



SAINTS ALIVE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 25, 2025

TODAY AT PEACE

The Monthly Mission & Ministry offering for May is the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. Nearly two centuries ago, those who would eventually form The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod came to the United States seeking the religious freedom guaranteed in our nation's Constitution. Today, the religious freedom they sought is eroding amid continuous assault. That's why the LCMS is establishing the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C., the very epicenter of where a compelling Christian witness will be needed most in years to come. The mission of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty is to ignite and fuel a uniquely Lutheran response to increasing intrusions, limitations and challenges by the government in the realm of the Church while educating, encouraging and equipping LCMS members and organizations to take informed action in support of marriage, life and religious liberty.

Serving Today - Elder: Jim R; Ushers: Nancy H & Charlotte W

NEXT WEEK AT PEACE

SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship
MONDAY Office Closed
WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM VBS Planning Meeting
THURSDAY 9:30 AM Bible Study

THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

Weekly Devotions: The Scripture readings for next Sunday are Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133; Revelations 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20; John 17: 20-26

Hearing assistance devices and large print copies of the worship service are available. Please ask an usher.

CD recordings of today's worship service are available at no charge by calling the church office at 358-8338.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Availability: Sometimes we know people - family members, friends and neighbors—who are going through difficult times due to health issues or other challenges. They could benefit from hearing about Jesus and His love and care for them in the midst of their difficulties. Since you know the person, you can certainly bring them that good news. Pastor can help you with what you can say. Or, if you'd like Pastor to visit the person, he is willing to do so and would be happy to discuss with you. Thanks!

Bible Study: A study of John's Gospel will be held on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will read and discuss 1 chapter each week. The chapter we read and discuss will be printed each week, but if you'd like to bring your Bible, please do so. We'll have coffee for each session—and maybe some treats also. Please join us!

The June Calendar of Events is posted on the website or is in your mailbox.

The PLCW minutes for May are posted on the member page of the website. A few paper copies are on the bulletin board.

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting: For all who would like to help out with VBS on June 18-19, please plan to attend this meeting on **Wednesday, May 28th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** We will work together to prepare for VBS, so that we will be ready if children are registered this year. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would still like to help, please contact Pastor. Thanks!

VBS Invitations Available: Invitations to VBS here at Peace on June 18-19 are available on the table in the Narthex. If you have a neighboring family with children who are the appropriate age and would like to invite them, please take one of these with you to use during your invitation conversation. Also, please pray that the Lord will provide some children to participate in VBS this year. Thanks!

VBS Posters: If you would like to take some posters and distribute them, they are on the table in the Narthex. There is a list on the bulletin board where posters have already been

taken to. If you put them up at other places, please add them to this list or call the church office and we can update the list.

LeadaChild Bike Ride: Along with about 12 others, in late June, Pastor Rathjen will be participating in a bike ride for the purpose of raising awareness and support for LeadaChild. This mission organization exists to share the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education. It is a Recognized Service Organization of The LCMS. Pastor and Lisa have seen the blessing of LeadaChild’s work in Honduras. The goal is to raise \$55,000 that will go directly to provide student scholarships and program support at LeadaChild’s international project sites. Friends of LeadaChild will match donations up to \$15,500 for this year’s ride. If you would like to donate, you can do so in 2 ways. You can send donations directly to LeadaChild at 13145 South Blackbob Road, Olathe, KS 66062. Please make checks payable to “LeadaChild” and put “Bike4aChild” in the memo line. Or, you can go to the home page of the website (www.leadachild.org) and click on “Give Now”. After selecting the amount, go to the drop-down menu under “Gift Designation” and select “Bike4aChild”. If you have any questions, please see Pastor. Thanks!

Dave & Melodie Ohlinger would like to thank you for your prayers during their move. A special thank you to those who helped them pack, move furniture, etc. Fellowship with them last Sunday at Peace was very special. Their new address is on the bulletin board.

PLCW has decided to cancel their June Salad Luncheon because of low attendance and instead concentrate on the Spaghetti Dinner that is held in September. The proceeds from the Salad Luncheon support mission work and help defer the cost of the spaghetti dinner. Instead of purchasing a ticket, making a salad, etc., you can make a donation to PLCW. If writing a check, please write it out to PLCW or give your contribution to Karen Walbruck, our treasurer. Donations will be accepted until the Spaghetti Dinner on September 25th. Thanks to our church members. You have been supporting our mission projects faithfully. Thank you.

Lakeland Food Pantry Requests for April, May, and June:

Clothing: 3X and up clothing: Women and Men, Jeans: Women, Men, Youth – all sizes, Sheets: all sizes (we have 0 queen sheets), Women's purses, Tennis shoes: Women, Men, Children - all sizes, Socks - all sizes

Personal Care Items: Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Body Wash or Bars of Soap, Non-alcoholic Mouthwash

“Pantry Book Nook”: Books: Infant/Toddler-5th grade, Adult: Westerns, Mysteries, Romance Activity Books: Word Search, Crosswords, Dot-to-dot, Sudoku, Magazines, Puzzles (Adult and children), and Coloring Books.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Total Contributions</u>	<u>5/12/24 to 5/18/25</u>
May 18: 37	General Contributions:	\$1,175.00
	E-Giving General	\$10.00
	<i>General Fund Total:</i>	\$1,185.00
	Other Contributions:	
	Flower	\$50.00
	Social Ministry	\$75.00
	Monthly Mission for May:	\$75.00
	<i>Lutheran Center Religious Liberty</i>	
	Total May Monthly Ministry:	\$275.00

(General Contributions of \$4731 are needed each week to meet our budget.)
Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER LIST

Our Members: John & Chris Huibregtse, Carol Johnson, Elaine Kamper, Nancy Karau

Shut- In: Florence Metz, Kathy Rivard, Georgette Vandenburg

Short-Term Prayers: Russell Endvick; Roseann Ferry; Ken Schalow; Barb Wentland (sister-in-law of Bill & Betty W); Kathy Wentland (sister-in-law of Bill & Betty W)

Seminary Student: Jacob Moede (Grandson of Gus & Carol Mundt) doing his Vicarage (internship)

On-Going Prayers: Chad Johnson (relative of Rathjen’s); Rob & Darla Reese (friends of Rathjen’s); Rev. Brian Roberts; (friend of Pastor)

