December 1, 2013
First Sunday of Advent
Music – Janice Lehmkuhl

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Loving Father,
Assure us of Your presence, whether our earthly journey is short or long, knowing that our destination includes life in Your presence. We pray in Jesus name. Amen

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Church Attendance:	Saturday, November 23, 2013	13
	Sunday, November 24, 2013	134
	Sunday school	69

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week i: Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Find your team in the fellowship hall to sign in and record points for worship and for reading chapter 12 of "The Story". The first letter next to your name indicates the team. (Example: B-team Bethlehem). The second letter indicates the section. (Example: J-Joseph).

The Guild will be selling cards today and for the next few Sundays after Worship service.

Congratulation to Pauline Wiemann who recently received the national LCEF Fred E. Lietz Individual Ministry Award, a prestigious award for volunteerism with LCEF. Pauline is one of only four other people to receive this award from the Minnesota South District.

"My Cup Runneth Over" offering will take place on Thanksgiving Day, as well as the Sunday after Thanksgiving (December 1st). "My Cup Runneth Over" offering encourages folks to gather up loose change and put it in the big cup to help with the community food shelf.

Special Project Offering for Christmas bags for Sunday school kids will be the 2nd and 3rd week-ends in December.

The offering envelopes for 2014 are finished and on the table in the Narthex. Please pick your envelopes up.

We usually go Caroling during the month of December. Think about participating.

Attention Ladies Guild: The Sign-up sheets for the 2014 Altar Guild and Kitchen Committee are on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up.

If you still want to submit a photo for our new directory, please do so by this coming Monday, Dec. 2nd. If you have submitted a photo to us you can pick them up in the office anytime during office hours.

It's not too early to think about Christmas; Sibley County Public Health & Human Services is coordinating Santa's Helpers Workshop for Christmas 2013 with the assistance of Sibley County Civic organizations. Donations will be joyfully accepted until Monday December 9, 2013. Donations may be dropped off at Sibley County Public Health & Human Services, 111 8th St. in Gaylord between 8 am and 4:30 pm. Volunteers are also needed to sort and wrap gifts, chaperone and clean up. If you have any questions please call 507-237-4000.

Peace Lutheran donated 41 pounds of food this past month to the Sibley County Food Share. Thank you for your generous donations.

On Sunday, December 8th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the community of Arlington will present their annual Drive By Living Nativity. It will be held at the fairgrounds in Arlington. Live actors and animals depict the scenes leading up to the birth of Christ. We invite you to attend. Food shelf donations will be accepted at the gate.

Centennial Lutheran Church, 701 Locust St, Henderson will be hosting their 7th Annual Crèches and Collections on Thurs. Dec. 5th from 1:30 – 7:00 pm and Friday, Dec. 6th from 1:30 to 7:30 pm. View Nativity displays and collections inspired by favorite Christmas Carols and Hymns. Also enjoy the Christmas Story in Song and Drama, led by Dr. Jeff Burkart, Concordia University on Thursday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

As part of the Arli-Dazzle festivities taking place on Sat. Dec. 7th, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be putting on Bethlehem Express. All are welcome to board the Bethlehem Express and go on a make-believe train ride throughout their church. A conductor will assist passengers as they travel from stop to stop listening to songs, making crafts, eating snacks, and finally, entering their final destination, Bethlehem to learn about the REAL meaning of Christmas. This event begins at noon. Trains run every half hour and the last train departs at 3:30 pm. Each train ride last approximately one hour. This event is a fun family-friendly and FREE way to begin the Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 8th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Court, Mankato, MN there will be a Children's Memorial Service. Families and friends are invited to attend a candle lighting service. Parents may also bring a framed photo of their child for display. For more information, please call 507-385-2618 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2618. Names may be submitted no later than Monday, Dec. 2.

On Sunday, December 15th at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity First Lutheran Church, 1115 E. 19th St. in Minneapolis a Christmas German Communion Service will take place. For more information on this service please call 612-870-9487.

Please join us today for the Guild Christmas Brunch and fellowship after our worship service.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	**8:15 a.m.**	**Sunday school**
	9:30 a.m.	**Worship Service**
	10:30 a.m.	**Guild Christmas Brunch**
Wednesday	**3:45 p.m.**	**Catechism**
Saturday	**5:00 p.m.**	**Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Sunday	**8:15 a.m.**	**Sunday school**
	9:30 a.m.	**Worship Service with Holy Communion**
	10:30 a.m.	**Fellowship**