



Words of Peace



December 2024

Peace Lutheran Church

A congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday, December 1</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – Advent Worship with Holy Communion</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 4</i>	<i>6:15 p.m. Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Sunday, December 8</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. - Advent Worship</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 11</i>	<i>6:15 p.m. Soup and Bread 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Sunday, December 15</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.-Advent Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 18</i>	<i>6:15 p.m. – Soup & Bread 7:00 p.m. - Advent Vespers – Holden Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Sunday, December 22</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.-Advent Worship</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 24</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. – Barn Service at Intermountain Vet. Clinic (formerly Sorensen’s) 8:00 p.m. – Candlelight & Carols Christmas Eve Worship With Holy Communion</i>





WEDNESDAYS in ADVENT - Soup & Bread supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Advent evening worship services at 7 p.m. through December 18. 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 15 (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. Shop for candy, cookies and a variety of handmade items. The funds collected will help them purchase supplies for their ongoing ministry.



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

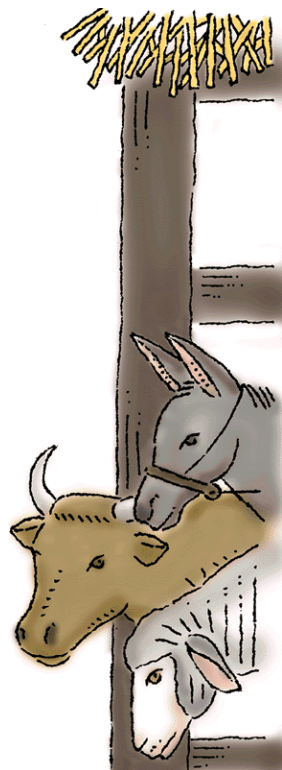
Join us following worship on December 15 for breakfast! The Youth will be preparing and serving a fantastic array of fruit, juice and breakfast burritos. Sounds like a wonderful meal! Come to church hungry!

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 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE @ PEACE – 8:00 p.m. Worship with Communion
Seating will be available in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.





Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

I hope you and yours had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! We truly have much to be grateful for! During this season of Advent, we are blessed to remember Jesus' first coming. Specifically, we pray and ask God to open our hearts to receive and to share the eternal news of salvation through what Jesus accomplished on the cross for our sins. We also remember and give thanks for His miraculous resurrection that places our trust in Him--now and forever! Amen! But wait! There's more!

We also look forward to Jesus' second coming. One day, Jesus will return and restore His righteous kingdom that has no end, just as the prophet Jeremiah preached several hundred years before Jesus' miraculous birth in Jeremiah 33:15-16:

“In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;

he will do what is just and right in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved

and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

This truth still applies in our lives, so I encourage you and your family to prepare yourselves for Jesus' glorious return. Specifically, I encourage you to be prepared by worshiping regularly, praying, singing, and serving the Lord. I also encourage you to spend time in God's word regularly. If it would help, I invite you to use one of our *Advent devotionals* to strengthen your daily walk with Christ. They are located upstairs in our fellowship hall.

Additionally, you can join us for our mid-week Advent worship gatherings. We will learn about God's Living Word: *Who Was, Who is, Who Always Will Be* from John 1:1-18. Open your hearts, sing praises, lift up honest requests, and enjoy learning about the Living Creator and Savior who "*took on flesh*" and made His dwelling with us.

Last but certainly not least, please join us for our Christmas Eve worship gatherings on Wednesday, December 24th. The first gathering will start at 5:30 pm at the Sorensen Barn/Clinic off of Bolinger Road. The second gathering will start at 8:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church for our traditional candlelighting service.

Thank you so much, Peace Lutheran. God bless you.

Pr. Andrew Young



As we light the advent candles each week, we will focus our minds on hope, peace, joy and love.

Hope in God's plans for the world.

Peace to be calm and renew our relationship with God and others everyday.

Joy and cheerfulness in the goodness of God.

Love for everyone just as Jesus' showed us his unconditional love for us.

As we go through the season be prayerful and watchful to see how God's gifts are impacting your life everyday. Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!

Advent Devotionals

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

Christian Education

- All Classes will meet on December 1st and 8th. NO Classes on December 15th, we will have our Christmas Breakfast in the fellowship hall following service.
- NO Classes on December 22nd and 29th.
- Classes will resume on January 21st.

Christmas Program

- Sunday School classes are working on a Christmas program to be performed on December 15th during service.
- The Children's Choir will also be singing for the program.



Christmas Breakfast

- Our youth group will be hosting a Christmas Breakfast for the congregation on December 15th following service. This is a time for fellowship and celebration.
- We will be playing a video from our LCMC IMPACT Youth Retreat in October. We will share a little about this ministry and how it is impacting our district.

A Place for Grace-Women's Ministry

- We will have a special Christmas gathering with time of reflection and discussion. Breakfast and treats will be served. Please join us December 13th 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 18th and 19th. More details to come!





O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

The youth group is amazing! I am so grateful to be able to watch these teens and young adults come to know Christ. As the Christmas season is upon us, our youth group is busy at work.

December 1st, we will be meeting up at PLC with the youth group from Refuge Church here in Belgrade. We will be organizing the personal care pantry for LOVE, INC right here at Peace Lutheran followed by dinner and wonderful fellowship amongst these churches.

December 8th, we will be making gifts for our families along with dinner.

December 15th, our youth group will be serving Christmas breakfast immediately following worship service so please bring your appetite! The youth and their families work extremely hard to cook and prepare a delicious meal for you all. Sharing meals with all of you and your families brings us great joy. We will also be showing a short clip of our experience from the LCMC Youth Impact retreat at the Shoshone Mountain Retreat in Wallace, ID. April and I are happy to share our experiences there as well! Following clean-up, our youth will be decorating cookies for our cookie social the following week at Bozeman Lodge.

December 22nd, we will meet up with the residents at Bozeman Lodge and share the cookies the kids have made specially for them. It is astounding to see how the youth interact with the elderly. There is so much wisdom for these teens to learn. Our time is a special gift to give and I am looking very forward to sharing the Christmas season with the residents at Bozeman Lodge.

We will celebrate our Christmas Eve starting with worship service at the barn at 5:30 pm followed by the 8:00 pm candlelight service here at PLC.

Our youth group will meet up after the new year begins. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Take this time to spend with your families and loved ones. Christmas is all about how God came to give us love, hope and joy through the birth of His Son – Jesus (meaning God with us). Even as our circumstances may change from day to day or year to year, the message never changes and this good news is always worth celebrating!

Respectfully yours,
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Ministry Teams

December 1 1st Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeters	<i>Gayle Clifford</i>
Reader	<i>Rick Moler</i>
Refreshments	<i>Jeanette & Dave Hughes</i>
Acolyte	<i>Maybelle Larson</i>
December 8 2nd Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Greeters	<i>Rollie & Kristy Rieger</i>
Reader	<i>Val Ross</i>
Refreshments	<i>Julie Hanson/Char Somers Jenn Kolling</i>
Acolyte	<i>Blake Byrd</i>
December 15 3rd Sunday in Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters	<i>Doug & April Johnson</i>
Acolyte	<i>Natilee Johnson</i>
December 22 4th Sunday of Advent	<i>Waiting & Watchful Advent</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters	<i>Kelsey Stevens Zach Rogers-Sherman</i>
Refreshments	<i>Byrd Family</i>
Reader	<i>Darlene Idland</i>
Acolyte	<i>Landen Holm</i>
December 24 Christmas Eve	<i>Barn Service @ 5:30 p.m. Intermountain Vet. (Formerly Sorensen's)</i> <i>Traditional Service - 8:00 p.m. @ Peace Lutheran</i>
December 29 1st Sunday of Christmas	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Reader	<i>Rick Moler</i>
Refreshments	<i>Bring your leftover Christmas Cookies</i>
Greet/Usher	<i>Gayle Clifford</i>
Council for December	<i>Tiina Smith/Adam Byrd Megan Paulson/Jinx Sorensen</i>
Altar Guild for December	<i>Karlene Swenson/Amy Young Darlene Idland/Heather Geiger</i>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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	2	3 1:00 p.m. – Afternoon Bible Study	4 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	5 7:00 p.m. - Book Club	6	7 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
8 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>	9	10 1:00 p.m. – Afternoon Bible Study. Newsletter & Annual Reports Due	11 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	12 7:00 p.m. Council Book Club	13 9:00 p.m. A Place For Grace	14 9:30 – 2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
15 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	16	17 1:00 p.m. – Afternoon Bible Study	18 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	19	20	21 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
22 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. – Waiting & Watchful 5:30 p.m. – Barn Service 3-5 p.m. - Youth Cookie Social off Campus	23	24 5:30 – Barn Service @ Intermountain Vet. 8:00 p.m. – Candlelight & Carols	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
29 9:00 a.m. – Service of the Word 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship No Youth Group	30	31	1	2	3	4 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist



Mission Moment - Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

The mission of Operation Christmas Child (part of Samaritan's Purse) is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. The boxes are filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, and since 1993 over 220 million children in more than 170 countries have received an OCC shoebox. For many of these children, it is their first gift ever. Local Christians distribute the gifts during outreach events, telling the children about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ. Many of these children then participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program, which includes Bible stories and Scripture memorization as they learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives and tell their family and friends about Him.

Peace Lutheran has been involved the past 3 years, packing 45 boxes in 2022, 49 boxes in 2023 and 48 boxes this year. We can also track which countries the boxes are sent to. The past two years our boxes have gone to Mexico, Benin, and to some "hard-to-reach" places where the Gospel is restricted. We look forward to finding out where our boxes go this year. Thank you to all of you who have helped with this wonderful program.



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!



- 1 Cody Handsaker
- 2 Tiina Smith
- 3 Doree Lynn Watson
- 4 Tycee Wyman
- 6 Phil Davis
- 9 Kate Davis
- 11 Mark Salo
- 16 Megan Winchester
Aspen Waynes
- 18 Joe & Jodi Robbins
Layla Waynes
- 21 Dennis Bechtold
Gilean Murray
Sandy Speerstra
- 22 Kevin Mattson
- 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

2024 1st Communion Class



Thank you that together we have been able to support Peace Lutheran Church's ministry locally and abroad. Your generous donations throughout the year have allowed Peace Lutheran to meet its commitments as well as fully restoring funding to our benevolence partners. As 2024 comes to a close, please consider including Peace Lutheran in your financial decisions in order that we may continue to shine Jesus's light to the world.

If you have any "in-kind" receipts from this past year, please submit them to the church office before the end of the year.



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Scriptures for December

December 1 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thess. 3:9-13

Psalm 25:1-10
Luke 21:25-36

December 8 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Malachi 3:1-7b
Philippians 1:2-11

Psalm 66:1-12
Luke 3:1-14

December 15 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Zeph. 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7

Psalm 85
Luke 7:18-28

December 22

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalm 80:1-7
Luke 1:39-45

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96
Luke 2:1-14

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