



Ministry Board Meeting Agenda
November 17, 2025
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call / Attendance
- III. Devotions – Bill Helfritz
- IV. Open Forum
- V. Adopt Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approval of Ministry Board Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2025
- VII. Closed Session
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Financial Report
 - B. Pastor's Report
 - C. Mark's Report
 - D. Design Team Report
 - E. Call Committee Report
 - F. Ministry Team Reports
 - i. Altar Care
 - ii. Prayer & Care
 - iii. Christian Education
 - iv. Finance
 - v. Hospitality
 - vi. Missions
 - vii. Worship & Music (October and November)
- IX. Old Business
 - A. I-Team
 - B. Strategic Planning
- X. New Business
 - A. Minnesota Paid Leave
 - B. Missions & Outreach
 - C. Holiday Office Hours
 - D. Congregational Update
- XI. Adjourn
- XII. Closing Prayer
- XIII. Information
 - A. Next Meeting: December 15, 2025 | Executive Board Meeting December 11, 2025
 - B. December Meeting Devotions: Cathy Rieckenberg
 - C. December Communion Assistants: Jon Peterson and Dan Nelson

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
UNAPPROVED Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2025

- I. Call to Order:** 6:00 pm by Cathy Rieckenberg at Peace Lutheran Church.
- II. Members Present:** Karen Dressel, Bill Helfritz, Jon Peterson, Ted Pew, Cathy Rieckenberg, Tory Schmidt, and Pastor John Hopper
- Absent:** Dan Nelson
- Others:** Bob Rieckenberg-Safety Committee, Kristi Mittelstaedt, Eric-Nor-Son

III. Devotions: Done by Ted Pew.

IV. Open Forum:

Eric Larson from Nor-Son reviewed the contract, and after discussion, he agreed to come back with some changes.

Bob Rieckenberg updated the Ministry Board on safety issues with the front door, windows, and the need to add a second egress door to the north side of the sanctuary.

Bob also updated the Ministry Board on the recruitment of candidates for the Ministry Board and the Nominating Committee. Recruitment is proceeding, and Nominating will present the proposed names to the Ministry Board at the December meeting.

V. Adopt Agenda:

Motion to approve the Ministry Board Meeting Agenda as written. Bill / Tory / Carried

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Ministry Board Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2025.

Correction: IV. Open Forum: Kristi M. has reviewed the Nor-Son contract and recommended that we have a lawyer review the building contract as well.

Motion to approve the September 15, 2025, Ministry Board meeting minutes with the correction. Jon / Tory / Carried

VII. Reports:

- A. Financial Report:

Reviewed Financials: Bill reviewed the financials and Finance Ministry Team minutes.

Motion to approve the Financial Report as written. Jon / Tory / Carried.

- B. Pastor's Report:

Motion to approve Pastor's Report as written. Jon / Tory / Carried.

- C. Mark's Report:

Motion to approve Mark's Report as written. Jon / Tory / Carried.

- D. Design Team Report: Covered in Open Forum discussion with Nor-Son

- E. Ministry Team Reports

- Finance
- Missions



- Prayer & Care
- Property
- Stewardship – Jon provided a status on the Stewardship campaign and the pumpkins.
- Outreach

Motion to accept Ministry Team Reports as written. Jon / Tory / Carried

VIII. Old Business:

- Implementation Team – Names have been discussed. Contact will be made with the proposed team by Sunday, October 26.
- Strategic Planning – Reviewed and unanimously approved the ‘Church Profile’. The new Ministry Board to review/approve the Strategic Plan at the 2026 Leadership Workshop

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2026 Leadership Workshop – Leadership workshop scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2026, 4-7 p.m. at Peace. Dinner will be served.

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill / Jon / Carried. Adjourned at 8 pm

X. Closing Prayer

XI. Information:

- Next meeting November 17, 2025, | Executive Board Meeting November 13, 2025
- November Meeting Devotions: Bill Helfritz
- November Communion Assistant / MB serving: Karen Dressel and Bill Helfritz

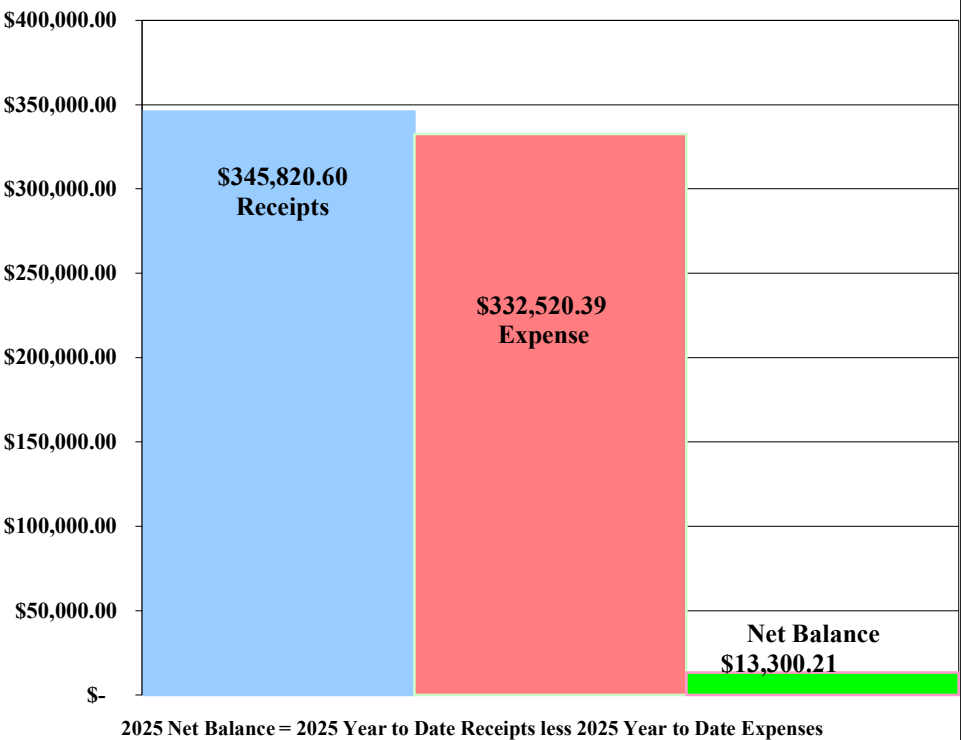
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TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

General Fund 2025 Receipts and Transfers In	\$	345,820.60	
General Fund 2025 Expenses	\$	332,520.39	
General Fund - 2025 Net Balance			<u>\$ 13,300.21</u>

2025
Year-to-Date
General Fund



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 2025

Statement of Activities for Period 10 - October
Company#: 1 Name: Peace Lutheran Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025

	<u>Current</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Prior</u> <u>Y-T-D</u>
Income			
Operating Income			
401010 General Fund	\$29,775.01	\$317,256.73	\$304,192.97
401010-5 General Fund - Initial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
410010 Easter Offering	\$0.00	\$4,422.60	\$4,721.00
410015 Lenten Offering	\$0.00	\$5,093.25	\$4,376.00
410030 Cash Offering	\$213.00	\$4,766.55	\$3,180.25
410035 Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
410040 Mid-week Summer Worship Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$688.00
410050 Interest Income	\$91.74	\$7,366.55	\$9,595.77
410200 Youth Events Income	\$387.00	\$1,337.00	\$1,998.25
410300 VBS Registrations Income	\$0.00	\$2,600.96	\$2,380.45
410305 VBS Income - Donation Income	\$0.00	\$53.96	\$105.00
410400 Education-Confirmation Retreat Income	\$0.00	\$2,265.00	\$2,666.00
410450 Education-Adult Events Income	\$0.00	\$658.00	\$538.00
Total Operating Income	\$30,466.75	\$345,820.60	\$335,151.69
419090 Nesvold Matching Gift Income	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
419091 Capital Campaign 2025 Income	\$26,153.00	\$225,661.00	\$220,225.00
419092 Capital Campaign 2025 Interest Income	\$332.19	\$18,552.39	\$0.00
419105 Memorial-Undesignated	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.00
419125 Good Samaritan Fund income	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$225.00
419135 Seminary Support Fund Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$541.00
420160 Thrivent Mission Fund Income	\$0.00	\$1,121.00	\$539.00
430110 Noisy Offering Fund Income	\$225.82	\$3,434.50	\$3,052.92
430115 Youth Ministry Fund Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$229.00
430122 Youth Mission Trip Fund Income	\$400.00	\$20,846.33	\$24,947.67
430125 Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
430126 Sunday School Fund Income	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
440100 Outreach Fund Income	\$0.00	\$2,120.04	\$1,145.49
440105 Outreach Events	\$0.00	\$1,353.00	\$1,471.00
440200 Hospitality Fund Income	\$0.00	\$1,129.33	\$1,901.66
440205 Lenten Suppers	\$0.00	\$802.00	\$627.00
440210 Hospitality Events	\$60.00	\$666.00	\$780.00
440220 Easter Breakfast	\$0.00	\$369.00	\$121.00
440300 Technology Fund Income	\$0.00	\$3,793.34	\$2,155.67
440500 Care Ministry Fund Income	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
445105 Easter Flowers	\$0.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,230.00
490010 Refunded Transactions Income (1)	\$0.00	\$14,238.77	\$0.00
490020 Baptism Gifts	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
490040 Refunded - Coffee Income	\$216.00	\$2,243.00	\$2,413.65
490100 Refunded - Donations Income	\$942.13	\$2,639.08	\$2,141.92
490200 Office Income	\$20.00	\$181.00	\$56.07
Total Income	\$58,865.89	\$747,244.38	\$699,514.74

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Operating Expenses			
Benevolence			
Total Benevolence	\$3,500.00	\$34,940.00	\$33,140.00
Insurance			
Total Insurance	\$0.00	\$14,205.79	\$10,892.09
Salaries			
Total Salaries	\$14,433.21	\$185,698.62	\$189,140.03
Pastor Benefits			
Total Pastor Benefits	\$364.00	\$12,716.03	\$15,114.70
Office			
Total Office	\$2,410.62	\$22,025.47	\$15,753.56
Other Finance			
Total Other Finance	(\$700.00)	\$4,629.92	\$2,980.05
Total All Finance	\$20,007.83	\$274,215.83	\$267,020.43
Property			
Total Property	\$3,084.47	\$18,424.02	\$16,678.77
Education			
Total Education	\$295.00	\$10,859.13	\$10,016.21
Youth Activity			
Total Youth Activity	\$3,537.56	\$7,466.65	\$4,811.13
Missions			
Total Missions	\$0.00	\$693.28	\$542.40
Stewardship			
Total Stewardship	\$166.35	\$485.27	\$401.68
Care Ministry			
Total Care Ministry	\$56.95	\$728.46	\$909.50
Outreach			
Total Outreach	\$2,895.00	\$10,687.62	\$4,734.10
Hospitality			
Total Hospitality	\$758.03	\$3,822.50	\$2,638.75
Music			
Total Music	\$50.00	\$2,486.74	\$1,233.97
Altar Care			
Total Altar Care	\$0.00	\$1,350.11	\$1,681.52
Technology			
Total Technology	\$43.34	\$1,300.78	\$3,770.86
Total Operating Expenses	\$30,894.53	\$332,520.39	\$314,439.32

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810090 Nesvold Matching Gift Expense	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00
810115 Build The Future Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,958.34
810121 Good Samaritan Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$224.95
810153 Seminary Support Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146.60
810154 Properties Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$203.75	\$0.00
810190 Jerry Hendricks Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$222.19
820100 Music Ministry Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
830110 Noisy Offering Fund Expense	\$272.00	\$4,240.12	\$3,254.44
830115 Youth Ministry Fund Expense	\$965.10	\$965.10	\$698.91
830122 Youth Mission Trip Expense	(\$1,458.36)	\$19,542.76	\$21,530.99
830125 Mission Trip Fundraiser Expense	\$0.00	\$993.95	\$3,446.45
830135 High School Scholarship Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
840100 Outreach Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$1,130.85	\$4,144.20
840200 Hospitality Fund Expense	(\$215.38)	\$1,670.30	\$1,844.11
840205 Hospitality Events Expense	\$0.00	\$214.83	\$99.02
840300 Technology Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$3,806.02	\$1,627.99
840500 Care Ministry Fund Expense	\$8.13	\$8.13	\$13.75
845100 Special Gift-Altar/Flower Fund Expense	\$75.00	\$586.50	\$1,312.68
845105 Memorial-Altar Care Expense	\$0.00	\$1,125.20	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$30,541.02	\$370,117.90	\$385,463.94
Net Income	\$28,324.87	\$377,126.48	\$314,050.80

(1) Final ERTC refund received

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October 31, 2025	2025	2024
Operating Income .	\$ 345,820.60	\$ 335,151.69
Operating Expense	\$ 332,520.39	\$ 314,439.32
Balance	\$ 13,300.21	\$ 20,712.37

Previous Month YTD Comparison

September 30, 2025	2025	2024
Operating Income .	\$ 315,353.85	\$ 306,140.19
Operating Expense	\$ 301,625.86	\$ 281,187.77
Balance	\$ 13,727.99	\$ 24,952.42

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Statement of Financial Position for Period 10 - October
Company#: 1 Name: Peace Lutheran Church
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<u>Account</u>	<u>YTD Current</u>	<u>YTD 2024</u>
Assets		
Citizens Alliance Checking	\$2,799.49	\$2,127.18
Citizens Alliance HY Money Market	\$182,828.30	\$150,582.85
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Edward Jones - 12 mo. CD	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Edward Jones - 4 mo. CD	\$140,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$80,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - Investment/CD	\$25,129.03	\$23,375.37
Edward Jones - Investment Interest (3)	\$21,302.61	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$1,077,059.43	\$676,085.40
Liabilities		
Credit Card Payable	\$3,113.51	\$3,497.34
Total Liabilities	\$3,113.51	\$3,497.34
Net Assets		
General Fund Balance (A)	\$124,044.44	\$109,926.46
Nesvold Matching Gift Fund (1)	\$295,344.81	\$232,845.39
Capital Campaign 2024/25 Fund	\$502,643.00	\$220,225.00
Capital Campaign Interest Fund (2)	\$24,656.99	\$5,273.92
Prepaid Faith Promise - 2024	\$0.00	\$4,422.17
Prepaid Faith Promise - 2025	\$2,210.00	\$0.00
Executive-Undesignated Memorials Balance	\$480.00	\$480.00
Brick & Mortar Fund Balance	\$25,129.03	\$23,375.37
Good Samaritan Fund Balance	\$4,420.69	\$7,281.74
Rainy Day Fund Balance	\$16,362.06	\$11,215.68
Seminary Support Fund Balance	\$394.40	\$394.40
Properties Fund Balance	\$351.17	\$554.92
Repairs and Maintenance Fund Balance	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Thrivent Mission Fund Balance	\$2,695.00	\$1,539.00
Music Ministry Fund Balance	\$5,465.08	\$5,465.08
Noisy Offering Balance	\$460.35	\$651.58
Youth Ministry Fund Balance	\$193.78	\$1,585.29
Youth Mission Trip Fund	\$7,581.19	\$12,186.64
Sunday School Fund Balance	\$200.00	\$0.00
High School Scholarship Fund	\$4,200.00	\$6,200.00
Mission Ministry Fund Balance	\$3,539.47	\$3,557.00
Outreach Fund Balance	\$4,931.33	\$1,771.14
Hospitality Fund Balance	\$20,964.54	\$20,986.84
Technology Fund Balance	\$1,527.62	\$1,540.30
Care Ministry Fund Balance	\$773.12	\$731.25
Altar Care Fund Balance	\$1,011.19	\$378.89
Refunded Transactions Fund Balance	\$9,366.66	\$0.00
Total Net Assets	\$1,073,945.92	\$672,588.06
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,077,059.43	\$676,085.40

(A) Reclassed the \$36k ERTC to Refunded Transactions Fund Balance for MB approved project use

(1) Nesvold matching gift total \$381,500

(2) Separated Capital Fund interest income from the Capital Fund account (earned, not raised)

(3) June YTD interest recorded from Edward Jones investment CD's

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

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Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 10 - October 83.33%
Company#: 1 Name: Peace Lutheran Church
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<u>Acct # Description</u>	<u>Budget Annual</u>	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Variance for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Var. Actual to Annual Budget Dollar</u>	<u>Var. Actual to Annual Budget %</u>
Expenses								
Operating Expenses								
Total Finance								
Benevolence	37,940	3,500	3,500	-	34,940	34,940	(3,000)	92.09%
Insurance	12,100	-	-	-	12,100	14,206	2,106	117.40%
Salaries	258,532	23,068	14,433	(8,635)	211,318	185,699	(72,833)	71.83%
Pastor Benefits	19,602	805	364	(441)	15,544	12,716	(6,886)	64.87%
Office	20,185	1,732	2,411	679	17,221	22,025	1,840	109.12%
Other Finance	5,247	517	(700)	(1,217)	4,417	4,630	(617)	88.24%
Total Total Finance	353,606	29,622	20,008	(9,614)	295,540	274,216	(79,390)	77.55%
Property	23,960	4,405	3,084	(1,321)	20,575	18,424	(5,536)	76.89%
Education	14,760	-	295	295	13,760	10,859	(3,901)	73.57%
Youth Activity	9,100	758	3,538	2,779	7,584	7,467	(1,633)	82.05%
Missions	1,550	129	-	(129)	1,292	693	(857)	44.73%
Stewardship	3,000	500	166	(334)	2,000	485	(2,515)	16.18%
Care Ministry	1,800	200	57	(143)	1,400	728	(1,072)	40.47%
Outreach	11,710	275	2,895	2,620	9,150	10,688	(1,022)	91.27%
Hospitality	4,900	675	758	83	4,250	3,823	(1,078)	78.01%
Music	4,385	315	50	(265)	3,685	2,487	(1,898)	56.71%
Altar Care	2,000	300	-	(300)	1,900	1,350	(650)	67.51%
Technology	3,435	-	43	43	3,435	1,301	(2,134)	37.87%
Total Operating Expenses	434,206	37,180	30,895	(6,285)	364,570	332,520	(101,685)	76.58%

November 2025 Pastor's Report

ADMINISTRATIVE

- **Expecting:**
 - Dylan Anderson and Arianna Columbus
 - Curtis and Rachel Sagstetter
 - Logan and Megan Hunter
- **Baptism**
 - Jarren Braegelmann (Ashley & Jesse Braegelmann) – December 28
 - Emerson Rizo (Taylor & Chase) – rescheduled to January 11
- **Weddings**
 - Marla Erickson and Jim Grosshuesch – October 25, 2025 – The wedding went well, Mark did a great job.
- **Facility Rental**
 - Nissen Family (birthday party for Micah) – November 22 from 9 am to 1 pm.
- **Vacation Days**
 - Sandy – Nov 24-26; Feb 17-26 tnt
 - Pastor John- Sunday, November 23 at St. John's, Howard Lake for Organ Dedication. Mark will preach and lead worship (part of Internship Training)
- **Church Closed Day**
 - November 27 and 28 (Thanksgiving and the day after)
 - Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on a Thursday. Sandy will be in the office on any open days over the holidays.

OUTREACH

- Butter Braids Sale
- New Member Sunday – November 9 – we did not have anyone complete their paperwork. The next New Member Sunday will be sometime after the first of the year.

MISSIONS

- Operation Christmas Child kick off – October 26

WORSHIP & MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY

- All Saints worship – November 2 included celebrating baptism since the last All Saints Sunday
- Community Thanksgiving Worship will be at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Sunday, November 23, at 4:30 this year. Marla has received the joint choir music and started rehearsals.
- Getting ready for Advent and Christmas. Mark will give the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve message (part of Internship training).

STEWARDSHIP

- Faith Promise Cards and offering were processed to the altar on Celebration Sunday, October 26.
- Sue followed up with those we did not receive a faith promise from.
- To date, we have received 60 and faith promise total of \$245,924.



EDUCATION / YOUTH

- Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf – October 26. Youth and adult volunteers collected over 3,600 pounds of food and over \$1,000. Thank you to everyone who helped and the community of Watertown for their generosity. The food shelf has really come to rely on this fundraiser.
- Christmas Program rehearsal will start end of November

OTHER EVENTS

- Romans Bible Study wrapped up this week. We will start with Matthew after the first of the year.
- Pregnancy Loss Awareness Sunday – October. The Care Team handed out flowers and a poem with a stone attached on October 26.
- Fall Craft Weekend – November 7-8
- Family Movie Night – November 8 – Showing “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”
- Cribbage Tournament – November 21
- Surviving the Holidays grief support – November 16 (Care Team)
- Advent starts on November 30
- Bazaar & Cookie Walk on December 6
- Children’s Christmas Program on December 14
- Christmas Eve Worship is on December 24 at 3, 5 & 9. Pastor John will read book, Just Enough Room for Christmas at 3 and 5 pm. (What about 9 pm?) Each child will receive a stuffed animal, a lamb wearing a shirt that says, “Lamb of God”. Mark will preach at 3 pm. Pastor John will preach at 5 and 9 pm.





NOVEMBER 2025 YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lately at the Nissen home, Ellie has loved what she calls the clap prayer. For the clap prayer, we all clap our hands and go around the circle, and say "Thank you God for..." and each person needs to share something. It has been a great, simple way to practice gratitude and reflect on what we are thankful for. What I have noticed is that Ellie is often quicker at thinking of something than Mom and Dad are. You may be thinking about what this has to do with youth ministry at Peace, and it's a good question. Mostly, I am just grateful to be able to serve here at Peace. But I think it has also been a good reminder to be thankful for what is going on. This month, I am thankful for seeing new kids get involved in our high school ministry and seeing new relationships formed in confirmation.

Youth Group Update

- In High School youth group we are finishing up a series looking at the books of 1, 2, and 3 John and thinking about what it means to live in the light of God. Following this series, we will be looking at the book of Isaiah and prophecies about Jesus in Advent.
- Our middle school group has been up and down for attendance but the last couple of weeks has been more consistent and a great group of kids. Lately we have been working through some of the stranger stories in the bible. Once we finish this up we will take some time to talk about the 4 themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

High School Bible Study

- In December, we are planning to start our Sunday night bible study. This takes place at Mark's house, and we share a meal and some time in the word together.

Food Shelf Event

- This event is a huge success every year! This year, we raised over 3,600 lbs of food and close to \$1,000 for the food shelf.
- This is one of the few events where our youth group comes together with all other youth in town. It is something I hope to do more of going forward to really try to build that bond between churches and our youth. We are called to be one body!

Peace Youth Hats

- We are currently taking orders for some Peace Youth Winter hats. Each hat is \$13 which is the cost from the organization we are ordering from. This is just one fun way to get our name out into the community and they are great hats!

Mission Trip Update

- We are just starting sign-ups for our trip to the Gulf Shores of Louisiana next summer!
- We will be serving with Praying Pelican Ministries and I am hoping to bring around 20-25 students, as well as 4 other adults. The cost for students is \$700 and that is just due to the constant rising of prices, specifically on vans. Every year I search for better prices on vans, but I'm currently expecting to have to pay around \$2,000 per van.



NOVEMBER 2025 YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Confirmation

- Our confirmation year is off to a great start! We just recently hosted a mentor dinner in which we had the church full with youth and their mentors, all in all, I believe we fed around 74 people! It was amazing to see the youth with their mentors!
- We are currently working through the small catechism. This week we are finishing up talking about the ten commandments.

Hopes for the New Year

One of my main focuses right now is starting to prepare for the new year and creating some events that are beneficial for our youth, our parents, and our families. Here are a couple of things I am currently working on.

- A one-night high school retreat that focuses on what it means to be a Christian leader and how they can live that out here at our church and in their lives.
- I am reaching out to some Christian speakers to come and lead another parenting workshop for us. This will hopefully take place in January! Hoping to have this solidified by the end of the week!
- We are working on a family swim day over the Winter! We are working to create some more family-centered events that have a mixture of fun and faith!

Spread Joy,
Mark

Altar Care Minutes

Oct. 23, 2025

Present:

Wendy Forland	Dianne Mack	Faye Rothenberger
Susie Kohls	Charlotte Helfritz	Deb Wasser
Nancy Sandin	Sharon Weinzierl	Doreen Seal

Absent:

Lori Nelson	Karen Dressel	Kristina Hickel
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Meeting was started at 6:30 pm with a prayer by Sharon Weinzierl. Additional prayers by Charlotte Helfritz and Doreen Seal were included.

Sharon first covered the responsibilities of our team. It was decided that our new members (Dianne M., Faye R., Susie K., and Nancy S.) would pair up with a 'veteran' member of our team. This will help them learn from them. Sharon will distribute the sign-up list from November through Easter. Additional help will be needed for the Christmas and Easter services.

Saturday, Nov. 1st, Sharon, Nancy, Deb, Charlotte, and Doreen will meet at the church at 9 am to prepare for Sunday, November 2nd – All Saints Sunday. This will be setting up the tables, candle trays, and reeds. The 2 people assigned for communion can do their communion tray setups also.

Baptism will be looking different than in the past. Pastor John has asked Susie Kohls to make bibs and embroider the child's name on the bib. The child will be able to keep the bib. Four stoles will be made with the church logo on them and worn by the parents (I believe) and the sponsors (it could just be the sponsors). They will wear them for the service and will be kept at the church. The first baptism will be on Nov. 30th and will be for Emerson Rose Rizo. (not sure if that is the correct spelling of the first name)

Saturday, Nov. 29th, we will meet at the church at 9 am to prepare for Advent Sunday. This will involve changing paraments, preparing for the baptism, Advent Candle & Wreath, and the banner. Charlotte, Faye, Doreen, and Sharon will be there at 9 am for setup.

We discussed Sunday, Dec. 21st (communion Sunday) and Christmas services. It was decided that after the service on the 21st that all communion trays will be filled for the Christmas Eve services. NO GRAPE JUICE WILL BE POURED. The people signed up for communion for the 1st service (3 PM) will need to pour the grape juice cups at that time. The people doing the 5 pm and 9 pm service should look at the communion cups filled to see if they need to fill more. We will get last year's service counts out so we can guesstimate this year's attendance. Filled wine cups from Sunday the 21st to Wednesday the 24th should be fine as they will be refrigerated.

Poinsettias for Christmas. Outreach is not organizing a fundraiser for poinsettias this year. We as a committee are not either. They are a lot of work for our team. Most people who want them would like them before Christmas. Doreen checked with Costco and they have not received any information from corporate yet on them. They said in the past they have sold both the larger plants (\$20-22) and the smaller plants (\$15). They don't know when they will be coming or what the price will be. We are thinking about getting 6 of the larger plants for in front of the baptismal font and the lecture. Regular flowers will be put on the altar.

Nancy Sandin is looking into a few vendors for spring flowers for our Easter Garden. We'll wait to hear back from her on her research.

Unrelated to Altar Care, Susie asked if anyone could crochet/knit a prayer shawl. Love Inc has requested to have 7 made by Dec. 25th. There were several volunteers to help reach that goal.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 19th.

Thank you to our new members and everyone for attending.

Prayer and Care Team Minutes November 12, 2025

In Attendance: Sue Beulke, Susie Kohls, Mary Fritz Barfnecht, Rhonda Swanhorst

Unable to attend: Karen Lotito, Cathy Rieckenberg, Marla Erickson, Pastor John Hopper

Welcome: To Rhonda, first meeting, and Susie, second meeting.

Open with Prayer: Mary

Old Business:

Card Box:

- Mid Oct to Mid Nov: Cathy
- Mid Nov to Mid Dec: Mary
- Mid Dec to Mid-January: Marla

Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays:

Was moved to Sunday, November 26, 2025, from 3-5 pm. At this time only one person has registered. Extra booklets are available should there be unregistered walk-ins. Mary and Rhonda will be present to run the DVD presentation and guide the discussion. Remembrance wreath and readings will follow, and remembrance ornament will be handed out. Mary will bring cookies to serve.

October was Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month

Pastor John acknowledged during service each Sunday. On Sunday, Oct. 26 red carnations were handed out. It was decided we could drop the order down to 20 next year. Memory stones and accompanying poem were also handed out - well received.

Supporting Our Homebound Members.

Pastor John and Cathy Rieckenberg visited Bob and Jan Carlson-delivered a pumpkin and communion was given.

Pastor John and Mary will visit Glenn Johnson on November 13, and communion will be given. Will also deliver pumpkin and Daily Bread.

Mary Ann Hoese's family felt the pumpkin would not survive well at her facility so Mary took it the family-run gas station. Will check with family about a pastoral visit with communion for Mary Ann.

Veterans Day November 11th.

- Veterans Day cards sent to Isaac Meyer, Curtis Sagstetter, and Robert Dean(?)
- Honored Our Vets and Active Service Members During Worship on November 9.
- Dessert for Veterans Dinner

Dessert was served at the Veterans' dinner at the Watertown Community Center on November 11

A big thank you to our bakers: Mary Barfnecht, Rhonda Swanhorst, Tracy Hulley, Billie Tharaldson, and Tanya Gosha who baked cakes. (Sue Beulke will send thank you emails) Mary Barfnecht, Susie Kohls, and Sue Beulke were on hand to serve.

Thanksgiving Cards will be sent next week to Carlsons, Mary Ann, Glen, and Robert Dean-Mary will purchase cards if necessary

Threads of Love – new mission - will oversee the creation of prayer shawls, embroidered baptismal bibs and shawls, and pocket prayer quilts. Creation of graduation and baptismal quilts will continue in the capable hands of our talented quilters, knitters, and crocheters who graciously share their talents. All who share these talents are welcome to join.

The pocket prayer quilts will be available at the Connect Counter for the taking, as are prayer shawls, for anyone who could use one or knows of someone who could benefit from a prayer.

Threads of Love will fall under Prayer and Care Team for purposes of budgeting. Susie Kohls will be the Prayer and Care contact person. We are grateful for baptism bibs and shawls have already donated. Thank you!

Prayer Needs

Susie Kohls will create a spreadsheet for ease in tracking people on the prayer list. Assignments and schedule for follow-up will be discussed at the next meeting.
well received.

New Business:

2026 Budget. Last year's budget and expenditures were discussed. Some of the items included cards, postage, grief booklets, Daily Bread, flowers, mission trip, and youth camp, etc. New items may include supplies for Threads of Love. It was decided to lower the budget request from \$1400 to \$1000.

Closed with the Our Father

Next Meeting November 12th at 10 am

Thank you ALL for coming!

Peace Lutheran Church
Christian Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 | **Time:** 4:30 PM

Attendees: Nicole Johnsrud, Lindsey Walz, Shelby Dressel, Pastor John Hopper, Pastor Ron Boettner, and Mark Nissen

Opening Prayer

- Led by **Nicole Johnsrud**

1. Sunday School

- This year's Sunday School is operating in a large classroom setting due to a smaller number of volunteers and teachers. Lessons are held in the sanctuary, with volunteer sign-ups available through **SignUpGenius**.
- Discussion included a possible move back to classroom spaces; however, the current format is working well, and children are in a good routine. Consensus was to maintain the large classroom model.
- A request was made to seek more volunteers from the congregation, including those without children, who may be interested in teaching a lesson.
- **Nicole** has begun sending weekly recap emails with lesson content, memory verse, prayer, and discussion questions. Attendees shared positive feedback on this communication.
- Pastor Hopper shared contact information for **Rich Melheim (Faith 5 Curriculum)** as a potential future cross-generational curriculum resource.
 - Contact: 651-335-0076 | rich@richlearning.com

Christmas Program:

- The Christmas Program, "*The Angel's Christmas Journey*," is underway with approximately **50 children** participating.
- Performance: **Sunday, December 14 at 9:00 AM.**
- Offering will be designated for the **local Food Shelf**.
- **Birthday Sunday** will be moved to **December 7** to accommodate the program schedule.

2. Confirmation

- There are **36 students** currently enrolled.
- Curriculum: **Luther's Small Catechism**.
- **Confirmation Retreat:** February 27–March 1, 2026 at **iPoint**.

3. Adult Education

- Pastor Hopper is concluding the current study on *Romans* this week.
- Next study: **Matthew**, beginning **January 2026**.
- Meeting times will remain **Sundays at 6 PM (Livestream)** and **Thursdays at 9 AM**. Tentative start date is **January 4, 2026**.

- Sixty books were distributed for the *Romans* study.
- Small group discussion was held, but no firm plans or actions were established at this time.

4. VBS

- Early planning has begun for **Vacation Bible School 2026**.
- Dates: **June 15–19, 2026**
- Curriculum: “*Illumination Station*” from **Lifeway**

5. Budget

- Reviewed updated budget and proposed revisions.
- Updated budget numbers were submitted to the **Finance Committee** as requested.
- Approximately **75% of the 2025 budget** has been spent to date.

6. Other Business

- No additional items were brought forward.

Closing Prayer

- Led by **Pastor Ron Boettner**

Finance Team Minutes

Nov 10th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Opened Meeting at 6:05 pm

Attending: Dan Cowger, Andy Johnsrud, Bill Helfritz, Linda Senne, Julie Potter, Dan Beulke, Sue Beulke, Karen Dressel

Adopt Meeting Agenda for 11/10 Meeting: approved unanimous

Approve Minutes from 10/10/2025 Meeting: approved unanimous

Reports:

Special Giving Committee

They held a meeting on Oct 30th, minutes were sent out to Finance Board members. SGC discussed holding a seminar or workshop for the congregation members in 2026.

October Financials- Julie P

See Report- Oct ended on a positive number

October Giving- Sue B-

See Report:

Sue reported an additional \$4,500 was pledged towards the capital campaign in Oct.

Dan reviewed the CD's; it was agreed to rollover the CD maturing end of Nov to a 6-month CD.

Dan and Julie decided to take an additional \$50,000.00 from our HY account and put it into another CD.

Current Building Status- Karen Dressel

The contract with NorSon for \$58,000 (approved by the congregation) was signed last Thursday. An iTeam is in the process of being put together to work with NorSon on drawings. Once this team is in place, Julie and Linda will meet with them to discuss the process for evaluation and efficient payment for NorSon invoices.

Once drawings are approved, NorSon will put them out for bids, possibly in January or February.

The \$58,000.00 price for drawings will come out of the Nesvold funds.

Old Business:

The Safety Committee will be working on an updated safety (exit) plan. They are looking for a church member who might be able to help coordinate writing up a plan to secure monies from a Federal Grant in 2026.

New Business:

2026 Budgets:

Sue has received 60 pledge cards that total \$245,924.00. Verses last year 88 pledge cards that totaled \$342,326.00. She will reach out to members who haven't turned in a faith promise card yet.

Budget Process: Julie has sent out budget information to all groups and will work with them if they have any questions or concerns. She would like the budget information turned back in by Dec. 7th. We plan to have a preliminary budget for the Ministry Board to review at their December meeting. A budget will be presented to members for approval at the end of the January congregational meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm

Next Meeting- Monday, Dec 8th @6:00PM

Hospitality Meeting Minutes Monday, November 10, 2025

Present: John Weinzierl, Dan Nelson, Lindsey Walz, and Jill Blair

Movie Night - Lindsey heard from Karen, there were lots of little ones, and the movie was geared to older kids, but all went well. Popcorn was enjoyed by all.

Bazaar & Cookie Walk:

SUG still has some open spots, cookie makers are coming along.

- Deb Nesvold, Laurie Langner, and Jill Blair will take the lead on the cookie end
 - What will the prices be this year for cookies?
 - What do we need for supplies for the cookies?
- Lindsay Schmidt is the lead for the vendors.
 - What does she need for setup help?
 - Assigning vendors spots?
 - Getting tables from K & K; I reached out to him. Requesting delivery Thursday Dec 4th for about 30 tables. Can adjust the table count as needed.

Talked to Sandy, and we will offer credit card payments again, along with cash.

Mark Nissen and Youth will clear out the Youth and Fellowship areas on Wednesday, Dec 3rd

Festival of Lights:

Watertown is having its first annual Festival of Lights. Should we participate?

- Will have Sandy put something in this Sunday's bulletin requesting
 - Donation of lights
 - Can you help put up the lights?
- We will put the lights up right after church (10:00 am) on Sunday, November 23rd
 - Need extension cords and will order a heavy-duty 3-way plug.

Cribbage Tournament Friday, November 21st at 6:15 pm. Already 16 signed up

Revising Birthday and Anniversary Sunday – feelings were strong to leave it as is. Kids really enjoy going up front and getting their cupcake. It's a tradition brought over from Trinity.

Peace Lutheran Missions Meeting
November 3, 2025

Present: Karleen Boettner, Karen Lotito, Robert Lotito, Dale Mack, Julie Maas-Kusske, Amy Peterson, and Sharon Weizierl

The meeting was called to order at 6:38.

Opening Prayer by Julie

Motion made by Dale and seconded by Sharon to approve the 8/5/2025 Minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mission Sunday feedback was positive. We reviewed the amounts of monetary gifts given to the speaker and then the other mission representatives who set up displays.

- Speaker from FMSC - \$200
- Gideons (includes Bibles) - \$250
- Gather & Grow - \$100
- Love INC - \$100
 - Discussion about whether all four missions should receive an additional donation, rather than just the speaker. Look at this for next year.
 - Having just one main focus per Sunday was suggested. Mission Sunday has traditionally been the last Sunday of September. Could it be a different Sunday of the year?

Confirmation Servant Night on October 22nd went well. Students made tie-blankets, rolled bandages, assembled Operation Christmas Child boxes, and wrote notes for Brittany's Place.

New Business

- "Threads of Love" will be led by Susie Kohls. This group will include all those who quilt, knit, crochet and sew. This includes afghans, quilts, prayer shawls, prayer squares, baby bibs, stoles and blankets. This ministry was moved to "Prayers and Cares" and will now not be a part of the Mission Budget. Sharon and Karen can talk to Susie to clarify what is under this area.
- Operation Christmas Child Campaign is underway and has given out over 125 boxes. National Collection Week is Nov. 17-24 and Peace is one of the collection locations.
- "Mittens of Hope" Tree goes up November 23.
- The Good Samaritan Fund is a discretionary fund with a current balance of \$4,440. Gas cards were given out in the past, but due to safety concerns at the church, this will no longer be offered. Jim Holmlund, director of Love INC, said people requesting gas cards may be served at Love INC. Motion was made by Dale and seconded by Karen to discontinue the distribution of gas cards at Peace. Motion carried.

- The Watertown Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Holiday Meal Baskets. Discussion was held on increasing the amount given. Motion was made by Julie and seconded by Karen to donate \$1,000. Motion carried.
 - Amy informed us that Benevolence and Missions budget is calculated based on 10% of the previous year's income.
 - Discussion on closing The Good Samaritan Expenses and moving it to Missions Operating Fund. Motion was made by Karen and seconded by Julie to close Good Samaritan Expenses and move it to Missions Operating Fund. Motion carried.
 - Ruth Clark sent an email to Amy since she was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Items brought up:
 - Suggested 2025 unused budget dollars be given to Gather & Grow Food Shelf.
 - Rather than increase the budget items by a percentage, increase to a whole number.
 - Questions if New Hope Mission Society is vetted by the LCMC
 - Is in favor of additional monies going to a well project, Tanzania or other
 - To find missions vetted by the LCMC go to the LCMC website.
 - We then began our review of current missions
 - Estimated Missions Budget for 2026 is \$41,232
 - It was decided to look at each organization currently on the budget and determine whether it should remain or not, and then if it does remain, decide on the amount for the 2026 budget.
 - Karen made a motion and Julie seconded it to stop giving to New Hope Mission Society, Blessing Bags, and the Tanzania Well Project. Motion carried.
 - Julie made a motion and Karen seconded it to add the following missions to the 2026 Missions Budget:
 - Marion Medical Mission (support 2 wells)
 - KTIS Radio
 - The Dwelling Place (Faith-based domestic violence safe homes for women around the Twin Cities, including Carver County)
 - Operation Christmas Child
 - Royals Room
- Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the amount given to each mission based on the revised list and the total budget for the year which is \$40,200, and the expenses of \$1,023 for a total of \$41,232. Karen made a motion, and Robert seconded it to approve the 2026 budget. Motion carried. (Please see next page for the 2026 Proposed Budget categories and dollar amounts.)

Karen made motion to adjourn, seconded by Sharon. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted by Karleen Boettner

**2026 Proposed Missions Budget
Peace Lutheran**

LOCAL

Carver County Veteran's Council	\$2,000.00
Dwelling Place	\$2,000.00
Gather & Grow	\$3,000.00
Holiday Meal Baskets (Chamber)	\$1,300.00
Hope House	\$2,000.00
KTIS Radio	\$1,000.00
Love INC	\$3,000.00
MN Asst. Council for Veterans	\$2,000.00
Philomena House	\$1,000.00
Ronald McDonald House	\$1,000.00
Royals Room	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
LOCAL TOTAL	\$19,200.00

GLOBAL

Feed My Starving Children	\$4,000.00
Global Health Ministries	\$1,000.00
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$1,000.00
Marion Medical Mission (wells)	\$1,000.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$1,000.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$3,000.00
Samaritan's Purse	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
GLOBAL TOTAL	\$13,000.00

LCMC	\$3,000.00
LCMC - Augustana District	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
LCMC TOTAL	\$8,000.00

Missions Expense	\$1,032.00
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Total Benevolence and Expenses	\$41,232.00
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Worship & Music Ministry Team
October 14, 2025
Minutes

- Attendees: JoAnn Deveny, Marla Erickson, Ted Pew, Jim Grosshuesch, Pastor John Hopper, Edie Hanson, Kevin Schroeder
- Opening prayer by Marla
- Next meeting date: **Wednesday November 5th at 9am is confirmed**
- Other business:
 - Review the attached document of worship volunteer descriptions to be given to new members or potential new members, as well as existing members who have already signed up as volunteers.
 - Attendees agreed to review and send feedback to Edie via email.
 - Ruth and Sandy provided feedback/edits that will be incorporated into the document.
 - Service lengths are getting longer, which will need to be controlled if/when we move to two services.
 - One suggestion is to have only one added speaker during the service.
 - Reduce JAM messages to no more than three minutes.
 - Ruth suggested that we no longer have the Offertory response of “This is the Feast”. It really is not a good fit for Offertory.
 - The attendees agreed.

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NOVEMBER MUSIC PLAN

November 2nd – All Saints Day – Matthew 5:1 – 12
The Beatitudes

- Sermon Title: "God is on a Mission"
- Kevin will not be at this service

Praise Prelude: “Blest Are They” – WOV #764
Processional Hymn: “For All the Saints” – LBW #174
Sermon Song: None
Special Music: “The Kingdom of God” Peace Choir
Offering Response: None
Candles of Remembrance music: “Baptized in Water” – WOV #693
“Jesus, Remember Me” – WOV #740
“It is Well with My Soul” – Celebration #705
Communion Songs: “Come to the Table (of Mercy)” – CCLI #675056
“Let Us Break Bread Together” – LBW #212
“Blessed Assurance” – WOV #699
Closing Song: “Oh, How He Loves You and Me” – CCLI #15850
Praise Postlude: “Blest Are They” – WOV #764

November 9th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Luke 20:27 – 40
The Resurrection and Marriage

- Sermon Title: "To Whom Do You Belong?"
- New Members
- Veteran's day video; JoAnn to play armed forces songs medley
- Noisy Offering
- Birthdays and Anniversaries

Praise Prelude: “Who Am I” – CCLI # 4196651
Call to Worship: “Heal Our Land” – CCLI #5217
Sermon Song: “I Will Follow” – CCLI #5806878
Special Music: Children’s Choir
Offering Response: “Thank You, Lord” – Celebration #513
Closing Song: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” – LBW #332
Praise Postlude: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” – LBW #332

November 16th – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Luke 21:5 – 36
The Destruction of the Temple and signs of the End Times

- Sermon Title: “God Will Provide”
- Edie will not be at church

Praise Prelude: “Days of Elijah” – CCLI #1537904
Call to Worship: “Let All Things Now Living” – LBW #557
Sermon Song: “God Will Make a Way” – CCLI # 458620
Special Music: Ruth Clark piano solo
Offering Response: “Give Thanks” – Celebration #170
Communion Songs: “Come to the Table (of Mercy)” – CCLI #675056
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – LBW #499
“Come, Share the Lord” – Celebration #462
Closing Song: “Soon and Very Soon” – WOV #744
Praise Postlude: “Soon and Very Soon” – WOV #744

November 30th – 1st Sunday of Advent – Matthew 24:36-44
The Day and Hour Unknown

- Sermon title "Swept Away by Love"
- Emerson Rose Rizo Baptism

Praise Prelude: “Emanuel” – Celebration #243; “Always be a Child”
Call to Worship: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – Celebration #244
Advent Candle Lighting: “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” – WOV #630
Sermon Song: “Love You So Much” – CCLI #2195276
Special Music: Emmett Voca, Cello
Offering Response: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” – LBW #410
Closing Song: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” – WOV #651
Praise Postlude: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” – WOV #651

November 23rd – Christ the King Sunday – Luke 23:27 – 43
The Crucifixion of Jesus

- Mark is leading worship and giving the message
- Thanksgiving week

Praise Prelude: “Majesty” – CCLI #1527
Call to Worship: “You are My King (Amazing Love)” – CCLI #2456623
Sermon Song: “Praise and Thanksgiving” – LBW #409
Special Music: “Wonderful Savior, Glorious King” Peace Choir
Offering Response: “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” – LBW page 75
Closing Song: “Thank You Lord” – CCLI #4220833
Praise Postlude: “Thank You Lord” – CCLI #4220833

Worship & Music Ministry Team
November 5, 2025
Minutes

- **Attendees:** Kevin Schroeder, Marla Erickson, Jim Grosshuesch, Edie Hanson, Pastor John Hopper
- Opening prayer by Pastor John
- Next meeting date is **Tuesday, December 9th at 9 am**

- Other business:
 - Budget will be discussed at the next meeting
 - November 30th worship order has been adjusted.
 - Pastor John will be following the LBW order of service for Baptism, beginning with page 121 through page 125.
 - Slides will be created for the congregational responses.
 - The confession and the Apostle's Creed will not be in the regular portion of the service since they are embedded in the Baptism order of worship.
 - Copies of the revised bulletin were provided, and minor adjustments were made. (e.g. the song "Always be a child" will be immediately before the baptism).

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DECEMBER'S MUSIC PLAN

December 7th – 2nd Sunday of Advent – Matthew 3: 1 – 12

- Sermon Title: "The Day IS Coming... And..."

Praise Prelude: "Let the River Flow" – CCLI # 1686824

Call to Worship: "I Love You Lord" – CCLI #25266

Sermon Song: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" – LBW # 36

Special Music: "Come, Jesus. Holy Son of God" Peace Choir

Offering Response: "Give Thanks" – Celebration #170

Communion Songs: "All Who are Thirsty" – CCLI #2489542

"Come to the Table" – CCLI #7036352(Sidewalk Prophets)

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" – LBW #34

Closing Song: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" – LBW #25

Praise Postlude: "Let the River Flow" – CCLI # 1686824

December 21st – 4th Sunday of Advent – Matthew 1:18 – 25

- Sermon Title: "What's in a Name – Maybe Everything?"

Praise Prelude: "Do You Hear What I Hear?" – CCLI 75687

Call to Worship: "Jesus, Name Above All Names" – CCLI #21291

Sermon Song: "Hark, the Glad Sound!" – LBW #35

Special Music: TBD

Offering Response: "Thank You Lord" – CCLI #577439

Communion Songs: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" – CCLI #3250150

"I Wonder as I Wander" – WOV # 642

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" – LBW #54

Closing Song: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" – LBW #60

Praise Postlude: "Do You Hear What I Hear?" – CCLI 75687

December 14th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- Children's Christmas Program
- Noisy Offering
- Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Nicole will pick music
To fit with Christmas Program*

December 28th – 1st Sunday after Christmas – Matthew 2:12 – 23

Escape to Egypt & Return To Nazareth

- Sermon Title: "Save the Children!"
- Edie will not be at church

Praise Prelude:

Call to worship:

Sermon Song:

Special Music:

Offering Response:

Closing Song:

Praise Postlude:

*All music will be chosen
from a list by the
congregation*

December 24th – 3 pm – Christmas Eve – Luke 2: 1 – 20

Nativity of Our Lord

- Mark delivering the Message
- JAM will be the storybook “Just Enough Room for Christmas” read by Pastor John.

Praise Prelude: “Do You Hear What I Hear?” – CCLI 75687

“Christmas Hallelujah” – CCLI #3906787

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” – CCLI #3250150

“This Baby” – CCLI #1854058

Christmas Hymn: “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” – LBW #45
(everyone verses 1 & 4, women verse 2 and men verse 3)

Sermon Song: “Away in the Manger” – LBW #67
(children sing verses 1 & 2 and everyone joins in 3rd verse)

Christmas Offering Special Music: Praise Band singing “Make Room” – CCLI #7101018 key of E flat

Offertory Response: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” – LBW #55

Communion Songs: “What Child is This” – LBW #40

“The First Noel” – LBW #56

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” – LBW #54

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – LBW #71

Candlelight Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night” – LBW #65
Cynthia Sparks playing flute, JoAnn piano

Closing Hymn: “Joy to the World” – LBW #39
(Everyone sings verses 1 & 4, women sing verse 2, and men sing verse 3)

Praise Postlude: “Joy to the World” – LBW #39

December 24th – 9pm – Christmas Eve – Luke 2: 1 – 20

Nativity of Our Lord

Prelude: Christmas Medley – Ruth Clark (needs to be confirmed with Ruth)

Christmas Hymn: “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” – LBW #45
(everyone verses 1 & 4, women verse 2 and men verse 3)

Christmas Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” – LBW #60

Christmas Hymn: “I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” – LBW #69

Sermon Song: “Away in the Manger” – LBW #67

Christmas Offering: TBD

Offertory Response: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” – LBW #55

Communion Songs: “What Child is This” – LBW #40

“The First Noel” – LBW #56

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – LBW #71

Candlelight Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night” – LBW #65

Closing Hymn: “Joy to the World” LBW #39 Everyone sings verses 1 & 4, women sing verse 2, and men sing verse 3

Postlude: “Joy to the World” – LBW #39

December 24th – 5pm – Christmas Eve – Luke 2: 1 – 20

Nativity of Our Lord

Praise Prelude: “Do You Hear What I Hear?” – CCLI 75687

“Christmas Hallelujah” – CCLI #3906787

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” – CCLI #3250150

“This Baby” – CCLI #1854058

“Make Room” – CCLI # 7101018

Christmas Hymn: “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” – LBW #45
(everyone verses 1 & 4, women verse 2 and men verse 3)

Special Music: TBD Peace Choir

Christmas Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” – LBW #60

Christmas Hymn: “I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” – LBW #69

Sermon Song: “Away in the Manger” – LBW #67

Offertory Response: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” – LBW #55

Communion Songs: “What Child is This” – LBW #40

“The First Noel” – LBW #56

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” – LBW #54

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – LBW #71

Candlelight Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night” – LBW #65
Cynthia Sparks playing flute, JoAnn piano

Closing Hymn: “Joy to the World” LBW #39 Everyone sings verses 1 & 4, women sing verse 2, and men sing verse 3

Postlude: “Joy to the World” – LBW #39