

SUMMER EDITION

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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



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION PASTOR-ELECT JARED RUDOLPH

**July 28, 2024
2:00pm**

**Peace Lutheran Church
Fremont, IN**

We welcome Pastor-Elect Jared Rudolph and his family as he is ordained and installed as our Associate Pastor here at Peace! His ministry will include pastoral support to the congregation as well as focusing on engagement and growth of Peace's members and community.

Event will take place in the sanctuary followed by a light reception and gift card shower in the gym.

A Letter from Pastor Teeple

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I am filled with immense joy and excitement in this month of July! This month marks a significant milestone in the life of our church as we welcome a new Associate Pastor and his family to our ministry team and congregation!

On July 28, Jared Rudolph will be ordained into the Holy Ministry and installed as Associate Pastor here at Peace. On that day, "Pastor-Elect Rudolph" becomes "Pastor Rudolph" to us here at Peace. And he will be commissioned to help us as a congregation in our mission to be "Friendly People – Growing in Christ; Called to: Praise and Proclaim, Learn and Love, Care and Celebrate." With a heart deeply rooted in Christ, Pastor Rudolph is called to equip us to move forward as a congregation in a vibrant and engaging direction.

Embracing New Leadership

Pastor Rudolph will serve as a key leader in member engagement and growth. This role is vital as we seek to deepen our relationships within the congregation AND reach out to those who are searching for a spiritual home. With an emphasis on personal connection, Pastor Rudolph will work closely with our existing ministries to foster an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. He will be working to equip us as a congregation to work together in God's Kingdom.

Enhancing Member Engagement

One of the core missions of Pastor Rudolph will be to enhance member engagement. This will involve developing new programs and initiatives that encourage active participation and strengthen our sense of community. Whether through group ministries, fellowship events, or personalized pastoral care, Pastor Rudolph will be dedicated to ensuring that every member feels connected and involved. He will be working to strengthen families, as well as incorporate isolated individuals of all ages into the spiritual family at Peace Lutheran.

Fostering Growth

In addition to nurturing our current members, Pastor Rudolph will also focus on outreach and growth, especially through Wee Creations Ministries. By building bridges to our local community and creating welcoming spaces for newcomers, we aim to share the love and message of Christ with more people. This effort aligns with our vision of being a church that not only serves its members but also extends a hand of grace and hospitality to all.

A Letter Continued....

Get Involved

We want to receive Pastor Rudolph, his wife Tirzah and son Ezra, in a loving, supportive, and enthusiastic way. There will be several opportunities to meet the Rudolph family in the coming months, notably a special worship service of Ordination and Installation on Sunday, July 28 at 2:00pm, with a light reception to follow. We will also have a gift card shower for them as they move into their new house in Angola. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to shower them in Christian love. Introduce yourself, but be patient though – there are a lot of new names and faces to learn!

A Time of Renewal

As we prepare to welcome Pastor and his family, I invite you to join me in prayer. I want to encourage you to embrace this season of renewal with open hearts and minds, ready to embark on new adventures in faith together. Your participation and enthusiasm will be crucial as we move forward, united in our mission to serve God and each other.

In closing, I am grateful for the continued blessings that God continues to bestow on our congregation. We give thanks for this new chapter and anticipate the wonderful ways in which God will continue to work through Peace in our region!

May the peace and love of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Jeff Teeple

The graphic features a rustic wooden background with a heart-shaped wooden ornament on the left. The text "Holiday Office Hours" is prominently displayed in the center. To the right, two separate text boxes provide closure information for church offices and Wee Creations.

**Holiday
Office
Hours**

**Church offices will be closed
July 4th and 5th in observance of
the holiday.**

**Wee Creations will be closed
July 1st-July 5th for their summer
break.**



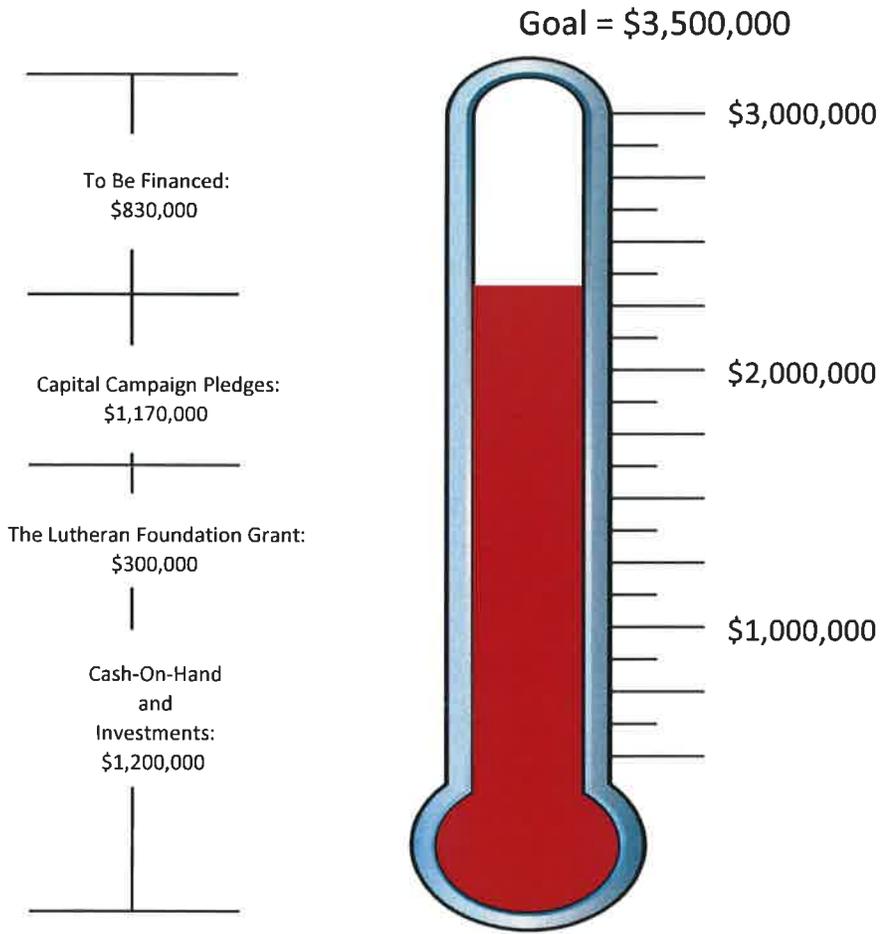
GROWING IN CHRIST
 "...it was God who made it grow." 1 Cor. 3:6-7

Building Project Update

Construction continues on the Fellowship Hall. New doors are being installed on the east sanctuary entrance. Hardware and cabinetry have been delivered. The south wall of the coat room was removed.

Building Project Thermometer Information

Updated 6/19/24



Breakdown of Funds Received (66.3% Complete):

- \$1,200,000 from Congregation (100% complete)
- \$ 300,000 from The Lutheran Foundation (100% complete)
- \$ 646,967 from Pledges (55% complete)
- \$ 114,247 non-Pledged/over and beyond pledge amt to reduce financing
- \$ 66,448 toward Matching Mortgage Reduction Campaign
- \$ 649,305 needed for financing



STEPHEN MINISTRY

“A View from the Sideline”

Many of you know me, many of you do not. Yet I am privileged to speak to all of you as a Stephen Ministry Leader at Peace Lutheran Church. Partnering with co-leaders Rick Kirkton and Pastor Teeple, we attempt to insure that with the power of God, Peace is actively involved in the one-to-one caring ministry offered through the Stephen program. Along with fellow leaders, I am able to sit at “head” table twice monthly where our seven trained men and women share with each other how their relationship with their care receiver is progressing, how we can help, what are the prayer needs, all under the blanket of complete confidentiality. What a joy to see the spiritual growth over time of both the Stephen Minister and Care Receiver. The power of the Holy Spirit is seen and felt each time we meet.

There is still room at the “table” for more of you who have a caring heart and a burning desire to serve God in this structured way. We will be starting a new 50 hour training program this fall. Interviews have begun! See Rick for an application. Meanwhile, always be aware of fellow members who are struggling with life changes – big or small – and “talk Stephen.”

You know the steps; if not, speak with one of our leaders. Our mission statement reminds us that Peace Lutheran Church is a caring community. So come and “walk the walk” with us.

Just a view from the sidelines...

Ellen Luepke



Family Promise, a community based program, is dedicated to helping families, who are experiencing homelessness, achieve sustainable independence! Their mission is to provide shelter, meals, and support services to families in need! Members of Peace, your involvement

a profound impact on the lives of these families! Thank you so much for what you have done and continue to do!

Here's how YOU might help...

1. Provide an entrée, side dish, or dessert for an evening meal
2. Deliver meal to shelter in Coldwater, Michigan (app. 15 minute from church)
3. Financial contribution to purchase food and/or disposable baking items.
4. Prayers for families who are occupying the shelter and prayers for the Peace volunteers who cook and deliver meals.

Our next opportunity comes the week of July 15th. Due to the construction, the sign-up sheet will be located on the kitchen island this month.

May God bless our efforts and these families. Contact Luanne Haupt (260-639-7339) with any questions!

DOVE Tails

"Helpful, Hilarious, Humble"

Happy summertime, Friends! It's time for chasing fireflies, lake swimming, hot dogs and hamburgers (they smell soooo tempting), and relaxing a bit. Okay, I do lots of relaxing in the summer! Mostly I try hard to be helpful. Last month our team gave stress relief to test takers and helped celebrate end of year parties and graduations. Even teachers and administrators came for Dove Love!

We comforted a child whose father recently died, removed dog fear from another who had been severely bitten, and brought joy to Cameron Hospital.

I comforted seniors graduating without their friend who had died.

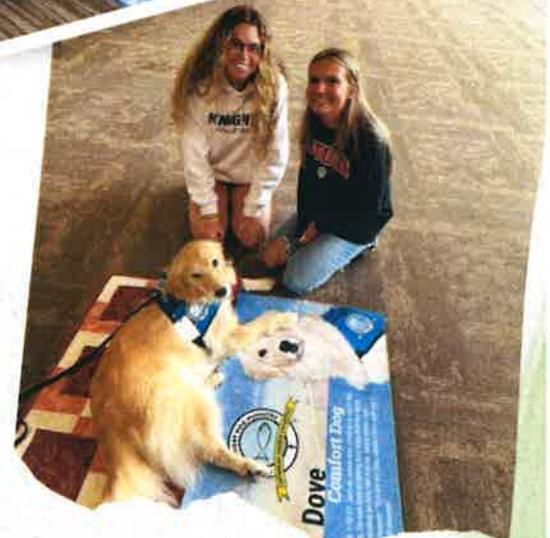
The words on their bracelets said, "Be Like Carson". His life was short but God used him to help many people. I want to help lots of humans, too! My handlers and Ministry Partners say I know who needs me most and how I can best help. That's God's Spirit working through me. I like to bring peace, comfort, joy, and even smiles and laughter to humans of all ages.

I said goodbye to my friend, Lois Dehr, and comforted her family and friends after her death. Many said Lois loved my visits and that whenever I came to see her, she had a good day. We also visited a Grief Share meeting at church.

Another special visit was to help children hoping to be adopted. One boy was very nervous and didn't want to participate. He was happy and confident when he met me. I went with him everywhere! Imagine my joy when he went to the bounce house (but my handler didn't appreciate my zoomies)! A photographer ran to his spot for pictures. Surely he wanted me to run, too! My handler put a handle (or foot) on that! Sometimes people think I'm hilarious. How embarrassing! That reminds me, our trip to Branch County Library put me in a room of teens with s'mores. Hard to behave myself but I think I did!

The Comfort Dog team and I are humbled to be told of – and see – the ways God uses us to do His work. I'm just a dog yet He chose me to share His comfort, joy, and light. Thank you for helping us do that and if you'd like to join our mission to bless others, contact our Top Dog, Hope Korte, comfortdog@plcms.org! She's looking forward to hearing from you. See you at church!

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 ESV



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FOOD & CLOTHING CO-OP



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 Co-Op. Please consider donating each month!

While all donations are welcome anytime, the month of July will focus on the Co-Op's most-popular items such as:

- spaghetti
- canned tomatoes, of any type or flavor
- taco seasoning
- refried beans
- Suddenly Salad mixes



Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

PEACE BLOOD DRIVE

The Next Peace Lutheran Blood Drive is:

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

Please note location change!

Due to construction happening in our Fellowship Hall, this blood drive will take place at:

Fremont United Methodist Church
105 Tolford St.
Fremont
(behind Beams Funeral Home)

There are several ways to schedule an appointment:

- Visit redcrossblood.org and enter code *peaceluth*
- Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
- Or scan the QR code



You may also call our church office and speak to Emily for assistance with scheduling or with questions.

WEE CREATIONS EARNS STATE DESIGNATION



We are a
LEVEL 3

Paths to QUALITY™
Provider!



We are proud providers of Indiana's voluntary child care rating and improvement system, Paths to QUALITY™.

Congratulations to our Wee Creations staff as they passed their Paths to Quality Inspection in June! This inspection is to ensure facilities meet standards for high quality early care and education.

WCM received a Level 3 designation.

Level 3 programs demonstrate the knowledge and skill necessary for planning appropriate activities and opportunities that lead children toward school readiness. Level 3 also means significant investments in professional development of the staff have been made as well as incorporating family and staff input into the program.

Great job, WCM staff!

YOUTH PACKETS AVAILABLE



JUNE 2024

ACTIVITIES:

- ARTS & CRAFT
- VIDEO LESSON
- BIRD SCAVENGER HUNT
- MUSIC

AS WE FOCUS ON THE HOLY TRINITY, THIS MONTH WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT GOD THE FATHER

SEE THE BACK FOR ACTIVITIES

In the months of June, July, and August, there will be activity packets available 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 at home. Packets may be found on the counter in front of member mailboxes.

This summer will focus on the Holy Trinity.

June: God the Father

July: God the Son

August: God the Holy Spirit

July

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7/1 Carol Hepp | 7/19 Ed Peters |
| Kris Murphy | 7/20 Kay Bright |
| Dot Othersen | Larry Font |
| 7/2 Bert Schulz | 7/21 Ron Lovell |
| 7/3 Anne Griffith | Amy McNamara |
| Dean Hepp | 7/23 Oliver Koch |
| 7/5 Mark Fortuna | 7/24 Lisa Harris |
| Annette Hullinger | 7/25 Dan Frasier |
| 7/6 Gay Kirkton | Abigale McNamara |
| Lukas Mann | 7/27 Lane King |
| 7/8 Karen Roudebush | 7/28 Dennis Hieber |
| Tami Sumney | Luke Honer |
| 7/10 Ava Harris | 7/29 Lynn Reed |
| Randi Keck | 7/30 Diana Traycoff |
| 7/11 Dave Sorg | 7/31 Don Luepke |
| 7/12 Victoria Miller | |
| Summer Ross | |
| 7/14 Jaedon Mann | |
| 7/15 Phyllis Kleinknight | |
| Gerry Ferrell | |
| 7/16 Tim Caldwell | |
| Charla Cygan | |
| 7/17 Mya Ball | |
| Alex Biddle | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| 7/6/1963 | Dave & Bonnie Handlin |
| 7/6/2002 | Ross & Tami Sumney |
| 7/8/2006 | Kirk & Angie Smith |
| 7/10/1965 | Ralph & Jan Thiele |
| 7/10/2021 | Alfred & Tiffany Baas |
| 7/11/1970 | Dave & Linda Emch |
| 7/11/1970 | Alan & Sue Korte |
| 7/11/1992 | Joe & Kelly Honer |
| 7/18/1987 | David & Julie Clary |
| 7/19/1969 | Tom & Susan Fisher |
| 7/21/1984 | Jim & Rose Ehle |
| 7/24/1976 | Dean & Jeanette Meridew |
| 7/25/1987 | Mark & Sue Shollenberger |
| 7/26/2021 | Richard & Wanda Hullinger |
| 7/28/1962 | Jack & Donna Burkholder |
| 7/28/1973 | Dean & Deb Twitchell |
| 7/29/2000 | Scott & Sara Miller |



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| 7/7 | Ralph and Jan Thiele |
| 7/14 | Scott and Sara Miller |
| 7/21 | Richard and Wanda Hullinger |
| 7/28 | Jack and Donna Burkholder |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p>Summer Break-WCM Closed</p> <p>10am - Women's Study 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship/HC</p>		<p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 5:30pm - Pickleball</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p>		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>8am - Worship 10am - Worship/HC</p>	<p>5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>10am - WCM Chapel 6:30pm - BOD Mtg.</p>	<p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 5:30pm - Pickleball</p>		<p>10am - SM Superv.</p>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>8am - Worship/HC 10am - Worship</p>	<p>Family Promise Meal</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship/HC</p>	<p>10am - WCM Chapel 4pm - CD Mtg</p>	<p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 11am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - Pickleball 6pm - Handbells 7pm - Adult Choir</p>		<p>5pm - Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>Wedding - Reserved</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p>8am - Worship/HC 10am - Worship 2pm - Ordination/Installation</p>	<p>5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>10am - WCM Chapel</p>	<p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 5:30pm - Pickleball</p>			