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Summer Edition



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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

A Letter from the Pastor Teeple

Dear friends in Christ,

As we move into the vibrant and warm days of August, our church is experiencing a season of wonderful growth and positive change! Our building project is progressing beautifully – thanks be to God, who makes things grow (1 Corinthians 3:7)! With the start of the school year just around the corner, we eagerly anticipate the return of our children and youth to their educational and spiritual activities. It is an exciting time for our congregation as we continue to embrace the blessings of summer and prepare for the busy months ahead.

As we continue to grow and strengthen our community, we have been blessed with a new addition to our pastoral team. It is with great joy that I introduce our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Jared Rudolph.

Pastor Rudolph comes to us with a deep passion for ministry and a fresh perspective that we believe will greatly benefit our congregation and community. First and foremost, he will serve as a pastor to our congregation, taking on preaching, teaching, and worship responsibilities. His dedication to these core pastoral duties will help us continue to grow in Christ and Christian love.

In addition to his general pastoral responsibilities, Pastor Rudolph will also be tasked with specific responsibilities. His primary focus will be on developing and facilitating a coordinated structure of active and intentional membership, ensuring that we, together as God's people, meet the spiritual needs of all individuals in an environment of Christian fellowship.

One of Pastor Rudolph's key responsibilities will be to ensure that our ministries and programs are designed to strengthen families and incorporate isolated individuals of all ages into our spiritual family. He will be working diligently to coordinate our education ministries, supervising staff members and volunteers in adult, youth, and children's ministries. Pastor Rudolph will be encouraging innovation and development in these areas.

In addition, Pastor Rudolph will be developing strategies to reach out to our Wee Creations preschool and daycare families, addressing their spiritual needs and encouraging their participation in our church community. Also, he will oversee and delegate leadership of various group ministries and activities to members of our congregation and staff. This includes Singles' ministries, Women's and Men's ministries, Intergenerational activities, small group Bible study leaders, and Church-wide fellowship events.

Along with me, Pastor Rudolph will be committed to providing training, encouragement, and resources to develop missional leaders within our congregation. Together, we are aiming to help each person become confident in sharing God's love with others through evangelism training, hospital visitation, and other outreach efforts.

Lastly, Pastor Rudolph will focus on developing opportunities for the assimilation of new members, ensuring that both the individual and our congregation recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in gathering His Church.

As you can see, these are big ideas! Please know that, as a pastor, his first and most responsibility is to share Christ – crucified, risen, and ascended – with us as a congregation (1 Corinthians 2:2). Second to that, he is to equip us for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up (Ephesians 4:12).

Pastor Rudolph has moved to Angola with his wife, Tirzah, and their son, Ezra. We are thrilled to have the Rudolph family join us and look forward to the many ways they will contribute to our church's growth and spiritual enrichment. Let's welcome them with love and support them in prayer as they embark on this new journey together with us!

All peace to you in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Jeff Teeple

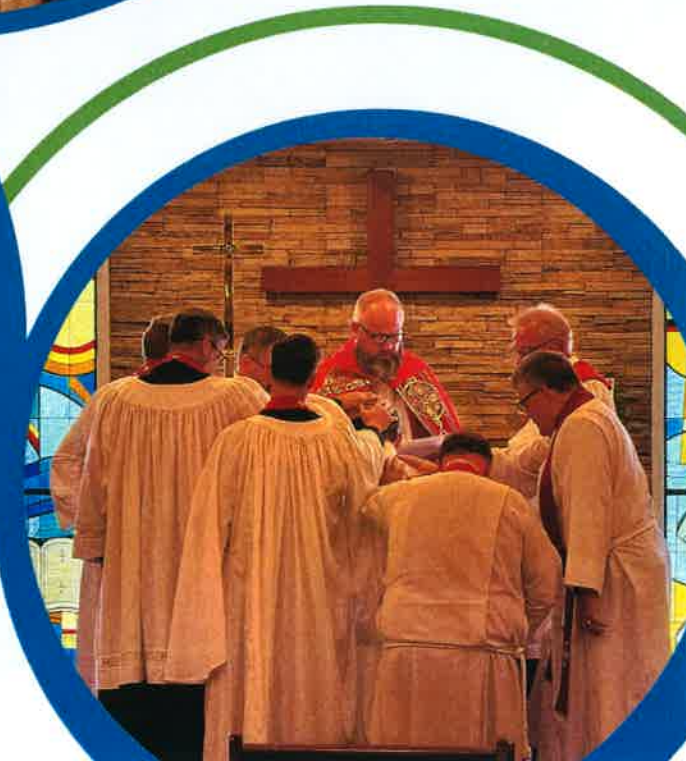
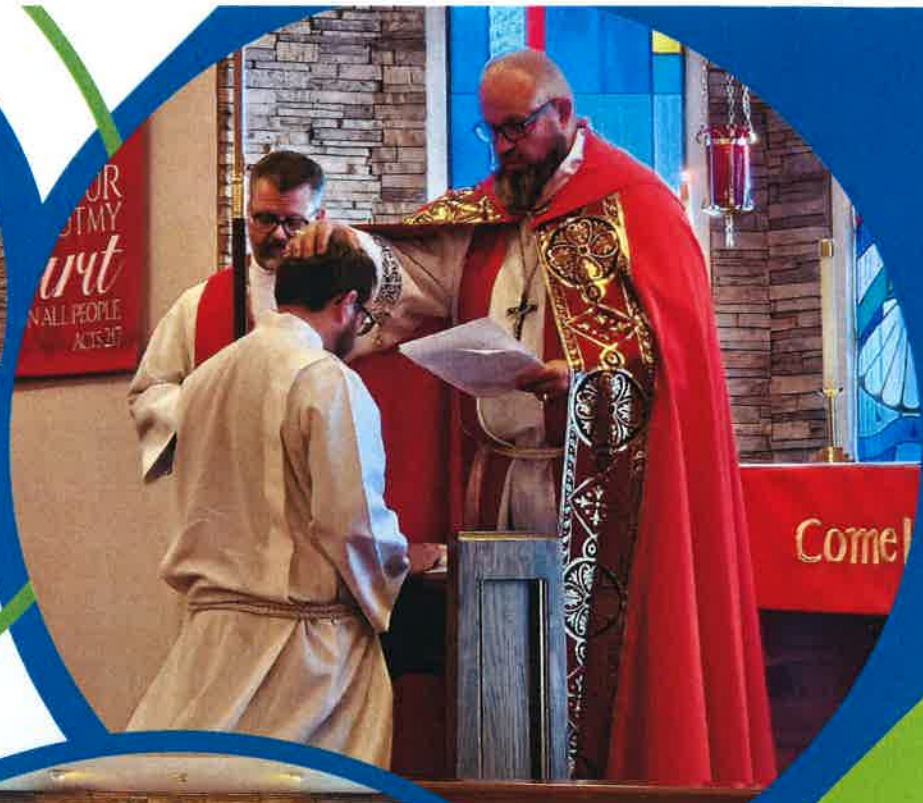


WELCOME PASTOR, TIRZAH, AND EZRA RUDOLPH!

PASTOR JARED RUDOLPH JOINS PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

A historic moment was recently celebrated in Peace Lutheran's history! On July 28th, the ordination and installation of our new associate pastor, Jared Rudolph, took place. Over 150 people attended the service, including members from Peace, members from Pastor Rudolph's family, and Pastor Kevin Kolander from California, where Pastor Rudolph completed his vicarage.

Pastor Rudolph is joined by his wife, Tirzah, and son, Ezra. They will make their new home in Angola.



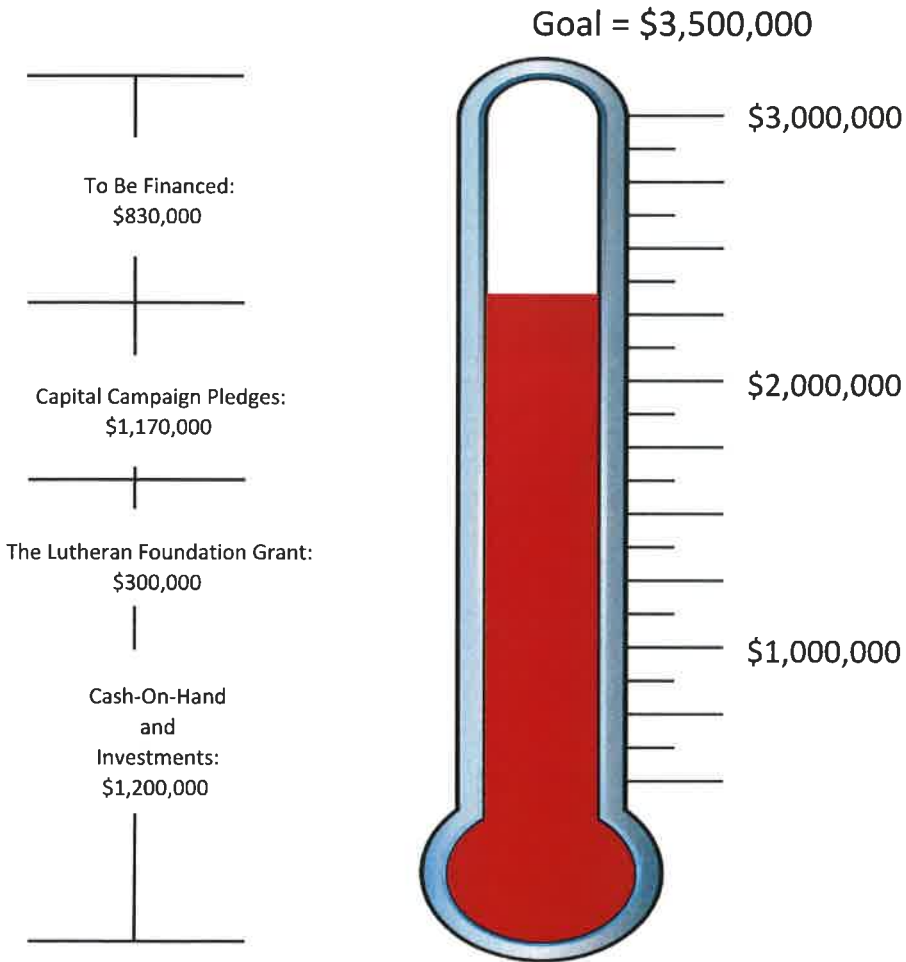


Building Project Update

This past month saw a flurry of activity in the new addition as well as the Fellowship Hall. Drywall was completed, then a fresh coat of paint was applied to the new offices and classrooms. Interior lights were installed, including a lovely chandelier in the new entryway. Carpet installation followed shortly. HVAC units were lifted by crane onto the roof. Paving began in the east parking lot. Wee Creations saw the demolition of the wall between Sara’s office and an existing classroom to expand the room into a larger classroom.

Building Project Thermometer Information

Updated 7/17/24



Breakdown of Funds Received (67.9% Complete):

- \$1,200,000 from Congregation (100% complete)
- \$ 300,000 from The Lutheran Foundation (100% complete)
- \$ 685,874 from Pledges (58.6% complete)
- \$ 114,247 non-Pledged/over and beyond pledge amt to reduce financing
- \$ 78,883 toward Matching Mortgage Reduction Campaign
- \$ 636,870 needed for financing

PEACE

Youth

National Youth Gathering News

Next summer, our teens will be traveling to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering. Registrations will be submitted in November. Students entering grades 8 through 12 are eligible to attend.

We will be having a family meeting on August 25th from 5:30-6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary to give information and to get a tentative number of attendees. If you aren't sure if your child will be attending, this will be a good meeting to attend to learn more. Following the meeting we will have hot dogs and hamburgers.

Bring a side dish only if you want to. Meats, buns, and drinks will be provided.



Sunday School

Sunday School and Teen Time will start on September 15th.

We will be flexible about where class is taking place due to construction and storage space.

Students in grades PreK-grade 12 will have lessons from 9:15-10:15 AM every Sunday.

We are looking for energetic volunteers to teach our littles and/or our teens the Word of God. Lessons are provided and our kids are AMAZING!!!

You might say, "But Amber, I don't know enough. What if the kids ask me a question I don't know the answer to?" Good! I am learning with the kids all the time. Learning about God together is a huge blessing of helping out in the youth area of Peace. Talk to Amber if your are interested.

amber@plcms.org
260-414-8184



Wee Creations Preschool & Daycare

What some of the parents say Wee Creations Does Best!

- Wee Creations has been a huge blessing in our lives. Wee has been a family away from home where we have felt that our children have thrived in a safe, fun, loving, spiritual, educational space. When we hear our kids singing bible songs in the car and see them ace their kindergarten round-up, we can confirm that this was the place for our children. Provide safe care and excellent education. Teachers are great and clearly care about the kids who attend. Very impressed and happy with Wee Creations!
- The education our son receives is apparent in how much he shares with us at home. We are often amazed at what he knows (and we know he learned it at WCM because it is something we hadn't talked about at home). The classroom is inviting with many activities for the children. We always felt comfortable knowing our son was in GREAT hands!
- The staff and teachers are caring and kind. They love kids and it shows in their daily interactions. I love the crafts my child brings home.
- Advocating and supporting children's development
- Communicate, help with resources in the community; Caring and nurturing
- Excellent communication. I am confident that my children's teachers strongly care for their wellbeing offer them comfort when needed. Also, academically, I am impressed with what my child has been provided with!
- My kids have learned so much, even at a young age. I know they are well taken care of while I work and I know their teachers care.
- Creative, fun projects with the kids to help them learn.
- I love the crafts that you do with my child. I love that you take my child outside when the weather is nice. I love when you share photos in the app.
- Professional, Clean & Updated facilities, Security, and Kindergarten Preparedness
- There's too many things WCM does well to list them all!
- Everything 😊

OUTDOOR FUN ALL SUMMER



INDOOR FUN



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

ST. MARTIN'S HEALTHCARE OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING IN NORTHEAST INDIANA

St. Martin's Healthcare offers quality healthcare to those individuals in northeast Indiana without the means to provide for themselves. They provide health and wellness services and mental health counseling services in DeKalb, Noble, Steuben, and LaGrange Counties.

Their mental health counseling provides support in the following areas: anxiety, depression, abuse, stress, and lack of coping skills. If you are in financial need, without medical insurance, or are under-insured, please know you can get help.

For more information,
visit St. Martin's Healthcare website: www.smhcin.org
or call 260-357-0077

SUICIDE PREVENTION EVENT

Peace Lutheran Church's Mental Health Advocates will be hosting a Suicide Prevention Event here at Peace on Tuesday, September 24 from 7:00-9:00pm.

This event is open to everyone and will be an evening of education and awareness. It will feature guest speakers and resources relating to suicide prevention.

More information regarding this event will follow over the next several weeks.

DOVE Tails

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. Isaiah 40:1

Hi, Friends!

Whew, summer's evaporating! My birthday (I LOVE birthdays), greeting little ones at Angola's Early Learning Center, checking on old and new friends at Cameron Hospital... have you seen me in unusual places like Hobby Lobby? I'm likely to pop up to add happiness in all kinds of places (my handlers call it TRAINING but it's on-the-job fun). Our Comfort Dog Team went to our regional conference in Carmel, Indiana emphasizing Spiritual First Aid. That's a big reason why we do this ministry. The family of my special friend, Lois Dehr, wrote this letter to Pastor Jeff sharing how we bandage hurting people with God's love:

"Our mom was not really a "dog person" until very late in her life. She did not have pets growing up and refused her children's requests for a dog . . . Eventually she relented when her youngest child was about eleven. . . Fast forward about 30 years. A few dogs belonging to staff at Golden Years came to her room to visit from time to time, including the dietitian's dog who walked into her room one day and jumped right up on her lap. She adored them all, but Dove was the most special dog to her.

"When the Comfort Dog Ministry was underway, our family was contacted about the possibility of Dove visiting our mom at Golden Years in Fort Wayne. The visit was a positive experience. Mom enjoyed it very much and hoped that Dove would return. As her health declined, our mom always looked forward to and welcomed Dove for visits. Dove's last visit was in March, about six weeks before our mom died. This visit was a true gift for our mom, providing joy, caring, and comfort. She responded and interacted with Dove and had a good day amid some very difficult ones.

"We witnessed first-hand the profound effect Dove had on our mom's well-being. It was a very good day each time Dove visited her. Our family wishes to convey our appreciation for the commitment by Peace Lutheran Church to this ministry, all the time and hard work by Charla and Steve, as well as all those involved in Dove's training and care (and, we are sure, cleaning up after her as well). Thank you! We are endlessly grateful!

The Lois Dehr Family"

See you soon, Special Humans (and consider how YOU can be part of our team)!

Love,
Dove



Lutheran Women in Mission

Peace Represented at District Convention

Members from Peace's LWM recently attended the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Indiana District Convention this past June. Sharon Aldrich, Elaine Elsner, and Rebecca Mann were in attendance with other ladies from the Kendallville Zone.



Rebecca Mann served as the Young Woman Representative and is pictured with Kendallville Zone President LeAnn Leffel.

The theme at convention this year was "Rooted in Christ," based on Ephesians 3:17.



Are you interested in attending the 2025 National Convention?

Are you interested in attending the 2025 LWML National Convention in Omaha, NE but aren't sure how to get there? The LWML Indiana District is offering coach buses to transport members to the convention. The bus will leave from Indianapolis on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 and return Sunday, June 29, 2025.

If the bus is filled, the cost will be approximately \$200 per person. If there are 40 passengers, it will be approximately \$250 per person. The cost is based on the number of people riding.

If you are interested, please contact Emily Rogers, the VP of Conventions, Bus Chairman immediately to express your intent. She may be contacted at:

Emily12rogers6@gmail.com

765-778-7654, home

765-621-2131, cell or text

LWML Kendallville Zone Fall Gathering

St. John's in Kendallville will be hosting the LWML Kendallville Zone Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 21. Registration begins at 8:30am with the program starting at 9:00am. \$5 admission is payable at the door. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. Additional information will follow in the next few weeks.

If you are interested in attending from Peace, carpooling is available! See Sharon Aldrich if interested, or with any questions.



Road Trip



Peace senior members took a bus trip on June 13 to Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater, MI. Members watched the musical revue, "Forever Plaid!" It was great time for all!



HEARTS OF MERCY AND COMPASSION



May was designated Mental Health Advocacy recognition month. The Peace Lutheran Church Hearts of Mercy and Compassion (HMC) team, representing the entire congregation, presented small blue Hearts to four extremely deserving Peace members in recognition of their dedication and service to Peace, our ministries and our community. Cinda Gerbers, Chris Goeglein, and Doug and Luanne Haupt accepted these Hearts as a symbol of our heartfelt appreciation.

Cinda and Chris, as our Mental Health Advocates, create and encourage mental health initiatives, communicate educational opportunities and resources related to mental wellness. They are helping to change the negative stigma related to mental health-related issues.

Doug and Luanne, as our GriefShare facilitators, provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for the 13-week group meetings offered twice a year. They help those grieving the death of a loved one discover what's "normal" in grief and learn helpful ways of coping through the grieving process.

The Heart itself is universal and conveys love. The color blue is the color of hope and the fish a symbol of God's saving grace. The Bible verse Isaiah 40:1, "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God" appeared on the Hearts.



Family Promise has changed their mailing address! It is now:

63 W. Washington St.
Coldwater, MI 49036

As I reflect on Family Promise this past month, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support and generosity shown by our church family. Thank you, Ann and George Griffith, Patti Baals, Tina King, Kay Schulz, Jill Crosby, Sandy Heilman, Connie Sweeney, and Phyllis Hall for preparing the meals and Tom and Cinda Gerbers for safely delivering them to Family Promise! We were also blessed with a monetary gift which enabled us to buy food and pans! Please know that these contributions, along with the power of prayer have made a significant impact on this mission.

Our next time to serve will be September 16th.

My heartfelt thanks,
Luanne



What is GriefShare?

For over 25 years, GriefShare has been helping people find comfort after the loss of a loved one.

GriefShare is a 13-week program to help those discover what to expect and what is "normal" in grief. This support group also teaches helpful ways of coping with grief in a safe and welcoming environment.

Peace Lutheran Church will offer GriefShare classes on Tuesdays at 6:30pm beginning August 13. Classes will continue here at Peace through the end of October. Facilitators for this session will be Lois Susin and Luanne Haupt.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding GriefShare, or if you would like to pre-register, please contact Luanne Haupt at 260-639-7339.

GriefShare®

Grief
**Support
Group**



PEACE BLOOD DRIVE

The Next Peace Lutheran Blood Drive is
Wednesday, October 2
1:00pm-5:00pm

Help save a life.

Schedule your
blood donation
appointment today.



This blood drive will be held
here at Peace in our newly remodeled
Fellowship Hall.



Dear Fellow Peace Members,

thanks
you

I wish to sincerely thank all of you who sent me cards of well wishes and prayers during my recent back surgery and current recovery. Your kind thoughts and your prayers have been very uplifting during this time. My wish that is we all continue to pray and support all of our congregational community in our call and mission to spread Christ's love and salvation to the world around us.

Also, many thanks to Pastor Teeple for his hospital visit and call to check on me.

God's blessings!
Rick Kirkton

Dear Pastor Jeff Teeple and Peace Lutheran Congregation,

Terry and I thank you immeasurably for warmly receiving us into your midst after our move from Texas four years ago. With words, inquiries, hugs, cards, and countless prayers you have upheld us as we ministered to Mom, Joy Hasbrouck. She has passed into new life. Know you have been God's hands, feet, and voice to us in many ways and we deeply appreciate your support. We are so thankful and blessed because God sent us to you!

With love and appreciation,
Terry and Leslie Ann Engle

Thank
you



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Your Stephen Leaders are simple folks who have a heart for caring, and a vision to expand the pastoral care of Peace Lutheran Church. We do this so that Christ's healing can come to those facing life's many challenges. With that vision we need to equip more men and women as Stephen Ministers, who listen, offer a caring presence, and provide both emotional and spiritual support.

Now, 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 to God, who uses the gifts of caring that He has already planned for you to minister to another person in need.

Speak with a Stephen Leader for more details!

Peace Leadership Team: Rick Kirkton, Ellen Luepke, Pastor Jeff Teeple

MEAL PACKING EVENT

We will once again be a part of a Feed My Starving Children Meal Pack Event on Thursday, August 22 from 12:30-2:30. Volunteers will head to Michiana Event Center in Shipshewana and pack nutritious meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. We will take the church bus for those who desire transportation. Any questions please see Pastor Teeple.

Sign-up sheet will be available in the kitchen.

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



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, August will focus on lunch items such as:

- peanut butter
- jelly
- applesauce
- pudding cups
- raisins
- fruit snacks
- snack crackers such as Goldfish or Teddy Grahams

 **ACTSFW**
FOOD & CLOTHING CO-OP



August

BIRTHDAYS

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| 8/1 | Dean Meridew Gail Rhoades Jackie Richter | 8/20 | Kara Frastaci |
| 8/2 | Peter Keck | 8/22 | Joyce Schuller Jennifer Shirey Daryl Fortuna |
| 8/4 | Dave Clary | 8/23 | Owen Ross |
| 8/5 | Delores Ward | 8/25 | Thom Horton |
| 8/6 | Dyer Ball | 8/27 | Jim Miller Linda Emch |
| 8/8 | Donna Burkholder Rod Olson | 8/28 | Ken Frenger |
| 8/9 | Adam Brown | 8/29 | Marie Lahnum |
| 8/10 | Judy Hieber Rick Hanke Alex Lahnum | 8/30 | James Ross Aiden Koch |
| 8/14 | Jerry Lake Donna Cooper | | |
| 8/16 | Shirley Etzler Maddie Toigo | | |
| 8/19 | Kay Schulz | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 8/1/1965 | Al & Inge Hermann |
| 8/1/1998 | Jon & Sarah Koch |
| 8/4/1979 | Jeff & Cindy Wilson |
| 8/6/1966 | Don & Ellen Luepke |
| 8/6/1966 | Ralph & Diana Traycoff |
| 8/7/1993 | Dave & Michelle Armstrong |
| 8/8/1964 | Fred & Bonnie Schlegel |
| 8/11/1979 | Andrew & Chris Goeglein |
| 8/14/1998 | Dan & Marla Toigo |
| 8/14/1999 | Curt & Kelly Shelburne |
| 8/14/2010 | Jeff & Cathy Frastaci |
| 8/14/2010 | Bill & Roxanne Metzger |
| 8/14/1977 | Tom & Sandy Crabill |
| 8/21/1965 | Bert & Kay Schulz |
| 8/23/1964 | George & Anne Griffith |
| 8/23/1969 | Mike & Leslie Carr |
| 8/23/1986 | Mark & Jean Bienz |
| 8/27/2005 | Adam & Ashley Brown |
| 8/27/1960 | Ken & Kay Donaldson |
| 8/29/1989 | Phil & Barbara Ellis |
| 8/29/2009 | Shane & Hilary Ross |
| 8/30/2002 | Terry & Leslie Engle |
| 8/31/1970 | Mick & Cindy Wiebke |



Altar Flowers

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| 8/4 | Jim & Missy Thiele |
| 8/11 | Curt & Kelly Shelburne |
| 8/20 | Andy & Chris Goeglein |
| 8/25 | Kenny & Kay Donaldson |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>28</p> <p>8am - Worship/HC 10am - Worship 2pm - Rudolph</p> | <p>29</p> <p>5:45pm - Scouts-Gym 6:30pm - Worship</p> | <p>30</p> <p>10am - WCM Chapel</p> | <p>31</p> <p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 5:30pm - Pickleball</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> <p>WCM closed-staff training</p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p>4</p> <p>8am - Worship 10am - Worship/HC</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10am - Women's Study 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship/HC</p> | <p>6</p> <p>10am - WCM Chapel</p> | <p>7</p> <p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 5:30pm - Pickleball</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>8am - Worship/HC 10am - Worship</p> | <p>12</p> <p>12pm - Elders Mtg 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship</p> | <p>13</p> <p>10am - WCM Chapel 6:30pm - BOD Mtg. 6:30pm - GriefShare</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 11am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - Pickleball</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>8am - Worship 10am - Worship/HC</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10am - Women's Study 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship/HC</p> | <p>20</p> <p>10am - WCM Chapel 4pm - CD Mtg 6:30pm - GriefShare</p> | <p>21</p> <p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 5:30pm - Pickleball 6pm - Handbells</p> | <p>22</p> <p>12:30pm - Feed My Children</p> | <p>23</p> <p>10am - SM Superv.</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>8am - Worship/HC 10am - Worship</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Peace Anniversary 1983 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship</p> | <p>27</p> <p>10am - WCM Chapel 6:30pm - GriefShare</p> | <p>28</p> <p>9:30am - Sewing Sisters 5:30pm - Pickleball</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> |