

A Letter from Pastor Teeple

Dear friends in Christ,

September brings the start of Fall on the 22nd with the autumnal equinox. Summer has passed quickly! But this month brings with it a sense of renewal and fresh beginnings. This is a time of change and growth, both in the world around us and within our church family. I am filled with hope and excitement as we step into this new season together, confident that God's hand is guiding us every step of the way.

This month also marks the beginning of our Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes. These gatherings are more than just opportunities to learn—they are chances to deepen our relationships with one another and with our Lord. I encourage everyone, young and old, to participate. Whether you are a child eager to explore Bible stories or an adult seeking to grow in your faith, there is a place for you. Let's be a congregation who comes together to study, share, and support each other as we journey through God's Word.

September also sees the completion of our Building Campaign – Praise the Lord! What a remarkable journey it has been! Through your prayers, generosity, and hard work, we have reached this milestone. The improvements to our facilities will enhance our ability to serve both our congregation and our community for years to come. This is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together with faith and perseverance. We plan to have a dedication of the new building on Sunday, September 8 in between the worship services!

I am also thrilled to once again welcome our new Associate Pastor, Pastor Rudolph. His presence is a blessing, and I am confident that he will bring new energy and insights to our ministry. I ask that you continue to warmly welcome him and his family into our congregation, as we continue to Praise and Proclaim, Learn and Love, Care and Celebrate in service to our Lord.

With all the changes in the world around us, in our congregation, and in our personal lives – amid ALL these exciting changes – one thing remains constant:

God, who is the Source of our faith. In a world that often feels uncertain, our faith in Jesus Christ is the rock upon which we stand. It is this unwavering faith that will sustain us through every season of life, both the joys and the challenges.

As we move forward into this new season, let's do so with hearts full of hope, trusting in God's plan for our church and our lives. Together, we are building a future rooted in faith, love, and community. As St. Paul says, "God causes the growth!"

May God bless each of you richly this September and in the months to come. All peace to you in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Jeff Teeple

A Letter from Pastor Rudolph

God's peace to all of you in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ! It has been five months since I received the call to Peace Lutheran, and I am sure you have already heard bits and pieces about me, my family, and my background. To give you a greater context of the family which has been brought into your midst by the Lord's call, I will use this first newsletter entry as an introduction to the Rudolph family.

I was born and baptized in Waseca, Minnesota in 1996 and later confirmed at my home congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church in 2011. I graduated high school in 2015 and moved to Fargo, North Dakota to study Mathematics with the goal of becoming a math professor. There, I progressed through the Mathematics, Statistics, and Economics Departments, graduating with a double-major in Mathematics and Statistics as well as a degree in Economics.

During the summers, I worked at an LCMS summer camp in southern Minnesota called Camp Omega. While there, I taught bible studies and led devotions, along with the typical camp activities and developed a passion for teaching the Christian faith. Through this and my college campus ministry I was encouraged to apply for and enter the Master of Divinity program at the seminary in Fort Wayne.

While working at camp, I met Tirzah (Dolde), whom I later married on March 5th, 2022. Tirzah's family is from Fort Wayne and still lives there. She was baptized and confirmed at Concordia Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She went to Concordia Lutheran School for grade school and Concordia Lutheran High School (both of which Pastor Teeple also attended!), where she graduated in 2016. She then went to Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin where she earned a degree in social work. She worked as an activities coordinator at Lutheran Life Villages in the skilled nursing division. She switched vocations to be a full-time mom to our son Ezra. They have been loving their time together ever since!

The next great date in our lives was July 28th, 2024, when I was ordained and installed as your Pastor here at Peace. What a great and exciting blessing it is to join you in praising our Lord and Savior together as one voice! I will be praying for all of you, and I ask that you pray for me and my family as well, as we live our Christian lives together in the light of Christ's love!

PEACE RESOURCES

We welcome you to join us for Sunday Worship!

online and in-person Sundays: 8:00am

> 10:30am in-person

Mondays: 6:30pm in-person

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 from Pastor Teeple regarding church updates.

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





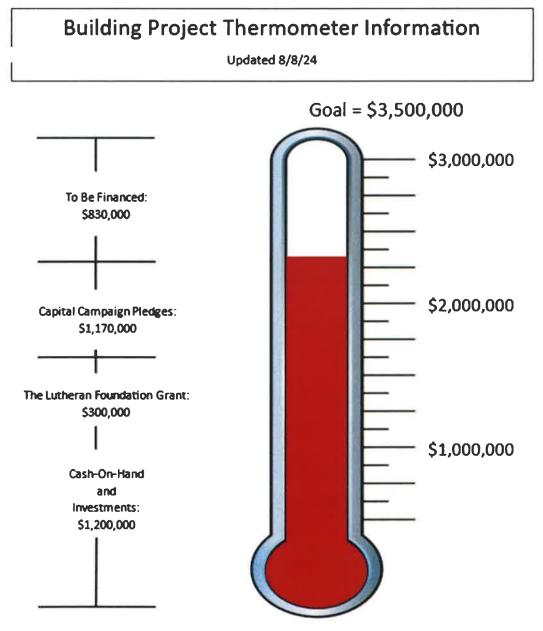
RightNow Media - Please remember all the resources that are available to you and your family free of charge through RightNow Media! It is a clearinghouse of videos, Bible studies, and podcasts that help you grow in your faith toward God and love for others! If you haven't signed up (and even if you have!) 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@picms.org

Building Project Update

Flooring and trim work has been completed. AV installation is wrapping up and crews are putting the finishing touches on the new facility. Soon our new office suite and new classrooms in Wee Creations will be up and running!



Breakdown of Funds Received (68.7% Complete):

- \$1,200,000 from Congregation (100% complete)
- \$ 300,000 from The Lutheran Foundation (100% complete)
- \$ 717,096 from Pledges (61.2% complete)
- \$ 114,247 non-Pledged/over and beyond pledge amt to reduce financing
- \$ 72,960 toward Matching Mortgage Reduction Campaign
- \$ 642,793 needed for financing

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS



SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Starting September 8th, Sunday worship times change to 8:00am and 10:30am. Monday evening service will remain at 6:30pm.

Starting Sunday, September 15th
Adult Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School will be at 9:15am.



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

Congregational Voters' Assembly Meeting will be on the second Sunday in September. This year, that date is set for September 8 at 9:15am, between the services.

Check your Sunday News and Announcements sheet for more detailed information.

The Church office and Wee Creations will be closed

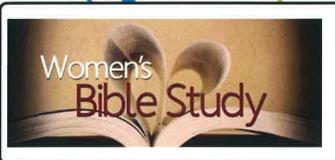
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in observance of Labor Day.





Join us September 8 between services, after our Voters' Assembly, for the dedication of our new facility!

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION



Women's Bible Study kicks off for the season Monday, September 16, at 10am. We dig deep into Scripture, encouraging one another in our faith, and enjoying Christian fellowship together. Please contact Mary Anne Hibbard for more information, by email mhibbard@plcms.org or cell phone 586.764.3561.

Weekly Adult Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 12, at 9:30am.



OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



Do you like to sing? Have an interest in ringing handbells?

Choirs begin again with rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18. Handbells rehearse at 6pm and Peace (vocal) Choir at 7pm. Please contact Mary Anne Hibbard for more information, by email mhibbard@plcms.org or cell phone 586.764.3561.

Making a joyful noise to the Lord!

The Hospitality sign-up sheet for the Fall/Winter season is now available for those interested in providing snacks between Sunday worship services. Four dozen cookies, coffee cake or doughnuts are needed by 8:45am each week.

You can find the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEACE?



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting families in need, Peace Lutheran will again be supplying meals to Family Promise during the week of September 16th. In the coming weeks, more details about how you might participate in this meaningful effort will be included in the newsletter and a sign-up sheet will hopefully be found in our NEW remodeled narthex! How exciting! Thank you for being a part of this important cause! Together, we can help families in our community build a brighter future.

Please call Luanne Haupt (260-639-7339) for needed info.



Grief Support Group

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

GriefShare is a support group designed to help grieving adults with the loss of a loved one. Peace Lutheran provides a safe and understanding environment where participants can find support and healing. Sessions began August 13th and will continue for the following 13 weeks (Tuesdays 6:30 PM), offering a place to connect with others who are also journeying thru grief. We welcome friends anytime during their walk, whether it be the first week or the 12th week.

Each session includes a video seminar featuring grief recovery experts, group discussions, and personal reflection! Whether you are newly grieving or have been dealing with loss for a while, GriefShare can provide the encouragement you need in a Christian atmosphere, here at Peace.

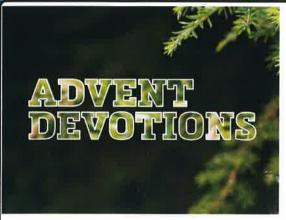
If you are grieving, or know of someone who is, please call Lois Susin (440-610-0814 or Luanne Haupt (260-639-7339) for more information.



Peace Lutheran Blood Drive

September 25th
1:00pm-5:00pm
Please use our west
entrance.

Visit redcrossblood.org to set up an appointment.



2024 Advent/Christmas Devotion Book God is Calling You!

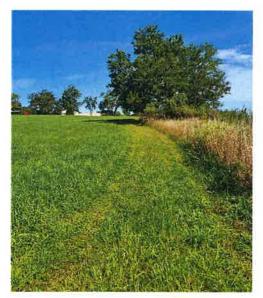
As "Friendly People Growing in Christ - Called to Praise and Proclaim, Learn and Love, Care and Celebrate," He is inviting you to be in ministry to friends and neighbors in our community as we prepare a devotional booklet for the 2024 Christmas season as a way to prepare for celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Our need is you! Are you willing to accept God's call to

write a short devotion for the booklet? The emphasis this year centers on "The Holy Family and the Family Made Holy." There probably are reflections, memories or traditions that help(ed) your family keep the Christ-child at the center of Christmas.

Helpful guidelines and procedures along with samples will be shared with you and we are here to provide help, support, and encouragement. We hope you will join us in preparing this gift to the community. Please send an email message to Don Luepke at donluepke@juno.com by Sunday, September 1. expressing your interest and to find out more about being a part of this "one-time" ministry. Or you can also provide the necessary information on a sign up sheet at the Information Desk at the West entrance. We will indeed all grow together in Christ and rejoice in your consideration.

Mary Anne Hibbard, Leslie Ann Engle, Gay Kirkton, Don Luepke





PEACE'S WALKING PATH

Did you know that Peace owns 40 acres of ground? We own the field behind the church and the field to the East of the church.

If you did know that we own that ground, it is likely that you just view it as a hayfield. But, did you also know that there is a mowed path all around the perimeter of the field? The path can be used anytime for walking, running, meditation, prayer, cross country skiing or nature viewing. It is so beautiful in the back near the lake. If you complete the whole perimeter of both fields, it about 1.7 miles. The field to the East is mostly flat terrain, the field behind church is more challenging with hills and valleys. This path is a great way to exercise your physical body, take a mental break and spend time connecting with our Lord and Savior. We encourage you to park out by the Pavillion and enjoy God's creation anytime!

Peace Youth

Welcome Back to YOU!

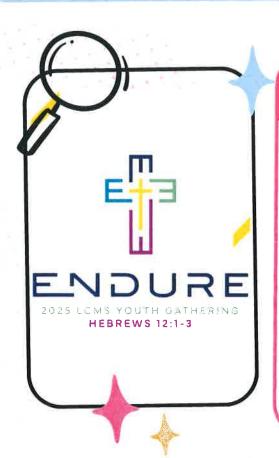
We are so excited to see your smiling faces and hear your voices as we sing, play, and learn together about God! Teens, I know it will be more like your yawns and bedhead...but I am still very excited to see you too!

Join us on Sunday, September 15th from 9:15-10:15 A.M. as we kick off the year.

Pre-K through elementary will meet in the normal Sunday School hallway. Students in grades 6-12 will be in the youth loft in the gym. Bonus points if you bring a friend!

Ways you can be involved...

- Volunteer on our Youth Council (teens).
- Help with Sunday School (adults).
- Join our events (both)
- Pray for our kids and families



LCMS National Youth Gathering News

Our first parent meeting was held on August 25th to talk about details for this summer's National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans. If you were unable to attend, get ahold of Amber for more info.

Registrations are being mailed in on Nov. 1st! That ensures us the lowest cost on attendance fees. You may register after that date, but I cannot guarantee space after the initial date.

I will send out the presentation from the meeting on Remind for those who are eligible to attend.











Our new playgrounds are both playgrounds receiving big thumbs up from the kids and teachers!! Thank you!!











SEVEN REASONS TO CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER

Is God calling you to become a Stephen Minister?

In Stephen Ministry, members of our congregation are trained and equipped to meet once a week, one to one, with someone going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers provide a caring presence, a listening ear, and comforting words—supporting care receivers throughout their journey.

There are many reasons people become Stephen Ministers. Here are a few to think about as you prayerfully consider whether Stephen Ministry is the right place for you to serve.

As a Stephen Minister you will...

- 1. Make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting. They offer car, support, and encouragement, connecting hurting people with Christ's healing love during some of the hardest times in their lives.
- 2. Help our congregation ensure that no one suffers alone.
- 3. Learn what to say and do—and what NOT to say and do—to care effectively for people who are suffering.
- 4. Be involved in meaningful ministry that uses your spiritual gifts. These include faith, mercy, compassion, and encouragement.
- 5. Deepen your faith as you see God at work through your ministry.
- 6. Be part of a group of caring Christians who support each other as they care for those who are hurting. (See the pictures of our group at work in Supervision).
- 7. Join a worldwide tradition of caring ministry.

For more information about serving as a Stephen Minister at Peace, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Ellen Luepke, Rick Kirkton, or Pastor Teeple.





Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend Donation Day Tuesday, October 8, 2024 on the campus of Concordia Theological

6600 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Seminary

Donation Day has been an annual tradition at Concordia Theological Seminary since it was started on the Springfield campus in the early 1900s. For over 100 years, women from congregations near and far have collected donations of food and clothing for our students and their families and brought them to the Seminary.

The tradition continues in 2024, hosted by The Seminary Guild.

Spend a morning on campus: drop off donations, tour the Food and Clothing Co-ops, worship in Kramer Chapel, learn how congregations and LWML groups are supporting the work, and eat lunch with other guests and students in the Dining Hall. Lunch is available for \$12 per person, payable at morning registration.

To reserve your space, RSVP by Friday, September 27, to Phyllis Thieme (semguild@ctsfw.edu OR (260) 485-0209.

Questions? Need more info? Contact Elaine Elsner (260)336-9520.



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, September will focus on baby items such as:

- baby food
- wipes
- baby cereal
- diaper rash cream
- tear free baby shampoo
- baby body wash

DOVE Tales

Hi, Friends!

Welcome, Pastor Jared, Tirzah and Ezra Rudolph!!! Wow, summer flew away faster than fireflies! Still, last month was busy with training in our community, Cameron Hospital visits, Grief Share, church, and our regional LCC Comfort Dog Ministry conference in Carmel, Indiana. Silly me, my handlers sure put me through my paces just when I thought I was on vacation with all the other comfort dogs! My handlers and ministry partners who went were learning and sharing, too.

They earned certificates after passing the Spiritual First Aid exam.



See you Sunday!

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Dove



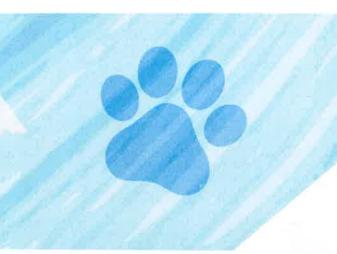
















An Evening of SUICIDE PREVENTION AND HEALING

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JILL GOEGLEIN
Suicide Loss Survivor



CAROLE TERKULA

Deaconess and Ministry Associate

The Lutheran Foundation

Peace Lutheran Church and its Mental Health Advocates invite you to a free, informational evening regarding suicide awareness, prevention, and healing.

Guest speakers for this event will share their knowledge, provide educational resources, and offer fellowship and encouragement to all attendees.

Please join us as we work together to bring awareness and erase the stigma of this serious mental health issue.



SHEA BUSCH
Marriage and Family Therapist
Cross Connections



CLINTON FAUPEL
Co-Founder and Executive Director
RemedyLIVE

Peace Lutheran Church 355 E State Rd 120

Fremont, IN

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

7:00PM 9:00PM

Candlelight Ceremony for Suicide Loss

Join Stop Suicide Northeast Indiana to remember loved ones who have been lost to suicide and to support one another.

Event will include remembrance activities, a speaker, and music.

New Location

September 5th, 2024 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. West Swinney Park - Pavilion Fort Wayne, IN

Registration is strongly encouraged to receive updates



https://bit.ly/suicidelossceremony2024

Although this event is free, donations are always welcome.











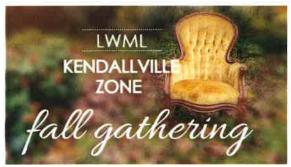




An extraordinary day for Lutheran Women in Mission, and it only comes around ONCE a year! It is a day of giving wherein the women and men of LWML are invited to donate to our Mission Grant Goal in honor of someone who has made a difference in their lives.

And now, we are extending the invitation to you!

On **Sunday, August 25, September 1** and **September 8**, you will have the opportunity to help Lutheran Women in Mission raise funds for mission grant recipients. Peace Lutheran will be participating on this day by collecting and directing our gifts toward WORSHIP ANEW. If you would like to participate in this, donations may be placed in the wooden box in the narthex.



LWML KENDALLVILLE ZONE FALL GATHERING
Saturday, September 21, 2024
Registration starts at 8:30am, Programs
St. John Lutheran Church
Kendallville, IN
\$5 admission, payable at the door

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.

This year's guest speaker is Sergiu Trifa, a second-year seminary student from Romania. As the Russian-Ukrainian war started, Sergiu was eager to help as a volunteer, but what he thought would be one or two weeks of volunteering, developed into a project that lasted 13 months and has helped over 25.000 Ukrainians. His presentation is titled "The Fleeing of the Innocent: Mission Work Amidst the War."

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



On Thursday evening, Oct. 17, Peace's Lutheran Women in Mission will gather to plan for the upcoming year! Bring your ideas for ways we can be in service to our congregation, our area, and the world, spreading the news and sharing reminders of the love Christ Jesus has for us! Come at 6:30 p.m. for devotions, planning, and a craft project.

September

Birthdays

9/1	Richard Hullinger	9/18
9/2	Jodie Burelison	9/19
	Catelyn McNamara	
	Travis Vonderau	
9/3	Elaine Elsner	9/21
9/4	Patti Baals	9/22
	Hope Korte	
9/5	Judy Jackson	9/23
	Linda Edgar	
	Jeff Parrish	
	Jeff Wilson	9/24
	Julie Uetrecht	
9/6	Gage King	
9/7	Sandy Crabill	9/26
	Carol Glusenkamp	
	Layla Hagerty	9/27
9/8	Barbara Wagner	9/29
	Lisa Bauer	9/30
9/9	Dave Panning	
9/13	Terry Engle	
	Susan Fisher	
9/15	Susan Lovell	
9/16	Steve Cygan	
	Jeanette Meridew	
	Scott Miller	
9/17	Eunice Hoover	
	Jack Burkholder	
	Terry Edgar	
	Hilary Ross	

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9/18	Alice Zielke
9/19	Max Tynan
	Bruce Yerks
	Mick Wiebke
9/21	Alan Korte
9/22	Joshua Frastaci
	Joe Thomas
9/23	Fred Schlegel
	Judy McCrea
	Fred Schlegel
9/24	Mark Bienz
	Bill Sumney
	Ann Clark
9/26	Josey Korte
	Brayden Baas
9/27	Barbara Ellis
9/29	Cameron McGee

Terry Dalrymple

Anniversaries

9/1/2012	Brad & Michelle Fincher
9/2/1976	Doug & Luanne Haupt
9/3/2017	Kelly & Deb Johnson
9/13/1980	Ken & Linda Louth
9/13/1980	Joe & Sally Mowrey
9/15/1973	Steve & Charla Cygan
9/18/1965	Mel & Sandy Hathaway
9/19/1953	Don & Janet Ahlersmeyer
9/19/1998	Brian & Shannon King
9/24/1983	Jeff & Julie Uetrecht
9/25/2021	Grant & Jill Goeglein
9/28/1985	Chuck & Jill Crosby
9/28/2013	James & Erin Ross

Altar Flowers

9/01/2024 Jerry & Linda Lake

9/08/2024 Karla Cordes

9/15/2024 Don & Ellen Luepke

9/22/2024 Brian & Shannon King

9/29/2024 Chuck & Jill Crosby

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