

PLC GRADS HONORED AT WORSHIP ON JUNE 25th

Gifted with Inscribed Bibles and Blanket Quilts

We celebrate the milestones of three PLC high school graduates and their families:

Abbie Jo Helmers, daughter of Luke and Tonya Helmers, will attend Northwest Iowa Community College online, Sheldon IA, and will study Accounting.

Jordan Allen Michael Rehder, son of Jeff and Kelly Rehder, will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings SD, to pursue a major in Agricultural Science with a possible minor in Precision Agriculture.

Ava Kathlyn Winterfeld, daughter of David and Tasha Winterfeld, will attend Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls IA, with double majors in Equine Science and Equine Management.

CASKET PALL GIFT ON ORDER FOR PLC

Consecration Will be Scheduled during a July Worship Service

We will soon have a casket pall for Peace Lutheran Church. It is a gift from Tim and Lisa Miller and the Miller family, in memory of their parents John and Mary Miller. We thank them for this generous and meaningful gift given to the glory of God. There will be a Consecration of this gift after it has been delivered to PLC. As a vestment of the church, this new pall will be stored in the PLC sacristy.

A casket pall is a large white brocaded cloth, typically with a cross embroidered onto its width and length, which completely covers, or drapes, the casket of the deceased upon its entry into the church. The pall is removed at the cemetery just before burial. If the body is to be cremated, the pall is ceremoniously removed prior.

The word "pall" is derived from the name of the cloth that is presumed to have been wrapped around the body of Jesus upon His death. It symbolizes the cross of crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ, and that we too have received the gift of eternal life. It provides a focus for the congregation in the worship of God, the hope of the resurrection, and the equality of all people in Christ. All are "covered" and saved in His blood.

MISSION UKRAINE UPDATES

Roshko Family. Shortly after arriving in the US, Ivan was employed by Hoogland Dairy. They have a vehicle to drive, and all have their SS numbers. The family is attending English classes twice weekly, and they have enjoyed using their swim passes at Siouxnami Water Park in SC. The boys have bikes. They will attend SCCS in the fall, and are being tutored this summer by Nicole Lammers, who is helping them with classroom-readiness.

Homziakov Family. This family of 11 has just arrived in Sioux Center and have begun to initiate their documentations. The children will register at schools this week. They have Siouxnami swim passes. They already have SS numbers, so the adults will begin job searches as soon as possible.

Todikash Family. PLC has provided financial support for this OC family for the past 5 months. They are now self-supporting and no longer need financial support.

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PLC NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



Pastor's Pen:
Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse
Ephesians 3:16

BY PASTOR WILLIAM NELSON-LOEFKE

Blessed Daily by Your Love

*I ask the Father in His great glory
to give you the power to be strong
inwardly through His Spirit
Ephesians 3:16*

Here is a scene you can picture anywhere ...it may happen many times each day.

It's early morning. Time for young Billy to leave for school.
As he gathers his books and heads for the door, he pauses
by his grandmother's chair. He searches his grandmother's face.
"Blessing, grandma?" His grandmother raises her hand.
"God bless you Billy..." The child parts for the day,
a blessing requested, a blessing willingly given.

We should do the same. Like the child longing for his grandmother's favor, each of us needs a daily reminder of our heavenly Father's love.

Gracious heavenly Father, we need Your blessing, Your love, and Your encouragement. Not only these, but for You to walk with us that we may remain strong as we travel through our day. Bless us always. Amen

2023 Church Council

President - Jeff Rehder '24
Vice President - Russ Gradert '24
Secretary - Dave Winterfeld '26
Treasurer- Ryan Ranschau '25
Benevolence - Matt Lammers '26
Head Usher - Tim Winterfeld '25
Education Liaison - Ryan Ranschau '25

2023 Deacons

Cal De Ruyter Mary Schmidt
Darrell Vermeer Terry Winterfeld

Building Committee

Dave Heuer Warren Gradert
Scott Campbell Steve Rehder

May Treasurer Report

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 36,757.60
Income	
General Fund	\$ 5,777.00
World Day of Prayer	\$ 333.00
Expense	
General Expense	(\$ 12,278.53)
Ending Balance	\$ 30,589.07
Benevolence Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,501.00
Income	
Benevolence Offering	\$ 1,495.00
Expense	
Lutheran Disaster Assist	(\$ 1,995.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 1,001.00

MAY 2023 Congregation Report
Communion - 39 Average attendance - 62

July 2023 Sunday Benevolence
Sack Pack Program, Sioux Center IA
This Sioux County nonprofit program provides food for at-risk children. During the school year, food is dispensed to the children for their weekend needs. During the summer the program is ongoing week long to prevent the suffering of hunger.



Member Ministry

WORSHIP service Sundays at 10:15am, Sacrament of Holy Communion first Sunday of month (second Sunday if holiday weekend). Next Communion: July 9.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ages 3 through high school meets Sundays 9:00am (in Summer Recess, will reconvene Sept 2023).

CONFIRMATION students meet Wednesdays 6:00pm (class will reconvene Sept 2023).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sundays 9:15am (in Summer Recess, will reconvene Sept 2023).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets third Wednesday of month, supper 6:30pm, Bible Study 7:00pm (next meet 07/12 - note date change).

LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) students in Confirmation and High School. See *Bulletin* for info.

PLAY (Peace Lutheran Active Youth) young adults do special projects and activities for the church. See *Bulletin* for announcements.

Schedules

Lectors / Prayers

July 2 - Donna R / Cal DR July 23 - Amanda B / Darrell V
July 9 - Vicki R / Terry W July 30 - Tim S / Mary S
July 16 - Mike DR / Terry W

Scripture Readings

July 2 - Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23
July 9 - Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a
July 16 - Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:1-11
July 23 - Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25
July 30 - I Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39

Praise Team* / AV Techs / Organist(s)

*Next Praise Team rehearsal: pending
July 2 - Praise Team off / Tim Ryan / Becky
July 9 - Praise Team / Steve Neil / Matt
July 16 - Praise Team off / Dan Tasha / Becky
July 23 - Praise Team / Jeff Neil / Gin
July 30 - Praise Team off / Steve Tasha / Matt

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

July Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

2 Mike DeRuyter

Jon Loeffke

3 *Matt & Nicole Lammers*

Shari Rehder

5 Candace Gradert

6 Jeff Rehder

7 Mary Moeller

8 Jenni Scherff

12 Chari DeRuyter

14 Jeremy Breuer

18 Lacie Lammers

23 Dechlyn Borchers

24 Soni Huffman

26 *Tim & Soni Huffman*

28 Russell Gradert

30 Hannah Brower