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Altar Guild Request

As we prepare our church to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we have purchased a new Christmas tree for our sanctuary. It will help create a warm and joyful setting as our church family gathers for worship and fellowship throughout the Christmas season.

We are asking for donations to help offset the cost of the new tree. Every gift is appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping make this Christmas season special for our church family.

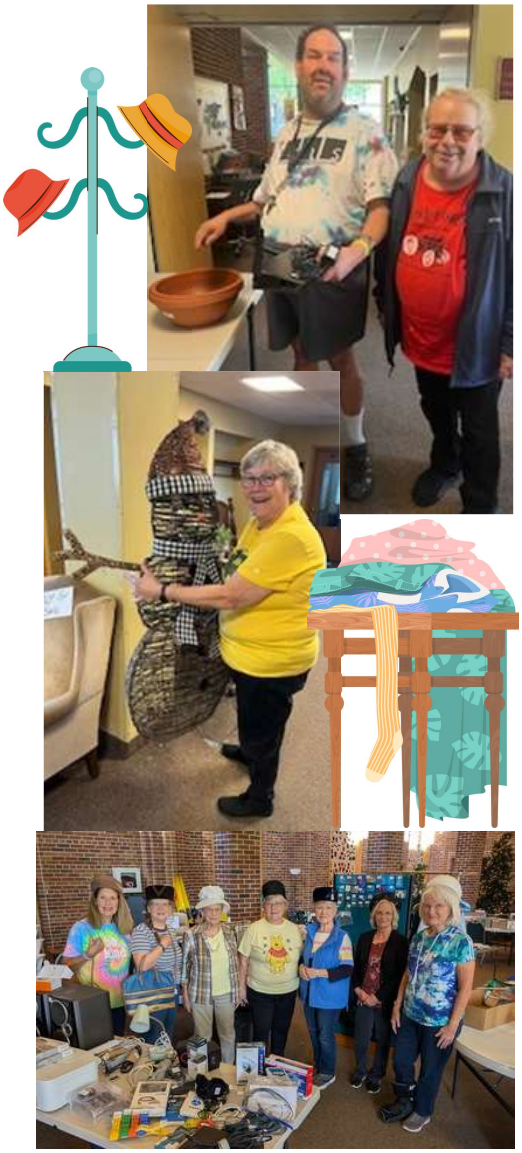
Rummage Sale

The recent rummage sale was another resounding success!!
Not only for the amazing SALES TOTAL of $10,361.27....
But also for the countless hours of time given by members and friends in planning, preparing, and executing the Sale, as well as cleanup.

We had over 30 people, including mostly Peace members, but also Family and Friends giving countless hours for about four weeks surrounding the sale. (The sale was actually four days) In addition, FarmHouse fraternity friends helped in picking up larger and heavier items from donors. And speaking of donors, we had many people who we don't know, drop off and donate items to be sold..... and of course, even more people who came and shopped!!

For some of our shoppers, donors and workers, Peace Lutheran Rummage Sale has become a tradition... for others it was a new experience!! We added a Bake Sale for the first time, which was also very well received. Thank you, to each and every one of you who joined in this sale.

Items that remained unsold were donated to the New Life Center, Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, the Indigenous Association, Heirlooms, ReStore, Hope Blooms, & Peace Food Shelf. The profits will once again be applied to the kitchen remodeling debt.
Thank you sincerely,
Dawn and Jan



Post from the Pastor

Thank You

During my time at Peace, I have loved the way our mission statement has had a clear and central focus for the work that we do. United in Christ, we worship, share our gifts, and work for peace and justice. Those four simple phrases have been lived out in hundreds of ways. It has been a gift to me to partner alongside you and see the Spirit at work among this community of faith. While I am done serving as your pastor on November 15 to begin my new call as the Director of Evangelical Mission, I am grateful for the gift these last 7.5 years have been. You have accompanied me on many milestones like my 15-year ordination anniversary, the birth of Solomon, and we even weathered a pandemic together. We have also done such great work in Fargo and beyond: renovating our lower level into the beautiful bright space it is today, sharing tens of thousands of dollars through drives and generosity matches, retiring the mortgage on the "parsonage" on 10th street, helping our youth travel to New Orleans & Nashville, and so much more. It has been a gift to feed people alongside you: Sandwich Sundays, Potlucks, our ever-growing foodshelf, Campus Ministry Meals, serving Churches United, feeding at The Neighborhood Church. Your faith in God and the ministry we have accomplished together will forever be an encouragement and an inspiration. I give thanks for our time together and will carry you all in my heart always. I am proud of how you have lived into your call as people of faith and am confident of God's future for you here in North Fargo. I know that there are questions of how the transition works & what next steps include- please know your council is at work and also will be looking for your support as you continue to live into your mission: United in Christ, we worship, share our gifts, and work for peace and justice.
God's Peace to you now and always,

Pastor Cassie

You are invited...

Love your Neighbor

A Benefit Night for The Neighborhood Church

730 27th St. N Fargo, ND 58102

Enjoy an evening of music, community, and delicious desserts, all to celebrate & support the important work of The Neighborhood Church!

Monday November 16, 2026 6:30-8:00pm

Please join us!

Reserve your seat atwww.tncfargo.com

Peace's Amazing Kids

THE GIFT OF GIVING
GENERAL FUND MATCH
NOVEMBER 2026

every $10,000 given to the General Fund
will unlock a matching gift of $2,000
Once we reach $50,000 we will unlock an
additional $10,000 matching gift!

online gifts can be made at: fargopeace.org/make-an-offering

As we move into the final months of the year, we give thanks for all the gifts that God has given us in our lives: our family, our friends, this community of faith, our time, our talents, our treasures, and so much more.

We give thanks for the life-giving ministry that happens here at Peace- through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach. People are being fed in body, mind, and spirit because of the work we do with one another.

Currently, there is a significant gap between our offering and expenses. Each month our expenses exceed income by about $6,650. We need your help to close the gap.

Thanks to the generosity of several Peace members, you have the opportunity for your gift to the General Fund to be amplified & go further. **General Fund donations given during the month of November will qualify for this special match.**

Every $10,000 given by the congregation to the General Fund will unlock a $2,000 matching gift to the General Fund. Once we reach $50,000 given to the General Fund, we will unlock an additional $10,000 match!

We appreciate all the ways you contribute to the life of this congregation as we live out our mission being United in Christ: we worship, share our gifts, and work for peace and justice.

Thank you for being generous!

The PLC Church Council

FiF & Confirmation

November 4-11	Class
November 18	Class- Service Project
November 25	No Class

Sunday School

November 1-22	Class
November 29	NO Class
December 6	Class
December 13	Class & Lessons & Carols worship

Pathways

Holiday Food Baskets: With the month of December just around the corner, now is the time to begin planning for our holiday food baskets. If you know of any families or neighbors with a need for an extra meal this Christmas season, we will post request forms on the Social Ministry bulletin board and in the church office by November 5th. The request forms will require the family name, family size and contact information. We will be preparing 25 baskets this year. Our deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 9th and the baskets will be available for distribution at the church on Sunday, December 13th and Monday, December 14th by appointment.

The basic items needed for each basket are listed below. More items will be added as donations become available.

- Turkey
- Potatoes – five pounds
- Stuffing mix – one box
- Green beans or corn – 2 cans
- Bread/buns
- Butter – one pound
- Baby Carrots – fresh, one small bag
- Halos – one bag
- Dessert – pumpkin pie ingredients or cake mix and canned frosting

It would be greatly appreciated if you would like to give to this mission at Peace Lutheran. A donation of cash towards the purchase of food items or providing the ingredients for the baskets would be very much appreciated. If you know what you would like to donate, please inform the church office where an up-to-date list of needed items will be kept. All frozen turkeys and non-perishable items may be delivered to the church starting the week of Thanksgiving and no later than Wednesday, December 9th. Starting the week of November 22nd, tables will be set up at the back of the Sanctuary for the collection of food basket items. All perishable items should be brought to the church by Wednesday, December 9th. If you have any questions regarding the food baskets, please contact Peace Lutheran Church at 701-232-7166 or office@fargopeace.org. Blessings to each of you as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Preparing Brunch at Micah's Mission in October

Please & Thank you

memorials & gifts

Matthew Andvik

Given by:	Fund:
Donna Holm	Undesignated

Clara Thurston

Given by:	Fund:
Maxine Kroke	Kitchen

Mabel Drew Kramer

Given by:	Fund:
Pam Kramer	Youth
Pam Kramer	Food Shelf

Carrie Curtis

sister of Donna Holm

Given by:	Fund:
Dawn Braaten Salsman	Kitchen

*please note: undesignated memorials are put into the Foundation fund

FOOD SHELF:
Our Food Shelf is looking for any breakfast/snack/granola type bars that are easy to take on the go. We need spices like black pepper and curry powder and instant potato and pasta mixes. We are happy to take your recycled plastic grocery bag donations to be used to bag our food shelf groceries. Please drop off your clean, regular sized bags at the food shelf during office hours or on Sunday. As always, the food shelf needs monetary donations.

WEATHER CLOSINGS
Tis' the season! A reminder if we need to be closed due to weather- we post office/building closings on Facebook & send emails to folks for meetings- or meet on Zoom if needed. If we cancel worship, we will also post that on: KVLY, KVRR, and WDAY/Inforum

SNOW REMOVAL
Our contracted snow removal company will clear the lot and sidewalks when we get one or more inches of snow. We just need one more volunteer to be on a rotation through the winter to keep an eye on the sidewalks when snow blows back in after the contractors clear them. The available week is March 16-22. We have an electric start snowblower that we would be happy to teach you how to operate. Please help us keep our sidewalks clear and safe for those that use them. Please contact the office if you're interested.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Please keep us informed if you change your address, phone number, or email. We do our best to keep in touch with our members, but we need your help when things change. Send changes to the church office however it works best for you. Simply drop it off, send it in the mail, email it, or call during office hours.
Email: office@fargopeace.org
Phone: 701-232-7166
Address: 1011 12th Ave N Fargo ND 58102

A huge thank you to Wendy Montplaisir, Karla Grant, and Myrna Olstad for their mission of sewing and knitting winter gear for our Food Shelf visitors. In addition to the totals below, **50 pairs of Adult Gloves** were purchased for men or women suitable to wear for work. Not only has Wendy worked hard to make gear to keep people warm but she has also worked to make the most of any yarn, fabric, or monetary donation. Contact the office to see how you can help!

Adult Mittens: 52
Child Mittens: 82
Scarves: 20
Dish cloths: 14
Adult Hats: 57
Purchased Hats: 8
Child Hats: 44

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Day** **Daylight-Saving Time Ends** 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/Comm 11:00am Coffee by Fellowship Committee 11:00am Potluck 5:00pm piano	**2** 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music	**3** 10:00am Food Shelf 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm FiF & Conf	**4** 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Altar Guild meeting 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 8:00pm AA 12 step	**5** 3:00pm Food Shelf 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 7:00pm AA Recovery	**6** 9:30am Men's Coffee 3:00pm piano	**7** 8:30am Serving at Micah's Mission 10:00am piano
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee by Peace & Justice 5:00pm piano	**9** 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music	**10** 10:00am Food Shelf 11:00am Lunch Club 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 6:30pm FiF & Conf	**11** **Veterans Day** 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Card Making 3:00pm piano 8:00pm AA 12 step	**12** 3:00pm Food Shelf 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 7:00pm AA Recovery	**13** 3:00pm piano	**14** 10:00am piano
15 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/Comm 11:00am Coffee by Social Ministry 5:00pm piano	**16** Office Closed 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music	**17** 10:00am Food Shelf 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm FiF & Conf	**18** TNC Meal 10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 8:00pm AA 12 step	**19** 3:00pm Food Shelf 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 7:00pm AA Recovery	**20** 9:30am Men's Coffee 3:00pm piano	**21** 10:00am piano 1:00pm Private event
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee by Youth 5:00pm piano	**23** Print newsletter 4:00pm NDSU Music	**24** 10:00am Food Shelf 1:00pm Fold Newsletters 4:00pm NDSU Music 6:30pm FiF & Conf	**25** Office Closed 10:00am Bible Study 8:00pm AA 12 step	**26** Office Closed **Thanksgiving Day** 7:00pm AA Recovery	**27** Office Closed	**28**
29 **First Sunday of Advent** 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee by Foundation 5:00pm piano	**30** Crossroads meal 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music	**1** 10:00am Food Shelf 3:00pm piano 6:30pm Cub Scouts	**2** 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 6:30pm Advent Worship 6:30pm FiF & Conf 8:00pm AA 12 step	**3** 3:00pm Food Shelf 3:00pm piano 4:00pm NDSU Music 7:00pm AA Recovery	**4** 9:30am Men's Coffee 3:00pm piano	**5** 8:30am Serving at Micah's Mission 10:00am piano

Our on-line calendar has up-to-date changes being made throughout the month.
Find it here: https://1492457.view-events.com

November continues the lectionary readings with the gospel of Matthew. Week 1, Nov 1: All Saints' Day

Matthew 5:1-12 Blessed are the poor in spirit. Matthew 5:1-12 teaches that ***true blessedness is found in God's Kingdom of value, including humility, repentance, mercy, purity, peacemaking, and steadfastness. These qualities lead to God's favor, comfort, and eternal inheritance,*** calling believers to live differently from the world and trust that God's promises outweigh any earthly advantage.

During week 2, Nov 8, Matthew 25:1-13: The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. The wise bridesmaids show that readiness for Christ is a matter of foresight, faithfulness, and personal commitment. The foolish bridesmaids remind us that even those who appear to be "in the faith" can be left outside if their spiritual life is not sustained until the Bridegroom comes: The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. The wise bridesmaids show that readiness for Christ requires our personal commitment to the Lord.

Moving on to week 3, Nov 15, Matthew 25:14-30 The story of the slaves entrusted with talents Matthew 25:14–30) is often called the Parable of the Talents and appears in Jesus' eschatological (end-times) discourse. Jesus describes a master who entrusts three servants with large sums of money ("talents"), each according to ability. A talent was enormous—about 6,000 denarii, roughly 20 years of wages. Matthew 25:14–30 calls believers to active, courageous stewardship of God's gifts during Christ's absence, promising joy to the faithful and warning against fearful inactivity.

Week 4, Nov 22: Christ the King Matthew 25:31-46: The coming of the Son of Man and the separation of sheep and goats teach that ***Christ's kingdom is revealed in acts of love toward the vulnerable.*** The "sheep" and "goats" are not defined by status or ritual but by whether we have embodied God's mercy in the world. For Christ the King Sunday, it is a reminder that ***our relationship with Christ is measured by how we treat those who have no power, no voice, and no one to advocate for them.***

Finishing up the month with Nov 29, the First Sunday of Advent

Mark 13:24-37 The sudden coming of the Son of Man: Jesus describes ***cosmic signs—***a darkened sun, moon without light, stars falling, and the "powers in the heavens" shaken—followed by the ***Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory*** to gather his people. The "sudden coming of the Son of Man" means ***God's unexpected, decisive return to restore creation and gather his people,*** occurring at a time only God knows, and calling for constant readiness, faithfulness, and hope in the present.

Sincerely,
Ronda Zaragoza, MAT

Participate

FALL Potluck

Sunday, November 1

Our fall potluck will be after All Saints Sunday worship.
Please bring your favorite dish to share!

Birthday Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.
Are there any special birthdays in the upcoming months that you would like to celebrate?
Please sign up if you would like to provide birthday cupcakes for the upcoming months.
Thank you,
the Fellowship Committee

Please donate your gently used Christmas mugs for our December college study bags. They can be dropped off by December 1 at the office. Thank you!

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

(Please order by Dec. 20, 2026)
You are invited to provide a poinsettia for the sanctuary to remember or celebrate loved ones during the holidays. The cost is $20.00 per plant payable by cash, check, or online at *https://fargopeace.org/make-an-offering*
Please include this form or form information with your payment. Pick up your plant or have it delivered after December 24.

I would like to purchase _____ poinsettia(s) for a total of $_____.
(please PRINT clearly)

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Given by: _____

Pieces of Peace

ALTAR GUILD
Altar Guild will meet
Wednesday, November 4 at 12 NOON
in the garden level. Please bring a small potluck item to share if possible. We will be planning and signing up for duties through the Christmas season—Preparing communion, Christmas decorating, Poinsettia sales. Anyone is welcome to join us.

FOUNDATION
The purpose of the Peace Lutheran Church Foundation is to enhance the work of the church by establishing new ministries and stewardship opportunities in addition to and apart from the general operation of the congregation.

CARD MAKING
The card making group will meet
Wednesday, November 11 at 1 PM.
Donated greeting cards will be recycled to sell for $1 each. Since the project began, we have sold 3,907 cards. Thank you to everyone for participating in this project which benefits the kitchen remodeling fund.

LUNCH CLUB
Peace Lunch Club is a great way for members of Peace to get to know each other better. It is open to both men and women. Each month we choose a different restaurant to go to. We meet at the chosen restaurant at 11:00 on the second Tuesday of the month. We'd love to have you join us whenever you are able to!
Tuesday, November 10 at 11am
Applebees 2001 16th St N Fargo

MICAH'S MISSION
Saturday, November 7 at 8:30am
The first Saturday of the month, a group of Peace volunteers prepare and serve a brunch at Micah's Mission (formerly Churches United for the Homeless). If you would like to join us or have questions call the church office.

MEN'S COFFEE
Friday November 6 & 20 at 9:30am
A gathering on the first and third Fridays for a time of fun and fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
The Fellowship Committee serves coffee, birthday cupcakes and sandwiches on the first Sunday of each month. They work to create events in the hopes of bringing members and visitors together for a time of fellowship. Some events have included meals, community service, art projects, games, and celebrations. They are always welcoming new members so if you have any interest please contact the church office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY
We serve coffee on the third Sunday of each month. We also help with Holiday Food Baskets, Benevolence donations, and much more! Let us know if you are interested in joining us at any time.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 10 am gather for coffee, fellowship, and a look at the weekly lectionary text.

PEACE CARES TEAM
Visits residents of Bethany Retirement Living
201 S University Dr Fargo
Training available
Contact Paula Larsen 701-212-2421

People to Celebrate

NOVEMBER Birthdays

1 Isaiah Gonzales
2 Nancy Monke
James Rushton
3 Glenn Rudolph
5 Joaquin Mata
Reina Mata
6 Donna Holm
Suvi Tucker
7 Paula Peterson
8 Kathleen Kilfoyl
9 Lisa Davidson
Anna Flesberg
Marianne Kalin
Elaine Throndset
10 Pete Martin
Amy Wold
11 Rick Smith
14 Michelle Barry
Justin Nelles
15 Wallis Gonseh
18 Jeremy Kramer
19 Kyle Handegard
Jayce Thompson
Beth Vrem
21 Mason Lockwood
Richard Nayes
22 Malachi Lockwood
23 Susan Zachgo
25 Gloria Wolden
26 Kris Hagen
Brynn Rudolph
29 Melissa Lockwood
Chandler Olafson-Homan

Last Month's Pastoral Acts

Confirmed

Hadley England
Joselyn Korbl
October 25, 2026

October 2026
Rummage & Bake Sale

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Jean Hellner
Nov 27
9 years

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Senior Pastor	Visitation Pastor	Office Administrator	Accountant
Cassie Anderson	Jessica Miller	Alicia Paul	Sarah Heinle
Organist	Custodian	Custodian	Financial Assistant
Dr. Jean M. Hellner	Lauren Giere	Mya Giere	Susan Balsdon

Peace Proceedings

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, September, 13th, 2026 @ 8:30am

Call to Order: President – Dakota Draper, President

I. **Devotions –** Pastor Cassie Anderson

II. **Roll Call-Present:** Dakota Draper, President, Pastor Cassie Anderson, Oliver Frenzel, Secretary, Mike Montplaisir, Treasurer, Kay Finely, Social Ministry, Brenda Giere, Vice President, Brian Giere, Buildings and Grounds. **Absent**: None

III. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – Meeting Minutes on August 16th, 2026- Motion to approve by Mike Montplaisir, seconded by Oliver Frenzel to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

IV. **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report- Mike Montplaisir

- Currently the church has a $101,000 deficit in the general fund. Income is down $25,000 for the year as compared to 2025, and expenses are up by $4,000 for this year as compared to 2025. Planning on a $15,000 principal payment on the Kitchen loan in December (with $5,000 from the Foundation and $10,000 from the Rumage sale proceeds). Planning on a Temple talk to discuss the current financial situation of the Church and also what giving/fund raising options that we can explore in October to generate more giving with the presence of our deficit.

Staff

Pastor Cassie Anderson – Kick-off Sunday is next week and continuing to get ready for Sunday School and Confirmation. Coordinated a meeting last week with Food shelf volunteers to explore ideas and adjustments due to Ron Ellingson and other individuals leaving in the coming months.

- Executive Committee
- Brenda Giere, Vice President- Explored dates and times for Bell Bank to present financial/wealth management information for congregation members in October. More information to come after finding their availability on specific dates/times.
- Oliver Frenzel, Secretary- Recently reached out to two NDSU student organizations to gauge their interest in volunteering at the Peace food shelf on one or more Thursdays of each month. Will be meeting with them next week.
- Mike Montplaisir, Treasurer- See report above.

Council

- Brian Giere, Buildings & Grounds – Parking lot repairs have been completed to fix the most urgent needs; however a seal coat was not used due to the cost and lack of long term effectiveness due to the multiple remaining cracks in the parking lot.
- Kay Finley, Social Ministry- No report
- Youth, Education, Planning & Development, Communications, Stewardship, Fellowship, Other updates as needed-none

V. Dakota Draper, President- Recently sent an email to the Bishop exploring the 'Dare to Invite' initiative to increase outreach and awareness for Peace church. The representatives at the Bishops who would possibly come to the church and speak with the congregation about these outreach efforts were booked through Sept and Oct of this year. Possibly think about an initiative that uses 'door hangers' or postcard mailers in December to welcome new individuals in the community to Peace.

VI. **Old Business** – Food shelf- continue to explore volunteers for the food shelf due to individuals that will be leaving in the coming months.

VII. **New business –** none

VIII. **Lord's Prayer**

IX. **Scheduling of Next Meeting: Oct 18th, 2026 @ 8:30am**

X. **Meeting Adjourned**

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Outreach Programs-Please Join Us!

Food Shelf
- Tuesdays from 10am-noon
- Thursdays from 3-5:00 pm

Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry
- Preparing and serving a meal at NDSU Crossroads
- Watch calendar for dates

Micah's Mission
- Preparing and serving a meal
- 8:30-11:30 am 1st Saturday of each month

The Neighborhood Church
- Preparing and serving a meal
- 6:30 pm 3rd Wednesday during school year

Peace Cares Team
- Visit Bethany Retirement Living residents

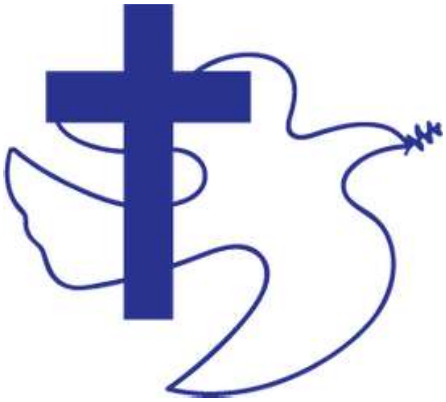
Worship & Church Information

Sunday
- 9:00 am Sunday School (PreK-Grade 5)
- 10:00 am Worship www.facebook.com/fargopeace/videos
  Communion is served on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wednesday
- 6:30 pm FiF (Grade 6-7)
- 6:30 pm Confirmation (Grade 8-9)

Office Hours
- 9:00 am-3:00 pm Mon-Fri

Contact Us
- Church Office 701-232-7166
- www.fargopeace.org
- facebook.com/fargopeace
- eandsynod.org



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