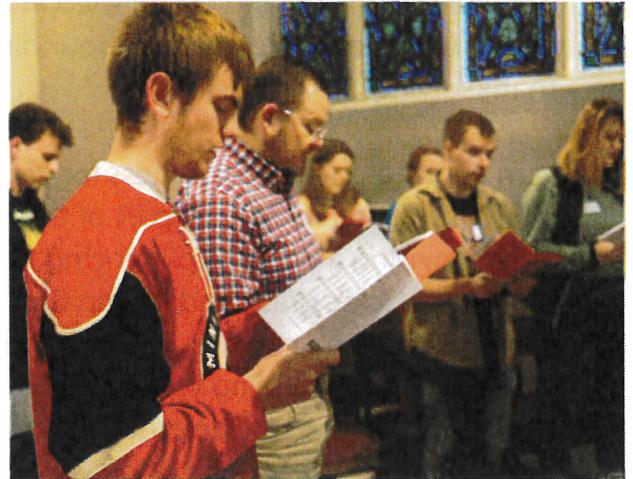


Peace Lutheran Church

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (6-7).

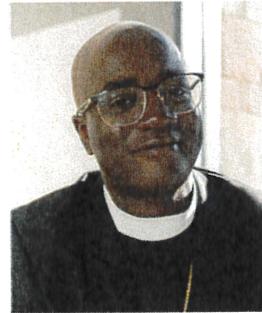
I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yehiel Curry".

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

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—Colossians 2:6-7

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Amherst, Wisconsin

A Congregation of the Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2026; 9:15 am

Sarah Borchardt, President
Gretchen Anderson, Pastor
Dwight Anderson, Pastor

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Devotions
3. Secretary's report
4. Approval of minutes
5. Pastor's report
6. Committee & Auxiliary reports
7. Elections
8. Treasurer's report / Approval of Budget for 2026
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment
12. Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer
13. Reorganization meeting for new and outgoing Church Council members

2025 Pastors Report

*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish,

I greet you on this Third Sunday after Epiphany in the strong name of Jesus! And I call you to an awareness of all that we have received, to gratitude in keeping with those gifts, and to a commitment to pass on those blessings to generations yet unborn.

It has been a year of tremendous grace. As the bigger churches around us falter and reduce staff, and as the little churches fail, we enter 2026 in a place of unparalleled strength. Both congregations own their property free and clear without external debt or encumbrance. Both buildings are prepared for – and capable of – a generation of use without substantial reinvestment. Beyond this – and most importantly – both congregations find themselves in a place of relative peace. We have our little disagreements, but our unity is strong. Thanks be to God!

It's also been a challenging year. Our society continues its devotion to incivility and violence and many of us are divided from family and friends. Many of our neighbors have forgotten how to be neighborly and some of us share those struggles – some of us have not been our best selves... Here in the parish, Pastor Gretchen has had several surgeries and her leadership has been missed during her recoveries.

As a family, after 34 years of continuous parenting, Pr. Gretchen and I have become “empty nesters”. We are trying to figure out our “new dance” for this phase of our lives. For decades we have had kids and their cuteness and their dumbness to discuss. Now what?!? As we transition, we continue to be so very grateful for your support and prayers and grace. This is a lovely place to serve!

For the lay staff, 2026 will be a year of transition. Our longtime preschool director and lead teacher are retiring, as is our church secretary. We are grateful indeed for all the gifts that Barb and Cory and Suzanne have shared with us! New faces and new gifts and some challenges of training and acclimation are facing all of us now, but I am certain that the congregations will welcome and respond to new staff members with grace and humor! Thank you all in advance for that!

Everything we have has been gifted to us by God. We have been blessed beyond measure by the fathers and mothers that founded these churches. We have been sustained and graced by the community around us now. God has been faithful and the community of the parish has kept the faith. Now, we are well set up to do the work of the kingdom in this time. There will be fears and there will be struggles. There will be crises within and without. But it is not a time for fear or for anxiety. It is not a time for retrenchment or undue caution. We have been gifted, and graced, and set free to do the work of God in this place. We have been gifted, and graced, and set free to deliver the faith to our neighbors and to our children's children. And God, who has so gifted, and graced and freed us, promises to be with us always, to the end of the age.

Be strong! Be of good cheer! The King of Love has claimed us and will sustain us.

Pastor Dwight for the pastoral team

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.*

2025 OFFICIAL PASTORAL ACTS
Peace Lutheran Church

Baptisms:

Chet Daniel Kirk	April 13, 2025
Aubrey Zalewski	April 13, 2025
Julia Hoffman	April 17, 2025
Huntley Robert Johnson	September 28, 2025

Confirmed:

Tyler Johnson	October 12, 2025
Miranda Pingel	October 12, 2025
Sonny Graham	October 12, 2025
Hannah Olson	October 26, 2025
Kaitlin Olson	October 26, 2025
Tucker Konkol	October 26, 2025

Weddings:

Mason Wideman & Lily Peplinski *	May 10, 2025
(Wedding at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wausau)	

Noah Ostrowski * & Morgan Gibbs *	September 27, 2025
(Wedding on County Road T in Amherst)	

Funerals:

David A. Shanklin *	January 8, 2025 (Committal)
Bert Shanklin	March 6, 2025
Jack William Lozier *	August 30, 2025
Barbara A. Garske	September 10, 2025
Claire Lynn Nordness	September 26, 2025

*non-member

Members Received:

By Baptism:

Chet Daniel Kirk
Aubrey Zalewski
Julia Hoffman
Huntley Robert Johnson

By Affirmation of Faith:

Claire Lynn Nordness

Members Removed:

By Letter of Transfer:
 Dorshorst Family (Jason, Amy, Wyatt, Benjamin, Lillian)
 Margaret Ann Hill

By Request:
 Chad & Payton Gunderson
 Nicole Paye
 Owen Pingel
 James, Emily, & Isaac Runyan
 Jennifer Drexler

By Death:
 Bert Shanklin
 Barbara A. Garske
 Claire Lynn Nordness

Membership:
 Baptized Membership on January 1, 2025 552
 Confirmed Membership on January 1, 2025 388

Accessions during 2025:		Losses during 2025:	
	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	
Children baptized (<=15 yr)	4		By death (3)
Adult baptized (=>16 yr)			By letter of transfer/request (5) (8)
Youth confirmed		6	
Members Received		1	
Statistical Adjustments			
According to Records		5	(11)
Total:	4	12	Total: (16) (11)

Baptized Membership on December 31, 2025 541
 Confirmed Membership on December 31, 2025 389

Attendance
 Average Sunday Attendance79
 % of Baptized members present on Average Sunday14
 % of Confirmed members present on Average Sunday20

Online Views
 Average Online Views for Livestream Worship Services39

ONLINE VIEWS - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICES

Title	Video published	Views
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/5/25	Jan 6, 2025	44
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-12-25	Jan 13, 2025	45
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-19-25	Jan 20, 2025	46
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/26/2025	Jan 27, 2025	52
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 2, 2025	Feb 3, 2025	53
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Worship February 9, 2025	Feb 10, 2025	69
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 23 2025	Feb 24, 2025	61
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am March 2	Mar 3, 2025	36
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 9, 2025	Mar 10, 2025	44
Ash Wednesday Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm	Mar 13, 2025	13
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 16, 2025	Mar 17, 2025	36
Wednesday Lenten Service 10:30 AM; March 19, 2025	Mar 20, 2025	20
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 23, 2025	Mar 24, 2025	50
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 6 2025	Apr 7, 2025	43
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 13, 2025	Apr 14, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Easter Sunday Service April 20, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	42
Maundy Thursday at Nelsonville April 17th, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	36
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service April 27, 2025	Apr 28, 2025	19
The Seventh Mark of the Church for Maundy Thursday	May 2, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 4, 2025	May 5, 2025	39
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 11, 2025	May 12, 2025	37
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 18, 2025	May 19, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service May 25, 2025	May 26, 2025	38
Nelsonville Sunday Service, June 1, 2025 10:15 am	Jun 2, 2025	43
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am June 8, 2025	Jun 9, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 15, 2025	Jun 16, 2025	45
Pastor Dwight's Sermon from Trinity Sunday	Jun 20, 2025	23
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 22, 2025	Jun 23, 2025	32
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 29, 2025	Jun 30, 2025	32
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 6, 2025	Jul 7, 2025	60
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 13, 2025	Jul 14, 2025	44
Nelsonville Sunday Service July 20, 2025 10:15 am	Jul 21, 2025	40
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 27, 2025	Jul 28, 2025	38
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 3, 2025	Aug 4, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 10, 2025	Aug 11, 2025	27
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 17, 2025	Aug 18, 2025	33
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 24, 2025	Aug 25, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 31, 2025	Sep 1, 2025	52
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 7, 2025	Sep 8, 2025	24
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 14, 2025	Sep 15, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 21, 2025	Sep 22, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 28, 2025	Sep 29, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 5, 2025	Oct 6, 2025	65
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 12, 2025	Oct 13, 2025	39
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 19, 2025	Oct 20, 2025	39
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 26, 2025	Oct 27, 2025	40
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 2, 2025	Nov 3, 2025	57
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 9, 2025	Nov 10, 2025	27
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 16, 2025	Nov 17, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 30, 2025	Dec 1, 2025	66
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 14, 2025	Dec 15, 2025	68
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 21, 2025	Dec 22, 2025	29
Nelsonville Christmas Eve 10:00PM December 24, 2025	Dec 25, 2025	34
Nelsonville Sunday Service December 28, 2025	Dec 29, 2025	31
TOTAL		2104
AVERAGE VIEW		39

ONLINE VIEWS - ALL YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Title	Video published	Views
Year 1 Lesson 11: Moses	Jan 3, 2025	73
Candlelight Service from December 5th, 2024	Jan 3, 2025	43
Strength in Weakness	Jan 3, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/5/25	Jan 6, 2025	44
Heavenly Signs	Jan 11, 2025	13
Candlelight Service from January 2nd, 2025	Jan 11, 2025	26
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-12-25	Jan 13, 2025	45
Candlelight Service from January 9th, 2025	Jan 16, 2025	36
Y1L13 The 12 Spies and the Wanderings of Israel	Jan 17, 2025	52
God's Love Made Perfect	Jan 17, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-19-25	Jan 20, 2025	46
Y1L14 Joshua and the Conquest of Israel	Jan 24, 2025	49
Hark the Bells!	Jan 24, 2025	6
Candlelight Service from January 16th, 2025.	Jan 24, 2025	37
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/26/2025	Jan 27, 2025	52
Year 1 Lesson 15: Gideon	Jan 31, 2025	54
Dark Corners and Shadows	Jan 31, 2025	16
Candlelight Service from January 23, 2025.	Jan 31, 2025	27
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 2, 2025	Feb 3, 2025	53
Year 1, Lesson 16. Samson	Feb 7, 2025	51
Waiting	Feb 7, 2025	8
Candlelight Service from January 30th, 2025	Feb 7, 2025	19
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Worship February 9, 2025	Feb 10, 2025	69
An Ocean of Love	Feb 14, 2025	20
Candlelight Service from February 6th, 2025	Feb 14, 2025	28
Wandering	Feb 21, 2025	11
Candlelight Service from February 13th, 2025	Feb 21, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 23 2025	Feb 24, 2025	61
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am March 2	Mar 3, 2025	36
Candlelight Service from February 27th, 2025	Mar 7, 2025	29
On the 3rd Commandment	Mar 7, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 9, 2025	Mar 10, 2025	44
Ash Wednesday Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm	Mar 13, 2025	13
Year 1, Lesson 20: Saul & David Part II	Mar 14, 2025	25
Year 1 Lesson 18 Samuel	Mar 14, 2025	54
Year 1, Lesson 19: Saul & David I	Mar 14, 2025	35
On the 4th Commandment	Mar 14, 2025	10
Candlelight Service from March 6, 2025	Mar 14, 2025	19
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 16, 2025	Mar 17, 2025	36
Wednesday Lenten Service 10:30 AM; March 19, 2025	Mar 20, 2025	20
Year 1, Lesson 21: David	Mar 21, 2025	47
Candlelight Service from March 13th, 2025	Mar 21, 2025	16
On the 5th Commandment	Mar 21, 2025	6
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 23, 2025	Mar 24, 2025	50
Year 1, Lesson 22: Solomon	Mar 28, 2025	49
You Are Not Alone	Mar 28, 2025	8
Candlelight Service from March 20th, 2025	Mar 28, 2025	36
Embodied Grace	Apr 4, 2025	23
Candlelight Service from March 27th, 2025	Apr 4, 2025	5
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 6 2025	Apr 7, 2025	43
Candlelight Service from April 3rd, 2025	Apr 11, 2025	37
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 13, 2025	Apr 14, 2025	30
Candlelight Service from April 10th, 2025.	Apr 18, 2025	12
Seeds of Promise	Apr 18, 2025	12
Nelsonville 10:15 Easter Sunday Service April 20, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	42
Maundy Thursday at Nelsonville April 17th, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	36
Year 1, Lesson 24: Elisha	Apr 25, 2025	48
Living Water	Apr 25, 2025	13
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service April 27, 2025	Apr 28, 2025	19
Year 1, Lesson 25: Jonah	May 2, 2025	42
Candlelight Service from April 24th, 2025	May 2, 2025	30
The Seventh Mark of the Church for Maundy Thursday	May 2, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 4, 2025	May 5, 2025	39
Year 1, Lesson 26: Daniel	May 9, 2025	35
Remember	May 9, 2025	36
Candlelight Service from May 1st, 2025	May 9, 2025	28
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 11, 2025	May 12, 2025	37
Year 1, Lesson 28: Job	May 16, 2025	57
Year 1, Lesson 27: Esther	May 16, 2025	46
Struggling Seedlings	May 19, 2025	19
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 18, 2025	May 19, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service May 25, 2025	May 26, 2025	38
Candlelight Service from May 22nd, 2025.	May 30, 2025	9
Nelsonville Sunday Service, June 1, 2025 10:15 am	Jun 2, 2025	43
Candlelight Service from May 29th, 2025	Jun 6, 2025	13
Safe Space of Indwelling	Jun 6, 2025	14
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am June 8, 2025	Jun 9, 2025	29

Where Do I Begin?	Jun 13, 2025	13
Candlelight Service from June 5th, 2025	Jun 13, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 15, 2025	Jun 16, 2025	45
Pastor Dwight's Sermon from Trinity Sunday	Jun 20, 2025	23
Connections of Life	Jun 20, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 22, 2025	Jun 23, 2025	32
Candlelight Service from June 19th, 2025	Jun 27, 2025	18
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 29, 2025	Jun 30, 2025	32
On the 6th Commandment	Jul 4, 2025	14
Candlelight Service from June 26th, 2025	Jul 4, 2025	12
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 6, 2025	Jul 7, 2025	60
On the 7th Commandment	Jul 11, 2025	7
Candlelight Service from July 3rd, 2025	Jul 11, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 13, 2025	Jul 14, 2025	44
Candlelight Service from July 10th, 2025	Jul 18, 2025	6
Yes and No	Jul 18, 2025	3
Nelsonville Sunday Service July 20, 2025 10:15 am	Jul 21, 2025	40
Now the Silence	Jul 25, 2025	8
Candlelight Service from July 17th, 2025	Jul 25, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 27, 2025	Jul 28, 2025	38
Darkness and Light - Part 1	Aug 1, 2025	3
Candlelight Service from July 24th, 2025	Aug 1, 2025	4
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 3, 2025	Aug 4, 2025	35
Darkness and Light - Part 2	Aug 8, 2025	3
Candlelight Service from July 31st, 2025	Aug 8, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 10, 2025	Aug 11, 2025	27
Darkness and Light - Part 3	Aug 15, 2025	5
Candlelight Service from August 7th, 2025	Aug 16, 2025	15
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 17, 2025	Aug 18, 2025	33
Candlelight Service from August 14th, 2025	Aug 22, 2025	7
Beginnings and Endings - Part 1	Aug 22, 2025	5
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 24, 2025	Aug 25, 2025	30
Candlelight Service from August 21st, 2025.	Aug 29, 2025	7
Why Should I Believe?	Aug 29, 2025	8
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 31, 2025	Sep 1, 2025	52
Candlelight Service from August 28th, 2025	Sep 5, 2025	15
Beginnings and Endings - Part 2	Sep 7, 2025	1
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 7, 2025	Sep 8, 2025	24
Space and Time - Part 1	Sep 12, 2025	13
Candlelight Service from September 4th, 2025	Sep 12, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 14, 2025	Sep 15, 2025	35
Confirmation 2025-26 Orientation	Sep 19, 2025	62
Candlelight Service from September 11th, 2025	Sep 19, 2025	6
Space and Time - Part 2	Sep 19, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 21, 2025	Sep 22, 2025	29
Candlelight Service from September 18th, 2025	Sep 26, 2025	15
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 28, 2025	Sep 29, 2025	29
To the Mountain Top	Oct 3, 2025	3
Candlelight Service from September 25th, 2025	Oct 3, 2025	4
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 5, 2025	Oct 6, 2025	65
Y2L1 25-26 The Basics: The Gospels	Oct 8, 2025	41
Y2 L2&3 2025-2026 Cast of Characters & Jesus, True God and True Man	Oct 10, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 12, 2025	Oct 13, 2025	39
Year 2 Lesson 4. 25-26. The Basics: What Does It Mean To Be A Christian	Oct 17, 2025	30
Into the Valley	Oct 17, 2025	1
Candlelight Service from October 9th, 2025	Oct 17, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 19, 2025	Oct 20, 2025	39
Candlelight Service from October 16th, 2025	Oct 24, 2025	8
Into the Valley - Part 2	Oct 24, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 26, 2025	Oct 27, 2025	40
Y2L5 25-26. Jesus' Life: Birth, Infancy, & Childhood	Oct 29, 2025	28
Y2L6 25-26. Jesus' Life: Baptism, Temptation & Calling the Disciples	Oct 31, 2025	32
In the Valley	Oct 31, 2025	6
Candlelight Service from October 23rd, 2025	Oct 31, 2025	15
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 2, 2025	Nov 3, 2025	57
Met in the Valley	Nov 7, 2025	4
Candlelight Service from October 30th, 2025	Nov 7, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 9, 2025	Nov 10, 2025	27
Y2L7 2025-2026 Jesus' Life: Holy Week	Nov 13, 2025	45
Y2L8 2025-2026 Jesus' Life: Easter Through Ascension	Nov 13, 2025	33
Candlelight Service from November 6th, 2025	Nov 14, 2025	3
Amazing Grace	Nov 14, 2025	6
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 16, 2025	Nov 17, 2025	35
Candlelight Service from November 13th, 2025	Nov 21, 2025	7
Saints, and Saints Alive	Nov 21, 2025	11
Called to be Generous in Love	Nov 28, 2025	5
Candlelight Service from November 20th, 2025	Nov 28, 2025	26
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 30, 2025	Dec 1, 2025	66
Year 2 Lesson 9. 2025-2026. Parables: God is Like...	Dec 3, 2025	45
Y2L10. 2025-2026. Teachings: The Law, Especially Sabbath Law	Dec 5, 2025	24
On the 8th Commandment	Dec 5, 2025	7
Y2L11. 2025-2026. Miracles: Women and Outsiders	Dec 12, 2025	41
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 14, 2025	Dec 15, 2025	68
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 21, 2025	Dec 22, 2025	29
Nelsonville Christmas Eve 10:00PM December 24, 2025	Dec 25, 2025	34
Nelsonville Sunday Service December 28, 2025	Dec 29, 2025	31
TOTAL		4315
AVERAGE VIEW		26

**Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish
Peace Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 26, 2025 - DRAFT**

I. Call to Order - President Sarah Borchardt called the meeting to order at 9:23 am.

II. Devotions - Pastor Dwight

III. Pastor's Report - Pastor Dwight

1. No baptisms held in 2024. Attended to weddings/funerals held outside of church.
2. We need to get younger people and families back into church and programs.
3. We have a large Confirmation class this year.
4. Attendance - We need to look at members and "Friends of the Church" for the future.
5. Rural churches are in crisis; there is a pastor shortage also.
6. Synod is looking at expanding Tomorrow River Parish in the future.
 - a. Betty Olson asked if churches closed would we be kept separate. We would be kept separate.
7. Synod has asked Peace to do practice interviews with potential pastoral candidates.

IV. Committee and Auxiliary Reports

1. Endowment Committee - Lori Carlson
 - a. Lori explained how the endowment fund is used.
 - b. Motion was made by the committee to disperse \$3700. Passed unanimously.

V. Elections

1. Church Council
 - a. Abby Blanke and Missy Bricco terms expire; but both are willing to continue serving.
 - b. Bobi Boyles would like to serve.
2. Nominating Committee Nominees
 - a. Pam Borgen

- b. Tim Benz
 - c. Jen Johnson
 - d. Lance Tischauser
 - e. Steve Olson
 - f. Carol Lea
3. Bethany Home, Waupaca Delegates
 - a. Merry Dudley
 - b. Mike Dudley
 - c. Betty Olson
 4. Crossways Bible Camp Delegates
 - a. Jerry Carlson
 - b. Lori Carlson
 5. Synod Assembly Delegates
 - a. Lance Tischauser
 6. Tomorrow River Conference Assembly Delegates
 - a. Carol Lea
 - b. Melba Carey
 7. Motion made by Harry Strunk to approve the nominees; 2nd Jerry Carlson.
Motion approved.

VI. Treasurer's Report/Approval of 2025 Budget

1. We were being charged \$400 a month by Hauser's Accounting; many of their reports were useless to us.
2. We now have a local team of Harry Strunk and Ashlie Johnson which will be a significant savings to us and will give us much better reports. They are doing a great job!
3. We are looking to create direct deposit for employees; which would also be cost effective.
8. Motion made by Lori Carlson to accept the Treasurer's Report; 2nd by Linda Jameson. Motion carried.
9. Budget
 - a. There will be a flat budget for 2025. The council and administrative team have worked very hard to keep the budget low.
 - b. Benevolence has been lowered from 10% to 6%.
 - c. Merry Dudley brought up that ELCA mission was hard to work with and it had been found that their system made a misallocation of \$60,000 from Nelsonville. The system has since been fixed.

- i. Lance Tischauser asked if there was a report that one could view. The report is on the Synod website.
 - ii. Lori Carlson asked what happens with the money. It is directed to the Synod office in Appleton and they send out 45% church-wide.
- 10. Sandra Lynn Schmutzler asked what are some of the next things to be done at the church.
 - a. Sink holes need to be fixed in parking lot.
 - b. Upkeep of the furnace. We have had troubles at least 3 times this month.
 - c. The flooring in the fellowship hall is very bad.
 - d. Next summer the we will need a new coat on the beams of the church.
 - e. The elevator has had a couple of hiccups. It was put in in 1997.
- 11. Motion made by Jennifer Johnson to accept the treasurer report; 2nd Merry Dudley. Motion carried.

VII. Old Business

- 1. Lori Carlson brought up that the membership cleanup did not get done and will it get done?
 - a. Friends of the Congregation list is long.
 - b. The last time this was done was over 10 years ago.
 - c. Will feelings be hurt?
 - a. Motion made by Lori Carlson and 2nd by Sandra Lynn Schmutzler to clean up membership list. Motion carried.
- 2. Online viewership
 - a. Online views are up. We are unable to know if they are members or not.
 - b. Confirmands are watching online more.
 - c. Can we possibly set up a Venmo, credit card so viewers may donate?
 - d. Could we put a QR code in the bulletin?

VIII. New Business - none

IX. Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Motion made to adjourn by Linda Jameson; 2nd John Olson. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:23.

Respectfully submitted by
Kaylene Tischauser

**Peace Lutheran Church
2025 President's Report**

Happy New Year to my fellow members!

It has been an honor to serve as the Peace council president. I thank my fellow council members for working with me since 2024. I appreciate them, as well as the entire congregation, for making this a successful year.

Keep walking in faith with our Pastors. God Bless you All.

Respectfully,
Sarah Borchardt

Peace Lutheran Church Mission Outreach beyond the Congregation

In response to our congregation's faithful commitment to the work of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Peace establishes a budgeted percentage of contribution to the following recipients. As general fund offerings to the congregation are received, these percentages of that offering are sent on in mission as our *first fruits* contribution to their work.

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|---|----|
| ELCA Mission Support | 3% |
| Church-wide and Synod offices, Bishop, Missionaries, Call process,
Seminaries, Ecumenical, chaplaincy, training, research, worship, assembly | |
| Crossways Lutheran Camping | 1% |
| Family, youth and confirmation group camping experience | |
| ELCA World Hunger | 2% |
| All contributions go directly to serve and feed hungry people | |

Peace Lutheran Church 2025 Stewardship Report

Stewardship – Our Response to What God Has Gifted

Peace Lutheran ends its year building on the successes and contributions of years' past. There is no doubt that the team of regular, consistent givers has made a difference to the ministry of Peace. Teams of people have come together and gifted hours upon hours of their time and talent to lift up the church. And even more importantly, they are doing so with joy, a spirit of cooperation and inclusion. I always say, "What we do matters. How we do it matters more. And for whom we do it matters the most!"

We must celebrate those who forwent financial remuneration for their services including Victor Voss, Missy Bricco, Abby Blanke, and Harry Strunk. These stewardship gifts have made such a difference. To see and experience such devotion to the church is inspiring. Plus, they saved us money!

We also celebrate friends of the congregation who have given a boost to the ministry with significant donations, and in the words of one who has contributed monthly, "I think the ministry of Peace is important. It makes a difference." Where we would be without this support is clear. We would be struggling as we continue to grow our giving commitments to Christ after losing some significant contributors to the community of saints now in Christ.

The Scandinavian Bake and Craft Sale has grown to include many new participants. Quite a team has been recruited! We give a special thanks to those who rolled lefse TOGETHER for days, those who learned the art of krumkaka making and those who brought their crafts to sell (as well as those who came to buy!). It is the shared effort that must be celebrated.

Amherst Monopoly Night was a huge success, not only financially, but is measured by the joy the community had in coming together. Our giving and sharing are making a difference and we have Christ to thank for that!

God be praised for a year well spent!

For the Stewardship Team,
Pastor Gretchen

Peace Lutheran Church 2025 Property Report

Victor and Wendy Voss resigned their custodial positions in April, and Katelyn Yenter was hired as the new Peace custodian.

Victor is now generously donating his time to Peace as Manager of Maintenance to keep things running efficiently.

A great group of volunteers showed up in April for yard clean-up!

In June, Point Heating and Cooling repaired one of our A/C units.

A new TRACK sign was donated and has been installed.

In November, a tree blew down by the back parking lot. There was minimal damage to the fascia, drip edge, and rain gutter. An insurance claim was filed, and repairs will be done in the spring.

Both ceiling fans were replaced in the nave.

Respectfully Submitted by
Bobi Boyles for the Property Committee

Peace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund 2025 Committee Report

Please refer to the accompanied Endowment Fund financial report for details on contributions, gifts that were made, and fund performance.

There were no contributions to the endowment fund this year. Please consider the Peace Endowment Fund as you make annual charitable contributions and memorial gifts for loved ones, and in your estate planning.

This year, the Endowment Team, using our bylaw distribution guidelines, has determined that \$4200 of the fund balance earned income will be allocated for disbursement and be brought to the congregation at the annual meeting for congregational approval. The Endowment Resolution calls for the following formula to be used for disbursement:

10-30% for world-wide, national, or regional missions or charities promoted by the ELCA, including, but not limited to, grants for new congregation development, global mission, ecumenism, evangelism, social ministries, or disaster response.

10-30% for local mission or outreach projects including, but not limited to, social service agencies, agencies to which this Congregation relates, or to local programs and ministries.

5-30% to be used to support leadership training and Christian learning opportunities within our Congregation, including, but not limited to, support for professional leadership, special programs designed for leadership and growth, or for the development of a special ministry of the Congregation.

20-40% to be used by the congregation for any constitutionally and legally allowed purpose recommended by the Team and approved by the congregation, including, but not limited to, capital improvement, debt reduction, general maintenance, or the general fund.

At the December 17th, 2025, meeting of the Endowment Team, a motion was made/seconded (Sandra Lynne Schmutzler/Kris Barnes) to recommend to the congregation the disbursement of gifts for 2026 in the amounts of: \$1260 to LWR Disaster Response, \$420 to Crossways Camping Ministries, \$420 to the Tomorrow River Parish Youth Group for upcoming gatherings, \$420 to the Peace Do Group, \$420 to Operation Bootstrap and \$1260 to Peace Capital Improvement designated for the furnace fund for a total of \$4200. This recommendation will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Also at the December 17th, 2025, meeting of the Endowment team a motion was made/seconded (Bobi Boyles/Sandra Lynne Schmutzler) to nominate Marlene Sannes and Becky Merk-Benn for three-year terms, filling the positions of Kris Barnes and Tim Benn, who are not eligible to run again at this time. Motion carried. We thank Tim and Kris for their dedication and service to the team.

The members of the Endowment Team are Lori Carlson, Chairperson; Tim Benn, Treasurer; Sandra Lynne Schmutzler, Secretary; Kris Barnes and Bobi Boyles, members. Pastor Dwight serves as an Ex officio member.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Carlson, Chairperson

Peace Lutheran Church
2025 Endowment Fund

Statement of Financial Position as of 12/31/25		
This statement reflects 12 consecutive months from 1/1/25 - 12/31/25		
Assets		
Cash/checking		
International Bank of Amherst		\$971.65
	Sub Total	\$971.65
Investments:		
North Star Asset Management Inc		\$221,904.46
	Sub Total	\$221,904.46
	Total Assets	\$222,876.11

Statement of Activities as of 12/31/25		
This statement reflects 12 consecutive months from 1/1/25 to 12/31/25		
Contributions		
No contributions in 2025		\$0.00
	Total contributions	\$0.00
Transfers		
No contributions in 2025		\$0.00
North Star Charles Schwab to Amherst Bank (2024 distribution)		\$3,700.00
	Total transfers	\$3,700.00
Expenses		
Annual safe deposit box payment 2025		(\$41.00)
Amherst bank fee to accept wire transfer from Schwab account		(\$15.00)
Peace Lutheran - General Fund - 2024 distribution		(\$740.00)
Peace Lutheran - Do Group - 2024 distribution		(\$370.00)
Tomorrow River Parish Youth Group - 2024 distribution		(\$370.00)
Crossways Camping Ministries - 2024 distribution		(\$370.00)
Lutheran World Relief - 2024 distribution		(\$1,110.00)
Oak Grove Cemetery - 2024 distribution		(\$740.00)
	Total expenses	(\$3,756.00)

Beginning balance January 1, 2025	\$202,725.05
Contributions	\$0.00
Expenses	(\$3,756.00)
Change in investment account value	\$18,671.06
YE 2024 \$203,233.40	
YE 2025 \$221,904.46	
Ending balance December 31, 2025	\$217,640.11

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 Do Group Report

The Do Group welcomes anyone who wishes to join us on Wednesdays at 12:30. No need to know how to sew! This is a learn as you go group!

In 2025, we sent 116 quilts, 61 layettes and one box of school kits to LWR.

With Lori Carlson's help, we created 13 quilts for our graduating seniors.

Jean Iverson knitted baby sweaters for the layettes.

Dave and Kathy Bleskey, along with John Olson and Jim Bobbe, loaded and delivered everything to Wisconsin Rapids, to be delivered to LWR.

The quilts are now also being delivered to disaster areas in the United States.

Thank you to all who participated in our quilts-in-a-bag. We will be continuing to make these available to the congregation.

All donations are greatly appreciated! We will continue to put them to good use!

The Do Group also participated in the following events in 2025:

Social Sundays – A great place to meet and greet new or old friends. Come join us in the fireside room after church for coffee and treats.

Scandinavian Baking – In November a group of ladies organized classes for those interested in learning how to cook Scandinavian baked goods. There was a fair turn-out so look for the classes to return in time for the holidays.

The Mitten Tree – Thanks to everyone who kept the mitten tree “wrapped” in all things to keep people warm. Many trips were made to Bootstrap, thanks to Dave and Kathy Bleskey.

The Do Group

C.A.R.E. (Caring Arms Reaching Everywhere) Ministry 2025 Annual Report

Committee Members: Brandi Marquard, Ramona Romundson (Christmas gift bags), Sandra Lynne Schmutzler, Debi Hoffman (Peace church contact), and Gail Benzine (Nelsonville church contact).

Monthly Volunteers: Abby Blanke, Crystal Harris, Kendall Johnson, Nola Knight, Sally Prideaux, Brandi Marquard, Debi Hoffman, Marlene Sannes, Sandra Lynne & Mark Schmutzler, Terry and Gail Benzine.

2025 Activities:

- Handmade cards and gifts were delivered monthly to our limited mobility parish members
- Christmas Gift Bag Project
- 16 recipients were touched by C.A.R.E. monthly

Balance brought forward 1/1/2025:

Balance in WELCA account	\$100.83
Balance in Nelsonville church account.	\$100.00

Remaining balance on 12/31/2025:

Balance in WELCA account	\$100.83
Balance in Nelsonville church account.	\$100.00

A big thank you to our amazing youth, who have brought so much joy to our limited mobility church members through their contributions to C.A.R.E.

The steadfast dedication of our volunteers, Pastor Gretchen, and Pastor Dwight, in addition to the prayerful support of our parish family, continue to make this ministry possible.

Respectfully submitted by
Gail Benzine

Youth Ministry 2025 Annual Report

This year has been a busy year with outreach projects in the community.

Our group may be small but gets a lot done, and we have a great time laughing and chatting with each other.

We usually have a meeting every month during the school year except during Lent

Here are some highlights from 2025:

January – Took orders for pizza fries.

February – Made our famous pizza fries.

May – Made cards to hand out in church for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

– Graduation Sunday for all our seniors

July – The youth had their annual social pie sale. It was a great turn out and we sold lots of yummy pies.

September – Youth helped serve food at Celebrate Nelsonville.

September – High school youth game night with families.

October – Made gifts for CARE.

– 14 Confirmation students were confirmed.

November – Made chew toys for the Humane Society.

December – Youth night was canceled because of weather, but we sold homemade cookie jar dough during worship services.

Respectfully submitted by
Rhonda Garceau

Peace Lutheran Church Young Blessings Preschool 2025 Annual Report

It was another busy year for Young Blessings!

We have 31 students, ages 3, 4, and 5, currently enrolled in our program. We are open from 7:15AM-5:00PM Monday through Friday. Preschool class is held from 8:00-Noon every day and child care is provided for the rest of the day. The number of families using the full day care option continues to increase each year.

We are at capacity and have waiting lists for the summer and Fall 2026 and beyond.

We increased the height of the playground fence in the back corner to meet licensing requirements.

Cory Kearney is in her 20th year as teacher and Barb Ramlow is in her 15th year as director. Kassie Tessmann has rejoined us and is the Lead Teacher. We have 2 teacher assistants: Helena Hartzheim is in her 4th year with us and Madison Juarez is in her 3rd year with us. We continue to search for one more teacher assistant. Both Cory and Barb have submitted their intentions to retire from Young Blessings in 2026.

Young Blessings continues to receive grants from the state through the Child Care Bridge Payment Program. The grant program was established by the governor in the summer of 2025. Grant amounts are reduced compared to earlier funding. The smaller disbursements continue to provide some relief from the ever-increasing costs of supplies and wages.

Our two annual fundraisers were held with some success this year: Seroogy's candy bars and coffee in March, and Little Caesar's pizza kits in October. While they are favorites of the families, we did see a decrease in the amount fundraised.

We partnered with CaHoots Adult Day Services of Amherst this fall for our Giving Tree project. Our preschool families were very generous with donations of items needed for this program that provides care to disabled adults in our community. In addition, we partnered with CaHoots throughout the year for a carnival and other activities with their members and our students.

We are very grateful for the continued support of the congregation and local community.

Respectfully Submitted by
Barb Ramlow
Director

OAK GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION 2025

CHECKING ACCOUNT

CREDITS		DEBITS	
1/13/2025 Interest on CD 3246421	\$69.68	1/3/2025 Safe deposit box rent	\$28.00
2/18/2025 Deposit from Endowment	\$740.00	11/16/2025 Dave Dombrowski - lawn care for 2025	\$1,515.90
5/2/2025 Interest on CD 3128283	\$19.21	11/16/2025 Chris Wolding - lawn care when Dave had surgery	\$255.00
7/11/2025 Interest on CD 3246421	\$68.54		
11/4/2025 Interest on CD 3128283	\$17.73		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$915.16	TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,798.90
BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2025	\$15,599.22		
TOTAL CREDITS FOR 2025	\$915.16		
TOTAL DEBITS FOR 2025	\$1,798.90		
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2025	\$14,715.48		

OAK GROVE SAVINGS ACCOUNT - closed 7/28/2022

CDs AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF AMHERST

CD 3128283	\$1,230.00
CD 3246421	\$4,750.00
TOTAL CDs	\$5,980.00

TOTAL CASH HOLDINGS AT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF AMHERST
\$20,695.48

Peace Lutheran Church
Annual Contributions by Fund
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$302,841.58
Building Initiative*	\$ 1,727.61
Monopoly	\$ 16,912.92
Bake Sale	\$ 12,306.00
Young Blessings Preschool	\$182,504.13
Bible Camp	\$ 0.00
Seminary Tuition	\$ 0.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 0.00
Evangelism	\$ 240.00
Do Group	\$ 1,527.00
Youth Account	\$ 200.00
Sunday School Fund	\$ 725.00
Flower Fund	\$ 186.00
Soup Suppers	\$ 507.00
Pastors Discretionary Fund	\$ 11,251.00
World Hunger	\$ 0.00

* Includes insurance payment for tree fall incident

Peace Lutheran Church
Fund Balances
1/1/25 – 12/31/25

Fund	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
General Fund	-\$55,771.81	\$67,425.69
Building Initiative	\$2,247.95	\$3,975.56
Monopoly	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bake Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Young Blessings Preschool	\$46,197.56	\$30,895.88
Bible Camp	\$4,861.11	\$3,711.11
Seminary Tuition	\$17,486.33	\$17,486.33
Vacation Bible School	\$958.00	\$958.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$240.00
Do Group	\$2,452.25	\$2,931.83
Youth Account	\$2,342.87	\$2,488.88
Sunday School Fund	\$5,580.89	\$5,663.22
Flower Fund	\$323.77	\$244.74
Soup Suppers	\$3,473.17	\$3,643.97
Pastor Discretionary	\$9,967.02	\$17,237.61
World Hunger	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pat Moe Scholarship	\$9,000.00	\$7,400.00
Florence Wetzel Scholarship	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00
Int'l Bank Checking Balance	\$56,619.11	\$148,271.04

**Peace Lutheran Church
General and Building Fund Contributions**

Total Offerings	2025	2024	2023	2022
January	\$25,273.40	\$13,638.00	\$18,957.00	\$23,977.00
February	\$26,946.16	\$15,350.00	\$11,675.75	\$19,298.74
March	\$23,698.14	\$14,675.00	\$11,518.00	\$19,370.91
April	\$22,103.59	\$13,269.00	\$16,334.00	\$19,796.00
May	\$32,602.64	\$13,672.00	\$11,418.11	\$19,651.10
June	\$24,620.03	\$16,477.00	\$16,432.00	\$19,693.00
July	\$30,911.88	\$18,120.70	\$16,990.00	\$23,441.00
August	\$20,947.53	\$10,627.70	\$10,017.00	\$18,307.60
September	\$25,539.60	\$23,752.70	\$9,700.00	\$17,619.00
October	\$19,831.80	\$11,440.50	\$14,287.00	\$16,405.00
November	\$30,054.89	\$9,607.25	\$11,993.00	\$18,458.00
December	\$22,039.53	\$21,661.80	\$15,442.10	\$27,708.35
Total	\$304,569.19	\$182,291.65	\$164,763.96	\$243,725.70
Weekly Avg	\$5,857.10	\$3,505.61	\$3,168.54	\$4,687.03

In-Person Offerings	2025	2024	2023	2022
January	\$21,198.08	\$10,336.00	\$14,105.00	\$18,017.00
February	\$22,892.66	\$12,048.00	\$6,873.75	\$13,183.74
March	\$19,819.64	\$11,343.00	\$6,766.00	\$13,310.91
April	\$17,986.25	\$9,782.00	\$11,582.00	\$13,936.00
May	\$28,489.76	\$10,210.00	\$6,551.11	\$13,716.10
June	\$20,517.15	\$12,768.00	\$11,620.00	\$14,533.00
July	\$26,004.00	\$14,327.00	\$12,188.00	\$17,121.00
August	\$16,024.65	\$6,974.00	\$5,265.00	\$11,997.60
September	\$20,606.78	\$20,024.00	\$4,998.00	\$11,709.00
October	\$14,883.98	\$7,627.00	\$9,560.00	\$10,470.00
November	\$25,156.57	\$5,591.25	\$7,301.00	\$12,558.00
December	\$17,046.21	\$17,410.80	\$10,730.10	\$21,498.35
Total	\$250,625.73	\$138,441.05	\$107,539.96	\$172,050.70

Vanco Deposits	2025	2024	2023
January	\$4,075.32	\$3,302.00	\$5,535.00
February	\$4,053.50	\$3,302.00	\$5,485.00
March	\$3,878.50	\$3,332.00	\$5,485.00
April	\$4,117.34	\$3,487.00	\$5,435.00
May	\$4,112.88	\$3,462.00	\$5,550.00
June	\$4,102.88	\$3,689.00	\$5,545.00
July	\$4,907.88	\$3,793.70	\$5,485.00
August	\$4,922.88	\$3,653.70	\$5,185.00
September	\$4,932.82	\$3,728.70	\$5,085.00
October	\$4,947.82	\$4,074.50	\$5,110.00
November	\$4,898.32	\$4,016.00	\$5,125.00
December	\$4,993.32	\$4,251.00	\$5,095.00
Total	\$53,943.46	\$44,091.60	\$64,120.00

Building Initiative Donation Totals: 2024: \$1911.00 2025: \$240.00

Peace Lutheran Church Proposed Budget for 2026

		2025	2025	2025	2026
	Account Name	Formula	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
1	Pastors Salary	Synod Guidelines	\$70,760.31	\$ 67,385.28	\$ 73,412.95
2	Office Manager Salary	35 hrs/wk x \$20.00 x 52 x .67	\$23,473.45	\$ 20,601.92	\$ 24,388.00
3	Sunday School Coordinator		\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
4	Custodian Salary	15 hrs/wk x \$19 x 52	\$14,820.00	\$ 5,122.29	\$ 15,210.00
5	Organist Salary	\$102/service x 62 services	\$6,076.00	\$ 5,286.00	\$ 6,324.00
6	Treasurer Salary		\$10,000.00	\$ 4,888.08	\$ 10,000.00
7	Financial Secretary Stipend		\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
8	Supply Pastor	\$125/service x 6	\$750.00	\$ 358.27	\$ 1,000.00
9	Pastors Housing Allowance		\$33,752.37	\$ 33,711.09	\$ 35,017.67
10	Pastors Mileage Reimburse	72.5 cents/mi x 7,500 MILES	\$5,250.00	\$ 3,829.08	\$ 5,500.00
11	Pastors Soc. Sec. Allowance		\$7,995.22	\$ 7,985.47	\$ 8,294.94
12	Pastors Pen & Major Med.		\$31,500.00	\$ 33,569.66	\$ 38,000.00
13	Employers SocSec Expense		\$2,500.00	\$ 1,774.87	\$ 2,500.00
14	Workers Comp		\$4,000.00	\$ 139.75	\$ 4,000.00
15	Employers Medicare		\$600.00	\$ 414.23	\$ 600.00
16	Pastor Cont. Ed.		\$675.00	\$ -	\$ 675.00
17	Pastor Cont. Ed. Carryover	2023 \$675 2024 \$675.00 2025 \$675	\$2,025.00	\$ 622.72	\$ 2,025.00
18	Office Manager Cont. Ed.		\$200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
19	Synod Events and Seminars		\$800.00	\$ 623.77	\$ 800.00
20	Stewardship		\$1,000.00	\$ 184.01	\$ 500.00
21	Evangelism		\$50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
22	Conference Dues	25 cents per baptized member	\$150.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 150.00
23	Education		\$1,000.00	\$ 108.23	\$ 500.00
24	Confirmation		\$300.00	\$ 276.98	\$ 300.00
25	Youth & Family Ministry		\$750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
26	The Lutheran/Publications		\$350.00	\$ 40.93	\$ 350.00
27	Committee Misc Expenses		\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
28	Fellowship		\$200.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 200.00
29	Worship Supplies & Misc		\$1,000.00	\$ 3,018.97	\$ 3,000.00
30	Office Supplies & Expense		\$2,500.00	\$ 2,354.15	\$ 2,500.00
31	Electricity & Gas		\$13,250.00	\$ 10,771.42	\$ 13,250.00
32	Sewer & Water		\$1,200.00	\$ 1,110.80	\$ 1,200.00
33	Property Maint. Expense	Includes yearly maint of A/C & furnaces	\$10,000.00	\$ 11,889.64	\$ 13,000.00
34	Stephen Ministries Supplies		\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
35	Commercial Insurance		\$11,000.00	\$ 8,999.00	\$ 12,000.00
36	Computers		\$1,000.00	\$ 310.82	\$ 1,000.00
37	Office Equipment & Repair		\$1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
38	Copier		\$4,500.00	\$ 2,593.34	\$ 4,500.00
39	Tech Allowance	\$1020-Pastors \$175-SEC \$175-Cus \$500-TREAS	\$1,100.00	\$ 655.00	\$ 1,870.00
41	Telephones		\$1,500.00	\$ 2,061.30	\$ 2,100.00
42	Postage		\$4,000.00	\$ 968.73	\$ 2,000.00
	SUBTOTAL		\$271,427.35	\$ 231,857.29	\$288,567.56
46	Total Operating Expenses				
47	Benevolences for 2026				
48	ELCA Mission Support 3%				
49	Lutheran Social Services 0%				
50	Crossways Luth Camping 1%				
51	World Hunger-2%				
52	Seminary Student Tuition 0%	Professional Church work support			

TOMORROW RIVER LUTHERAN PARISH LEADERSHIP 2025

Peace Lutheran

President: Sarah Borchardt
Vice President: Abby Blanke
Treasurer: Harry Strunk
Secretary: Kaylene Tischauser

COUNCIL LIAISON & (COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON):

Worship: Kaylene Tischauser, Bobi Boyles
Education: Abby Blanke, Anne Jensen
Evangelism:
Fellowship: All council members
Lay Ministry:
Constitution Committee: Greg Reichenbach, Pr. Carl Richard Evenson
Property: Victor Voss, Bobi Boyles
Stewardship: Sarah Borchardt, Madel Bohman
Youth: Rhonda Garceau

PEACE SERVICE LEADERS

Sunday School: Missy Bricco
WELCA: Ila Sanders
Cemetery: Wayne Borgen, Tom Maves
Altar Guild: Bobi Boyles
Endowment: Lori Carlson
Lay Distribution for Shut-ins: Debi Hoffman
CARE (parish group): Gail Benzine
TRACK: Betty Olson
Financial Secretary: Missy Bricco
Counting Team Coordinator: Jake Barnes
Landscape and Lawn: Jerry Carlson, Sally Prideaux

Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran

President: Alana Woyak
Vice President: Gary Gordon
Treasurer: Judy Konkol
Secretary: Rhonda Garceau

COUNCIL LIAISON & (COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON):

Education: Jamie Trzebiatowski
Evangelism: Peggy Henke
Fellowship: Peggy Parker, Nic Lea
Social Concerns: Kim Becken
Lay Ministry/Worship: Gail Benzine
Long Range Planning:
Property: John Loberg, George Konkol
Youth: Jamie Trzebiatowski, Rhonda Garceau
Constitution Committee: Gary Gordon

NELSONVILLE SERVICE LEADERS

Sunday School: Jamie Trzebiatowski
WELCA President: Gloria Onan
Cemetery: Karla Leppen
Altar Guild: Peggy Henke
Endowment: Ed Fischer, Andrea Crane, Kim Becken
Lay Communion: Gail Benzine
CARE (parish group): Gail Benzine

E-mail address: trchurch@gmail.com
Parish Phone: 715-824-5615 Website: www.trchurch.org
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pastor Gretchen Anderson & Pastor Dwight Anderson
Home Phone: 715-824-2710

STAFF:

Young Blessings Preschool Director: Barb Ramlow
Organist: Ruth Gordon
Maintenance/Custodian: Victor Voss, Katelyn Yenter (AM), Tyler Mader, John Loberg (NV)
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2025 WORSHIP:

8:30 am Sunday Worship at Peace, Sunday School at 9:15 am
10:15 am Sunday Worship at Nelsonville, Sunday School at 9:30 am
7:00 pm Thursday Evening Candlelight Service at Nelsonville

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPENING LITURGY

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

And also with you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

Amen.

Founded on Faith



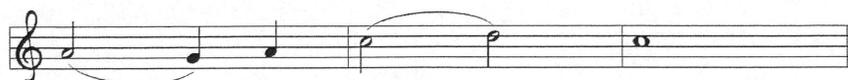
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

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