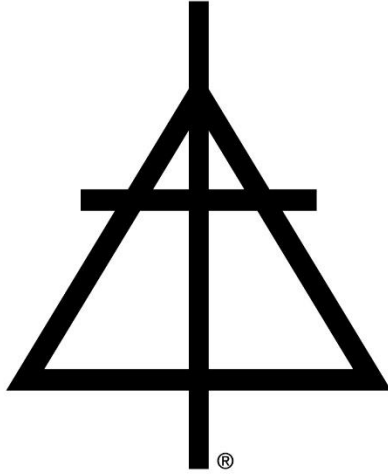


# PEACE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
and today and forever. Heb. 13:8

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## CHURCH

306 N. High St.

Menno, SD 57045

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Worship at 9:30 a.m.

## **Welcome to guests and visitors.**

If you do not have a church home, we would be glad to visit with you about making Peace CRC your church.

*Peace Christian Reformed Church*  
*Menno, SD*  
*December 10, 2023*

**Organist** Alita Guthmiller

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Ryan VanderWees

**\* Call to Worship**

**\* Greeting from God/Greeting One Another**

**\* Opening Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 331 - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**God's Will for Our Lives**

**\* Hymn:** Red Hymnal 174 - *Lift Up Your Head*

**Congregational Prayer**, followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Offering Plate** by the Exit in the back of the sanctuary - General Fund

**\* Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 333 - *Blest Be the God of Israel*

**Scripture:** Luke 1:67-80

**Sermon:** *Guide Our Feet into the Way of Peace*

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 153, Psalm 80- *Great Shepherd Who Leadest v.1-3;6*

**\* Apostles' Creed & Catechism** - Q. 46-49

**\* Benediction**

**\* Closing Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 493 - *The Doxology*

**Postlude**

**\*Please stand if able**

**Evening Service Information:** Lord's Days 50-52; Matthew 6:25-34; Romans 5:1-5; Dependence Upon the Lord and the Assurance of His Dependability

## **Today/This Week:**

- December 10 - Worship Service/Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Group meal (lasagna), serving begins at 11 a.m.  
Caroling, 5 p.m. (see additional info in bulletin)  
Evening Service, 7 p.m.
- December 13 – Women’s Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Confirmation Class, 6 p.m.  
Women’s Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Men’s Bible Study, 7 p.m.

## **Upcoming:**

- December 17 – Worship Service/Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Group meal (potato bake), serving begins at 11 a.m.
- December 20 – Women’s Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Confirmation Class, 6 p.m.  
Women’s Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Special Consistory Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Regular Consistory Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**December 3:** Attendance – 74; Collection - \$2055

**USHER** for December: Brent Haberman

**SOUND SYSTEM** December: Robert Heckenlaible

**WEEKLY PRAYERS:** Each week throughout the year we as a consistory are asking for prayers for the families and individuals of Peace Christian Reformed Church. The families to keep in mindful prayer for this week of December 10 - Daniel Haase, Marlys Handel, and Carmen Heckenlaible.

**PASTOR RYAN’S CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Ryan during the week you can call/text him at 616.240.8166 or email [ryan.vanderwees@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.vanderwees@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:** Tonight we have evening service at 7 p.m.

**DECEMBER MEALS:** There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Social Hall for food items needed for the Sunday Youth Group meals in December. If you are able to help, write your name beside the item(s) you’d like to donate. This year we are having meals on each of the four Sudays before Christmas. Questions, see Rachel Guthmiller.

**POINSETTIA TREE:** The Youth Group has again organized the poinsettia tree in the Social Hall. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory of a loved one with a free will donation to the youth group, please see Rachel Guthmiller.

**YOUTH GROUP MEALS:** Today, please join us for a free will offering lasagna meal. December 17 is the potato bake and December 24 is taco bar. Proceeds go to youth SERVE trips and youth group projects.

**CAROLING:** We are planning on caroling around Menno TONIGHT. We will meet at the church and leave for the first house at 5:00 p.m. All are encouraged to join. Also feel free to bring snacks for after caroling, before the evening service. Hot chocolate will be provided.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING:** There is an insert with the totals given for the Thanksgiving Day offering. The congregation has given generously, and for that, thank you!

**CAROLS BEFORE SERVICES:** Come to church early on December 17 and 24, for a time of singing Christmas carols. We'll begin at 9:20 a.m. these Sundays. All are welcome and encouraged to come!

***Peace Christian Reformed Church Online***

Website: [www.peacecrcmenno.org](http://www.peacecrcmenno.org)

View services: [youtube.com/@peacecrcmenno](https://youtube.com/@peacecrcmenno)

**PEACE CRC Consistory Members:**

**ELDERS**

Roger Guthmiller  
Henry Bender  
Mark Schaeffer  
Phil Neuharth  
Don Saylor

**DEACONS**

Brett Guthmiller  
Jeremy Zeeb  
Brent Haberman  
Andrew Schaeffer

**ALPHA CENTER GIFTS:** The women of the church are again collecting unwrapped baby clothes and gifts for the Alpha Center during the month of December. Please bring your gifts to the table in the social hall.

**ADVENT PROGRAMS:** In the month of December the Women of the church group 3 will present a short Advent program each Sunday in the social hall before we eat the meal.

**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS:** Today, the German from Russia organization will present an old fashioned Christmas program at 2 p.m. at the Salem Lutheran Church one mile east of Meridian Corner. A potluck lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CALENDAR UPDATES:** The yearly calendar of birthdates and anniversaries is being updated for 2024. Please check your information on the sheets in the Social Hall and update as necessary.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:**

As we prepare for the 2024 Operation Christmas Child boxes, the following are a few items that are needed:

rubber bands of all sizes

Wash clothes

Notebooks or loose-leaf paper

Coloring books

Used jeans to cut up

1/4 inch ribbon any color

Broken retractable metal tape measures

Toothbrushes

Scrapbook paper, small or 12x12 pieces

New heavy duty plastic drinking cups

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** December is the month for our church to deliver Meals on Wheels. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall. If you can take a day or two or a week, please indicate on the calendar what days you are available to deliver meals. Contact Donna Zeeb if you have any questions.

## Thanksgiving Day Offering - Peace CRC

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alpha Center	\$3,725
Benevolence Fund	100
Building Fund (Projects, Upgrades, and Additions)	4100
Church Sponsored Missionaries Klompfen (Nepal), Werner (Japan)	250
Cornerstone Prison Ministry – Sioux Falls	255
Crossroads Prison Ministry	250
FCA – Fellowship Christian Athletes	750
Freedom's Gate Church - SF	250
General Fund	275
Gideons	1350
Livingstone Prison Ministry – Springfield SD	305
Menno-Olivet Care Center	1565
Mission Committee	325
Operation Christmas Child	100
Therefore Go Ministries (formerly Youth Unlimited - SERVE)	2100
Scotland Youth Center	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>15850</b>