



Words of Peace

December 2018

Peace Lutheran Church

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2

10:00 a.m. Advent Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum

2:00 p.m. Service of Hope @ Dokken Nelson,

6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread

7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 5

Sunday, December 9

10:00 a.m. Advent Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum

6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread

7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 12

Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Advent Worship

10:30 a.m. Youth Christmas Breakfast

6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread

7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 19

Sunday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Advent Worship

Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Barn Worship @

Sorensen's

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Candlelight & Carols Worship @ Peace

WEDNESDAYS in ADVENT we have a Soup & Bread meal at 6:15 p.m. Following the meal at 7:00 p.m. there will be an Advent evening worship service. Please come and join us. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall to provide soup and bread.



Sunday School Planning

Here we are in this "wonderful" and "busy" time of the year! We want to inform you of the events that will be taking place during the next few weeks of Sunday school.

Dec. 2nd—Advent Lesson

Dec. 9th—Advent Lesson

Dec. 16th – No Sunday School; Christmas Breakfast

Dec. 25th & Jan. 1 – No Sunday School

We will begin for the "new year" on **Sunday Jan. 20th.** If you have any questions about these dates, please ask your child's teacher.

Thank You, Peace Lutheran Sunday School Staff



2018 Peace Re-Piecers Christmas Store

We are looking forward to our 2018 Christmas Store. Due to the dates of Christmas we will only be doing the Christmas Store during fellowship December 9 and 16. Once again we will have some craft items, baked goods and possibly jams or jellies. This year we have a 71 x 84 quilt that has been professionally quilted which would make an awesome Christmas gift. The price is \$300 and if it doesn't sell at the Christmas Store we will raffle it in the spring. We are planning a new mission for the Peace Re-piecers starting after the holidays. Marcia Zankowski was involved in a mission that went to assisted living facilities and did small mending projects (sewing buttons/mending seams, etc). We currently have one facility eager to explore this mission. Pray for us as we begin this outreach to the elderly of Belgrade.

BELGRADE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Peace Lutheran is once again participating in the Belgrade Festival of Lights, Saturday, December 8 in downtown Belgrade. We will have a booth to give holiday greetings, share about our church, pass out some goodies and sing a few Christmas Carols! Come join the fun or just stop by from 5-8pm near the corner of Main and Broadway.



Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to honor a loved one or just "Praise His Birth" with a Christmas Poinsettia, please have them to the church by December 16 (with your name on the bottom). Your name, as well as your loved one, will be printed in the bulletin if you wish, so let the office know. After the Christmas worship, you may take your poinsettia home, or leave it at the church



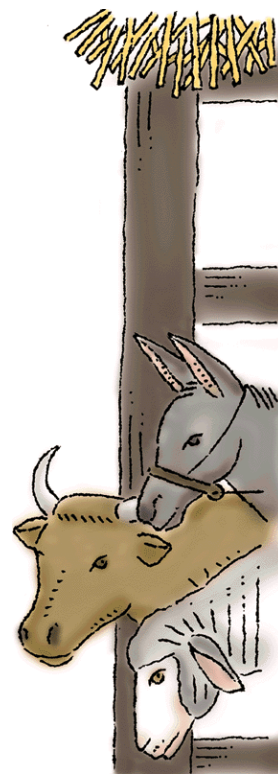
December 16th, Sunday - Youth Christmas Breakfast - The breakfast will be served during Fellowship, following the Sunday Service. A free-will offering will be collected. Come to church hungry on December 16th! See Val Ross with questions or to help with food needs & preparation for the breakfast.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE BARN SERVICE – 5:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church has a very special service on Christmas Eve. It is held in Dr. Bruce and Virginia Sorensen's barn on Bolinger Road. The barn is not heated and everyone stands or sits on straw bales, so dress warm. (From Peace Lutheran Church turn right on Jackrabbit Lane and right on Main Street/Frontage Road. Turn right on Bolinger and left at the second driveway next to the trailer. Parking is in the field next to Sorensen's home. If you have any questions, please call the church office)

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT @ PEACE- 8:00 p.m.





Greetings Peace Lutheran Family!

We want to thank you again for your incredible generosity in welcoming us to this wonderful church community. We are very grateful for your gracious cards, gifts, and helping us get settled in. We feel very blessed to be a part of this caring church family, and we are excited to share in the Season of Advent with you.

Speaking of the Advent Season, one of my favorite Bible stories during this memorable time of year is from Matthew chapter 2, where the wise men make the arduous journey to see the coming Messiah. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they asked King Herod and the Jewish religious leaders: “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage (v.2).” When King Herod heard this news, he was extremely paranoid because he thought this new “King/Messiah” was going to threaten his earthly kingdom. Meanwhile the religious leaders quoted from the prophet Micah in the Old Testament about where the coming Messiah would be born: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel (Mic 5:2).” So, who do you think went to see the coming Messiah in Bethlehem?

Naturally, with the resources they had, one would expect that Herod and the Jewish religious leaders would be there, but that’s not the case! Even though they were only seven miles away from the Savior’s birth place, they didn’t believe that He was the true Messiah. As a result, they completely missed the true meaning of Christmas. Meanwhile, thousands of miles away, the wise men or “Magi”, coming from an eastern country, enter Jerusalem hoping to worship the true Messiah. Though this detour to Jerusalem wasn’t the exact location where the Savior was to be born, God was preparing them. When they arrived to Bethlehem, they saw the Christ child, fell to their knees, and worshiped Him. Praise God! The Magi understood what the true meaning of Christmas was all about!

What does Christmas mean to you and me? Like Herod, are we so preoccupied with our lives, our stuff, our possessions, etc. that we miss out on the Savior’s gracious love for us? Or, like the religious leaders, are we able to quote a lot of biblical knowledge about the Savior but not allow the truth behind the scriptures to change our hearts? Or, like the Magi, regardless of where we are in our spiritual journeys, are we going to come to the Christ—the Savior of world—who sacrificed His life for the forgiveness of our sins so that we can experience the true meaning of Christmas and to share this amazing news with others?

God bless you,
Pastor Andrew Young

*For God, who said,
"Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the
knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6*



Dear Peace Family,

It's that time of year! We are easily swept up in the activities and festivities of the Christmas Season. Even in the Church, especially in the Church, we can often become overwhelmed with our to-do lists, traditions and things that 'have to' get done. We become fragile and discouraged.

That isn't what any of us want this season to be about!

The above verse from 2nd Corinthians reminds us of the great miracle of Christmas that needs to be front and center in our minds as we enter this season. The Creator, who spoke light into being and shattered the darkness of the entire world, has spoken into our lives to create in us the light that only comes from the knowledge of the glory of God!

Advent is the time in our church calendar to prepare our hearts for the Christmas celebration by acknowledging, reflecting on and looking into this light. The light that was seen in the face of a little Jewish baby, born to teen-age parents who must have been terrified by what lie ahead. What a wonder? What a miracle? What love?

Embrace this love as you prepare for the Christmas Celebration. Pause, reflect and wonder at what God has done. Find ways to share the gift He has given through reaching out to those who need God's kindness and love.

Thanks be to God and to all of you who will make the light of Christmas shine even brighter!

Merry Christmas,
Pr. Bob



December Ministry Teams

December 2 1st Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Acolyte	<i>Cameron Handsaker</i>
Usher/Lector	<i>Jeff & Kris Bell</i>
Refreshments	<i>Martin Haas</i> <i>Jeff & Kris Bell</i>
December 9 2nd Sunday in Advent	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Acolyte	<i>Dalton Koosman</i>
Usher/ Lector/Refreshments	<i>Joy Richardson</i> <i>Suzanne Haniuk</i>
December 16 3rd Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i> <i>Pr. Tara DeCock</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	<i>Stara Bell</i>
Usher Lector	<i>Mitchells & Monsons</i>
December 23 4th Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Acolyte	
Ushers Lector	<i>Jerry & Karlene Swenson</i> <i>Jackie Currey</i>
Refreshments	<i>Jerry & Karlene Swenson</i> <i>Lavern Brusven</i>
December 24 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Barn Service @ Sorensen's Barn 8 p.m. Candlelight Service @ Peace	<i>Pr. Andrew Young</i> <i>Pr. Bob Coughlin</i>
Piano/Organ	<i>Jackie Currey & Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	<i>Blaise & Brooks Bolich</i>
Ushers Lector	<i>Thane, Kim & Emma Adams</i> <i>Derek & Nicky Swenson</i> <i>Heather Geiger</i>
December 30 1st Sunday of Christmas	<i>Dakota Road</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	
Ushers	<i>John Gillis/Heather Geiger</i>
Refreshments	<i>Jim & Julie Hanson</i> <i>Joyce & Chuck Ludwig</i>
Council for December	<i>Jackie Currey</i> <i>Derrick Monson/John Gillis</i>
Altar Guild for December	<i>Jinx Sorensen, Heather Geiger,</i> <i>Lori Lanzendorf</i>

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
2 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship –Waiting & Watchful 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 2:00 p.m. <i>Service of Hope @ Dokken Nelson In Bozeman</i> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	3 Pastors day off 5:00 – 6:00 PM Food Bank <i>7:00 p.m. Scouts</i>	4 Food Bank Board Meeting 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist Prayer</i>	5 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting 6:15 p.m. Advent Soup & Bread Supper 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship	6	7	8 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist</i> 3-5 p.m. <i>Young Open House</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Belgrade Festival of Lights</i>
9 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes 7:00 p.m. Choir	10 Pastors day off 5:00 – 6:00 PM Food Bank <i>7:00 p.m. Scouts</i>	11 . 6:30 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist Prayer</i>	12 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Advent Soup & Bread Supper 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship	13 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship Comm. Mtg.</i> 7:00 p.m. Council <i>Newsletter & Annual Reports Due</i>	14	15 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
16 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Waiting & Watchful 10:00 a.m. YOUTH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 7:00 p.m. Choir	17 Pastors day off 1-4 p.m. <i>Clothes Closet</i> 5:00 – 6:00 PM Food Bank <i>7:00 p.m. Scouts</i>	18 6:30 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist Prayer</i>	19 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Advent Soup & Bread Supper 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship	20	21	22 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
23 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #10 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Choir <div>  30 9:00 a.m. Worship – Dakota Road 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship </div>	24 5:00 p.m. <i>Barn Service</i> 8:00 p.m. <i>Candlelight Service</i> Office Closed <div>  31  <i>New Year's Eve</i> No School </div>	25  6:30 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist Prayer</i>	26 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting	27	28	29 9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. <i>7th Day Adventist</i>

January Ministry Team

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

Thane & Kim Adams
 Andrew & Tracey Bolich
 Lavern Brusven
 Michelle Clark
 Paul & Gayle Clifford
 Dee Feddes
 Dustin & Michelle Hampton
 John & Jennifer Handsaker
 Mike & Lorrie Hansen
 Marilyn Megaard
 Nancy Norberg
 Larry & Diane Oddy
 Stan & Doreen Olean
 Gary & Debbie Porter
 Kyle & Joni Sando
 Trish Severson
 Bruce & Virginia Sorensen
 Daniel & Amanda Swenson
 Jerry & Karlene Swenson
 Jason & Tracy Weathers
 Bill & Marcia Zankowski



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.

- ✚ Kris Bell for arranging the acolytes every month!
- ✚ To all who provided supplies for Lefse.
- ✚ To all the huge Lefse crew! Those who made dough, set up the church, mixed, cut, rolled, grilled, and bagged lefse. You are all awesome, we could not do it without so much support!!
- ✚ Thanks to everyone who helped put up the Christmas Tree and decorate the sanctuary.
- ✚ Thanks to Cindy Gee for our altar flowers, as well as others who contribute throughout the year.

Thanks so much to all of those who braved the snow and cold to come out to help us pack up my Mom's moving van with all of her furniture and boxes! There were SO many of you and it went so quickly with all of your help. We really appreciated it and the great send off for her. She is slowly getting settled into to her new home here and will very much miss every one of you at Peace Lutheran Church (as I still do too).

Nancy and Audrey Vitarius



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| 1 | Ben Cestnick |
| | Cody Handsaker |
| | Tanner Beckman |
| 2 | Tiina Smith |
| | Nick Pipinich |
| 4 | Shelby Lee |
| | Tyce Wyman |
| 6 | Phil Davis |
| 9 | Kate Davis |
| 11 | Mark Salo |
| 14 | Brandon & Deanna Thurston |
| 16 | Megan Winchester |
| 17 | Ethan Campbell |
| 18 | Joe & Jodi Robbins |
| 21 | Dennis Bechtold |
| | Gilean Murray |
| 22 | Kevin Mattson |
| 25 | Jordan Beckman |
| 26 | Kristy Rieger |
| | Julie Hanson |
| 27 | Lisa McCurley |
| 28 | Mark & Laurie Salo |
| | Phillip & Megan Winchester |
| | Al & Judith Arensmeyer |
| 29 | Michael Spinelli |
| 31 | Fred & Kari Haas |



Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is hosting the ninth annual ***Service of Hope***, Sun., Dec. 2, at 2pm at Dokken-Nelson, 113 S. Willson, for those wishing to set aside a time to remember a loved one who's passed away. The service will include a message of encouragement, candle lighting, and a memorial slide show—the service is free and all are welcome. For info please call 587.3184.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Reports are due December 15th from: Pastors, Congregational Life, Council President, Education, Library, Outreach Team, Servants of Peace, Worship Committee, and Youth & Family.

A few additions to your Christmas Card List:

Paul & Teresa Flanagan
1188 N E 27th St. - #51
Bend, OR 97701

Audrey Vitarius
5897 Old Olympic Highway
Sequim, WA 98382

Lisa & Joy McCurley
2166 Steiger Lane
Oceanside, CA 92056

They would all like to hear from us!

MEMBERSHIP

Interested in Membership at Peace Lutheran Church? Stop by the church office and pick up a "Membership Form" if you haven't already turned one in. There will be an orientation meeting to learn more about being a member of PLC on Saturday, January 12th and a welcoming reception for new members at Worship on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
 \$523.00



Christ Gift Academy "Food for the Holidays" November campaign \$1,300.00

The Peace Re-Piecers have been very busy.....



Audrey Vitarius is presented with a farewell Quilt.



**Mathew Mitchell's
Graduation Quilt**



December Youth Events

Thank you to the congregation for your support with your time and money for the Youth Group. Our fundraiser for Lefse was a big success. Thank you all!!

Christmas Breakfast! Sunday, December 16th, 2018

The youth will make and serve breakfast for the entire congregation after worship service. Come to church hungry!!

Blessings! Val

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Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports

December 2018 Newsletter (October 2018 Finance Info)

General Fund Ending 10/31/18	
General Fund Balance 10/1/18	13,376.14
General Fund Income - October Envelopes & Plates	14,375.57
Less October Operating Expenses	(10,343.33)
October General Fund Balance:	<u>4,032.24</u>
Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid)	(2,166.43)
YTD General Fund Ending Balance 10/31/18	<u>15,241.95</u>

Special Donations Fund Ending 10/31/18	
Special Fund Balance 1/1/18	16,048.78
Special Fund Donations	17,277.00
Special Fund Disbursements	(16,364.19)
YTD Special Fund Balance 10/31/18	<u>16,961.59</u>
Building Fund Balance Ending 10/31/18	
Building Fund Balance 1/1/18	47,865.37
Transfers from General Fund	7,500.00
Building Fund Donations	4,935.00
Furnace Fund Donations	6,592.00
Furnace Fund Disbursements	(16,270.00)
Building Fund Disbursements	(3,305.66)
YTD Building Fund Balance 10/31/18	<u>47,316.71</u>



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Scriptures for December

December 2 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thess. 3:9-13

Psalm 25:1-10
Luke 21:25-36

December 9 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Malachi 3:1-7
Philippians 1:2-11

Psalm 66:1-12
Luke 3:1-14(15-20)

December 16 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7

Psalm 85
Luke 7:18-28(29-35)

December 23 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Micah 5:2-5
Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalm 80:1-7
Luke 1:39-45(46-56)

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