

NEW CHURCHES COME TO SIOUX CENTER

We have recently received the updated “Praying for Our Local Congregations.” This list of local churches and pastors, distributed to all Sioux Center churches every two years, is what you see printed weekly in our bulletin and for whom we are asked to pray. On this list of 23 churches are three vacant pulpits: Netherlands Reformed, Carmel Reformed, and Hope Lutheran. New churches added to this list include:

Maria Magdalena Reformed Church, Pastors Jason Lief and Martha Draayer. This congregation formed a little over a year ago, and has now acquired space at the Corner of Main and 1st Street in Sioux Center, in what was formerly the Chamber of Commerce building. Pastors Lief and Draayer are on staff at Northwestern College and describe the congregation as multigenerational, bilingual and multi-ethnic. The church was started as a plant of Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City, with support from Covenant Christian Reformed Church Sioux Center. (source: Google search on internet)

Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy, Pastor Debra Rensink. This nonprofit service is newly located at 4155 US-75 South in Sioux Center, formerly Kosgrove Estates. They are dedicated to housing (there are currently 10 studio apartments) and assisting women and children affected by domestic violence. The staff provides spiritual counselling and restoration for survivors, with those they have served having come from an 11-county area. Pastor Rensink and the organization’s board are looking to area churches for partnerships and long-term support. Information on church services has not been published. (source: Google search on internet)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD RETURNS TO PLC**Shoe Box Drive to Run October 15 to November 13**

October benevolence will again support Samaritans Purse’s Operation Christmas Child. Council member Matt Lammers will coordinate this annual Christmas drive; contact 712-441-6349. Drop off giftboxes in the Narthex at the designated table. DEADLINE: NOV 23.

The brochure you receive will include gift ideas (new items only), or go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child, where you will find abundant useful gift recommendations. Enclosed personal notes are also welcome. Note items that are not allowed: toothpaste, lotions, candy, food, religious or political literature, war-like fabrics or toys, seeds, medications including vitamins, glass or aerosol containers.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL EMBARKS ON STUDY**Steeped In History of Present-Day Western Turkey**

The Apostle John authored the Book of Revelation via his “Seven Letters to Seven Churches,” the study currently undertaken by the Adult Sunday School. The cities where these hotbeds of Christianity were arising were part of the eastern Roman Empire - wealthy, worldly and sophisticated, but beholden to the emperor and other gods, and persecutors of the early Christians. In next month’s *Newsletter*, we will highlight these cities as we now know them, and what remains of them today in western Turkey.

**PLC NEWS**

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



Pastor's Pen:
Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse
St. John 14:16-17

BY PASTOR WILLIAM NELSON-LOEFKE

From the Inside Out

*I will ask the Father, and he will
give you another Helper to be with you
forever - the Spirit of truth.
St. John 14: 16-17*

Do-it-yourself Christianity is not much encouragement to the done-in and worn-out. Self-sanctification holds little hope for any addict either!

At some point we need more than just good advice; we need help. Sometimes on this journey home we realize that a fifty-fifty proposition is too little. We need more!

We need help from the inside out. Not near us. Not above us. Not around us. But in us. In the part of us we don’t even know. In the heart no one else has seen. In the hidden recesses of our being dwells not an angel, not a philosophy, not a genie, but God.

Let us pray....

Heavenly Father; We need thee, O we need thee. Every hour we need thee. We claim that your Holy Spirit will come and dwell richly in the inner recesses of our hearts. Often times we cannot even help ourselves. Guide our path and show us your ways...ALWAYS! We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

2023 Church Council

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

August Treasurer Report

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 37,656.07
Income	
General Fund	\$ 8,800.00
Pastor Appreciation Fund	\$ 500.00
Expense	
General Expense	(\$ 11,253.20)
Ending Balance	\$ 35,802.87

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1.00
Income	
Benevolence Offering	\$ 2,045.00
Expense	
Orphan Grain Train	(\$ 2,045.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 1.00

AUGUST 2023 Congregation Report
Communion - 38 Average attendance - 72

OCTOBER 2023 Sunday Benevolence

Samaritans Purse & Operation Christmas Child
PLC will offer their annual Christmas Child boxes in early October; shipping cost is paid by PLC benevolence. The balance of funds will be directed to Samaritans Purse worldwide relief, which offers assistance and services to victims of disasters in the US and worldwide.



Member Ministry

WORSHIP service Sundays at 10:15am, Sacrament of Holy Communion first Sunday of month (second Sunday if holiday weekend). Next Communion: Oct 8.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ages 3 through high school meets Sundays 9:00am.

CONFIRMATION students meet Wednesdays 7:00pm (temporary time change).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sundays 9:15am.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets third Wednesday of month, supper 6:30pm, Bible Study 7:00pm Will next meet Oct 18.

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

Oct 01- Vicki R / Terry W	Oct 22 - Tim S / Cal DR
Oct 08 - Kevin R / Terry W	Oct 29 - Cal DR / Cal DR
Oct 15 - Amanda B / Mary S	

Scripture Readings

Oct 1 - Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Phillipians 2:1-13
Oct 8 - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Phillipians 3:4b-14
Oct 15 - Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Phillipians 4:1-9
Oct 22 - Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9; I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Oct 29 - Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Praise Team* / AV Techs / Organist(s)

*Next Praise Team rehearsal: pending

Oct 1 - Praise Team / Daniel Tasha / Gin
Oct 8 - -- / Steve Neil / Becky
Oct 15 - Praise Team / Tim Ryan / Matt
Oct 22 - -- / Daniel Neil / Matt
Oct 29 - Praise Team / Jeff Tasha / 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

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

02 Kolton Gradert	09 Susie Gradert
Vicki Ranschau	20 Fred & Shari Koopmans
03 Terry & Cathy Winterfeld	26 Mark Homziakov
04 Hadlee Abbe	28 Blake Rehder
Trent & Marissa Rehder	29 Pastor Bill & MaryAnne Loeffke
06 Ryan & Lindsey DeZeeuw	Bella Vargason-Held
Calvin & Kara Jensen	30 Jolene Harris
07 Elizabeth Ranschau	