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# JUNE NEWS

# 2024

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**Church Text Messages  
& Email App**

**To sign up for church text messages:**

Send a text to the number **81010**.  
In the message type “**@peacefrem**”.

You will receive a text asking for your name.  
Respond with your first and last name.  
You will receive text messages regarding church updates.

*If you have already signed up, you do not need to sign up again.*

**We welcome you to  
join us for our  
Worship Services**

***Sunday***

8:00am Online and In-Person  
10:00am In-Person

***Monday***

6:30pm In-Person

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**RightNow Media** – Please remember all the resources that are available to you and your family free of charge through RightNow Media! It is a clearinghouse of videos, Bible studies, and podcasts that help you grow in your faith toward God and love for others! If you haven't signed up (and even if you have!) be sure to access this amazing library of Christian material! (Checkout the link in our e-news to sign up!)



**E-News** – Just a reminder that we continue to publish our e-news and announcements every week. If you haven't signed up to receive e-news through your email, please email Pastor Teeple and he will get you signed up! If you did sign up and haven't seen it, please double check your SPAM folder; it is an email that comes from the secretary's email address: [secretary@plcms.org](mailto:secretary@plcms.org)



# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

As the warmth of June envelops us, we are reminded of the beauty and vibrancy of God's creation in this season, especially in this tri-state area with so many beautiful lakes! The longer days and sunny skies invite us to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with family and friends.

However, amidst our summer activities, let's not forget the importance of staying active in our worship and fellowship!

During the summer months, it's easy to let our routines slip, but our spiritual growth doesn't take a vacation. I encourage you to make worship a priority, whether you're at home or traveling. Remember, our church services are on both Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Your presence enriches our community and honors our commitment to God and each other.

I am thrilled to share the progress of our ongoing building project. Thanks to God's grace, the hard work of our workers, and your generous support and prayers, we are moving steadily forward. The new classrooms, expanded fellowship area, and office spaces are beginning to take shape, promising to enhance our ministry and outreach capabilities. This project is a testament to our collective vision and dedication to making our church a welcoming space for all.

To celebrate this milestone, you will be able to tour the new facilities throughout the summer months. After the services, you are invited to explore the construction site (carefully!) and see firsthand the amazing progress being made. It will be a wonderful opportunity to gather, pray, and envision the future of our church together.

I am also excited to announce that our new Associate Pastor-elect Jared Rudolph will be joining us at the end of July! He brings a beautiful family, a deep passion for ministry, and a heart for God's kingdom. He will be focusing on engagement ministries, as well as contributing to our worship and pastoral care.

To welcome the Rudolph family, we will be hosting his ordination and installation on July 28th at 2:00pm. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend! We will also have a welcome reception following the service, and a gift/gift card shower for them. Please join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome to him as he begins his ministry with us. I am confident that his energy and presence will be a tremendous blessing to our congregation.

In closing, I wish you all a joyful and restful summer. Please continue to support one another, stay active in your faith, and look forward to the wonderful things God has in store for our church.

All peace to you in Christ Jesus, the risen, ascended, and reigning Lord.  
Pastor Jeff Teeple

# CONGRATULATIONS SARA!

We give thanks to God for this year's Lumen Christi ("Light of Christ") Professional Educator of the Year award recipient: Mrs. Sara Miller, Director at Wee Creations here at Peace Lutheran! Sara was presented with her award on April 28 by Mr. Albert Amling, English District School Executive.

Sara has been with Wee Creations for 16 years! She represents the incredible servant heart that is so needed in our school, church, and community. She is a remarkable woman of God who shares Jesus with excellence!

The Lumen Christi award is presented to publicly recognize the service of educators to further promote and encourage all professional and volunteer leaders and teachers who are active members of an LCMS English District congregation.

Congratulations Sara - well done, faithful servant!



## Church Office SUMMER HOURS

**MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY,  
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS WILL CHANGE  
TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**MONDAYS 9:30AM - 12:30PM (JODIE)**

**TUESDAYS 9:30AM - 12:30PM (JODIE)**

**WEDNESDAYS 8:00AM - 11:00AM (EMILY)**

**THURSDAYS 8:00AM - 11:00AM (EMILY)**

**FRIDAYS 8:00AM - 11:00AM (EMILY)**



# FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSED

**Due to construction,  
the Fellowship Hall  
will be closed  
Memorial Day  
through Labor Day.**





*Join Camp Do Good*

**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.**

## PEACE BLOOD DRIVE

Due to construction  
in the Fellowship Hall,  
the next Peace Blood Drive  
will be hosted by:

Fremont United Methodist Church  
(105 Tolford St., Fremont)

Wednesday, July 24  
1:00pm-5:00pm

If you are interested in donating, visit:

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

or call:

1-800-RED-CROSS

If you need assistance to schedule,  
please contact Secretary Emily  
at the office.

Peace contributes monthly to the Food Co-Op  
at Concordia Theological Seminary through the  
donations of members.

There is a large blue bucket that sits  
underneath the mailboxes; that bucket is our  
donation bin for the Food Co-Op. Please  
consider donating each month!

While all donations are welcome anytime, this  
month's donations focus on condiments such as:



- mayo
- ketchup
- mustard
- Ranch dressing
- BBQ sauce
- hot sauce
- pickles
- olives

**ACTSFW**  
FOOD & CLOTHING CO-OP

## PICKLEBALL

Wednesdays  
5:30pm - 7:00pm  
through October

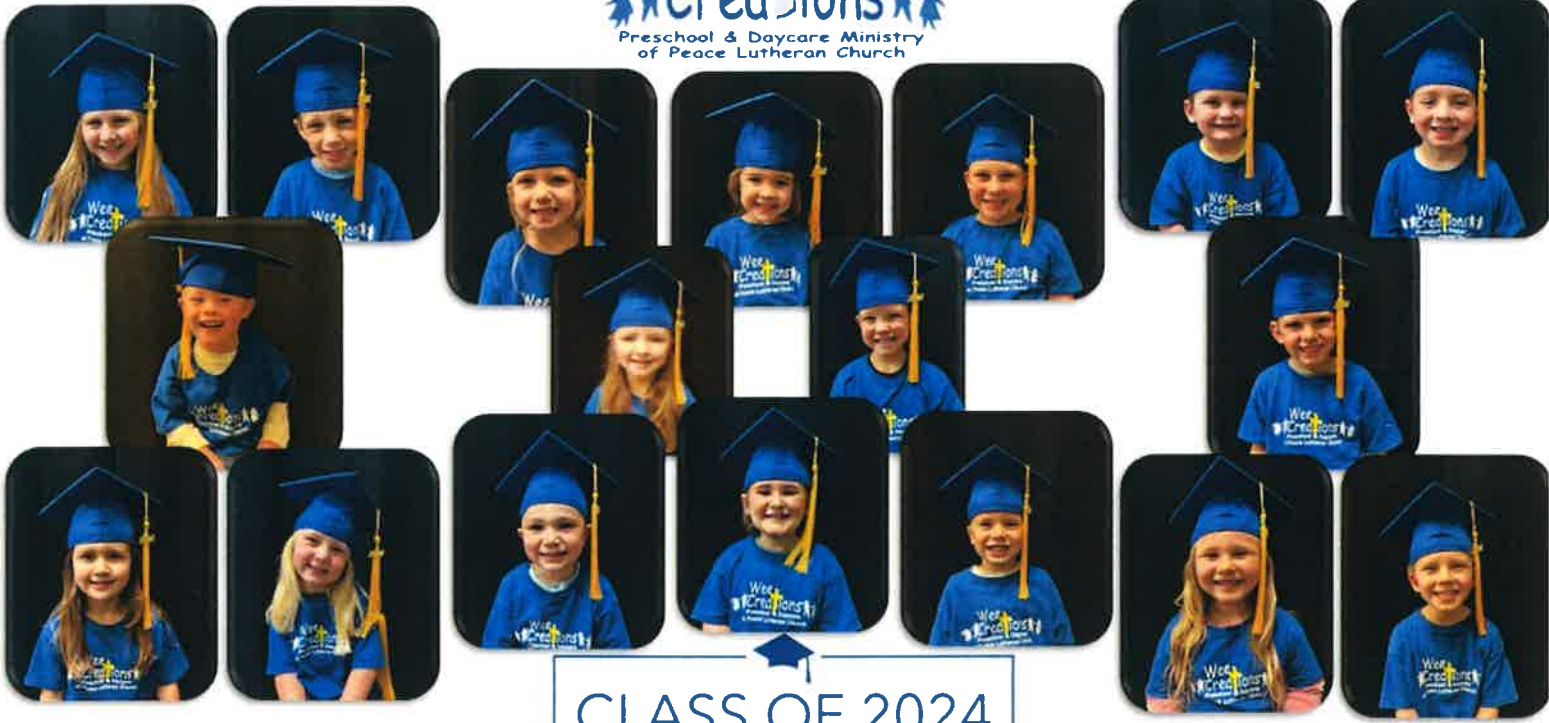
## MEN'S DODGEBALL EVENT

Happening in the gym on:

June 2  
High Noon

# WEE CREATIONS PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

Congratulations to our 2024 preschool graduates!



CLASS OF 2024

How long have we attended Wee Creations??

- + 9 Infants
- + 2 Bear Cavers
- + 2 Blue Room
- + 2 Yellow Room
- + 4 Green Room
- = 19 friends

Our graduates want to be...

Best Me I Can Be

Dirt Bike Racer

Football Player

Gymnast

King of the Jungle

Librarian

Lumber Jack

Mermaid (Ariel)

Mom

Nail Artist

Pastor

Pet Store Owner

Police Officer

Race Car Driver

Singer

SWAT Officer

Teacher

Truck Driver



# FIELD TRIP TO THE GARDEN SHED AND PARK





# 2024 CONFIRMATION



**Congratulations to this year's confirmands!**



**Avery Judson**

**Isaiah 41:10** *"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

**Andrew Miller**

**John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

**Summer Ross**

**Numbers 6:24-26** *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*

**Carter Vonderau**

**Joshua 1:9** *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*



# YOUTH NEWS

## Summer in the "Son"

In the months of June, July, and August, there will be activity bags for children to continue learning about the big God we serve. These "Summer in the Son" lessons are meant to be done with family members to encourage faith-building in your homes. We hope you enjoy the activities, songs, videos, and adventures we have planned! Pick yours up at the Information Desk.

**June: God the Father**

**July: God the Son**

**August: God the Holy Spirit**



## Stay in touch :

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## LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING



In the summer of 2025, our church will be taking a group of high school students to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. Letters were sent to all eligible youth members. We will be having a meeting to discuss beginning details in July. Registration will begin soon after. Start talking with your teen about whether or not he/she would like to attend.

I am unsure at this time how many chaperones we will need. Cost, dates, and travel will be discussed at the meeting. For now, take a look at the Gathering website:

[www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com)

**ENDURE**  
JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA





GROWING IN CHRIST  
"...it was God who made it grow." 1 Corinthians 3:6

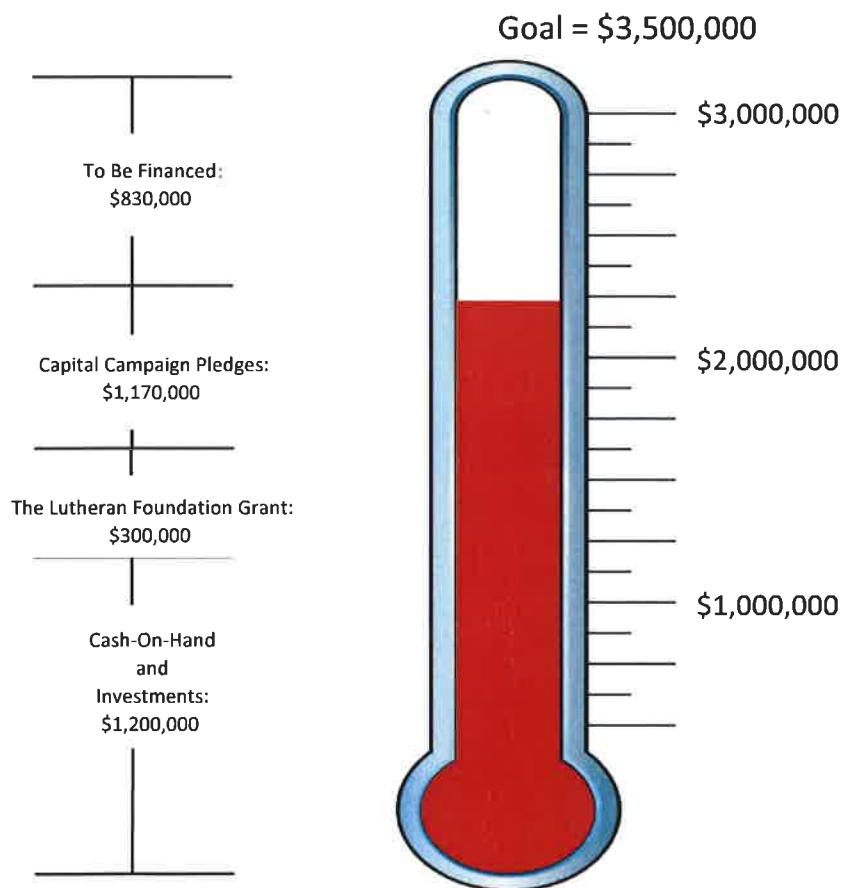
# Building Project Update

**Construction is very much underway as sidewalks have been poured, drywall has been hung, and ductwork is being installed.**

**The Fellowship Hall will be closed Memorial Day through Labor Day for demo work and remodeling.**

## Building Project Thermometer Information

Updated 5/23/24



### Breakdown of Funds Received (65.7% Complete):

- \$1,200,000 from Congregation (100% complete)
- \$ 300,000 from The Lutheran Foundation (100% complete)
- \$ 639,310 from Pledges (54.6% complete)
- \$ 114,247 non-Pledged/over and beyond pledge amt to reduce financing
- \$ 48,686 toward Matching Mortgage Reduction Campaign
- \$ 667,067 needed for financing



# DOVE TAILS



Hello friends! I have had another busy month. Besides my usual visits I had 2 road trips. My first one was to a place called Frankenmuth, MI. I guess it was for people who work in Lutheran church and school offices. Can you believe they didn't know about LCC Comfort Dog Ministry? We--well my handlers--were able to share about me and my ministry. I was a proud girl! I also was able to reconnect with someone that I met when I spent time in Oxford, MI. She was very happy to see me!

My other road trip was back to Osgood, IN. We spent time there to be with the students as they are ending their school year with finals, prom, and graduation. They are missing their dear friend that tragically passed away last month. When we visited with them right after the tragedy the grown-ups realized how much comfort Claudia Comfort Dog and I could bring them, so they invited us to come back. I'm sad that they are dealing with pain, but happy we can help them by giving them some comfort.

I am excited for summer, how about you? I love swimming, stealing socks--oh wait I like to do that anytime! It's also nice to have a little more free time, so I will get some much needed rest too. I will miss all my school friends, but I know that I will get to see them again in August.

See you at church!

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."*

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**





The very first class of Stephen Ministers began in Dr. Kenneth Haug's home with nine trainees, including a secretary, a teacher, a hairdresser, and a business man among others. After they were trained, commissioned and began their ministry, they saw the power of the Holy spirit in what they were doing –the difference they were making in the lives of those they cared for. These nine individuals strongly urged Dr. Haug to share this ministry with other congregations.

So in 1975, Dr. Haug and his wife Joan, herself a psychiatric nurse and clinical social worker, founded "Stephen Ministry System St. Louis," a non-profit educational organization bringing lay persons' caring to thousands of congregations. There are now more than 500,000 Stephen Ministers serving millions of people in the United States and beyond. Your Stephen Leaders are simple folks who have a heart for caring and a vision to expand the pastoral care of Peace Lutheran church for Christ's healing to those facing life's many challenges. With that vision we need to be equipping more men and women as Stephen Ministers to listen, offer a caring presence and provide both emotional and spiritual support.

The story of Stephen Ministry continues with you! Please, consider becoming a Stephen Minister here at Peace. The need is great – the rewards are blessings overflowing as you witness God use the gifts of caring that He has already planned in you to minister to another person in need. Peace Leadership Team includes Rick Kirkton, Ellen Luepke, and Pastor Teeple, among several others. Please speak with them for more details.

**Grief & Share®**

## *Grief* **Support Group**

**Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM**  
**Continues now through June 25**  
**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**Fremont, IN**  
**Call or text Luanne Haupt**  
**260-639-7339**  
**with any questions or concerns**



Peace members will provide evening meals for guests at Family Promise for the days of July 15-19. Watch for more details in early July.



## **Sewing Sisters**

**The Sewing Sisters have moved their display from the Fellowship Hall while construction is underway. However, items are still available for purchase!**

**If you would like to purchase an item, please see one of the Sewing Sisters for assistance.**





# HEARTS OF MERCY AND COMPASSION



Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) through its affiliate Peace Lutheran Church has gifted a Heart of Mercy and Compassion to Jim Sims in recognition of his military service to our country. The color purple signifies courage and bravery. The white fish symbolizes God's saving grace.

Jim enlisted in the Army Reserves, 890th Transportation Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1967. On May 5, 1968, his unit was activated, sent to Fort Carson, Colorado and from there deployed to Vietnam in January 1969. Jim was honorably discharged December 1969.

The Bible verse, Joshua 1:9, is one of Jim's favorites. Jim recently traveled on the April 24, 2024 Honor Flight, which departed from Fort Wayne. Jim and Diana (Jim's wife) are members of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. During the "lake season" they often attend Peace. In addition, they frequently participate in Pastor Teeple's Thursday online Bible study.

In appreciation, Jim says:

"Thank you to Lutheran Church Charities and Peace Lutheran Church for honoring me with a Heart of Mercy and Compassion for my service to our country. I am humbled by this beautiful gift. A special thank you to our dear friends, Steve and Charla Cygan, for presenting the Heart to me a few days before my Honor Flight to DC.

We are blessed to be a part of the loving community of PLC, sharing the love of Jesus in many ways. We look forward to seeing you soon as lake season begins.

Blessings,  
Jim Sims"



# *Elijah Haven*

CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER



LWM members Ellen Luepke, Leslie Carr, and Sharon Aldrich stand with staff and some of the donated supplies.

## Mission Accomplished

Peace's Lutheran Women in Mission were able to furnish supplies for clients of Elijah Haven, a short-term emergency shelter located in both LaGrange and Steuben counties.

Peace Lutheran's Lutheran Women in Mission group were able to deliver two carloads of donated items!

These donations from Peace were gathered during their Lenten Almsgiving Project.

## Delivery Made

The Resource Room at Elijah Haven was replenished by Peace's donations and helps clients as they begin anew.

Items delivered included 48 tubes of toothpaste, 30 bottles of body wash, 93 washcloths, 193 razors, 36 deodorants, among many others.



Counselor Amanda stands in front of supplies in the Elijah Haven Resource Room.





## BIRTHDAYS

6/1	John Urbahns	6/21	Jim Schuller
6/4	Jan Thiele		Dove, Comfort Dog
6/5	Jill Crosby	6/23	Brea Harris
6/6	Cathy Frastaci	6/24	Lynn Hoffman
6/7	Bonnie Handlin	6/25	Rita James
	Pat Ervin	6/27	Carol Frenger
6/8	Inge Hermann		Larry Oberst
	Chad Korte	6/28	Rhoda Rupright
	Pam Freeman		Jon Armstrong
	Linda Keele		Cindy Bond
6/9	Rick Kirkton		Chad Murphy
	Corey Lahnum		Oliver Ross
6/11	Janet Ahlersmeyer	6/29	Yvonne Berlew
6/12	Sandy Hathaway		Carol Gepfert
6/14	Margie Eyster		
6/20	Bill James		
	Angie Hendrickson		
	Alfred Baas		

## ANNIVERSARIES

6/1/2013	Jack & Ann Clark
6/2/1984	Steve & Linda Soldano
6/3/1995	Larry & Marie Font
6/4/1977	Scott & Cindy Bond
6/5/1965	Ron & Sandra Heilman
6/7/1980	Rick & Gay Kirkton
6/7/1989	Bill & Patty Utsler
6/9/1984	Larry & Linda Reidenbach
6/9/1995	Frank & Pam Hall
6/10/1989	Kenn & Laurie Lehman
6/12/1999	Ryan & Kelley Smith
6/13/1987	Mike & Judy McCrea
6/14/1968	Jim & Judy Schuller
6/16/1990	David & Aimee Biddle
6/21/1953	Bill & Margie Eyster
6/21/2014	Dean & Brenda Von Deylen
6/22/1963	David & Alice Phillips
6/22/1968	Norm & Tina King
6/22/2001	Brian & Lisa Harris
6/25/1983	Rod & Lori Olson
6/25/1988	Philip & Christy Mann
6/26/1993	Brian & Pam Freeman
6/27/2010	Ken & Annette Hullinger
6/30/1973	Bill & Jackie Richter

### THE ORIGIN OF FATHER'S DAY

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

### Altar flowers

6/2	Ron & Sandy Heilman
6/9	Rick & Gay Kirkton
6/16	Rod & Lori Olson
6/23	Bill & Margie Eyster
6/23	Norm & Tina King
6/30	Bob & Carol Gepfert

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