



Words of Peace

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The Annual Meeting will be held January 28th in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Council will provide ham and buns. Congregation asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

I hope you had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season! So, what's next? There is always so much excitement in the Christmas season. Decorating, getting/receiving gifts, preparing/having that special holiday meal, etc., we almost feel a "let down" after the holiday excitement wears off. Sure, there's the anticipation of the New Year, but it's not as exciting, nor as long as the Christmas season. However, I want to encourage you to think about 2024 in a "new" way. What do I mean?

While it's common to think about starting a new exercise routine, a new hobby, a new skill set, or whatever the "new" activity might be (which are all good things), we should be reminded of the most important thing--that our spiritual lives experience "new" or "fresh" life. Specifically, the season of "Epiphany", which means "*to be visible*" or "*revealed*" gives fresh meaning to our lives, especially as we prepare for 2024. How so?

God's word promises us in the gospel of John 1 verse 14: "***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.***"

To make our hearts and minds fresh with God's eternal promises, God came to us in Jesus Christ--full of grace and truth--to truly give us everything we need to be "right" in our relationships with Him and each other. So, through the help of His Holy Spirit, if we choose a new exercise routine, start a new hobby, learn a new language, visit a new country, etc., here is an important question to pray about:

- How is Jesus's eternal grace, truth, and glory being revealed in my conversations with others? Specifically, how is, "***The Word who became flesh and dwelt among us,***" being revealed through my words and actions to those inside my home, in my neighborhood, in my workplace, in that new country, and so on?

I want to thank you for sharing in a wonderful Advent and Christmas season! I look forward to growing in our loving faith together in 2024. Peace Lutheran--my family and I are blessed beyond what words can express to worship and serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with you!

Happy New Year!

Pr. Andrew Young



When Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians, he used his own life experience as an example of how to respond to hardship with joy.

In Philippians 4:12-13 he writes, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through him who gives me strength.

So whether you are starting the new year in hardship or joy, remember that you can do all things through Christ. Take time with him every day and watch the changes that can happen in your life. Blessings to you and your loved ones in 2024!

Christian Education

- Sunday School
 - January 7th Epiphany Pageant during service
 - January 12th and 13th Family Winter Weekend (See details below)
 - January 21st Sunday School lessons will begin for the semester
- Confirmation
 - Lessons on the Creed starting January 21st
- Follow Me-Young Adult
 - January 21st lessons will begin for the semester
- Adult Forum
 - Will begin January 21st. Lesson will be announced at first meeting



A Place for Grace

- January 12th at 9:00am is our A Place for Grace Women's Ministry. Please join us for food, fellowship, and a testimony.
- Our dates for this semester are: February 9th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th.

Family Winter Weekend

- We are doing things a little differently this year for our winter retreat. We will have local activities on both the 12th and 13th that our families are invited to.
- January 12th we are going to the Andrew Ripp Concert. Please let us know if you are joining us so that we can purchase tickets ahead of time.
- January 13th we will meet at the church for dinner, games and fun activities. Please join us for all or part of this fun weekend.

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Ephesians 4:22;24

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Happy New Year 2024!!! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas filled with Jesus, family, friends, and lots of love. As the new year has arrived so quickly, we find ourselves filling our calendars just as quickly.

Our youth will partake in the January 7th service in more ways than one. We will have the youth greeting, reading, and helping in the Epiphany pageant. We are certainly looking forward to the energy they continually bring and look forward to the fellowship that will continue immediately following worship.

We are planning to have a family weekend the second weekend of January. Typically we enjoy a long weekend at YAA, however, this year we are planning something a little closer to home. We will take the youth group and their families to the Andrew Ripp concert held at the Commons. Andrew Ripp is a christian musician with songs such as: Fill My Cup, For the Love of God, Jericho Walls and Rejoice to name a few. The next afternoon we will be at the church for dinner, games, and fun.

This month we will be pairing up with another local youth group in Belgrade to help create a community for our youth. Most of the kids all go to school together and what better way to help with a community full of youth than to strengthen all of their faith together.

During the month of January we will also get the opportunity to have Debby Young join our youth for a lesson. Debbie always brings such fun and love to the group and we are excited to hear what she has to share.

I am looking forward to seeing what the new year brings for this growing group. We are so thankful for all of the support we are receiving from all of you.

Respectfully yours,

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January Worship Schedule



January 7 2nd Sunday after Christmas	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Kelsey Stevens & Youth</i>
January 14 Baptism of the Lord	<i>Dakota Road</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters	<i>Lavinder Family</i>
Reader	<i>Rick Moler</i>
Refreshments	<i>Dave & Jeanette Hughes</i>
Acolyte	
January 21 2nd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeter	<i>Valerie Ross</i>
Acolyte	
Refreshments	<i>Pintor Family</i>
Reader	<i>Dave Hughes</i>
January 28 3rd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Country Gospel</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Bruce & Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	
January-April Council	<i>Nick Sorensen/Linda Miller Paula Reynolds Mike Hansen</i>
January Altar Guild	<i>Char Somers Julie Hanson</i>

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	3 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	4 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	5	6 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
7 Feast of the Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Upper Room Fellowship Hour 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	8	9 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	10 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	11 7:00 p.m. Council Bible Book Study	12 9:00 a.m. A Place for Grace Family Winter Weekend Andrew Ripp Concert	13 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
14 2 nd Sunday After Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Dakota Road 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship NO CHRISTIAN ED. CLASSES 5:00 p.m. - AA 7:00 p.m. Choir NO YOUTH GROUP	15	16 9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	17 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	18 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	19	20 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventis
21 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #10 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christian Education 5:00 p.m. - AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir	22	23 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	24 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	25 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	26	27 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventis
28 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Country Gospel 10:30 a.m. LUNCH & ANNUAL MEETING NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Choir	29 Karlene out of the office	30 Karlene out of the office 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	31			



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.

- ◆ Intermountain Vet Clinic for letting PLC use the clinic on Christmas Eve.
- ◆ Deb Durham for supplying communion wine.
- ◆ All who continue help with worship streaming.
- ◆ To all those who helped with ushering, barn setup, etc. for Christmas Eve services.
- ◆ Thanks to all the volunteers and youth for the outstanding Christmas breakfast.
- ◆ Thanks to Jerry Swenson for donating all the eggs for the Christmas breakfast.



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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

The 49 shoeboxes that we filled have been sent to Mexico (33) and hard to reach places (16). The hard to reach places are areas where customs/culture make it difficult for OCC to access. The shoeboxes are given to believers in the area to use to initiate relationships with those that may not know Christ.

Please pray that God will guide, guard and protect these local believers as they distribute boxes.

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Scriptures for January

January 7 – Feast of the Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-11
Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

January 14 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

January 21 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

January 28 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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