

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 7:00pm

Council President Jeff Rehder presided at the PLC Semi-Annual meeting on Wednesday July 26th. These are highlights of that meeting:

1. Council member Tim Winterfeld has moved. Vicki Ranschau was elected to completed his 1-1/2 year term.
2. Pastor Bill reported the Council has approved purchase of new and updated study materials and Bibles for Youth Sunday School use this fall.
3. Council Treasurer Ryan Ranschau presented financials for Funds: General, Building, Benevolence, cemetery, Memorial, VBS, PLAY, Luther League, Sunday School, and Mission Ukraine. Congregation approved.
4. Council President Jeff Rehder reported the Ukrainian famlies are adjusting well; they remain in transition with needs for financial support.
5. Building Committee chair Steve Rehder reported the roof replacement, church door repairs, parsonage repair projects have been completed. Further reconstructions of old monuments in the cemetery will be planned for Spring 2024. Jeff Rehder added that in the lower level, bathroom remodels will soon be in progress, and motion lights will be installed.
6. Council member Russ Gradert report on his attendance at the LCMC District meeting in Seward NE on 07/14/23. Of note, per National Coordinator of District for LCMC Julie Smith, 50 LCMC churches in the district have been without a pastor for two or more years. The meeting was a time of learning and Bible Study.
7. The Council is seeking members will to attend the National LCMC Annual Meeting in St Charles MO Oct 1-4.
8. The Council is seeking two PLC members to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for next year's Council. Jeff Rehder and Russ Gradert will have completed their terms.

PLC WORK DAY - SATURDAY AUGUST 5th 9:00AM

These projects are scheduled for PLC work day: 1. Re-do the flagpoles at the cemetery; 2. Trim trees around the cemetery (bring your chain saws); 3. Spruce up the children's play area; 4. Clean and trim other areas as needed.

VBS PLANS WEEK OF SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS AND FUN FOR CHILDREN

Vacation Bible School will be held for children Preschool (9am-12pm) and grades K-5 (9am-2pm), Mon July 31 through Thursday August 3. Children will study together, engage in crafts, and have constructive play with old and new friends. Four counsellors from Ingham Bible Camp Okoboji will be teaching with our PLC staff. Children and staff will receive a home-cooked lunch each day. The VBS program, featuring songs the children have learned, will be in the sanctuary on Wed Aug 2 from 1:30-2:00pm. On Thursday Aug 3, beginning at 4:30pm, the children and staff will be at SiouxNami SC for a swim party. If your child isn't registered, or if questions, contact Chari DR 712-470-6642.

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PLC NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



Pastor's Pen:
Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse
Matthew 4:19

BY PASTOR WILLIAM NELSON-LOEFKE

'COME' Is a Powerful Word!

*Jesus said, "Come follow me."
Matthew 4: 19*

Our Father is an inviting God. He invited Mary to birth His Son, the disciples to fish for people, the adultress woman to start over anew, and Thomas to touch His wounds. God is the Almighty who prepares the throne room, sets the table, and invites His children to "Come in! ...There is room at the table." This word is small yet powerful.

Inviting someone in.... That act is kind. It is loving. It speaks to one's value.

In fact this word seems to be His operative word. Come! "Come let us talk about these things....

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

"All you who are thirsty ...come and drink."

"Come to Me all, all who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

God is surely a God who invites. God is a God who calls.

Gracious and inviting Heavenly Father, we are thankful for the way You constantly invite us in ...in redemption, grace, mercy and forgiveness. Help us always to hear the word "Come". Your love for us is great and You never stop calling us by our name. We pray in the name of the Christ who calls us to follow.... 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 Liaision - Ryan Ranschau '25

2023 Deacons

Cal De Ruyter Mary Schmidt
Darrell Vermeer Terry Winterfeld

Building Committee

Dave Heuer Warren Gradert
Scott Campbell Steve Rehder

June Treasurer Report

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 30,589.07
Income	
General Fund	\$ 11,926.50
Pastor Appreciation Fund	\$ 333.00
Expense	
General Expense	(\$ 14,515.61)
Ending Balance	\$ 28,099.96

Benevolence Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,001.00
Income	
Benevolence Offering	\$ 1,840.00
Expense	
Sioux City Gospel Mission	(\$ 2,340.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 501.00

JUNE 2023 Congregation Report
Communion - 38 Average attendance - 53

AUGUST 2023 Sunday Benevolence
Orphan Grain Train (OGT) - Norfolk NE
This Christian Network ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to 69 different countries, including the USA. Current or recent destination countries include Ukraine and Romania, and domestically Arizona, Louisiana and Kentucky.



Member Ministry

WORSHIP service Sundays at 10:15am, Sacrament of Holy Communion first Sunday of month (second Sunday if holiday weekend). Next Communion: Aug 6.

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 (off in August, will reconvene Sept 2023).

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

Aug 6 - Trent R / Darrell V Aug 20 - Jeff R / Terry W
Aug 13 - "Sunday In Exile" Aug 27 - Matt L / Darrell V

Scripture Readings

Aug 6 - Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5
Aug 13 - "Sunday In Exile"
Aug 20 - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Aug 27 - Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:l-8

Praise Team* / AV Techs / Organist(s)

*Next Praise Team rehearsal: pending
Aug 6 - Praise Team / Jeff Neil / Matt
Aug 13 ("Sunday In Exile") - NA / NA / NA
Aug 20 (outdoor worship) - NA / NA / NA
Aug 27 - Praise Team / Steve Ryan / Becky

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

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Matthew McDaniel

5 Roger Koedam

11 Vasyi Roshko

13 Lori Gradert

Joe & Vicki Ranschau

15 Brittany Korver

16 Ceriena Loeffke

19 Ali Ranschau

Mary Schmidt

Asha Winterfeld

21 Jordan Rehder

25 Ryan & Jenna Gradert

Anna Goetz

26 Kevin & Jessi Rehder

29 Marissa Rehder

31 Scott Campbell