December 22, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Organist: Arlys Willis

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Loving Father,
We thank You for coming among us through Your Son; help us by Your Holy Spirit to make a place for You in our hearts, even today. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. We will sing the "Hymn of Praise" o page 154. There is no Holy Communion today, so the service will conclude with the prayers and the benediction.

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Hymns: 703, 352, 354
Text: Matthew 1:18-25
Theme: "God With Us"

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Church Attendance:	Saturday, December 14, 2013	31
	Holy Communion	24
	Sunday, December 15, 2013	98
	Holy Communion	73
	Sunday school	66

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week is: Romans 12:1 – In view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

Find your team in the fellowship hall to sign in and record points for worship and for reading chapter 15 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). We will be taking a 2 week break for the Christmas & New Year holidays and start in again in January.

Our new "church year" (Year A) features the book of Matthew. Most of the gospel readings for this year will be from this book.

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

Two more poinsettias' have been donated to the Christmas flowers from Gordon & Marlys Schauer & Matthew Burmeister *in Memory of*: Glenn Klitzke, Orville & Marella Klitzke, Janne Burmeister, Julie Kirkoff, Elaine Schauer, Edna Harens and Clara & Harry Brockhoff.

We thank all those who went caroling on Wednesday; you helped to bring the true meaning of Christmas to dozens of folks in a very pleasant way.

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.

A new Adult Inquirers Class will begin in February, probably on Sunday afternoons. This is a useful review of the Christian faith for all of us, especially Sunday school teachers, council members and other leaders. This class is also appropriate for new members and those who are considering membership at Peace.

We have received a Thank you from St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, it reads: "Blessings and thanks to the Congregation of Peace Lutheran Church for your donations to the holiday gift program. We appreciate your partnership and support. Have a great Holiday season".

The Usher/Acolyte schedule for January is finished. Please check your distribution for a copy.

The Portals of Prayer for Jan-March are on the table in the Narthex. Please take one.

ATTENTION YOUTH: You may wish to plan ahead to attend the gathering on the campus of Concordia University in St. Paul on March 28th & 29th. The event goes from 5:00 p.m. Friday to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Some of the top quality folks from the National Youth Gathering will be there.

Please join us today for 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.	**Fellowship**
Tuesday	**6:00 p.m.**	**Children's Christmas Service**
	7:30 p.m.	**Christmas Eve Worship Service**
Wednesday	**9:30 a.m.**	**Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion**
Saturday	**5:00 p.m.**	**Worship Service**
Sunday	**8:15 a.m.**	**Sunday school**
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	10:30 a.m.	**Fellowship**

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