Thursday, **November 6**, from 3 to 7 at Zion Lutheran in Woodville.

HUDSON QUILT SHOW – 10 to 4, **November 8 & 9** at Rivercrest Elementary School. (flyer)

WORSHIP TEAM MEMBERS WANTED! We have teams to help lead worship on Sundays. 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! (laura@welcometopeace.org)

PEACE CHILD CARE – We have exciting opportunities for children two and older. Please contact us with any inquiries. Peacechildcare20@gmail.com or 715-688-4088.

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!