

FAMILY CHRISTMAS BANQUET and HEARTLAND QUARTET

Combined Event on Sunday December 3rd

The Heartland Quartet of Omaha returns to sing the Songs of Christmas during worship and in a special time of song after worship on Sun Dec 3rd. All are invited to a Christmas Banquet for all of the family as part of this event.

There will be a freewill offering during worship to help defray expenses for the quartet. Cost for the meal is \$5 per person, children ages 5 and under free, payable at door. Catered menu: : roast beef, pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, fruit fluff and rolls. If you can, bring a dessert to share. Text RSVP by 11/26 to Steve R 712-463-2073.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPLORES REVELATION MESSAGE

First Stop is Ephesus, present-day Selcuk, Turkey

John wrote his letter to the seven churches of present-day western Turkey, from his place of exile on the island of Patmos (off the western shore of Turkey), as recorded in the New Testament Book of Revelation. The first church he addressed was in Ephesus. We know Ephesus as the author John's former home (he was exiled for causing too much trouble there, but returned to Ephesus when released from exile), and also the home of Mary mother of Jesus. Ephesus thrived as the most important trading and port city in the region, a business center to service the massive amount of goods traveling by caravan on the Royal Road; it was at the time second only to Rome as a cosmopolitan center of commerce and culture. John addressed the church in Ephesus, admonishing them for having lost their initial passion for the message of Jesus Christ. These Christians of Ephesus suffered loss of trades and jobs, heavy taxes, and harassment from Roman overseers (the city did eventually convert to Christianity).

As the Roman Empire suffered incursions, so did Ephesus, and as the harbor there filled with silt, so the city fell into decay. After Constantinople became a major trade center and was named capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, Ephesus was eventually abandoned. However, the site is frequently visited today, as its magnificent ruins are located just outside the city of Selcuk Turkey. Next stop: Smyrna, present-day Izmir, Turkey. Join us Sunday mornings!

ANNE PFARRER (1859 - 1944) RESTS IN PLC CEMETERY

Gold Star Recently Placed at Her Gravesite to Commemorate Son's Military Death

On September 24th, known as Gold Star Mother's Day, a commemorative medallion was placed in PLC Cemetery at the grave of PLC member Anne Studer Pfarrer (deceased 1944), whose son William Max Pfarrer lost his life in combat in 1918 WWI at age 25 (05/08/1893 - 07/21/1918). William is buried in France.

Anne was born in Switzerland and came to the US at age 6. After marriage to Gottfried Pfarrer, the family moved to a farm near Lebanon; they had 6 children, including young William. William moved to Lambert Montana, and while there he was drafted into the army.

Anne and her husband Gottfried were also the parents of Amelia, who was married to John H Bauder, lifetime members of PLC. After the loss of William, Anne devoted her time and energy to families of armed services members through the American Legion. She died quietly at her home in Rock Valley in 1944 at age 84, and was laid to rest in PLC Cemetery. (Info from Dwayne Bauder, who placed the medallion. He lives in LeMars IA and is a former PLC member; son of Art/Esther Bauder (deceased) and nephew of Lura Gayer.

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PLC NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



Pastor's Pen:
Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse
Matthew 14:30-31

BY PASTOR WILLIAM NELSON-LOEFKE

We Long for a Great Savior

*Peter shouted, "Save me!"
Immediately Jesus reached
out his hand and caught Peter.
Matthew 14: 30-31*

We come to the Christ in an hour, a time, of great need. We have abandoned our little boat of life. A boat of what we thought were "good works." We realize like Peter, that spanning the gap between us and Jesus is a fear too great for our feet. So we beg for help.

Hear His voice. And step out in fear, hoping, that our little faith will be enough.

Faith is a desperate dive out of our sinking boat of human effort, and a prayer that God will be there to pull us out of the water. Paul wrote about this kind of faith...

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast.

(Eph. 2:8)

Life saving God, Your Son reaches His hand out to us in our danger, our despair, and our utter desperation. No matter that our "boat of good works" is sinking and cannot save us. Only You can! Reach to us. Extend Your grace...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

September Treasurer Report

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 35,802.87
Income	
General Fund	\$ 15,238.00
Expense	
General Expense	(\$ 10,996.33)
Ending Balance	\$ 40,044.54

Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1.00
Income	
Benevolence Offering	\$ 2,605.00
Expense	
The Gideons	(\$ 2,605.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 1.00

SEPTEMBER 2023 Congregation Report

Communion - 52 Average attendance - 77

NOVEMBER 2023 Sunday Benevolence

Love INC, Rock Valley IA

...helps serve and support churches who wish to address social, financial, transportation, clothing, furniture, food, housing and mental health needs for people with whom they are in contact and who are living in Sioux County. They provide hands-on service and connect those in need to people and services who can help them.



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 (note time change).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sundays 9:15am.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets third Thursday of month (note day change), supper 6:30pm, Bible Study 7:00pm. Next meet Nov 16.

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

Nov 05- MaryAnne L / Darrell V	Nov 22 - Jeff R / Mary S
Nov 12 - Trent R / Terry W	Nov 26 - Tim H / Mary S
Nov 19 - Sharon H / Darrell V	

Scripture Readings

Nov 05 - Revelation (:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; I John 3:1-3
Nov 12 - Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Nov 19 - Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 1-8, 12; I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Nov 22 - Deuteronomy 8:7-13; Psalm 65; II Corinthians 9:6-15
Nov 26 - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23

Advent / Praise Team / AV Techs / Organist(s)

Nov 05 -NA / -- / Tim Neil / Matt
Nov 12 - NA / -- / Steve Tasha / Gin
Nov 19 - NA / Praise Team / Daniel Tasha / Becky
Nov 22 - NA / -- / Tim Tasha / Becky (Thanksgiving Eve)
Nov 26 - 000 / -- / Steve Ryan / Matt

PLC Ministry and Talent Opportunities

We welcome musical talent, vocal and instrumental; contact Marissa R 605.203.1234.

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

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

03 Warren Gradert	18 Daniel Borchers
04 Cory McDaniel	23 Jeremy & Nicole Breurer
04 Timofey Homziakov	Orville Rehder
05 Lura Gayer	25 Miranda Floen
Callie Kellen	Gina Matthews
06 Dominic Harris	26 Ryan Ranschau
07 Baylor Scherff	Melissa Vollink
08 Claudia Winterfeld	27 Alex & Callie Kellen
11 Joe Ranschau	Fred Koopmans
Briggs DeRuyter	29 Gabrielle Oteri
13 Andy Harris	Dale & Donna Ranschau
16 Terry Winterfeld	