



PLC NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



Pastor's Pen: Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse Galatians 5:22-23

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Set Apart

The Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5: 22-23

In the third century, St. Cyprian wrote to a friend names Donatus:

*This seems a cheerful world, Donatus, when
I view it from this fair garden.... But if I climbed
some great mountain and looked out ...you know
very well what I would see; brigands on the high
road, pirates on the seas, in the amphitheaters...
men murdered to please the applauding crowds.*

*Yet in the midst of it, I have found a quiet and holy people.... Quiet
...not obnoxious. Not boastful. Not demanding. Just quiet.... Holy....
Set apart. Pure. Decent. Honest. Wholesome...*

Gracious Father, we claim that we are Set Apart because of the work of Jesus, the Christ. Help us to always know that we, as believers, are in this world but not of it. Let the gifts of your Spirit fall like rain on us!! Thank you especially for the gift of your peace. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

2022 Church Council

President - Jeff Rehder '24
Vice President - Russ Gradert '24
Secretary - Tim Huffman '23
Treasurer- Ryan Ranschau '25
Benevolence - Sandy Heuer '23
Head Usher - Tim Winterfeld '25
Education Liaison - Ryan Ranschau '25

Please pray for our Council as they serve our church

2022 Deacons

Cal De Ruyter Mary Schmidt
Darrell Vermeer Terry Winterfeld

Building Committee

Dave Heuer Warren Gradert
Steve Rehder

August Treasurer Report

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$68,714.32
Income	
General offering	\$ 6,660.00
Organ Donation Fund	\$ 5,100.00
Expense	<u>(\$12,220.98)</u>
Ending Balance	\$68,253.34

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,001.00
Income	\$2,790.00
Orphan Grain Train	(\$3,790.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 1.00

August 2022 Congregation Report

Communion - 32

Average attendance - 49

October 2022 Sunday Benevolence will be directed to
Samaritan's Purse / Operation Christmas Child

PLC will offer their annual Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child boxes by early October; shipping cost is paid by PLC benevolence. The balance of funds will be directed to Samaritans Purse (SP) worldwide relief. SP offers assistance and services to victims of disasters in the US and worldwide. SP is active in Ukraine; in the US they are currently responding to victims of Hurricane Ian. SP is based in NC and directed by Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham.

Member Ministry

WORSHIP services on Sunday at 10:15am, Sacrament of Holy Communion first Sunday of month (second Sunday if holiday weekend). Next Communion: Oct 2.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ages 3 through high school meet Sundays at 9am.

CONFIRMATION students meet Wednesdays at 6pm (no class this year, will resume Sept 2023).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sundays at 9:15am.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets third Wednesday of month, supper 6:30pm, Bible Study 7pm (next meet 10/19) Sept 21).

LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) students in Confirmation and High School meet second Wednesday of month for worship, fellowship and activities. See bulletin for info.

PLAY (Peace Lutheran Active Youth) young adult group does special projects and activities for the church. See bulletin for announcements.



Schedules

Lectors / Prayers

Oct 2 - Kevin R / Cal DR
Oct 9 - Cal DR / Terry W

Oct 16 - Muriel K / Mary S
Oct 23 - Donna R / Darrell V
Oct 30 - Trent R / Cal DR

Scripture Readings

Oct 2- Habbakuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14;
Oct 9- 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Oct 16 - Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
Oct 23 - Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Oct 30 - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28

Praise Team* / AV Techs / Organist(s)

*Next Praise Team rehearsal: pending

Oct 2 - no Praise Team / Jeff Tasha / Becky
Oct 9 - no Praise Team / Tim Ryan / Gin
Oct 16 - no Praise Team / Steve Tasha / Matt
Oct 23 - no Praise Team / Steve Tasha / Becky
Oct 30 - Praise Team / Steve Neil / Gin

PLC Ministry and Talent Opportunities

We welcome musical talent, vocal and instrumental; contact Tasha W 712.449.5036.
To train on the soundboard, or with AV, contact Neil R 712.470.2710.
To join the Children's Ministry team, contact Lindsey DZ 712.470.1639

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

*2 Kolton Gradert
Vicki Ranschau
3 Terry & Cathy Winterfeld
4 Hadlee Abbe
Trent & Marissa Rehder
6 Ryan & Lindsey DeZeeuw
Kara & Calvin Jensen
7 Elizabeth Ranschau
9 Susie Gradert
20 Fred & Shari Koopmans
28 Blake Rehder
29 Pastor Bill & Mary Anne Loeffke
30 Jolene Harris*

SAMARITAN'S PURSE AND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD RETURN FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

PLC will again have the opportunity, starting Sunday October 2nd, to participate in Operation Christmas Child. The October benevolence will likewise be directed to its charity partner, Samaritan's Purse. Sandy Heuer is our PLC contact (712-251-4235).

Shoeboxes and *instructions* are set up on a table in the Narthex. Collection week will be November 14-21 (watch the bulletin *Announcements* for updates and reminders). Especially note no liquids, toothpaste or candy.

In recent correspondence from Operation Christmas Child,

"Praise God for His amazing work through Operation Christmas Child this past year, as >10.5 million shoebox gifts were packed, collected and processed (>1 million more than in 2020), and >4 million children were disciplined through The Greatest Journey where 2.3 million made decisions for Christ!

Let's pray that once again the Lord will use our hands and hearts to partner with Him in the Gospel-focused ministry of Operation Christmas Child, for the benefit of children, families and communities world-wide, and for His Glory!"

ORGAN PROTOTYPE NOW PLAYING AT PLC

Enjoy the sounds of the organ's music for the first three weeks of October, as the organ selection committee has arranged for an organ manufactured by the US Allen Organ Company to be played in the PLC sanctuary during that period. Thank you to all who have so far donated to the Organ Fund; envelopes are in a mailbox in the Narthex to receive either your pledge or donation; or contact Council president Jeff Rehder 712-551-6444. Watch the bulletin *Announcements* for ongoing updates.

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 30th

PLC celebrates Reformation on Sunday October 30th, commemorating the day in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 97 Theses on the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg Saxony Germany. This festival day is especially celebrated by the Lutheran and Reformed churches. The liturgical color is red, representing the Holy Spirit and the martyrs of the Christian Church. The hymn, "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*," paraphrases Psalm 46 and is traditionally sung and read on this day. We will also celebrate this day at PLC with Holy Communion.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CONSIDERING HOME APPLICANTS THROUGH OCTOBER 31st

If you or someone you know needs a safe, decent and affordable home, *Siouxland Habitat* is accepting applications for their homeownership program, for home(s) to be built in 2023 in Sioux Center. Info and forms at www.sioxlandhabitat.org; due by October 31st.