



PEACE
NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2023



OCTOBER 1, 2023 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Opening Prayer: Pastor Zornow

Establish a Quorum: Teresa Hogan 120 people needed based on 120 Voting Members. A quorum is noted.

Teresa wanted to add Fresh Eyes Mission Summit (FEMS) to the October 1, 2023 Agenda.

Motion by Christine seconded by Virgil to approve the Agenda of October 1, 2023 with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fresh Eyes Mission Summit (FEMS) Update - Dominic So gave the history regarding FEMS. Pastor Wendell and his wife will be here Friday evening October 6, 2023 for the start of the FEMS weekend. There will be a Zoom meeting Monday, October 2, 2023 at 5:00 pm Pastor Wendell will explain the demographic process.

Pastor Zornow asked what happens after FEMS is over? Follow up with information that is given to us. Dominic added he invited Pastor Justin Colemyer to visit and on January 21, 2024 Pastor Bradley Hale will talk about “An Aging Congregation”.

Nominating Committee - Virgil Bennett - In January 2024 Virgil Bennett and Ed Zajac’s terms will be completed. That will leave five (5) members remaining. First, the Nominating Committee researched how many members are

actually involved in Peace Lutheran Church. There are fifty six (56) members. The nominating committee decided to keep five (5) members. Discussion took place.

Stephen Ministry - Virgil and Teresa finished the first stages of Stephen Ministry Program. They are now equipped to train the Stephen Ministry program to others. They have to finish the Stephen Ministry training with other interested people in the congregation. if you are interested please contact Virgil or Teresa.

Financial Reports - The Mortgage will be paid in November 2023. In January 2024 the budget will be revised. Discussion took place.

Call Update - Deb Kroening - Deb gave a history of hiring a part time Pastor. On Sunday September 24 Pastor Walker gave the Sermon. A fellowship was held after Service with a question and answer session. Pastor Walker does want to be vetted to join the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). He will need to take classes and answer a twenty-eight (28) question essay form answers, a NALC review and an official vote from Peace Lutheran congregation.

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For Audio CD call:
Josh Lochner 429-4415
For Video DVD call:
The Church Office 556-7000

Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:
Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship
also streamed on Facebook Live or YouTube Live
Permission to podcast/stream the music in our services obtained from One License with license #A-722704.



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Happy Birthday Sandy Warren.

Pastor Zornow's message:

Pastor Zornow asked us what were the three words that Pastor Walker asked us to remember in his sermon from Sunday September 24th. They were GRACE, LOVE and FORGIVENESS. There are people who put the church down, people who do not get along; some are not happy and they leave. We should all be happy, "work it out" with the, "Fruits of the Spirit". We are a good Congregation, we should, "Believe in Ourselves". The Devil is always there waiting to intervene. Don't let him. We will grow, we have to Believe. God will bless us with, "The Fruits of the Spirit". We have potential, we are never alone.

Closing Prayer - Pastor Zornow

Motion by Sandy Warren second by Pat Green to adjourn Peace Lutheran Church Congregational at 1:15pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Congregational Vote on Pastor Walker

There will be a Congregational vote held for Pastor Walker on November 5th immediately following service that Sunday. If you would like to hear his past sermons, you can visit our Facebook/YouTube livestreams from September 24th and October 22nd or listen to the audio recordings on our website.



PASTOR BRENT WALKER,
INCOMING COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER

Advent Mid-Week Survey



In case you missed it in the weekly blast, we are gathering responses in preparation for the Advent season to determine whether Peace will hold Advent Mid-Week Worship Services. The dates in question are on Wednesdays from 11/29/23 to 12/20/23.

We've provided a QR code for your convenience for accessing this survey. You can scan the code and answer it whenever you are able.



MESSAGE FROM TERESA AND VIRGIL

Sometimes during times of suffering, people may think that God has abandoned them. But if they can sense God's presence and love in you--a friend they can see, touch, and hear--they will take heart, knowing that God will never leave them. Knowing this is priceless to those in pain and uplifting to Stephen Ministers that provide this service.



TERESA HOGAN,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT



VIRGIL BENNETT,
COUNCIL MEMBER

And knowing that a friend is near to listen when they are suffering life's challenges like divorce, job loss, or a death in the family can also be priceless.

We have completed the first stage of Stephen Ministry training--a stage where we are now equipped to train others in giving the help that troubled people need.

Remember, no special skills or experience are needed--just a heartfelt desire to help anyone who needs the loving hand you will reach out to them in their time of trouble.

Stephen Ministry may be the purest form of Christian Outreach we can provide to our fellow Peace Lutheran members and one of the most personally-satisfying things we can for others in need.

We hope you'll consider becoming a part of the Stephen Minister training program.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Exciting news!
The church building will be paid off
THIS MONTH

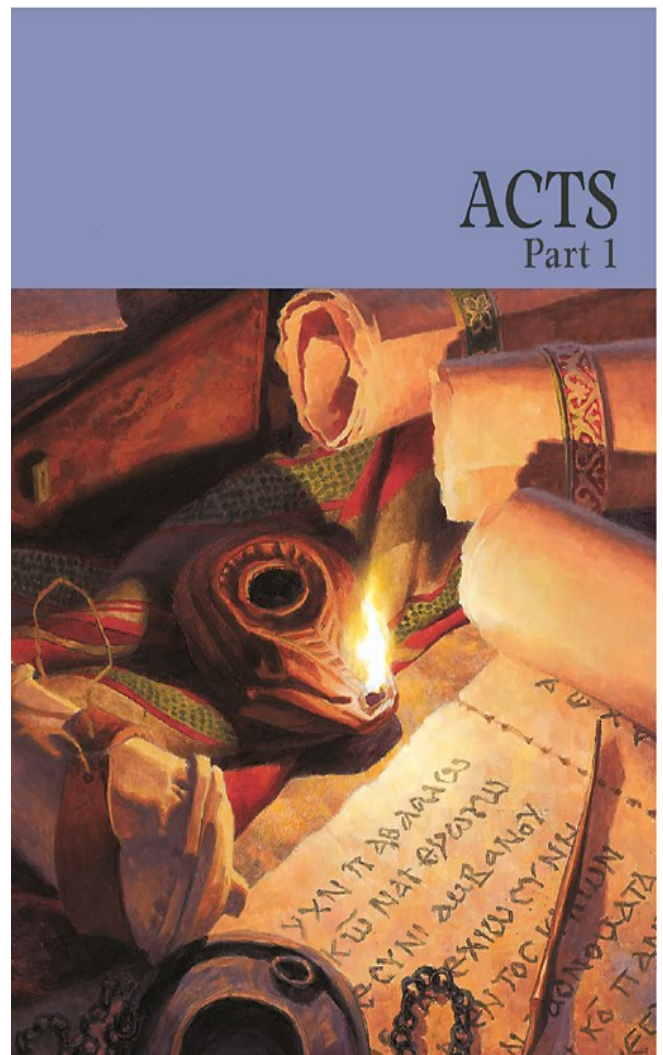
Payment Schedule

Date Due	Principal	Interest	Balance
11/1/2023	\$ 2,343.54	\$ 9.28	\$

Men's Bible Study

There will be a Men's Bible Study group session held weekly on Thursday mornings. Starting this Fall, these will take place at 8:30 a.m.

- Materials provided for Individual Study (20-30 minutes per day, your own devotion) Participants prepare for weekly meeting with the 5-day leaflet that provides scripture readings and related questions.
- Group Discussion : With a prepared discussion leader, group discuss the week's lesson.
- Group Lecture (20 minutes) Participant may choose to share but is non-mandatory. Everyone meets for a lecture, which further clarifies the lesson. Lecture is provided to voluntary leader.





THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Welcome Center

Lector

- 11/5 Ginger Kunst Barb Morgan
- 11/12 Roxanne Beck Nan Hacker
- 11/19 Margaret Schmieding Roxanne Beck
- 11/26 Sandy Warren Beverly So

Altar Guild

- 11/5 Ginger Kunst
- 11/12 Nan Hacker
- 11/19 Margaret Schmieding
- 11/26 Beverly So

Greeters

- 11/5 TBA
- 11/12 TBA
- 11/19 TBA
- 11/26 TBA

November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:2-8, 9-17; Psalm 149:1-9;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70:1-5;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew
25:1-13

November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7-16; Psalm 90:1-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew
25:14-30

November 26, 2023

Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;
Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 CORINTHIANS
15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

Visit our website!



Trip to Frankenmuth



This trip we have planned will be a caravan trip for *November 3rd*. You are welcome to drive your own car and follow us, or sign up for a ride. There won't be any cost to sign up for a ride. If you are driving, be sure to have your car gassed up and ready to go!

9:00 a.m. Leaving Peace Lutheran Church Parking Lot
Stopping for a break midway. Restroom and/or snacks.

11:30 a.m. We will travel to the Silent Night Memorial Chapel (Tour will take approximately 30 minutes)

12:00-3:00 p.m. Bronner's Christmas Wonderland. Where you will be able to purchase Christmas Ornaments, Trees, decorations, music boxes, and anything Christmas related. They have a cafeteria for those of you who would like a light snack.

3:00/3:30-5:00/5:30 p.m. Bavarian Inn for Dinner. Cost of dinner is \$27.95 each. All you can eat. If you have never eaten here, you would not forget it.

5:30 p.m. Leaving to go back to Peace in St. Joseph, Michigan.
Stopping for a break midway. Restroom and/or snacks.

Arriving Back: Approximately between **8:30-9:00 p.m.**

Advent Bible Study



Next Bible Class will start on *Tuesday mornings, November 21st at 10:00 a.m.*

Books will be available the week prior. You do not need to pay for the books. This is a five-week class on Faithful “Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph” by Adam Hamilton. You do not need to be a member to attend.

Typically, when Christians explore stories surrounding the birth of Jesus, they focus on Mary, the mother of Jesus. In this study, our focus will be on Joseph, his life, and his role in the birth and life of Jesus. We don’t often hear about Joseph because there is relatively little in the Gospels about him. So we have to read between the lines to fill in the picture of Joseph’s life, and to some extent we must use our imagination to connect the bits of information we do find in the Gospels.

As we do this, we will find that there’s more than meets the eye in the New Testament accounts of Joseph’s life.

Class Days:

- November 21: “A Carpenter Named Joseph”
- November 28: “Whose Child is This?”
- December 5: “Raising a Child Not Your Own”
- December 12: “The Journey to Bethlehem”
- December 19: “The Rest of the Story”

November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo	2 9-12 Office Hrs 8:30am Men's Bible Study	3 Office Closed Frankenmuth Trip	4
5 10:15 Worship w/communion Congregational Vote after Service	6 9-12 Office Hrs	7 9-12 Office Hrs	8 9-12 Office Hrs 9am SJHS Veteran's Breakfast 6:00 Bingo	9 9-12 Office Hrs 8:30am Men's Bible Study	10 Office Closed	11
12 10:15 Worship w/communion	13 9-12 Office Hrs	14 9-12 Office Hrs	15 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo	16 9-12 Office Hrs 8:30am Men's Bible Study	17 Office Closed	18
19 10:15 Worship w/communion	20 9-12 Office Hrs	21 9-12 Office Hrs 10am Advent Bible Study 7pm Worship Committee Mtg	22 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo	23 9-12 Office Hrs 8:30am Men's Bible Study	24 Office Closed	25
26 10:15 Worship w/communion	27 9-12 Office Hrs	28 9-12 Office Hrs 10am Advent Bible Study	29 9-12 Office Hrs	30 9-12 Office Hrs		



Birthdays

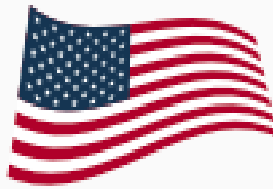
5 Sally Hoffman
17 James Damaske
21 Barbara Walker
22 Dennis Lietz
23 Lynn Hornack
27 Megan Adams
27 Steven Chapman

Shut-Ins

To keep our shut-ins safe, please call the church office for mailing addresses.

Leona Barowicz
Andrea Barowicz
Evelyn Chevrette
Darlene Gaul
Delores Gaul

Marilyn Hettig
Dolores Kraklau
Harold Lick
Betty Pliley
Jerry Pliley
Ruth Retzke
Gloria Siewert
Jane Wilson



Honoring Veterans!

SJHS VETERANS BREAKFAST 2023

Wednesday, November 8th @ 9am

Please join St. Joseph High School students in thanking our Veterans with a complimentary breakfast and entertainment to show our gratitude for their service to our country. Veterans, family, and friends are welcome!

The event will be held in the SJHS Student Center.

Please park in the Lakeview Avenue parking lot.

RSVP ★ bit.ly/VETBREAKFAST2023 ★ 269-926-3367

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