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as an anchor for the soul,
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September 2025



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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 in Christ,

Each year as we step into September, we find ourselves in a season of change. The air grows cooler, the leaves begin their transformation, and we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life and new opportunities. The turning of the seasons is more than just a shift in nature—it is a reminder that our lives, too, are shaped by God's timing and purpose. September invites us to look forward with hope and to ask: What new things does God desire to do in and through us as His people?

Our mission statement guides us: "Friendly people – growing in Christ; Called to Praise and Proclaim, Learn and Love, Care and Celebrate." These words are not just a description of our congregation—they are a calling on each of our lives! These words remind us that we are a people in motion, disciples on a journey, continually being shaped by the Holy Spirit into a community that reflects the love of Jesus.

St. Paul gives us this encouragement: *"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness"* (Colossians 2:6-7). This passage echoes our mission beautifully. We are to grow deeper roots in Christ, allowing His Holy Spirit to build us up, and then to overflow with thankfulness in ways that bless others.

This fall, I want to challenge and encourage each of us to take a fresh step of faith. Where is God calling you to become more deeply involved? Perhaps it is lifting your voice in worship, serving with children or youth, joining a Bible study for deeper learning, offering your hands to one of our care ministries, or reaching out with love to a neighbor who needs encouragement. Each one of these is an opportunity to live out our mission: praising and proclaiming, learning and loving, caring and celebrating.

Jesus reminded His disciples: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"* (Matthew 9:37). These words ring true today. Opportunities for ministry are abundant—both inside our church and out in our community. But they require workers—people willing to give their time, their prayers, their gifts, and their presence. God the Holy Spirit has gathered each of us here in this church for a reason. Each person has something unique to contribute to the life and mission of our congregation.

Let's start to see ourselves not as spectators but as participants in God's work. Let's be the friendly faces that welcome our guests and visitors, the voices that lift up praise, the hearts that learn and love, and the hands that care and celebrate together. The ministries of our church are not simply programs—they are opportunities for transformation, both for those who serve and for those who are served.

The season ahead is full of promise. As leaves fall and new rhythms begin, let's embrace this time as a gift and an invitation. Don't look only to what God has done in the past, but to what God is preparing for us in the future. Together, we can grow in Christ, live out our mission, and shine His light brightly in this community.

Peace to you in Christ. Pastor Jeff Teeple

A Letter from Pastor Rudolph

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

“Back to School!” Most of our local students and teachers have been back at school for weeks now. Along with our students here at Peace and Wee Creations, we have many current and former teachers in our congregation from Preschool, to Elementary School, to Middle School, to High School, and even to College and beyond. What a gift it is to have so many people in our church who have dedicated their lives to the art of teaching for whenever we teach our kids, whether it’s how to roll or crawl or walk or talk (Is it obvious what stage of life I’m in right now?) we are giving them the same wisdom someone gave us when we were that age, and it changed our lives. But we all need to go back to school once in a while. Even after 40 years in the wilderness, the Israelites were back in “class” once again (the name “Deuteronomy” even means “Second Law”). The Exodus was almost complete, but the people still needed to learn from their teacher, even if it was the same stuff they already knew. They lived it, but even they needed to hear it again. *Hear, O Israel...*

Yet even for us, we too know the feeling of being a student or teacher very well. We all need to be reminded who God is and what He has done for us. All of us are lifelong students of Christ, who came and taught the world who He is and what He was doing for us. *Hear O Israel...* But just like the Israelites, we are not meant to remain passive forever. We are ALL called to teach the people in our households. *...you shall teach [these words] diligently to your children.* It’s what we’ve been called to do, for without parents talking about Jesus at home, how will children know about Jesus? Without Wee Creations, how will the children of our community come to know Jesus and His love? Without Sunday School teachers, how will our children grow in the faith? Yet we are called to speak God’s Word even when we sit at home or hang out with others.

Christians learn and Christians teach. In other words, we go back to school often. So in the transition back to the school year, be a student here as we return to our Fall worship schedule and as we start up our regular Bible Studies again. Be a student of our LORD, whose love never ends. And be a teacher. Talk to your kids and family about the faith, whether they are newborns or retired. Talk to your friends about Jesus, because they need Him. Christian Education is not meant to be reserved to one hour a week on Sundays. Nor does not end at **preschool**. It continues into **kindergarten**. It continues into **high school**. It continues into **college**. And it continues into **adulthood**, until the day when Christ calls you home. Just as Moses taught the Israelites until the very last moment before they crossed the Jordan River, Christian education is a lifelong endeavor, one that molds us into the shape of our Savior until the last day when we cross the threshold into eternal life. So be a student (and teacher!) here at Peace. Sit at the feet of Jesus and just take every word in. Then bring it to people in your life who need Him, for everyone needs to hear the beautiful message of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, whose very words create life.

Pastor Jared Rudolph

Thoughts and Musings from an Aging Pastor

By Pastor Don Wunrow

What is it like being a pastor in a Lutheran church? I get asked that questions from time to time and it's a great question! It starts with education – lots of it! I spent four years after high school, studying things like German, Greek, and Hebrew – plus other subjects like history, English and public speaking. Then I had four years in the seminary in St. Louis. After that I spent one more year getting a master's degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling. THEN I was ordained!

After all those years of study, I was finally a minister of a small church and a part-time chaplain at the local mental care hospital.

But, what's it really like? Well, the real world of sharing the Gospel is spent helping people with whatever needs they might have – joys and challenges. My first church was a small church – probably only 50 people in worship. But I was excited to serve!

I will never forget my first service – not that I had a great sermon or anything! It was something else. The organist (who along with her husband donated the organ) played the hymns so fast that I could not keep up! I couldn't catch my breath between the verses! After the service, I confessed to her that I was not a good singer and asked if she would slow it down just a little. Well...she did – and then some! The next Sunday she was playing SO SLOWLY that people were turning around to see if she was okay! She made her point. After the service I apologized to her and told her to play it her way; I would get used to it.

And so began my REAL education of being a pastor.

There are so many of those kinds of little conflicts in the church, aren't there? Things like: "We didn't do things that way in the church I came from;" or "We've always done it that way here so we're not going to change;" or "I have these beautiful artificial flowers that I would like to place on the altar but someone is telling me no;" or "Someone is sitting in my pew (or parking in my parking spot);" or "I have started to make wine so I expect the church will use MY wine for communion." It's these little things that can cause problems.

You see, the people in every congregation have expectations: some are personal, some are based on their history in the church, some come from different churches where the practices may have been different, some are simply convinced that they are right and others are wrong. And then there are those who say things without thinking how the other person will receive it.

And people get hurt. People have their feelings hurt and some leave the church looking for another (or simply stop going altogether). It hurts a pastor's heart to see all the conflict.

So, what's it like to be a pastor? Well, I baptized many people – and some did not stay in the church. I performed many weddings – and some ending in divorce. Sometimes it feels like my only lasting success was funerals – I've never had to redo one of those!

But there is a positive side that outweighs the negative: being able to bring the Gospel to people. I love watching the joy of someone who has come to faith and accepted in faith the Good News that Christ died for them. I love watching the people of the church grow in their faith and their relationship with other members. I love the joy of doing a baptism, a wedding – and even every funeral. And finally, not just being the pastor, but being a member of the family of God in this church! What a joy!

For me, it was a great honor to be the pastor of the churches I served. I feel that God has blessed me beyond anything I could ever have imagined! To Him be glory and honor forever. Amen.



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Congregational Voters' Assembly Meeting will take place early in September. This year, that date is set for September 7 at 9:15am, between the services.



SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Starting September 7, Sunday worship times change to 8:00am and 10:30am. Monday evening service will remain at 6:30pm.

Starting Sunday, September 14, Adult Sunday Bible Class and Youth Sunday School will be at 9:15am.



Office Notice

The Church office and Wee Creations will be closed *September 1* in observance of Labor Day.

CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga will continue through September!

Wednesday afternoons 12:30pm-1:30pm

Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can improve flexibility, decrease stress, and reduce joint strain.

The suggested fee for each class is what you can afford up to \$5. Additionally, items will be collected at each class for donation to the Food Co-Op at Concordia Theological Seminary. See Jessica Durham with any questions.

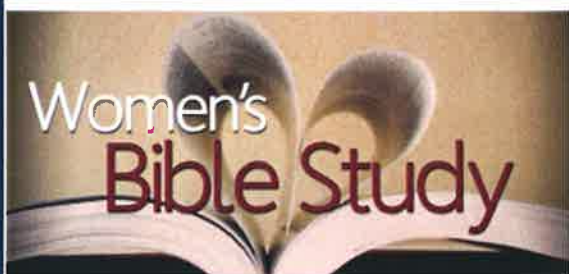
In conjunction with our current Greeting Card Ministry, we are excited to announce two new card options available! Cards may be found on the information desk in the East Lobby.

"I See You" Project

- The "I See You" Project provides small note cards to send a quick note of appreciation or acknowledgement. Use these for recognition of an act of kindness or Christian love and service. Simply choose a card, write a note, then share it with the person.

Worship Invites

- Feel free to use our new worship invitation cards to invite friends, family, and strangers to join you for Sunday worship.



**Women's Bible Study kicks off for the season
Monday, September 8, at 10:00am.**

We dig deep into Scripture, encouraging one another in our faith, and enjoying Christian fellowship together.

Please contact Mary Anne Hibbard by email mhibbard@plcms.org for more information or with any questions.

Weekly Adult Bible Study will resume
in September.
Stay tuned for date, time, and topic!



Adult Vocal Choir rehearsal will take place on
Wednesdays, beginning September 17 at 7:00pm.

Handbells rehearsal will take place on
Wednesdays, beginning September 24 at 6:00pm.

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!



High School Youth & Parent Meeting

There will be a brief informational meeting
for all High School Youth Group teens and their
parents between the Sunday, September 21
worship services at 9:15am.

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.

The sign-up sheet is available in the kitchen.





UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES
Our next opportunity to serve will be
September 22-September 26.

Family Promise is an organization that provides meals and overnight housing to families with children to help them achieve sustainable independence.

Peace Lutheran helps by providing evening meals for 8 adults and a few children for a week every couple months. If you would like to serve Family Promise, please consider providing a meal item and/or delivering the meal during our week. Specific information is located on the sign-up sheets at the information desk. Disposable pans are available in the kitchen, if needed. Willing to help in other ways? Family Promise is in need of toilet paper. If you would like to contribute this item, you may leave it in the church kitchen.

Contact Connie Sweeney with questions at 260-665-5146.

GriefShare®

Grief
**Support
Group**

What is GriefShare?

GriefShare is a weekly 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, confidential, and welcoming environment.

Peace Lutheran church will be hosting GriefShare classes every Tuesday, now through October 28, 4:00pm-5:30pm.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding GriefShare or would like to join a class, please contact Luanne Haupt or the church office.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

**BLOOD
DRIVE**



Peace Lutheran Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 17
1:00pm-5:00pm

If you are interested in donating, please visit:

www.redcrossblood.org

or call:

1-800-RED-CROSS



Men's Bible Breakfast

Saturday, September 13

8:00am

Peace Fellowship Hall

All men are welcome to attend breakfast, which will be followed by a short Bible study.



EUNICE HOOVER IS TURNING 100!

Let's help Peace member Eunice Hoover celebrate her 100th birthday on September 17 by showering her with cards.

Cards and well wishes may be sent to:

Eunice Hoover
Astral in Auburn
1675 W 7th St., Room 238
Auburn, IN 46706

"Senior Moments" Fellowship

We are excited to announce a brand-new opportunity for fellowship called Senior Moments—an afternoon designed for laughter, friendship, and joy! Join us on **Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for a time of socializing, light snacks, and games (feel free to bring along a favorite game to share). We will also have conversational games that don't require any rules!

The name is a playful reminder that these will be unforgettable afternoons spent with friends, filled with smiles and conversation. Even better, we're extending the invitation to our brothers and sisters in Christ from other area churches—because fellowship is always sweeter when shared!

Come and be part of this new ministry as we celebrate community, connection, and God's goodness together. We can't wait to see you there!

Church Office



**FALL/WINTER
HOURS**

**LABOR DAY THROUGH MEMORIAL DAY,
THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S OFFICE
HOURS WILL CHANGE TO THE
FOLLOWING:**

MONDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM

WEDNESDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM

THURSDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM

FRIDAYS 9:00AM - 1:00PM

**We have also been blessed with volunteers to help
with the secretary's desk on:**

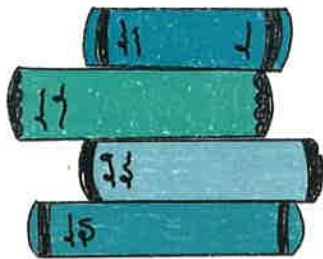
TUESDAYS 9:00AM-4:00PM

AND WEDNESDAYS 1:00PM-4:00PM.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Peace is in dire need of people - young adults and older - to teach our children's Sunday School class! Lesson, materials, and script are provided. The teacher does NOT have to serve each week; we scheduled teachers as they are able. This is the time!

Help us share the stories of the Bible and the love of God with the children of our congregation! Pastor Teeple and Pastor Rudolph want to encourage you with the words to the hymn Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying (LSB 826):



"If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms."



Transportation Volunteer Opportunity

The pastors are putting together a list of volunteers who would be willing to drive our less mobile members (1) around town if need be, (2) to Fort Wayne for medical appointments, and/or (3) to worship at church. Please consider whether you could be on a list of on-call volunteers, as needs arise in the congregation.

Being on the list would not obligate you to help, but it would give the pastors the ability to contact you to see if you are available to help.) Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the Information Desk. Thank you for being willing to help others!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

2025 Advent/Christmas Devotion Book God is Calling You!

As "Friendly People Growing in Christ" God invites you to minister to family, friends, and neighbors as we develop the 2025 Peace Advent devotional booklet, a way to prepare for celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Are you willing to accept God's call to write a short devotion? The theme this year centers on "Prepare the Way of the Lord."

How do you prepare for Jesus – either at Christmas or throughout the year? There probably are reflections, memories or traditions that help(ed) your family keep the Christ-child at the center of Christmas and/or every day of your life. Your sharing will be a great witness to all those in our Peace family and beyond. Pick up additional information at the Bulletin Tables and sign up at the Information Desk at the East Entrance.

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 the deadline date of Sunday, September 7th 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 East Entrance. We will indeed all grow together in Christ and rejoice in your consideration. Thank you for your witness and support.

The Advent Devotional team,

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

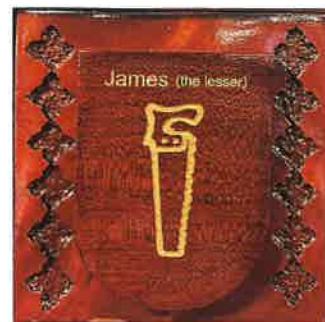
THE OLD SANCTUARY CROSS

The Shields of St. James the Less and St. Jude

St. James the Less is also known as "James the son of Alphaeus." His emblem is the saw.

According to tradition, James served faithfully in Jerusalem and was ultimately martyred for his unwavering witness to Christ. Ancient accounts hold that he was beaten and then sawn in half. The saw on his shield serves as both a stark reminder of his sacrifice and a testament to his steadfast faith.

This simple yet powerful image ensures that St. James the Less is instantly recognized in church windows, altar art, and apostolic crests. Like the scallop shell for St. James the Greater or the keys for St. Peter, the saw is not merely a tool—it is a silent proclamation of a life lived in service, even to the point of death.



St. Jude was also known as "Judas Thaddeus." Among the apostolic emblems, St. Jude is often represented by a ship with a sail. This symbol reflects his tireless missionary journeys, undertaken with St. Peter, across distant lands such as Mesopotamia and Persia.

In Christian symbolism, the ship is more than a record of travel—it is also an image of the Church itself, navigating the seas of the world under the guidance of Christ. Just as a vessel carries its passengers safely through storms, the Church carries the faithful through trials toward the harbor of eternal life.

For St. Jude, the ship is a fitting emblem: a reminder that the message of hope he carried was meant to sail far and wide, bringing light to even the most unreachable shores.

***Are you or someone you know being challenged
in relation to starting or adding to your family?***

- Pregnancy or delivery stress and complication
- Post birth adjustment challenges
- Infertility
- Miscarriage or stillbirth
- Adoption or fostering
- Child born with disability

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Or maybe dealing with later family issues such as:

- A loved one with an addiction or mental health issue
- Being caught in the middle of a conflict between loved ones

Stephen Ministers stand ready and prepared to walk along side of you, listening, caring, sharing the love of Jesus, who is the great Healer. Don't wait another day to reach out to one of us: your Stephen Ministry Leaders Pastor Teeple, Rick Kirton, and Ellen Luepke. We are here to help.



ACTSFW
FOOD & CLOTHING CO-OP

Peace contributes monthly to the Food Co-Op at Concordia Theological Seminary through the donations of members. There is a large blue bucket that sits underneath the mailboxes; that bucket is our donation bin for the 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



On August 21, over 20 Peace members participated in the Feed My Starving Children meal packing event.

Thank you for your continued support of this very special ministry!





Lutheran Women
in Mission

MISSION POSSIBLE DAY

Sharing God's grace worldwide

Join the LWM
Tuesday, September 16 for
MISSION POSSIBLE DAY!

September to Remember is getting a fresh, new name and focus! Mission Possible Day — a day when we come together, in faith and action, to make an eternal impact through the mission grants we support. Help make the Mission Possible by donating towards the Mission Grant Goal.

The first \$10,000 donated on September 16 will be matched, effectively doubling the impact of your contribution. This generous matching gift presents an exceptional chance to extend the reach and effectiveness of your support. Your donation will have double the impact, funding organizations sharing the Gospel around the world. Mark your calendars for September 16, 2025. Together, we can make a difference.

New National LWML Mission Grants are selected every two years and freely given offerings are dedicated to these mission grants for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. To donate, visit www.lwml.org/givingday or scan the QR code with your phone.



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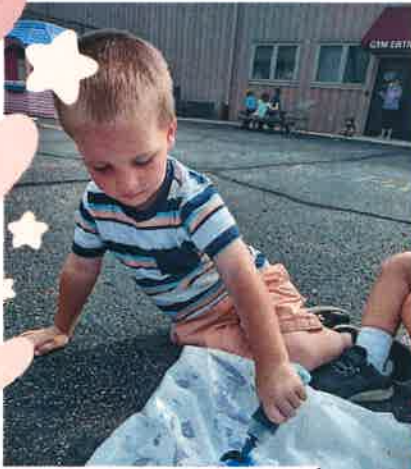
fall gathering

LWM KENDALLVILLE ZONE
FALL GATHERING
Saturday, September 27, 2025
St. George Lutheran Chapel
Fremont, IN



Wee Creations
Early Learning Ministry
of Peace Lutheran

Wee Creations children and staff kept busy this summer with fun outdoor activities, craft projects, and lots of learning!



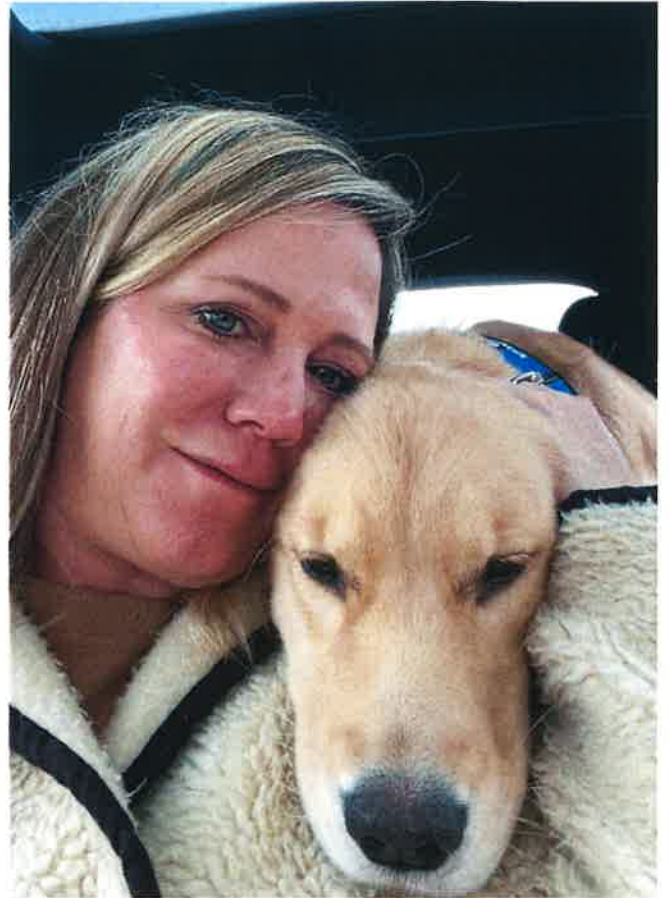


DOVE Tales

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way. . ."
Isaiah 43:18b-19a ESV

There is a VERY special person in my life – Hope Korte. God planted a dream in her heart to bring a new ministry to our church and community. She prayed, thought, planned, and overcame every obstacle more challenging than an AKC agility course! Pastor Teeple and the congregation approved. Lutheran Church Charities put us on a waiting list. Hope assembled a willing team to house and care for a comfort dog, become handlers and ministry partners, raise funds, source places in our community who would welcome our team.

Meanwhile I was bred, born, named, and found myself in a two year training program to prepare for this work. Hope and everyone on the team had to meet the approval of Lutheran Church Charities. When Hope and the first handlers and caregivers came for training and certification, no one but LCC knew I would be the golden retriever God planned for her to bring back to Peace.



You had a wonderful doggie shower for me. You provided food, veterinary care, all my necessities (I love the chicken toothpaste, not so much the Dremel tool for my nails). I was even given a lovingly sewn wardrobe of custom kerchiefs!

Top Dog Hope orchestrated every need and visit, from the most fun to most difficult deployment situations. She watched over me, loved on me, worked and played with me, and supervised everything with relentless dedication and dependence on God. She has been a dauntless leader and faithful servant of God, making sure Team Dove can spread His love and encouragement throughout our community. I love Hope so much!

Over these years our team has changed. Some have moved or been called to other ministries. Now Hope is stepping down as Top Dog and I will miss seeing her as much! Stephanie Paradine, my long time handler boss, is now Top Dog.

Other buddies of mine – Charla and Steve Cygan as well as Paula and Gary Huguenard – find Ft. Wayne too far to continue on our team. What stories I could tell you about our work together and my special love for them! Maybe God will tell them to start comfort dog ministries at their new churches. I hope so because they are awesome!!!

Please thank these special humans for the work they have done and support them with what God is leading them to do. And please, please with special treats on top consider helping us fill their well-worn shoes! It is fun, challenging, heart wrenching, and joy-filled. Looking forward to seeing you!

Love,
Dove





LERT Volunteer Training

Join us for Disaster Response Training!

Peace Lutheran Church is forming a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) that will be equipped to respond to natural disasters or other emergency situations, both in the Tri-State area as well as nationally.

LERT TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00AM-3:00PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL

FREMONT, IN



Disaster Response Training is open to anyone ages 14 and older. Cost is \$30 per person and includes training materials, lunch, and a volunteer t-shirt. Payment for class may be made through the QR code, online at Peace's website (www.plcms.org) or by check to Peace Lutheran Church, with "Disaster Training Fee" in the memo.

To register, scan the QR code, then create an account through the LCMS LERT website. Once you've created your account, look for "Basic LERT Training, Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, IN, 10-18-2025" under "Training and Deployments" and click sign up!



HEARTS OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

September 2025



On behalf of the congregation, the Hearts of Mercy & Compassion (HMC) team gifted a Heart to Vivienne Luce, after her baptism on August 24. Vivienne is the daughter of Mason and Jenna (Soldano) Luce, and granddaughter of Steve and Linda Soldano. This Heart symbolizes love, hope and God's saving grace. It was a beautiful reminder of the new life we have in Christ!

Peace Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Charities recently gifted Delaney McGee a Heart in recognition of her role as Social Media Director for Comfort Dog Ministry, Sunday School teacher, and Upward Basketball Cheer Coach.

The Heart is the universal symbol conveying love. Blue is the color of hope and the fish is a symbol of God's saving grace. The scripture on Delaney's fish is from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you hope and a future."



For More
Resources



SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Mental health is just as important as physical health.

Text or call
988

988 offers a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress, whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

Ask "Are you thinking about suicide?"

Show up for that person.

Keep them safe by knowing if they have a plan or access to lethal means.

Help them connect to resources and information on mental health professionals.

Follow up and see how they are doing.

#BeThe1To SAVE A LIFE

<https://www.bethe1to.com/>



INDIANA
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
NETWORK





September

Birthdays


9/1	Richard Hullinger	9/17	Eunice Hoover
9/2	Jodie Burelison		Terry Edgar
	Catelyn McNamara		Hilary Ross
	Travis Vonderau	9/18	Alice Zielke
9/3	Elaine Elsner	9/19	Max Tynan
9/4	Patti Baals		Bruce Yerks
	Hope Korte	9/21	Alan Korte
9/5	Judy Jackson	9/22	Joshua Frastaci
	Linda Edgar		Joe Thomas
	Jeff Parrish	9/23	Fred Schlegel
	Jeff Wilson		Judy McCrea
	Julie Uetrecht	9/24	Mark Bienz
9/6	Gage King		Bill Sumney
9/7	Sandy Crabill		Ann Clark
	Carol Glusenkamp	9/26	Josey Korte
	Layla Hagerty		Brayden Baas
9/8	Barbara Wagner	9/27	Barbara Ellis
	Lisa Bauer	9/29	Cameron McGee
9/9	Dave Panning	9/30	Terry Dalrymple
	Danner Johnson		
	Amanda Lovell		
9/13	Terry Engle		
	Susan Fisher		
9/15	Susan Lovell		
9/16	Steve Cygan		
	Jeanette Meridew		
	Scott Miller		

Anniversaries

9/1/2012	Brad & Michelle Fincher
9/3/2017	Kelly & Deb Johnson
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
9/25/1976	Doug & Luanne Haupt
9/25/2021	Grant & Jill Goeglein
9/28/1985	Chuck & Jill Crosby
9/28/2013	James & Erin Ross

Altar Flowers

9/07/2025	Jerry & Linda Lake
9/14/2025	Dave & Tammy Panning
9/21/2025	Don & Janet Ahlersmeyer
	Brian & Shannon King
9/28/2025	Doug & Luanne Haupt



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sep 1 Labor Day WCM & Church office closed 5:30pm Scouts 6:30pm NO Worship	2 10:00am WCM Chapel 4:00pm GriefShare	3 9:30am Sewing Sisters 12:30pm Chair Yoga 4:30pm Pickleball	4	5 Pastors' Day Off	6
7 8:00am Worship 9:00am Voter's Assembly-9:15am 10:30am Worship/HC	8 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Worship/HC	9 10:00am WCM Chapel 4:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm BOD Mtg	10 9:30am Sewing Sisters 12:30pm Chair Yoga 4:30pm Pickleball	11	12 Pastors' Day Off 10:00am SM Supervision	13 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
14 8:00am Worship/HC 9:00am SS/BC-9:15am 10:30am Worship	15 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Worship	16 10:00am WCM Chapel 4:00pm CD Mtg 4:00pm GriefShare	17 9:30am Sewing Sisters 12:00pm Blood Drive 12:30pm Chair Yoga 4:30pm Pickleball 7:00pm Adult Choir	18	19 Pastors' Day Off	20
21 8:00am Worship 9:00am High School Youth & Parent 9:00am SS/BC-9:15am 10:30am Worship/HC	22 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Worship/HC	23 10:00am WCM Chapel 4:00pm GriefShare	24 Family Promise Meals Week 9:30am Sewing Sisters 12:30pm Chair Yoga 2:00pm Senior Moments 4:30pm Pickleball	25	26 Pastors' Day Off 10:00am SM Supervision	27
28 8:00am Worship/HC 9:00am SS/BC-9:15am 10:30am Worship	29 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Worship	30 10:00am WCM Chapel 4:00pm GriefShare				