January 7, 2018
First Sunday after the Epiphany
Music: Janice Lehmkuhl

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Dear Father in Heaven,
Help us take to heart the fact that "the fear of the Lord" is the beginning of wisdom, so that we do all in our power to let faith grow.. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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Hymns: 507, 412, 397
Text: Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: "Faith Produces Wise Men"

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, December 31, 2017	45
Holy Communion	41

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: 1 Corinthians 12:3b - No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Today we will have installation of our new officer. The following people will be installed: Morris Mesenbring, Ellerd Mathwig, Pauline Wiemann, Carl Dykhoff, Lori St. John, Brian Bullert, Joey Winter, Howard Brinkman, Neal Wisch, Rich Mueller, Keith Doetkott, Dianna Frauendienst, Amy Halquist, Nikki Stock, Julie Scharping, Mike Westphalen, Rhonda Stein. We thank you for your willingness to support and participate in Peace Lutheran's vision.

The Special Project Offering for next Sunday is designated for the Dakota Boys and Girls Club.

Ladies: It's that time of the year again to sign up for Altar Guild and the Kitchen Committee. The signup sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

We've had some interest in forming a "prayer group"; if this is something that you'd like to be a part of, please call the church office and we'll put you on the list.

Prayer Partner Ponderings –"Those who know your name trust in you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." Ps 9:10 (Reminder-Look for our part and God's promise.)

Council Chair's and committee chair people: Now's the time to start thinking about finishing up your year-end reports! Please hand them into Sheila as soon as possible!

Thrivent Members: Don't forget to designate you "Choice Dollars" to go to Peace Lutheran. This has to be done before March 31, 2018. More information will be available to you soon.

Your contribution envelopes for 2018 are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up. If you did not get envelopes, please let Carl Dykhoff know.
The Usher/Acolyte schedule for January is complete. Please check your distribution box for a copy.

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

Thank you to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations.

The youth of Peace Lutheran has been invited to participate in Concordia University's, St. Paul, "Night in the Dome" Kickball Tournament on Friday, March 16, 2018. Parents if your kids are interested in this, call the office.

Are you a caregiver? The Arlington Caregiver's discussion group will meet Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 10 am to 11 am at the Fairview Assisted Living Center, 409 7th Ave. NW, Arlington, MN. Please call Barb Alsleben at 320-221-3747 for more information, or e-mail her at: Barbara.Alsleben@lssmn.org

We are developing an adult class for the basic teachings of our faith. Please consider attending and bringing anyone who might be interested in membership.

Please join us today after worship for fellowship.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion (Special project offering)
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship

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Participation in THE NOBLE EXPERIMENT is simple. You just write down some things about various areas of life, consciously live for God for a period of time, then write about those same areas and compare the lists. See how an intentional effort to live for God affects your life. A sheet to use for this project is on the table in the Narthex.