

PLC Annual Meeting Held February 1st Motions, Reports and Election on Agenda

PLC Council president Jeff Rehder presided at the PLC Annual Meeting on Wed Feb 1st. Highlights:

- 1) Matt Lammers and Dave Winterfeld were elected to the Council to serve 2023-'26.
- 2) Motions passed for property improvements: a) replace church roof with steel roofing; b) replace church fire extinguishers; c) purchase replacement/new tables, stoves, mics; d) insulate upstairs areas of parsonage.
- 3) Motions passed to sponsor Mission Ukraine: a) monthly mission support to church in Ukraine; b) monthly stipend to immigrant family currently in US; c) PLC task force to facilitate relocation and sponsorship of a family in Ukraine seeking immigration to US. Task force volunteers include Council president Jeff Rehder, Pastor Bill and MaryAnne Loefke, Deacon Cal DeRuyter, Deacon Darrell and Gin Vermeer, Marlene Campbell, Tim and Mary Schmidt. (If you missed the meeting, see Pastor Bill for the written information sheet or how to donate.)

Bluegrass Concert Fundraiser at Dordt University March 11th 2:30 and 7:00pm

Ireton Christian School will host its annual Bluegrass Gospel Concert on Saturday March 11 with performances at 2:30 and 7:00pm. The event will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center. The Anderegg Family and The Baker Family will be singing. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door, or can be purchased from the Ireton Christian School; ages 15 and under are free.

PLC Women Invited to Spring Gathering at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Norfolk NE

Women of the Word Spring Gathering will be held 9am to 3pm Saturday April 22 2023 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Norfolk NE. There will be a special presentation on the Orphan Grain Train, a PLC benevolence, which was started in Norfolk in 1992 and now serves America and the world from more than 25 locations. Registration is \$10; offering for Orphan Grain Train. If attending, please bring new unopened underwear and socks, any size, for Orphan Grain Train. Further info posted on bulletin board in Narthex.

Lent Begins February 22 Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00pm

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 22nd. Pastor Bill has outlined a series of messages to continue at five midweek services on Wednesdays through Lent. There will be a sign-up sheet for meals before all services (except Ash Wednesday). Sunday of the Passion will be observed on Psalm Sunday April 2. There will be services on Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion April 6 7:00pm; and Good Friday April 7 7:00pm. Worship on Easter Sunday April 9th will include the traditional Sunrise Service at 8:00am and Service of Holy Communion at 10:15am, with breakfast serviced between services. Ongoing updates will be posted in the bulletin.



PLC NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



Pastor's Pen: Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse Colossians 1:28-29

BY PASTOR WILLIAM NELSON-LOEFKE

God Gives Life to Our Efforts

*We proclaim Him, admonishing
and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.
To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy,
which so powerfully works in me.
Colossians 1: 28-29*

Look at Paul's agenda, to present everyone perfect in Christ. Paul hoped for the day each person would be safe in Christ. What was his method? Counseling and teaching. Paul's tools? Verbs. Nouns. Sentences. Lessons. The very same equipment you and I use.

Was it easier then than now? I don't think so. Paul called it work, "To this end I labor." He wrote "labor" means "work." Work means visitation, people being taught, classes being prepared. Today we may refer to this as a calling.

But how did Paul accomplish all of this? What was his source of strength? He worked with all the energy that God so powerfully worked in him. In other words, Paul's power was really God's power.

As Paul worked, so did God...And as you work, so does the Father.

***Gracious Father in Heaven, work in us. May Your energy flow through us
as we live our our individual callings. As we work to Your glory, may we always
recognize the source of our strength. May You fill us each day.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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

2022 Deacons

Cal De Ruyter Mary Schmidt
Darrell Vermeer Terry Winterfeld

Building Committee

Dave Heuer Steve Rehder Warren Gradert

December Treasurer Report

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$108,374.83
Income	
General offering	\$ 8,116.00
Bathroom Remodel	\$ 500.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 600.00
Kitchen Stove Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Organ Donation Fund	\$ 500.00
Pastor Appreciation Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Expense	
General Expense	(\$ 12,560.06)
Ending Balance	\$110,030.77

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1.00
Income	\$ 3,375.00
Nikki Morgan Family	\$ 200.00
Benevolence Offering	\$ 3,515.00
Expense	
Family Crisis Center	(\$ 3,515.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 201.00

December 2022 Congregation Report

Communion - 36 Average attendance - 50

February 2023 Sunday Benevolence will be directed to
Village Northwest Unlimited, Sheldon IA.

Dedicated to serving adults with intellectual disabilities, including autism and brain injuries, and providing them an environment of privacy, purpose and dignity, and with residential and vocational opportunities.



Member Ministry

WORSHIP services on Sunday at 10:15am, Sacrament of Holy Communion first Sunday of month (second Sunday if holiday weekend). Next Communion: Feb 5.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ages 3 through high school meets 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 2/15).

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

Feb 5 - Mike DR / Terry W
Feb 12 - Kevin R / Mary S
Feb 19 - Donna R / Cal DR

Feb 22 (Ash Wed) - Vicki R / Darrell V
Feb 26 - Ali R / Terry W

Scripture Readings

Feb 5 - Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 112:1-9; I Corinthians 2:1-12
Feb 12 - Deuteronomy 12:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9
Feb 19 - Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; II Peter 1:16-21
Feb 22 - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; II Corinthians 5:20-6:10
Feb 26 - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19

Praise Team* / AV Techs / Organist(s)

*Next Praise Team rehearsal: Feb 8 6:30pm

Feb 5 - no praise team/Steve/Dan Neil / Gin
Feb 12 - Steve Jeff Mary Tasha / Tim Ava / Matt
Feb 19 - no Praise Team / Jeff Tasha / Becky
Feb 22 (Ash Wed) - no Praise Team / pending / pending
Feb 26 - Trent Dan Marissa Leah / Steve/Dan Tasha/Adi / 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

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Carter Helmers
10 Rebecca Gradert, Rosario Oteri
12 Tonya Helmers
17 Dale Ranschau
18 Don Winterfeld
19 Mathias Harris
21 Tim Winterfeld
22 Scott & Marlene Campbell
27 Brooklyn Helmers, Adelyn Winterfeld