

PEACE PASSAGES

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Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the people at Peace is to be disciples of Our Lord who grow in grace and use the Word and sacraments to obey His command to make disciples of all nations.

Dear friends and members of Peace,

Sunday December 1 begins the season of Advent; a season of preparation to the celebration of Christ's birth. And every Christmas season we are reminded how infatuated people are with angels. We see angel movies and television shows; there are angel books, newsletters, and figurines in the stores we shop. Although God's Word tells us many details about angels, they are still a mystery. But one thing we do know, on the first Christmas, a heavenly army of angels suddenly appeared and sang their hearts out. Shepherds near Bethlehem heard the angel's wonderful announcement: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth."

When we consider how much light, music and glory were involved, it's surprising that the angels didn't stage this event at the Target center and charge \$75 a seat. Out of this splendor and majesty, an angel announced to the shepherds that the identifying mark of the newborn Savior would not be His glory, but His humility and poverty. The angels said they would find the newborn King wrapped in rags, lying in a manger, a feeding trough.

Perhaps more miraculous than the angels showing up, is that the shepherds believed their message. I wonder if we were told that a Savior of the world had just been born in a garage to unknown parents who were some 90 miles from home; would we have checked it out? The shepherds did! They listened to the angels. And when they arrived at the manger they weren't disappointed. Instead they knelt in adoration. Just as the angels had said; God had come to earth. Years later the Bethlehem baby would exchange a crib for a cross. He would perish to win our peace. He would endure Golgotha so we could eventually share in His glory.

So as we see the Christmas angels in the weeks ahead, let us all remember their message. The Savior was born for us; He came to bring us peace. He is Christ the Lord.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas celebration from our home to yours.

Pastor Dan

GENERAL FUND UPDATE

Balance as September 30, 2019
Financial Secretary Balance
Less Disbursements
Balance as of October 31, 2019

Contributions Received for October 2019

General Fund -
Building & Major Repair -
Missions -
Memorial & Special Gifts -

Memorials and Special Gifts for October

Parking Lot Altar fund Undesignated

Esther Beseke

December Have a Wish List? LCEF Can Help

Every ministry has a wish list – some have decided to replace outdated office equipment or the church organ, while others may need more room to increase their outreach efforts through a community space, child-care facility or building expansion. Others are refinancing a loan to get a better rate. Whatever the needs or “wishes” of your ministry, let Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) help make them a reality.

LCEF offers both floating – and fixed rate loans, depending on your organization’s needs. If you or your leadership team are unsure which type of loan and what rate would be your best option, visit lcef.org and contact your LCEF District Vice President.

Voters' Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the voters' of Peace Lutheran Church was held October 27, 2019, in the fellowship hall following the morning service. President Dave Halquist called the meeting to order, and Pastor Dan Ritter began with a prayer.

The secretary's minutes and financial secretary's report were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$23,713.58 in the general fund. A motion carried to accept the report.

Pastor Ritter told the group his work is proceeding well.

There were no committee reports.

The budget for 2020 was presented. A motion carried to approve the budget of \$180,400.00, an increase of \$4000.

The election ballot was presented. A motion carried to make the nomination ballot the election ballot for 2020.

President: David Halquist; Vice President: Bob Wavrin; Secretary: Pauline Wiemann; Financial Secretary: Carl Dykhoff; Treasurer: Lori St. John; Elder: Joey Winter; Trustee: Tom Reetz; Board of Education: Kaitlyn Kube; BESS: Candice Tostenson.

After discussion of the county fair results, a motion carried to rent the Legion building for the fair stand in 2020.

A motion carried to approve a synod amendment clarifying language in the membership section of the Synod constitution.

The call committee made its recommendation for a call to the voters.

The choice is Pastor George Morris, currently serving a congregation in Hinckley, Minnesota. Voters' questions were answered from the information in the

call form and the phone conversation with Pastor Morris.

Thank you's were extended to the crew who did the fall clean-up on the church property.

The meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,
Pauline Wiemann

Peace Lutheran Guild Minutes

The Peace Lutheran Guild met on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ruth Wolter opened the meeting with a devotion on God's Grace. The secretary & treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Committee reports: October 5th the Guild served for the funeral of Esther Beseke. 125 guest and 8 workers were served. Shirley Weckwerth and Rosie Kauffmann made the egg salad and Circle 2 worked. LWML Sunday was on October 6th. The Guild served for fellowship. Rosie Kauffmann and Shirley Weckwerth did the organizing for this event. The Feeding of the 500 club was held on October 21st with 30 people attending. The quarterly Voters' meeting was held on October 27th, 40 adults and 4 children were served for fellowship. \$84.00 was collected. Circle 3 served.

The Fall Conference Rally was held on October 19th at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN. The speaker was from the Orphan Grain Train. The Guild gave \$100 for the "Gifts of the Heart." There was a total of \$1,170 collected that day.

There was a motion to send \$100 to the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch in North Dakota, motion carried.

There will be a celebration for the those who have turned 80 in the last 3 years.

This will take place on Sunday, December 1st. There will be muffins & fruit breads, coffee & juice served for fellowship.

Juanita Kube will pick up the juice.

Pam Bullert will continue to do the Cradle Roll with Shirley Weckwerth.

The next meeting will be on November 26th.

We will decorate the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall.

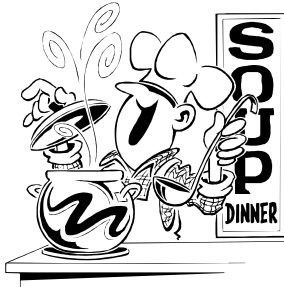
Mites were collected, the offering of Love was said and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Juanita Kube

Perfect as Is

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world . The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

-Corrie ten Boom



The "Feeding of the 500 Club" will meet on December 16, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. Please feel free to join us.

The office hours for September through May are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 a.m. – noon and Wednesday 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER" DEADLINE

Items for the January "Newsletter" are due in the church office by noon on Monday, December 16, 2019

December Readers

- 12/1 Ruth Wolter & Joyce Shaver
- 12/8 Tyson Durham & Spencer Tuchtenhagen
- 12/15 Yvonne Gennrich & Juanita Kube
- 12/22 Troy Koester & Faye Pinske
- 12/29 Bob & Martha Wavrin



Peace Guild

Altar Committee for December

December 1 -15 Joyce Shaver & Ruth Wolter

December 16 - 31 Sharon Shimota & Pauline Wiemann

Kitchen Committee for December

Rhonda Stien & Laurie Brockhoff

Coming Attraction

Advent, which marks the beginning of the beginning of the church year, is "the first gleam of Christmas," writes W. E. Sangster. "It heralds the entrance of the Divine into human history; it is heaven descending to earth; it is a great event casting its brilliance before it." Sangster adds: "It is his stand upon the turrets of time and announced the coming of the King. 'Get ready,' he seems to say. 'Get ready. He is coming!'"

Wild Hope

What keeps the wild hopes of Christmas alive year after year in a world notorious for dashing all hopes is the haunting dream that the child who was born that day may yet be born again in us.

-Frederick Buechner

**USHER/ACOLYTE SCHEDULE
For December**

Elder
Brian Bullert

Acolyte

Dec. 1 **Morgan Haggemiller**
Dec. 8 **Paris Kube**
Dec. 15 **Gracie St. John**
Dec. 22 **Spencer Tuchtenhagen**
Dec. 24 **Zachary Weckwerth**
Dec. 25 **Chaldin Wisch**
Dec. 29 **Julie Wolter**

USHERS

Dec 1, 2019

*Daryl St. John Lori St. John
Arayah St. John Alivia Strack

Dec. 8, 2019 **Holy Communion –
Special Project Offering**

*Daryl Thurn Mike Westphalen
Ben Westphalen Dale Wisch

Dec. 15, 2019 **Holy Communion**

*Neal Wisch Chelsea Wisch
Hannah Wisch Pauline Wiemann

Dec. 22, 2019

*Jason Bates Rhonda Bates
Gabrielle Bates Bill Beseke

Dec. 24, 2019 **Children's Christmas
Program**

*Alice Bobo Howard Brinkman
Deb Brinkman Payton Kube

Dec. 25, 2019 **Christmas Day Worship -
Holy Communion**

*Brian Bullert Pam Bullert
Andrew Bullert Anthony Bullert

Dec. 29, 2019

*Jen Carpenter Tony Carpenter
Alyson Dieball Shelby Dieball

A Note From LCMS Office of the President:

What are you doing on January 24, 2020? I hope you're making plans to join your church at the 47th Annual national March for Life in Washington D.C. I'll be there leading what I hope will be the largest contingent of Lutherans ever to march together in this life-affirming event. At 11 a.m. EST, we'll start gathering at the corners of 12th Street and Madison Drive to hand out hats, signs and hymn sheets. Then we'll join other marcher from around the world to walk up Constitution Ave. to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. If you able to come early, please join us the day before, on January 23rd for a 7 p.m. rally at the Renaissance Washington D.C. downtown hotel. The pre-march Divine Service will once again be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, VA, starting at 9 a.m. on January 24th. A continental breakfast will follow.

Welcome Jesus!

Welcome all wonders in one slight,
Eternity shut in a span,
Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man,
Great little one,
whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven,
stoops heaven to earth.
Richard Crashaw (1612-1649)

BE IN THE WORD

As part of our continuing Bible emphasis, we encourage you to memorize one Bible passage per week. Listed below are the passages for the month.

December

I Timothy 2:4 - (God) wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

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."

John 14:15 - "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Romans 8:1 - There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR "The Lutheran Hour" can be heard each Sunday at 6:05 a.m. from WCCO, 830 AM, on your radio and at 12:30 p.m. from KDUZ, 1260 AM, on your radio. Listed below are the topics that will be aired on that date.

December 2019

December 1

"Enough with the Self-Talk" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We are not always who we say we are. What you say to yourself about yourself may or may not be what's true. Dr. Michael Zeigler says, "Enough with the self-talk!" Who does God say you are? You'll find that you are worse than you thought, and yet, more loved than you could ever imagine.

(Luke 18:9-14)

December 8

"God's Yes" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Loved and Sent Series

(Romans 8:18-39)

December 15

"TBD" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Loved and Sent Series

December 22

"Christmas" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

December 29

"Dreams" Guest Speaker: Pastor John Nunes

(Jeremiah 23:24)

December Highlights

December

1	8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunday school Bible study Worship Service – Honoring 5 Members who are over 80
4	10:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	Fellowship Catechism
8	8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunday school Bible study Worship Service (Special Project Offering with Holy Communion
11	10:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	Fellowship Catechism
15	8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunday school Bible study Worship Service with Holy Communion
16	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Feeding of the 500 Club
18	3:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Catechism Council meeting
22	8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunday school Worship Service- Pre K & K, 7 th & 8 th grade Christmas Program
24	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship 1st-6th Children's Christmas program
25	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion
29	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service Fellowship