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Peace Lutheran Church

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4 Wednesday, December 7 Sunday, December 11 Wednesday, December 14 Sunday, December 18 Wednesday, December 21 Saturday, December 24

9:00 a.m. – Advent Worship with Holy Communion

6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer

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5:30 p.m. – Barn Service at Skyline Vet. Clinic (formerly Sorensen's) 7:30 p.m. - Candlelight & Carols Worship @ Peace with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Morning Worship



WEDNESDAYS in ADVENT - Soup & Bread supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Advent evening worship services at 7 p.m. through December 21. Please come and join us or watch online at peace2you.org





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 10 (with your name on the bottom). After the Christmas worship, you may take your poinsettia home, or leave it at the church

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Join us following worship on December 18 for breakfast! The Youth will be preparing and serving a fantastic array of fruit, juice and breakfast burritos. Sounds like a wonderful meal! Come to church hungry!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE BARN SERVICE - 5:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church has a very special service on Christmas Eve. It is held in Skyline (formerly Sorensen's) Clinic on Bolinger Road. From Peace Lutheran Church turn right on Jackrabbit Lane and right on Main Street/Frontage Road. Turn right on Bolinger, go past the NW Energy sub-station. DO NOT turn in the first approach (that goes to a vacation rental). Proceed to the second or third turn-in. If you turn at the mobile home, you've gone too far. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT @ **PEACE** – 7:30 p.m. Seating will be available in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS DAY - 10 a.m. Sunday Worship @ Peace





Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

I hope you have a blessed Advent and Christmas season. If you are looking for a good holiday movie to watch, I encourage you to check out, "*Christmas with the Kranks*". Okay, why?

It's funny, but it also shares an important message. Main characters Luther and Nora Krank learn from their daughter, Blair, that she won't be coming home for the traditional Christmas festivities because she will be joining the Peace Corp in Peru. The Krank's (mostly encouraged by Luther Krank) think that this would be the perfect year to have a "getaway" in a beautiful, tropical place instead of staying home for Christmas. So, what happens?

Luther Krank is imagining all the fun stuff that they will be doing while they are in that tropical place. He's also glad that they will be doing something different for a change without their jovial but nosy neighbors prying into their business. However, when the neighbors find out that the Kranks are going away for Christmas, they take exception to it, especially the disgruntled ones, Vic Frohmeyer and Walt Scheel. Vic, the energetic leader of the neighborhood, strongly suggests that the Kranks decorate their house appropriately for the occasion, but Luther Krank strongly disagrees, especially since they will be away. And then, there's Walt Scheel, who is more bitter towards Luther anyway--most of Scheel's hardness is because of his wife's cancer diagnosis. But, in Luther's mind, this is the perfect time to get away, or perhaps not?

Out of the blue, the Kranks get a surprise phone call from Miami International Airport that her daughter, Blair, is coming home for Christmas. Nora is excited and thinks that they shouldn't go on a cruise, but Luther isn't happy. He wanted to go on this trip so badly, and even when his beloved daughter comes home for Christmas, he's not happy. Meanwhile, Nora is disappointed that Luther doesn't even seem to acknowledge that Blair is finally home, so what happens?

Well...if you haven't seen the movie, I'm not giving it away. You gotta see it! But, I will leave you with this hint...Luther Krank does have a change of heart. He even gives away a precious gift that he and his wife were expecting to celebrate over the Christmas holiday to the most unexpected neighbors who didn't *deserve* it, but who definitely *needed* it.

Folks, in the same way, God, in His amazing grace and faith, gave us the best gift of all--His one and only Son--Immanuel "God with us" so that we--who are naturally hard-hearted and undeserving--could be a Spirit-filled, hopeful, and joyful community of faith that gives the best gift of all (salvation in Jesus Christ) to others who are difficult to love but are in need of the greatest love that keeps on giving--His everlasting hope and life, just as God's Word promises in Isaiah 61: "*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners* (v.1)."

That's what this amazing holiday season is all about! Praise God! In His marvelous grace, He invites us to proclaim the same liberty (Jesus Christ) to others in need of Him.

Merry Christmas!

Pr. Andrew



We should all find quiet moments to think about the

wonderful miracle of Jesus, love's pure light.

My Prayer for all of you is that you are able to spend time

with family and friends this advent season and feel all of God's blessings and love.

Christian Education

- All Classes will meet on December 4th and 11th. No Classes on December 18th, we will have our Christmas Breakfast in the fellowship hall following service. No Classes on December 25th.
- All Ages will be doing Advent lessons for the month.
- December 11th the Sunday School children will be singing during service.

Youth Group

- December 4th we will be going to Family Promise to get a tour and help with some projects. Please meet at the church at 6:15 to carpool.
- December 11th we will have a pot luck dinner in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm
- December 18th we will have the Christmas breakfast served by the Youth Group. Please join us to help set up and serve the congregation.
- Caroling on December 18th. Meet at the church at 4:30pm

A Place for Grace

• We will have a special Christmas gathering called "Quiet Moments at Christmas". Join us for some time of reflection and discussion. Breakfast and treats will be served. Childcare is provided. Please join us and bring a friend.

Christmas Breakfast

• December 18th following service we will have our Christmas Breakfast served by our youth group. Join us for some Christmas time fellowship. There will be crafts and activities for the kids.

Caroling

Join us for Christmas Caroling on December 18th. Meet at the church at 4:30 and we will carpool to congregation members homes. If you have a household you would like to put on the list please let the office know.

YAA Winter Retreat

• SAVE THE DATE! Our Yellowstone Adventure Alliance Winter Retreat is January 13th to January 15th. Please join us for some fun winter activities, worship

time and fellowship. All meals are provided, and lodging is in a beautiful cabin with plenty of space. Cost is \$75 per person. Please register by Dec 28th. If you have questions or need more details, please talk to April Johnson.







Ministry Teams

| December 4 2nd Sunday in Advent | Waiting & Watchful Advent | | |
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| Piano | Jackie Currey | | |
| Greeters/Reader | Forsberg Family | | |
| Refreshments | Dave & Lori Lanzendorf | | |
| Acolyte | Jackson Forsberg | | |
| December 11 3 rd Sunday in Advent | Waiting & Watchful Advent | | |
| Piano | Joe Sutton | | |
| Greeters/Reader | Sando Family | | |
| Refreshments | Ashby & Linda Miller | | |
| Acolyte | Sarah Monson | | |
| December 18 4 th Sunday in Advent | Waiting & Watchful Advent | | |
| Piano | Lorrie Hansen | | |
| Greeters/Reader | Grassel Family | | |
| Acolyte | Claire Grassel | | |
| December 24 <u>5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Barn</u> <u>Service</u> @ Vet. Clinic 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service @ Peace Acolyte | Jackie Currey/Jinx Sorensen | | |
| December 25 Christmas Day | Special Christmas Worship | | |
| Piano | Jinx Sorensen | | |
| Greeters | | | |
| Council for December | | | |
| Altar Guild for December | Darlene Idland/Rick Moler Karlene Swenson | | |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 7:00 p.m. Book Club | 2 | 3 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 4 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Waiting & Watchful 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Educ. 5:15 – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group 7:00 p.m Choir | 5 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 6 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. | 7 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship 6:30 p.m.7 th Day AdventistPrayer | 8 7:00 p.m. Council Book Club | 9:00 p.m. A Place For Grace | 10 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
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| 18 4 th Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Waiting & Watchful 10:15 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast 4:30 p.m Caroling 5:15 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Choir | 19 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 20 ¢ | 21 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship 6:30 p.m.7 th Day Adventist Prayer | 22 | 23 | 24 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Barn Service 7:30 p.m. Candlelight & Carols @ Peace |
| 25 Christmas Day Merry Christmas 10:00 a.m. Worship 5:15 p.m. AA | 26 7:00 p.m. Scouts | 27 | 28 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 6:30 p.m.7 th Day Adventist Prayer | 29 | 30 | 31 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |



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.

- **4** Thanks to everyone who helped put up the Christmas Tree and decorate the sanctuary.
- Lefse suppliers, and everyone who helped prepare over 1300 rounds!



- 1 Cody Handsaker
- Tanner Beckman
- 2 Tiina Smith
- 3 Doree Lynn Watson
- 4 Tycee 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
- Sandy Speerstra
- 22 Kevin Mattson
- 25 Jordan Beckman
- 26 Kristy Rieger Julie Hanson
- 27 Claire Sorensen
- 27 Claire Sofensen
 28 Mark & Laurie Salo
 Phillip & Megan Winchester
 Al & Judith Arensmeyer
- 31 Fred & Kari Haas

ANNUAL REPORTS Reports are due soon from:

- ➢ Pastor
- Congregational Life
- Council President
- ➢ Education
- ➤ Mission & Outreach
- ► Re-Piecers
- ➢ Servants of Peace
- ➢ Worship Committee
- > Youth & Family



2022 1st Communion Jackson & Sarah

Thank you that together we are able to support ministry locally and abroad, especially during this difficult and trying year.

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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.



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Hebrews 1:1-6

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