



Words of Peace

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Happy New Year



New
Offering
Envelopes

Giving envelopes are available in the narthex. If you would like giving envelopes and there is not a box with your name on it available please contact Lorrie Hansen or the church office. **Please do not use the 2020 envelopes for 2020 – some numbers have been changed. Use only 2021 envelopes.**



The Annual Meeting will be held January 31st in the sanctuary or fellowship hall. Logistics to be announced.

Dear Family at Peace,



Happy New Year! I am sure I am not the only one to welcome the New Year, 2021, with hopes that it will be less tumultuous than the year to which we have just said “good-bye”. As we look forward with optimism and hopefulness of getting together as a church-family again and gaining a sense of our “old normal”.

Or will we ever? Should we ever?

As many negatives to which we all can point from this past year, we do well to find the positives – the things we can learn from the experiences we have just gone through. We only need to consider all that we have missed this past year because we have been restricted against them. Perhaps we can find new value in those things a not take them for granted. We have learned new ways of doing things that just may be better.

It is far too easy to poke at the things about 2020 that we gladly leave behind us. We all can point to the way’s life used to be, activities we long for and cannot wait until they return once things get straightened out. But can we ever count on that? The darkness has grown darker. We cannot deny it. Yet, we do have hope!

“The people who walk in darkness will see a great light;”. Isaiah 9:2 is a familiar passage used during our Advent Season. We use it to help us prepare for the “true light which coming into the world, enlightens everyone.” (John 1:9)

Yet, unfortunately, this “*True Light*” does not entirely extinguish the darkness. We must learn how to live with it. At least for the present. But it can make us hopeful helping us look forward with a sense of expectation. The “*True Light*” helps us believe that sin and sorrow will not win the day or have the last word! As we choose to live in the light instead of the darkness, we carry the light within us.

That does not mean that we ignore the threats of these current struggles of the world pandemic, racial injustice, political turmoil, or economic decline. It calls us to rise above them, not allowing ourselves to be swallowed up in the ‘darkness’ that is brought by such things. I think we can safely say that, unfortunately, none of these are going to disappear anytime soon. We are going to have to find a way to overcome them. To shine our ‘light’ into the ‘darkness’.

As followers of Jesus, we will “not walk in darkness but have the light of life”. (John 8:12)
‘*Epiphany*’ is a season that celebrates the “True Light” which manifests God’s redemption and rescue of humankind who suffers in the darkness that is cast on our world by sin, sickness, and sorrow. While it is not a time to ignore the darkness around us, we need not be consumed by it. The coming of the Christ-child renews our hope, promising that the last word will be Life and Light.

Together, let us find ways to bring light into the darkness in the year 2021. Afterall, that is what we, the Church, are called to be.

God bless you with Peace and Hope!
Pastor Bob

January Worship Schedule



January 3 2nd Sunday after Christmas	<i>ELW #3</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
January 10 Baptism of the Lord	<i>Country Gospel</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
January 17 2nd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Rhythm & Blues</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
January 24 3rd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
January 31 4th Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Sola Scriptura</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
January Council	<i>Jerry Swenson</i> <i>Bruce Sorensen</i> <i>Joni Sando</i>
January Altar Guild	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i> <i>Karlene Swenson</i> <i>Carol White</i>

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 12 N to 6 P.M.

Belgrade Shift Church



The need for blood is critical, so please consider becoming a donor and help save a life.

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
3 2nd Sunday after Christmas 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – ELW #3 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Prayer Warriors	4 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m. Scouts	5	6 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. - 7 th Day Prayer Gp.	7 12 Noon-6 p.m. Blood Drive @ Shift Church 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	8	9 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
10 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship –Country Gospel 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Prayer Warriors 10:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting in Youth Room 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	11 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m. Scouts	12 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg.	13 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. - 7 th Day Prayer Gp.	14 7:00 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	15	16 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
17 2nd Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Rhythm & Blues 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Prayer Warriors 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	18 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m. Scouts	19	20 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7 p.m. - 7 th Day Prayer Gp.	21 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	22	23 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventis
24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Prayer Warriors 7:00 p.m. Confirmation	25 Pastors day off 7:00 p.m. Scouts	26	27 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7 p.m. - 7 th Day Prayer Gp.	28 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	29	30 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventis Happy Birthday Pr. Bob 
31 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9 & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Prayer Warriors 11:45 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 p.m. Confirmation						



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.

- ◆ Bruce Sorensen for letting PLC use the clinic on Christmas Eve.
- ◆ Deb Durham for supplying communion wine.
- ◆ All who helped our sanctuary and fellowship hall look so beautiful by supplying poinsettias
- ◆ All who continue help with worship streaming.
- ◆ All who helped decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.
- ◆ To the Re-Piecers for making new curtains for the restrooms nearest the sanctuary.
- ◆ To all those who helped with ushering, barn setup, etc. to make in-person worship possible for Christmas Eve.
- ◆ Everyone who helped take down and pack away the Christmas decorations.



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| 4 | Christo Spartas |
| 5 | Matthew Clark |
| | April Johnson |
| 6 | Chuck & Joyce Ludwig |
| 7 | Brooks Bolich |
| 8 | Dawson Davis |
| 9 | Larry & Diane Oddy |
| | Jodi Robbins |
| 10 | Kaiana Smith |
| | Amy Young |
| 13 | Tim Pipinich |
| | Mathew Mitchell |
| 14 | Ashlyn Swenson |
| 15 | Deegan Watson |
| 17 | Michelle & Dustin Hampton |
| 18 | Audrey Vitarius |
| | Bentz Bolich |
| | Randy Geiger |
| | Josh Love |
| 20 | Eric Larson |
| 25 | Joy Richardson |
| 26 | John Gillis |
| | Jeff Bell |
| | Kris Bell |
| 27 | Shawna Smith |
| | Elaina Johnson |
| | Lydia Stengel |
| 30 | Pr. Bob Coughlin |



Cindy Gee

Harvey Carter

Memorial Services to be determined.



27 Quilts of Blessing

(sounds like a verse from the 12 days of Christmas)

I was contacted about 2 months ago about a possible quilt project for the Peace Re-Piecers. A Belgrade lady had gotten my name from Stitch of Seventh where I quilt each week. She had 27 quilt tops and the program she generally gives them to wasn't meeting this year to complete the quilts. She wanted them to be completed and given away as an act of kindness.

The Re-piecers were immediately into the project and over the next 3 weeks we added the batting, backs and serged the edges. It reminded me of what an old fashion quilting bee would be like.

Our first plan was to give to the Memory Care facility on Jackrabbit and the rest would go to Family Promise. When Jinx contacted Family Promise they said they didn't have a need at this time. OOPS....what are we going to do with 15 lap quilts (most of them made with Christmas fabric)? Pastor Bob and Pastor Andrew were meeting with other pastors that afternoon so we suggested the pastors take some quilts if they had congregational members in need. One of the pastor's wives is a hospice nurse and when he told her about the quilts she called Pastor Bob to see if she could get several for her patients.

The best purpose was delivering the remaining quilts to members of our own congregation that have not had direct contact with us for many months.

Oh, what a blessing it has been to do this project and see God's hand directing us to give kindness during this very trying time. It was amazing to see our elderly members and wish them a Merry Christmas.

Diane Oddy & the Peace Re-Piecers



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The newsletter is available on our website: www.peace2you.org

If you do not have web access, we will be happy to mail the newsletter to you.

Scriptures for January

January 3 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

1 Kings 3:4-15 Psalm 119:97-104
Ephesians 1:3-14 Luke 2:40-52

January 10 – Baptism of our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29
Romans 6:1-11 Mark 1:4-11

January 17 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

January 24 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 62
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

January 31 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deut. 18:15-20 Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

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