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**CONTINUING ED IN GERMANY!**



## Continuing Ed in Germany!

BY PASTOR ELIZABETH PLATTS

I just got back from my trip to Germany. Thank you to the congregation, pastors, and staff for allowing me to go. What an incredible continuing education journey! I was reunited with friends that I met on a missionary trip to Tanzania five years ago. Pastor Oliver allowed me to preach in his congregation; since I do not know any German, he translated for me. His wife, Jana, took me all over Berlin and brought me to about 25 different churches. I saw a lot of Christian art and I lit a lot of candles.

One of the most difficult parts of the trip was an exhibit that was powerful, but severe. The exhibit took place in an old bunker from World War 2. It had three floors of huge posters and a guided tour that took you from the Ottoman Empire all the way through 1945. The question that it posed at the beginning was, "How could Hitler happen?" It really made me think about the importance of education and viewing all people as children of God.

The most delightful part of my trip was when we went to Wittenberg, the cradle of the Reformation. I was thrilled to be in Luther's house. My friend, Pastor Oliver, had gone to seminary there! After seeing some wonderful sculptures and exhibits there, we went down to see Castle Church, where Luther nailed the 95 Theses onto the door in 1517.

But the highlight of the trip for me was seeing Stadtkirche, where Martin Luther worshipped almost every Sunday while he was a professor at the seminary. Just to think of the powerful words and prayers that were raised within these rafters! To think of the people in the pews who heard Martin Luther preach! I wanted so badly to stand in that pulpit. Though it was roped off, I asked my friends if they would inquire of the docents if an American preacher and Luther fan-girl could stand in the pulpit. Since it was the end of the day, the people at the museum allowed me to step into that place! My friends took my picture and I will use that photo for my Christmas card this year!

Why was this so important to me to stand in that pulpit? When I think of all the theology, history, and Bible that I have read, I am reminded that it was the Reformation that allows me to do the job I am doing today.

To believe that Grace surpasses all sin and evil. To know that God's love is for the whole world. These are the things that keep me coming back to Peace every day with joy in my heart. I love my faith and I love my work. I pray that you've found even more joy in your faith this Easter season.

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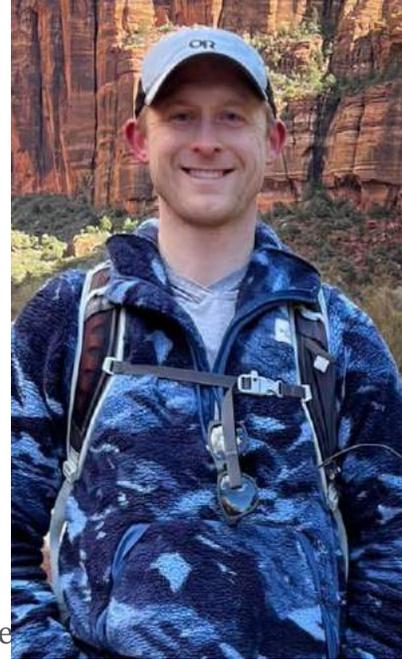
# Meet Pastor Jason Kramme

Greetings Peace, my name is Jason Kramme and I can't wait to get to know you better in the days and years ahead. Until then, here is a little about me...

I hail from the great state of Iowa. As a kid, I spent my free time hunting, fishing, and tuning into my beloved Hawkeyes. The best combination of those hobbies was listening to Iowa football on the radio as we drove from field to field pheasant hunting. The highlight of my Hawkeye fandom has been the past two years watching Caitlin Clark lead the team to back-to-back national championship games.

After attending Simpson College, I moved to Minnesota where I studied at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, MN to complete a Masters of Divinity degree. In addition to an amazing education, I met my wife, Julie, who was working towards a Masters in Christian Thought.

I spent the last ten years serving Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville responsibilities there included supervising teams leading family ministry, member engagement, spiritual formation, and stewardship. I also shared responsibility with preaching, pastoral care, and leading worship across the various communities that make up Prince of Peace. Prince of Peace also supported me as I went back to Luther Seminary in order to be ordained in the ELCA.



Professionally, I get the most life out of sharing the gospel in creative ways, supporting staff to achieve shared goals, and creating clear and effective systems for ministry.

Back to the family: My wife, Julie, and I have been married for 14 years. In addition to a Masters in Christian Thought, she also holds a Masters in School Psychology and just completed her PhD in Educational Psychology. We will journey back to watch her graduation ceremony in mid-May. We have mutually agreed that she has enough degrees.

Together, Julie and I have two boys, Emil and Forest. Emil is 11 and a sixth grader. He loves reading about mythology, playing Minecraft,

and mountain biking. My younger son, Forest, is 7 and loves all things baseball, basketball, and Minnesota sports.

We also have a dog named Zeke. He's a 13 year old vizsla and is the old man of the house.

Our favorite family activities are road trips to national parks, cycling, and movie marathons. This March we drove out to southern Utah to camp in Zion, Capitol Reef, and Arches National Parks. Our family goal is to get to all of the national parks before the kids graduate from college.

At Peace, I look forward to sharing the reality of God's unfailing love each week in worship.

Truly, there is nothing that brings me more life than sharing the Gospel. I can't wait to get to know the Peace Community and what makes it tick. Peace is such a special place and I feel like I've only scratched the surface, so I'm looking forward to learning a lot. Lastly, I can't wait to dream with the staff about the future of the church in Sioux falls.

So, for now, it's time to learn names, routines, and how to get to the grocery store. Thank you for your prayer and support as we've made the move to Sioux Falls. I speak for all of us when I say that we are excited to call Peace home and all of you family.

See you soon!  
-Pastor Jason



# Thank you Volunteers!!!

As we wrap up another awesome year of Sunday & Wednesday School and Confirmation, we wanted to take a moment to give a big shoutout to all of you who've been there, lending a helping hand and spreading positivity every step of the way.

Seriously, you guys rock! Your commitment to showing up, sharing your time, and being awesome mentors has made such a huge difference in the lives of our young learners. Whether you've been teaching, organizing, or just offering a listening ear, your efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

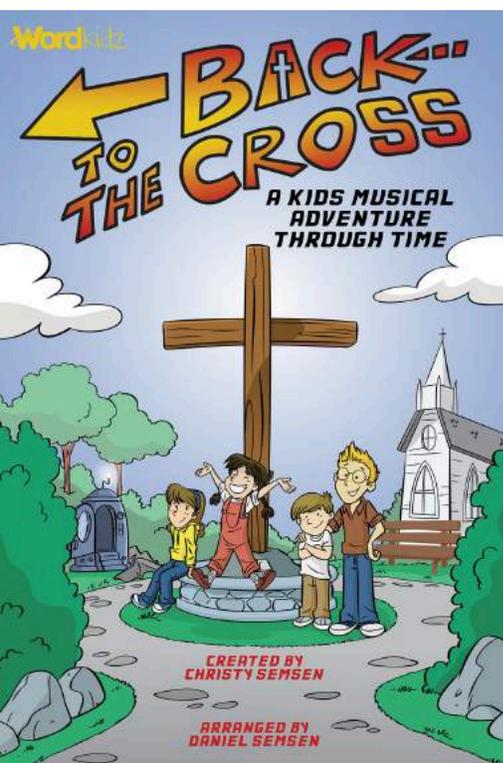
Thanks to you, our kids and teens have had a blast exploring their faith, asking questions, and building meaningful connections. Your patience, kindness, and passion for nurturing the next generation have left a lasting impression, and we're so grateful for everything you do.

We know it's not always easy to make time for volunteering, but your dedication and willingness to lend a hand speak volumes about your character. You guys embody what it means to live out our faith in action, and we couldn't be more thankful to have you on our team.

Looking ahead, we're excited for all the great things in store for our Sunday & Wednesday School and Confirmation programs, and we know that with your continued support, they'll only continue to grow and thrive.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being awesome! Your impact is truly incredible, and we're so blessed to have you as part of our church family.

With lots of gratitude,  
Pam, Deacon Amanda, Holly, and the whole Peace staff



## Summer Music Camp 2024

### *Back to the Cross* | June 2-6

Kids entering 2nd-8th Grade in Fall of 2024

Join us for a week of singing, acting, and choreography as we prepare and perform *Back to the Cross*, a musical adventure through time! In this musical, we'll embark on a series of time-traveling escapades to strange times and cultures, including the totally tubular '80s, the roaring '20s, the Wild West, and even the Garden of Gethsemane, all leading to a point of discovery about the importance of the Cross and the message of the Gospel.

**Registration is open through May 19 at [PLC.Life!](https://www.plclife.com)**

Cost is \$20 per child.

Any Questions? Please contact Darya at [darya@peacelutheran.com](mailto:darya@peacelutheran.com).



## Thank You from the YMCA

Thanks again for all the cooperation over the course of our basketball season. We had a very successful year and none of this is possible without you, your custodial team, and other church volunteers!!

Your support helped our YMCA serve over 2,000 elementary and middle school kids in our 2023 - 2024 basketball program!

We look forward to working with you and your church next season. On behalf of the YMCA and our YMCA basketball coordinators

Thank You very much!!

Sincerely,  
Don Schmidt, Facilities Director at Sioux Falls Family YMCA

## From the Library

We're constantly adding books of every genre and style to the Peace Library. This month, I'd like to draw your attention to a few of the books that are here to help us encourage and pray for the most important people in our lives.

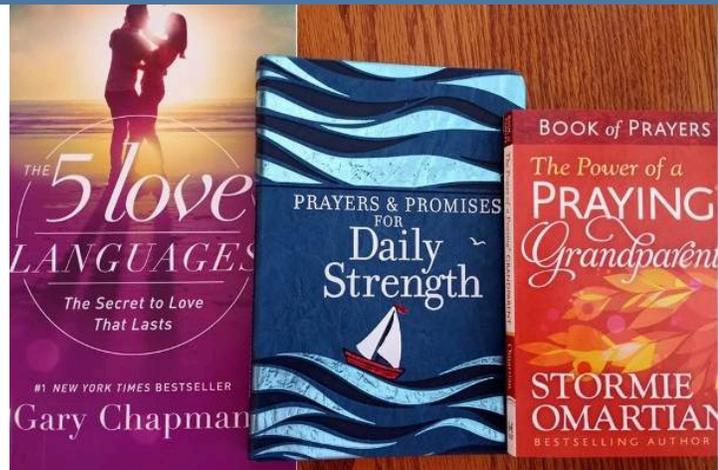
"Reading this book feels like taking a walk with a wise friend. Applying it will forever change your relationship ...starting today," says the cover blurb on the back of *The 5 Love Languages*, a highly acclaimed Christian help book that has stood the test of time. The command to love one another begins with those closest to us and this book is a great help in showing us what we often overlook and take for granted.

*Prayers and Promises for Daily Strength* is exactly that. "By staying connected to God and believing [God's] promises, you can be renewed and re-energized, drawing on [God's] strength to live a fulfilling, blessed life. [God] cares for you, and [God] will always be with you."

The third book in this trio is *The Power of a praying Grandparent-Book of Prayers*. As a grandparent, I rely on this book as I watch my grandchildren grow, so I am including a picture of page 34 to give you an idea of what it contains.

Please drop by and check them out!

June Gillespie  
Library Coordinator



Lord, Reveal to My  
Grandchildren How to Love  
Others the Way You Do

Lord, enable my grandchildren to understand that love is what gives meaning to everything they do. Help them know that one of the greatest gifts of love they can give anyone is to pray for them. If there is ever a friend, family member, acquaintance, or neighbor who is troubling or hateful to them, teach them to pray for that person and release them into Your hands. Instead of thinking of retribution, show them that praying for those difficult people to have a life-changing encounter with You is actually the best revenge. Grow each of my grandchildren to be a person whose heart is filled to overflowing with Your love for other people. Help me to always model that as well.  
In Jesus' name I pray.



# Stephen Ministry

A Care Giver's Story

As a young, single, newly trained Stephen Minister, Joel Bretscher remembers his first care receiver visit. "I whispered a prayer: 'Please God let me find something I have in common with this man to talk about,'" he recalls. Twenty something Bretscher was paired with an 82-year-old-man who was widowed 20 years earlier and stopped attending church. "I could see through the window as I approached, and he was watching BASEBALL! God gave me the icebreaker I needed."

Joel Bretscher quickly learned they had more in common. Small talk came easy, but it took time and a sudden health crisis to have deeper conversations. "He was weak and couldn't talk much when I visited. I held his hand and read psalms to him and prayed each visit. His smile conveyed his appreciation, and he squeezed my hand," said Bretscher.

To him, Stephen Ministry means growth and life and a faith that cares for others.

Joel Bretscher has been a member of the staff at Stephen Ministries St. Louis since 1995. As Program Director, he leads the Stephen Ministries writing and editing team in the development of books, videos, training materials, courses, and other resources.

Peace has an active Stephen Ministry team. Dozens of members have received care in the past seven years. If you'd like to be part of this ministry, new classes start September 12. More at [peacelutheran.com/StephenMinistry](http://peacelutheran.com/StephenMinistry).



## Peace Quilter Profile

### Karen Fossum

With her mom as her instructor, Karen Fossum learned to sew on a treadle sewing machine at a young age. The treadle machine provided good control for the operator and the machine Karen learned on is still in the family! (Treadle sewing machines are operated with a person's feet and no electricity is required. Sewing machine companies stopped making treadle sewing machines in the 1950's.)

She received more sewing knowledge in high school during Home Economics class. When Karen was younger, she sewed her own clothes and still has fabric from her childhood.

Karen has been involved in Peace Quilters for 9 or 10 years. She enjoys being with and getting to know the other ladies who come on the first and second Thursday of each month. Karen's favorite aspect of the quilt group is the visiting and that the quilts are given locally and internationally to people in need.

Karen enjoys all crafts, but her favorite hobby is counted cross-stitch and crocheting.

A message from Karen: "Don't be afraid to come to quilting. If you can tie your shoes, you can help with the church quilting. You know us quilters by the threaded needles in our shirts."



## Cancer & Chronic Illness Workshop

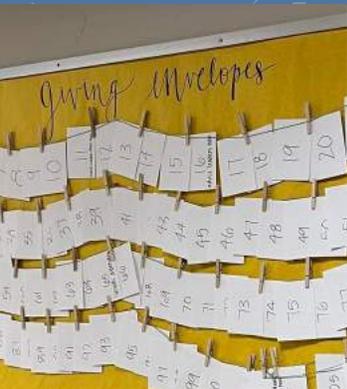
Saturday, May 4 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Are you someone who is living with Cancer or another Chronic Illness? We're putting together a special Wellness Workshop just for you!

Join us at Peace for a time of hope, restoration, and encouragement. Featuring presentations by local experts and opportunities to try out different support and self-care resources. We'll conclude the morning with a Service of Healing in our sanctuary, with prayer provided by pastoral leaders and Stephen Ministers.

Sign up to join the workshop at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)!

## Youth Gathering Updates



### Giving Envelopes

In the hallway by the crossroads, we have a bulletin board set up with a bunch of envelopes. Pick an envelope and place that amount in the envelope (10=\$10). Return them to the offering plate next time you're in worship.

This will help to cover our \$38,000 transportation costs and ease the burden on our families!

### No Youth Gathering Bonding

No bonding in May

Put **Wednesday, June 5** on your calendar as First Lutheran in Brookings and Shalom Lutheran in Harrisburg will be joining us!



### In-Kind Offering for The Gathering

Region 3 has been asked to provide portable power banks for our offering this year for the Youth Gathering. These will go in hurricane and natural disaster kits.

If you would like to contribute, please reach out to Deacon Amanda ([amanda@peacelutheran.com](mailto:amanda@peacelutheran.com)).



# God's Work. Our Hands.

Contact Pastor Alex at [pastoralex@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastoralex@peacelutheran.com)

## Monthly Mission Moment

### **A Letter from St. Dysmas of South Dakota**

Thank you so much to the volunteers who joined us for worship at the end of March with the St. Dysmas Congregation at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Please read these thoughtful words from one of the men on the Inside Council of their congregation:

*"Dear Peace Lutheran,*

*Thank you so very much once again for your interest and support of our ministry here on the hill (Wednesday, March 27). It is good to see the familiar faces smiling and perhaps a word of encouragement. Even though our path is not always an easy one, we all have our struggles, we can always know that we have the benefit and capability to turn to our Lord in prayer. It is in this knowledge and what He has done for us that makes us all a part of one body. The body of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. May His blessings upon you be many and may the peace in your hearts be with you now and forevermore. Until next time! Bradly."*

If you'd like to join us for our next visit to St. Dysmas, please fill out the paperwork found at the office/online at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life) and stay tuned to hear about our fall date of worship. God bless you!

## Necessities for Neighbors

Sunday, May 5 | Sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran

- Volunteers: 1:30pm (distribution crew, 5-6 Peace Member, park in West lot)
- Guests: 3:00-4:00pm, West Parking Lot (NEW ENTRANCE: Peace Gym!)

Register to volunteer online on [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life) today!

## Feeding South Dakota

Monday, May 13 | Fresh food and produce boxes!

- Volunteers: 5:15pm (distribution crew, 12-15 people, park on street by East lot)
- Guests: 5:30-6:30pm, East Parking Lot (please follow directions of parking staff)

Register to volunteer online on [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life) today!



## Church On the Street: Worship & Lunch

Saturday, May 11 | Volunteers & Donations needed

We'll meet outdoors at Heritage Park (600 E. 7th Street). Volunteers should plan to arrive at 10:00am. Worship is at 11:00am, followed by a meal. We'd love volunteers to share in fellowship and worship, prepare and serve the meal, and clean up after.

Sign up to lend a hand and find our donation wish-list at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)!



# Worship and Music

Contact Pastor Alex at [pastoralex@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastoralex@peacelutheran.com) or Bob Levesque at [bob@peacelutheran.com](mailto:bob@peacelutheran.com)

## Past Services

Did you miss worship or have problems with the live-stream? Previous worship services are available anytime at [peacelutheran.com/Services](http://peacelutheran.com/Services)



## Sermon Series

### Words of Resurrection

Encounter our risen Savior and Lord through this new Easter sermon series, “Words of Resurrection!” After returning from death and the grave, Jesus speaks words of new life and resurrection to strengthen the faith of his disciples. In turn, the disciples of Jesus witness these words to one another, speaking hope, grace, truth, and love into a hurting world. From that famous fish fry on the beach to the burning fires above heads at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit moves, and Jesus speaks words of life to believers. Join us to hear and witness the Word!

May 4, 5, & 8 | “We will all changed.” | 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 | Easter 6  
Paul writes to the church in Corinth about the mysterious, eternal gift of God’s love. He reminds them that even our perishable bodies are beyond destruction in the everlasting victory of Jesus’ resurrection.

May 11, 12, & 15 | “You will be my witness.” | Acts 1:6-14 | Easter 7  
After accompanying his disciples for 40 days, Jesus ascends into heaven. He is lifted and exalted, seated in heaven at the right hand of God, and tells his disciples that they are now his witnesses upon the earth.

May 18 & 19 | “I will pour out my Spirit.” | Acts 2:1-8, 12-18 | Pentecost  
In a wonderful and mighty act, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to pour out upon the disciples. With a rush of violent wind, fire upon heads, and the speaking of many languages, the Word of God is proclaimed!

May 25 & 26 | Title | Verses | Holy Trinity  
Description

## Music

Here’s a story we’d like to share with you: As you may (or may not) know, for the last several years Peace Brass has taken their music to East Side Lutheran the Sunday after Easter. We were invited to do this again on April 7 this year. Both Pastor Layne (Lead Pastor) and Dr. Thomas Krause (Director of Music) said that this has now become a tradition and are very appreciative and thankful that Peace Brass has shared their gifts with the congregation of East Side Lutheran. Many of East Side’s congregation came up to us and expressed their thanks for the music as well!

A “first” for Peace in April was our Rock and Roll services on April 14. Thank you to our guitar player, Jeremy Skrenes, who dreamed up this concept and did all the arranging of the music. Jeremy shared the following with us: “Hymns for the Rock and Roll service draw their influence from the Beatles to Bruce Springsteen to modern sounds. But fear not! They were carefully arranged to be just as enjoyable and singable as a campfire sing along. We praised God in a new and old way on April 14 when this rock cried out!” We’re hoping that this, too, will become a tradition!





### Are you ready for Mariachi services?

Peace will be having our Mariachi services on Sunday, May 5 at the 10:10am and 11:15am services

Here are some important dates coming up that you should be aware of:

- May 11, 12, & 15 | Presentation of Quilts to High School Seniors
- May 15 | Last Wednesday worship until Fall 2024
- May 25 & 26 | Hymn Sing at all services
- June 2 | Lawn Chair Worship begins in the East parking lot at 11:15am
- June 2-6 | Summer Music Camp with performances on Thursday, June 6 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm

We're always looking to bring more special music to our services throughout the year. If you have a desire to share your musical talents with Peace, please contact Bob Levesque (bob@peacelutheran.com) for more information on how you can be a piece of Peace. We'd love to have you be a part of our music team by sharing your musical gifts this summer through special music!

## Kyle Quanbeck Card Drive

May 1-18 | Peace Office (card collection box)

The talented Kyle Quanbeck has been serving as our organist at Peace Lutheran for **40 YEARS** as of this May! Let's celebrate him with a thank-you card drive from our congregation to show our appreciation.

Please drop off cards at the church office, anytime from May 1 though May 18. We'll present Kyle with cards and recognize him at worship on Sunday, May 19.

Thank you, Kyle, for your faithful service! We hope for many more years of music together.





# Children's Ministry

Contact Pam Tetzlaff at [pam@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pam@peacelutheran.com)

## Sunday & Wednesday School Coming to an End!

We have nearly finished another great year of Sunday and Wednesday School! In this year, we have learned a lot about the Bible: starting off in the Old Testament for preschool through 3rd graders and then making their way to the New Testament. For the 4th and 5th graders, they started out the year in the New Testament and have been making their way through those books.

The kids have learned various songs that they have sung in worship, played games, did some crafts, and have been learning how to be comfortable in praying with each other.



The K-5th grade class participated in the annual Peeps Diorama Contest (see pictures above), picking their favorite Bible story, and making it come to life using Peeps. This is always a favorite during the year!

The Wednesday night preschool class learned about the bible story of Peter Heals and walked through the halls sharing the story with everyone who was here. (See picture on the left.)

The kids in our community are such a joy to work with and be around! We thank the parents for taking part in fulling a baptismal promise made to their children and sharing them with us!

Please take the time to thank your child's Sunday or Wednesday School Teacher as they have made a great commitment in helping to pass on the faith each week.

## Sunday/Wednesday School

Registration for 2024-2025 opens Sunday, May 12!

Sign up at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life)! If you would be willing and interested in volunteering, you get to register early to guarantee your child's spot!

## End of Year Bash

Wednesday, May 15 | 5:30pm

The last night of Wednesday School is May 15 with the End of the Year Bash at 5:30pm, and the last day of Sunday School is May 19.

## End-of-Year Bash

Wednesday, May 15

5:30-7:00pm | West Parking Lot & Peace Gym

A celebration for Sunday School, Wednesday School, and Confirmation families  
**Carnival games, snacks, crafts, and more!**

## Singing in Worship

K-3rd graders will be singing in worship on **Sunday, May 19** during their Sunday School time at **9:00 or 10:10**. Wednesday School kids can come at either time!

More information will be sent via email as it gets closer.



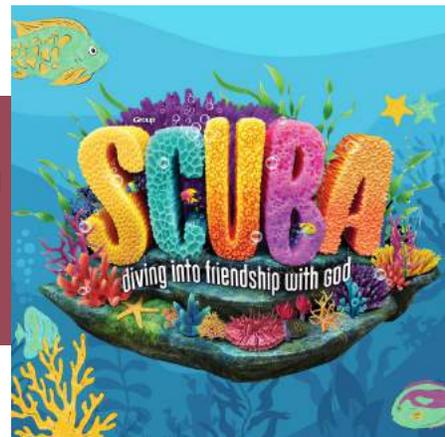
## VBS Volunteers Wanted!

We need volunteers for VBS! If you are in 5th grade and older, we would LOVE to have you help us with any aspect of VBS! To learn more about the opportunities available, go to [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life). Sign up to volunteer now!!

## Vacation Bible School Registration

VBS is coming in-person, June 24-27, 2024! Registration for IS OPEN!

Register today at [PLC.Life](http://PLC.Life).





# Youth Ministry

Contact Deacon Amanda Randall at [amanda@peacelutheran.com](mailto:amanda@peacelutheran.com) or Holly Marty (DIY Confirmation) at [holly@peacelutheran.com](mailto:holly@peacelutheran.com)

As we come to the close of another program year, it's time to celebrate the growth, learning, and community we've experienced together in our middle and high school ministry, including our Confirmation program. Throughout 2024, our youth have embraced opportunities for spiritual growth, service, and fellowship, enriching our congregation and our community in countless ways.

Our middle school ministry has been a vibrant hub of activity and learning this year. From engaging discussions and fun activities to service projects and Middle School First Fridays, our young members have explored their faith in meaningful ways. Through Bible studies, small groups, and fellowship events, they've deepened their understanding of God's love and what it means to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.



Our high school ministry has continued to thrive, providing a supportive and welcoming community for our older youth. Through thought-provoking discussions, service opportunities, and social gatherings, our high schoolers have grown both individually and as a group. They've wrestled with tough questions, explored their faith in new ways, and formed deep connections with one another.



Our confirmation program has been a cornerstone of our youth ministry, offering a transformative experience for our young people as they explore their faith and prepare to affirm their baptismal vows. Throughout the year, our students have engaged in rigorous study, meaningful discussions, and service projects, all guided by dedicated mentors and leaders.

One unit in particular that stands out is our most recent unit with 8th & 9th Grade students. They heard from a variety of speakers, including Pastor Elizabeth, Pastor Alex, Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, and Katie Chapman (Shetek Lutheran Ministries). They also spent time pondering different questions about their faith stories. They recently got to share their stories with their caring adults and hear from their caring adults about the same questions! The energy in the room was palpable. Stories are the foundation of faith and what a privilege to be in that space with the students and their families.



Our youth have embraced opportunities to serve our community and beyond, embodying the spirit of Christ's love in tangible ways. From volunteering at Kids Against Hunger to participating in fellowship events, camps, and more, they've made a positive impact on the lives of others and have learned firsthand what it means to be servants of God.



As we look back on the past school year, we're filled with gratitude for the dedication, enthusiasm, and faithfulness of our youth and their families. Your support and involvement have been instrumental in making our youth

ministry a success, and we're excited for the journey ahead. As we anticipate the new program year, we do so with hope and excitement, knowing that God is at work in the lives of our youth and in our congregation.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of walking alongside your children on their faith journeys.

## Confirmation

### DIY Confirmation

This month's DIY Meet-ups

- 6th Grade | Sunday, May 5 at 11:15am in the Shalom Room
- 7th Grade | Sunday, May 12 at 11:15am in the Shalom Room

### Traditional Confirmation

- **Last day of Confirmation is May 15!** Join us for the End of Year Bash from 5:30-7:00pm instead of normal meeting times!
- 7th Grade | Will meet at **Kids Against Hunger on May 1 at 6:00pm**



## Middle School

### Middle School First Friday

Friday, May 3 | 6:00-8:00pm | Peace Lutheran

Join us for Middle School First Friday on May 3rd from 6:00-8:00pm for a Photo Scavenger Hunt! Meet at Peace from 6:00-8:00pm for a photo scavenger hunt! We'll divide into teams then be sent out for our fun!

**We'll need drivers (21+) to help make this event possible!** Invite some friends and register at PLC.Life.

**Registration closes Wednesday, May 1** to ensure we have enough drivers for the event.

### High School Youth Group

Hey, high schoolers! Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm! Join us for fun, fellowship, and time to talk about how we live as God's people. Join our GroupMe chat for the most current information!

No Youth Group on May 19 or May 26

Join the GroupMe chat!



### Graduating Senior Milestone

Sunday, May 5 | 4:00pm | Peace Lutheran

Students and their families are invited to celebrate this special milestone on Sunday, May 5 at 4:00pm at Peace.

**Sign up at PLC.Life by Wednesday, May 1** so we have an accurate headcount for dessert.



# Adult Ministry

## Jesus & Justice Book Club

Tuesday, May 28 | 7:00pm | Online via Zoom

Join us the fourth Tuesday of each month for conversations on where Jesus meets us in everyday issues of social justice in our lives, using books written by contemporary voices from our faith community. This is a safe/brave space for conversation where all people are welcome. Led by Pastor Alex.

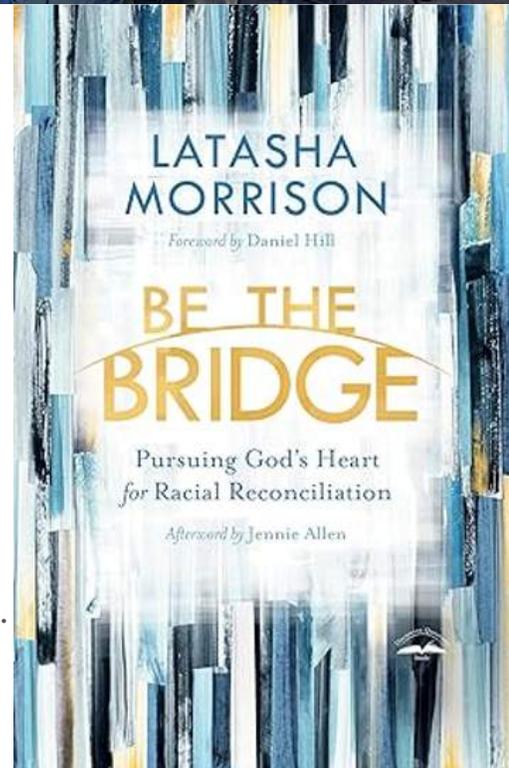
### Open Invitation!

*Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison

“In an era where we seem to be increasingly divided along racial lines, many are hesitant to step into the gap, fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing. At times the silence, particularly within the church, seems deafening. But change begins with an honest conversation among a group of Christians willing to give a voice to unspoken hurts, hidden fears, and mounting tensions. These ongoing dialogues have formed the foundation of a global movement called Be the Bridge—a nonprofit organization whose goal is to equip the church to have a distinctive and transformative response to racism and racial division.

In this perspective-shifting book, founder Latasha Morrison shows how you can participate in this incredible work and replicate it in your own community. With conviction and grace, she examines the historical complexities of racism. She expertly applies biblical principles, such as lamentation, confession, and forgiveness, to lay the framework for restoration. Along with prayers, discussion questions, and other resources to enhance group engagement, Be the Bridge presents a compelling vision of what it means for every follower of Jesus to become a bridge builder—committed to pursuing justice and racial unity in light of the gospel.”

Meeting ID: 845 0798 9632





# Seniors Ministry

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## Seniors Ministry Potluck

Monday, May 20 | 5:30pm | Shalom Room

Beverages, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided.

Potluck suggestion by last name:

- A-M | Salad or Dessert
- N-Z | Hot Dish or Entrée

Program starting at 6:15pm will be Scams & Fraud by Jessie Schmidt from the Better Business Bureau

Monday, June 24 | 5:30pm | Sertoma Park

Potluck Picnic: 5:30-6:15pm

Sing-a-Long starting at 6:15pm led by Sandra Larson, Pastor Paul, and Jeremy Skrenes



## Seniors Ministry Game Days

Thursdays, May 2, 16, & 30 | 1:00-3:00pm | at Peace

Join us for a game of cards from 1:00-3:00pm. Coffee and treats provided!

## Seniors On the Move

Sunday, May 12 | 4:00-6:00pm | Good Earth State Park

**Concert by Back Alley** — featuring Dustin Pederson, Peace's very own Director of Communication! State Park Entrance Pass (either daily or monthly) is required to enter the park.

Sunday, May 26 | 4:00-6:00pm | Good Earth State Park

**Concert by The Hegg Brothers.** State Park Entrance Pass (either daily or monthly) is required to enter the park.

GOOD EARTH STATE PARK  
*Summer Concert*  
*Series 2024*



May 12 - Back Alley w/ Southern Perfection BBQ

May 19 - Commonground w/ Backyard BBQ

May 26 - Hegg Brothers w/ Southern Perfection BBQ

# Sleep in Heavenly Peace

At SHP Sioux Falls we are actively building of a core team and focusing on fundraising during Feb-June. We are looking to start building beds in late June early July and planning to start delivering after that. If you are interested in volunteering on a build or learning more about SHP, please let us know!

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**Sioux Falls be on the lookout for our April-May blooming blessings trees. We will have them set up at Peace Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, and Trinity Lutheran. On each tree we will have flowers with items that are needed for our future build days. If you are interested in joining the fun, grab a bloom! Thank you for being a blessing to Sleep in Heavenly Peace.**



## What is Sleep in Heavenly Peace

No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!

We fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to our attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, we stepped up and took initiative. We're a national organization answering the call to a national problem.

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. In Idaho and across the U.S., too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Our organization has grown steadily over time, and we're working on opening more chapters in different states to serve more people.

If you're interested in donating to SHP Sioux Falls, here are four ways you can:

1. Scan the QR code to the right
2. By Check: Our donation processing mailing address:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
PO Box 390780  
Omaha, NE 68139

\*\*\*In the memo of the check please write: "Sioux Falls, SD Chapter"\*\*\*  
Our Charity ID number is: 46-4346568

3. Online: [https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/w\\_eblink.aspx?name=E345976&id=220](https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/w_eblink.aspx?name=E345976&id=220)
4. PayPal: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=P98DJFXPEVCL4](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=P98DJFXPEVCL4)

## HOW IT WORKS





# Peace Staff

## Pastors

Paul Stjernholm  
Alex Smith  
Elizabeth Platts  
Jason Kramme

## Directors

Pam Tetzlaff - Faith Formation: Children & Family  
Deacon Amanda Randall - Faith Formation: Teens & Young Adults  
Holly Marty - Faith Formation: Adults  
Bob Levesque - Worship and Music  
Dustin Pederson - Communication  
Lisa Fowler - Office Manager  
Teresa Neugebauer - Business Manager  
DeAnna Dreesman - Preschool  
Tara Foley - PeaceCARE and Kids World

## Staff

Gwyn Snaza - Receptionist (Monday-Wednesday)  
Connie Stout - Receptionist (Thursday & Friday)  
Reverend Chris Matson - Church On the Street  
Ron Stout - Transportation Coordinator  
Judy Lucas - Worship Coordinator  
Darya Levesque - Music Coordinator  
Judy Hilleson - Worship Host  
Audrey Prostrollo - Worship Host  
Belinda Prostrollo - Worship Host  
Miranda Fox - Worship Host  
June Gillespie - Library Coordinator  
Jose Nevarez - Custodian  
Jordan Simon - Custodian  
Kristen Seeman - Custodian

## Wedding Coordinators

Amy Stensland  
Sonja Steever

## Music at Peace

Darya Levesque - Children's Music  
Nancy Lenander - Adult Choir, Youth Bells, Handchime Choir,  
& Adult Bell Choir  
Bob Levesque - Peace Brass, Peace String Ensemble,  
& Worship Teams  
Kyle Quanbeck - Organist  
Denise Edwards - Saturday Service Pianist

Saved by  
God's grace,  
we are called  
to be  
instruments  
of God's  
peace



## Worship

In-Person & Online

Saturday  
5:30pm - Piano Led

Sunday  
8:00am - Organ Led  
9:00am - Band Led   
10:10am - Organ Led  
11:15am - Band Led

Wednesday  
7:05pm - Band Led  
(Thru May 15)

Find online worship at [peacelutheran.com/Live!](https://www.peacelutheran.com/Live/)