



Words of Peace



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Peace Lutheran Church

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday, December 3</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – Advent Worship with Holy Communion</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 6</i>	<i>6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Sunday, December 10</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. - Advent Worship</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 13</i>	<i>6:15 p.m. Soup and Bread</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Sunday, December 17</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.-Advent Worship with Holy Communion</i> <i>10 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 20</i>	<i>6:15 p.m. – Soup & Bread</i> <i>7:00 p.m. - Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Sunday, December 24</i>	<i>10:00 a.m. – Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with Communion</i> <i>5:30 p.m. – Barn Service at Intermountain Vet. Clinic (formerly Sorensen's)</i>



*WEDNESDAYS in ADVENT - Soup & Bread
supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Advent evening
worship services at 7 p.m. through December 20.
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.

RE-PIECERS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our talented Re-Piecers will once again be selling some of their handiwork starting **today**. Shop for candy, cookies and a variety of handmade items. The funds collected will help them purchase supplies for their ongoing ministry.



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

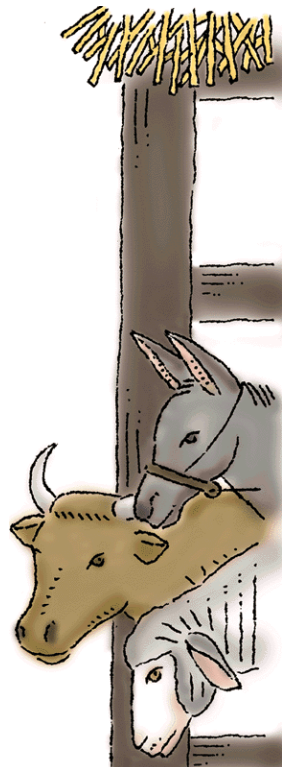
Join us following worship on December 17 for breakfast! The Youth will be preparing and serving a fantastic array of fruit, juice and breakfast burritos. Sounds like a wonderful meal! Come to church hungry!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE @ PEACE – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Seating will be available in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

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

Peace Lutheran Church has a very special service on Christmas Eve. It is held at Intermountain Vet Hospital (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 substation. **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.





Dear Peace Lutheran,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! I'm looking forward to the Advent season. "Advent" is the Latin word for "Arrival" or "Coming". God spoke through His servant Isaiah about the "Coming" of the King of kings saying, "***The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*** (Isaiah 7:14)."

"Immanuel" means, "God with us". It never ceases to amaze me that God loved us enough that--while we were still sinners--God came to us in Immanuel--in Jesus--to truly be with us--to give His blameless life for our sins on the cross where he willingly died, was buried, and on the third day, Jesus was raised again from the dead.

Like new beautiful tulips emerging, Jesus makes all things new. Scripture says that--through Immanuel--we are a "new creation". The old, spiritually-dark Adam and Eve in us was crucified with Christ. Because of Jesus' sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, we are His Spirit-filled sons and daughters who confess, praise, and serve Him--looking forward to His *second coming* when His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom--where as Isaiah preached nearly 700 years before Christ's amazing birth: "***The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them*** (Isaiah 11:6)."

That's what this beautiful Advent season is all about!

Please join us for Wednesday evening *Advent* soup suppers at 6:15 pm and worship at 7:00 pm on 12/6; 12/13; and 12/20. Then, on Sunday mornings in December, we will be using the liturgy "Waiting and Watchful". We will also be lighting an Advent wreath near the front of the altar to highlight our journey with Christ. On Sunday, December 3rd, we will learn about the "*Candle of Hope*".

I'm looking forward to growing in God's amazing gift faith with you!

God bless,

Pastor Andrew Young



Our children's advent devotionals are called "Open Before Christmas." They are all about opening your eyes, ears and heart to the wonderful gift that God has given us in Christ Jesus. The holidays can be filled with hussle, bustle and stress. For some they are filled with sadness and grief. But through all of that we need to find ways to slow down and turn to Jesus. Give him your time, so you can truly feel the joy and hope that he brings by fulfilling the prophecy and coming to join us here on earth. He came to show us the way and to be our friend. Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!

Advent Devotionals

- There are devotionals in the narthex for all ages.
- There are Advent Calendars and Advent Chains to add some fun to your season.

Christian Educationn

- All Classes will meet on December 3rd and 10th. NO Classes on December 17th, we will have our Christmas Breakfast in the fellowship hall following service.
- NO Classes on December 24th or 31st.
- All Ages will be doing Advent lessons for the month.
- December 17th, the Sunday School children will be singing during service.
- Classes will resume on January 21st.

A Place for Grace

- We will have a special Christmas gathering with time of reflection and discussion. Breakfast and treats will be served. Please join us on December 8th at 9am in the fellowship hall and bring a friend! This group is open to all women.



Family Winter Retreat

- **SAVE THE DATE!!** We will be doing our Family Winter Retreat weekend on January 13th and 14th. We will not be going to YAA this year but we are putting together a fun family day. More details to come!

Epiphany Pageant

- On January 7th we will have our Epiphany Pageant during service.

Merry Christmas!

April Johnson, Christian Ed. Director



For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
Isaiah 9:6-7

It is unbelievable to me that December has arrived. The weather has been a real treat and to have Christmas only weeks away is mind blowing. As we get our houses all decorated and presents wrapped and placed under the tree, let us not forget what the Christmas season is all about. A beautiful child being born to redeem us and reconcile us back to God.

Our youth group will meet December 3rd, 10th, 17th and then we will not meet again until the new year due to Christmas break. We will continue to have wonderful teachings and lessons on the Christmas story, Luke 2:1-20 throughout these 3 weeks. I have planned some homemade presents for the youth to make for their family as well. There will be a breakfast in which the youth will serve on December 17th. We would love to see you all! What a wonderful way to share the Christmas spirit during this fellowship opportunity. As always, Ken and Kenzie continue to bring a wonderful aspect of music to our youth. Thank you all for your continued support with this wonderful bunch of teens and tweens. I wish you all the blessings from this holiday season. Merry Christmas.

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Ministry Teams



New ministry coming in 2024
Upper Room Brunch
Join us once a month for a
meal and an intentional
time of fellowship.

We will have our first event on
 January 7th following service.
 Please bring a dish to share.

There will be no Christian Education on
 these Sundays so that everyone can join
 in a time of fellowship.

December 3 1st Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters	<i>Amy, Wesley & Samuel Young</i>
Refreshments	<i>Monson Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jackson Forsberg</i>
December 10 2nd Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Gayle Clifford</i> <i>Heather Geiger</i>
Refreshments	<i>Fred & Kari Haas</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jordan Tandy</i>
December 17 3rd Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Youth</i>
Acolyte	<i>Sarah Monson</i>
December 24 10:00 a.m. @ Peace <u>5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Barn</u> <u>Service @ Vet. Clinic</u>	<i>Jackie Currey/Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	
Greet/Usher	<i>Council</i>
December 31 10:00 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday after Christmas	<i>Christmas</i> <i>Carol Worship</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Reader	<i>Wynne Gillis</i>
Refreshments	<i>Rick Moler</i>
Greet/Usher	
Council for December	<i>Rollie Rieger/Katy Grassel</i> <i>Megan Paulson/Jinx Sorensen</i>
Altar Guild for December	<i>Amy Young/Darlene Idland</i> <i>Kris Bell/Heather Geiger</i>

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
3 1st 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	4	5	6 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	7 7:00 p.m. - Book Club	8 9:00 p.m. A Place For Grace	9 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
10 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 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group <i>1-4 p.m. Private Piano Recital</i>	11	12 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. <i>Newsletter & Annual Reports Due</i>	13 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	14 7:00 p.m. Council Book Club	15	16 9:30 – 2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
17 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship – Waiting & Watchful 10:15 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast 5:15 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	18	19	20 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	21	22	23 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
24 Christmas Eve 10:00 a.m. – Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with Communion 5:30 p.m. – Barn Service No Youth Group 31 10:00 a.m. Worship with Carols No Youth Group	25  Merry Christmas	26	27 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	28	29	30 9:30 a.m. -2:30 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.

- ✚ Thanks to everyone who helped put up the Christmas Tree and decorate the sanctuary.
- ✚ Lefse suppliers, and everyone who helped prepare over 1500 rounds!



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| 1 | Cody Handsaker
Tanner Beckman |
| 2 | Tiina Smith |
| 3 | Doree Lynn Watson |
| 4 | Tyce Wyman |
| 6 | Phil Davis |
| 9 | Kate Davis |
| 11 | Mark Salo |
| 14 | Brandon & Deanna Thurston |
| 16 | Megan Winchester
Aspen Waynes |
| 17 | Ethan Campbell
Vincent Pintor |
| 18 | Joe & Jodi Robbins
Layla Waynes |
| 21 | Dennis Bechtold
Gilean Murray
Sandy Speerstra |
| 22 | Kevin Mattson |
| 25 | Jordan Beckman |
| 26 | Kristy Rieger
Julie Hanson |
| 27 | Claire Sorensen |
| 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



Pr. Andrew's 1st Communion Class
Samuel Young Vincent Pintor Jackson Hampton Anders Paulson
Autumn Grassel Deegan Watson Ainsley Damjanovich

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

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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Scriptures for December

December 3 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinth. 1:3-9

Psalms 80:1-7

Mark 13:24-37

December 10 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Psalms 85

Mark 1:1-8

December 17 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thess. 5:16-24

Psalms 126

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24 – Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Psalms 89:1-5

Luke 1:26-38

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