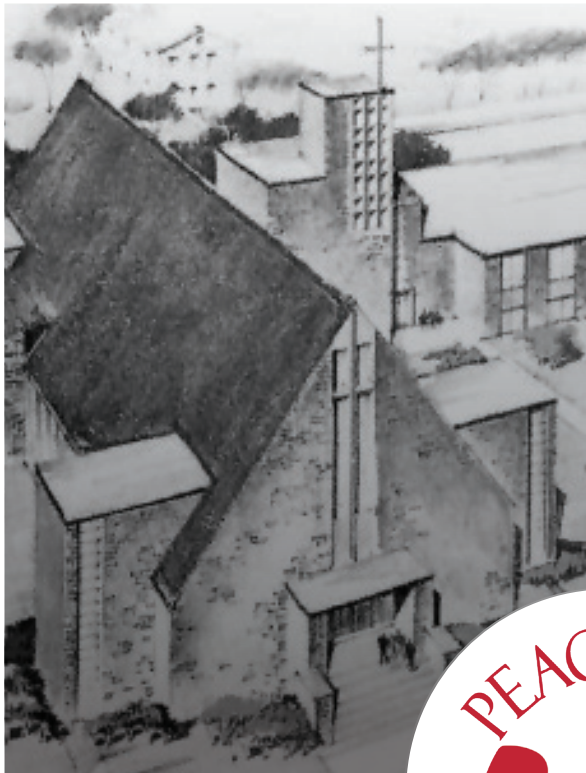


# PRINTS OF PEACE

NOVEMBER 2023



## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 12 PM Monday through Friday

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Service at 9 AM in-person and YouTube Live

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 AM Sunday mornings in room 203

## SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10 AM

# FROM THE PASTOR

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Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the Lord whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

- Psalm 100

This month we will pass our one year anniversary of being together as pastor and congregation. I find it very appropriate that this milestone comes during the month which emphasizes giving thanks. The word that comes to mind when people ask me how I feel about being the pastor at Peace is "grateful." I am so thankful for you - for your presence, your prayers and your partnership in ministry. I look forward to many years ahead as we discover together all that God will do through us.

If you would like to try out a gratitude practice for the month of November, here are some prompts to guide your practice.

**Daily Gratitude Practice.** Find a couple of minutes at the end of your day to answer two or three of the following prompts:

I am thankful for...

Moments from today I would like to have again tomorrow...

Food I enjoyed eating today...

Small things that made me smile today...

Good things I did for someone today...

Good things someone did for me today...

People I am grateful for today...

Relaxing moments I had today...

My favorite music today...

Friends I thought about today...

Funny moments from today...

Kind things I heard today...

Things I did for myself today...

As you spend time in gratitude this month, may the goodness of the Lord wash over you.

In Christ,  
Pastor Maggie



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

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It's November already and Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away. Sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas, Thanksgiving seems to take a back seat to all the activity surrounding these two events. People pour more of their time, energy, and money into Halloween each year, and the Christmas "buying" season starts in mid-October, if not before. The original purpose of Thanksgiving appears to get lost in the shuffle.

Celebrated as a holiday on and off since 1789, Thanksgiving was proclaimed a national holiday in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln. It was intended to be a day of thanksgiving and praise, a time to get together with family, friends, and those closest to us to give thanks for the blessings we've received. But that intent seems to have given way to meal preparation, football, and planning Black Friday shopping strategies.

In an effort to recapture Thanksgiving's true purpose, here's what I'm going to do this November. (I invite you to do it as well.) On Sunday, November 12th, I'm going to list seven things in my life for which I'm thankful. They could be people, organizations, or intangibles like health and opportunities...the seven things I appreciate most. After each item I'm going to write down why I'm thankful for that thing, and most importantly, how I can show my appreciation for it, e.g., with a word of thanks, through a kind gesture, by lending a helping hand, or donating my time, talent, or resources. Then each day, Monday through Sunday, November 13th – 19th, I'll choose one item from my list and do what I've written down to show my thankfulness. Finally, on Thanksgiving Day I'm going to take a moment by myself to thank God for the gifts He has given and made available to me, and ask Him to guide me in using them wisely.

As we move into what is always a very busy time of the year, let's try not to get so caught up in all the commotion that we forget to express our appreciation for the things in our lives that matter most to us.

Dirk Kagerbauer  
Leadership Team President

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

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Thank you to members of the cemetery board and our confirmation students for a successful Saturday morning of cleaning up the grounds to prepare for winter and a deep clean of the shed.



# CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

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## Join Us for the Church Pictorial Directory - Capture Your Place in Our Faith Community

Dear Peace Family,

We are excited to invite you to participate in an extraordinary and cherished tradition that helps us strengthen the bonds of our faith community - the Peace Lutheran Church Pictorial Directory!

Our church family is a diverse group of people who come together to worship, serve, and support one another. This directory is not only a collection of photos; it's a snapshot of our church's vibrant life. It's a way to celebrate the beautiful tapestry of our congregation, connect names to faces, and welcome newcomers with open arms.

Here's how you can participate:

We have arranged for a professional photographer to be at our church, in Room 203 on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, Dec 6th 2 PM-6:30 PM:** From the time Adult Ed begins until the start of the Midweek Advent Service
- **Sunday, Dec 10th 10 AM-11:30 AM:** After Sunday Service

You do not need to book a time; you will receive a number for your place in line when you arrive. Plan to be social as you may have to wait. The picture service is complimentary for Peace Lutheran Church; families will have the no-obligation opportunity to order family portraits should they wish to do so.

### Tips for a Great Photo Session:

- Dress comfortably and wear something that makes you feel confident.
- DO NOT WEAR GREEN - photos are taken in front of a green screen.
- Bring a smile and an open heart – our church is a place of warmth and acceptance.
- Feel free to bring any props or accessories that showcase your unique personality.

### Important Reminders:

If you can't make it to the church on any of the scheduled dates, please contact us at [office@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:office@peaceoshkosh.org) to discuss alternative arrangements.

All photos taken will be available for you to view and select your favorite for the directory. You will also have the option to purchase additional photos, but there is no obligation to do so.

Peace will be reaching out to each member listed on the Our Church Family page of the newsletter. If you are not on the church family page and if you are not able to get to church for a photo and if you do want to be included in the pictorial directory, then please do reach out to the church office. 920.231.4730

We look forward to seeing you in the directory and helping to build a stronger sense of community within our church. Your participation is greatly appreciated, and your photo will be a testament to your place in our faith family.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to us at [office@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:office@peaceoshkosh.org) or call 920.231.4730.

Thank you for your commitment to our church family. We can't wait to see your smiling faces in the Peace Lutheran Church Pictorial Directory!

In Faith and Fellowship,  
Heather Miller  
Parish Administrator  
Peace Lutheran Church





# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

## All Saints Sunday- November 5th Remembrance of the Dead

Doris Hanusa: 1927 - 2023	Doris Otto: 1925 - 2023
Lee Pesch: 1943 - 2023	Ralph Klemz: 1928-2023
Evelyn Straveler: 1943 - 2023	Burleigh McCarthy: 1931-2023
Kathleen Achterberg: 1926 - 2023	Rev. Ralph Hanusa: 1928-2023
Don Lewis: 1934 - 2023	Ruth Weinbender: 1924-2023
	Patti Auger: 1949-2023

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

## Memorial Gifts Received:

- In celebration of Dennis and Joyce's Wedding Anniversary
- In memory of Pr Ralph Hanusa
- In memory of Patti Auger
- In memory of Bob Bruce

# VETERANS DAY VIDEO

Peace Lutheran Church would like to recognize the veterans in our lives. If you have not submitted a veteran photo for the annual video which will show on Sunday November 12th, please consider submitting one this year. It does mean a lot to our congregation to be able to show appreciation for your service. You can submit on behalf of yourself or someone in your family. Photos can go to Heather in the church office by November 5th.

Peace will be doing a noisy offering collection on November 12th for the benefit of Old Glory Honor Flights.

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Have you been considering being a Sunday Service Worship Assistant?

Could this person be you? You are invited to sign up digitally through the sign up link shared in the Tuesday email blast. Don't do emails? You can call Heather in the church office.

# GARDEN TEAM

In writing this article, our garden team is getting ready to put the gardens to bed. I would like to extend a big thank you to the garden team for all their hard work in keeping the grounds looking good! Team members, please take a bow: Centa Schicher, Dawn Heitman, Heather Miller, Joe Friday, Kim Jungwirth, Lisa Powers, Patty Fox, Steve Berholtz, and Kathi Sawall. Our gardens didn't produce very well, (outside of the rhubarb), like so many other gardens this year. Hopefully next year will bring in more abundance. We are always looking for suggestions and comments, please contact a team member and think about joining us next spring.

Thanks,  
Kathi Sawall

# CONSTITUTION TEAM

On October 2nd, the Constitution Team met to start working on updating the constitution. The team consists of Pastor Maggie, Jean Andersen, Mary Davis, Kim Dawson, Cori Stromberg, Ed Williams, and Jan Steinert. At this time we are reviewing our current constitution with the Model Constitution which is provided by the Synod. We will keep you updated along the way.

Jean Andersen, Chair

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In the hallway between the church sanctuary and the church office is a lovely bulletin board called Our Church Family, created by the Care of Congregation Team. This bulletin board reminds us to keep in our prayers the members of our Church Family who may not be able to worship with us each week. Some have moved to different home arrangements, some are serving in the military, and some have passed away. We do our best to keep the board up to date so we can all remember these members in our prayers.

If you are able to help us with any updates, please reach out to Heather Miller.

heather.miller@peaceoshkosh.org | 920.231.4730



## BELLA VISTA

Carol Hintz

## CARMEL

Nancy Hiebel

Sandra Kritz

Dennis & Joyce Nikolaus

Ken Reinert

Peggy Staples

Janet Steinert

Ruth Vorpahl

## EDEN BROOK

Dawn Springborn

Margaret Voss

## EDEN MEADOWS

Suzanne Lannbrecht

Carol Schrock

## EVERGREEN

Arlene Augsburg

Herb & Bev Dieckmann

Joan Duwell

Donna Lord

Lucy and Paul Lund

## GABRIEL'S VILLA

Marillyn Campbell

## OMRO COUNTRY VILLA

Elaine Bradley

## MIRAVIDA LIVING

Paula Albee

Ellen Bruce

Bernice Clark

Donna Miller

## PARKVIEW

Al Neubauer

## SIMEANNA 3

Mary Jo Becker

## THE RESIDENCE

George Reischl

Vern & Silvia Wepner

## AT HOME OR WITH FAMILY

Jan Kornder

Jeri Ann Kunde

Annette Rice

Don Patt

## CARE FACILITY OUT OF OSHKOSH

*Elmer Hielsberg - WI*

*Sherry Redlin - MO*

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Captain Andrew Duwell

Sr. Airman Samantha Hall

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or someone you know (with their permission) would like to be on the prayer list, contact the office by phone (920)231-4730 or email [office@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:office@peaceoshkosh.org).

**PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS HOSPITALIZED.**

## CARE OF CONGREGATION

Our Care of Congregation Team is trying to reach you! You can help us by connecting with us when you need help with Meals that Heal or to be a recipient of a Sunshine Bag. Meals may be helpful when you are ill, have been hospitalized or other events that have made life challenging. Self-reporting is not selfish, it is helpful to our team's mission!

# THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

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Join other local community ELCA church members on November 22nd at Peace Lutheran Church. Service time is scheduled to start at 6 PM.

Dave Berndt is inviting those interested in singing in the joint choir to arrive at 5 PM for practice. A pie fellowship will follow. As the host church, Heather Miller will be looking for eight volunteers to be hosts for the evening. Peace will provide supplies, beverages and the service; visiting churches will be bringing the pies. All are welcome to join any and all festivities.

# CITYWIDE THANKSGIVING MID DAY GATHERING

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Join a special "Citywide Thanksgiving" Neighborhood Center celebration Wednesday, November 22nd at First English Lutheran Church 1013 Minnesota Street. Please enter through the 10th Ave parking lot. Thanks prayer service will begin at 11:15 AM. Thanksgiving dinner at noon in the fellowship hall. Reservations appreciated but not required by November 17th at 920.231.9890 or [office@firstenglish.org](mailto:office@firstenglish.org).

# ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

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## Advent

Advent starts on Sunday December 3rd; this will be the Sunday School Christmas Program. Sunday, December 10th will feature special music from a visiting musician. Sunday, December 17th the North High School Madrigals will perform at the beginning of the service. There will be a regular Sunday service on Sunday, December 24th at 9 AM.

## Midweek Advent Services

There will be three Midweek Advent Services. Two meals will be hosted in the Social Center beginning at 5:30 PM: December 6th- Annual Spud Feed and December 13th- Potluck. The meals will be followed by a service that will start at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. There will be a Blue Christmas Service hosted in the Good Shepherd Chapel on December 20th; there will not be a meal served on December 20th.

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Christmas Eve Service 3 PM: Featuring the Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir

Christmas Eve Service 5 PM: Featuring the Instruments of Peace

Christmas Day Service 9 AM: A Scriptures and Carols Service

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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With a reduced number of services, we will need strong, well-prepared worship assistants– ushers, readers, AV booth attendants and acolytes.

- There will be a sign up for assistants in the Narthex starting November 1st.
- There will be a mandatory informational meeting for worship assistants on Sunday December 10th after church service.

Please consider volunteering and planning accordingly.



# REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

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The questions we start with guide the answers we uncover as we read the Bible. In my reflections during the last two years, I've started with the question, *"What is this telling me about my relationship with God and other people?"* In a recent sermon, Pastor Maggie posed the questions, *"What is God doing here, and how can I be part of it?"* Starting this month, I'm going to use those two questions to guide my reflections on verses from the weekly Bible readings. When time allows, re-visit the Sunday Bible readings. Look for verses that help answer those questions for you.

Dirk Kagerbauer, Leadership Team

## Week of November 5, 2023

**Matthew 23:1-3, 11** 1Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; 3therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*There are times when I get pretty caught up in myself. That's when God, through Bible verses like these, prompts me to take an honest look at myself as a reminder that all I am and have comes from Him. My part is to acknowledge that, be thankful, and act out of humility and kindness.*

## Week of November 12, 2023

*In an effort to recapture Thanksgiving's true purpose, here's what I'm going to do this week. (I invite you to do it as well.) On Sunday, November 12th, I'm going to list seven things in my life for which I'm thankful. They could be people, organizations, or intangibles like health and opportunities...the seven things I appreciate most. After each item I'm going to write down why I'm thankful for that thing, and most importantly, how I can show my appreciation for it, e.g., with a word of thanks, through a kind gesture, by lending a helping hand, or donating my time, talent, or resources. Then each day, Monday through Sunday, November 13th – 19th, I'll choose one item from my list and do what I've written down to show my thankfulness.*

## Week of November 19, 2023

**Psalms 95:2** 2Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

*It's no wonder this Psalm is a favorite of so many Christians. Besides being short and easy to remember, it simply and beautifully reminds us of how God lovingly cares for us.*

## Week of November 26, 2023

**Matthew 25:34-40** 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.'

*I don't have to look far or long to find people in need of my help. When I'm tempted to look the other way or not acknowledge that I have the resources to provide that help, I ask God to give me the courage and strength to use the gifts He has given me to help those in need.*

# PANTRY DONATIONS

## LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Food donations can be put by the altar. Food donations can also be brought anytime the church is open. Those donations should be put in the gray cabinet next to the elevator at the Ninth Avenue entry by the Circle Drive.

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Donations can be put by the altar. Nonperishable food, personal care items and gift cards may be left in the Pantry at any time. Overflow donations can be placed on the shelves near the elevator at the Ninth Avenue entry of the Circle Drive anytime the church is open. Cash donations should be dropped off or sent to the church office.

# NOVEMBER FLOWERS

**November 5th:** Given by Joyce and Dennis Nikolaus in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

**November 19th:** Given by Kim Dawson in memory of her father, Bill Dawson.

**November 26th:** Given by Roger & Joanne Stecker in memory of their son, Mike Stecker.

You can sign up for Altar Flowers on the calendar located in the Peace narthex. The cost of sponsoring altar flowers is \$30. If you opt to pick up the flowers from our florist and deliver them to the church the Friday before your Sunday, the cost is \$25.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have additional information for the Newsletter, please contact [communications@paeaceoshkosh.org](mailto:communications@paeaceoshkosh.org) by the 15th of each month.

### 2023 IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

Sept 24: 100  
Oct 01: 83  
Oct 15: 81  
Oct 22: 102

### OFFERING REVENUES

Annual Target: \$278,800.00  
Monthly Target: \$23,233.33

### OFFERINGS TO THE GENERAL FUND IN 2023

January: \$24,063.06	May: \$16,720.08
February: \$21,462.45	June: \$15,982.09
March: \$17,608.20	July: \$20,930.39
April: \$33,541.47	August: \$16,026.44
	September: \$16,784.39



*“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”*



3K Children enjoy the timeless fun of play-doh and trains.



Ms Nicki leads a chapel lesson with the preschool children.



# TRUNK OR TREAT 2023

Trunk or Treat 2023 was a fun-filled event for our neighborhood.

Many thanks to all of the people who contributed their time, trunks, candy, financial donations, and festive spirits! There may have been winds and a constant drizzle, but those elements were nothing compared to the happy faces and joyful noises of both children and adults.

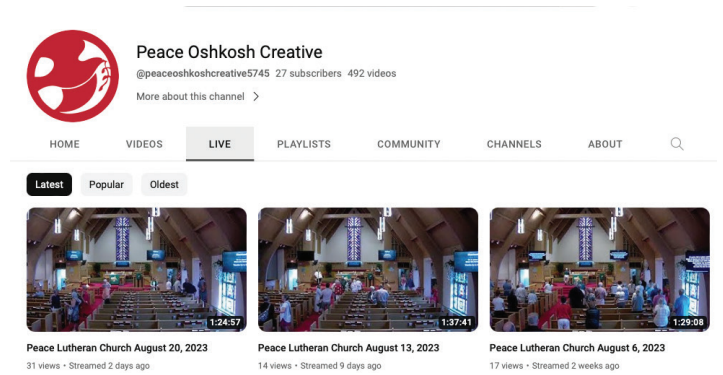
Enjoy these snapshots from Trunk or Treat 2023!





# YOUTUBE LIVE

The Peace LiveStream can be found on YouTube, the channel name is Peace Oshkosh Creative. Once you have accessed the channel, click on the LIVE menu item to access the LiveStream as well as past services. If you are having issues with finding our live stream, please email [communications@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:communications@peaceoshkosh.org) and Matt will provide further assistance.



# ADULT EDUCATION

**Sundays** - Meet after worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the Fireside Lounge to discuss the book: Lutheran Trump Cards.

**Wednesdays** - Meet weekly at 2 PM in the Fireside Lounge to explore Animate Faith- a video-based, conversation heavy faith study series.



# SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Members and friends of Peace are invited to purchase a \$10 poinsettia for display in the sanctuary during the holiday season. Poinsettia purchases can be made through December 1st by filling out an order form and making a \$10 payment.

## Sanctuary Christmas Flowers

Members and friends of Peace are invited to purchase a Christmas poinsettia for display in the sanctuary for Christmas. Christmas poinsettia purchases can be made through December 1st by filling out this order form and making a **\$10 payment** to the church office or through the offering plate.

**Choose one:**

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

Or

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

Or

**For the occasion of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

You are welcome to collect your plant from the sanctuary after the Christmas Eve service.

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### PROPERTY

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### WORSHIP

### HOSPITALITY

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

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