



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA
December 2014



December, 2014

Well, it's December (or is it Decem-burr?) and winter is here. But despite the cold, December has a tendency to fly by thanks to the opening of High School basketball, Christmas concerts at school, Christmas programs at church, and of course Christmas Eve and Day festivities.

Are you excited for Christmas? I am. I am especially excited for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. In fact, I've had them planned since early November. But consider this letter fair warning. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services at Peace will be slightly different than in years past because I've introduced a few elements to the services to help us to better appreciate the drama of the season.

On Christmas Eve, we will read a Christmas litany that highlights passages from Isaiah, John, and Matthew which will take us through salvation history (Creation to Christ). Interspersed throughout the litany will be some of our favorite Christmas hymns. The birth of Christ according Matthew will be read and the service will peak with the lighting of the candles and the singing of *Silent Night*. And of course, the night will end triumphantly with *Joy to the World*.

On Christmas Day, the Scripture readings will be solely from the Gospel of Luke. There will be a Christmas themed Invocation, Confession/Absolution, and Benediction but the highlight of the service will be the celebration of Holy Communion. Since, Christmas is the celebration of the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who came to earth in flesh and quite literally became "God with us;" there is no more appropriate way to celebrate such a thing than with Holy Communion.

As Lutherans we confess in Holy Communion that Christ's true body and blood is in, with, and under the bread and wine given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Though Christ no longer walks the earth like he did at the time of the Gospels, he is still truly Emmanuel, "God with us," in Holy Communion.

Please plan on attending one or both of the services at Peace this Christmas. We'll hear the Gospel, partake of Holy Communion, and experience the drama of "God with us" and sing many of our favorite Christmas hymns at both services. See you there!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sean Barnhart



Sunday School Christmas Program



The Sunday School children and teachers will tell about Jesus on
December 21st during the 10:45 worship at Peace Lutheran Church.
Fellowship will follow the program. Everyone is welcome! ☩

The Church Council:

- Pastor reported on visits in October, Confirmation and the upcoming 2015 mission trip to Sault Ste. Marie, MI. He estimates that 18-25 people will attend he trip. He also announced that Matt Ferderer is ready to launch the newly designed website which will once again have sermons available for download.
- Pastor reported that the ECMA Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- Property: The irrigation system at the parsonage has been blown out and insulation has been added to the parsonage attic space. Lyle is looking at fixing the light in the entryway.
- Motion carried to accept Mark Fisher's bid for snow removal.
- Motion carried to put lock boxes on the thermostats.
- Motion carried for the council to pay installation cost for a new sink and fixture (paid for by the PLCW) in the kitchen.
- Sylvia Weisser piano recital approved for Sunday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 p.m.
- Megan Wald was approved for transfer into the congregation.
- Education: Full dress rehearsal for the Christmas program will be Dec. 17th. There will be a young woman's Bible study led by Dez Kiefer and Anne Barnhart.
- Janice Baer announced her retirement as Church Secretary as of Jan. 31st, 2015. Her resignation was accepted by the council with deep regret.
- Pastor read the minutes from the Endowment Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Howard Garnaas, Tad Larson, Lisa Hendrickson, Duane Baer, Mark Fisher, Lyle Hanson, Laura Hirvela, Bob Tschritter and Larry Umer Jr. †



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Program:

Practice for the Christmas Program will be **9 a.m.** on **December 7th, 14th and 21st**. **Notice Time Change**
December 17th will be program practice at **5:30 p.m.** with pizza for supper!
~The Christmas Program is December 21, 2014 at 10:45 a.m. during the worship service. ~
Fellowship following the program. If anyone would like to bring goodies to share there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the steps.

Mark your calendars:

Christmas program on **Dec. 21st** at 10:45 a.m. during the worship service.
There will be **NO** Sunday School on **Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th, 2015.**
We will resume Sunday School on **Jan. 11th, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**



Thank you to all the church members who have been feeding the kids snacks on Sunday morning, it is greatly appreciated!! If you haven't signed up to take a turn, please do so the second half of the year. Many hands help make the work load lighter.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless,
Lisa Hendrickson & Lisa Ptacek
Co-Sunday School Superintendents

*** Honor Someone With Chancel Flowers! ***

The Flower Committee listed below along with the Linton Floral N' More has set up a system for members to provide flowers for Sunday worship services. For \$30, the Linton Floral N' More will provide 2 arrangements of flowers for the 2 vases behind the altar or a larger single arrangement for \$25 for the top of the piano. This includes tax.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday:

- 1) make sure that Sunday is not taken.
- 2) give your money to one of the ladies on the Flower Committee.
- 3) tell her the date you want.
- 4) let her know if it is for a special occasion. The ladies will make sure the flowers are there and the information will be listed in the bulletin on that Sunday. **We do ask that you pay the appropriate amount when making your request even if it is several weeks or months in advance.**

Flower Committee members are: Leola Dietz and Janice Baer. †

Ushers and Acolytes for Dec.

Lyle Hanson Scott McCulley
Larry Umber Jr.

Kelani Larson, Sadie Bosch & Laura Hovland

Dec. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Dec. 7 Ron & Mary Maier
 Dec. 14 Tad & Elise Larson
 Dec. 21 Jon & Lisa Ptacek family
 Dec. 28 Eva Hanson & Lyle Hanson
 Jan. 4 Bob & Linda Tschritter



Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Dec. 7 - Julie Umber
 Dec. 14 - Jim Weisser
 Dec. 21 - Laura Hirvela
 Dec. 28 - Keith Petrick
 Jan. 4 - Helen Garnaas

† DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

**Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Instruction Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

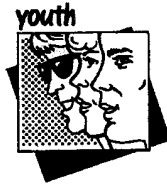
Dec. 7 - Worship with communion 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 14 - Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 21 - Sunday School Christmas Program with worship 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Worship 10 a.m.
Dec. 28 - Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.
 No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study



! 🚌 Need a Ride??

If you need a ride to church.....please call:
Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167

	<p>“Christmas by Celebrate Singers” December 28th at 10:45 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Everyone is welcome!</p>	
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Youth Group Meeting...Wed., Dec. 10th at 6 p.m.

Our youth group will be meeting on **Dec 10 at 6:00 pm.** We will have pizza at the church and then we will be going around to our shut-ins to sing them Christmas Carols. If you want to join in a fun night please let Lisa Ptacek know so that we have enough pizza!

I just want to take the time to thank each of you that donate to our youth group, it is greatly appreciated. Wishing your family a Merry Christmas!

Lisa Ptacek,
Youth Group Advisor



"Toys for Kids" Benefit

The Linton Lions Club is having a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Community Center on **Sunday, Dec. 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The proceeds from the breakfast will be used to buy Christmas gifts for the needy Emmons County children. †

December Sunday School Schedule

- Dec. 7 – Sunday School Program Practice 9 a.m.
- Dec. 14 – Sunday School Program Practice 9 a.m.
- Dec. 17 – Program Practice with pizza supper 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 21 – Sunday School Program Practice 9 a.m.
Sunday School Program during church
service at 10:45 a.m.
- Dec. 28 & Jan. 4 – No Sunday School



CARILLON "SPECIAL" MUSIC



Would you like to honor or remember someone or some event with a song played on the carillons? If so, let the church office know the date and song (if available) you would like played. It will be played on that date at 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (your choice) and it will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Cost is a donation. †

~PLCW Board News~

The kitchen has been cleaned and organized. The PLCW will be purchasing some items needed in the kitchen that will make it more convenient when serving for various church events.

Thank you to all who took part and donated on the Thankoffering Sunday! Our donations will be going to the "Faith Comes by Hearing, Military" to help with the distribution of Audio Bibles to people in the service for our country.

Two Christmas wreaths were purchased from the National Honor Society for the holiday decorating for the church.

Women of Peace Bible Study at church
Christmas Treat Potluck
Wed., Dec. 17th at 7 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!

Peace Lutheran Church

December "Mission Support"

Jemo Ethiopia Project
Bismarck Community Church

~~Greetings to the Congregation of Peace Lutheran Church!~~

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Jemo Ethiopia Project. God has continued his amazing transformation of this impoverished community in a land half a world away. We are happy to report that the children are making great strides physically, emotionally and spiritually!

Last May we took a team of 25 people to Jemo. Half of this team was made up of medical professionals that conducted a comprehensive three day medical clinic for all 200 children in the program. Baseline medical data was collected and all children were evaluated by our medical team and a local doctor. Follow-up protocols were developed, including disbursement of vitamins and needed medications on a regular basis, fungal shampoo treatments for kids and their families and facilitation of clinic appointments for children that need a higher level of care. The medical clinic was a huge success to say the least! Small medical problems if left untreated can become very serious, but now that we have the proper information and have done the proper training, these children will not have to suffer easily preventable consequences.

The children are still receiving much improved nutrition and monthly family supplemental food disbursements. This is possible because of the child sponsorship dollars. Child sponsorship costs \$38 per month. It literally changes the life of the child. We have sponsors for all 200 children that were originally eligible for the program. We have recently added 50 new children and are looking for sponsors for each of them. You can see the children available for sponsorship at:

www.hopeches.org/community/jemo/sponsor

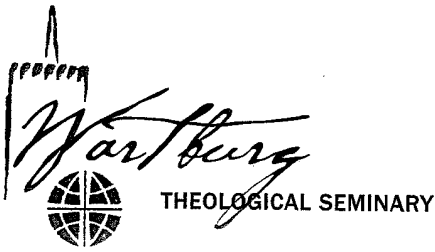
The local school that most of the children attend is in dire need of a repaired water system, latrines and additional classrooms. We have taken this on as a two year capital project. The water system is being repaired at the present time and is almost complete. Next the latrines will be built and finally three additional classrooms. Construction of all phases should be complete by the end of 2015. We have raised more than half the funds for this project. God is great!

Our sister church, Jemo Mekanayesus, is growing and attracting more members from the community each year. They are a vibrant worship community that believes in the redemptive power of Jesus! They love their children and teach them daily the biblical truths of our Savior.

The ultimate goal of the Jemo project is to help make the community self-sufficient. In 2016, we plan to start training families in different opportunities that will help them generate their own incomes. We believe that surviving, thriving and succeeding is a process that will happen over time for this community. Your prayers are truly appreciated and needed. Thanks again for your tremendous support of this important mission!

Peaceful Blessings,

The Congregation of Bismarck Community Church



Forming Valued Leaders for God's Mission

November 7, 2014

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Dear Rev Henkelmann and Friends at Peace Lutheran Church.

On behalf of the Wartburg Theological Seminary Community, it is my privilege to thank you for your recent gift of \$394.50 to the Wartburg Seminary Fund. We are grateful for friends like you who support the formation of valued leaders for God's mission.

In this season of thanksgiving, Wartburg Theological Seminary is grateful for your gifts to support our mission of forming valued leaders for the church. It is because of your generosity and belief in this mission that Wartburg Theological Seminary continues its rich heritage of gathering students together to worship, learn and live together and then sending them out to be leaders in communities of faith throughout the church and world. And so, during this season we give thanks for YOU and the impact of your gifts for God's work at Wartburg Seminary.

Thank you for being a valued partner in the formation of future pastors, lay leaders, chaplains and teachers in congregations and communities of faith throughout the country and the world.

We give thanks to God for you, your gifts and your prayers for the mission of Wartburg Theological Seminary.

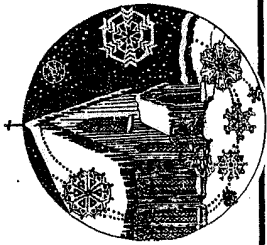
In Christ,

Janelle Koepke
Vice President for Mission Support

*Thank you for your
commitment to the
formation of leaders!*


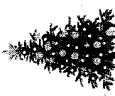

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This letter acknowledges receipt of your gift as a charitable contribution. In keeping with IRS regulations, it is understood that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this charitable donation. Please retain this letter as receipt for your records. It is an important document necessary for any available income tax deduction for this gift. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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USHERS: Lyle Hanson, Scott McCulley & Larry Umber Jr.
 ACOLYTES: Sadie Bosch, Laura Hovland & Kelani Larson

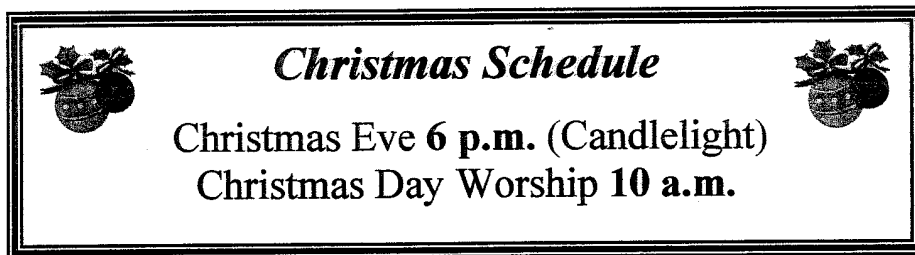
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Andrew, Apostle</i>	2	3 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr.	4	5	6
7 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion "Mission Trip Bake Sale"	8	9	10 6 p.m. Youth Group Pizza & Caroling 7 p.m. No Confirmation 7 p.m. Church Council	11	12	13
14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Service	15	16	17 5:30 p.m. Sunday School Program practice & Pizza 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr. 7 p.m. Women of Peace (at church)	18	19	20
21 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship with Sunday School Christmas Program...Fellowship after Worship "Mission Trip Bake Sale"	22	23	24 <i>Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve</i> 6 p.m. Candlelight Service 	25 <i>Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day</i> 10 a.m. Worship Service 	26 <i>Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</i>	27 <i>John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
28 <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i> No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Christmas Service	29 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> New Year's Eve			

-December Baptismal Dates

Baptismal dates for **December** according to church records are:

1 – Travis Humann	12 – Doris Heer	24 – Shannon Krogstad
2 – Eva Heyne	16 – Ramona Humann	Lynn McCulley
Corey Hoff-Wald	17 – Vicki Schwab	Jeanette Winterberg
Gracelyn Johnson	20 – Vanessa Fisher	26 – Amanda Grossman
3 – Harold Hirvela	21 – Keith Petrick	29 – Nicole Nieuwsma
6 – Brandon Rossow	22 – Benjamin Schwab	Duane Ohlhauser
9 – Ben Huber	Josi Schwab	30 – Richard Backhaus
11 – Kevin Krogstad	23 – Paul Ferderer	31 – John DeBoer
Cynthia Kurtz	Sarah Henkelmann	Matthew Jasper
		Janelle Schlosser

If your baptism date is missing and you know the date, please call the church office (254-5395) so it can be included. †



These birthdates of our members are according to the church records. Some birthdates were not on record. If your birthdate is missed, or if there is a mistake, please contact the church office.



December birthdays are:

1 - Carson Lawler	7 - Paul Ferderer	17 - Larry UMBER Jr.
Gladys Pocta	11 - Jack Streyle	19 - Mackenzie Hendrickson
Twyla Schiermeister	12 - Larry Humann	20 - Mary Maier
3 - Shannon Krogstad	Irene Fisher	21 - Ruth Ryckman
4 - Jon Ptacek	13 - June Alderin	29 - Darcy Rindelaub
DiAnn Dez Kiefer	14 - Keith Humann	Noah Nieuwsma
5 - Tad Larson	Rafe Kalama	30 - Laurie Humann
6 - Doris Heer	15 - Peyton Masset	
	16 - Jacob Conroy	

May each of you have a very *Happy Birthday* and may we keep you in our prayers for the day of your birth, praying that you shall remain faithful followers of Jesus until He comes again! †



Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Welcome people in

Help them grow

Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care

