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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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“Saved by God’s grace, we are called to be instruments of God’s peace.”



PASTOR PAUL STJERNHOLM



If there is a theme that keeps running throughout Peace's ministry it is this: **God is faithful!**

Staff Changes

2016 brought with it huge transitions in staff, and though that brought with it some hard goodbyes and maybe some anxieties as to how those positions would be filled, **God has been faithful** to those we said goodbye to, to those we said hello to, and to all of us who have been recipients of their ministry among us.

Pastoral Staff

January marked the conclusion of Pastor Rolf's nearly sixteen years of ministry at Peace Lutheran. He and Kimberly were ready to move closer to family and the Holy Spirit called him to a congregation in Harmony, MN, steeped in Norwegian heritage.

In September we said hello to Pastor Jonathan Vekar, his wife, Kara, and kids, Hannah and Jonah. Pastor Jonathan has stepped into the role of Confirmation and Youth Ministry, Adult Education as well as Outreach. He shares in visitation duties as well.

In October we said hello to Pastor Chris Matson and her husband, Aaron. Chris began working with the Worship Team and the Global Mission Team, and has joined up with Renae to cover Pastoral Care Ministries.

In November we said goodbye to Pastor Betsy Hoiium who received a call to Lino Lakes, MN, fifteen minutes from where she grew up. The solo pastor position is giving her a wide range of experiences and she is loving it!

A huge thanks to the Call Committee who skillfully and prayerfully worked their way through the process and emerged with TWO pastors to recommend for call. That decision was a Godsend for our congregation!

2017 will mark the first time Peace has four fulltime pastors (Pastor Obed reduced his hours to ¾-time when we brought on Pat Eidsness).

Other Staff

We were able to move from a half-time Communications Specialist position, which was shared by Cara Hetland and Colt Foutz, to bringing on a fulltime Communication Director, Dustin Pederson, (who, by the way, grew up in this congregation.)

Our part-time custodial staff has changed. Joining Marty Egge are Justin Ehrman and Jeff Panek. We are grateful for the way they keep the church clean!

The Imagine! Campaign

God is faithful in how he moved the hearts of many in this congregation to offer gifts and pledges to make our debt a thing of the past, AND at the same time give a gift to the South Dakota Synod's Campaign to raise money for Leadership Development. At the start of the Campaign, our mortgage was \$1.25 million. By the end of this year our members had contributed enough so that we could make mortgage payments of \$401,000 (Our usual annual payment is \$172,000). As we come into 2017 our mortgage

balance is now \$941,000! In addition we were able so far to contribute \$36,300 to the Synod Leadership Campaign.

New Outreach Ministries

God is faithful

in how he removed each and every obstacle to make

Church on the Street's

ministry to the homeless in Sioux Falls a reality. Peace had the blessing of being the first congregation to donate a start-up gift of \$5000 so that our member, Rebel Hurd, could get into the field as the Ministry Developer in February. Since that time many other churches have responded with donations and gifts-in-kind that have propelled this ministry to where it could have its first worship service in October.

God is faithful that in 2016 we helped launch a new shared ministry called Ayuda- which means "help" in Spanish. With the help of an ELCA grant, we have partnered with other congregations to hire a bilingual social worker who will not only aid in the ministry of Pueblo de Dios Lutheran, but will connect each congregation to the growing Hispanic community in Sioux Falls.

With the invitation to fill quart jars with loose change, **God is faithful** in the work of our Global Mission Team to raise funds that will build another school in a neighboring village in Haiti. We continue to change lives that will impact generations!

2017 is going to bring with it some great occasions to celebrate. Sometime this year, our Intern Pastor, Renae Boehmer, will have completed her seminary requirements and will be eligible for call and ordination—that will be something to celebrate! And in the fall, we will be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in October along with churches throughout the SD synod and the world!

God is faithful. In so many ways God has made remarkable things possible through the ministry we do here together. And we all are a piece of it! I am so thankful for the staff with whom I serve, the Church Council with its faithful guidance, and this incredible congregation so open to where the Holy Spirit calls us to serve next!



Pastor Paul Stjernholm



PASTOR JONATHAN VEHAR



“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—so

that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

I would like to begin by echoing the sentiment of Saint Paul’s opening verses to the church in Corinth as I give thanks to you for our shared ministry here at Peace. It’s been about four months since we started this journey together, and it has been a whirlwind of the Holy Spirit seeing all that God is up to in this community of faith. God has indeed been faithful to Peace Lutheran and has blessed its work in the name of the Gospel.

Already, we are beginning to share in the joys and sorrows of life. To strengthen each other in prayer, support, and claiming God’s Word in our midst. These are holy moments which make it such an honor to be called pastor.

In 2017, I look forward to continuing to meet you. To slowly hear of your life’s stories and passions. And together to see where God is calling us to be. This will be another busy year; and of particular note here, three areas where I will be offering pastoral leader-

ship:

Outreach ministries: Peace has a long and rich history of reaching out to meet the needs of our neighbors. With each of our congregation’s ministry partners we will be seeking to deepen our relationships through service, learning, advocacy, and our generosity. As we respond, particularly with Necessities 4 Neighbors and Food 2 You, expanding the ways we provide for the spiritual care of our neighbors while addressing the financial stability.

Adult Education: there are endless possibilities to connect adults of all generations together in meaningful, faith giving conversations. Stay tuned for opportunities around the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and a spiritual gift inventory later in the Fall.

Youth Ministry: through increased pastoral support and coordination for our post-confirmation ministries youth ministries. There is great potential in this area of ministry, highlighting “Awaken” a new youth lead worship experience. It will be exciting to see where the Spirit leads.

There is always more that can be named, but here is just a piece of the great things I have discovered these past few months at Peace.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Corinthians 16:23

Pastor Jonathan Vehar



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4

I feel so blessed to be a piece of Peace! It is a joy and a privilege to share in the ministry of Jesus among you. The three months I've spent with you have been a delightful time of getting acquainted and sharing in delights and sorrows with a sure and confident hope. Thank you for your partnership – and for repeating your name many, many times!

So far, I've been working with Jackie and Bob to learn the worship ropes. I look forward to thinking creatively about how we can come before the Lord in new and faithful ways.

Global Missions is another area of ministry for me. I'll be traveling with a group of folks to Haiti in February to continue to build relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ there.

Renae and I are sharing the responsibility of heading pastoral care ministries. Helping to facilitate the Grief Group was a meaningful way to walk alongside folks with some deep hurts. Regular visits to hospitals, shut ins, and care centers are ongoing, and we're excited to get to train Stephen's Ministers this year. We're in the dreaming phase of how we can take care of folks in new and different ways.

It is good to share in the work of the good news with you. Know your pastors are here for you. Never hesitate to call or drop by the office.

As we begin a new year I echo the words of the Psalmist, "*May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!*"

Pastor Chris Matson





INTERN PASTOR RENAE BOEHMER



...for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Philippians 2:13

After more than 20 years of being a member at Peace Lutheran, I never cease to be amazed at God's work through each of you who is a part of this place, this community of faith. While there are pastors who are trained to preach and teach and staff members who are hired to create high-quality programs and keep them running smoothly, the lifeblood of the work and mission that goes on here belongs to Christ who works so creatively and prolifically through each of you.

Just a peek at what I have been able to be part of that all of you (the many Pieces of Peace) have done, are doing, and will continue to do:

Caring for One Another: Over a dozen volunteers deliver **home communion** monthly to folks who cannot make it to worship. The **prayer shawl** team lovingly created 134 prayer shawls that were distributed to people facing illness, loss and grief in 2016 and has their stash started for 2017 already. **PeaceMeals** are constantly restocked in the freezer and delivered (by people like you) to people who could use a warm reminder of the support and love that surrounds them. The **Elizabeth Ministry Team** delivers gifts and sends cards to families celebrating the birth of a new little one...and supports women who struggle with that process. The telephone and email **prayer chains** lovingly and constantly pass on the names of people in need of prayer. The **Grief Support Group** shared stories, memories, laughter and tears in order to help one another through one of the

most challenging times in life. The newly-formed **Stephen Ministries Team** is currently being trained to begin a brand new program that allows us to care for one another and others in the community in meaningful and Christian ways.

Welcoming New People among us: Peace has a reputation as a caring community and a friendly congregation. In 2016, you all welcomed over 140 **new members** into our midst, including them in the ministry we do together and supporting them throughout life's ups and downs. Together, we learned about our Lutheran traditions and faith, joined in fellowship and came together to worship our Lord. This year, multiple new **small groups** were formed – welcoming communities that gather together around a common interest (cooking, reading, walking, parenting, motorcycle riding, etc) and build Christ-centered relationships. How can you be part of inviting others to join us this year? How can you share God's love outside of these walls in 2017?

Sharing God's Promises: Pastors are lucky that they get to share God's promises all the time – in **worship**, through **individual conversations**, at major life milestones like **baptism, weddings and funerals**, and by teaching **Bible studies and classes** for children, youth and adults. But, pastors are far from alone in this work. It is such a joy to watch confirmation small groups bond as they discover truths about God and to walk beside families as they pass on the faith to the next generation. It brings a smile to my face to watch preschoolers sing of Jesus' love and warms my heart when people gathered around a table look one another in the eye and share words of grace and mercy. We have all been called to share the Good News and I feel so blessed to have a front row seat to the work that all of you are doing!

More than anything else, though, I want to say THANK YOU. Thank you for your support during all my years of school and this last six months of internship. Thank you for letting me hone my skills in your presence. Thank you for being part of the ministry in this place and sharing it with me.

Renae Boehmer
Intern Pastor

CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT



It is amazing to see how God continues to provide for Peace Lutheran Church as we reflect on 2016.

The Council has had an exciting year full of change and growth. A call committee was convened based on the two pastoral vacancies we experienced in 2015. Additionally, we were able to set forth and see progress on a variety of goals with the staff. All of this happened in addition to the continuation of the many ministries of Peace Lutheran Church.

The goals set by the council included a variety of focuses. Here are a few highlights:

Worship & Youth Activities

With our sanctuary improvement plan in full swing, it has been a fun year focusing on creating new worship experiences. The pastoral staff has rolled out a new preaching schedule that offers a few different sermon styles to choose from. In addition, the old cross from the sanctuary has been repurposed and mounted in the fellowship hall, creating a new worship space. Our growing youth programs have enjoyed this new space to dive into some of their new small group offerings and even create a worship experience of their own.

Staff & Facilities

The staff was tasked this year with updating standard operating procedures, including roles/responsibilities and an organizational chart for pastors, directors and support staff. While we were excited to add both Pastor Jonathan Vekar and Pastor Chris Matson to our staff, we

also said goodbye to Pastor Betsy Hoium who felt God’s call to Lino Lakes, MN. In addition, Renae Boehmer was able to get her pastoral internship underway at Peace to continue the work she has been a part of here.

In addition, we recognize a need for some maintenance throughout our large and much-used facility. A “Current State of Condition” document was created by the maintenance staff so that plans could be made to schedule and budget various maintenance and/or replacement projects over the next several years.

Outreach & Connecting Ministries

Peace continues to offer numerous opportunities to get connected and serve our neighbor. This year our members and staff rose to the challenge of offering yet more ways to become involved. New small groups, a stewardship committee and several home communion teams have all begun their work.

There were also many opportunities to serve, including several “God’s Work Our Hands” events, Necessities for Neighbors and many other local and global service projects. In addition, Peace was able to contribute to the start up of Church on the Street. A member’s vision of ministering to the homeless in Sioux Falls soon came to life.

I want to take a moment to thank the members and staff of Peace Lutheran. Your willingness to serve and give has allowed the ministries of Peace Lutheran to not only come to life, but flourish. It has been an honor to be a part of such a vibrant congregation and I am excited to see what 2017 has in store!

God’s Peace,
Cassie Gusso



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL 2016

Back Row

Alison Lounsbery, Joe Bunkers, Jason Domagalski, Craig Holmen, Rebel Hurd

Front Row

Susan Thie, Kyra Obermeyer, Matt Dreke, Gayleen Riedemann, Cassie Gusso



2016 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order - The 2016 Annual Meeting of Peace Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, January 31, 2016. President Craig Holmen called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. Craig called for a certification of quorum, which was achieved.

Opening Prayer - Pastor Paul Stjernholm opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting - Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting were not available and a motion and seconded motion to allow the Council to review and approve the 2015 minutes passed unanimously.

Presentation of 2015 Treasurer's Report - Business Manager John Hilleson presented the 2015 Treasurer's Report. Highlights included the migration from Shepherd's Staff software to ACS, which empowers church staff with easier access to vital congregational information, and allows for online registration and giving, among other things. The 2015 budget was not met, as the budget was \$1.35 million but giving was only \$1.23 million. Expenses were decreased to counterbalance the less-than-expected giving amount. A motion and seconded motion to approve the 2015 Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Council, Endowment Team, and Nominating Team Members -

The following nominations for Council were presented:

Member at Large: Alison Lounsbery – 3-year term

Member at Large: Matt Dreke – 3-year term

Member at Large: Joe Bunkers – 1-year term

Youth Representative: Kyra Obermeyer – 1-year term

President Craig Holmen called for nominations from the floor. No additional nominees were brought forward and all candidates were elected unanimously.

The following nominations for the Endowment Team were presented:

Mark Schlueter – 3-year term; Nick Sershen – 3-year term; Brittany Kelley – 2-year term

President Craig Holmen called for nominations from the floor. No additional nominees were brought forward and all candidates were elected unanimously.

The following nominations for the Nominating Team were presented: Renae Boehmer & Darya Levesque

President Craig Holmen called for nominations from the floor. No additional nominees were brought forward and all candidates were elected unanimously.

Presentation and Adoption of 2016 Budget - Business Manager John Hilleson presented the proposed 2016 Budget. The overall budget of \$1,341,247 was a slight decrease from the 2015 budget. Questions about specific line items in the budget were entertained, after which a motion and seconded motion to approve the 2016 budget passed unanimously.

Debt Reduction Campaign Discussion -- Craig Holmen brought forward Council's desire to enter a three-year debt reduction campaign. Feedback from those present included support for the plan. Additional comments were received about avoiding additional borrowing in the future, establishing a dedicated fund for building maintenance, and considering tithing the campaign monies toward mission projects such as the South Dakota Synod's Capital Campaign. A motion and seconded motion to enter a debt reduction campaign passed unanimously.

Pastors' Reports - Pastor Paul gave a report on behalf of the pastoral staff. He discussed the significant amount of change experienced during 2015, including the retirement of Pastor Obed and Pastor Rolf's Call to Greenfield Lutheran Church in Harmony, Minnesota. Pastor Paul also spoke about the budget challenges experienced in 2015 and informed those present of the Call Committee process and estimated timeline for filling the vacant pastoral position.

Closing Prayer - Pastoral Associate Renae Boehmer closed the meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jerad Shaw, Council Secretary

Council Secretary



NEW MEMBERS

Anderson, Johannah Mynn	Fosheim, Lauren
Ansell, Autumn Rena	Foster, Heather
Ansell, Barret Dean	Freeman, Chris
Ansell, Dayna Lynn	Freeman, Nicole
Ansell, Joe Warren	Fuerst, Cora Belle
Arndt, Akyla Mae	Garner, Beau
Avery, Lauryn	Garner, Elizabeth Ruth
Avery, Levi	Gellert, Asher Ryan
Barrick, Dennis	Grabinski, Nathan David
Barrick, Nyla	Grace, Hayes Michael
Bentz, Chris	Graff, Hadleigh Rae
Bentz, Grayson Christopher	Greenfield, Noah Matthew
Bentz, Jessica	Greenwood, Adam Lyle
Bird, Rodney	Hallett, Coral Avery
Bitton, Alex	Hansen, Brynn Nicole
Brenna, Ashlea Danielle	Hansen, Derek
Brenna, Jennifer	Hansen, Emma Rae
Brenna, Kelsey Randine	Hansen, Nicole
Brenna, Mike	Hanson, Carly
Brenna, Tyler Michael	Hanson, Paul
Brown, Maleyah Mae	Hanson, Sara
Butler, Chase Matthew	Hardie, Mary
Butler, Rhet Joseph	Hardie, Richard
Case, Adam	Hausvik, Brooks Michael
Case, Keaton Jon	Helgerson, James (Jim)
Case, Ladene	Helgerson, Renee
Chan, Alexander	Hellstrom, Lucas Lars
Chan, Amber	Hershman, Alysa
Chan, Juliana Mun-Yee	Hershman, Casey
Chan, Nick Chi-Heng	Hoffman, Gabrielle Lea
Chan, Oliver Lok-Heng	Holman, Cora Jean
Christensen, Susan	Honkamp, Dustin Michael
Cleveringa, Max Eldon	Hoss, Veyda Adalyn
Cline, Lana	Hudelson, Easton Beau
Costain, Aiden	Hummel, Brandy Lee
Costain, Bronson	Hummel, Eva Jo
Costain, Ronette	Hummel, Matt
Costain, Ryan	Irlbeck, Jillian
Criddle, Warren Douglas	Jackson, Jensyn Rose
Culver, Brady	Jensen, Sydney Jo
Darkow, Helen Joyce	Johnson, Ashleigh
De La Barre, Bonnie	Johnson, Autumn
Degen, Emma Marie	Johnson, Burklee
Deibert, Julie	Johnson, Chloe
Dice, Charlotte Hope	Johnson, Kim Marie
Downs, Jonathan Wayne	Johnson, Wesley Allen
Engel, Lila Wynn	Jones, Beckman Benjiman Richard
Erikson, Dan	Jordan, Dax Kyle
Erikson, Rebecca Lea	
Erikson, Stetson Allen	



NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

Jorgensen, Amy
Jorgensen, Katie
Jorgensen, Lillian
Joseph, Alexia Leigh
Kappmeyer, Andrew Henry
Klein, Violet Rae
Koschmeder, Morgan Carol
Koskovich, Leti Dee
Lachnit, Jackson
Langland, Christy
Langland, McKinley Mae
Langland, Nick
Liefeld, Don
Liefeld, Janet
Lorenzen, Jared
Lucas, Carri
Martin, Oliver Lewis
Matson, Aaron
Matson, Christina (Chris)
Meader, Emily LeAnn
Meader, Holly
Meader, James
Mellema, Jake
Meyers, Lauren Olivia
Mielke, Lois M.
Miller, Austin Douglas
Miller, Daniel Paul Christian
Miller, Evan
Miller, Jamie
Miller, John Bruce
Miller, Lauren Ashley Marie
Miller, Lynne
Miller, Paige Julia
Miller, Paul
Miller, Rebecca (Becky)
Miller, Tanya Lynn
Miller, Tim Dwayne
Mitchell, Maddyn Ann
Moses, Treyson Thomas
Munson, Darla
Oelkers, Hartley Collins
Oelkers, Olivia Ann
Oetken, Davis
Olinger, Cory
Olinger, Kynlee Lee
Olinger, Macayla Tiffany
Olson, Audrey Ann
Olson, Zoey Marie
Paulson, Amanda Lea
Paulson, Ashley Kay
Paulson, Don
 Paulson, Tracey
Peters, Addielle Jo
Poelstra, Emily
Portice, Bob
Portice, Jacob R.
Portice, Jeffrey
Portice, Judy
Portice, Julie
Portice, Laura Kay
Portice, Sandra
Prather, Paulette
Rasmussen, Grayson James
Reemtsma, Carter William
Reiner, Stella Grace
Risty, Alexander James
Risty, Carl Theodore
Risty, Hayden Carl
Risty, Jessica Katherine
Robinson, Caleb Joshua
Robinson, Joshua
Robinson, Kristen
Robinson, Luka James
Robinson, Sloane Elizabeth
Roed, Skylar Martin
Rogers, Dan
Rogers, Julie
Ruff, James Shawn
Sanderson, Fletcher Dennis
Sanderson, Ryder Lee
Sanderson, Wyatt David
Schalde, Anniston Collins
Schwans, Brittany Sue
Schwebke, Kayden
Sershen, Ty Steven
Sievers, Lia Julianne
Sites, Thomas William
Skoglund, Lori
Skoglund, Scott Allen
Stockland, Darcey
Stockland, Kate Aubrey
Stockland, Quinn Lael
Stuntebeck, Shelby Mae
Sundvold, Treyton Michael
Tague, Alyssa
Tanis, Harper Jean
Tanis, Jordan
Tanis, Whitney



NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

Thim, Johanna Lynn
Thomas, Bryce Lee
Thomas, Jerrid
Thomas, Kaci
Thomas, Wesley James
Timm, Brian Andrew
Ulrikson, Kaedrick Lee
Ulring, Corbin
VanBerkum, Carol Jean Marie
VanBerkum, Daniel (Dan)
Vander Schaat, Emily
Vehar, Hannah
Vehar, Jonah
Vehar, Rev. Jonathan
Vehar, Kara
Viereck, Emery Alice
Wachter, Barrett Dierk
Wendling, Hudson Cole
West, Charlotte Rae
West IV, Raymond John
Wickersham, Gibson Samuel
Widenor, Donald (Don)
Widenor, Jacqueline
Woldt, Iona
Zellers, Mason Jeremiah

2016 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Beginning baptized membership: 4,402
Baptized members received: 319
Baptized members removed: 393
Change: -74

Year-End Baptized Members: 4328

Beginning confirmed members: 2942
Confirmed members received: 102
Baptized members confirmed: 41
Confirmed members removed: 169
Change: -26

Year-End Confirmed Members: 2916

TRANSFERS OUT – 2016

Dick & Judi Hinz
Angela Rasdal
Pastor Rolf & Kimberly Svano
Jake Buckmiller
Tyler, Jessica, Gabrielle & Gavin DeJong
Scott & Greta Dubbe
Brook, Caroline, Carter & Payton Ahrendt
Mary Hitzemann
Jeremy, Kylie, Kennady, Dalton & Logan Wendling
Chuck & Sharon Shomper
Craig Schmitt
Tracy, Brittney, Grayden, Brienna & Salera Binger
William Utke
Tony, Kimberly, Anthony, Avery, Aiden & Axel Lanham
Rachel & Hayden Diekmann
James, Trista, Meya & Lynnlee Bohlen
Eric, Erica & Nolan Anderson
Craig, Rachel, Joseph, Clara & Thomas Boyens
Ryan, Began & Brenna Conner
Shane, Amber & Harper Overby
Jeremy, Patti, Adelynn, Easton & Ashton Timmerman
Pastor Betsy Hoium
Dean & Karolyn Cressman
Marv Hoff
Shane & Theresa Lien
Jim & Teresa Byrnes
Carl & Jeniene Meyerhoff

BAPTISMS



Anderson, Johannah Mynn
Arndt, Akyla Mae
Avery, Lauryn
Avery, Levi
Bentz, Grayson Christopher
Brown, Maleyah Mae
Butler, Chase Matthew
Butler, Rhett Joseph
Case, Keaton Jon
Chan, Oliver Lok-Heng
Cleveringa, Max Eldon
Criddle, Warren Douglas
Degen, Emma Marie
Deschepper, Jayden Roy
Deschepper, Kyler Jeffrey
Dice, Charlotte Hope
Downs, Jonathan Wayne
Edwards, Isabella Rose
Engel, Lila Wynn
Erikson, Stetson Allen
Fuerst, Cora Belle
Garner, Elizabeth Ruth
Gellert, Asher Ryan
Grace, Hayes Michael
Graff, Hadleigh Rae
Greenfield, Noah Matthew
Greenwood, Adam Lyle
Hallett, Coral Avery
Hansen, Brynn Nicole
Hausvik, Brooks Michael
Hellstrom, Lucas Lars
Hoffman, Gabrielle Lea
Holman, Cora Jean
Honkamp, Dustin Michael
Hoss, Veyda Adalyn
Hudelson, Easton Beau
Jackson, Jensyn Rose
Jensen, Sydney Jo
Johnson, Wesley Allen
Jones, Beckman Benjiman Richard
Jordan, Dax Kyle
Jorgensen, Katie
Jorgensen, Lillian
Joseph, Alexia Leigh
Kappmeyer, Andrew Henry
Klein, Violet Rae
Koskovich, Leti Dee
Kreun, Grace Laurel

Lachnit, Jackson
Langland, McKinley Mae
Maack, Jahnae Pauline
Martin, Oliver Lewis
Meyers, Lauren Olivia
Miller, Austin Douglas
Mitchell, Maddyn Ann
Moses, Treyson Thomas
Oelkers, Hartley Collins
Oelkers, Olivia Ann
Olinger, Kynlee Lee
Olinger, Macayla Tiffany
Olson, Audrey Ann
Olson, Zoey Marie
Peters, Addielle Jo
Rasmussen, Grayson James
Reemtsma, Carter William
Reiner, Stella Grace
Robinson, Luka James
Roed, Skylar Martin
Ruby, Dax Loren
Ruff, James Shawn
Salguero, Jack Grayson
Sanderson, Fletcher Dennis
Sanderson, Ryder Lee
Sanderson, Wyatt David
Schalde, Anniston Collins
Sershen, Ty Steven
Sievers, Lia Julianne
Sites, Thomas William
Stuntebeck, Shelby Mae
Sundvold, Treyton Michael
Tanis, Harper Jean
Thim, Johanna Lynn
Timm, Brian Andrew
Ulrikson, Kaedrick Lee
Ulring, Corbin
Viereck, Emery Alice
Wachter, Barrett Dierk
Wendling, Hudson Cole
West, Charlotte Rae
West IV, Raymond John
Wickersham, Gibson Samuel
Zellers, Leah
Zellers, Lola
Zellers, Mason Jeremiah
Zellers, Nora



ENDOWMENT TEAM

The Peace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was established as a means to provide funding for future ministries that were beyond the scope of the regular Ministry Budget. Such ministries could possibly include: seminary debt reduction for rostered leaders, seminary scholarships, additional support to local and global ministries serving those in need, and ministry grants for developing new ministries. The possibilities are limitless. All gifts from the Endowment Fund would be generated out of the interest earned from the Fund, leaving the principle untouched.

As of December 31st, the balance of the Endowment Fund was \$63,261.59.

In 2016 the Endowment Team adjusted their strategy to increase awareness of the Endowment Fund. The decision was made to use proceeds from the Annual Golf Tournament and the modest interest earned off the fund to award gifts benefiting ministries of the congregation. For example, the Endowment Team provided hospitality bags for the participants who attended the Senior Retreat at Joy Ranch. In addition, \$50 camping scholarships were given to ten families for the 2017 camping season.

We will again host the Annual Golf Tournament but moved the date to much earlier in the season. The new date will be Sunday, May 21st at Elmwood Golf Course.

Finally, we finished the year coordinating efforts with Intern Pastor Renae Boehmer to sponsor a “Making Your Wishes Known” three-part series in January 2017 offering end-of-life discussions centering on medical decisions, financial decisions, and funeral planning.

Grateful for having the opportunity to serve the ministry of Peace in this way are the members of the 2016 Endowment Team: Dale Gullickson, chair, Brittany Elsasser, secretary/treasurer, Nick Sershen, Mark Schlueter, Lois Houwman, and Pastor Paul Stjernholm.



BUILDING AND ADMINISTRATION

Peace Lutheran Church is blessed with such a great facility and your willingness to share it is awesome. With the amount of community type meetings and programs that are housed here, I have to admit that the building and grounds are in relatively good condition.

During this past year there were many smaller projects tackled versus larger scaled ones. These ranged from landscaping to structural modifications and improvements. These projects could not be accomplished without the help from our Custodial staff (Marty Egge, Justin Ehrman), Maintenance (Carl Meyerhoff and Jeff Panek), and the Awesome volunteers. Some of the improvements include painting in several classrooms and Offices, the West wall extension in the Fellowship Hall, new shingles on the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary roofs to name a few. We have a growing list of necessary projects in a waiting pattern, for now, such as the Sacristy and Chancel rubber roofs.

The shingling job was done by Premiere Systems, a local contractor whose office is down the road from us and one of their salesman (Troy Spader) lives just to the South of the property. This was a good project to get completed with the hopes of resolving some of the reoccurring water leaks. Thank you is extended to them on a job well done.

As in the past, several contractors and companies were utilized for various projects. Intek was asked and provided services in cleaning and shampooing of carpets as well as stripping and waxing the tiled surfaces. The crew of technicians that are here from Intek and Eddy Syrovatka deserve a big thank you. They provide a great service to this facility and their hard work is greatly appreciated.

We also engaged the support of several Electrical Contractors that we called upon for various reasons ranging from light fixture issues in the Sanctuary to replacing Emergency Lighting fixtures. All three of these different contractors, Muth Electric, Thompson Electric and Deelstra Electric, were great to work with. The electricians were informative and at times pointed out items to be checking into down the road. One example of the forward thinking would be to switch some lighting over to LED's which is an initial large investment but over months could save a great deal.

Other contractors that have been a great service over the years to the Peace Lutheran Church enterprise

are Kempf Construction and Graff Roofing. Kempf Construction provides help with snow removal on the parking lot and Graff Roofing helps with issues involving the rubber roofing. Both companies are very willing to go out of their way to help us out. So if you can, please show your appreciation to the Don and Mica Kempf and their families, Kempf Construction employees, and all of those associated with Chuck Graff and Graff Roofing. It is a great relief knowing I can count on them to do a job well done.

Lipetzky's Irrigation, Krier and Blaine, and Jones Plumbing were called upon in the past year regarding issues with the lawn sprinkler system, water pipes leaking (dealing with the heating system) and water leaks from drain leaders on the roof. The work they did was usually done under the pretense of urgent. So all of these companies and their employees deserve a big thank you for fitting us into their busy schedules.

As for the grounds, lawn and landscaping, a great attempt was given to try to reestablish some of the grass around the facility as well as on the dirt berms around the parking lots. New trees were planted to the West of the Church, replacing dead ones, and finishing the landscaping on the East side by adding the ornamental trees. If the rabbits can be kept at bay maybe next year the landscaping projects will fill in and some of the barren areas will recover.

A continuing task I face is trying to keep expenses down with regards to maintenance, supplies and repairs. I try to do as much in house work as possible and rely on willing volunteers to help as they can. If you are interested in helping with a project, please let me know. I hope, even with the heavy use of this facility, that certain projects can be accomplished in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Ebbinga

Facilities Manager

MUSIC AND WORSHIP



As we reflect on our past year as a community of faith at Peace, we realize that worship is at the core. We gathered weekly throughout the year to offer our praises and to hear God's Holy Word.

We continued to offer 6 weekly services during the school year and went to 4 during the summer. Our many styles of music at worship included traditional, contemporary, Mariachi, Jazz, Polka and our first ASL (American Sign Language) service during our Deaf Awareness Sunday in October.

We introduced a **Prayer Around the Cross** Service which was experienced in candlelight and provided a very, reflective and contemplative time of prayer. Plans for doing more of these in the future are being pursued.

For both our Lenten services (**The Prodigal God**) and our Advent services (**A Hope That Won't Disappoint**) we enjoyed using the beloved Holden Evening Prayer. We alternated accompaniment groups which included piano/flute, the Peace Brass, clavinova/tubano and a string trio.

The Mission Statement of our Music Ministry here at Peace is "Through our instruments and our voices, we gather to proclaim God's love." All of our ensembles are dedicated to using their gifts of music to glorify God in our worship services.

Our Adult Choir, under the direction of Nancy Lenander faithfully sang at worship at least twice a month and presented their annual Cantata – "**Hear the Bells on Christmas Day**" in December. This year the Cantata featured the beautiful sounds of our Adult Bell Choir, directed by Maurine Pederson. The combination made for a remarkable telling of the Christmas story with music. Our Bell choir also played at various services monthly throughout the year.

The Peace Brass had their busiest year to date with playing their usual monthly services and even extending into the summer months to play during June and August. They played for 4 of our Easter services and 2 of our Christmas Eve services which shows a great deal of commitment on this group's part. They have been under the direction of Bob Levesque since Pastor Rolf Svanoe accepted a call in Minnesota. Bob had also expanded the **Peace Band** that accompanies hymns once a month to the **Peace Symphonic Band** so that we could include string, woodwind and brass players together!

Jubilation and Celebration, our 2 youth choirs under the direction of Darya Levesque sang each month and in

addition, led one of our Saturday services and one of our Christmas Eve services with their special music. And it might just become an annual tradition to see them singing the National Anthem for one of the Skyforce games each year. They did an awesome job!

Darya also directed the musical "**Kids Under Construction**" that was performed after our summer Music Camp in June. This was a very enthusiastic, talented group of 3rd-8th graders that met daily to prepare and turned out 2 fantastic performances!

Nancy Lenander directs our **Youth Bells** and **Handchimes** choirs which saw a tremendous growth this year! Along with playing monthly they also led the congregation in Christmas carol singing prior to the Cantata being done and even took their bells caroling to Good Samaritan. Way to share your gifts, kids!

A change was made to our 9:00 contemporary service when I stepped down as leader (after 25 years) and passed on that role to Bob Levesque, Assistant Director of Music and Worship. He now leads all 3 of our contemporary services and I am more available for Saturday/Sunday worship coordinating.

Our High School group, **High Impact**, led contemporary worship 3 times in 2016 and also provided special music at other services.

A special thanks to Kyle Quanbeck, Pat Steele and Barb Weidenaar for their continued commitment to providing wonderful accompaniment for our services and to Vern Brown, our volunteer Head Usher extraordinaire!



In Christ,

Jackie Bailey, Director of Music and Worship



COMMUNICATIONS

LIBRARY



It has been a year of learning for us in Communications as our new Director of Communications started in April. Dustin has gone step by step in knowing the ins and outs of sharing Peace’s story while making changes along the way.

The year started with Cara and Colt still running our Communication needs before Dustin joined. Once he started, Cara showed the ropes on Bulletin and Newsletter development, then Colt ran through how the Website stays updated, then Pastor Betsy went through our Facebook/Social Media plan, and so on! Once we began the Stewardship campaign, Dustin developed the Pieces of Peace short video to showcase the week at Peace that we’ve now made a consistent part of our Services. Cara continued to help by writing our feature stories in the Newsletters.

Some of the highlights include:

- Completely reformatting the Sunday bulletins to focus on what’s happening at Peace, to include a slightly more comprehensive Order of Service, increase the size, and more
- Simplified and updated pages on the website
- Started a Peace Lutheran Instagram account
- Pieces of Peace videos
- Twelve newsletters filled with stories about the people that make Peace Lutheran great and the information you need to know
- Communicating news that matters about Peace to the local press

This has been a great new experience and a joy to communicate everything to this amazing congregation. We can’t wait to see what 2017 brings!

Dustin Pederson
Director of Communications

Cara Hetland
Writer/Collaborator

This year has ended so quickly with what feels like so many things left to do. It has been a joy to see the library used frequently and the new cards being purchased by members.

With the growth in the library this year, we have added some new helpers. Cleila Wagner is removing books from the shelves that are no longer used. Bruce Fischer built some new bookcases for Christmas books and old tales which, by the way, are already full. Thanks to their help we have been able to free up space for new children’s books which the after school children so appreciate. June Gillespie helped put some of the cards on the computer. Beverly Philliber has added book titles on to the computer so you can log on to Peace Lutheran Church Library to see what books are available. Lynn Philliber is still keeping inventory of all the books in the library. Rose Van Noort pastes in the book cards on the new arrivals once a month . Correen Major covers the books and does the bulletin boards. Ann LeClair does the calling for overdue books. We still have a lot of people who have not returned books for over two years so if you have an outstanding Peace Lutheran library book, please return it. I prepare the new books for Marilyn Boese who gets all the new information to Beverly to type on a card. Joann Hatle has gone through all the puzzles and organized them so they can always find their way back into the right box. She also comes and straightens the area, along with Austin, every Sunday making it desirable to enter. As you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers to keep the library going and looking nice and inviting.

We will be doing inventory and eliminating books that have old copyrights and have not been checked out this winter. Watch for more on this in the near future.

We have added 386 new books this year through donations or purchases which brings the total number of circulations to 769 adult books and 630 in the children’s area.

I am well pleased with the library growth in 2016 and hope that others find the educational facility in 2017.

Fern Swearingen
Librarian

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Goals:

Our programs are built around the desire to help children experience God and clearly hear God's promises to them. By hearing God's story told in a variety of ways in Sunday school and worship, engaging in hands-on activities in small groups (sometimes with like-age peers and sometimes in inter-generational groups), and building relationships with others, God's love becomes more real to children.

2016

What a fun and exciting place this is with Christian education developed especially for children! Sunday and Wednesday school is held each week during the school year for kids between 6 months of age and 5th grade. Between Sunday and Wednesday School, we teach God's story to a little over 540 children each week. We offer two sessions on Sunday mornings (9:00 and 10:10) and two sessions on Wednesday nights (5:15 and 6:15). This year we changed the curriculum used for our 4th-5th graders to allow them more opportunities to really dig into the Bible; looking up verses, writing and drawing in the Bible and really getting to know all about the Bible itself. This year they will be focusing on the stories of the Old Testament with a few New Testament. We have also been able to incorporate the pastors into their learning as well by offering their knowledge and background on the stories. 2016 marked our 6th year of putting on a Children's Christmas Musical which includes 120+ kids and many volunteers. We offer Vacation Bible School in the summer that incorporates children from the full-time child care program, which amounts to 500+ participants, and work with many churches within the area to share supplies and decorations. We also offer a one-week summer day camp and music camp. It's noisy, fun, active and full of God's love around here!



Faith is alive outside our church walls with elementary aged kids attending one of many camps offered by Lutheran's Outdoors which is a summer highlight for many kids. We continue our love of serving others by serving our neighbors as well. This year we are sponsoring an orphan child, Abraham Qui Qui who is from a village in Liberia.

With the giving jar offering each month, we are able to give Abraham clothes, food, school supplies and an education which he would not be able to have otherwise. God is good in many ways and through many people.

Milestones are offered at least once each year between birth and 5th grade. These family events are a time to name God's promises, learn about specific aspects of our faith, engage in hands-on all-ages activities, and help parents to fulfill the promises they made to their children in baptism. These events include baptism, Bibles for 3 year olds and 4th graders, First Communion, Kindergarten Pizza Party, Two-year-old My Church, Starting Sunday school, Prayer Pillows, First Grade Ten Commandments, Fourth grade Apostle's Creed and more!

We continually welcome children at Peace into worship as members of the body of Christ. We do that by offering children's messages weekly, making story Bibles available in the sanctuary, encourage children to participate in offering with the Giving Jar, maintaining worship busy bags, and allowing children to artistically share their worship experience. We also know that summer maybe a difficult time for families to come to worship on a regular basis with vacations and other travel plans and this last summer we offered a Spark Summer Reading Plan for families to do at home or on the road. We made packets available for lesson readings and activities for the summer months so you could still incorporate God wherever you were at any time.

To proclaim God's promises to 500+ children, it requires hundreds of dedicated volunteers. We recruit, train, support and profusely thank everyone who shares their time and talents to pass along the faith to the next generation. In 2016, we held an annual ReCharge event at the Family Wellness Center to show our heartfelt appreciation to all our volunteers.

Finally, this year we started the "Prayer Wall" in the Children's Ministry Hallway where we had children and adults place their hand print on the wall to signify that we are all children of God and anyone and everyone can pray and ask for prayers. We encourage everyone to place a pray on the wall and or take a prayer home to pray for. We are a huge faith community and what an easy and loving way to support the members of our congregation.

We feel blessed with the support of a congregation who values children and is involved in sharing the faith with the next generation. We welcome your involvement.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Tetzlaff, Director of Children's Ministries

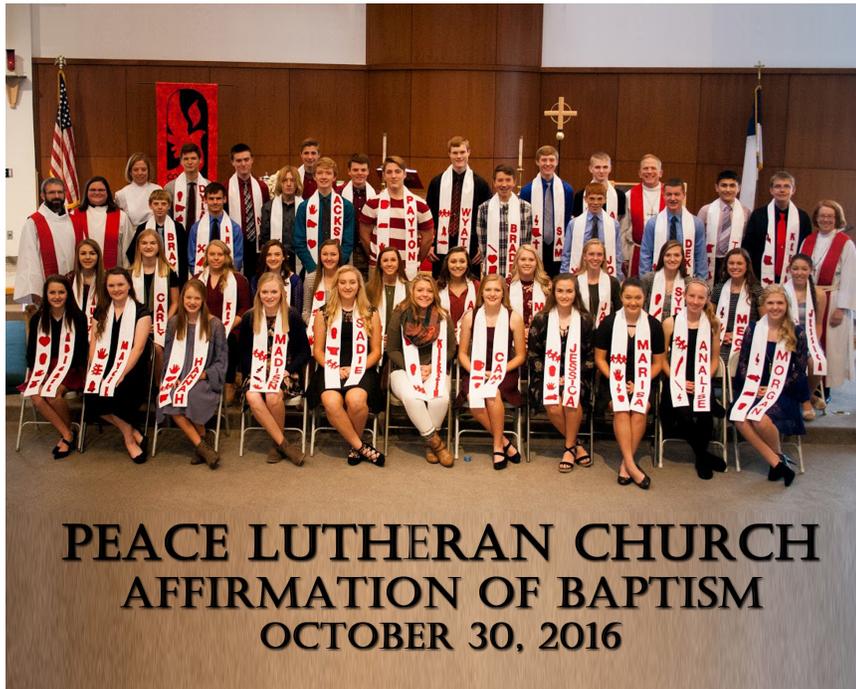
Tamara Shaw, Assistant Director of Children's Ministries



CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation at Peace Lutheran Church begins in sixth grade and continues into tenth grade when they are invited to affirm their Baptism during the Rite of Affirmation Service on Reformation Sunday. For the 2016-2017 school year, this has included 275 students, with 41 tenth graders affirming their faith this fall.

explore small groups based on areas of interest for the second half of the year. They can choose from Bible study, mission/outreach, music ministry, youth group/sports ministry or peer ministry as we continue to find ways to connect students with the greater church.



- Retreats/Mini-Lock In – 6th and 7th grade students attended a lock-in here at church hosted by students from Augustana College, while our 8th & 9th grade students attended a retreat at Joy Ranch this past spring.
- Leading Worship – both 8th and 9th grade students have had an opportunity to lead a Wednesday night worship service. Whether it is reading scripture, doing power point, sharing the Children’s sermon or leading music, the students have the opportunity to plan, prepare for and lead all of the service – a great chance to see first-hand what goes into planning worship!
- Guest Speakers – as part of our conversation on World Religions, 9th graders heard from both a representative from the Muslim Community Center here in Sioux Falls, and from five exchange students studying in South Dakota as part of the American Cultural Exchange Services program.

The backbone of the Confirmation Ministry program continues to be the adult volunteers who willingly share their time, talents and faith. The team this year has been made up of 59 small group leaders (6 who help with multiple groups!), two office volunteers, parents who chaperone retreats and lock-ins, and 36 mentors who meet monthly with 10th graders. Many thanks to each of these people for helping to plant seeds of faith in our youth!

Life/Death Discussion/Tour – 10th graders and their parents participated in this conversation led by Lara Pesce about creation/new life and end of life topics, and Pastor Paul about life, choices and consequences. The conversation concluded with a tour of Miller Funeral Home, along with more end of life discussions.

Highlights from the program this year include:

Thank you again to the parents, pastors, congregation members and leaders who are helping to ensure that the promises made to our youth in their baptisms are realized!

- Bible Study – our 6th and 7th graders have focused their study on the Bible. Through storytelling, creative reflection and dialogue, they’re discovering the overall biblical narrative.
- Small Catechism, Lutheran Theology and More – our 8th and 9th grade students dig into the small catechism and explore what it means to be a Lutheran; they also learn more about faithful stewardship, healthy relationships, and world religions. New this year is a transition for our 9th graders to

In Christ,

Holly Marty

Director of Confirmation & Adult Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY



Another year has come and gone so quickly and with it so many wonderful memories of great times spent with the youth of Peace. Our hope for 2017 is that the youth ministry at Peace continues to grow and experience new and wonderful things alongside the larger congregation.

Our Middle School youth had another full year of serving and fun. We had our second Summer Stretch and spent time in Sioux Falls learning about the different places our community serves others. We got a chance to explore the new Feeding South Dakota site and put together hundreds of boxes for their senior meal program. We learned about the St. Francis House and the ways they support those transitioning from being homeless into places of their own. We also returned to the Ronald McDonald House, Bishop Dudley and Good Sam's, as well as got the opportunity to create packs for Church on the Street. We continue to plan on different ways our youth can see and experience service opportunities right in their city and how needed we are to help make a difference.

Middle School youth also invited back Augustana Outreach teams in the fall to give us a night of fun and laughter. They spend time going deeper into a Bible story through worship and a Bible study. We also spent time at Augustana in the spring for an overnight, they were introduced to the legendary Lutheran rock duo – Lost & Found. They served at the Ronald McDonald House and stayed up late playing games and got to enjoy actual college food. We look forward to going back again in 2017.

2016 was a year of new experiences for our High School youth. We have spent time discussing all the great ways that Peace engages its members and asking the question – How do we help our youth connect in the same way? From these many conversations came an idea of new experiences like Hearts on the Go and AWAKEN. Hearts on the Go is a chance for our youth and adults to find ways to serve the Sioux Falls community together while learning about different programs and how they began. AWAKEN is a Wednesday night worship opportunity led by High School youth. This is a chance for them to come together and sing and worship with each other. All of these are new

and evolving with every gathering we have. The goal is that our youth will continue to connect as they become young adults.



Experiencing something different happened outside of Sioux Falls as well. A group of High School students and adults made an overnight trip to Minneapolis, MN to visit and learn from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. St. Paul's is a diverse community that serves Latinos, Somali and Native Americans. Our youth had the chance to hear and understand what it is like to come to a new country with language and culture barriers and how the church can come alongside to ease some of that difficulty. We toured the neighborhood and got to create art together. We can't wait to return in 2017 so try something new!

I continue to be thankful to serve in such an amazing place like Peace. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Kelsey Lyndoe

Director of Youth Ministries



SENIORS MINISTRY

I meet with the Seniors Planning Committee every third month on the 1st Friday of the month after Bible study. Members of the committee are Chester and Mary Morben, Jerry and Barb Schmidt, Lenore Winkler, Orie Rentschler, Keith and Kathy Porter, Pat Steele, and Ila Ahrendt. Darrell and Doris Autio will be replacing the Schmidts in January.

2016 Activities

XYZ Potluck and Programs were usually the last Monday each month except May and December. These months are busy with youth and family activities.

January – canceled due to weather

February – “The Story of Minnehaha County” by Kevin Gansz, Siouxland Heritage Museum postponed to March 14th due to weather.

March - “Teddy Roosevelt” by Jeff Gould.

April – Haiti trip report by the Global Mission team.

June – Picnic at Sertoma Park.

July – Police Chief Matthew Burns

August – Mayor Mike Huether

September - “Identify Theft – Are You At Risk?” by Eric Hansen, Eide Bailly LLP.

October - “Cap Pay Day Loans at 36%” by Kathy Brechtelsbauer.

November - “Alzheimer’s/Dementia – Know the 10 Signs. Early Detection Matters” by Kathi Herreid, State Program Director, SD Chapter, Alzheimer’s Association.

Game Days are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month with usually 4-8 participating in card and board games.

Senior Birthday Cards – A birthday card is sent to seniors each month with an insert listing senior activities during the month.

Transportation is provided to our Sunday 10:10 service, Friday 10:00 Bible study, and Wednesday services during Lent and Advent in our shuttle bus with usually 4-8 riders. Medical visits are arranged with Project CAR.

DVD “White Pass Journey” shown on April 11th with refreshments afterwards. This is the railroad built in the pass used by the original gold miners

in Alaska.

National Music Museum tour and lunch in Vermillion on June 20th and visit to Edgar’s old soda fountain in Elk Point for ice cream.

Sanford Research Center tour on July 11th.

Attended “**Aging Faithfully Conference**” at the Elmen Center July 27th.

Joy Ranch Retreat near Watertown held on Sept. 1-2 with Intern Pastor Renae leading us in a Bible study, a sing-a-long and communion in the old church, entertaining DVDs, and great food by the camp staff. We had a mandatory stop at the SDSU Dairy Barn on the return trip. This was our 3rd annual retreat at Joy Ranch with another planned for August 31-September 1, 2017.



Alzheimer’s/Dementia – Attended some informational sessions on this disease affecting seniors and others for referral in the future.

Plans for 2017

Joy Ranch Retreat on Aug. 31/Sept. 1

Tours in and out of town

Theater performances in Brandon, Okoboji, and Worthing

Some XYZ programs for all ages

Build bus ridership for other senior centers and apartments

Jim Ahrendt

Director of Seniors Ministry

PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



Peace Lutheran Preschool opened in January 1985. As of January 2017, we will be in our 32nd year of operation.

- The preschool is an outreach ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. We strive to provide quality education for children ages 3-5 years. Those who are served include children of Peace, other Lutheran churches, various denominations of faith and those with no church affiliation. The preschool is also privileged to serve 20 children from the Peace Care Daycare Program.
- The mission of our preschool is to nurture the child in areas of social-emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual development.
- Through the preschool, children experience Bible stories, learn about God’s love for them, and participate in many learning activities and field trips that engage them and prepare them for their adventures in kindergarten.
- This past year, we have again been privileged with our monthly visits from Pastor Betsy for chapel time and we were sad to have to say goodbye to her but know that God has pointed her in the direction he needs her in. We are excited to have welcomed Pastor Chris as our new chapel time Pastor and look forward to her sharing God’s message and love with our preschoolers.

My first year running the program was full of learning and growing. There were challenges and rewards and starting my second year in this position, I really feel that God has pointed me in the right direction and has handed me the tools I need to successfully keep our program as great as it has been! Our program has been privileged to serve so many children in and around our community and I am honored to continue to provide those services to as many families as we can in the coming years. Cindi Klein has remained in her role as a teacher of the 3 and 4 year olds and Shelley Bitz in her role as a teaching assistant.

Preschool Advisory Board Members were Julia Kasischke, Jenny Mays, Amanda Nielsen, Heather Peacock, Tammy Shaw, and Sarah Zellmer. As of July 2016, terms for Jenny Mays and Tammy Shaw have ended and we have welcomed two new members, Lori Ollerich and Kirsten Rhoades. The members of the board have given advice on policies, scholarship awards, and tuition rates. They also helped sponsor the preschool’s annual fundraiser at Pizza Ranch to raise money for new equipment and toys.

Peace Lutheran Church continues to provide the preschool with a wonderful place to educate, nurture and minister young children. Spaces used include the triple preschool classroom, the art room, Room I and the fellowship hall as our “gym.”

Tuition rates for 2016:

- 3 half days a week- \$120 a month
- 2 half days a week- \$90 a month

Brief summary of finances for 2016:

Income:

Tuition:	\$79,173.85
Registration Fees:	\$4,654.00
Peace’s Scholarship:	\$855.00
Donations, fundraisers, and misc.:	<u>\$867.00</u>
Total Income:	\$85,784.07

Expenses:

Staff expenses:	\$81,190.16
<small>(wages, FICA, pension/benefits, continuing education, and professional dues)</small>	
Supplies, equipment, toys, misc.:	\$3,090.56
Contribution to Peace Lutheran:	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$87,227.84

DeAnna Prince,
Preschool Director





PEACE C.A.R.E.

~Peace C.A.R.E. Daycare & Afterschool Program~

Program History/Information – State Licensed since 1997
 September 1996 – Present (Peace CARE Afterschool Program – School aged children)
 September 2004 – Present (Peace CARE Daycare Program – Birth to Pre K children)
 Director: Tara Foley

Mission Statement:

Peace C.A.R.E. Afterschool Program provides care for children in school from age five to age twelve. Our promise is to provide a safe, enriching, and recreational program conducive to learning and social interaction structured to the children’s requests. We encourage children to pursue their interests and develop friendships, independence, and confidence. Peace C.A.R.E. provides a stimulating and loving environment for children to flourish in this challenging society by using their God-given gifts and talents. Peace C.A.R.E. maintains a qualified staff committed to the safety and care of each child.

Peace CARE Daycare is a quality, all day childcare facility available to children between Birth and 5 years old. The program provides professional care for children not yet in school. The center is sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church. The goals of Peace CARE Daycare are to provide a developmentally safe, positive experience for every child that is conducive to learning and social interaction with a structure. In addition, we aim to encourage children to pursue their interests and develop friendships, independence, and confidence. Peace CARE Daycare also desires to create, and maintain, a stimulating and loving environment for children to flourish in this challenging society, using their God-given gifts and talents.

The staff is a group of trained professionals who promote respect and understanding for individual differences by

Maintaining a caring environment that allows freedom of choice and exposure to new experiences.

2016 Accomplishments:

Kept program at full capacity & cared for approximately 135+ children through the year!

We continue to maintain a consistent staff and keep our client turnover low!

Continue to work with Food Ministries team to find a more economical means to purchasing food / use of kitchen.

Continued to include school-agers in a daytime Bible School and other faith based opportunities through Children’s Ministries!

2017 Goals:

Continue to act as a “mentor program” for new programs in our community and local churches.

Continue to be a ministry of Peace by sharing what we are accomplishing with the members of Peace!

Continue to prioritize enrollment opportunities to our church membership first!

2016 Year End Budget:

Income:

Tuition and Fees..... \$588,750
 ~Registrations
 ~Activity fees

~Interest Income

Expenses:

Payroll..... \$520,890
 ~FICA

~Workman’s Comp

~ELCA Benefits

~Training

Program Expense..... \$ 34,474

~Children materials

~Food/snack

~Activities/Fieldtrips

Preschool Services..... \$ 18,270

Utilities..... \$ 3,600

~Building use

Transportation..... \$ 5,240

Office..... \$ 5,075

~Advertising; ~Phone, postage, copier, etc...

~Office supply; ~Computer related, ~Misc.



GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM



“Quart Short” campaign to help fund a new school in the Lepina area of Haiti. Peace members filled enough quart jars to raise over \$3500 for the Helping Hands for Haiti building effort.

Money raised this year also went to support multiple causes including Lindsey Boehmer’s mission to Cambodia, Taylor Hetland’s mission trip to Kenya, Nicole Elsasser’s medical mission to the Dominican Republic, a new home build in the Verrettes, Haiti mission house area and Jumelle school and church maintenance and improvements.

We are a small group that continues to do God’s work with our hands. We are ever grateful to God for blessing us with a congregation that continues to give generously every year. Global Missions has many plans for 2017. We look forward to sharing news of our work as we go forward following in the hope and promise of God’s gift to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Elsasser
Global Mission Team Member

Peace Lutheran sent a group to Haiti over the 2015-2016 New Year. The list of travelers included Fred and Connie Peters, Maggie Schmidt, Anita Randolph, Brian and Tyler Beck, Kory Lindquist, Kolby Vanderwoude, Amanda Dougherty, Paige Elsasser and Pastor Betsy. While there the team ran two health clinics, put on a Vacation Bible School, had a game day with the kids, provided school supplies and health kits to village families through the “\$10 and a Towel” project (supported by Peace member donations) and shared worship and a meal on Sunday morning with Jumelle worshippers.

The tiller business continues to pay back loan money. Using proceeds from repayments, \$1100 was loaned to Walter, a Helping Hands for Haiti interpreter, to start up a water purification business.

Fundraising has settled on 3 activities –cinnamon roll breakfasts, a holiday bake sale and Ace Hardware lefse classes. The lefse classes are well attended and a lot of fun. Sign up early next year; spots fill up fast! A special thanks to Ace Hardware for their generous gift to support our efforts.

In addition to our normal fundraising efforts, Nita Wirth spearheaded the





WELCA (WOMEN OF PEACE)

A REMARKABLE YEAR!

The women of Peace had another very productive year! We want to thank everyone who participated in the activities. Officers for 2017 for the WELCA unit are Linda Jensen, Leader, and Kathy Porter, Recorder. We are still in need of a Treasurer—let us know if you are interested! Any woman wanting to be added to the email list for WELCA updates can contact Linda Jensen; 444-7563 work, 310-9865 home/cell or Linda.Jensen@LssSD.org. We have about 6 meetings a year on an “as needed” basis, and they are an opportunity to have some fellowship, help raise and disperse funds for good causes, and learn more about Peace Lutheran. All women are considered members and are welcome to come! There’s no minimum number of meetings you have to attend, and there are no dues.

WELCA had a Love Offering in February and another one in September, which continues to replace the long time Soup & Pie Supper fundraiser. Both were successful, raising funds that are used to support local charities as well as ministries here at Peace. Thanks are in order to the West Minnehaha Chapter of Thrivent for donating \$500 to the February Love Offering! Due to the closing of all the Thrivent County Chapters nationally, this was the last funding we’ll receive from West Minnehaha. Many thanks for all the support they have given Peace WELCA through the years!

WELCA helped sponsor two great women’s Saturday morning retreats, one in April and one in November. We also sponsored a wonderful Advent Supper Dec. 4, where we had a good meal, fellowship, and collected many Christmas gifts for the residents at the nearby Good Samaritan Village.

Funds raised with the Love Offerings, the West Minnehaha Thrivent gift, and an offering made at the advent dinner were used to bring help & hope for a number of local charities as well as provide needed items and support to ministries here at Peace. The funds supplemented by many \$250 Thrivent Action Teams applied for by WELCA members, adding thousands of dollars in additional funding for great causes. Here are some of the causes we gave to in 2016:

- ◆ Augustana Lutheran Thanksgiving Meal
- ◆ Boy Scout Troop #216
- ◆ Children’s Inn
- ◆ Feeding SD—Backpack Program
- ◆ Food to You

- ◆ Good Samaritan Village (also collected items)
- ◆ Heartland Ephphatha
- ◆ Helping Hands for Haiti
- ◆ Holiday gifts for those in need
- ◆ Lunch is Served
- ◆ Peace Lutheran Church—Camperships
- ◆ Peace Lutheran Church Library
- ◆ Peace Luth Church— Stephen Ministry Training
- ◆ Peace Luth Church— Transportation for camp
- ◆ Peace Luth Church—Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Pueblo de Dios Vacation Bible School
- ◆ The Banquet—SOS Program—school supplies
- ◆ Veteran’s Outreach (also collected items)
- ◆ Women of the ELCA—statewide



There were a number of other activities; the Ruth and Hannah Circles met for Bible Study and fellowship. The Prayer Shawl group made 134 shawls for those needing comfort. There were 15 funerals served during the year. The women made 126 quilts—Lutheran World Relief was sent 77, LSS was given 12, Children’s Inn received 15, and 22 went to the Furniture Mission. We collected children’s hats, gloves, mittens, coats, underwear and socks to be delivered to local school kids plus local charities. Items were collected for the first time for Veteran’s Outreach this year. Thanks again to everyone for their support during the past year!

Submitted by WELCA

CHARIS MINISTRY PARTNERS



Charis Ministry Partners Annual Report for 2016

Augustana, Our Savior's, East Side, Messiah New Hope, First, Peace, Gloria Dei, Renner, Grace, Spirit of Joy, Holy Cross, St. John, and Westside Lutheran –
Charis Ministry Partner Congregations

Charis Ministry Partners is in its seventh year as a public non-profit organization serving neighbors in need in the Sioux Falls area. All three ministries continue to grow in their capacity to serve the community of Sioux Falls, in large part because of the continued support of the Partner churches. Charis Ministry welcomed Westside Lutheran into the partnership this year, expanding our partnership from 12 to 13. A board made up of a representative of each of the member congregations meets every other month to oversee this unique shared servant ministry. Nicholas Welder continues in his role as Director, both supporting Food to You as the Coordinator and representing Charis to the community and Partner churches.

The Food to You Mobile Food Pantry has provided 25-35 lb. of groceries and hygiene items to an average of 85 families each week. The highest number of households served at a distribution was 115 in August at East Side Lutheran. There were 48 distributions at four sites in a monthly rotation – East Side, Messiah New Hope, Augustana, and St. John Lutheran Church. The households served during 2016 totaled 4,066 with 756 of them (18%) being newcomers. 65 to 75% of the families served included children and 10-20% include senior citizens.

Charis Ministry Partner congregations sponsored/volunteered for 27 of the 48 FTY distributions in 2016. The other distributions were served, and sponsored, by eight non-Charis congregations (both ELCA and other denominations), seven businesses, three service groups, a USD student group, a local school staff, and friends and family of Food to You. POET once again blessed FTY with fresh produce from their community garden, which they donated each Thursday in July-September. The Bread Break ministry out of Messiah New Hope continues to be a major blessing for FTY, allowing the use of their van on a weekly basis for transportation of goods, as well as fresh baked goods. Special donations from Bread Break included Panera Bread, Breadico, Breadsmith Bread, and Einstein Bagels. Feeding South Dakota continues to be a partner with FTY, supplying us with produce, breads, pastries, and assorted frozen foods. Often they will offer special items such as watermelon, turkey, or ham at a reduced handling cost. Food to You offered out **over 117,900 pounds** of product, not including those items donated by the Partner churches and outside sources.

For 2017, the Charis Ministry Partner Board continues to suggest that Charis congregations serve at least two distributions throughout the year.

The Necessities for Neighbors servant ministry continues to see an increased need of necessity items for our families in the Sioux Falls region. Through generous donations of money, equipment and products an average of 330 families, up nearly 30 families per distribution compared to 2015, were served each month; the largest distribution being in August with a record number of 404 families served. Guest households received these household products the first Sunday of each month at 3pm: laundry soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper.

Sister Charis Ministry Partner congregations have helped in many ways either by financial or product donation and helping on site at some of our distributions. All Charis churches are encouraged to sponsor 1 distribution during the year. Please contact Jackie Bailey at Peace Lutheran to discuss a sponsorship.

Healthy Rides, the medical transportation ministry of Charis Ministry Partners, furnishes rides in partnership with Project Car to health-related appointments for those who have no means of getting there. Because of Healthy Rides, people in need have been able to get to physical therapy after surgery; others were able to make it to preventative care appointments for mammograms and colonoscopies; still others were able to keep seeing their mental health provider. This would not have happened without this caring transportation ministry.

In 2016 Healthy Rides provided a little over 55 round trip rides each month. The cost of each ride through Project Car has increased to \$11 due to cost of insurance, gas, and maintenance of the vehicles.

Recipients of this service are referred by certain agencies and clinics as well as Charis member congregations that have designated a referring parish nurse or other responsible person. Healthy Rides continues to grow and be effective because of all who are partners either through their donations or by encouraging members to become volunteer drivers for Project CAR.

Thanks and Blessings: Many thanks and blessings go out to all Charis Ministry Partner congregations and their members and friends who make this unique non-profit ministry possible by providing board members, regular financial support, donations of food and hygiene items, volunteer drivers, sponsoring/volunteering for distributions, prayer support, and so much more. As always special thanks goes to East Side Lutheran Church for providing office and storage space for Food to You and to Peace Lutheran for handling Charis' personnel financial services.

The combination of income from those groups sponsoring a Food to You distribution, plus supporting gifts from Charis churches and other individuals and groups was strong yet again. A big thank you to Sammon's Financial that donated \$7,500 to Food to You and will be sponsoring a distribution in 2017.

The blessings from the Charis members, and the many friends of Food to You and Necessities for Neighbors, continues to have a major effect on the ministry and allows us to show the strength and love of Christ through His church. Thank you to all those that have contributed in some way throughout 2016.

Together we work to fulfill Christ's commandment to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. May God bless Charis Ministry, the Charis members, and all those we will serve throughout 2017.

Nicholas Welder, Director/Charis Ministry Partners
Dan Paulson, Grace Lutheran Church
Chair, Charis Ministry Partners Board



CHURCH ON THE STREET

DEVELOPMENT: The year 2016 was a great inaugural year for Church on the Street. During the months of February through September, we were tasked with the development of this new ministry. This included the following: setting up the congregation framework for Church on the Street through the ELCA offices in Chicago, meeting with the Homeless and Justice Networks of the ELCA, attending Mission Developer trainings in both Indianapolis and New Jersey, developing relationships with future Church on the Street members on the streets of Sioux Falls and in the community, introducing Church on the Street to other Churches - both locally and throughout the state, finding ministry partners to join in prayer, active participation, and financial partnership, and intentionally steering the mission, goals, and vision of what this unique congregation in Sioux Falls would look like. Needless to say, it was a busy year!

The year began with the development of a Church on the Street Steering Committee/Board. This committee/board was carefully chosen and is full of people who monitor and guide this ministry. They are a compassionate group of people who care about the children of God; whether they are housed or unhoused. The board includes the following members: Suzanne Hansen, Carolyn Dodson, Shireen Ranschau, Susan Thies, Nicole Elsasser, David Bacon, Teresa Nygaard and Rebel Hurd. To learn more about these individuals by reading their biographies, please visit our website at www.churchonthestreet.weebly.com.

MISSION: Church on the Street is a church whose mission and reality is to minister to, with, and for the homeless and impoverished community that is often overlooked and forgotten. As people of Christ, it is our work to tell others about the Good News; and to build a faith community where God's people seek hope that is found only in the message of Jesus Christ while finding encouragement, purpose, and strength.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

35. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Church on the Street has been living out Matthew 25:35 by offering a meal before or after worship (depending on the location), a drink (we gave out almost 2000 bottles of water during the hot summer months while sharing scripture to quench not just the physical quench, but the spiritual one as well) and inviting people to worship in an environment that they are comfortable in. The invitation is given out on the street as we meet people. Each invitation comes with a listening and respectful ear, a kind smile, and an acknowledgment that they are God's people and that he made them good. (Genesis 1:31)

WORSHIP: We began worshiping on October 1st. We partnered with Peace Lutheran's Pastor Paul, who delivered the message and with Beaver Valley Lutheran's Youth who provided the meal. We served food to over 70 people and gathered in worship with 40. It was an amazing day as we watched a congregation form. We were not in a building; we were outside in the parking lot of the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. The where did not matter, because God was there! We have continued to worship monthly and have been in partnership with Augustana Lutheran, and Center of Hope. We are excited to fill the 2017 calendar with partner ministries in prayer, active worship, and financial partnerships. God is present in the ministry. We have been blessed to be a part of this community of people. We have had a consistent number of congregants, although many have been new each month. As with any transient population, this is to be expected. We have had a great group of volunteers who work so hard to

provide a safe and welcoming worship for everyone. We have been fortunate to have volunteers from over 20 groups and organizations.



OUTREACH: Along with worship, we are out on the street for many hours each week (hot or cold), sharing the Gospel and building relationships with God's people. We have offered a Bible Study since May. We participated in many public speaking events and education opportunities in both the secular and faith communities. We have had an opportunity to work with other organizations who provide services to people who struggle with homelessness and poverty and to partner in ways that work together to utilize services that already exist.

MINISTRY PARTNERS: We are excited and encouraged by the Partners in Ministry who have and who intend to join us in 2017. We have been blessed with support from many individuals, countless Clergy and church staff, WELCA groups, Adult Bible Study Groups, Youth Groups, Rotary Clubs, Quilting Groups, Mission and Outreach Teams/Boards from various congregations, Thrivent members who have supported us with their Thrivent Action Teams, and both small and large congregations throughout the state of South Dakota. Additionally, we have been gifted office and parking space in downtown Sioux Falls at First Lutheran Church, and are enjoying the proximity to those we serve. Peace Lutheran is the Fiscal Agent for Church on the Street.

Thank you for being in partnership with us and we look forward to working with you in 2017! If you haven't already, give us a call or send us an email to talk about joining us in this amazing ministry. Grace and Peace to you!

SEMINARY NOTES: As a SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister) for Church on the Street, I wanted to share that I have completed my first semester of Seminary through Luther House of Study at the Sioux Falls Seminary. It was never my intention to attend seminary, but God had different plans for me. I have been endorsed by Peace Lutheran and feel so blessed to be supported and affirmed in His plan of action for my life. It only took a couple days of classes to realize that I was where I was supposed to be. The staff of Luther House of Study and the South Dakota Synod have been so supportive and many of you have personally encouraged me in my path to ordainment. Thank you! Please know that your support means so much! Keep the prayers coming! God is Good. All the time.

Submitted Cheerfully in Christ,

Rebel Hurd,
Mission Developer/SAM—Church on the Street
South Dakota Synod, ELCA

HEARTLAND EPHPHATHA



Heartland Ephphatha Ministries is a ministry of the South Dakota Synod housed right here at Peace Lutheran Church. Our mission is to bring the Gospel of Jesus to those who are Deaf. We worship at 9:00 am each week at Peace. This year we had a great year. Here are some of our highlights.

We had our annual Deaf Awareness Sunday at Peace where we invited a sign choir to help us celebrate.

Jeff Panek went to Jamaica School for the Deaf on a mission trip.

Mark Koterwski won the national ELDA Shining Light award.



Two of our members were elected to the ELDA board.



We hosted a deaf pastor from Nigeria, Ruth Ulea for a week.



We traveled to Minneapolis for the ELDA national conference.

We had Bible studies about world religions.

We offer three levels of sign language classes at Peace Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason and Sarah Andera
Heartland Ephphatha Directors

CURRENT MORTGAGE



2016 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT CURRENT MORTGAGE

	Jan 2016 Beginning Balance	Dec 2016 Ending Bal- ance		
Cash:				
Current Mortgage				
Fund:	\$25,427.36	\$45,940.76		
	\$25,427.36	\$45,940.76		
	Receipts for 2015	Expenses for 2015		Net Total
Interest Income:	\$41.58			
Offering Envelopes:		\$548.49		
Current Mortgage Of- fering:	\$430,661.11			
Imagine Campaign Costs:		\$8,702.68		
Mortgage Payment Thrivent:		\$401,780.00		
	Totals:	\$430,702.69	\$411,031.17	\$19,671.52

Thrivent Loan Balance: \$1,289,309.02 12/31/2015

Thrivent Loan Balance: \$ 941,254.46 12/31/2016

INCOME-EXPENSES

	2016		2016		2017	
	Budget		Actual		Budget	
General Income						
Regular Envelopes	\$	678,707.00	\$	613,042.86	\$	667,400.00
First Fruits	\$	552,293.00	\$	554,167.91	\$	560,000.00
Loose Offering	\$	45,000.00	\$	39,624.36	\$	36,000.00
Initial Offering	\$	1,200.00	\$	846.00	\$	1,000.00
Seasonal Offering	\$	40,000.00	\$	22,493.25	\$	38,000.00
Interest Income	\$	12.00	\$	444.64	\$	600.00
Offsetting Income	\$	24,035.00	\$	36,976.98	\$	36,275.00
Total General Income:	\$	1,341,247.00	\$	1,267,596.00	\$	1,339,275.00
Benevolences						
Mission Partners						
Pueblo de Dios Lutheran	\$	1,875.00	\$	1,744.00	\$	2,500.00
St. Dymas Reentry Initiative	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500.00
Marty's Mug	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	750.00
St. Dymas Holiday Meals	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
St. Dymas Lutheran Undesignated	\$	1,425.00	\$	346.04	\$	1,425.00
Church on the Street	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
Table of Grace	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Westside Lutheran	\$	8,375.00	\$	7,789.00	\$	5,000.00
Augustana Lutheran	\$	1,100.00	\$	-	\$	1,100.00
Domestic Poverty Ministries						
Community Outreach	\$	2,624.00	\$	-	\$	2,600.00
Needy Families	\$	1,125.00	\$	2,566.59	\$	1,200.00
Charis Ministry	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$	1,075.00	\$	-	\$	850.00
St Francis House	\$	875.00	\$	-	\$	900.00
Good Shepherd Center	\$	875.00	\$	-	\$	-
Kid's Against Hunger	\$	900.00	\$	-	\$	900.00
Food to You Mobile Food Pantry	\$	1,650.00	\$	1,400.00	\$	1,750.00
The Banquet	\$	900.00	\$	1,027.53	\$	1,100.00
Necessities for Neighbors	\$	400.00	\$	-	\$	400.00
Solving Addiction	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
Ayuda	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00
Educational						
Shetek Bible Camp	\$	225.00	\$	-	\$	225.00
Lutheran Outdoors	\$	1,625.00	\$	800.00	\$	1,625.00
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$	460.00	\$	-	\$	500.00
PreSchool Scholarships	\$	850.00	\$	855.00	\$	900.00
Camp Counselor Scholarships	\$	1,000.00	\$	500.00	\$	1,000.00
Seminary Scholarships	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,350.00	\$	1,250.00
Augustana PACT	\$	1,900.00	\$	550.00	\$	1,600.00
South Dakota Synod						
Mission Support - SDS	\$	81,230.00	\$	75,544.00	\$	83,901.00
Crossroads Conference Dues	\$	300.00	\$	294.20	\$	300.00
God's Work Our Hands						
GWOH Seed Money	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
World Missions						
World Hunger(SD Synod)	\$	2,525.00	\$	-	\$	2,525.00
Global Missions	\$	3,275.00	\$	4,525.00	\$	3,275.00
Missionary Support to Columbia	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	-
Total:	\$	122,839.00	\$	100,791.36	\$	129,076.00

INCOME-EXPENSES CONTINUED

	2016		2016		2017	
	Budget		Actual		Budget	
Staff Expense:						
Pastoral Staff	\$	325,975.39	\$	318,236.41	\$	383,643.00
Support Staff	\$	611,970.97	\$	574,041.87	\$	623,049.00
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Total:	\$	937,946.36	\$	892,278.28	\$	1,006,692.00
Office Expense						
Office Supplies	\$	9,500.00	\$	6,649.72	\$	7,500.00
Postage	\$	4,695.18	\$	3,357.36	\$	3,600.00
Peace Newsletter	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00
Software Subscription Services	\$	14,000.00	\$	12,428.45	\$	14,000.00
Computer IT Support	\$	13,000.00	\$	13,159.85	\$	13,000.00
General Fund Envelopes	\$	1,300.00	\$	882.11	\$	1,000.00
Synod Assembly Fees	\$	2,960.00	\$	1,344.08	\$	2,650.00
Communications - Social Media	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500.00
Advertising Expense	\$	2,935.34	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,400.00
Bank Charges	\$	4,000.00	\$	1,735.29	\$	2,000.00
Copier Support	\$	7,200.00	\$	8,812.69	\$	7,200.00
Faith Chest Expense	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,106.00	\$	5,200.00
Total:	\$	65,090.52	\$	55,575.55	\$	59,550.00
Program Expense:						
Music Ministry	\$	14,350.00	\$	11,962.97	\$	13,175.00
Children Ministry	\$	32,350.00	\$	32,506.02	\$	34,850.00
Youth Ministry	\$	11,000.00	\$	11,297.23	\$	11,000.00
Confirmation Ministry	\$	5,300.00	\$	2,765.24	\$	5,750.00
Adult Ministry	\$	1,500.00	\$	918.19	\$	2,000.00
Senior Adult Ministry	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,702.06	\$	2,900.00
Connecting Ministry	\$	1,975.00	\$	1,315.30	\$	7,450.00
Total:	\$	69,475.00	\$	62,467.01	\$	77,125.00
Stewardship Expense	\$	2,500.00	\$	134.19	\$	2,500.00
Total:	\$	2,500.00	\$	134.19	\$	2,500.00
Library Expense	\$	2,900.00	\$	3,062.07	\$	2,900.00
Total:	\$	2,900.00	\$	3,062.07	\$	2,900.00
Utilities	\$	52,250.00	\$	52,622.03	\$	54,600.00
Insurance	\$	24,161.00	\$	25,973.70	\$	26,700.00
Property Maintenance/Expense	\$	28,000.00	\$	27,204.46	\$	28,000.00
Snow Removal	\$	10,000.00	\$	8,466.32	\$	10,000.00
Building/Property Supplies Expense	\$	11,000.00	\$	11,913.70	\$	11,000.00
Frontage/Real Estate Taxes	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,662.93	\$	2,700.00
Van Repairs	\$	1,000.00	\$	232.03	\$	1,000.00
Vehicle Replacement Fund	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
Capital Improvement Fund	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
Lawn Care	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,608.30	\$	4,000.00
Total:	\$	137,011.00	\$	130,683.47	\$	143,000.00
Miscellaneous/Extraordinary Expenses	\$	-	\$	2,200.00	\$	-
Total:	\$	-	\$	2,200.00	\$	-
Grand Total Expenses:	\$	1,337,761.88	\$	1,247,191.93	\$	1,420,843.00
Net Operating Total:	\$	3,485.12	\$	20,404.07	\$	(81,568.00)

INCOME-EXPENSES CONTINUED

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget
Offsetting Income			
Facility Usage	\$0.00	\$4,470.00	\$5,000.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$0.00	\$6,826.00	\$7,000.00
Bible Study Income	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Faith Chest Income	\$1,100.00	\$1,277.40	\$1,200.00
Faith & Family Income	\$1,500.00	\$1,060.00	\$1,500.00
Children's Camperships	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth - Programming	\$0.00	\$483.00	\$0.00
Sunday School Income	\$2,800.00	\$2,347.07	\$2,000.00
Vacation Bible School	\$6,375.00	\$7,711.55	\$7,375.00
Coffee Corner	\$3,500.00	\$3,354.45	\$3,200.00
PeaceCare Bus Usage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PreSchool - Space Rental	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Childcare Space Rental	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
PeaceCare PreSchool Work Comp	\$3,360.00	\$3,360.00	\$3,360.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$88.41	\$240.00
Senior Ministry Income	\$0.00	\$579.10	\$0.00
Total Offsetting Income:	\$24,035.00	\$36,976.98	\$36,275.00

2016 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS



CASH:

	Dec 2015 End-	Dec 2016 Ending
General Fund Checking	\$ 12,669.65	\$ 17,624.58
Peace Lutheran Endowment Fund	\$ 64,869.94	\$ 66,634.86
Business Savings Account	\$ 202.36	\$ 1,238.53
Sub total:	\$ 77,741.95	\$ 85,497.97
Special Funds	\$ 139,497.32	\$ 151,762.97
Current Mortgage Fund	\$ 25,427.36	\$ 45,940.76
Petty Cash Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Totals:	\$ 242,766.63	\$ 283,301.70

	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<u>Special Funds:</u>				
<u>Temporary Restricted</u>				
Roof Ins Proceeds	\$0.00	\$86,590.39	\$57,395.95	\$29,194.44
Coke Machine	\$44.25	\$1,958.14	\$1,604.29	\$398.10
Children Yth Camp -LO	\$0.00	\$36,241.63	\$31,189.97	\$5,051.66
Stephen Minsitry	\$0.00	\$1,840.34	\$943.34	\$897.00
Flowers for Altar-Des	(\$143.47)	\$2,275.00	\$693.39	\$1,438.14
Designated Income/Expense-Des	\$2,328.42	\$1,650.00	\$1,580.72	\$2,397.70
Adult Ed - Book Sales	\$34.68	\$1,923.56	\$1,958.24	\$0.00
Memorial Music & Misc-Des	\$2,796.37	\$1,448.00	\$2,129.02	\$2,115.35
Music Camp Inc/Exp-Des	\$85.92	\$440.00	\$484.01	\$41.91
VBS-Bilingual-Des	\$0.00	\$345.00	\$270.00	\$75.00
Handbell Fund-Des	\$65.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.08
Long Term Vehicle Fund-Des	\$7,929.09	\$0.00	\$7,929.09	\$0.00
Adult Choir Funeral Gifts-Des	\$779.17	\$347.00	\$341.58	\$784.59
German Meal In/Out	\$0.00	\$547.00	\$547.00	\$0.00
Youth Programs Designated-Des	\$6,926.61	\$20.00	\$3,491.83	\$3,454.78
Youth Gathering Fund-Des	\$2,583.35	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,583.35
Summer Youth Trips-Des	\$1,423.28	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$1,468.28
Youth Servant Trip-Des	\$312.13	\$1,200.00	\$809.33	\$702.80
Wednesday Night Suppers-Des	\$2,897.80	\$1,964.01	\$4,861.81	\$0.00
Peace Meals-Des	\$2,438.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,438.39
Wedding Fees in Out	\$2,191.46	\$5,825.00	\$5,618.80	\$2,397.66
HyVee Cards-Des	(\$794.10)	\$40,635.42	\$40,301.00	(\$459.68)
Childrens Camp -Des	\$42.60	\$1,797.79	\$2,330.39	(\$490.00)
Youth Programming-Des	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Giving Jar-Des	\$12,473.22	\$11,788.40	\$10,930.45	\$13,331.17
Christmas Program Offering	\$130.26	\$658.64	\$0.00	\$788.90
Start Up Programs-Des	\$2,446.04	\$650.00	\$1,675.00	\$1,421.04
Scraps Program-Des	\$2,854.12	\$86,880.20	\$84,763.88	\$4,970.44

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

Shuttle Bus Account-Des	\$196.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$196.12
Paul's Continuing Ed-Des	\$2,044.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,044.67
Peace Quarterly Mission-Des	\$845.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$845.37
Brian's Team	\$368.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$368.10
Global Mission Peace Bank-Des	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
Church on the Street	\$994.66	\$5,316.97	\$994.66	\$5,316.97
Prayer Shawl Ministry-Des	\$1,073.37	\$340.00	\$294.59	\$1,118.78
Designated Memorials-Des	\$8,716.84	\$1,469.10	\$8,630.94	\$1,555.00
Undesignated Memorials-Des	\$2,148.42	\$2,510.00	\$1,090.00	\$3,568.42
Peace Sports Ministry-Des	\$705.02	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$305.02
Global Missions-Des	\$3,091.36	\$14,174.84	\$11,260.00	\$6,006.20
Family Mission Trip	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Sanctuary Improvements-Des	\$15,431.00	\$995.00	\$15,581.00	\$845.00
Confirmation -Des	\$13.60	\$2,834.29	\$2,280.36	\$567.53
World Hunger	\$1,163.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,163.47
50th Anniversary-Des	\$24,919.39	\$25,302.74	\$48,782.71	\$1,439.42
Capital Improvement - Des	\$11,416.09	\$8,593.00	\$489.59	\$19,519.50
Special Gifts Account-Des	\$4,083.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,083.85
Designated Gifts-Des	\$2,349.90	\$0.00	\$2,349.90	\$0.00
Orphan Ministry-Des	\$88.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88.78
Necessities for Neighbors-Des	\$20,000.00	\$10,444.52	\$15,444.52	\$15,000.00
Fundraising - Children & Youth	\$3,048.39	\$11,774.55	\$9,247.94	\$5,575.00
Marty's Mug - Synod	\$0.00	\$12,229.73	\$2,906.55	\$9,323.18
Health Wellness Ministry-Des	\$303.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$303.34
Golf Tournament Endow-Des	\$1,299.64	\$3,727.00	\$2,614.91	\$2,411.73
Totals:	\$154,146.05	\$391,162.26	\$385,551.76	\$159,756.55



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE (LSS)



Strengthening Individuals,
Families & Communities

2016 Annual Report To Congregations It's About a Future Filled with Hope

LSS will be submitting a resolution at the South Dakota ELCA Synod Assembly in June to request permission to begin the congregational phase of the capital Campaign for Hope. The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds to build a central campus that will be the LSS headquarters of statewide services. This one campus will allow us to put more funds into direct services and to build a technology infrastructure that will reach into rural communities in our state. By strengthening the infrastructure, LSS is better able to provide vital services providing hope, healing and guidance where it is needed most. We look forward to your support at the South Dakota ELCA Synod Assembly in June. Hope--



*Hospitality that is comforting and welcoming
Opportunities to access services with ease
Possibility for happiness and peace of mind
Embrace without judgment*

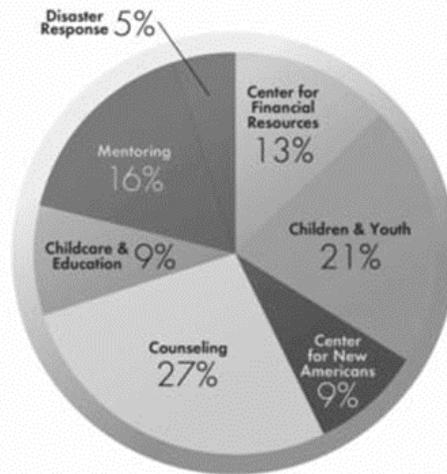
LSS serves people of all ages, faiths, races and economic statuses with professional, confidential and affordable services. LSS touched the lives of those we serve 52,001 times last year. As a premier human service agency, we work toward bringing a future filled with hope to people of all ages, families of all kinds and communities of all sizes.

- ◆ *Functional Family Therapy is a promising intervention for youth in the juvenile justice system. During treatment, 78 percent of youth avoided a new arrest, and 77 percent of families improved their overall functioning.*
- ◆ *Residential outcomes continue to be positive; 60 percent of the children served were discharged home to family or a relative. This outcome is impressive considering LSS treats some of the most intensive cases in the state.*
- ◆ *More than 91 percent of refugees resettled in Sioux Falls and 95 percent in Huron obtained full-time employment within eight months of arrival.*

I will bless you
with a future
filled with hope—
a future of success, not of suffering.
Jeremiah 29:11

- ◆ *Through the LSS USucceed Mentoring Program, 92 percent of the students were on track to graduate with their high school class, and 90 percent had a realistic plan after graduation.*
- ◆ *Close to 72 percent of the clients enrolled in debt management plans successfully completed their plans and goals through the LSS Center for Financial Resources.*
- ◆ *Respect is a core value of LSS. According to LSS client survey results, more than 95 percent of our clients felt they were treated with respect and 97 percent said they would return for services.*

HOW YOUR GIFT SERVED



We sincerely appreciate your support and partnership. I want to express gratitude on behalf of all those we serve. To provide opportunities for a future filled with hope, every kindness

and resource that we receive is utilized. Thank you for all financial, in-kind and prayerful support. For more information on LSS services and those we serve, visit www.LSSSD.org. On behalf of all those served, thank you!

Betty Oldenkamp, President/CEO



SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD

“Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” - Matthew 24:42

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ whose coming we await with hope!

I am writing this letter for your congregation’s annual report in the early days of Advent, when the sun’s light is retreating from the world, and text for last Sunday has Jesus calling upon us to prepare and “keep awake.” Jesus was speaking to his disciples who faced a not-to-distant future of witnessing their Lord’s crucifixion, cowering as their city was overrun by an angry Roman overlord while enduring persecution in their own families and synagogues. Matthew’s community believed they were living in extraordinary times, and they fervently hoped that Jesus would come -- and come soon!

It seems like we, too, are living in such times. A contentious election has left us feeling fearful, or hopeful, or with a sinking ambivalence about our government. Our once-hospitable earthly home now feels fragile as we come to grips with a rapidly changing climate. Protests around the country and on our state’s border unveil lingering resentments, racial tensions and past and current injustices. With Matthew’s community we cry out, “Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly!” What does it mean to be the church in times like these? Jesus said it has to do with being awake and living in a state of preparedness.

I am grateful for the ways in which I see signs of Christ’s coming through an “awoke” church – through you! You prepare for the coming of Christ each time you feed your hungry neighbors with a meal of food or a promise of continued presence in grief or hardship. You stay awake when you declare God’s love in Jesus Christ for the child in your midst or the new neighbors in your community. You prepare the way of the Lord when you welcome a stranger whom your wider community might consider “dangerous “other” or “alien.” Whenever, instead of disparaging young people, you celebrate their gifts, gather them in to supportive relationships and share holy conversations, you are living as awakened followers of Jesus. Thank you!

You also prepare the way of the Lord with the counter-cultural act of releasing some of your hard-earned money to bless your local congregation and share God’s love with people around the world. Your congregation’s mission support teaches new skills to subsistence farmers in Nicaragua, and prepares new ministers of the Gospel in Cameroon. You have made the path a little straighter for our Lord by your generosity, through your congregation, that this year is starting 378 new congregations, two-thirds of them among people living in poverty: scripture continues to be fulfilled – “Good news for the poor!”

Dear church – stay awake! I am grateful for you and your good work, and I pray for you as you gather in your annual meetings.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop David Zellmer

SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD



	Adopted 2016	Revised 2016	Adopted 2017
INCOME			
MISSION SUPPORT FROM CONGREGATIONS	1,807,051	1,745,878	1,774,680
Program Ministry Income			
Pine Ridge Ministry Income	88,441	88,441	88,441
Other Income Streams			
SD Synod Mission Support	44,568	49,205	49,205
DEM Support Staff	15,000	11,000	10,000
Interest Income	7,500	7,500	7,500
SDS Transportation LLC Income	5,000	10,554	10,554
SDS Transportation/Plane Income	25,000	25,000	25,000
Misc Income	-	503	503
TOTAL INCOME	1,992,560	1,938,081	1,965,883
EXPENSES			
	Adopted 2016	Revised 2016	Proposed 2017
CHURCHWIDE MISSION			
Mission Support to ELCA	813,173	785,645	798,606
% of Mission Support	45.0%	45.0%	45.0%
Region III	15,380	15,850	15,850
SHARED MINISTRIES			
South Dakota Sustained Ministries			
Campus Ministry	128,317	124,399	126,395
Campus Ministry Capital	1,030	1,030	1,030
Lutheran Planned Giving	63,028	63,028	63,028
Heartland Ephphatha	6,296	6,103	6,201
Lutheran Youth Organization	3,605	3,605	3,605
South Dakota Supported Ministries			
SD Ministries Support	20,056	22,142	22,142
Luther Seminary	72,769	70,547	71,679
Lutheran Social Services	72,769	70,547	71,679
Lutherans Outdoors	36,292	35,184	35,748
Church Colleges	6,296	6,103	6,201
Association of Christian Churches	1	1	1
Chapel in the Hills	1	1	1
Good Samaritan Society	1	1	1
Total Shared Ministries	410,461	402,691	407,711



SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD

	Adopted 2016	Revised 2016	Proposed 2017
SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD MINISTRIES			
Staff Leadership			
Bishop	108,084	108,088	111,331
Associate Tesch	12,373	12,373	12,744
Associate Marone	81,665	80,665	83,085
Bishop/Associate Benefits	69,500	73,170	75,215
SDS Travel	44,566	35,553	35,201
Bishop/Assistants Travel & Cont Ed	18,800	18,800	18,800
Program Ministries			
Native American Ministry	129,428	116,411	118,323
Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator	14,811	14,811	15,231
Companion Synod Coordinator	11,276	11,276	11,577
Support Staff and Office			
Support Staff Salaries/Benefits	139,318	140,555	144,750
Resource Center Supplies	250	250	250
Synod Office Expenses	58,623	54,560	55,070
Augustana College	19,233	19,689	19,689
Synod Leadership			
Synod Council	5,500	5,500	5,500
Support to Ministries Committee	3,500	3,500	3,500
Candidacy Committee	7,000	5,500	5,500
Electronic Communications	2,500	1,500	1,500
Multicultural Ministry Committee	1,700	1,700	1,700
Companion Synods Ministry Committee	500	500	500
Evangelical Outreach Committee	1,500	1,500	1,500
Mission Strategy Committee	2,000	2,000	2,000
Ministry Projects			
Stewardship Project	1,000	1,000	1,000
Continuing Education Projects	250	250	250
Outreach Ministries			
Multicultural Center/Woyatan	15,000	15,000	15,000
Mission Congregation Start-up	4,000	4,000	4,000
Companion Synods	500	500	500
Contingency	669	5,244	-
Subtotal SD Synod Ministries	753,546	733,895	743,716
Total Expense	1,992,560	1,938,081	1,965,883
Net Total	0	0	0