December 11, 2016
Second Sunday in Advent
Music: Barb Elhke-Herrmann

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Loving Father,
As we advance in years, let us also advance in wisdom and in knowledge of Your Word. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: John 8: 31-32 'If you hold my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The following member of Peace Lutheran has been hospitalized this past week: Bruce Pinske.

We welcome the following honored guests today and their families and thank them for the many contributions they have made to Peace Lutheran: Shirley Bethke, Marlene Moskop, Lowell Nagel, Doloris O'Neil, Maxine Rickard, Viola St. John and Marlene Thurn.

The "Special Project Offering" for today and the next two Sunday's will be for the Children's Christmas bags.

The funeral for long time member Viola St. John took place here at Peace Lutheran yesterday, Saturday, December 10th. We pray that God will surround her family with love and peace as they mourn her passing.

The new Portals of Prayers for January – March are in and on the table in the Narthex. Please take one.

Peace Lutheran contributed 47.5 pounds of food to the Sibley County FoodShare this past month. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Prayer Partners Pondering: In his commentary, Wm. Barclay suggests that the shepherds to whom the angel made the announcement that a Savior was born might have been a very special group – those that tended the flock of unblemished sheep used for the sacrifices at the temple. Consider that understanding these shepherds would have had as they "Beheld the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." If that is true, notice how attentive God is to details – including the details of our prayers.

We will be selling Cards and napkins today after Worship until Christmas.

A new class which will cover the basics of the Christian faith will begin in January. The class is good for a basic review, as well as for preparation for membership in our congregation.

Since we will have the Pre K, K and Confirmation Pre-Christmas service next week, we will not be celebrating Holy Communion that day. We will celebrate Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

The end of the year is fast approaching; committee chairs please turn your year-end reports in to the secretary as soon as possible.

"Martin Luther Art and the Reformation" is a unique exhibit making only one appearance in the U.S. The Minneapolis Art Institute from October 30. 2016 – January 15, 2017. Part of the Thrivent Financial collection of Religious Art is included in this exhibit. If you are interested in seeing this exhibit, contact the church office (964-2959). If there is enough interest, free or discounted tickets are available through Thrivent.

The reading from "The Story" for today and this week is chapter 1.

In 2017 we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Minnesota South District will make some suggestions. The Art exhibit previously mentioned above is part of the emphasis.

Sibley East Music Boosters will host a Pasta Dinner, Monday, December 12th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

Zion Lutheran Church, Arlington invites you to their annual Women's Community Christmas program, featuring Rachel Kurtz, singer, songwriter on Thursday, December 15th. See the flyer on the bulletin board for all the details.

Sibley County Public Health & Human Services are collecting new toys, hats, mittens, quilts and monetary donations for "Santa's Helpers" from now until December 12th. You can drop off your donation at Sibley County Health & Human Services, 111 8th St., P.O. Box 237, Gaylord, MN 55334. If you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please call 507-237-4000.

Mayo Clinic will again host a Children's memorial Service at Hilltop Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato. The service will take place today, Sunday, December 11th from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For more information on this event please call 1-800-327-3721, ext. 4-2989.

Please join us today for our Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Ladies Guild.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion (Over 80 Recognition)
	10:30 a.m.	Guild Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service-(Pre-K & K, Confirmation Pre-Christmas Service)
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:30 a.m.	Worship Service at Highland Commons with Holy Communion

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