December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Music: Janice Lehmkuhl

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

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| Sunday, December 10, 2016 | 93 |
| Holy Communion | 53 |
| Sunday School | 47 |

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Bible verse to memorize this week: Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

The following members of Peace Lutheran have been hospitalized this past week: Bruce Pinske, Lori St. John.

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

Please feel free to join us tomorrow for "Feeding of the 500 Club" at 11:30 a.m. The soup of the day will be chicken & dumpling.

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

There is a box on the table in the Narthex if you would like to thank Arlys Willis for her many years of dedicated service at Peace Lutheran as our organist and wish her well.

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

Please pick up your offering envelopes. They are on the table in the Narthex.

We will be selling Cards and napkins today after Worship Service.

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

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

Prayer Partners Pondering: Simeon and Anna are two of whom we know so little but can discern so much. They met Jesus only briefly when he was just 8 days old yet they recognized who he was, not because of a sermon he preached or a miracle he did but because of the time they spent with God in worship and in prayer.

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 2.

There will not be a Caregiver Group meeting in December that takes place at the Gaylord library..

The Mayer Lutheran High School One Act Play cast will be presenting "Orphan Trains" in the Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, January 18th at 7 p.m

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.

Please join us today for fellowship following worship service.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

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| Today | 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 |
| Monday | 11:30 a.m. | "Feeding of the 500 Club" |
| Wednesday | 3:45 p.m. | Catechism |
| Saturday | 6:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Children's program |
| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Christmas Day Worship service with Holy Communion |