



355 E. State Road 120 Fremont, IN 46737 Church Phone: (260) 495-4306 www.plcms.org

A member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



A Note from Pastor Teeple

Dear Friends,

This past month we dedicated our new facility to the glory of God and for the service of His kingdom! Thanks be to God! This dedication is the culmination of years of planning and work to improve our facility to better serve people in the love of Christ!

But a building, no matter how beautifully constructed, is just bricks and mortar without the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and the love that flows through His people. And when that building is filled with God's people receiving God's Word and Sacraments, there you have a Church!

Each time we gather together – in worship, learning, or service – we are reminded of the significance of shared space. We often like to think that the relationships we form are primarily based on affinity—shared interests, similar life stages, or common goals. And while affinity is important, the truth is that many of the deepest, longest-lasting relationships in our lives are not necessarily based on how much we have in common, but on the simple fact of proximity and shared space.

Think about it: the relationships that most often shape us are the ones formed through the rhythms of life—our family at home and nearby neighbors, the people we work with, the people we sit next to in church, the friends we've made through shared experiences. These relationships are forged not just because of common interests but because we inhabit the same spaces.

Our building will be a space where those types of living and loving relationships can be nurtured. As we worship, learn, and fellowship in this place, we create bonds that go beyond surface-level connections. It is through shared experiences in a shared space that we will find ourselves walking with God and alongside one another in ways that deepen our faith and transform our lives.

So this building project has not been just about a physical structure, but about the spiritual foundation our congregation's campus and facility represent, and the mission we are called to fulfill in it. And there are three realities that make this facility a place of faithfulness to God.

First, this is a place of transformative renewal and healing.

Through worship, the Spirit of God calls and gathers us together, enlightens us with His gifts, and sanctifies and transforms us as a community. The proximity we share in this space allows us to praise and proclaim God's name, learn and love as a community, and care and celebrate with one another in our struggles and joys. Like faith, worship is not a private thing. It is personal but it is not private. Faith and worship are communal – with God and with each other. That is why we should "not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing" (Hebrews 10:25), nor should we simply give up the building and be an online church. No, in the proximity and nearness of the shared act of praising – and praying to – God, we are shaped by the presence of those with us, together with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven. We are shaped by the Word of God. This shared space acts like a greenhouse where relationships grow.

(Continued on page 3)

Secondly, this is a place where grace is found in ordinary spaces.

It is in the ordinary moments of life—in shared spaces like this building—that we experience God's forgiving grace and extend it to others. As we gather in fellowship, grace will become evident in the way we listen to one another, pray for one another, and walk through life together.

This building, then, is a space where grace can flourish—where we will have countless opportunities to extend God's love to those who enter, regardless of age or background. Through shared meals, casual conversations, weekly preschool and daily care, times of study, and moments of worship, the relationships formed here will be the channels through which God's grace is poured out. And just as Jesus healed in the midst of ordinary interactions, we too will find that healing, love, and transformation happen in the seemingly small moments of shared life together.

Third, and finally, this is a place where proximity is the foundation of service and fellowship.

In this building, as we gather in fellowship, our proximity to one another will be the foundation for acts of service. It will be in the everyday encounters—greeting each other in the hallway, sitting next to one another in Bible study, volunteering side by side in outreach—that we will build the kind of relationships where real love and service flow naturally. The deeper our proximity, the more likely we are to see each other not as distant acquaintances but as brothers and sisters in Christ, each deserving of our time, our care, and our attention.

Dear friends, fellowship in Christ is not a theoretical concept; it is lived out in shared spaces like this one. When we come together regularly, our hearts soften toward one another. We are moved to serve, to give, and to support. The relationships we form here, grounded in proximity and shared space, will lead to a church community where faith is put into action, where we learn to love as Christ loves, without favoritism or bias.

This is a place where the nearness and proximity of our relationships will lead to deep fellowship, where our shared experiences will create lifelong bonds, and where the love of Christ will be made tangible in our service to one another. It is here, in the proximity of worship, education, and fellowship, that lives will be changed. We will grow together, learn together, serve together, and in doing so, we will reflect the kingdom of God.

Our hope is that this building is more than just walls and a roof. We pray that it would be a haven for relationships that are rooted in Christ, relationships that lead to deeper faith, where our community and region would see a greater outpouring of God's love.

May it be so for the glory of God and the growth of His kingdom! Pastor Jeff Teeple





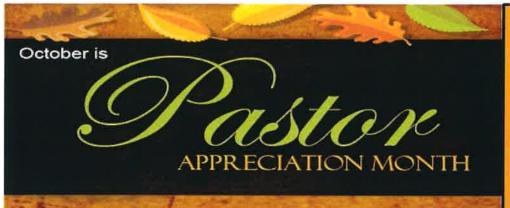
A Note from Pastor Rudolph

October blessings to all of you! After two months here at Peace, it seems like we are getting back into a routine as a congregation. It's a routine I am learning for the first time, but it is great to see things returning to the new "normal." Routine is a good thing. It helps us to remember the important things: when to eat and sleep, when to pick up the kids from school, when to call our parents or kids, and when to take time to rest or get back to work. All of these things are important and can't be forgotten. For this reason, routine helps. This is why we have a general routine during our services, so we don't forget to pray the Lord's Prayer or to confess our sins and receive absolution. This is why we have services every Sunday (or Monday) at the same times, so that people can know when and where to find their spiritual rest.

For the Israelites in the wilderness, God had to command them to take breaks. He made it impossible for them to keep working all week. When He sent down bread from heaven to feed them, they had to gather enough food during the 6th day in order to cover the 7th because He wouldn't send any food to harvest on the 7 th day. They needed to rest. But even for the Israelites, this command was not just for physical rest. Surely, it did include physical rest, but don't forget that the purpose of physical rest is for spiritual rest. The Israelites had a weekly schedule that set aside the Sabbath day to remember what God had done in Creation, For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy (Exodus 20:11). Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day (Deuteronomy 5:15).

So as you settle into your fall routine (perhaps your school-year routine), don't forget to plan time into your schedule for rest. Plan time for physical rest and time together as a family. Plan time for spiritual rest in God's Word and with God's people. If you don't plan it, there's a good chance it won't happen. Sundays will always be here for that purpose, to give you rest by feeding you with the Bread of Heaven through faith in Jesus Christ. So just as the Israelites remembered what God did for them, take time to remember what God has done for you. Set time aside each morning or night to read God's Word with your family. Schedule it regularly. Set time aside for weekly worship. Come to all of the Bible Studies you can fit into your schedule. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

Pastor Jared Rudolph



Let's remember this
month to lift up our
pastors in prayer.
Pastor Jeff Teeple
and
Pastor Jared Rudolph,
THANK YOU for all you do!

A Grateful Thank You to All Our Building Program Volunteers!

As we reflect on the journey of our building program, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the many hands and hearts that have made this vision a reality. From those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to those who labored in the spotlight, each of you—both known and unknown—have been an essential part of this endeavor.

Your dedication, whether through time, skills, support, or prayers has been a true testament to the spirit of service and community that binds us together here at Peace. We may not know the names of every volunteer, but God knows, and He sees your faithfulness and sacrifice!

Thank you for pouring out your love into this project!
Together, we have not only built a structure but also
strengthened the foundation of our congregation's ministries
and fellowship. May God continue to bless each of you for
your generosity and commitment!

Church Office FALL AND WINTER HOURS

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

MONDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM (EMILY)

TUESDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM (JODIE)

WEDNESDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM (EMILY)

THURSDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM (EMILY)

FRIDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM (EMILY)



OCTOBER 11, 2024 5:00PM-7:00PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH FREMONT, INDIANA

Freewill offering to benefit Peace's Building Fund





Where are we going?

- -- Where are we going in mission?
- -- Where are we going in service?
- -- Where are we going in opportunity?

Ladies, bring your ideas on Thursday, October 17 at 6:30pm

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we'll gather to plan for the upcoming year. What are the ways we can be in service to our congregation, our area, and the world? How can we spread the news and share reminders of the love Christ Jesus has for us?

Meet here at Peace that evening for devotions, a craft project, and planning for the next year! Together, we serve and love in Jesus' name.

<u>Lutheran Women in Mission includes each woman of our congregation, encouraging her to use her unique God-given gifts as she joyfully proclaims Christ, supports local, regional, and global missions, and honors God by serving others.</u>

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

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER — 260-495-4306
OFFICE EXTENSIONS:

Secretary- 301

Pastor Jeff Teeple-302

Pastor Jared Rudolph-303

Kristin McGee- 304

Wee Creations Office-305

Church Service Hours- 321

WEBSITE — www.plcms.org
EMAIL ADDRESSES — at church:

Pastor Jeff Teeple - Pastor T@plcms.org

Pastor Jared Rudolph - Pastor Rudolph@plcms.org

Sara Miller - Director@weecreations.org

Kristin McGee - Admin@plcms.org

Jodie Church - JChurch@plcms.org

Emily Disbro - Secretary@plcms.org

Amber Vonderau - Amber@plcms.org

Hope Korte - ComfortDog@plcms.org



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



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.

The Food Co-Op relies solely on the generous donations of perishable and non-perishable food and household items from individuals and congregations.

Peace contributes monthly to the Food Co-Op 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!

This month's donation wish list items:

- flour
- sugar (brown, white, or powdered)
- oil (canola, vegetable, etc.)
- baking soda
- baking powder
- chocolate chips







Stephen Ministry

We are thankful and give God ALL the glory as we welcome the Class of 2024 trainees:

Jean Bienz Cinda Gerber Patti Haffner Jeanette Meridew

These individuals will experience 50 hours of intense training to become commissioned Stephen Ministers in January 2025. In the interview process we look for certain bullet points: character, capacity, spirituality, relational ability, and motivation.

Through this procedure applicants learn what Stephen Ministry is and also what it is not. They share with our leadership team their life story and faith journey. Ultimately it is the Lord Himself who chooses men and women to serve through this caring ministry. He has spoken. And He has blessed Stephen Ministry since it's conception and we forge ahead with the confidence that He will continue to minister to anyone

experiencing a difficult time in their life.

If such a stressful situation is happening in your life, contact one of the Stephen leaders, Rick Kirkton, Ellen Luepke or Pastor Teeple and we will put the wheels in motion to have a loving and caring relationship with a Stephen Minister who will walk along side of you as long as it takes to get to the other side of your struggle, just as God desires. For all of the above we praise the Lord of all!





WCM is happy to announce state approval for usage of the new classrooms and playgrounds!

Students and staff have begun moving into their new classrooms and are enjoying their new space.













FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Peace members participated in a meal packing event on August 22 at the Michiana Event Center in Shipshewana. Their volunteer contributions helped create over 56,000 meals and will feed 153 children a daily meal for a year.

Luanne Haupt, who attended the meal-packing event, shares her thoughts: "We are filled with gratitude as we reflect on an incredible opportunity that our church had to participate in the "Feed My Starving Children" event at the Shipshewana Event Center on August 22nd. This event brought together 24 members of our congregation, including both pastors, along with many others from the community, in a shared mission to make a tangible difference in the lives of children facing hunger.

FMSC, a Christian non-profit dedicated to feeding God's children, organizes meal packing events around the world. It was founded by Richard Proudfit after a mission trip to Honduras. Proudfit heard God say, "If you have seen my starving children, go feed them." The organization was founded in 1987 and began working to develop an effective and nutritious meal formula. With the help of a team of Cargill food, scientists and colleagues from General Mills and Pillsbury, a vitamin and mineral fortified rice meal was created specifically for malnourished children around the age of five years old.



These meals, called MannaPacks, consist of four simple ingredients: rice, soy protein, dried vegetables, and a life-saving blend of vitamins and minerals. Each meal is designed to meet the critical nutritional needs of starving children.

The Shipshewana event was attended by volunteers of all ages, from high schoolers to seniors. Together, we packed thousands of meals in a short, two-hour time span. These meals will make their way to countries where hunger and malnutrition are a daily struggle. The energy in the room was incredible! Volunteers of 6-10 people worked side-by-side knowing that a scoop of rice, a tablespoon of protein, dried vegetables, and the vitamins had been added, the bag met proper weight and assuring that every packet was sealed. Each package of food contained 6 meals and costs less than 30 cents to make! A loud "whoop" was heard after each team filled a 36 packet box!

What made the event even more meaningful was the sense of unity it fostered! Our church members worked alongside other local churches, school groups, and individuals all motivated by a shared mission to make a difference. It was a humbling experience to witness God's love in action as we saw the impact of our collective efforts multiplied!

We left Shipshewana with tired feet, aching backs, but full spirits, knowing that our efforts provided hope and nourishment to children around the world...also got to keep our hair nets as a souvenir and our bus driver was kind enough to stop for our favorite ice cream treat! What a great day."

Peace member, Mike Wiebke, also reflects:

"I just came from a Feed My Hungry Children event. It amazes me how so many different people come together to join hands in that meaningful event. In that group were grade school children, high schoolers, middle-age and seniors, who want to feed starving children. The meals packed today would feed over 150 children for a year.

What makes the event so special is there are assignments for all ages and skill levels. A short 2 hours can do so much. It helps us to appreciate how blessed we are, and to

share God's love for us with others."

Thank you to all the members representing Peace in attendance at the meal-packing event. If you would like to learn more about the organization Feeding My Starving Children and about their lifesaving MannaPacks, visit www.fmsc.org for more information.



DOVE TALES



A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
-Proverbs 17:22 NIV

Hi, Friends!

Welcome, autumn and hooray for yummy pumpkins! I'm in full action again! Here's to schools, programs, local activities getting busy as squirrels hiding acorns. Can you imagine how hard it was stationed next to the Middlebury Church of the Brethren booth at the Community Festival? They were selling DOG TREATS – maybe pumpkin ones – but my team told me to leave them alone. They were a fundraiser for comfort dogs. Wonderful! So many sweet little hands loving on me, I didn't mind being good.

A doctor took my picture to send to his daughter and a patient already knew all about me so I was good medicine at the Cancer Center.

It was torture though, at Angola High School visiting friends with pizza and peanut butter on their jeans! At Carlin Park I learned I'm the hall pass. At least my photo is. Some students have crushed spirits, too. They visit me one on one before classmates come in groups. It cheers me to hear, "That was so FUN!!!" as they leave or that seeing me was the best part of their day.

I hope the folks at Grief Share think I'm good medicine, too. Many people we meet have crushed spirits. We give them cheer and prayer from our hearts to theirs. You can do that! See you Sunday! Love you more than dog treats!

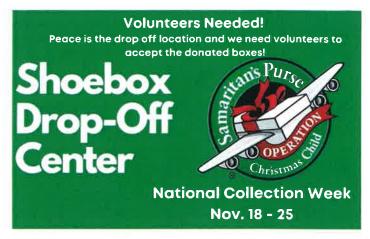
To join our Comfort Dog team, contact Hope Korte at comfortdog@plms.org





On Sunday, November 17, between worship services, Peace will be having our annual Shoebox packing event! We need your help to fill the boxes! Now is a great time to buy school supplies. Also, keep your eyes open for WOW items, toys, and other fun things for the boxes.

Visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



Isaiah 58:7 tells us... "Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them and do not hide from relatives who need your help!"

Family Promise works to help families facing homelessness, regain their stability and independence, and by partnering with this mission, we have shown the love of Christ in a practical and powerful way! Your commitment to serving these families during difficult times reflects the heart of our church family! Our next opportunity to provide meals will be coming up November 18th through the 22nd.

Let us continue to walk alongside those who are struggling, and remember the importance of compassion and outreach. Thank you for being the hands (cooking, baking, and praying) and feet (delivering meals) of Jesus! You are indeed a blessing!

Call Luanne Haupt (260-639-7339) with questions on your involvement in this very needed and worthwhile mission!





Upward Basketball & Cheer return to Peace for the 2024 season!

Season plans to start in December with one practice per week, one game per week all on the same night.

Schedule and sign-up information will be announced at a later date.



Grief Share

Surviving the Holidays

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

Facilitators: Lois Susin, Luanne Haupt, & Doug Haupt
(260) 639-7339
d.haupt431@gmail.com

griefshare.org/holidays

October

BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Dave Emch10/4 Denise Ward10/5 Shane Ross10/6 Rebecca Mann

Liv Bergquist 10/9 Mike Keele Larry Reidenbach Andrew Laughlin

10/10 Jean Bienz Kristin McGee Bill Richter Dan Thiele

10/12 Judy Scharpenberg

10/13 Kelley Smith

10/14 Jim VonSeggern

10/15 Ken Hullinger Eden Ross

10/16 Ethan Miller

10/17 Philip Mann

10/18 Joe Burelison Carole Diehm

10/21 Jill Goeglein

10/22 Sheryl Ahlersmeyer

10/23 Tirzah Rudolph

10/25 Pat Brewbaker Audra James Stephanie Paradine

10/26 Gene Sumney Pat Schultz Christy Mann

10/27 Laura McCrea Sara Miller

10/28 Ann Goealein

10/30 Karen Dalrymple

10/31 JoAnne Rowe

ANNIVERSARIES

10/1/1994 Tim & Traci Bruick 10/1/2005 Travis & Amber Vonderau 10/9/1970 Terry & Linda Edgar Gregg & Lisa Bauer 10/10/1987 10/11/1975 Rick & Chris Hanke 10/11/1980 Stan & Connie Sweeney Chad & Hope Korte 10/11/1997 Ed & Ann Peters 10/14/1961 10/14/2000 Bob & Jennifer Shirey 10/26/1985 Ron & Susan Lovell Larry & Karen Oberst 10/27/2012 10/28/1967 Mike & Linda Keele 10/28/1989 Joe & Jodie Burelison

Altan Flowers

10/6/2024 10/13/2024 10/20/2024

10/20/2024

Lynn Reed and family Don and Ellen Luepke Doug and Luanne Haupt

Dan Thiele



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.

Reformation (Observed) 9:15am - BC/SS LWM Sunday 12pm - Facility Open House 10:30am - Worship/HC 9:15am - BC/SS 8am - Worship/HC 10:30am - Worship/HC 9:15am - BC/SS 8am - Worship 10:30am - Worship 9:15am - BC/SS 8am - Worship/HC 10:30am - Worship/HC 8am - Worship Sun 27 20 29 13 6:30pm - Worship 5:30pm - Scouts 10am - Women's Study 6:30pm - No Worship 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Worship/HC 5:30pm - Scouts 10am - Women's Study 10am - Women's Study 10am - Women's Study Mon 30 28 21 Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm - GriefShare 6:30pm - BOD Mtg. 6:30pm - GriefShare 6:30pm - GriefShare 10am - WCM Chapel 6:30pm - GriefShare 10am - WCM Chapel 6:30pm - GriefShare 4pm - CD Mtg 10am - WCM Chapel 10am - WCM Chapel 10am - WCM Chapel 22 5 29 4:30pm - Pickleball 4:30pm - Pickleball 9:30am - Sewing Sisters 9:30am - Sewing Sisters 4:30pm - Pickleball 7pm - Peace Adult Choir 4pm - Mission Trip Team 9:30am - Sewing Sisters 7pm - Adult Choir 6pm - Handbells 7pm - Adult Choir 6pm - Handbells 6pm - Handbells 9:30am - Sewing Sisters 7pm - Adult Choir 6pm - Handbells 12pm - Staff meeting 9:30am - Sewing Sisters 6pm - Handbells 10am - Online Bible Study 4:30pm - Pickleball 10am - Online Bible Study 7pm - Adult Choir 10am - Online Bible Study 4:30pm - Pickleball 10am - Online Bible Study 10am - Online Bible Study Wed. 30 23 16 9:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Bible Study Reformation 9:30am - Bible Study 6:30pm - LWM Meeting 9:30am - Bible Study 9:30am - Bible Study 쿹 24 31 10 ω Pastors' Day Off Pastors' Day Off Fellowship Hall Reserved Pastors' Day Off Pastors' Day Off Pastors' Day Off Dick Drewes Memorial 5pm - Fish Fry 10am - SM Superv. 10am - SM Superv. I 25 18 26 O 19 13

Peace Lutheran Church

Oct 2024 (Eastern Time - Indianapolis)