



Peace United Methodist Church
Pastor Rob Kopp
303 Ninth Avenue South
Virginia MN 55792

**Mediacom channel 5TV
Peace church service
Weekly air times**

Sunday 9:00 am, 8:00 pm
Monday 2:00 am
Tuesday 10:00 am
Wednesday none
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday 5:30 pm
Saturday 10:00 am

Prayers & Squares Quilting

The Peace UMC Prayers and Squares quilt group has been happily meeting twice a month making mostly wheelchair sized lap quilts. We delivered 184 quilts to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities during the year! In the fall we will begin meeting again at the church on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you on September 4th.

Our Mission at Peace United Methodist Church
Peace in our Communities, offering healing and wholeness to all in life's journey

The Methodist Messenger

September 2025

Church Office

Hours: Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Our Staff

Pastor
Administrative Assistant
Custodian

Rev. Lisa Vick
Rachel Bodas
Neil Strong Sr.

Worship Schedule

10:30 AM Peace UMC
303 South 9th Avenue
Virginia, MN 55792

Note: 1st Sunday of each month is
Communion Sunday

Find our online worship service at
www.werpeaceumc.com or on our Facebook
page.

Just a note we have a new
Facebook page:
We R Peace UMC
Take a look
Like, follow and share.



Settling In

“Thus says the Lord of hosts... Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce... seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

—Jeremiah 29:4–7

I’ve now started my third month here in Virginia at Peace UMC. At home, there are still a few boxes waiting to be unpacked, and I’m still hunting for things I know are “in there somewhere.” It can feel a little overwhelming at times—but I must be settling in because Amazon has officially found me, and I won’t be running out of coffee anytime soon!

Here at church, I can feel the Spirit moving. New small study groups are forming, and we’re encouraging folks to find what works for you—maybe a group that meets before or after a meeting, maybe on Sunday morning before worship, maybe in someone’s living room or around a kitchen table. These small gatherings are one of the best ways we build friendships, deepen faith, and discover how God is working in our everyday lives.

Of course, there are still lonely moments—it takes time to find your footing in a new place. But Jeremiah’s words remind me, and us, that God calls us to lean in, to invest, and to seek the welfare of the community where we are planted. Because in the welfare of this city and this church, we will find our welfare too.

If you’d like to start or join a small group, please let me know—I’d love to help you connect!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Lisa

PASTORAL CARE

Please notify the church office (218-741-7739) if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization, surgery or emergency.

Pastoral Calls: 612-558-5316
Email: pastor@werpeaceums.com

**Coffee An’
Every Wednesday
1:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome!**

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Missions Committee

“Bill’s House” is a homeless shelter in Virginia, MN.

The outreach ministry committee is accepting donations for Bill’s House. The donations will be used to obtain products for them. They will also accept gently used twin bed sheets, towels, wash clothes, and dishcloths in good condition. They are very grateful and appreciative for our help. Thank you.

Are you looking for a cause?

If so, the Missions Committee is looking for you. As September arrives, so does our new year of planning ways we can help both our church family and our community. Please join us at six on Wednesday, September 10, as we begin to chart our course for the year. We would love new participants and new ideas.

We hope to see you there. 😊

Note: meeting time will change to daytime hours when we get to winter months.

God’s blessings,

The Missions members

The Missions team is working with Gethsemane’s Generosity team to create bags we can give to foster care parents for new placements. New or gently used clothing, blankets, etc., can be brought to room 14. Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for a list of needed items. If you love rummage sales, they’re perfect for picking up a few things. 😊

From SPRC

Name Tags, please....

As Pastor Lisa begins her 3rd month as our pastor, please continue to wear your name tags to help her as she gets to know us.

Reminder:

As our Administrative Assistant, Rachel is in the office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. On Sundays, she is here for worship and fellowship. If you have to discuss any church business with her, please contact her during office hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sunday School Leaders Are Gearing Up For Fall

Even though our Sunday School children and leaders are enjoying their summer vacation, planning for the fall will take place during August. Materials have been ordered, and teachers will be gathering to discuss plans for the upcoming year. All leaders are back for the fall, and we look forward to a fun year of stories, activities, and helping our students grow in their faith. More news about our upcoming year will be in the September Messenger.

The Sunday School Leaders

Worship Service Helpers

To all the Ushers, Readers, and Coffee’ an volunteers. Thank you for being a worship service helper in 2025! A lot of church members have said to me that they would not want my job but you make it easy by showing up on time when you are scheduled, by finding your own sub, and filling in when it is needed. To the congregation: all are invited to be a worship service helper.

As 2026 approaches let me know if there has been a change in your willingness to help or if you have any conflicts, you would like me to work around by October. Your service is a blessing to our church!

Diane Hawley

Join us Sunday, September 14th for our Rally Sunday Potluck!

A great time for good food and fellowship after worship.



September BIRTHDAYS

4 – Becky Clark	20 – Gary Norton
4 – Byrl Norlander	21 – Gary Picek
5 – Kevin Rice	23 – Mary Jo Bradach
6 – Holly Bachschneider	25 – Dale Ekmark
6 – Paul Hultman	26 – Sandy Bennett
9 – Ryan Moller	26 – Anneka Lundgren
10- Tristan Lackner	28 – Mark Smith
11 – Paul Bachschneider	29 – Braeden Sturgis
15 – Miranda Beise Moller	29 – Carrie Woods
18 – Marshal Bergerson	30 – Laurel Roen
19 – Betty Culbert	

If I am missing a birthday or have someone listed who should be removed, please let the office know. Thank you! Rachel

September Worship Helpers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee 'AN</u>	<u>Friday Reader</u>	<u>Sunday Reader</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Power Point</u>
<u>9/7/25</u>	Sheila Colosimo	9/5 Val Weir	Lois Lackner	Branville Family	Pam Omersa Kathy Oliver	Rachel Bodas
<u>9/14/25</u>	Holly Lundgren Gail Smith	9/12 Pam Omersa	Holy Lundgren	Betsy Erickson	Ann Voss B. Norlander	Gary Picek
<u>9/21/25</u>	Bill & Lois Robillard	9/19 Kathy Rice	Catherine Branville	Roger Summers Mark Knutson	Tom & Gail Johnson	Joan Schriber
<u>9/28/25</u>	Mark & Ellen Hedlund	9/26 Gail Smith	Jonathan Crain	Branville Family	J. Martinson C. Thomas	Holly Lundgren

Communion Steward

September – Pam Omersa/Sue Kolstad

October –

November –

December -

COFFEE AN' HOSTS

****Donuts for Coffee an' are to be picked up at Super One SOUTH.

You will need to pick up the Peace UMC account card from the office before going to Super One South. The church has an account set up for payment; you must go through the checkout line and show the clerk the account card. If you have any questions, please call the Office.

Did You Know . . . There is an American flag and a Christian flag in the sanctuary?

The American flag in the sanctuary is seen by many as a way to honor both God and country.

From the historical perspective, the United States and the Methodist denomination were born at roughly the same time and grew up together: Methodist identity has been strongly linked with the nation and its ideals of democracy and liberty.

Love, honor and worship of God are primary in our Christian community and so in our worship space. We believe our first allegiance is always to Christ. The sanctuary is first and foremost a place for the worship of God.

The flag invites Christians to reflect on the relationship between faith and nation. Many see the flag as a symbol of gratitude for the freedoms enjoyed, including freedom of worship, and as an expression of prayer for the nation's leaders, citizens, and wellbeing.

The flag invites us to reflect on the relationship between church and state, to recognize the church's mission within its community and nation.

The flag also invites us to reflect on the nature of Christian witness in the world. Our primary allegiance is to God's kingdom—a kingdom that welcomes believers of every nation, tribe, and tongue.

Ultimately, the presence of the American flag in the sanctuary serves as a reminder of the complex interplay between faith, gratitude, and civic identity. While it offers an opportunity for reflection on our responsibilities to both God and nation, its use is guided by the discernment and traditions of each local congregation, rather than by an official denominational stance.

Did You Know? The thirteen stripes represent the thirteen original colonies, and the fifty stars represent the fifty states. The red is for valor, white symbolizes liberty, and the blue stands for justice.

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