



Congregation Appreciation Month!

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. Philippians 1:3-4

Dear brothers and sister of Peace!

I find it interesting that while there are national days for everything from pizza (Feb 9) to poodles (Oct 7), from buttons (Nov 16) to barbeques (May 16), from yodeling (Sep 7) to yoyos (Jun 6), I could not find a day of appreciation for congregations – so I am declaring November “Congregation Appreciation Month!”

Sincerely, I am so thankful for all of you! As the verse above says so well (thank you *Message* translation): *I break out in exclamations of thanks to God every time I think of you.* As we head into our 7th standard time together (change those clocks Saturday night, Nov 1st), I am so grateful for the love and grace you extend so generously to everyone who enter the doors of 8134 Meyer Road each week. To watch your kindness in action during worship and fellowship each Sunday warms my heart. So often I have seen you listen and pray for one another, build one another up, serve without grumbling, joyful and curious in learning Jesus as you attend Bible study opportunities each week on site and in one another’s homes.

You willingly and generously give your time, talents, and treasures – giving not out of your abundance but out of a genuine desire to give all you have for the Lord. I love the variety of personalities, generations, gifts, and abilities that are on display each Sunday morning as well as at other times when we gather for food and fellowship. I love sharing the Lord’s Supper with all of you each week, as you come forward with eager hearts to remember and receive Christ’s body and blood (kudos to all who bake the bread and set up and clean up the table each week).

Seeing how you walk with one another through the joys of baptisms as well as grieving together with hope as loved ones have gone to be with the LORD have been times of witnessing your faith in Christ’s great and precious promises. Getting to serve with such an amazing staff and with so many of you on the council and various ministry teams is so rewarding. When a need is shared you quickly rise up to meet that need with joy and generosity. Serving as a host site for Family Promise is yet another testimony to the character of Christ in this congregation, willing to open the doors of this place to others and to give full measures of time and food and hospitality.

And there is not enough room to tell of all the ways this body each week, slips into this community volunteering, serving, visiting the sick and home-bound, loving your neighbors, sharing Jesus in word and deed. I am in awe of you, members of Peace and so grateful to get to be your pastor for such a time as this. May we rejoice in the LORD always. May we let our gentleness be made know to everyone. The Lord is near. May we be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-7).

*With much love and gratitude,
Pastor Jon*



Pastor Jon and our elected delegates, Larry & Becky Fagge, attending the LCMC Gathering in Lakeville, MN, Oct 5-8.

LCMC Gathering Recap by Becky Fagge

I don't often choose to travel. Travel is time-consuming and somewhat uncomfortable...I usually just enjoy the travel reports from friends...and I let my mind wander. However, at the beginning of October, Larry and I traveled with Pastor Jon to the 25th Annual Convention of the LCMC Gathering to Lakeville, Minnesota. Despite the typical woes that are associated with travel, it was an interesting and wonderful experience. Allow me to give you the highlights...

Larry and I are new to the Lutheran denomination so a conference that went deeply into the founding of LCMC, as well as its growth and visions, was very helpful to our understanding. Basically, we learned that LCMC isn't governed top-down and that individual congregations are encouraged and expected to govern themselves. The limited staff at LCMC are available to direct congregations to resources. Pastors and church leaders are maximizing their own resources and coordinating with other churches in their community to meet congregational needs. Because of this organizational setup, there is great camaraderie and communication within the LCMC family both stateside and worldwide.

Larry and I were both impressed with the quality of speakers, whether at the worship services, daily Bible study, or various breakout sessions. The breakout sessions covered a wide variety of topics related to church strengthening and growth and provided an opportunity to meet informally with other delegates. Our NW District folks had a small get-together that also allowed a time for new connections. There were ceremonies recognizing founding and past leaders as well as the installation of a new Service Coordinator. For us it was like participating in a large, warm family reunion.

Because LCMC is a diverse association representing a variety of worship services, the conference bookended the gatherings by opening with a powerful contemporary worship service and communion and closing with a more formal Lutheran worship service and communion. Both provided time to concentrate on the God who creates and sustains our larger church family.

Speaking of family and family reunions, can we talk about the abundant food?! There were amazing dinners, yummy boxed lunches, copious snacks, special anniversary cake, and COFFEE...never-ending urns of coffee! (I surmised that LCMC members were fueled by the blood of Jesus...and caffeine.) I do have to admit disappointment in the lack of any jello! I thought all midwestern Lutheran meals offered jello! Oh, well, I did get to try fried cheese curds and custard at Culver's one night, so that made up for the jello.

We want to thank the congregation of Peace Lutheran for supporting this experience with funds and prayer. Also, thanks to Lynn and Pastor Jon for making arrangement details. An extra thanks is due to Pastor Jon for shepherding us through the experience and allowing us to meet many new people because he knows everyone! One new contact for all of us was the delegate from the Kodiak, AK church where PLC sent funds to help them rebuild their church. She carried around a "Thank You" board featuring pictures and was always eager to interact and share her story.

I hope many of you get a chance to experience the warmth and unity of an LCMC Conference!

Larry & Becky Fagge, PLC Delegates



TY Family Promise Volunteers

Thanks to all who helped make our Family Promise hosting weeks successful throughout the year. Due to having no guests in the program for our first scheduled week year, we served only twice. We're grateful to Maren Snyders for her assistance in setting up MealTrain for our food donation lists, hosting opportunities, and coordination with Family Promise daily.

But the time has come after many years, that Maren would like to gracefully transition from this role. A plea was put forth several times this year to assume this position in 2026, but no one has come forward yet. This is the *prime opportunity* to learn from Maren as she coordinates with Family Promise to schedule our optimal three weeks in 2026 and mentors you. You would begin where the rubber meets the road and learn the ins and outs of this vital ministry. Please let Pastor Jon or Maren know if this is how you would like to share your time and talent, and they can also answer any questions you may have!

Photo: The McMillan children help set up beds for FP guests!

Reformation, Chili Cookoff Winner & Pastor Appreciation!

As we celebrated **Reformation** and all that it means to us as Lutherans, we were also able to appreciate our pastor. One day never seems enough for this and I know many of you show him love throughout the year! Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards earlier, sharing your favorite scriptures (what a gift!), and unique Pastor Appreciation gifts!

The chili cookoff was wondrous with nine entries and delicious cornbread to make for a perfect lunch that hit the spot. You voted and the Grand Champion Chili Chef is Walter Horn who was awarded the prestigious Chili Award, which will now be openly and proudly displayed on the mantle of their home until next Reformation for all to gaze upon in wonder!



Youth Retreat Recap

Sixty 7th - 12th graders (plus chaperones) from Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon gathered at Shoshone Mountain Retreat October 17-19 to fellowship, learn from God's Word and have fun together!

At last year's retreat, called "**Saved**" we asked:

1. Why do we need to be saved? (*Because we are sinners, [Romans 3:23](#), [6:23](#)*)
2. Who saves? (*Jesus Christ, the Son of God, [John 3:16](#), [1 John 4:10](#), [Acts 4:12](#)*)
3. What are we saved for? (*Relationship with Him...to be His followers, to know His truth, walk in His way, have hope in life forever with Him, [John 14:6](#)*)

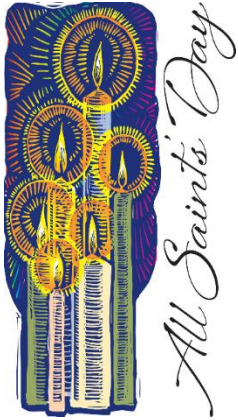
At this year's retreat, "**Follow**" we picked up on the last question and talked with the students about being an authentic follower of Jesus. There were skits depicting the difference between being a Fan (passively in the stand) and a Follower (out on the field, playing as a team).

Followers:

1. Count the Cost (*denying self, [Matthew 16:24](#)*)
2. Walk the Walk (*obeying and following Jesus, loving and sharing Him with others, [Matthew 22:37-39](#), [1 John 2:3-6](#), [1 Peter 2:21](#), [Colossians 2:6](#)*)
3. Receive the Reward (*peace with God, abundant life with Jesus, forever, [John 10:28](#), [Romans 5:1](#)*)

Additionally, we talked about what we, by default, tend to follow, rather than the Father. For example, the latest fads or fashions, finances or even fleeting emotions (which act as great "check engine lights" but should never be our GPS). Jesus is the Way ([John 14:6](#)) and we should follow Him, act as ambassadors and imitators of Him ([Matthew 16:24](#), [1 Corinthians 11:1](#), [2 Corinthians 5:20](#)). Even when it is hard... we gathered and shared experiences of when walking the Christian walk is hard, learned from each other, prayed for each other and worshiped God, who is with us and strengthens us for every good work ([2 Timothy 3:17](#)). We are continuing to pray for all who gathered, for their walk following Jesus and **thank you** for your prayers surrendering this retreat and these precious students and followers of Christ. – Karen Robison





Therefore *we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection...* Romans 6:4-5

On **Sunday, November 2nd**, we will remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ this past year (from last November 2024). Those who were members of this congregation will be automatically included. If you would like to have another loved one named at this time, please print their name on the All Saints Day form on the small table in the entryway. Their names will be read during the prayers of the congregation, along with a candle lit and placed in the baptism font.

Also on Nov 2, Andrew Snyders will share information about our Uganda Mission trip from earlier this year and share another exciting opportunity that Peace is collaborating with in Jinja, Uganda, along with the Christian Worship Center and their Pastor David, through our ministry partners, Beyond Borders Medical Foundation!

Nov 8: OCC Shoebox Packing Party!

It's sure to be a fun-packed event on Sat, Nov 8 from 9 am-Noon. Coordinator, Kristin Howland, says, "**JOIN** our **PACKING PARTY in the Fellowship Hall**. *All the snacks, fun and fellowship you can handle in one place, guaranteed.*" We'll be using items previously donated during the summer, but feel free to bring additional items too!

Nov 9: Stewardship Blessing Sunday

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:25**

Our annual stewardship emphasis continues as we have the opportunity to pray and ponder the sharing of our time, talent and treasure – all that God has given us! Your Stewardship Packet contains an easier to navigate Time & Talent sheet (many thanks to Amy Birge for her assistance!), Plan for Giving card, and we kindly ask you to return both any time or by **Nov 9** to be blessed on the altar that morning. Thanks always for your generosity and sharing of your time and skills!

Nov 9: Veterans' Fellowship

We hope all Veterans will join us for a special fellowship time between services on Nov 9 put on by our Fellowship Team!

Nov 16: OCC Shoebox Gift Blessing!

Our annual Shoebox kickoff is going well with a multitude of boxes taken home to thoughtfully express your love of Christ and blessing the child that receives it! Imagine how you are reaching across the globe to spread the Gospel. Please read Shoebox Coordinator, Kristin Howland's, article on page ____ for all the details and the many ways you can support our Shoebox effort this year. We packed 222 boxes last year – *can we top it?* The Raffle continues each Sunday to help with the shipping cost of ALL our boxes. Once again, Thrivent is our kind sponsor through their Community Impact Card and we're grateful for their support with this mission outreach.

Nov 20: New Member Gathering!

Calling all those wondrous visitors and folks that would like to join us in the mission of Peace Lutheran and call this church their faith home! Pastor Jon has reserved the date of **Nov 20, at 6 pm**, for those wishing to become members, to gather together for an informal sit down together to share info. If you are unable to make this gathering and desire to join, please let Pastor Jon know via email, text or when you see him on Sunday.

Nov 23: Peace will receive new members during worship at both services on Sunday, Nov 23. Welcome!

Nov 26: Please join us at 6 pm as we gather together for a peace-filled **Thanksgiving Eve service** with Holy Communion to give thanks to God for all His blessings. The council will designate our special offering at their Nov 11 meeting.

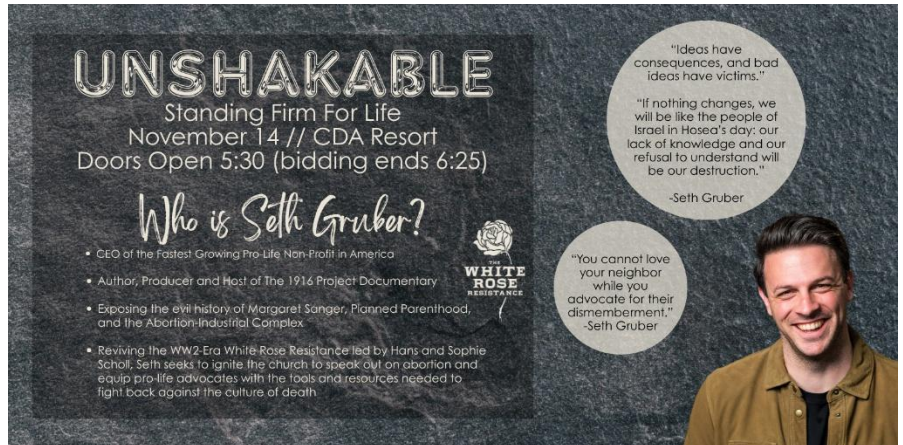
Nov 30: On this First Sunday of Advent and fifth Sunday of the month, our final Heritage service for this year returns at the 8 am service. Join us for the beautiful *Setting Two*, a traditional Lutheran service that many grew up with or may be new to you. We use the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW green hymnal in your pew) for the entire service, and many responses are sung throughout. Come and worship at either 8 or 10 am as we enter this peaceful season leading us to Christmas.



2026 God's Creation Calendars

Going FAST! Beautiful 2026 God's Creation wall calendars are on sale in the fellowship hall. Still only \$10, these calendars are high quality, display NIV scripture with professional photography, and make a perfect gift for family, friends or your own personal use. This is a **cash only** sale, and you may deposit money in the basket next to the calendars. We're almost out, so please purchase yours soon. All proceeds benefit the Youth Fund at Peace. *Thanks so much for your support!*

This year, the council has been delegating our benevolence toward our many ministry partners in a unique way by purchasing tables at their fundraisers. It's a win-win as you get to enjoy a special evening while our benevolence supports their ministry. Some of you have already gone to the Orchard Ridge Butterfly event or Lutherhaven Boots & Pearls. Now we're offering openings for a table of ten to the Open Arms event at the **CDA Resort on Fri, Nov 14**, with renown guest speaker, Seth Gruber. Please email or call the church office if you would like to get on our list. Peace will provide contact info to Open Arms, and you'll receive notification and details of the event.



UPDATE: There are now only **four spaces** available. **Please contact us soon to attend!**

Ivan Pilyayev continues to craft bookmarks and has now added beautiful clocks made from the same material! Yes, we confess that we "stole" one for the Sacristy, so go take a peek! Clocks are available in the hall for only \$25 (they normally sell for \$40). Peace is overwhelmed by Ivan's graciousness that all proceeds go to the church, specifically, children's ministry.

The Dorcas Quilting Ladies are just overwhelmed by your support of their unique pillow sale! Some are still available and only \$10. Please see Gail or Jeannine back in the cozy corner by the quilting room – *thank you!*

Thanks again to P&M Team and all who came over on Sat for Fall Clean Up Day – we're ready for winter!

We also have an update on our Helping Captives coffee sale which came in at \$635! That amount will now be *doubled* and support the new Freedom Center (formerly Deja Vu) to free and support victims of trafficking. We hope you're enjoying your coffee from LaShaw Ranch Roasters!



A note from Agnes Mukooyo:

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Peace Lutheran Church for the warm reception during my visit to USA and specifically to the Church. I had the opportunity to support and serve with Family Promise, which was such an amazing experience, the love and care you extend to the homeless families is priceless. I greatly enjoyed time with the families while serving as a host alongside Jolene Pooley. I also loved the Psalms study and the Wed bible study lessons, which I had a chance to attend, and I am also very grateful for the chance to share about my ministry, Beyond Limitations Africa. Thank you so much for the love and support we received from the members of PLC, I was deeply touched by your kindness.

We received donations of \$330 towards our BLA ministry work and we are very grateful. May God continue to work through you and the church to accomplish His purposes.

Agnes N Mukooyo (Uganda)

Fall Bible Study Groups

Sun KidZone: Journey to Christ(mas) is underway for children of all ages from 9:15-9:45 am. See the schedule below!
Mon Men's Group: The guys continue the *Armor of God* with Pastor Jon at 6 pm for potluck dinner and study together.
Tue Prayer: Prayer Studio continues at 2 pm with Pastor Jon as we *Pray the Psalms*. See page 7 for schedule.
Wed Bible Study: The group is studying Acts led by Pastors Gail and Steve at 10 am. Prayer concerns are shared at 9:45 am. Please drop by any time as we dig deep into the scriptures with questions encouraged!

Journey to Christ(mas) Children's Study Continues!

Join us for Children's Church (9:15 – 9:45 each Sunday) focusing on Old Testament prophecies which point to **Jesus** while learning about God and ourselves. **Jesus**, as promised, came to save sinners ([1 Timothy 1:15](#)) and **Jesus**, as promised, will come again ([Revelation 1:7](#))! All children are invited to stay with their parents throughout the full church service, utilizing the busy bags (toys and activities) and the Kids Sermon Note Page. Both are located by the Ushers at the Sanctuary entrance. The Kid's Room and the Nursery are also ready for play, if a parent and child/children need to utilize these spaces – you are most welcome! We are blessed by all children in the sanctuary during the service!

November Journey to Christmas Verses

NOV 2: In the Exodus account, the Passover Lamb was to be perfect and unblemished, offered to God for the sake of others. Perfect **Jesus** is the Lamb of God, the ultimate sacrifice for our sins, through Him, our Good Shepherd, we have access to Heaven, where there will be no more tears...

PROPHECY: ([Exodus 12:5-6](#)) From the Lectionary, we will be reading: [Revelation 7:2-3, 9-17](#)

FULFILLED: [John 1:29](#), [1 Peter 1:19](#) [1 Corinthians 5:7](#)

NOV: 9: God made a covenant with David, promising that his kingdom would last forever. But, after David's son Solomon, the kingdom was divided, and within a few hundred years both the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom were destroyed ([2 Kings 17](#) and [25](#)). Though it doesn't look like God's promise is still in effect, you can be sure it is, because of His covenant love. The failures of God's people did not mean that God had forgotten His promise. God promised One to come from David, who would call God Father and God would call Him Son. This is all fulfilled in **Jesus**, God's son who will reigns on His throne now and forever.

PROPHECY: [2 Samuel 7:8-17](#) (also [Psalm 89:3-4, 35-37](#), [Psalm 132:11](#), [Isaiah 9:7](#))

FULFILLED: [Matthew 1:6, 19:28, 21:4, 25:31](#), [Mark 12:37](#), [Luke 1:32, 3:31](#)

NOV 16: God promises an offspring of David's would reign forever. Though His literal (on earth) reign has yet to begin, **Jesus** is this King, our King, and His reign is everlasting!

PROPHECY: [1 Chronicles 17:11-14](#) **FULFILLED:** [Matthew 1:6](#), [Luke 1:32](#)

NOV 23: God promised that the Sun of righteousness will come. **Jesus** is that Sun, God's Son, who comes with healing and who will come again!

PROPHECY: [Malachi 4](#) **FULFILLED:** [Luke 1:78](#)

NOV 30: God will live among His people. **Jesus** lived among the Jews.

PROPHECY: [Zechariah 2:10-12](#) **FULFILLED:** [John 1:14](#)



MONDAY MEN'S GROUP

Mondays – 6:00 pm

Our men's group continues its study and application of Ephesians 6:10-18 – and how we go about putting on and keeping on the full armor of God. Dinner, Bible, Prayer, and Fellowship!

November schedule:

November 3 rd	Faith (shield): extinguishing the flaming arrows
November 10 th	Salvation (helmet): guarding the mind-field
November 17 th	Word of God (sword) wielded by the Holy Spirit



PRAYER STUDIO: PRAYING THE PSALMS

On Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, join Pastor Jon and others as we learn the power of praying the Psalms. We gather to read and discuss a particular Psalm and then incorporate that into our time of prayer together. Come and join us for this time of discovery, discussion, and meditation (Psalm 1) using the prayer book of God's Word!

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

November 4 th	Psalm 37
November 11 th	Psalm 63
November 18 th	Psalm 96

When you are worried... by Karen Robison

In [Matthew 6:25](#), Jesus commands His followers not to worry, instead, He encourages us to look at how God provides for the birds and the flowers, noting, as God cares for them, He will care for us, knowing our needs ([6:26-32](#)). Sure, we can doubt this. Yet we can always go to God in prayer with our needs, cares and concerns. In times of doubt, in addition to prayer, I would recommend looking at what else Jesus teaches here: [verse 33](#): But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...

In times of feeling like your needs and concerns are not being met, look at the birds and flowers and remember how God cares for them. And how much *more valuable* you are to Him. He sent His Son *for you* ([Romans 5:8](#), [John 3:16](#)). Then seek His Kingdom, in everything you do: seek Him, His Kingdom, His righteousness ([Psalm 27:4](#), [Colossians 2:1-3](#)). This looks like seeking Jesus, imitating Jesus, following Jesus ([John 10:27](#), [Ephesians 5:1-2](#), [Philippians 2:5-8](#), [1 John 2:6](#)). We don't devote our lives to worrying about our material or physical needs, but wholly devote ourselves to Jesus. Read His Word. Follow His way. Remember that you have been purposely placed in this time and moment ([Esther 4:14](#), [Psalm 139:13](#)), given skills and abilities ([Romans 12:6](#), [1 Corinthians 12:4-6](#), [Hebrews 13:20-21](#), [Philippians 2:13](#)) and so you can, to the best of your ability, honor God by doing the next right thing, for His glory.

Note too, Jesus didn't tell them to simply *stop* worrying... but to *replace* worry with concern and action for His kingdom. We see an echo of this in [1 Peter 4](#) when Peter instructs us to have the same attitude as Christ... live pursuing the will of God, rather than human desire ([1 Peter 4:1-2](#)).

We will still have troubles. We are not guaranteed a comfortable or easy life ([John 15:18-20](#), [2 Timothy 3:12](#), [2 Corinthians 12:9](#)), yet our focus should be on that which provides satisfaction and hope: Jesus, the kingdom of God and His righteousness. He is trustworthy and we can depend upon His faithfulness and His provision because He is sufficient for all things. He is all we need. There are no limits to His faithfulness and His care for us. More than the worries of the day, He is enough.

May God grant us all eyes to see Him as all we need. May He be our focus, our help, our provision, our joy. He is everything. PS: I have found that worship music soothes my soul in my times of worry and fear... check out this song by [Pat Barrett](#) or this take on our [classic Doxology](#).

Let's Learn and Read the Bible together!

A group of ladies are planning to meet monthly next year and read the Bible, book-by-book. We will be using Pastor Skip Heitzig's book ["The Bible from 30,000 Feet"](#) and the corresponding workbook. There are also [weekly videos](#) that help give context and clarity to what we will be reading! The book gives a "fly-over" view of all 66 books of the Bible, showing us the bigger picture with facts, landmarks (key events), history, context and how Jesus is foreshadowed / revealed in each book. The goal is to gain an understanding on how all the Biblical books fit together into one unified story centered around Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Check out the books linked above. *Need help purchasing them?* Contact Karen! We are excited to spend more time in the Bible next year on this new journey! **AND:** The kids can learn along with us! If any children want to follow along, check out [this resource](#) and talk to Karen.

Financial Summary Sep 2025 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Oct 14, 2025

Sep Balance Sheet

Ministry & Facility Fund	\$ 38,992
All Designated Funds	<u>\$143,554</u>
Total Mt West Checking	\$182,546

Thrivent Mortgage Balance	\$231,463	\$232,899 (Aug)
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Sep Income & Expense

Actual Giving	\$ 24,740	(Plan for Giving \$27,415)
Actual Expense	\$ 22,084	

YTD Income & Expense (Jan-Sep)

Actual Giving	\$219,684	(Plan for Giving \$213,851)
Actual Expense	\$201,587	

Sep Designated Funds	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Memorial Fund	0	0	\$ 4,192
Emergency Fund	0	0	\$15,000
Property Fund	0	0	\$ 6,012
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0	\$ 3,991
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 8,100
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 1,749
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 1,947
Dorcas Fund	110	0	\$ 1,539
Youth Fund	0	0	\$ 5,226
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	300	0	\$ 1,800
Other Misc Funds	20	0	\$31,099
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 125
Audio/Visual Fund	0	0	\$ 7,496
Snow Plowing Fund	0	0	\$ 5,400
Capital Fund	0	0	\$22,375
Signage	0	0	\$ 6,781
Safety Team	0	79	\$ 932
Resurrection Path	175	0	\$15,589
Seminary Fund	0	0	\$ 4,200



Behind the Scenes: It takes an army of volunteers to serve during Family Promise week, most of them never seen. Thank you for caring and lovingly reaching out to local folks that need a hand up!

On a quiet Sat, Lee & Heidi Ely slipped in and installed our new Butler's Pantry – *beautiful!*

We bet it took some time for Howlands to assemble all the Shoeboxes and include materials in each one, and thanks also to Kristin's daughter for securing the Trader Joe's basket donation again this year filled with wonderful products!

As you fill out your Time & Talent sheet this stewardship season...

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve and work alongside other believers? Our Fellowship and SOS (Service on Sunday) teams are seeking new members. It is a fun, fulfilling way to serve the Lord. Call Candy at 425-870-9276 for more info. The Health Care Team is also looking for new members to help with their caring ministry. No medical training needed. Please call Rita Birge at 509-999-2271 for details.

With the advent of two services, additional volunteers are needed for 8 am communion setup. Please contact the office!

Our local food bank contributions for the month totaled **92 lbs!** Many thanks to Joyce Beghtel for delivering our donations! A kind reminder that we **cannot accept** expired, opened food, fresh produce, and only **dozen** egg cartons please – *thanks!*

Operation Christmas Child Is HERE!

Now through Sunday, November 16

Do you think we can fill 250 boxes this year? YES, WE CAN! Peace Lutheran has the biggest heart for this ministry, and we have seen it all year through. THANK YOU!

There are SO many ways that you can support **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Choose what is most comfortable and rewarding for you. Here's how:

FILL a shoe box! A complete list of do's and don'ts for each box is included inside for you. It's simple... **EVERY** box should be: **FUN! FULL! PERSONALIZED!**

Continue to BRING in-kind items and let us do the work for you. If you're a super shopper and see essential items like school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys, "wow" items, etc. just buy a few (or a bunch!) and put them in the marked collection basket now through Sunday, November 2nd.

JOIN our **PACKING PARTY on Saturday, November 8, 9 am to 12 pm in the fellowship hall.** Last year, this was SO much fun and such a joyous time of fellowship for all who were there.

DONATE funds for us to fill a box for you – if putting together a full box is not your thing, let us do it for you! Your donation of \$35.00 (\$25 for the items/\$10 shipping) will create a magical box for a child.

SUPPORT shipping and printing costs with a \$10 donation. But it's SO much more than shipping! This \$10 helps with the printing and inclusion of "The Greatest Gift" booklet and "The Greatest Journey" follow-up discipleship program that each child receives. A copy of "The Greatest Gift" in the child's native language is included in each box at the final point of distribution. *Check out the example on our display table!*

BRING your completed box to church **no later** than **Sunday, November 16.**

ASK questions. **Kristin Howland, Project Leader (909) 210-7320.**

BUY raffle tickets for our fabulous gift baskets. *Yes, the Trader Joe's and Gift Card Extravaganza baskets are back!* All proceeds go directly to shipping costs.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY for the children across the globe that will receive our boxes. That the love of Jesus Christ will reach them through each item in their box and that their lives will be transformed through His love.

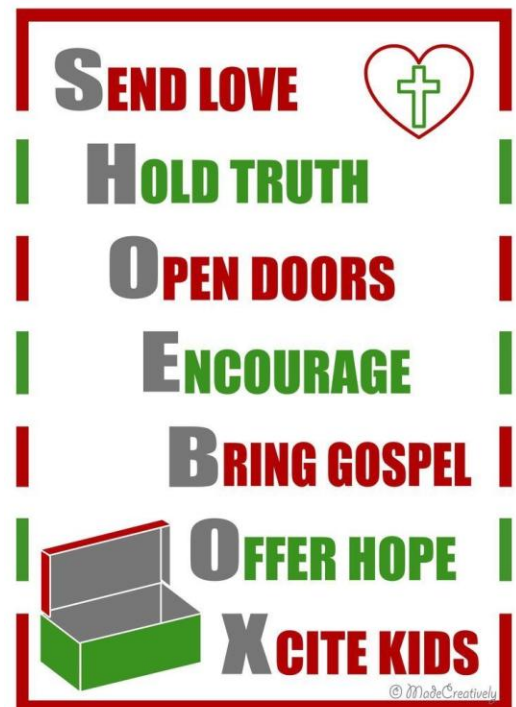
All monetary donations can be noted for "OCC" and placed in the offering plate with your regular giving or delivered to the church office.

There is much to be done in a short amount of time. Thank you SO MUCH for your commitment to this ministry, your love for spreading the gospel, your heart for children across the globe and for making Operation Christmas Child possible at PLC!

Need help? Tons of ideas and information can be found at:

<https://samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Kristin Howland, Shoebox Coordinator



A TESTIMONY OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE (OCC) by Agnes Mukooyo, Uganda

I had the privilege of participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (OCC) events in 2021 and 2022 at our church in Uganda, Centre of Salvation. We had over 200 children attend these events, and 160 children gave their lives to Christ!

Samaritan's Purse partners with various churches in different regions in Uganda every year for the Operation Christmas Child events. Pastors and their leaders go through various training events by Samaritan's Purse to ensure proper guidance and compliance before the gift boxes are distributed. Churches are tasked to do outreach programs in communities to identify children who don't know Christ. These are the ones invited to the OCC events.

We have experienced so many children giving their lives to Christ during these events, including some of their parents. Among these children are Muslims who are amazed at the love shown to them and the Gospel message presented to them that they surrender their lives to Christ.

Many of the children are overjoyed to receive the special gifts in the boxes, and for some, these are the first gifts they are receiving in their lives; gifts that they would otherwise never have had a chance to own in their lives. Through these gifts, children get to share with their friends about the love of Christ, and this draws more children to come to church.

Once the children accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they get the opportunity to attend discipleship classes that help them to learn more about their salvation journey and how to live as children of God. We have seen these children start serving in different departments at church and their lives truly never remain the same. OCC has a significant and lasting impact on the lives of children, and it is such a powerful way to draw them to Christ.

Thank you for the opportunity to share about OCC when I was at Peace!

Greetings All!

As we approach the end of the year, new ministry schedules are created for 2026, and some things are already on our calendar! After your Time & Talent sheet is received, we'll do our best to connect you where you'd like to serve. In the meantime, as Altar Guild Coordinator (officially?), I am searching for communion setup folks before the 8 am service. Duane Howland and Cathleen Kast have diligently done this *for the entire congregation* since July. I'm sure you'll agree that it's time to give them a break! I'll be sending out a schedule for 2026 soon, so if this is where you'd like to serve at Peace, please email at office@peace-lutheran.church or call me at 208-765-0727. Thanks so much! – Lynn Affeldt

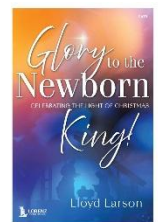
Thank you to Ruth Clark for organizing two beautiful fall bike rides locally. Thanks also to Luke Snyders and his assistance with his ebike business at Riverstone. We'll hop back on again in the spring!



Here in North Idaho, we're accustomed to winter weather in all its glorious forms. Please be aware that if the Post Falls School District closes due to inclement weather, Peace will be closed as well. Just stay home safe and be warm and cozy!

We love posting new or community informational things on our small bulletin board in the fellowship hall, and especially, thank you letters from our ministry partners. If you have something you would like to display, please leave it with us in the church office. We'll be glad to post it for you – *thanks!*

Save the Date: Our glorious Christmas Cantata, *Glory to the Newborn King!*, will be shared with us by our PLC Choir on Dec 21, at both the 8 & 10 am services. Come and hear the timeless story, and about the true Light of Christmas through familiar carols and thoughtful narrations. Hear the Good News and how God comes when we least expect it!



As we approach the end of the year, the last day for contributions in 2025 will be Sunday, Dec 28. Our faithful counters only do their task on Sundays then make a deposit that day. Any gifts received after that date via drop off or mail will be credited in 2026. Thanks for your understanding!

It's time again for Orchard Ridge Christmas Baskets! Here are some helpful suggestions:



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

- full size lotions, shampoo & conditioner, liquid body wash
- toothpaste, toothbrushes
- nail polish or nail files (large as they are easier to handle)
- individual sized tissue packs
- chapstick
- bobby pins, men's combs
- goodies: breads, cookies, nuts, crackers, chocolates, etc. (Please, no home baked goods!)
- \$25 haircut certificates from our salon: (can be paid for at the Front Desk)

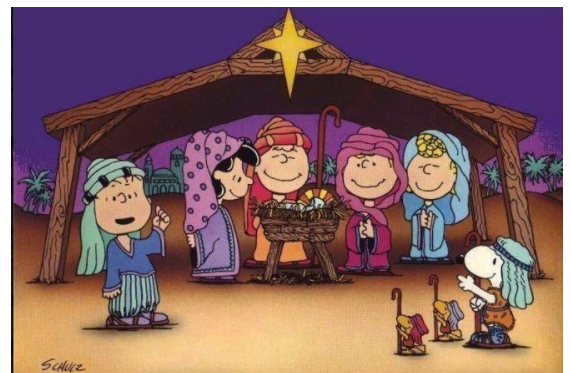
-Gifts can be put in basket, plastic storage tub, gift bag, or we will also take loose items to build baskets.
-Please have baskets or items back to Orchard Ridge by Dec. 15th for distribution.
-Any surplus items will benefit the residents in Independent Living.

Have Questions? Call Holly at (208) 664-8119 or email at hjohnson@theorchardcda.org.

-Thank you for your heartfelt gifts!!

Save the Date: Kids' Christmas Pageant at PLC

On December 24, during our Traditional Christmas Eve Carol and Candle Service at **5 pm**, the children will be welcomed to parade through the Sanctuary in Nativity outfits (provided, in the back classrooms). We can't wait to see you there!



PLC Weekly Calendar & Events

Mon: Dorcas, 9 am; Staff, 10 am, Men, 6 pm
Tue: Prayer Studio, 2 pm; Chorale, 6-9 pm
Wed: Bible Study, 10 am; Music, 6 pm
Thu: TOPS, 8 am weigh in; 9 am meeting
Chorale Board 4th Mon, 6:30 pm | Council 2nd Tue, 6 pm | Button Club 2nd Wed, 12 pm

*** The church office is open Mon-Thu from 9am – 4pm ***

Nov 2: All Saints Sunday; Uganda Mission by Andrew Snyders
Nov 4: P&M Team, 6 pm | **Nov 5:** Fellowship Team, 11 am
Nov 8: Shoebox Packing Party, 9am-Noon
Nov 9: Stewardship Blessing Sunday
Nov 12: Button Club 12-3 pm
Nov 16: Shoebox Blessing & Raffle Drawing
Nov 20: New Member Gathering, 6 pm
Nov 23: New Member Sunday!
Nov 24: Chorale Board, 6:30 pm
Nov 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service, 6 pm
Nov 27: Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 30: Heritage Service 8 am & 10 am service



November Ministry Servants

	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Communion
Nov 2 8 am	Jim & Nancy C	Brandon B	Karen R	Lisa F, Mary C
Nov 2 10 am	Larry F, Karen J	Colt K	Erin K	Paul & Shelly M, Amy B
Nov 9 8 am	Glen & Missy N	David K	David K	Ken & Rita B
Nov 9 10 am	Patty S, Marge F	Kristin G	Samantha P	Chris C, Juli L, Larry F
Nov 16 8 am	Woody & Debbie C	Gail S	Kevin S	Gordon & Gail S
Nov 16 10 am	John & Leanne P	Amy B	Ian F	Maren S, Rick S, Bonnie H
Nov 23 8 am	Robin & Leslie L	--	Michelle V	Brandon & Allyson B
Nov 23 10 am	Roy & Candy V	Candy V	Jennifer M	Tammi J, Bernita C, Jennifer M
Nov 26 6 pm	Doyle & Julie J	--	Steve H	Steve H, Susan S
Nov 30 8 am	Paul & Lisa S	Barb H	Lee C	Karen R, Barb H
Nov 30 10 am	Mitch & Cindy M	Sam R	Becky F	Marge F, Ed & Catherine R

Thank you to Darrell & Lisa Fisher for communion setup and Ruth Clark for baking the bread in November.

Scripture readings are provided to our readers for review on Wednesday for the coming Sunday.

Many thanks to Barb Nimke for scheduling assistants. Kindly let the office know of any changes – *thank you!*

	Counters	Safety Team (8am 10am)
Nov 2	Amy B & Peggy C	Darrell & Randy Colby
Nov 9	Amy B & Peggy C	Roy Allyson & Barry
Nov 16	Julie J & Lisa F	Karle Jim & Ramsey
Nov 23	Julie J & Lisa F	Gordon Kevin Nov 26: Rick
Nov 30	Barb N & Candy V	John Randy

Upcoming Events:

Nov 2: All Saints Sunday | Nov 8: Shoebox Packing Party
Nov 9: Stewardship Blessing Sunday
Nov 16: Shoebox Blessing Sun & Raffle Drawing
Nov 23: New Member Sunday!
Nov 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov 30: First Advent; Heritage Service, 8 am
Dec 7: Quilt Blessing Sunday
Dec 21: Christmas Cantata (both services)
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services (5 & 7 pm)



Lutherhaven Ministries

Lutherhaven Serve Day: Nov 1, 8:45 am - 4:30 pm

Come by yourself, with your family, your youth group, or bring a crew of friends to help camp get ready for the fall/winter season. Plus, enjoy camp fun together on Saturday afternoon.

Deck the Halls Woodland Christmas Camp: Dec 12-14 or Dec 19-21

The event that will become a family tradition. Stunning wintry lake views, hot cocoa, and more...come enjoy all the fun of Lutherhaven Family Camp in the winter! We'll make Christmas crafts, enjoy worship around the campfire, play broom ball, and more. Start your day with a hot cup of coffee in an Adirondack chair overlooking beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene, and spend the day making memories to last a lifetime.

Please register for all events at <https://www.lutherhaven.com/>



November Birches

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Sun Worship, 8 & 10 AM
Sun KidZone 9:15-9:45 AM
Mon Men's Study, 6 PM
Tue Prayer Studio, 2 PM
Wed Bible Study, 10 AM
Pastor Jon Anderson
Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud