



Words of Peace

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Peace Lutheran Church

A congregation of Lutheran
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The Annual Meeting will be held on January 25th. Lunch will be served at 10:15 (NO Sunday Classes) and the Annual Meeting will follow immediately.

The Council will provide a luncheon ham & rolls. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

February 15th -

7th Annual Variety Show, 6-8 p.m.

This is a great time to kick back and enjoy the immense talent

in our congregation.

There will be a 20 minute intermission with refreshments provided.



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Dear Family at Peace,

What a wonderful season of the year we just finished! The midweek services during Advent intended to fill us up and slow us down, the weekly worship encouraging us to watch and wait, and the celebration of Christ's coming – long ago and very soon. Thank you to all who have participated in making this a very special and memorable season for me at PLC.



As I write this letter we are coming to the end of the year. It is a good time to look back, reflecting on what has gone on in the past 12 months – especially to remember the ways the Lord has carried us through difficult times and stressful circumstances. And to recall the way in which God has supplied for our need and taken such unbelievable care of us. Things were far from perfect, but God has been with us.

There is a reason we say “hind sight is 20-20”. Looking at life's situations from a distance gives perspective we seldom have in the present. We are able to see how God was at work and the grander scale on which He works. We often see more clearly once we are released from the intensity of situations that effect our emotions and our prayers.

I hope you will join me in taking some time to recall the wonders of God – both great and small, this year. Write them down and put them somewhere that you can go back to them when you are feeling like God has drifted far from you or when you just don't feel like He is listening.

As I write this letter, we are also coming to the beginning of a new year. It is a good time to look ahead, to dream, to hope, and to plan for what God may lead us to and through in the days ahead.

The events of the past should serve us and strengthen us to face the challenges of the future. We need not fear because God is with us! He has proven that to us again and again. He has given us another year to experience His grace and mercy and to renew our strength for what lies ahead. Opportunities await us, individually and as a congregation, to do great things in partnership with God!

January also marks the PLC annual meeting, where we talk, plan and budget toward our vision of the future. This is an important opportunity for us to come together as the body of believers in the God who has been with us, to envision what might be possible as we travel this road together.

So please, read our Annual Report and let it ignite some thoughts about what God might do in and through you as an individual, a family, and us as a church called and sent into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Together in Mission,
Pastor Bob

Dear friends in Christ,

Happy New Year 2015! It has come to my attention that it would be helpful for me to tell you more about myself, my family and my family history. I'm very happy to oblige!

I was born in Sidney, Montana and grew up on the family farm 9 miles NE of Lambert, MT (though some would say I'm still working on the growing up part!☺) My dad, Jerry, and my uncle Ernie were partners on the farm. Dad also served on the Montana Farmers Union Insurance Board and on the national Board of Directors for GTA- later Harvest States. My mom, Elsie, taught school, served on the MT Board of Regents and somehow managed to raise 7 children. I have never figured out quite how she was able to do that! Dad celebrated his 90th birthday on May 16, 2014- he has the same birthday as my wife, Misty! Mom died on July 18, 2012 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. It was a blessing to her that all 7 of her children were there in the last 2 weeks of her passing. I will always remember her last words of advice to us- "stay together." And we have.

I graduated from Sidney High School and spent 2 years at Montana State University before transferring to Western Montana College where I graduated in December, 1983 with a B.S. degree in Broadfield Social Studies- Secondary Education. In 1985 my Dad asked if I would like to return to the family farm and I welcomed the opportunity.

I met Misty Sayers-Paulson in Sidney in 1992. We were married on Valentine's Day, 1993 and made our home on the Redlin farm. We have 4 children- Jenny, Steven, Jared and Julian. All are now grown and off on their own. Jenny and John and our granddaughter Mahayla live south of Eugene, OR. Steven lives in Glendive, MT, Jared and Chelsea and our new granddaughter Elly live in St. Paul, MN and Julian and Katie live in White Bear Lake, MN. We are truly blessed!

I felt the call of the Holy Spirit into our Lord's service in 1997. After some necessary farm restructuring (twin brother Jon now operates the family farm) I enrolled in Luther Seminary in 1998-graduating in May, 2002 with an MDIV degree. My first pastoral call was to a 4-point Lutheran parish in Langford, South Dakota. Then in 2005 we moved to Conrad, MT where I pastored for 4 years. In 2008, the opportunity came for us to be close to our granddaughter Mahayla and family and so we moved to Lebanon, OR where I was Lead Pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. In August 2009, the ELCA changed ordination standards for clergy at their national assembly and so in May, 2010, 90 members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and I made a bold decision to leave and start a mission church- Christ Community Lutheran Church. We were blessed that the Holy Spirit doubled the size of our congregation during my time there and the congregation is still going strong. PTL!

In May, 2014 I took a leave from call to serve as SW MT Missionary Coordinator for Child Evangelism Fellowship in Bozeman, MT- but the Lord's call back to pastoral ministry returned strongly. This call was reaffirmed during my part-time 2 month interim ministry here at PLC this past Lent season. In April, 2014 I began serving as pastor at American Lutheran Church in Winifred, MT. But when the Lord Jesus Christ prepared the way for me to serve alongside Pastor Bob here at Peace Lutheran Church, I followed Christ's leading. So Misty and I moved back to the Gallatin Valley this past Reformation Sunday and now live in the PLC parsonage.

We are very thankful to be part of the PLC family! For both of us there is a very strong sense of belonging and of planting our roots here for the long haul. I am blessed to be your Associate Pastor and Misty and I eagerly look forward getting to know each one of you on a more personal basis.

In this New Year and beyond, let us be in prayer for our congregation; that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide and empower us all as Peace Lutheran Church begins another chapter in the life of our congregation.

A fellow servant of Christ,
Pastor Jeff



January Ministry Teams

January 4 2nd Sunday of Christmas	<i>Evangelical Lutheran #10</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Acolyte	<i>Sam Monson</i>
Usher	<i>Bruce & Virginia Sorensen</i>
Refreshments	<i>Paul & Sandra Joubert Bruce & Virginia Sorensen</i>
January 11 Baptism of Our Lord	<i>We Bring Our Gifts</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Acolyte	
Usher	<i>Jerry & Karlene Swenson</i>
Lector	<i>Karl Swenson</i>
Refreshments	<i>Marilyn Megaard & Gary & Debbie Porter</i>
January 18 2nd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Evangelical Lutheran #10</i>
Piano	<i>Virginia Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	<i>Dawson Marks</i>
Usher	<i>Don & Tammy Marks</i>
Lector	<i>Gayle Clifford</i>
Refreshments	<i>Gayle Clifford Don & Tammy Marks</i>
January 25 3rd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Sing A New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Acolyte	<i>Dalton Koosman</i>
Usher/Lector	<i>Mike & Lorrie Hansen</i>
Council for January	<i>Lorrie Hansen, Trish Severson, & Larry Oddy</i>
Altar Guild for January	<i>Cheryl Bechtold, Marilyn Megaard & Audrey Vitarius</i>

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed  NEW YEAR'S Day	2 Office Closed 6:36 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer	3 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
4 2 nd Sunday of Christmas 9:00 a.m. Worship– Evangelical Lutheran #10 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Forum 7:00 p.m. Choir	5 Church office closed Pr. Bob's day off 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	6 1:30 p.m. Crossways Bible Study	7 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 12:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	8 3:30 p.m. Peacemakers (Grade 4-6) 7:00 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study @ Judi Beagley's	9 Pr. Jeff's day off 6:36 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer	10 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
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18 2 nd Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Worship – Evangelical Lutheran #4 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Forum 7:00 p.m. Choir	19 Church office closed Pr. Bob's day off 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	20 1:30 p.m. Crossways Bible Study	21 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch @ Desert Rose 12:00 noon Belgrade Ministerial Lunch 12:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:30 p.m. Belgrade School Early Release 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	22 Newsletter Due 3:30 p.m. Peacemakers (Grade 4-6) 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study @ Judi Beagley's	23 Pr. Jeff's day off 6:36 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer	24 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
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If you would like to show your thanks for something in the next newsletter, please fill out a "I give thanks to" sheet and place it in the Give Thanks boxes that are located on the counter in the back of the Sanctuary and on a table in the Fellowship Hall.



For January

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed or has the wrong date, please contact the church office so that it can be corrected on the

church records. Office email is

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✚ CROP Walk raised a total of \$16,169. The walkers of PLC raised \$840! One fourth, or \$4,042, will be returned to local agencies- the food bank in Bozeman, Three Forks. The Ministerial Association received \$210.

✚ To everyone that made Christmas so special:

- ◆ The Sunday School children, PeaceMakers, parents, Pr. Jeff & Misty for their wonderful program
- ◆ Bruce & Virginia Sorensen for letting PLC use their stable
- ◆ Dianne Coughlin & the choir
- ◆ All our musicians that add so much to every service
- ◆ Eric & Connie Holton for coming up with the idea for a bus for caroling.
- ◆ Church Council for sponsoring the caroling bus.
- ◆ To the PLC Youth ~ We had a total donation of \$470.00. Our costs were \$300, so the youth have donated \$170 to ROC Wheels. Thank you to all who shopped, worked, prep-cooked, served, cleaned-up, AND everyone who enjoyed the food and donated. Thank you! Peace Youth
- ◆ And of course to our Pastors!

✚ Laura Carter, Jinx Sorensen, & Karlene Swenson for serving a great potato bar & chili lunch at the Ministerial group on December 17, 2014

- ◆ Martin & Sue Kimm for donating the potatoes

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| 1 | Melissa Finkbeiner |
| 4 | Christo Spartas |
| | Cassidy Smith |
| 5 | Matthew Clark |
| 6 | Chad & Amber |
| | VanLuchene |
| 7 | Brooks Bolich |
| 8 | Jennifer Smith |
| | Dawson Davis |
| 9 | Larry & Diane Oddy |
| | Jodi Robbins |
| 10 | Kaiana Smith |
| 13 | Paul & Sandra Joubert |
| | Tim Pipinich |
| | Mathew Mitchell |
| 14 | Ashlyn Swenson |
| | Diana Murphy |
| 15 | Melanie Kramer |
| | Richard Keller |
| | Jennifer Molyneaux |
| 16 | Marisa Rathbun |
| 18 | Audrey Vitarius |
| | Bentz Bolich |
| 19 | Robin Lennemann |
| | Russel Fox |
| 21 | Roy Bray |
| 26 | John Gillis |
| | Jeff Bell |
| | Kris Bell |
| 27 | Shawna Smith |
| 29 | Lisa Moellenkamp |
| 30 | Pr. Bob Coughlin |

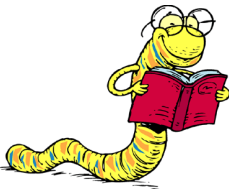
BAPTISMS FOR JANUARY

Remember your Baptism – whether walking in the rain or in the shower. Members that have been baptized in January are:

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| | Jackie Currey |
| | Connie Holton |
| 1 | Paul Joubert |
| | Tamara Marks |
| | Debbie Porter |
| | Christopher Ranney |
| | Reed Simonson |
| 3 | Suzanne Fischer |
| 7 | SharlaRae Kuka |
| 11 | Kevin Mattson |
| 14 | Lisa Duffey |
| 15 | Jessica Roesener |
| 19 | Lakotah Erickson |



PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



The Sunday School students finished their Pages for a Prize - school supplies project at the end of December. These names were added to prize roster: Brooks Bolich, Anthony Madison, Dylan Swenson, Ashlyn Swenson, Kollen Pipinich, Bryleigh Larson, and Kenzlee Swenson. The students come to the Library for reading activities and checking out books; however, they can check out and check in books any time they are at Peace Lutheran.

THANK YOU TO PASTOR BOB COUGHLIN AND PASTOR JEFF REDLIN AND PEACE LUTHERAN for the books they gave to our Library. Pastor Bob donated the set of book, workbook, and DVD for WHO IS THIS MAN? by John Ortberg. Several of the books donated by Pastor Jeff help us answer questions about the Bible and relationships with our church family.

The books bought at Family Christian Store by Peace Lutheran include recent popular novels and Christian Living. Max Lucado's BEFORE AMEN is their 2015 Book of the Year. If you enjoy Duck Dynasty, their teen, Sadie Robertson's LIVE ORIGINAL fits teens and adults. One of the best family relations that so fit our times is KILLING LIONS by John Eldredge and Sam Eldrege. These are among many more popular and requested books for you to read and enjoy!

Judi Beagley, librarian

February Ministry Team
In January a council member will be
calling the following
February Ministry Team Members:

Mike & Becky Erickson
Roy Finkbeiner
Phil & Kate Davis
Kevin & Julie Mattson
Joe & Jodi Robbins
Steve & De'Anne Smith
Michael & Vickie Streich
Kirk & Michelle Banderob
Jeff & Kris Bell
Heather Geiger
John & Wynne Gillis
Fred & Kari Haas
Harvey & Laura Carter
Lisa McCurley
Mike & Joy Spinella
Gary & Connie Paulson
Andy Mitchell & Debra Briggs



Peace Lutheran Council Meeting – December 11, 2014

Members present: Pastor Bob, Pastor Jeff, Russ Fox, Eric Holton, John Gillis, Mike Streich, Trish Severson, Jim Cook, Tiina Smith, and Val Ross

Members not present: Fred Haas, Lorrie Hansen, Larry Oddy

Opening Devotions: Presented by Trish Severson based on The True Christmas Story. Let us boldly proclaim the truth about Jesus as the reason for the season.

Approval of November 13, 2014 Council meeting minutes:

Russell Fox motioned to approve minutes, John Gillis seconded the motion. Motion carried to accept minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report:

- a. Val Ross presented council members with copies of the treasurer's report. Giving remains strong. Johan Gillis moved to accept the report, Eric Holton seconded – motion carried to accept treasurer's report as presented.
- b. 2015 Budget: Val Ross presented the 2015 budget
 - Discussion regarding increasing benevolence in 2015. Eric Holton motioned increasing benevolence to 12% (from the current 11%). Jim Cook seconded the motion – motioned carried.
 - Discussion regarding the building fund at the current \$2000.00 monthly. All council members present agreed to keep the contribution of \$2000.00/monthly
 - Discussion regarding Pastor bob Coughlin's and Pastor Jeff Redlin's percentage/breakdown of full time work and appropriate reimbursement. Pastor Bob and Pastor Jeff will meet to review and present a proposal at the next council meeting.
 - Val Ross reported the budget will be adjusted to reflect the discussion from this meeting

Congregational concerns: none presented

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Bob: Provided a brief update regarding his current health. A thyroid problem has been detected. He will be following up with his physician for appropriate treatment. This may be contributing to his fatigue. His voice pitch is lowering to a more normal pitch.

- Adult forum has concluded – the next forum is being developed and will follow the same format as the previous one
- Confirmation is on track

Pastor Jeff: Expressed his appreciation of the council and church members.

- Reviewed Christmas programs – good participation from both church members as well as youth from the community
- Expressed concerns regarding the gap in education between the Peace Keepers (grades 4- 6) and the confirmation group (grades 8 - 12). Concerned that there is no current program for the 7th grade group. Adjustments to the structure are being reviewed.
- Reported the parsonage is in good working order
- Presented information regarding the Northwest District Annual Gathering being held in Kalispell April 17 – 19th. Pastor Jeff is being nominated to join the board. At the present time Peace is not a member of the Northwest District. Discussion followed regarding benefits from joining. A motion was made by Russ Fox that Peace join the Northwest District, Trish Severson seconded – motioned carried.

New Business:

a. 2015 Council: Council positions remain open. Russ Fox, Mike Streich and Trish Severson have agreed to extend their terms by one year

- Possible new council members include: Mike Hansen (2 yr.), Jerry Swenson, and Tom Gruss. Email any other names to Mike Streich.
- Pastor Jeff raised concern that it is stated in the by-laws state that a Nominating Committee, which is appointed by council, be the means in which new council members are presented.

b. Sound System:

- The altar microphone is still having some trouble. Please coil the cables under table to avoid being walked on.
- Eric Holton reported that a new amp is not necessary and recommended using the current one
- Need to get a 2nd lapel microphone working
- Need to contact the 7th Day Adventist group to educate on the sound system

c. Team reports: due to Sandi by December 18th

d. Annual Meeting: to be held on January 25, 2015

e. Other new business:

- Choir and church/community members will be caroling on December 14th. Eric Holton proposed renting a bus from Karst Stage for 3 hours at the rate of \$324.00. This would insure everyone safety in the event of bad weather/roads and would allow everyone to arrive at each location at the same time resulting in better time management. Eric Holton motioned we rent a bus for \$324.00, Jim Cook seconded – motioned carried. Connie Holton will follow up with Karst to secure bus.
- Kris Bell has donated a dishwasher that will be replaced the current dishwasher in the parsonage.

Team Reports:

- a. Congregational life – no report
- b. B. Education and Youth – no report
- c. Property care – no report
- d. Stewardship , Outreach & Mission – Pastor Bob, Fred and Kari Haas attended the Community Café meeting
- e. Worship & Music – continue to meet regularly

Discussion regarding possibly re-structuring teams and developing a set goal.

It was moved by Jim Cook and seconded by Russ Fox to adjourn meeting at 9:25.

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting - January 8, 2015

Devotions: Jim Cook

Respectfully submitted: Tiina Smith



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Scriptures for January

January 4 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

1 Kings 3:40-15	Psalms 119:97-104
Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52

January 11 - Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5	Psalms 29
Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11

January 18 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalms 139:1-10
1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51

January 25 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5,10	Psalms 62
1 Corinthians 7:29-35	Mark 1:14-20

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