

Tidings of Peace from our Pastor Samuel for July

"Alive" was the theme for the district convention based on the scripture passage from Hebrews chapter four verse twelve. "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword..." We can see in our life the truth of the living and active word of God. Each time God's word is spoken it has an effect. It has the ability to mold and change us in our thoughts, words and deeds. This is the power of God's word.

God's word is not alone in being "Alive" the church is also alive; it grows and changes with the leading of God. The convention saw the conclusion of President Lueck as district president and the election of Rev. Timothy Shoup to be the new North Wisconsin District President. The end leads to a beginning, the district will continue to be led by a faithful follower of Jesus. There will be newness and getting used to the changes in leadership for those that had interacted directly with the district president. The leading of God through the office will not change, His word will continue to be the priority that the District focuses on occurring through the pastors, congregations and schools of the district.

The focus of each and every congregation is the living word of God that is alive in us. We seek to immerse ourselves in it, we are to speak it to one another, we declare it to the community.

God has given His living word to us so that we might have life through it. The word declares the greatness of our Lord, the salvation we have in Jesus, the promised future of life everlasting under God's reign. It also tells of our dire need, the taint of sin we cannot free ourselves from and the pending eternal damnation due to the sin we bear. Both messages, law and gospel, are needed to bring Jesus fully into focus. The more we are in the word the more it becomes part of who we are, what we think, say and do.

When we have immersed ourselves in God's word it can easily come to mind in times of need. When it resides in our mind it flows from our lips. When the living word of God is in our hearts we live out the faith we confess. We see the needs of others and share from the abundance that God has given, especially the great love that flows from God. Those within our community need us to help point them to Jesus for their salvation.

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12 The word made flesh is alive and gives life.

Formed by the life giving word of God.

Pastor Samuel

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2025

Present: Art Dunham, Greg Langrehr, Gary Mertig, Yvonne Mertig, Ken Boness, Barb Boness, Roger Strand and Pastor Samuel.

Pastor Samuel opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:10 pm. The minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Greg Langrehr made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. Barb Boness seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Current baptized members are 652 and current confirmed members are 506. There was one loss with the death of BJ Homann who passed away 12/12/2024. For the month of May, Pastor led 3 worship services and one worship service at The Waterford. Pastor had 2 Park Manor-Rivers Edge and Waterford visits with communion. He also had 5 home visits with Communion. He also had one hospital visit. The other activities were the Confirmation of Lauren Weinberger, LWML meeting in Minocqua, Pastor's Conference, officiated at Doug Mueller's funeral on 5/3/2025 and Don Preisler's funeral on 5/24/2025. Pastor also had his installation at Trinity Lutheran, Phillips. Total attendance for the month of May was 341 and total communed was 153. Average attendance for the month was 85.

Financial Secretary's Report: Report submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted. The year-to-date offerings are \$130,003.65 and year-to-date expenses are \$119,509.31 resulting in a difference of \$10,494.34. May 31, 2025, checking balance is \$30,958.97, savings balance is \$63,533.18 and other savings is \$34,880.27. The AP loan balance as of May 31,2025 is \$172,430.30. Year-to-date principal paid is \$14,008.68 and Year-to-date interest paid is \$3,591.31.

Elder's Report: Greg Langrehr reported. The elders are continuing to review membership list updates. The Evangelism Program has not started yet. Roger Strand will head up the program. They discussed the dual parish with Phillips, and it seems to be going well. They will be reviewing the Medical Emergency Procedure at the July meeting.

Trustee's Report: Art Dunham reported. The dead tree by the dumpster has been removed by Steve Schultz and Darrell Fohr. The batteries in the church door locks were replaced. Vic is soaking the plates from the furnace humidifies as both were badly limed up. Bids from Northern Comfort were received to replace the air conditioning unit in the Peace Center. After discussion on the specifications of the bids received, a motion was made by Roger Strand to approve the purchase of the Trane 13 Series Air Conditioning (13 Seer) unit for the price of \$6,804.00. Ken Boness seconded the motion. Motion carried. Art will contact Northern Comfort to proceed. **Peaceful Outreach:** Barb Boness reported. They reviewed the home and shut in visits. Peaceful outreach will be pursuing a Mini-Mission grant to possibly have a Christian Band concert at Music in the Park next summer. They are working on a float in the parades this summer.

Christian Education/Youth: Ken Boness reported. Vacation Bible School was held on June 8th with 7 students and five adults involved. VBS opened at 11 am with lunch. After a lesson presented by Pastor Samuel focusing on road trips the children have been involved in, a comparison to road trips taken by biblical figures highlighted the exceptional faith and trust in God needed to undertake such a monumental endeavor. Amy Weinberger led the children in activities before they went outdoors in the fenced-in area for dodgeball. An unexpected visitor garnered a lot of attention when a fawn bedded down in the tall grass was discovered. Ahead for the board is the awarding of scholarships, prepping for the coming Sunday School year and organizing the Parish Retreat this fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Volunteers needed for committees
 Board of Elders- 2 volunteers needed
 Board of Trustees 2 volunteers needed
 Board of Christian Education & Youth 1 volunteer needed
- B. Debt Reduction Committee- The community wide garage sale is June 20-21. The Peace Center will be opened for anyone to come and take items for a donation if desired.
- C. Trinity Lutheran- Things are going well. A meeting between the two congregations will be held later this summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Renewal for sponsoring The Bakers. Motion by Greg Langrehr to approve continuing sponsorship for \$2400/year. Art Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. July meeting date- Church Council meeting will be July 16, 2025, at 6 pm.

Art Dunham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Barb Boness seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Mertig, Recording Secretary



Sponsor a Broadcast

Peace Lutheran Church in cooperation with St. Paul's in Butternut sponsor the "Lutheran Hour" broadcast on the Park Falls radio station WCQM FM, each Sunday morning at 8:30am. You can sponsor a Lutheran Hour broadcast or the Peace radio broadcast in memory of a loved one or to recognize a birthday or a wedding anniversary.

- \$16 Lutheran Hour
- \$30 Radio Broadcast (co-sponsor)
- \$50 Radio Broadcast (full sponsor)

Please consider supporting this important outreach. Call the church office at 715-762-4541. Thank You!





REPORT FOR	THE	CONGR	REGATION
A	s of	May 31,	2025

YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Offerings Received General Fund Expenses Difference 130,003.65 <u>119,509.31</u> 10,494.34

Accessibility Project Fund Summary

	AP Collections	AP Expenses	AP Account Balance		
			24,555.58		
January	3,321.00	(2,500.00)	25,376.58		
February	2,102.00	(2,500.00)	24,978.58		
March	8,056.00	(2,500.00)	30,534.58		
April	2,458.00	(7,600.00)	25,392.58		
May	2,352.00	(2,500.00)	25,244.58		
June	0.00	0.00	30,534.58		
July	0.00	0.00	30,534.58		
August	0.00	0.00	30,534.58		
September	0.00	0.00	30,534.58		
October	0.00	0.00	30,534.58		
November	0.00	0.00	30,534.58		
December					
Total	18,289.00	(17,600.00)			
Loan Balance			\$172,430.30		
YTD Principal Paid			\$ 14,008.69		
YTD Interest Paid			\$ 3,591.31		

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holly Spirit.

Acts 2:38

PEACE-FULL GATHERING MEAL Thursday July 31, 2025

@ 5:30pm in the Gathering Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend! Please check the Peace-Full Gathering sign-board, in the narthex, if you would like to volunteer or donate food items.

THANK YOU!



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May 2025	4	11	18	25		Thrivent	Vanco	Month
Sunday Envelopes	4336.00	3302.00	3559.00	1971.00			600.00	13768.00
Loose plate offerings	56.62	100.00	193.05	40.00				389.67
Easter	5.00	20.00	0.00	0.00				25.00
Maundy Thursday	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00				5.00
Good Friday	23.00	20.00	0.00	0.00				43.00
Ascension Day	1.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00			21.00
Lent	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00				45.00
Pentecost	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			10.00
Christmas Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Initial offering	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			10.00
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Bakers	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00				150.00
Lords cupboard	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00
Adult Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Building Maintenanc	311.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			416.00
Christmas Gift Bask	10.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00			15.00
LWR - Care Kits	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			10.00
Noisy Collection	124.57	5.00	0.00	0.00				129.57
Peacefull Gathering	256.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00			356.00
Office Postage	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			5.00
Personal Needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00
Radio Broadcasts	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00				10.00
Special Mission	1.00	35.00	10.00	10.00				56.00
Sunday School	16.00	5.00	15.00	0.00				36.00
Red Letter	0.00	5.00	0.00	35.00	0.00			40.00
Memorial	0.00	0.00	16.00	0.00	0.00			16.00
Youth Gathering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Lillies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0			0.00
Flowers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0				0.00
Lenton Supper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00
TOTALS	1523.57	660.00	926.00	465.00	0.00	17.00	0.00	3591.57
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Peace Women are offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year. This scholarship is available to any student who is a member of Peace Lutheran Church and wishes to attend an accredited university of technical College. Preference will be given to a study attending a school recognized by the Luther Church, Missouri Synod. Please call Sandy Dane at 715-762-4390 for more information.



YOST SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Applications for the 2025 annual \$2,000.00 scholarship are being accepted. Qualifications are:

- 1. Member of Peace Lutheran Church in Park Falls, WI.
- 2. Enrolled in a 4 year college/university Program.
- 3. Preference given to music and church Work (but no longer limited to), other Majors will be considered.
- 4. Apply with letter of request after completing 1 year of school and send to Peace Lutheran Church (Board of Education), 598 North 2nd Avenue, Park Falls, WI 54552
- 5. Only one scholarship is given annually.
- 6. Application deadline is July 15th, 2025

Any questions, please call Linda Szymik @ 715-762-3597 Anyone who is willing to use a Thrivent Action Team for church activities, please contact Barb Boness at 715-769-3788

> Please consider designating any Thrivent Choice Dollars to Peace Lutheran Church in Park Falls, WI. Dollars will go to Accessabililty Repayment.

PEACE LUTHERAN OFFICE HOURS:

The Church office is not staffed fulltime, the hours may vary during the week. The office generally is open Monday-Wednesday from 7:00am to 12:00pm, closed for lunch, open from 12:30 to 3:00pm. Thursday's the office is open from 7:00am to 11:30am. When you call the office and there is no answer **please** leave a message and Cory will call you back when she returns.

Starting November 27, 2024 on Wednesdays, the church office will be staffed from 7:00am-12:00 noon and then from 12:30 to 3:30pm. Pastor will be available on Wednesdays to 10:00am, when Bible Study begins and from 11:00am to 4:00pm for office hours. Members can also call the office to set up an appointment for a meeting with Pastor Samuel.

UPDATES ON THE RED LETTER DONATIONS Totals for 2025

January's donations to "The Lord's Cupboard" \$220.00

February's donations to "Back Pack Program" \$120.15

March's donations to "Deaf Ministry" \$94.00

April's donations to "The Lord's Cupboard" \$403.00

May's donations to "Prison Ministry" \$40.00

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES Program Guide for July 2025

July 6, 2025

"A Little Light, Reading"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ. Text: Job 1:8

July 13, 2025

"Fearless and Endless Growing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola God's Word grows like a perfect garden bearing f

God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season.

Text: Colossians 1:1-14

July 20, 2025 "God's Plan=Jesus"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God's plan for us are not me-centered; they are Christcentered. Dr. Zeigler talks with "Soul Surfer" author, Bethany Hamilton.

Text: John 16:33

July 27, 2025

"Getting the Talk Started"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured. Text: Luke 11:1

Looking for a Bible Study Peace Lutheran Church has them.

Leader: Pastor Samuel Morsching "Word" God Speaks to Us" Wednesday at 10am in the Peace Center





Now is the time to update your address. If you or somebody you know has moved or changed their address or phone number, please contact the church office at 715-762-4541. We would like to keep in touch with you.



OUR PURPOSE AND MISSION

We call ourselves **Peace** because it is our <u>PURPOSE</u>, by God's grace, to **seek** the peace of God which is found only in Jesus Christ and to share it with others.

It is our <u>MISSION</u> to **share** the Good news of God's love in Christ, demonstrating and offering to all people everywhere