



Words of Peace

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The Annual Meeting will be held January 29th in the Fellowship Hall. Council will provide ham and buns. Congregation asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Dear Peace Lutheran Family,



We hope you had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. We look forward to sharing in God's Word together in 2023. On Sunday, January 15th, we will begin the season of Epiphany. What does "*Epiphany*," mean?

"*Epiphany*," means "*to be visible*" or "*revealed*". Specifically, in John 1:14, we read, "***The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.***" In other words, God's greatest gift has been revealed to us in God the Son, who became flesh and lived among us, showing us the Father's true forgiveness and faith in Jesus' atoning death on the cross for our sins and His glorious resurrection from the dead. Through Christ we have eternal fellowship with God and each other, just as Jesus promised, "***I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*** (John 14:6)." Okay, why is the season of Epiphany important?

In Matthew chapter 2, we read the fascinating story about the Magi who traveled a great distance to seek and worship the Christ-child. When the miraculous star stopped above the house where the Christ-child was, the Magi were "*overjoyed*" and revealed/gave gifts that were proper for this *King*--gold, frankincense and myrrh. The great value of these gifts would have helped cover living expenses while Joseph, Mary, and young Jesus lived in Egypt and returned to Nazareth.

But, the spiritual nature of these gifts revealed to the King of kings is significant, too. Starting with the gold that the Magi gave--it symbolizes God's eternal glory through the Son who is "*the Door*" to the Father's glorious kingdom that endures forever, just as Jesus promised, "***I am the door. Whoever enters through Me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and will find pasture*** (John 10:9)."

Frankincense and Myrrh were strong aromatic spices that were rare and honorable gifts for kings, but spiritually-speaking, by entering through the King's *Door*, we are the "aroma" of Christ. In other words, our Spirit-filled worship, service, prayers, outreach, gifts, etc., are like "sweet fragrances" to God through Christ who gave His life for us (Ephesians 5:1-2). So, how can we apply the meaning of Christ's Epiphany in our lives today?

Prayer. Why? Because Jesus prayed. He still prays for us. During his earthly ministry He spent hours praying. He modeled a humble, authentic prayer life. Noticing His unwavering desire to pray genuinely, lovingly, and openly to the Father, the disciples asked Jesus, "***Teach us to pray*** (Luke 11:1)."

What a profound moment! In the same way, Peace Lutheran, what if we asked Jesus to teach us to pray? Imagine the gifts that He will continue to reveal through us. Okay, how do we start?

There's no "secret formula". Prayer is genuine, heart-felt worship to God. So, let's encourage each other by praying together. (*Below is a simple outline to encourage us to pray.)

- **Sunday, January 15th** -- We will focus on giving God prayers of praise for His salvation just as Jesus promised, "***For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life*** (John 3:16)."
- **Sunday, January 22nd** -- We will focus on "thanking" Jesus for His "daily bread" in our lives. Having food, shelter, clothing, clean water, security, vocations, hobbies, etc., how can we show God gratitude for these gifts? How can we use God's "daily bread" to point others to Him?

- **Sunday, January 29th** -- We will focus on forgiving others as Christ has forgiven us. In other words, with God's help, let's "let go" of grudges and let God heal our relationships with Him and each other.
- **Sunday, February 5th** -- We will focus on praying for the physical and spiritual needs of others world-wide.
- **Sunday, February 12th** -- We will focus on praying for the physical and spiritual needs of others locally.



We have rung in a new year. This is a time to reflect on the last year and make goals for the new year to come. I would encourage you to look at all the blessing that God has given to you in the last year, thank him for all that he has done and also dream big. God has given us all gifts and wants us to use those gifts to bless others in many ways. So use your talents and gifts to make goals and dream big for God's glory. *Psalms 65:11 You crown the year with Your goodness and Your path drips with abundance.*

Christian Education

- Sunday School
 - January 8th Sunday School choir will be singing during service.
 - January 13th to 15th YAA Winter Retreat
 - January 29th Sunday School lessons will begin for the semester
- Confirmation
 - Continue lessons on 10 Commandments
- Follow Me-Young Adult
 - January 29th lessons will begin for the semester
- Adult Forum
 - Will meet every Sunday in January. *Grumblers Guide to Giving Thanks* is the new study for this semester



Youth Group

- January 8th 6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship hall
- January 13th to 15th YAA Winter Retreat
- January 22nd and January 29th 6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship hall

A Place for Grace

- January 13th at 9:00am is our A Place for Grace Women's Ministry. Please join us for food, fellowship and a testimony. Childcare is provided.

YAA Winter Retreat

- Our Yellowstone Adventure Alliance (YAA) Winter Retreat is January 13th to January 15th. We will have a weekend of fun winter activities, worship time and fellowship.

January Worship Schedule



January 1 2nd Sunday after Christmas	<i>Your Faith Has Made You Well</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Mike & Lorrie Hansen</i>
January 8 Baptism of the Lord	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters/Read	<i>Val & Glyn Ross</i>
Refreshments	<i>Troy & Megan Paulson</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jordan Tandy</i>
January 15 2nd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeter	<i>Jim Caldwell</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jackson Forsberg</i>
Refreshments/Read	<i>Bob & Dianne Coughlin</i>
January 22 3rd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters	<i>Rollie & Kristy Rieger</i>
Refreshments/Read	<i>Jinx & Bruce Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	
January 29 4th Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Country Gospel</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Greeters	<i>Derrick & Michelle Monson</i>
Acolyte	
January-April Council	<i>Jim Cook/Linda Miller Paula Reynolds/Mike Hansen</i>
January Altar Guild	<i>Jinx Sorensen Kris Bell</i>

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday after Christmas 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Your Faith Has Made You Well 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 5:00 p.m. - AA	2	3 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	4 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7 p.m. - 7 th Day Prayer Gp.	5 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	6	7 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
8 Baptism of our Lord 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir	9	10 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	11 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7 p.m. - 7 th Day Prayer Gp.	12 7:00 p.m. Council Bible Book Study	13 9:00 a.m. A Place for Grace Youth/Family @ Yellowstone Alliance Adventures 1pm till Sunday 4pm	14 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
15 2nd Sunday After Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Ed. Classes 11:45 a.m.- Youth Group Parent Meeting 5:00 p.m. - AA 7:00 p.m. Choir NO YOUTH GROUP	16	17 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	18 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7 p.m. - 7 th Day Prayer Gp.	19 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	20	21 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventis
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29 4th Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Country Gospel 10:30 a.m. LUNCH & ANNUAL MEETING 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir	30	31 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study				



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.

- ◆ Skyline Vet Clinic for letting PLC use the clinic on Christmas Eve.
- ◆ Deb Durham for supplying communion wine.
- ◆ All who continue help with worship streaming.
- ◆ All who helped decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.
- ◆ To all those who helped with ushering, barn setup, etc. for Christmas Eve services.
- ◆ Heidi Smidansky for sharing her cello talents with us.
- ◆ Thanks to all the volunteers and youth for the outstanding Christmas breakfast.



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



Samaritan's Purse updated numbers.....thanks!

- **24 shoeboxes went to the country of Benin in West Africa, and were shipped on Dec 6, 2022.**
- **21 shoeboxes went to Mexico, and were shipped on December 16-17, 2022**

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST DONATIONS

\$787 TO



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Scriptures for January

January 1 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:12-15
Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-23

January 8 – Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29
Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 3:13-17

January 15 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42a

January 22 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-25

January 29 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

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