



# Words of Peace

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 2019

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Sunday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 4

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

6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread

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

Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Advent Worship

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

Wednesday, December 11

6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread

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

Sunday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Advent Worship

10:30 a.m. Youth Christmas Breakfast

Wednesday, December 18

6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread

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

Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Advent Worship

Tuesday, December 24

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

Sorensen's

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

Candlelight & Carols Worship @ Peace

Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Country Gospel Sunday Service

*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. 8th– Advent Lesson

Dec. 15th – No Sunday School; Kids singing during worship; Christmas Breakfast

Dec. 22, 29, Jan. 5 & 12 - No Sunday School

We will begin for the "new year" on **Sunday Jan. 19th.** If you have any questions about these dates, please ask your child's teacher.

Thank You, Peace Lutheran Sunday School Staff



### 2019 Peace Re-Piecers Christmas Store

We are looking forward to our 2019 Christmas Store. Beginning December 8 the Re-piecers will have their craft/bake sale after Sunday services and at Wednesday soup suppers.

### 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 15 (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*



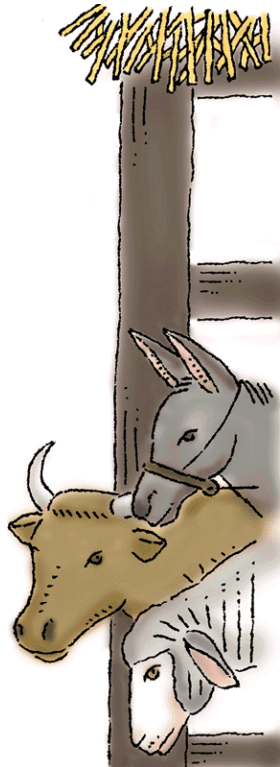
**December 15th, Sunday - Youth Christmas Breakfast** - The breakfast will be served during Fellowship, following the Sunday Service. A free-will offering will be collected. Come to church hungry on December 16th! See Kris Bell with questions or to help with food needs & preparation for the breakfast.

## 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 the Sorensen 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.





Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

Thinking of the many blessings that we have in Christ, I'm reminded of the beautiful hymn, "**How Great Thou Art**" vv. 3-4, "*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin... When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art!*"

When I sing those verses and contemplate the meaning of the words, it never ceases to amaze me that God came to us as a humble baby, born in a lowly, messy manger so that He could save a messy, broken world that is in desperate need of a true and eternal Savior. As the holy Scriptures prophesied hundreds of years before Christ's miraculous birth: "*He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:1-5).*"

For this reason, in a spirit of thanksgiving, we can be grateful that, through faith in Jesus, we are forgiven (*we are healed because of His wounds v.5*), and we have His amazing gift of new and eternal life. We can also be thankful that, during this season of Advent, we worship Him and reflect about His coming kingdom that shall have no end. Pr. Bob touched on this during his children's message last week when he shared with the kiddos, "In the Greek alphabet, the beginning letter is "Alpha"; the last letter is "Omega"...one of Jesus' names in Scripture is, "I am the Alpha and the Omega...the beginning and end."

According to God the Father's perfect timing, God the Son, Jesus Christ, will return to the world He created, and He will restore a new heaven and new earth: "And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "*Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.*" And He who sits on the throne said, "*Behold, I am making all things new.*" And He said, "*Write, for these words are faithful and true.*" Then He said to me, "*It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (Revelation 21:3-6).*"

Because of these promises, we come to celebrate in an attitude of thanks for what Christ has done. We also come with an attitude of hope that Jesus our Savior and Lord will indeed restore a new and eternal earthly and heavenly kingdom that will have no end!

God bless you all,

Pr. Andrew Young



# December Ministry Teams

<b>December 1 1st Sunday in Advent</b>	<i>Waiting &amp; Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	<i>Kam Sando</i>
Usher/Lector	<i>Heather Geiger/Jackie Currey</i>
Refreshments	<i>Kari Haas &amp; Dianne Coughlin</i>
<b>December 8 2nd Sunday in Advent</b>	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Acolyte	<i>Dani/Bryleigh Larson</i>
Usher/ Lector	<i>Kevin &amp; Julie Mattson</i>
Refreshments	<i>Monson &amp; Hampton Families</i>
<b>December 15 3rd Sunday in Advent</b>	<i>Waiting &amp; Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Acolyte	<i>David Johnson</i>
Usher Lector	<i>Fawn Wyman Bruce &amp; Jinx Sorensen</i>
<b>December 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>	<i>Waiting &amp; Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Acolyte	<i>Tyce Wyman</i>
Ushers Lector	<i>John &amp; Wynne Gillis</i>
Refreshments	
<b>December 24 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Barn Service @ Sorensen's Barn 8 p.m. Candlelight Service @ Peace</b>	<i>Pr. Bob Coughlin Pr. Andrew Young</i>
Piano/Organ	<i>Jackie Currey &amp; Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	<i>Blaise &amp; Brooks Bolich</i>
Ushers	
Lector	
<b>December 29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>	<i>Country Gospel</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Acolyte	
Ushers	<i>Jerry &amp; Karlene Swenson</i>
Refreshments	<i>Joy Richardson &amp; Suzanne Haniuk</i>
<b>Council for December</b>	<i>Jackie Currey Derrick Monson/John Gillis</i>
<b>Altar Guild for December</b>	<i>Kris Bell, Jinx Sorensen Julie Hanson, Darlene Idland</i>

# DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  9:00 a.m. <b>Worship –Waiting &amp; Watchful</b> 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 2:00 p.m. <i>Service of Hope @ Dokken Nelson In Bozeman</i> 4:30 p.m. <i>Choir</i>	<b>2</b> Pastors day off  5:00 – 6:00 PM Food Bank 7:00 p.m. <i>Scouts</i>	<b>3</b>  1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer	<b>4</b>  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	<b>5</b>  7:00 p.m. Book Club	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
<b>8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  9:00 a.m. <b>Worship – ELW #10</b> 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes 4:30 p.m. Choir 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>9</b> Pastors day off  5:00 – 6:00 PM Food Bank 7:00 p.m. <i>Scouts</i>	<b>10</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer	<b>11</b>  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	<b>12</b>  7:00 p.m. Council Book Club  <i>Newsletter &amp; Annual Reports Due</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist  5:00 p.m. <b>Belgrade Festival of Lights</b>
<b>15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  9:00 a.m. <b>Worship – Service of the Word</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>YOUTH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST</b> 4:30 p.m. Choir	<b>16</b> Pastors day off  1-4 p.m. <i>Clothes Closet</i> 5:00 – 6:00 PM Food Bank 7:00 p.m. <i>Scouts</i>	<b>17</b>  9:30 a.m. <b>Worship Comm.</b>  1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer	<b>18</b>  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	<b>19</b>  7:00 p.m. Book Club  <i>Tree of Giving Package Pickup 6-8 p.m.</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
<b>22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Worship – Waiting &amp; Watchful</b> 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Choir  <div>  <div> <b>29</b>             9:00 a.m. <b>Worship – Dakota Road</b>            10:00 a.m. Coffee &amp; Fellowship         </div> </div>	<b>23</b> Pastors day off  <div>  <div> <b>30</b> Pastors day off   <b>No School</b> </div> </div>	<b>24</b>  5 p.m. <i>Barn Service</i> 8 p.m. <i>Candlelight</i>  6:30 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Prayer  <div>  <div> <b>31</b>    <i>New Year's Eve</i> </div> </div>	<b>25</b> <div>    <i>Merry Christmas!</i> </div>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  9:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist



# 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  
 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 to Jerry Swenson for making a new sturdy box for All Saints Day candles.



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| 1  | Cody Handsaker<br>Tanner Beckman   |
| 2  | Tiina Smith  |
| 4  | 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<br>Gilean Murray   |
| 22 | Kevin Mattson  |
| 25 | Jordan Beckman   |
| 26 | Kristy Rieger<br>Julie Hanson  |
| 28 | Mark & Laurie Salo<br>Phillip & Megan Winchester<br>Al & Judith Arensmeyer |
| 31 | Fred & Kari Haas   |

## A few additions to your Christmas Card List:

**Mike & Joy Spinella**  
**14650 W. via Mantoya**  
**Sun City AZ 85375**

**Paul & Teresa Flanagan**  
**1188 N E 27<sup>th</sup> St. - #51**  
**Bend, OR 97701**

**Audrey Vitarius**  
**5897 Old Olympic Highway**  
**Sequim, WA 98382**

**Sandi Joubert**  
**4650 West Verada Del Venado**  
**Tucson Arizona 85745**

**They would like to hear from us!**



*2019 1<sup>st</sup> Communion*  
 Kenzlee, Raegan, Bryleigh, Tycee,  
 Kameron, Tanner, David and  
 Macey (not pictured)

### ANNUAL REPORTS

**Reports are due December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**from:** Pastors, Congregational Life,  
 Council President, Education,  
 Library, Mission & Outreach Team,  
 Re-Piecers, Servants of Peace,  
 Worship Committee, and Youth &  
 Family.

*THANK YOU THANK YOU*

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service  
 \$367.00



Christ Gift Academy "Cooking Pot"  
 November campaign \$889.00



## 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 15th, 2019

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

Blessings! Pr. Andrew, Kris Bell & Peace Youth

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## Everybody



**Lefse!**





# School Kit Assembly



Big Brother Ryder taking care of Ridge

## CAT/GRIZ OFFERING

*Cats*

**\$203.68**

*Griz*

**\$132.50**

**Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports**

**December 2019 Newsletter (October 2019 Finance Info)**

<b>General Fund Ending 10/31/19</b>	
General Fund Balance 10/1/19	14,103.67
General Fund Income - October Envelopes & Plates	14,227.16
Less October Operating Expenses	(15,493.51)
October General Fund Balance:	<u>(1,266.35)</u>
Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid)	(1,267.31)
<b>YTD General Fund Ending Balance 10/31/19</b>	<b><u>11,570.01</u></b>

<b>Special Donations Fund Ending 10/31/19</b>	
Special Fund Balance 1/1/19	16,821.59
Special Fund Donations	17,889.50
Special Fund Disbursements	(17,616.25)
<b>YTD Special Fund Balance 10/31/19</b>	<b><u>17,094.84</u></b>
<b>Building Fund Balance Ending 10/31/19</b>	
Building Fund Balance 1/1/19	49,110.45
Transfers from General Fund	7,500.00
Building Fund Donations	4,315.00
Building Fund Disbursements	(15,136.52)
<b>YTD Building Fund Balance 10/31/19</b>	<b><u>45,788.93</u></b>

**2019 GIVING UPDATE**

Monthly budgeted need to meet all obligations:	\$ 19,432.83
Nov 2019 Actual Giving:	\$ 17,232.57
YTD Budgeted need to meet all obligations:	\$ 213,761.13
YTD Actual Local Giving (thru 11/30/19):	\$ 199,211.91

The 2019 Monthly Budgeted Need is the Annual Income Budget (\$233,194.00 divided by 12 months, \$19,432.83). Please talk with any Council Member if you have questions or concerns. Thank you to the Congregation for your continued giving!!

**December is an important month for giving to our congregation's budget. Typically, we run a little behind budget towards the end of the year and rely on giving in the month of December to meet our needs. Please consider your giving this month as we are in need of a little extra to finish the year by meeting all of our demands. PLC has been and continues to be a very generous church family throughout the year.**

**Thank you that together we are able to support ministry locally and abroad.**



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### *Scriptures for December*

#### **December 1 – 1st Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13(8-10)11-14

Psalm 122

Matthew 24:36-44

#### **December 8 – 2nd Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Psalm 72:1-7

Matthew 3:1-12

#### **December 15 – 3rd Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-11

Psalm 146

Matthew 11:2-15

#### **December 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 7:10-17

Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 24

Matthew 1:18-25

#### **December 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

Isaiah 63:7-14

Galatians 4:4-7

Psalm 111

Matthew 2:13-23

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