



Words of Peace

January 2025

Peace Lutheran Church

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The Annual Meeting will be held February 2 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Council will provide ham and buns. Congregation asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Pr. Andrew's New Year Posting

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12/31/2024



Well...it's no surprise. We are about to celebrate a New Year. So, it's worth asking, what's new in your life? What new experiences have you had recently? What new people have you met? What new challenges confront you, and what are you hoping to learn from those challenges?

Whenever we face something new, there's some excitement and some trepidation, but there's one thing that always remain the same: Jesus' saving faith that makes all things new. I'm reminded of the Scripture passage in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "***If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone; the new is here.***"

Jesus' saving faith makes the dead alive and well. Jesus' saving faith turns impossibilities into possibilities. Regardless of what Jesus calls you and me to do this year--whether in word or deed--let us turn to Him--letting His saving faith bring about new life where He knows best. One new thing that I would like to do this year is to make sure we have new prayer journal during worship gatherings. Why?

So that when we hear God's word preached, we can jot notes, questions, and insights down that encourages new, deeper growth with Christ and each other. We will be going through the gospel of Luke this year. The gospel of Luke is fascinating in so many ways. My hope and prayer for this year is that--when we hear the Word preached and receive the Lord's sacraments--our commitment to the Lord's promises leads us to loving Jesus above everything else. Then, everything else that Jesus calls us to do, will reflect His *new creation* in us.

"What's different about them?"

"You can tell that the people at Peace Lutheran really love Jesus."

Imagine people wondering about Jesus, and we can articulate the "newness" that Christ's Holy Spirit places within us, just as His word promises, "***The old is gone; the new is here.***"

What needs to be gone in your life?

What needs to be new?

Happy New Year, Peace Lutheran!

We are blessed to celebrate who Jesus is--now and forever.

Pr. Andrew Young



**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
compassions never fail. They are new every morning;
your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3: 22-23**



**for his
great is**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Here are the dates for our Christian Education classes for January. All classes start at 10:45am.

- Sunday School (Pre-K to 7th Grade) will meet on January 12th and 26th. Our lessons will be out of the New Testament for this semester.
- Confirmation will start January 5th continuing their study of the Old Testament.
- Adult Forum will start January 12th.

A PLACE FOR GRACE

We will not be meeting in the month of January. Next month we will resume our normal schedule meeting at 9:00am every 2nd Friday of the month. Our dates for this semester will be: February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, and May 9th

FAMILY WINTER WEEKEND

On January 18th and 19th we will have a Family Winter Weekend. More details on this event will be emailed and in the announcement bulletin.



Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:28-31

Happy New Year! What a fast, wonderful year 2024 has been. I hope you all were able to spend time with each of your families during the holidays because time really does fly as we all have experienced. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for all of us during the year 2025.

As the new year begins, so will our youth group begin. We will meet regularly on January 12th and January 26th. January 18-20th will be our family weekend since the schools are out January 20th for Martin Luther King day. Watch the weekly bulletin as more details will follow regarding our family weekend.

We have lots to look forward to this year. We are planning to have our youth serve our community, our church family and each other as much as everyone's schedules allow. (For example, we are in the planning stages of a mission trip for our high schoolers during spring break the 3rd week of March so they can give back to a community in need! Super exciting times!)

I am very thankful for all of the support you all continue to give our youth group and myself. It is a true blessing. Here's wishing you the happiest of the new year!!!

Respectfully yours,
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January Worship Schedule



January 5 Feast of the Epiphany	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Connie Holton</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Dave & Jeanette Hughes Zach Rogers-Sherman</i>
Refreshments	<i>Handsaker Family</i>
January 12 Baptism of the Lord	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters	<i>Jinx Sorensen Kelsey Stevens</i>
Reader	<i>Wynne Gillis</i>
Refreshments	<i>Debbie Young</i>
Acolyte	
January 19 2nd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Sola Scriptura</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeter	
Acolyte	
Refreshments	
Reader	
January 26 3rd Sunday After Epiphany	<i>Dakota Road</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters/Reader	
Acolyte	
January-April Council	<i>Derrick Monson Val Ross Mike Hansen</i>
January Altar Guild	<i>Jinx Sorensen/Char Somers Julie Hanson</i>

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3	4 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
5 Feast of the Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:45 a.m. – Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. – AA NO YOUTH GROUP	6 <i>9:30 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg.</i>	7 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	8 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	9 7:00 p.m. Council Bible Book Study	10	11 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
12 Baptism of our Lord 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #10 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:45 a.m. - Christian Ed. Classes 5:00 p.m. - AA 6:30 p.m. - Youth Group	13	14 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	15 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	16 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	17	18 Family Weekend <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventis</i>
19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 5:00 p.m. - AA Youth Group Family Weekend	20	21 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	22 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	23 5:30 p.m. – ZoeCare Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Bible Book Study	24	25 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventis</i>
26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Dakota Road 10:30 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:45 a.m. - Christian Ed. Classes 5:00 p.m. – AA 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	27	28 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	29 6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers	30 7:00 p.m. Bible Book 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.
- ◆ From Mike & Vickie Streich: THANK YOU to the Peace carolers for coming to our home to spread Christmas cheer! It absolutely made our spirits bright! We greatly appreciate you thinking of us. And thank you to the youth for the gift of delicious sugar cookies! They were tasty!



- 1 Melissa Holm
- 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
- 20 Eric Larson
- 25 Joy Richardson
- 26 John Gillis
- Jeff Bell
- Kris Bell
- 27 Elaina Johnson
- Lydia Stengel
- 30 Bob Coughlin

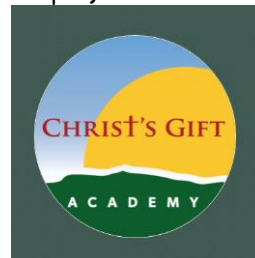


**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOXES**

All 50 of our shoeboxes were shipped to Mexico on December 5 & 6. What a blessing 50 children received at Christmas time! Thank you all so much for helping these children receive the Gospel and a heartwarming gift.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

\$2,980 TO





Mission Moment - Gallatin Valley Food Bank

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank (GVFB), established in 1982, works to improve food security throughout Southwest Montana. In addition to the food bank located on Griffin Drive in Bozeman, their outreach includes childhood nutrition programs, senior groceries, and the kids summer lunch program. Twice a month (usually the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 5-6 pm) they bring their mobile service to Peace Lutheran's parking lot for food distribution in our community. Jim Caldwell is our faithful contact person who is always here to assist on those days. The GVFB is one of Peace Lutheran's benevolence partners, so a portion of our general offering goes to support their services. Additionally, we have a blue plastic bin under the small table in the fellowship hall where nonperishable food items can be donated, and they will be brought to the food bank. More information can be found at gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org.





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Scriptures for January

January 5 – Feast of the Epiphany

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

January 12 – Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 3:1-17

January 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 128
1 Corith. 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

January 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19:7-14
1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Luke 4:16-30

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