



# Words of Peace

January 2026

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Church

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Congregations in Mission for Christ

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Giving envelopes are available in the narthex. If you would like giving envelopes and there is not a box with your name on it available please contact Lorrie Hansen or the church office. **Please do not use the 2025 envelopes for 2026 – some numbers have been changed. Use only 2025 envelopes.**



The Annual Meeting will be held January 25 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 and yours had a wonderful Christmas holiday! Looking forward to a blessed New Year!

Can you believe it? 2025 will soon be in the books. Where do we go from here?

In Psalm 80, I'm reminded of a powerful, Spirit-filled prayer, "You brought a grapevine out of Egypt; you drove out other nations and planted it in their land. You cleared a place for it to grow; its roots went deep, and it spread out over the whole land."

Yet another profound lesson that Jesus and His Spirit-filled body, the church, is described as "The Vine" and "Branches, fruit". In the context of Psalm 80, the people of Israel can do nothing on their own. God delivered them and provided a new country where they could thrive in the Lord. In other words, their spiritual growth cannot happen without being connected to "the Vine". Do you see where this is going?

In the New Testament, Jesus promised in John 15, "I am the Vine and you are the branches. Every branch in Me bears fruit, but apart from me, you can do nothing."

Regardless of the times, Jesus was, is, will always be "the Vine" who keeps us connected and fruitful in our relationships with God and each other. How would you describe your connection with Christ and "the branches" His people?

At Peace, there are many ways that you and your family can get connected in worship, small group Bible studies, fellowship, youth group, fellowship groups, and many more things that allow you to be "fruitful in the Vine".

Being connected to Christ and His people doesn't mean life will be easygoing. Rather, being a "faithful branch" you will remain fruitful in Christ, in ways that you would never have imagined on your own.

We look forward to growing in our faith together. In the name of Jesus, our Vine, 2026, here we come, expecting "fruitful living" that endures forever.

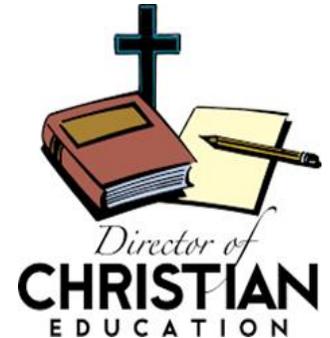
God bless you all and Happy New Year.

Pr. Andrew Young



*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*



**May this blessing help you in 2026 to keep your eyes on Jesus and remember to be grateful for all his promises.**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Christian Education hour is from 10:45 to 11:45am. NO Class January 25<sup>th</sup>, due to annual meeting.

- Sunday School (Pre-K to 7th Grade): Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have lessons from our Spark house curriculum on the New Testament. 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be doing a 10 week portfolio project called *Building My Faith: Who God Make Me To Be & How I Live It Out*.
- Confirmation: Will continuing their study of the New Testament. NO Class Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Adult Forum: Will finish the study Brave by Faith. New study information to come.
- Children's Choir: Nick, Jinx and Shannon will lead the children's choir.

### **A PLACE FOR GRACE**

We will meet on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will go through our 5<sup>th</sup> lesson in Philippines. Our dates for this semester will be: February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **FAMILY WINTER WEEKEND**

SAVE THE DATE!!! The weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a Family Winter Weekend. More details on this event will be emailed and in the announcement bulletin.



“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 40:31

Happy New Year! I believe Isaiah 40:31 is a wonderful way to start each day in 2026 - hoping in the Lord and renewing our strength. I hope while everyone was on break, you all were able to slow down and enjoy Christmas with your families.

As the new year begins, so will our youth group and we have so much to look forward to. We will meet regularly on January 11th and January 18th. We will not have youth group on the 25th since Belgrade schools have a 3 day weekend not to mention that is our annual congregational meeting immediately following service.

We are planning to have our youth serve our community, our church family and each other as much as everyone's schedules allow. We are in the very beginning stages of discussing a spring break mission trip for this March. We are also discussing options for a family weekend in February. We are working out the details of a “cookie social” at the Bozeman Lodge hopefully in February. We had so much fun last year we want to make this an annual tradition.

I am very thankful for all of the support you all continue to give our youth group and myself. It is a true blessing. Thanks to your generosity, the youth group raised \$1100.00 during the Christmas breakfast! The youth chose to tithe the entire amount to Gentle Winds (David Michael Carrillo) earmarked for Students for Christ in hopes that we are able to free an entire family from the brick kiln industry. What an amazing opportunity for our teens to help with.

I have been tracking our Operation Christmas Child boxes (47 of them!) for Samaritans Purse. 14 boxes were shipped to Liberia, 31 boxes were shipped to Mexico and 2 boxes were shipped to Thailand. It's amazing to think that our church family reached children in 3 different continents: Africa, Asia, and South America!

Cheers to 2026 — trusting God's plans for the year ahead. My wish for you is that this New Year brings joy, growth, and blessings as we continue to be rooted in Christ and guided by His love.

Respectfully yours,  
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# January Worship Schedule



<b>January 4 Feast of the Epiphany</b>	<i>Dakota Road</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Greeters	<i>Lavinder Family</i>
Refreshments	
Reader	<i>Rick Moler</i>
<b>January 11 Baptism of the Lord</b>	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Greeters	<i>Dave &amp; Jeanette Hughes Zach Rogers-Sherman</i>
Reader	<i>Dave Hughes</i>
Refreshments	<i>The Leftover Genie</i>
<b>January 18 2nd Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<i>Rhythm &amp; Blues</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Greeter	<i>Young Family</i>
Refreshments	<i>Debby &amp; Amy Young</i>
Reader	<i>Bill Young</i>
<b>January 25 3rd Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<i>Sola Scriptura</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Greeters/Reader	<i>Darlene Idland +1</i>
<b>January-April Council</b>	<i>Derrick Monson/Carl Grassel Val Ross/Mike Hansen</i>
<b>January Altar Guild</b>	<i>Donna Mellinger/Char Somers Julie Hanson/Jenn Kolling</i>

# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist</i>
<b>4 Feast of the Epiphany</b> 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Dakota Road 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 6:00 p.m. – AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <i>1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study</i>	<b>7</b>  <i>6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers 7:00 p.m. Council</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <i>A Place for Grace 9a.m.</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist</i>
<b>11 Baptism of our Lord</b> 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 11:00 a.m. - Choir 3:00 p.m. – Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - AA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <i>1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventis</i>
<b>18 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. – Worship – Rhythm & Blues 10:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship 10:45 a.m. - Christian Ed. Classes 11:00 a.m. - Choir 3:00 p.m. – Youth Group 6:00 p.m. - AA	<b>19</b>  <i>11:00 a.m. Worship Comm. Mtg.</i>	<b>20</b>  <i>1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventis</i>
<b>25 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:15 a.m. – Peace Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sola Scriptura 10:45 a.m. – Annual Meeting 5:00 p.m. – AA  <b>NO CHRISTIAN ED OR YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <i>1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study</i>	<b>28</b>  <i>6:30 a.m. – Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Peace Re-Piecers</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



*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.*

- ◆ Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that helped with the Christmas Breakfast and everyone that brought casseroles and baked goods.
- ◆ Thank you to all the parents that help with our Christmas Pageant.
- ◆ Thank you 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.
- ◆ To everyone who brought poinsettias for the Christmas season. They were beautiful!



- 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 BOXES**

**Here are the tracking updates:**

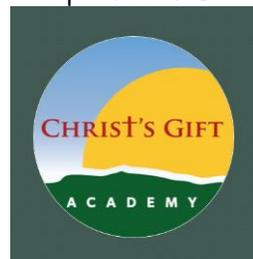
**14 boxes were shipped to Liberia  
(West Africa)**

**31 boxes went to Mexico  
2 boxes went to Thailand.**

**47 boxes and the Gospel in the country's language were sent from Peace Lutheran! Well done everyone!**

### **CHRISTMAS DONATIONS**

**\$910 TO**





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### *Scriptures for January*

#### **January 4 – Feast of the Epiphany**

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

#### **January 11 – Baptism of our Lord**

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

#### **January 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 49:1-7                      Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corin. 1:1-9                      John 1:29-42

#### **January 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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

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