

# **PEACE RESOURCES**

We welcome you to join us for Sunday Worship!

Sundays: 8:00am online and in-person

10:30am in-person

Mondays: 6:30pm in-person

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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@plcms.org

# A Letter from Pastor Teeple

### Dear friends,

The month of November invites us to pause, reflect, and give thanks. As the trees shed their final leaves and the days grow shorter, our hearts turn toward Thanksgiving — a holiday that encourages gratitude for life's blessings. But for us, as Christians, thanksgiving is not confined to a single day or a fleeting season. Our gratitude flows from the steadfast love of God, who calls us to give thanks in all circumstances, knowing that His mercy is constant and unfailing.

Psalm 136 beautifully frames our expressions of gratitude, with its repeated refrain: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." This refrain is more than just a poetic phrase; it is a deep truth about God's character. The Lord's goodness does not waver with our circumstances, and His love is not dependent on our feelings or achievements. Through joy and sorrow, abundance and hardship, we can rest in the knowledge that God's love endures forever.

What might it look like to cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving in our daily lives? Giving thanks can be as simple as pausing to appreciate a beautiful sunrise, offering a prayer of thanks before (and after!) a meal, or expressing kindness toward those around us. When we learn to see God's hand in both small moments and great blessings, our hearts become more open to His presence. Gratitude is a gift — it grounds us in the reality of God's unchanging love and lifts our hearts above the anxieties of life.

### Finding Peace in a Chaotic World

Along with the call to give thanks, November often brings another reality that can stir anxiety: elections. In this season, the airwaves are filled with campaign ads, debates, and discussions. Many feel the weight of uncertainty, and it is easy to become overwhelmed by the noise and division. But as citizens of Christ's kingdom, we are invited to approach this time differently.

Yes, we have a responsibility to engage thoughtfully in civic life — to vote, to pray for our leaders, and to act justly. Yet, our ultimate hope does not rest in any political party or elected official. It rests in Jesus, our Prince of Peace. His reign is eternal, and His promises do not change with the shifting winds of politics. When the world feels unsettled, Christ offers us a peace that is beyond understanding — a peace that quiets the heart even when the future seems uncertain.

As people of faith, we are called to be salt and light in the world, demonstrating a different way to live. Instead of nervousness, we choose stability in Christ. Instead of outrage, we show grace. Instead of despair, we hold onto hope. During this election season, we must be mindful of our words and actions, reflecting the peace and love of Christ to all we encounter. And above all, let us pray: for our nation, for our leaders, and for the peace of God to reign in our hearts and in the world.

### Honoring Our Veterans

November also offers us the opportunity to express gratitude for the men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces. Veterans Day, observed on November 11, is

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a reminder that freedom is not free — it comes through the dedication and sacrifice of those willing to serve.

To the veterans in our congregation and community: Thank you. Your commitment to protect and defend others reflects the very heart of service that Jesus demonstrated when He came not to be served but to serve. Whether you served in peacetime or wartime, at home or abroad, your sacrifice has made a difference. We honor the courage you displayed and the burdens you carried, many of which are unseen.

We also remember to pray for those currently serving in the military, along with their families. May God grant them strength, protection, and peace. And for those veterans carrying the weight of trauma or loss, may they find healing and hope in the One who binds up the brokenhearted and gives rest to the weary.

### A Heart Full of Thanksgiving

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, I encourage you to take time to reflect on God's blessings. It can be helpful to make a gratitude list — a simple practice of writing down the people, moments, and gifts that you are thankful for. Sometimes the act of listing our blessings opens our eyes to just how present God has been in our lives.

Perhaps this season finds you in a place of joy, surrounded by family and friends. Or maybe this Thanksgiving will be harder — marked by an empty chair at the table, an unexpected loss, or unresolved challenges. Wherever you find yourself, know that God's love is with you always. His mercy never ends, and His presence is a constant comfort.

This month, I pray that you experience the fullness of God's peace and the depth of His love. In a world that often feels hurried and chaotic, we endeavor to be a people who slow down to notice God's goodness, give thanks in every circumstance, and rest in the peace that only Christ can give.

In Christ's love and peace, Pastor Jeff Teeple







# A Letter from Pastor Rudolph

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to Thee we raise... This wonderful song of the Epiphany Season speaks to us this November as well, as we celebrate the major feasts of All Saints Day, the end of the Church Year, and, obviously, Thanksgiving too. As we give thanks for all the blessings God has given us in life, we sing with the songwriter the final verse: Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, present in Thy holy Word—Grace to imitate Thee now and be pure, as pure art Thou; That we might become like Thee at Thy great epiphany and may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

What a beautiful witness the Gospel! God has manifested Himself in human flesh and come to be with us. Jesus came to grant us grace through His life, death, and resurrection! From the Father through Christ and His Holy Spirit in us, God delivers this grace to each of us through His Word in Scripture! Each time we meditate on God's Word, whether we are alone at home or with the rest of the Church in worship and Bible Study, God reveals Himself to us. He teaches us and guides us in the right ways to live so that we can "imitate" Christ in our lives, being Christ to all we interact with in life. The "Word" is the means by which the Holy Spirit gives faith, works faith, encourages faith, and sustains faith. The Gospel is the power by which the Christian lives and breathes.

Further, it is the power by which the Christian is revived, the very power of the resurrection! So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17). It is by the Word of Christ that Ezekiel raised the valley of dry bones to life. It is by the Word of Christ that Lazarus was raised from the dead. It was by the Word of Christ, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, that you were raised to new life in Baptism. Each time you hear the Word of Christ God reveals Himself, His work, and His will to you. For this reason, we Christians are lifelong learners. There is no time when we complete God's "training course." We have confirmation rather than graduation because Christian education begins from the new birth of Baptism and ends at death in the One True Faith.

Our church and school do such a great job of testifying to this through the teaching of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at Wee Creations! Each and every day these children hear the Gospel and listen to God's Word. We should all strive for this commitment to education, even after preschool, for Christianity means lifelong learning. It includes lifelong education through devotions at home with our families. It includes lifelong education through weekly Bible studies we participate in. It includes lifelong education through our worship services, where God speaks His Word of Forgiveness to us constantly: in the Absolution, in the Readings, in the Message, and in the Lord's Supper. Let us rejoice in this lifelong learning, where our faith is strengthened all our life long through God's Word and teaching! *Grant us grace to see Thee Lord—present in Thy holy Word!* 

**Pastor Jared Rudolph** 



# Worship for the 2024 Holiday Season at Peace Lutheran Church

Gathering with friends and family always makes the holidays more festive. So does worship at Peace Lutheran! We invite you to mark your calendars for the upcoming weeks so that worship during Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas doesn't get lost.

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 27
   6:30pm (w/ Holy Communion)
- "Advent by Candlelight" Wednesday, December 4
  - 6:30pm (our Wednesday evening Advent Vesper services begin with "Advent by Candlelight.")
- Mid-Week Advent Vespers Wednesdays, December 11 and 18
   6:30pm
- Christmas Eve Worship Tuesday, December 24
  - 5:00pm Family Worship
  - 8:00pm Candlelight Worship (w/ Holy Communion)
- Combined Sunday Worship Service Sunday, December 29
  - 9:00am (only one service)
- New Year's Eve Worship Tuesday, December 31
  - 6:30pm Worship (w/Holy Communion)



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.

## END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like a contribution to be included in your 2024 giving statement, please ensure the contribution is dated and received by the church by December 31, 2024. Unfortunately, contributions received after this date will be on next year's statement.

If you need to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA or retirement plan, your RMD can be given as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Peace Lutheran Church and will not be taxable to you. SOMETHING NEW:

We can now accept gifts of publicly traded investments into our Raymond James account. Please contact Kristin McGee for account details if this is of interest to you.



The Food Co-Op at Concordia Theological Seminary is open to all seminary students and their families. Food and household items are available to these families at no charge. Students volunteer service time for the privilege of shopping. The Food Co-Op is set up like a small grocery store.

Peace members may contribute donations to the Food Co-op by placing items in the blue bucket under the mailboxes in the West Lobby.

This month's donation wish list items are items specifically requested by students:

- Peanut butter
- hand soap
- gluten-free food items
- diapers in sizes 2 through 5





Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition
Give Blood

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

## Peace Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall 355 E State Rd 120 Fremont

> December 4, 2024 1:00pm-5:00pm

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS



Did you know Peace Lutheran Church will be featured on Worship Anew?

Worship Anew will feature Peace's stained glass windows and a drone's view of our sanctuary. Visit www.worshipanew.org on November 24 to catch a glimpse our facility.



# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BUS TRIP ITINERARY INFORMATION

Peace Lutheran Church will be taking a coach bus from Peace on Tuesday, November 19 and travel to Frankenmuth, MI. We plan to depart from our parking lot at about 7:00am and return approximately 7:00pm the same day.

Cost for this trip is \$130 per person. Cost includes coach bus, a light snack during morning travel, and lunch and gratuity at Zehnder's Restaurant.

We need a minimum of 30 people for the trip to proceed. Payment is due at time of sign-up. However, we will hold the payment until the required number is met. (In the unfortunate chance we do not receive 30 registrants, the trip will be cancelled and payment will be returned.)

Planned stops for this trip include:

Bronner's Christmas Wonderland

Zehnder's Restaurant

St. Lorenz Lutheran Church

Additionally, we will stop for an "on your own" fast food dinner on our ride home.

If you have any questions, please call the church office or Pastor Teeple. Sign-up sheet is located on the information desk in the East Lobby.







As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the abundance we have and the importance of sharing our abundance with those in need. We, here at Peace, are honored to partner with Family Promise **November 18-22** to provide meals for families experiencing homelessness.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I invite you to join in practicing "Thankful Giving"—an opportunity to show gratitude by sharing with others. Just as we gather around our tables to celebrate with loved ones, we can extend that warmth and generosity to families in our community who are struggling. Providing meals is more than just offering food; it's about offering hope, love, and a sense of belonging during difficult times.

I, too, am thankful... as Connie
Sweeney will be sitting in for me during
our November giving. Her information
will be listed on the sign up sheet which
can be found on the east entrance desk.
Thank you for helping in this "Thankful
Giving"! -Luanne



Surviving

Grief@Share

Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season.

### Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Date & time
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024
1:30pm-3:30pm
and 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location
Peace Lutheran Church
355 E State Road 120
Fremont, IN 46737

Facilitator: Lois Susin 440-610-0814 ljsusin@gmail.com

griefshare.org/holidays

HOLD MY HAND... let me lead you through this valley. Here are my ARMS... let ME carry your pain. Here are MY shoulders... let ME be the one you lean on. Rest in ME, precious child.

Jesus wants to remind you that God is holding you in His heart and in His hands and it's part of His gentle, loving plan to EPHEN keep you there ALWAYS!

It is also part of His plan at Peace Lutheran Church to have specially trained men and women who are standing ready to be His heart and hands, in the flesh, to walk along side of you as you may be having a rough time navigating through a difficult time in your life. You do not need to battle whatever kind of stress you are experiencing alone.

Please speak with our pastors or Stephen Ministry leaders to learn how this ministry might be a blessing in your life.



# Will you join us? A MUSIC MINISTRY AT PEACE PRAISE TEAM



In June of 2022, Peace Lutheran Church gathered a Praise Team to assist the congregation with worship songs and to incorporate into our worship services contemporary Christian praise selections accompanied by live music. The mission of our praise team is to glorify God and edify the people of Peace through the gift of music in our worship services. What are some of the elements of this ministry?

- Under the direction of Judy Scharpenberg, the Praise Team consists of an ensemble of instruments and singers (e.g., piano, guitar, drum).
- The **Praise Team** provides worship songs and contemporary praise music with live accompaniment for 10:00am/10:30am Sunday worship services as scheduled and each of the 6:30pm Monday evening worship services.
- The **Praise Team** provides not only leadership of congregational singing but also special contemporary praise selections.
- The **Praise Team** practices primarily on Mondays from 5:30pm to 6:15pm and periodically on a Sunday from 12noon 2:00pm.
- Members can choose to be a part of the Sunday morning Praise Team, the Monday night Praise Team, or both.

CONTACT JUDY SCHARPENBERG (260-248-1166) TO BECOME A PART OF THE PEACE LUTHERAN PRAISE TEAM!



On Sunday, November 17, 2024 we will be having our annual SHOEBOX PACKING EVENT!!

This will happen in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour!

We need volunteers for drop off days to accept boxes when they come in!
Please sign up at the information desk in the East Lobby.

2024 Drop Off Days: 11/18-11/21 is 6pm-8pm 11/22-11/23 is 10am-1pm 11/24 is 11:30am-1:30pm 11/25 is 10am-12pm





# Join the 2024 Upward Basketball & Cheerleading Camp!

Hosted at Peace Lutheran Church, 355 E. State Road 120, Fremont, IN

Where faith and fun come together for young athletes!

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading programs are designed to help athletes grow *mentally, athletically, spiritually, and socially.* We focus on skill-building through fun and engaging experiences while promoting our church mission and values.

• Season Length: 6 weeks

• Game Start Date: Dec. 3, 2024 or Dec. 5, 2024

• End Date: January 25, 2025 (Celebration Ceremony)

• Break: No practices/games during week of Dec. 22 & Dec. 29, 2024

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Basketball & Cheerleading: **Pre-K through Grade 4**For BASKETBALL: https://registration.upward.org/UPW87536
For CHEERLEADING: https://registration.upward.org/UPW87538

Deadline: Nov. 21st

Cost: \$45 for Basketball | \$30 for Cheerleading



### **Participants Receive:**

#### Basketball | Cheerleading

Jersey | Cheer Shirt

Basketball | Poms

Water Bottle | Megaphone

Bracelet



### **Program Schedule:**

<u>Player/Cheer evaluation day – Nov. 21 OR Nov. 24th 5pm-8pm</u> First Practice/Game – Week of December 1, 2024

### Practice/Games Tuesdays or Thursdays

Schedule will be determined after player sign-up and evaluation day closes no later than NOV. 27th

Awards Celebration Ceremony - Saturday, January 25, 2025

More information:

Contact: Adam Tuttle, League Director, upward@plcms.org





Peace is planning a Cookie Exchange in December. A time and date will be scheduled soon. Look for a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks.

I want to thank everyone for their love, prayers, and support during my surgery. Also for my lovely cards I received. I miss you all and look forward to seeing you soon. God is good!

-Wanda Hullinger





# **LWM Ladies' Christmas Tea**

Come away for an evening of fellowship, reflection & sharing!

More details coming soon!



## **Gift Card Collection**

Peace's LWM group will be collecting gift cards for Concordia Theological Seminary students. These gift cards are shared with them during their annual Christmas Marketplace, making the holidays memorable in many ways.

It would be a blessing for students to receive:

- Gift cards purchased and clearly marked in increments of \$10, 20, or \$25
- Gift cards from local Fort Wayne merchants or national chain stores such as Walmart, Kroger, Target, Meijer, Applebee's, McDonald's, Cracker Barrel, Olive Garden, Pizza Hut, Subway, Wendy's, etc.
- Gift cards from gas stations such as Marathon, BP or Speedway

If you would like to donate a gift card, please see LWM members Elaine Elsner, Mary Anne Hibbard Casault, or they may be turned into the church office. Please have cards turned in by the end of November.

# **Dove Tales**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV

Friends, I'm tail wagging THANKFUL!

Peace is the best church home! We have the best Top Dog and Comfort Dog Team, the Vanderau family gives me perfect love, Tom and Cinda Gerbers are learning all about my caregiving, and everywhere I work people appreciate us being there. God shows His love, provision and mercy all the time! I was sick and you prayed me well again! Lots of people shared how they met me – at church, the hospital and school! I'm even in the Comfort Dog 2025 calendar – did you get one?

Lots of Cameron patients, staff and visitors enjoyed seeing me this month and I helped a little boy through his blood draw.

Schools are so fun – a boy wants me to marry his dog Tripp! Teachers and students needed my Dove Love, too. One girl came an extra time by herself to snuggle. A boy talked about his father who had died. Montessori school kiddos and staff loved my first visit to them.

We helped 26 Branch District Library people de-stress after in-service training. A lady who doesn't like dogs loved me. A man who's a cat lover whispered that I'm the cat's meow. A sad lady said we really comforted her. I'm thankful we reflect God's love, peace, patience, and joy.

Will you join our team? We need YOU so we can meet the requests from everyone who needs our visits. To join our Comfort Dog team, contact Hope Korte at comfortdog@plms.org or talk to Pastor Teeple. I bet you will be extra thankful, too!

I'll look for you at church!

Love,

Dove















In October, we invited several community helpers to visit our classroom. We were especially excited when Fremont Fire Department and Fremont Police Department came to visit. The kids got to sit in the fire truck, see the fireman in full uniform and learn about what to do if there was fire at home or at school.

We were also excited to meet Chief, Officer Paterson's police horse. Chief was very kind and gentle and allowed all of the children to pet his nose. We also had fun meeting Rex, Officer Smoker's police dog. Rex also was kind and gentle with the kids, but did a fun demonstration of how he can get the "bad guys" too. We were so blessed to have a beautiful fall day to enjoy our visit.

October is National Fire Prevention month. Have you changed the batteries in your smoke detector lately?









### **BIRTHDAYS**

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11/1	Patty Utsler				
11/3	Bonnie Phillips				
11/4	Pastor Rudolph				
11/6	Marci Sweeney				
11/7	Tom Fisher				
	Eli Hendrickson				
	Dick Spake				
11/10	Trishia Bergquist				
	Susan Baus				
11/12	Natalie Brewbaker				
11/14	14 Kenn Lehman				
11/16	16 Brandon Baas				
	Bryan Baas				
11/17	Bill Utsler				
11/19	/19 Donna Biddle				
11/20	/20 Kirk Smith				
11/22	11/22 Jeanie Frasier				
	Frank Hall				
11/23	Linda Yerks				
11/25	25 Sally Mowrey				
11/26	Audrie McNamara				
	Grace McNamara				
	Michele Purkey				
11/29	Norm King				

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

11/2/1962	Bill & Rita James
11/2/2002	Craig & Kristin McGee
11/3/1978	Gary & Paula Huguenard
11/4/1978	Mark & Mary Fortuna
11/7/1987	Grey & Patti Baals
11/10/1984	Dean & Carol Hepp
11/16/1963	Bob & Carol Gepfert
11/21/1953	Jim & Saundra VonSeggern
11/21/1970	Ken & Judy Scharpenberg
11/23/1991	Brian & Susan Naus
11/29/1969	Roger & Carole Diehm



11/3/2024 Donna Cooper11/10/2024 Dean & Carol Hepp11/17/2024 Kristin McGee11/24/2024 Ken & Judy Scharpenberg

# The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is up in the West Lobby next to the mailboxes.

Please sign up for the week(s) you desire. You may also designate a special remembrance. Cost is \$40

Not able to be at church?

Contact Carol Gepfert, or the church office to sign up.

Nov 2024 (Eastern Time - Indianapolis)

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