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

Herald of Peace

November

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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

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Lutefisk, Lefse, All Saints, Thanksgiving, the beginning of Advent. That's right! November has arrived! As you look through these pages, you'll see many wonderful things that are going on at Peace and in the Billings community. This time of year can be hectic, but even more so, it is meaningful.

Peace Lutheran is an active church, and I am glad that is the case. But even more important than the number of activities Peace is involved in is the quality of those activities. The care with which we carry out our ministries is inspiring. Lefse and Lutefisk (and meatballs and all the sides) are not only for the nostalgia and enjoyment of the food, but they bring people together in community and help raise funds for various ministries at Peace. Special worships, such as All Saints and the beginning of Advent are significant because they tell important parts of the story of our faith- we all belong to one another and to God, and we wait faithfully for that perfect union to become our reality. Giving Thanksgiving baskets to families in need is not just about providing a meal, but also feeds the soul, as we reach out to families that we would not otherwise connect with through our ministries.

Along with these special aspects of the month of November, we continue our regularly occurring ministries as well- the Food Pantry, Godly Play, Confirmation, Worship, Bible Studies, WELCA Circles, and hosting various groups in our space. We do these things because these are tangible ways that we can care for our members, neighbors, and communities. We fill our time, use our energy, and share our love by serving God's people in many ways.

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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
Jim & Geri Frasch
Darlene Thompson
Eva Wilker
Gayle Bummer
John Baber
Evie Tenold
Rhonda Sappington
John & Rosanne Modde
Hank Tungstall
Lawanda Sherseth
Susan Andersen
Kathi & Erik Aslakson
Kolter Olmstead
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 Rumage family, medical diagnosis
Renae 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
Mark - John Modde's son-in-law, kidney cancer
Dennis Haste - Mel Sider's dad, prostate cancer
Michelle - Pastor Seth's Aunt, cancer
Toby - Mike Brown's Friend, Cancer
Tom - Friend of the Pecarina Family, Cancer
Hunter Popejoy - Cancer
Jim- Pastor Seth's Uncle- dementia, recovery from fall

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 Ione 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, pleasereach 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!

From Good Enough" by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

"'But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.' 1 John 3:17-18

There's a choice implied in this advice from the old man, John the Apostle. He lived so long that when he could no longer walk, he was carried into the church to preach. Near the end of his life, his sermons were short and repetitive: "Little children, love one another." He would say it over and over until his disciples questioned him about it.

"If you do this, it is enough."

It's enough because it is all. It is the choice that prefers another to…any other thing you'd rather be doing at that moment. And it may be costly. When doing the loving thing becomes your way of moving in the world, suddenly there will be someone who comes into view whose need you can fill, whose life you can bless in simple but telling ways. When you love your neighbor, you are loving God, for it is the face of Jesus in the one who is sick, the stranger, the lonely, or the imprisoned. And strangely, it is in the act of giving that you receive joy.

Somehow, we are more blessed when we give that when we receive. So, all things considered, even if this were a cost-benefit analysis, giving is a price worth paying."

In this season of thanksgiving, we say "thank you" for blessing all the families who have come to stay at Peace through the Family Promise program. The love you have given has been a gift to so many. We hope you have been blessed by serving these families.

If you would like to find out more about Family Promise, we will be attending a training at Hope United Methodist, November 4 at 5:30. Let us know if you are interested in attending with us!

Our next Family Promise week is December 6~13. There will be a sign-up board in the narthex starting November 22.

We have heard that some of you would spend the night if you had a mattress to sleep on instead of the cots. We can make that happen! Just let us know, we'll get it set up.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Peace Family Promise Coordinators,

Debbie Smith - 406-670-0974

Jan Bakko - 406-208-4022

FamilyPromise

As we embark into the month of November, I encourage you not just to *do* the ministries that God has invited you into, but to *think* about and *reflect* on why you feel called into these moments of your lives. What is it about God's grace shown to you that opens you up to caring for God's people in the ways you do? How has God used others to share love with you? What does it look like to participate in the kingdom of God in way that you can both give and receive the love with which God infuses the world?

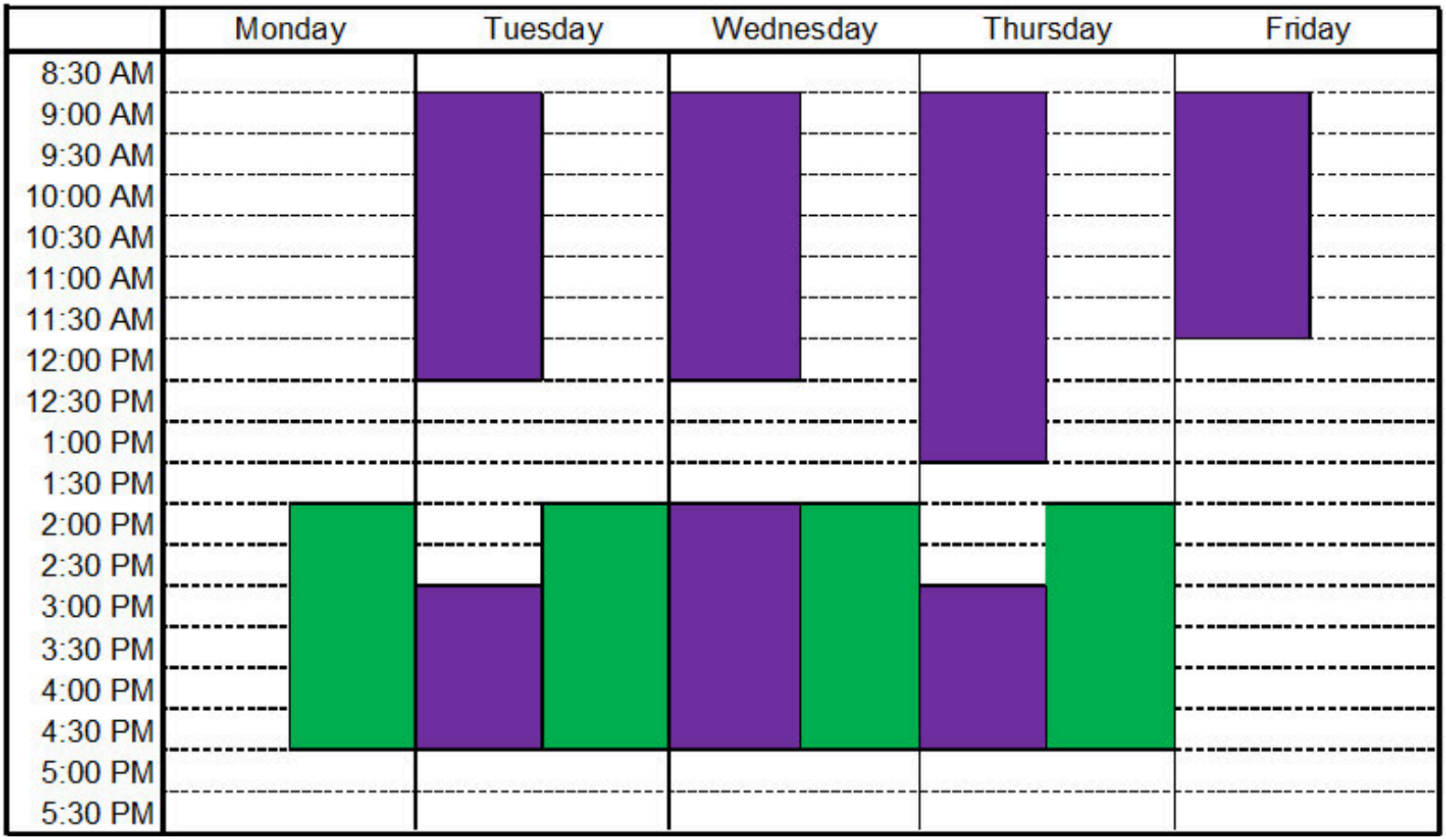
As we walk together through this next month together, may we all care for one another and share the love of God with all whom we meet!

Peace,
Pastor Seth

Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

Fall 2026

Staff Key= Pastor Seth Kim Braaton



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.



Nola McCafferty	**November 2**
Tina Fritz	**November 3**
Claudia Decker	**November 4**
Linda Strosky	**Novemver 4**
LaVonne Rice-Gordon	**November 5**
Connie Hausauer	**November 6**
Jody Pierce	**November 6**
Nathan Sider	**November 7**
Jacque Chastain	**November 8**
Lawanda Sherseth	**November 11**
Fern Schock	**November 12**
Kay Modde	**November 13**
Carol Hauge	**November 16**
Dorothy Hanson	**November 19**
Adrian Mantei	**November 20**
Linda Popp	**November 20**


FALL BACK!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
Sunday, November 1, 2026


LUTEFISK
DINNER
DATE:
Sun. Nov 8
TIME:
4:00 pm
PRICE:
$35.00
PER PERSON
SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX • PAYMENT AT THE DOOR
Proceeds support: National Youth Gathering travel,
the Peace Good Samaritan Fund, and the Peace Lutheran Food Pantry.



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Find Peace Lutheran on Facebook!

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
September 2026	$17,736.10	$15,956.12	1,779.98
2026 Year-To-Date	$173,162.62	$169,382.78	3,779.84

September was another strong month of giving, right on the average of giving for the last seven Septembers. Thank you to everyone who continues to give to help sustain the ministries of Peace! Especially as prices rise across the economy, we do not take for granted that you continue to choose to share your resources with Peace.

We have two bits of financial news that we would like to share.

First, we will not be doing a specific stewardship season or drive this fall. Estimate of Giving Cards and financial documents will be available for you to pick up near the end of November, and those that are not picked up at the church will be mailed in early December.

Second, our Food Pantry balance has dipped to a low point again, after all the support last fall, grocery prices have risen and giving has stayed steady, but our overall balance has been in decline. If you are able, please consider giving to the Food Pantry this fall. As you know, this is a vital ministry both for this congregation and for the community we support.

Again, thank you for all the ways you support Peace, and your generosity. We could not do this work God has called us to without each and every one of you!

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

October 31st & November 1st, 2026

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

November 7th & 8th, 2026

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.
Amos 5:18-24, Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 & 17-20, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

November 14th & 15th, 2026

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18, Psalm 90:1-8, 12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

November 21st & 22nd, 2026

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.
Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

November 28th & 29th, 2026

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.
Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7,17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

ATONEMENT Lutheran

FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 7th
9am – 3pm

1290 Sierra Granda Blvd
(West Wicks & Sierra Granda Blvd)



Quilts • Throws • Pillows
Crafts • Canned Goods
Household Items
Baked Goods
Lefse • Lunch
and so much more!

Women of the ELCA

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 Rumage
Kristi Bummer
Ruby Olmstead

Endowment Trustees
Joan Brown
Kristi Bummer
Jeff Murray
Greg Popp
Melissa Sider

Lutheran Center
Jeff Murray
Pastor Seth Rumage*

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*

November Serving
Sharon/Roger Schatzke, Chair
Connie Hausauer
Danny/Laura Quanbeck
Phyllis McGrath
Muriel/Marlin Overstreet
Karen/Gary Broeder

Scholarship
Wendy Goodheart
Holli Miller†*
Melissa Sider

Worship
Ann Barsness
Julie Draeger
Wendy Goodheart

Congregational Committees

Abundant Life
Mike Brown*
Jeff Murray
Bob Peterson†
Danny Quanbeck
Rhonda Sappington

Congregational Life
Joan Brown
Laurel Collier*
Molly Johnson
Holli Miller†*
Jeff Murray
Deb Sider
Melissa Sider

Education/Youth & Family
Jan Bakko
Bethany Fuqua
Julie Morton-Yates
Ruby Olmstead
Jody Pierce
Katrina Rumage†
Melissa Sider†
Holly Suek*

Mission & Service
Ann Barsness
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 *

November 2026

Godly Play

Saturday, 10/31

Halloween

No Godly Play



Sunday, 11/08

The Exodus

10am- 11:15am

Saturday, 11/14

Church Year

5pm-6:15pm



Sunday, 11/22

Church Year

10am- 11:15am

Questions? **Peacelcyouth@gmail.com**



Warming Tree

Beginning in mid-November, the warming tree will be out in the narthex area of the building.

Please bring hats, mittens, gloves, socks, to help keep kids in School District 2 warm in the coming cold months!

2026 NOVEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 10:00a Worship Service with Holy Communion (in-Person and Online) 11:30a Confirmation 1:30p Al Anon	02 1:00p-3:00p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting *Pastor's Day Off*	03 9:00a Prayer Group (Sanctuary)	04 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters 5:30p Bells of Peace	05 9:00a Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting	06 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry	07 5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online]
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