

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAMS MAKE READY
Adult and Youth Classes Resume Sunday September 17th
Youth 9:00am Adult 9:15am

Pastor Bill lead a meeting for the Sunday School team on Wednesday August 23rd. The following are highlights:

1. Adult Sunday School will commence on Rally Sunday, Sep 10th at 9:15am. The group enjoys a coffee time and then this year will delve into the book "Seven Letters to Seven Churches." This 8-part book, written by John Connelly, guides the study of the seven churches referred to in the Book of Revelations, to whom Jesus wrote letters: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyratira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicia.

2. Youth Sunday School will also reconvene on Rally Sunday Sep 10th, at 9:00am. All classes will learn and be taught from the lessons "Enduring Faith." Children in grades 2-6 will also study with their companion Bibles, Growing in Faith," alongside them; these Bibles will be presented to the children during worship on Rally Sunday Sep 10.

Lindsey DeZeeuw will coordinate the team, along with co-coordinators Amanda Borchers and Jolene Harris. Teachers and aides committed to teaching this year, via a rotating schedule, include: Cal DeRuyter, Dave Winterfeld, Steve Rehder, Jeff Rehder, MaryAnne Loeffke, Gin Vermeer, Ali Ranschau, Marissa Rehder, Daniel Borchers and Taylor DeRuyter.

The older children will meet in the sanctuary with Pastor Bill from 9:00 to 9:15am, while the younger children will stay downstairs to learn and sing songs during that same time. At 9:15am, the children will be dismissed to their classes.

Children will gather, as per the present grouping plan: preschool, grades k-1, grades 2-6, and grades 7-12.

Parents will receive guidelines regarding regular and on-time attendance, parent participation, and behavioral guidelines for the children.

3. Special Rally Sunday events will take place on Sunday Sep 10. On this special day, Youth Sunday School classes will convene just from 9:00 to 9:30am, and then the children will participate in a Carnival! More info soon.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

We will look forward to again hosting the Heartland Quartet, lighting up the Christmas season at worship on Sun Dec 3. This Omaha foursome will also sing for our PLC Christmas Banquet, on the schedule for noon Sun Dec 3, immediately after the worship service. More information to follow, but mark your calendars for this special day!

SEPTEMBER 2023



PLC NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



Pastor's Pen:
Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse
Daniel 9:18

BY PASTOR WILLIAM NELSON-LOEFKE

A Smiling Heavenly Father

*We do not make requests of You
because we are righteous, but
because of Your great mercy.
Daniel 9: 18*

If only, when God shines with an amazing smile and says we are saved, we'd salute Him, thank Him, and live like those who have just received a precious gift from the commander-in-chief.

We seldom if ever do that though. We prefer to get salvation the old-fashioned way -- we earn it! To accept grace is to admit failure, a step we are hesitant to take. We opt (try) to impress God with how good we are rather than by confessing how great He is! We dizzy ourselves with so much doctrine and burden ourselves with so many rules. I wonder if God would smile on these human efforts. I suspect He doesn't.

God's Smile is not really for the healthy sojourner or hiker who boasts that he has made the journey alone. It is, instead, for the crippled, the leper, those who beg the Father for His back on which to ride. Leaning on the piggy-back of God makes him smile ...a lot.

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

July Treasurer Report

| General Fund | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 28,099.66 |
| Income | |
| General Fund | \$ 18,895.00 |
| Pastor Appreciation Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Expense | |
| General Expense | (\$ 9,388.89) |
| Ending Balance | \$ 37,656.07 |
| Benevolence Fund | |
| Beginning Balance | \$ 501.00 |
| Income | |
| Benevolence Offering | \$ 2,130.00 |
| Expense | |
| Sack Pack SC | (\$ 2,630.00) |
| Ending Balance | \$ 501.00 |

JULY 2023 Congregation Report
Communion - 50 Average attendance - 68

SEPTEMBER 2023 Sunday Benevolence
The Gideons International, Wakonda SD
...provide Bible and Christ-centered reading materials to hotels and other key human-traffic areas. "People today need someone to come alongside them in finding their way to true salvation that is available only through the grace of God."



Member Ministry

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ages 3 through high school meets Sundays 9:00am (will reconvene Sep 17 2023).

CONFIRMATION students meet Wednesdays 6:00pm (will reconvene Sep 13 2023).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sundays 9:15am (will reconvene Sep 17 2023).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets third Wednesday of month, supper 6:30pm, Bible Study 7:00pm (will reconvene Sep 20 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

Sep 3 - Muriel K / Mary S Sep 17 - Mike DR / Cal DR
Sep 10 Matt L / Mary S Sep 24 - Kevin R / Terry W

Scripture Readings

Sep 3 - Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21
Sep 10 - Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14
Sep 17 - Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13; Romans 14:1-12
Sep 24 - Jonah 3:10 - 4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30

Praise Team* / AV Techs / Organist(s)

*Next Praise Team rehearsal: pending
Sep 3 - -- / Tim Ryan / Matt
Sep 10 Praise Team / Jeff Neil / Matt
Sep 17 - -- / Daniel Tasha / Becky
Sep 24 - Praise Team / Steve Ryan / 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

September Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

6 Nicole Lammers

7 Elise Oteri

7 *Andy & Jolene Harris*

9 Sawyer Rehder

10 Neil Ranschau

14 Tanner Fluit

15 Ryan DeZeeuw

16 Sandy Heuer

16 Jenna Gradert

16 Jessi Rehder

18 Harold Moeller

19 Ryan Gradert

19 Lennox Rehder

20 Rob Goetz

21 Cathy Winterfeld

23 Benjamin DeRuyter

24 Tim Huffman

24 Natalie Oteri

24 Donna Ranschau

26 Bethany DeRuyter

28 Kevin Rehder

29 *Warren & Candace Gradert*

30 Easton Scherff