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Your monthly news & updates

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Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –

Our Faith



Your vote is your voice – don't give it up!

These are difficult and challenging times for our local communities, our country, and the world. Divisive and heated rhetoric dominate the public dialogue, and the power of money is shutting out the voice of the average voter. More and more people are withdrawing from engagement in the political process out of a growing sense of cynicism and mistrust.

As people of faith, we can continue to play a unique role in this year's election by encouraging all to vote and to have civil, respectful dialogue that builds community and offers a hope-filled vision of the future for all people.

Within our communities and within our congregation, folks have different opinions. We feel differently about the candidates for office and for the questions on this year's ballot.

And each person's opinion matters. And every person who votes has a vote that counts. So be engaged. An average election in the United States has less than 60% of the eligible voting population turning out at the polls. There are a variety of reasons that people don't get out and vote. Regardless of the reasons, it's important to encourage all who are eligible to vote. Why not offer a

ride to a friend who may have trouble getting to the polls? Don't tell your neighbor how they're supposed to vote, but rather, encourage them to exercise their right to vote. Elections are the most fair and the most representative of the will of the people when as many people as possible share their voice through their vote.

Let us move in love and compassion, pursuing justice and mercy, and trusting in the God of peace. Let us live out that peace - with justice and love. And let us breathe deeply.

Our Vote

Pastor Kirk

October 4 (World Communion Sunday & Baptism)
9:30 am - 115

October 11
9:30 am - 68

October 18
9:30 am - 72

October 25
9:30 am - 58

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones





Hello November! It seems like just yesterday we were talking about Halloween. (Oh give me a break, this is the only time I can use this joke!)

October…what did we do in October? Oh you know, just hosted a Halloween party for well over 200 of our friends in the community. Before we get to the magic of that fa-BOO-lous Saturday, we need to reflect on the rest of October. Together with their families, members of the congregation, and Pastor Kirk and his banjo, our Peace Kids once again took part in the CROP walk at Lake Katherine to end hunger! Through your support and generosity, we raised over $800!

Ms. Sam continues to inspire our kids weekly, finding new and creative ways to remind us all that God's love is shown in so many ways. Whether we are building a unity web, or asking for help in holding a dozen balloons, we have been shown that anything you do can affect everyone around you. Our older Peace Kids continue to partner up with our younger students each week, taking turns reading the Bible lesson, and continuing to map out the Lord's Prayer each week. Our kids are really enjoying working together, and as our Sunday School continues to grow, they are also enjoying getting to sit at the big kids table!

Ready to talk about Halloween again? There is absolutely no shortage of amazement every year when the crowds get bigger, the Haunted Youth Center gets spookier and the trunks get even more incredible! On October 24th we hosted our annual Trunk or Treat with 17 cars, 1 Haunted Youth Center, over 200 children, 2 fire trucks, and a dog who wore his namesake well (Pink Floyd)! We would like to extend an overwhelming thank you to Ken Ochsenhofer, Judy and Dennis Kirscher and Ray and Jo Kujawa for the outstanding job in decorating our Haunted Youth Center! Hands down, this was the most spook-tacular setup yet! Our trunks were all so creative this year, and everyone really put all their heart into making their trunks pop! We'd like to thank everyone who decorated a trunk and passed out candy and once again, extend CONGRATULATIONS to our best decorated trunk winners. The Miulli Family in first place, Ray and Jo Kujawa in second place, and Kathi and Theresa Graben in third place for the most creative trunks for 2026! Christian Ed would also like to take a moment to recognize Carol and Susan Ritter in helping inside the spooky Youth Center passing out treats!

We are looking forward to November, a season of gratitude and warmth. All our best blessings, the Board of Christian Education.







CROP Walk

Bruce Puhr



We had a great Crop walk this year. Beautiful sun, 58 walkers, 2 dogs, and a banjo! Thank you to all who donated and walked with the PMC team this year. PMC team raised over $800.00 this year. The total dollars are still pending as a couple of events are scheduled next weekend. We expect to have a completed accounting by month end, so stay tuned.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Cindy White



A Season of Growth and Community

As another wonderful garden season comes to a close, we want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who made our Community Garden such a special place this year. Whether you are a member of our church family or one of the many neighbors from the community who tended a garden bed, your care, dedication, and love of gardening helped create something truly wonderful.

From the first seedlings of spring to the final harvests of autumn, the garden was filled with beauty, friendship, laughter, and the simple joy of watching things grow. It has been a blessing to see people of all ages come together, share experiences, and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

As the garden settles in for its winter rest, we already look forward to welcoming everyone back in the spring. Until then, may you enjoy the changing seasons and cherish the memories of another successful year in the garden.

Thank you for being part of our garden community. We can't wait to see you again next spring! 🌱🍂💚

Community Garden Committee

MISSION MOMENT

Pam Cornyn



"Winter Warming Tree" is coming early this year. Adults and kids who are in need of something warm to cover their heads, necks, and hands will have them.

So, if you knit or crochet get those needles moving and place those items on our tree that is in the Narthex.

These items will be given to local schools and shelters to help those who are in need.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pam Cornyn or Janet Hansen.



The Mission Committee is asking for your help during our Annual Food Drive. Starting this Sunday, November 1st, we will be collecting boxed and canned foods to help those less fortunate.

So, as you shop, please consider picking up extra nonperishable food items to donate: noodles, pasta sauce, boxed milk, oil, salt, pepper, sugar, flour, coffee, tea bags, mac & cheese, cereal, rice, and oatmeal.

A new item we would also like to add to the list is a can opener for opening all those donated canned goods.

Monetary donations are also very helpful to purchase gift cards. These will help the recipients in purchasing perishable food items.

Please check expiration dates. Thank you for helping with your donations.



Scholarship Funds Available at Peace Memorial Church

Did you know that Peace Memorial Church has designated funds for Scholarships that are available to church members for different purposes? You have probably heard of the Camp Scholarship Fund that is used to help send our children to Godstock at Tower Hill in July. This year $1,500 was used to help send 4 kids to camp. We have also had members that have been Directors of this camp and counselors for many years. From Camp Sunday and other donations this year, we have replenished this account over and above what we used. What a true picture of how PMC is investing in our children!

There are also other Scholarships available for use through the Trustees. Most of these may not be known to many of you, so we felt this to be a good time to remind you of the different opportunities available.
The Laverne R. Dauderman Fund was established back when Reverend Dauderman was the Assistant Administrator of Peace Memorial Home. His vision was to help our members that wanted to go into any healthcare field. Some of these funds have helped people go into nursing, become lab techs, and study many other healthcare professions.

The Reverend Dr. Laverne R. Joseph Fund was started when Pastor Joseph was leaving Peace Memorial Church. He began this fund because he wanted to leave a lasting legacy here. This fund was originally designated for members going into the ministry. As time passed, the Joseph family decided to expand the scope for members who would like to pursue a calling of service. What does that mean? They would like to help members to pursue education opportunities and/or training to be used in the service of others. These pursuits might include, but are not limited to, callings to specialized education, counseling, graduate studies, career changes, etc. The Joseph family would like to see this fund being used to support our members in the service of others through the legacy of Pastor Joseph.

How does someone apply for any of these funds? Send a detailed letter of purpose and need to the Trustees. Please keep in mind that these funds are limited and are meant to help our members. – Unfortunately, we are not able to fully fund educations, but hope that any help would be appreciated.

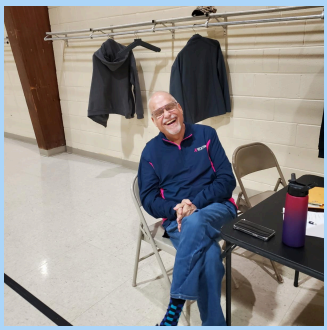
CREW

PMC CREW, Two Events, One Purpose…

On Sunday October 4th, Silver Lake Country Club was once again home for the 2026 Peace Memorial Charity Classic. The weather was picture perfect, sunny and bright, allowing our 42 golfers to enjoy a warm sunny day outdoors. Even if their golf expectations were not met, a fun afternoon enjoyed by all. The outing and the dinner that follows the PMC Classic is a fund raising event to support PMC CREW (Peace Memorial Church Community Renewal by Ecumenical Workers). The post golf dinner event included a raffle offering a variety of prizes and gift baskets. These included various wine/snack combinations, homemade crafts, lottery tickets, and restaurant gift certificates. Our 54 dinner guests helped PMC CREW to raise over $2,000.00 toward the 2027 CREW Big Build! AND for the first time ever, one of our golfers scored a HOLE IN ONE on 18 North!! Congratulations Daryl Onak!

The second CREW October event was a bottle painting, wine cork craft evening on October 16th. With a little effort and some quality coaching, the results were most excellent works of art. Attached are a few pictures of the evening event. The total of funds raised from both October events is just over $2,500.00.

To all who participated in these events, THANK YOU, from PMC CREW! Watch the PMC calendar for future fund raising events AND for the 2027 PMC Big Build! Come join in the fun!





UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for the fourth installment on our continuing journey through the music of the church.

YOU VOTED AND THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO A FANTASTIC PROGRAM! JOIN US FOR OUR

FAVORITE HYMN COUNTDOWN

Sunday November 15th

2:00pm

Peace Memorial Church
10300 W. 131st St.
Palos Park
pmcucc.org


PMC Thanksgiving
Potluck Lunch
Sunday November 22nd
11:00am
Turkey provided
Sides, Drinks, Desserts requested
Sign Ups available in the Narthex
for set up, cleanup, RSVPS
RSVP by 11/15
Happy
thanksgiving!





November 5
Leah Signore

November 16
Verna Kwiatkowski
Mason Maguire

November 23
Nancy Anderson
Dan Kallemeyn

November 6
Herb Zimmermann

November 7
Claire Schneider

November 9
Gary Kwiatkowski

November 13
Thomas Hecker

November 15
Gloria Hoessler

November 18
William Bayer

November 19
Kathleen Whalen

November 22
Susan Ritter

November 25
Michael Koch

November 26
Jonathan Dagys
Dennis Kirscher

November 28
Brian Koch

November 29
Carl Pratcher III

NOVEMBER 2026

`Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am All Saints Worship Service 11:00 am Justice & Witness meeting	2 7:00 pm Pickleball	3 VOTING ZION HALL 7:00 pm BUNCO	4 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Yoga/Chapel	5 1:00 pm Bible study	6	7
8 9:30 am Sunday Worship 12 to 5:00 pm Narthex usage	9 7:00 pm Pickleball	10 6:30 – 9:00 pm Zion Hall rental	11 7:00 am Volunteers 10:00 am B&G 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Baron Group/Chapel 6:30 – 9:00 pm Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm CE meeting	12 1:00 pm Bible study 4:00 – 8:00 pm Zion Hall rental	13 3-9 pm Youth Center	14 12 - 6 pm Youth Center rental 5:00 to 9:00 pm Zion Hall rental
15 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship 2:00 PM Music Language of Faith	16 7:00 pm Pickleball	17 6:30 – 9:00 pm Zion Hall rental	18 7:00 am Volunteers 8:00 am LifeSyles/ZH 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Yoga 6:30-10 Zion Hall rental 7:00 Trustee meeting	19 1:00 pm Bible study 4:00 – 8:00 pm Zion Hall rental	20	21 10 am to 4 pm Stitchers/ Chapel
22 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner	23 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE 7:00 pm Pickleball	24 6:30 – 9:00 pm Zion Hall rental	25 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir	26  HAPPY THANKS-GIVING	27	28
29 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship	30 7:00 pm Pickleball					



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