

THE PEACE RELEASE

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HELLO EVERYONE!

Thank you all for your help greening and then de-greening the church. I believe it's safe to say we all loved how the sanctuary looked during Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany!

All the responses to the survey have been posted in the hallway next to the bulletin board. Please review and share any thoughts or feedback from what you read. Council will continue our Phase 2 work on January 27. We need to create the Mission and Vision, build the strategy to achieve this Mission, and identify staffing needs. Once completed we will be able to move to Phase 3 - Calling a new Pastor. I look forward to the weeks ahead as we work to close Phase 2.

Lent is coming! The worship committee is working hard on shaping this for our congregation. Ash Wednesday is February 14, just around the corner!

Thank you all - stay warm and safe these next few weeks!

Angela



OUR COUNCIL LEADERSHIP FOR 2024

Our Council Leadership for 2024 consists of:

Angela, President

Lisa, Vice President

Claudia, Secretary

Kent, Treasurer

The membership of council includes Gail, Mary Kay, Don, Christine, Clyde, Erin, and Rich.

Installation of our 2024 Church Council is Sunday, January 14, 2024, during worship.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 2024, following morning worship, Peace will hold its annual congregational meeting. We will review 2023 and share goals for the year ahead. Yearly reports will be available Sunday, January 21, and sent to your email, so you can review them before our meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE

Monday, January 15, at 2 p.m. all annual reports from committees and small groups are due in the office. They can be placed in the office mailbox, brought to the office during office hours (9a.m.-2p.m. Monday-Thursday) or emailed to the office (office@peacecanton.org).

POLICY FOR CANCELLATION OF A MEETING

If you need to cancel a meeting, please let the office or Pastor know in a timely fashion. Thank you.





GOD'S BLESSING

God's blessing on Gavin as we celebrate his affirmation of baptism Sunday, January 7, 2024. You will want to congratulate Gavin on this spiritual step.

PEW CARDS

Beginning with January 2024, Peace Lutheran will return to the practice of celebrating the Eucharist each Sunday of each month. The worship committee has prepared pew cards to be used each Sunday to record your presence and that you communed. Only guests and members who have a change in their address or contact numbers need to fill in more than their name and circle that they communed. These records are kept for our church records. Thank you for helping us in this way.

THE PEACE RELEASE IS NOW MONTHLY!

Beginning with the month of February, the Peace Release will be printed monthly, only. We hope this will provide a better overall look at plans that have been made for the entire month. All news items, thank you notes, and special announcements must be received by the office no later than the 20th of the preceding month to be included in the new monthly Peace Release. The February issue will be distributed January 28. Be sure to get your **February information** to the office no later than **January 20 (Saturday)**.

OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Peace Lutheran Church has a faithful group of people who serve on our prayer chain and lift our prayer concerns to God. If you would like to be part of this group, contact the office, or let Pastor know.





ALTAR FLOWERS

During the Season of Lent, we will not display altar flowers. If you provided altar flowers during that time in former years, you may want to consider the dates we have available this year:

March 31, Easter Sunday

April 28

June 30

September 29

December 29

Let the church office know if you would like to provide the altar flowers for one of those date. Thank you.

SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias for all the Sundays of the Season of Epiphany. They add to the beauty of our sanctuary.

THANK YOU NOTES TO PEACE LUTHERAN

You're awfully nice. Thank you for the lovely Christmas gift.

Love you. Angie

Thank you to Peace Church for the Christmas gifts. I really appreciated them. Thank you, also, to Debbie and Darlie for bringing them to me.

Love and God bless, Josie

A thank you note from the PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) group that Sally is a member of and that uses Peace for their meetings.

Thank you
so much for
sharing your
lovely church
with us. Peggy

Hope you'll have
Lenten fish, too!
Great place for our
P.E.O. meetings!
Love Linda

Thank you for
letting us use the
rooms.
Givings

It's so nice
to have a great
space to meet with
our sisters. Thanks!
Joan

Thank you so much
for the use of the room.
Have a blessed Christmas.
Cheryl Parsons

We are
so grateful
to be able to
Meet @ Peace
Georgann

We surely appreciate
the use of your coffee
room (it's perfect). It
is so nice to be able
to have your kitchen and
fellowship hall for our luncheon.
Carol

God bless you
with the same
peace, hope,
and love
that you bring
to the lives
of others.

We so appreciate
being able to use your
facilities! Thank you
so much!
Shirley Schuyler

Thank you
for letting us
use our church
for meetings
Sally

Thank you for
letting us use
the church for
our meetings
Ann Marie

Thank you for
always giving
us a place
to meet
Linda



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023

Total contributions	\$33,822.02
Less payments from checking	\$34,016.53
Total transfers from savings	\$194.00
Surplus for the month	\$4,653.26
Deficit for the year	\$907.94

