



Making Christ Available to All..
by Rejoicing, Renewing and
Reaching Out

Herald of Peace



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Peace Office Hours

See Schedule on page 4
Call Ahead Before Stopping By

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
In-Person and on Facebook

Sunday: 10:00 am
In-Person and on Facebook

Sunday: 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
Community Channel 7



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I was recently telling a family story about the way children can be profoundly wise without realizing it. I'd like to share that story with you now.

A few years ago, when a certain pastor's daughter was sitting in the backseat of her family car, she was happily babbling about nothing in particular when she asked her father a question:

"Daddy, is that building a church?"

"Yes honey, that building is _____ church."

"Why doesn't it have a point?"

"What?"

"Why doesn't the church have a point?"

"Oh, like a bell tower or a steeple? Is that what you mean?"

"Yeah. I think every church should have a point."

"You're right, every church *should* have a point!"

This may not be exactly how the conversation went- I wouldn't know. This was a conversation between a very young Katrina and her dad, which I have only heard about through memories my wife has shared with me. But the *point* of the conversation is still incredibly wise and appropriate. Every church *should* have a point! Of course, we're not talking about a prominent bell tower or steeple in this metaphor. We're using the definition of "point" that aligns more with the word "purpose" or "goal."

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Prayer Concerns of those we pray for

For the Church

Yehiel Curry - Presiding Bishop, WLCA
Ben Quanbeck - Montana Synod Bishop

For the World

Peace in Ukraine
Victims of violence and war in Israel and Gaza
All those affected by war in Iran and neighboring countries
Peace in the Middle East
Peace in Venezuela
Peace in the United States
President Donald Trump and officials at all levels of government

For illness or injuries of members

Gertie Gross	John & Rosanne Modde
Jim & Geri Frasch	Hank Tungstall
Darlene Thompson	Lawanda Sherseth
Eva Wilker	Susan Andersen
Gayle Bummer	Kathi & Erik Aslakson
John Baber	Kolter Olmstead
Evie Tenold	Linda Strosky

For illness or injuries of family and friends

Pam – Lois Gorseth's friend, cancer treatment
Kelly Miller – Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, cancer
Gary Boje – Darlene Thompson's brother, recovery
Denise – Bonnie Hovik Clausen's daughter in law
Garry Fink – cancer treatment
Josh Wilker – son of Kim & Terri, reentry after prison
Drew Echales – friend of the Ramage family, medical diagnosis
Rena Killmer—Marlin & Muriel Overstreet's daughter, cancer
Tommy Murphy—Nephew of Susan Andersen, Medical Reasons
Carol and Gary - siblings of Lois Gorseth - recurring cancer
Adrian Mantei - Connie's son, recovering after hospitalization
Patty- Susan Finn's Sister-in-law, lymphoma
Eddie - Stacey Bowlds' step-father - Cancer treatment
Darrell - friend of Laurie Harrtford, rare lung cancer
Diane - Friend of Wendy Goodheart - diagnosed with breast cancer
Jim Berve - Cancer treatment
Maurice - friend of Mike Brown, Cancer
Lena - friend of Ameloia Sider - gymnastics injury
Mark - John Modde's son-in-law, kidney cancer
Dennis Haste - Mel Sider's dad, prostate cancer

For those who are grieving

Prayer Concerns is a published list of those on the prayer chain, who have given permission to publish their names. If you are interested in praying for these, as well as others, please join the prayer chain. They have leaders who call or email. Please call Lone Bloom at 406-671-4030



PEOPLE OF PEACE

As Peace grows, we want to help people get to know each other. Whether you just joined the church or have been worshipping here for years, we can all learn more about who we are!

Scan the QR Code to fill in the survey! For those who would like to participate, but do not use technology, please reach out to the church office, to Joan Brown, or to Holli Miller to let us know that you would like to be interviewed.



Completed profiles will be shared in each midweek newsletter, and will be posted on the wall in the upstairs hallway. Thank you to everyone who has responded! We look forward to hearing from more of you soon!

Peace will be hosting Family Promise July 19 ~ 26. Here is the schedule for those days (we need your help in all the highlighted spots!).

Sunday, July 19 ~ set up rooms, make beds and get the rooms ready for families.

Bethlehem Lutheran will be serving dinner and hosting that night.

Monday, June 20 ~ Bethlehem Lutheran will be serving dinner and hosting.

Tuesday, June 21 ~ Peace will be serving dinner and hosting. We will need volunteers

Wednesday, June 22 ~ Peace will be serving dinner and hosting. We need your help!

Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24 ~ First English will be serving dinner and hosting.

Saturday, June 25 ~ Peace will be serving dinner and hosting. We will need volunteers

The schedule will be different for cleanup and laundry. First United Methodist hosts Family Promise June 26-August 2. They cannot host at their church that week, so families will be staying at Peace. They will provide volunteers. We will leave the bedding for that week.

Cleanup and laundry will be on Sunday, August 2 after church. Laundry can be picked up that day. We will need help cleaning up the rooms.

We will have the sign-up board in the narthex the weekend of July 5. We always appreciate your help, and so do the families we are hosting! It's a blessing to work with these families and our volunteers. Thanks Peace!

Debbie Smith 406-670-0974

Jan Bakko 406-208-4022



So it bears considering- if the wisdom of this little girl is correct, and every church should have a point, what is Peace Lutheran Church's point? We can look at the mission statement for a clue: *Making Christ Available to All by Rejoicing, Renewing, and Reaching Out*. But a mission statement is only as good as the ministry it is measured against. How are we renewing? What leads us to rejoice? In what ways are we reaching out? To whom are we reaching? Are these actions of rejoicing, renewing, and reaching out revealing Christ to the world? Do the answers to these questions posed show us the *point* of Peace Lutheran Church?

There's another aspect to the word "point," which when used as a verb, "to point," can mean to give direction to. Not only do the words of our mission statement tell us what the "point" (meaning/purpose) of Peace Lutheran Church is, they "point" this community and you all as individuals toward the goal of sharing Christ's love in the world in these specific ways.

While our building does have a bell tower, it's not all that prominent. But I am glad to say that I do serve a church with a point. And I am glad that we continue to allow ourselves to be pointed by the revelation of the Holy Spirit toward the ways we can share Christ's love to the world, by renewing, rejoicing, and reaching out!

Peace,
Pastor Seth

Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

Summer 2026

Staff Key=

Pastor Seth

Kim Braaton

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 AM					
9:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
9:30 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
10:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
10:30 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
11:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
11:30 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
12:00 PM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
12:30 PM					
1:00 PM					
1:30 PM			Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
2:00 PM	Kim Braaton		Kim Braaton	Kim Braaton	
2:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton
3:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton
3:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton
4:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton
4:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton
5:00 PM					
5:30 PM					

Peace Quilters News!

The quilters at Peace meet each Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m. to noon, in the basement at Peace. If you are interested in quilting or learning how to tie quilts, come and join us. We take a break for coffee and a visit around 10:30. The quilts you have seen displayed in the basement reception hall are examples of our handiwork. This past year we made 183 quilts which you saw displayed on the church pews at the beginning of May. Three have been given to community causes and 180 have just been sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world where there is a need.

This is an important ministry the Members at Peace are sharing with the greater community.



**Happy July
Birthday!!**



Brian Kline	July 2nd
Dennis Just	July 3rd
Lauren Kleess	July 9th
Austin Sider	July 9th
Mike Brown	July 10th
Ruby Olmstead	July 16th
Dean Welliever	July 16th
Marlin Overstreet	July 21st
Rhonda Heidner	July 23rd
Juanita Snyder	July 24th
Mary Mosdal	July 26th
Melissa Sider	July 26th



HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLASSES

CLASSES ARE OFFERED IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

To register contact:

Eileen Rodriguez

406-294-5185

eileenr@liftt.org

1241 Crawford Dr.

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Tai Chi for Diabetes

Tue/Thu @ 11:30 am

A low-impact martial art that improves range of motion, flexibility, and balance. Exercises can be done seated or standing.

WEIGHT LOSS AND WELLNESS

Weight Loss and Wellness

New class starting soon!

If you're at risk for type 2 diabetes or other chronic conditions, this program can help you take control of your health. In our weekly classes, you'll learn simple ways to move more, eat better, and lose weight at a comfortable pace. You'll be supported by a trained Lifestyle Coach and a small group of peers who are working toward the same goals—so you're never in it alone.

WALK WITH EASE

Walking for Arthritis and Falls Prevention

Wed @ 12-1 pm

Walk with Ease is a multi-component program that includes walking, health education, stretching and strengthening exercises, and motivational exercise strategies.

SAIL

Stay Active and Independent for Life

Tue/Thu @ 1-2 pm

SAIL is an evidence-based balance, strength, and flexibility class designed to assist the aging population in preventing falls and injuries. It can be completed seated or standing.

BRAIN HEALTH

Brain Health- Dementia and Alzheimer's Prevention

New class starting soon!

This class is designed to promote cognitive wellness through activities and education to support memory, focus, and mental health.

DECIDE

DECIDE - Diabetes Support

DECIDE is a problem-solving program designed for adults 18 years and older, with a diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes. DECIDE empowers the individual to discover solutions to daily challenges. It is proven to help adults with diabetes improve aspects of diabetes management and quality of life!



JUNE 18

Goldpine

Opener: Angie Langliers **WyndStone, Billings Heights**

JUNE 25

Little Joe and the Cartwrights

Opener: Jenna Greenwell and Gavin Russell

The Crossings, Laurel

JULY 2

JK & the Northern Lights

Opener: Billings Community Band **Billings Westend Campus**

JULY 9

Parker Brown and the Bleeding Hearts

COVERS TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS

Opener: Kalyn Beasley **Billings Westend Campus**

JULY 16

Marcedes Carroll and Doc Elliot Full Band

Opener: Grant Jones **Billings Westend Campus**

JULY 23

Hellroaring

Billings Westend Campus



OPENERS BEGIN AT 6 PM • FREE ADMISSION
FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE

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<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranBillings>

Watch worship live or on your own time. Keep up-to-date with goings on at church. Even send a message to chat with Pastor Seth!

Also check out our website at <https://www.peacelutheranbillings.com/> Find monthly newsletters and calendars, information about worship, food pantry, and youth ministries!

Peace Lutheran Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
May 2026	\$17,545.71	\$17,032.45	513.26
2026 Year-To-Date	\$102,680.69	\$97,615.27	5,065.42

May was another positive month in the financial realm at Peace Lutheran Church! Along with the sustained giving of our members and guests, we also had a number of designated gifts for the Food Pantry and other various ministries. Your giving, designated and undesignated, continues to provide many opportunities for ministry in this congregation and in the community.

How nice it is to look at the Year-to-Date line and see that we have a \$5,000 surplus through the first five months of the year! Of course, as we mention each year, the summer months often see smaller giving due to peoples' absence in worship from vacations and travel. If you are able and comfortable, you can use the QR code under this text to set up automatic giving, so that whether you are in worship on a given weekend or not, your offerings to the congregation will continue uninterrupted.

Thank you again for your continued generosity, both to Peace and to all those organizations you support! What a gift it is to know that God is providing for the needs of our congregation, our neighbors, our community, and the organizations we support through your hard work and generous philanthropy!



Do you want to support Peace Electronically? Follow this QR Code to be taken to our giving portal!

Saturday, July 4th & Sunday, July 5th, 2026

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Saturday, July 11th & Sunday, July 12th, 2026

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Saturday, July 18th & Sunday, July 19th, 2026

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15], 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

Saturday, July 25th & Sunday, July 26th, 2026

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Women of the ELCA Circles:

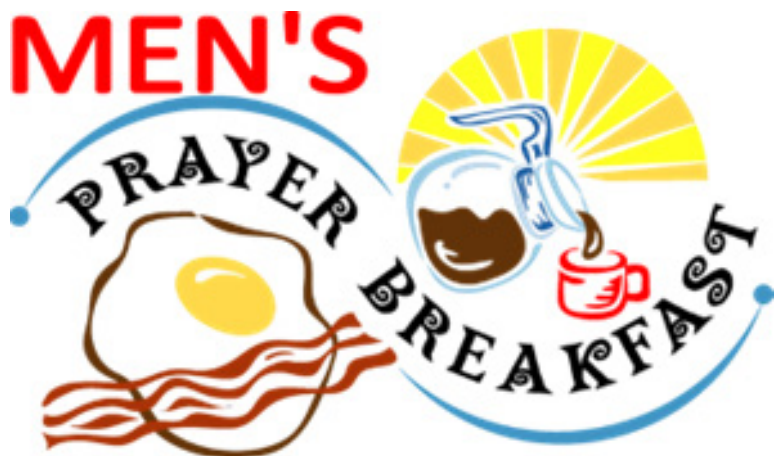
Everyone is welcome!

Ruth Circle

*Meets second Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
Pizza Hut 2530 King Ave W*

Katie Circle

*Meets second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall*



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets

Wednesdays at 6:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

New-comers and one-timers are
always welcome.

Bring yourself and your appetite—
food and Bible study resources will be
provided!

Delegates to Ministries

Christikon

Katrina Ramage
Kristi Bummer
Ruby Olmstead

Endowment Trustees

Joan Brown
Kristi Bummer
Jeff Murray
Greg Popp
Melissa Sider

Lutheran Center

Jeff Murray
Pastor Seth Ramage*

Shepherd Cluster

Dave Draeger
Jluie Draeger

St. John's Ministries

Jerilyn Dukart
Bob Peterson

Synod Assembly Delegates

Ann Barsness
Julie Draeger

† Denotes Committee Chair

*Denotes Council Member

July Serving Committee CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Scholarship

Wendy Goodheart
Holli Miller†*
Melissa Sider
Michelle Stockton

Worship

Ann Barsness
Julie Draeger
Wendy Goodheart
Michelle Stockton*

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Abundant Life

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Jeff Murray
Bob Peterson†
Danny Quanbeck
Rhonda Sappington

Congregational Life

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Molly Johnson
Holli Miller†*
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Katrina Ramage†
Melissa Sider†
Holly Suek*

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Deanna Eggum*
Paula Jackson
Rick & Barb Olson
Linda Strosky
Weyland Zeller†*

Mutual Ministry

Bob Bakko*
Ann Barsness
Bob Peterson
Jody Pierce
Chuck Sider

Nominating

Lois Gorseth
Rhonda Sappington
Melissa Sider
(Council Appointed in November)
(Council Appointed in November)

Personnel

Bob Bakko *
Melissa Sider

Property

Mike Brown*
Deanna Eggum*
Jeff Murray
Paul Strosky
Weyland Zeller *

Thank You



During the week of June 15, the projector in our worship space died completely. Thanks to quick action and great generosity, we were able to have a new projector installed and working by the weekend for Erl's funeral and two baptisms.

Thank you **Rick and Barb Olson** for making an IRA required minimum distribution to purchase the new projector!

Thank you **Tony Pecarina** for spending time on your days off and on the weekend to set up and troubleshoot the new set-up!

July

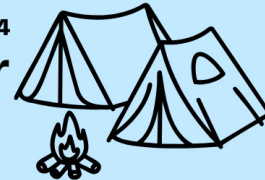
2026

Godly Play

Saturday, 07/04

Summer Break

No Godly Play



Sunday, 07/12

Summer Break

No Godly Play

Saturday, 07/18

Family Promise

No Godly Play



Sunday, 07/26

Family Promise

No Godly Play

Questions?

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ELCA Racial Justice Ministries

through a grant from the ELCA Strategy for Authentic Diversity, in partnership with the Albert "Pete" Pero, Jr. and Cheryl Stewart Pero Center for Intersectionality Studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and the ELCA Association of White Lutherans for Racial Justice presents:

Equipping the Church to Dismantle White Supremacy

A 5-part webinar series

Webinar 2
Tuesday, July 14 at 7 pm



The Albert "Pete" Pero, Jr. and Cheryl Stewart Pero Center for Intersectionality Studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago



SAVE THE DATE!

Future webinars will be at 7 pm CST on: Sept 8, and Nov 10, 2026, and Jan. 12, 2027

Webinar 2

Freedom of a Christian: Reclaiming the Gospel for Justice



The Rev. Dr. Carmelo Santos-Rolon
Author, the Freedom of a Christian study guide



The Rev. Seth Ramage
Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church in Billings, MT

To register for this FREE webinar series, please visit:
<https://bit.ly/equipwebinars>





Peace in the Park

Saturday, July 11th, 2026

Worship at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Bring a chair for worship, and a dish to share for dinner. Council will provide fried chicken.



2026

JULY

Peace
Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00a Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online] 1:30p AI Anon	29 1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	30 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters	01 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters	02 10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting	03 12:00p AI-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry	04 5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online]
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12 10:00a Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online] 1:30p AI Anon	13 1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	14 11:30a Ruth Circle (King Ave. Pizza Hut)	15 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters	16 10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting 12:00p MSU Extension is using the kitchen 5:00p MSU Extension is using the kitchen	17 12:00p AI-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry	18 5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online]
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