

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
PO BOX 686
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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA
January 2015

A new year! It's time to make some resolutions, right? Generally resolutions cover one of the following categories: money, weight, self-improvement/education, and relationships. We all want to save more and spend less. Who doesn't want to maintain a healthy weight and be more fit? Organization is almost always a good thing to aspire to and healthy relationships, whether amorous or not, are also a worthy goal. But did you know that only 8% of Americans who make New Year's resolutions will actually achieve some form of success?

I don't know if that statistic makes me feel better or worse. On the one hand I know that I am in good company if I fail. On the other, it looks like no matter the resolution I make, it will be an uphill battle.

It is good to have goals and it is good to strive to make oneself better at all things, but we all know that perfection is quite simply out of reach. Of course, as Christians we confess more than just this. We confess that though saved by grace through Christ we are still sinners dwelling in a sinful world. In this, perfection seems not only to allude us, it also seems to mock us.

What is a person to do then? The author of Hebrews has the answer. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2).

This word from Hebrews may not help us in terms of weight loss or debt reduction, but in terms of our faith in Christ it holds a great word of promise. First, Christ has authored our faith. He wrote it into existence. Second, Christ is the perfecter of our faith. Though we will struggle "all our live long days" with our sinful nature, we can rest assured that Christ will bring us to perfection at the end of all things whether overweight or not.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sean Barnhart

† *Memorials* †

During December donations were given in memory of John Allensworth to the Endowment Fund by Pastor Sean Barnhart and to the Celebrate Fund by Duane & Janice Baer; a donation in memory of her parents, Norbert & Lydia Borth to the Celebrate Fund from LaDean Schafer. †

 **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. †

*** 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.**

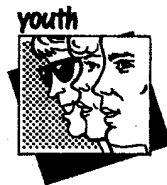
Flower Committee members are: Leola Dietz and Janice Baer. †

ANNUAL MEETING
January 25, 2015 after worship
Items of business...Adoption of the new 2015 budget
and 3 new church council members selected
Shared meal after the meeting

The Church Council:

- Pastor reported on visits (12) in November and baptism for Megan Irene Ohlhauser. The new website is up and going. People can now listen to sermons on the website once again. Plans are in the works for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Lent. 19 people are officially signed up for the mission trip to Sault STE Marie, MI. At least six more people have shown interest. The youth are looking at going to Park River Bible Camp once again for Jubilee Camp.
- Auditing committee for the church is Anne Masset, Kayla Hendrickson, Rhonda Dockter.
- 6 dozen more cookies/bars could be used for the Christmas program. A generous donation was given for new costumes for the Christmas program.
- Rachel Henkelmann's transfer out to Bethany Lutheran in Cedar Rapids, Iowa was approved.
- The transfer of membership into PLC of Deb Jahner and Kay Janecek was approved.
- The Insurance policy was discussed. Discussion was had on increasing the coverage on the parsonage. Motion was made to increase coverage on the church and parsonage and to invite J & L to come and reassess the property.
- Discussion was held on a "Good Samaritan" line for the 2015 budget. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

*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 Umber Jr. †



Youth Group Meeting...Wednesday, January 7th at 7:45 p.m.

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy New Year! Thank you for all of your support last year.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for all the hard work from the teachers, helpers and the amazing participation from our kids to help make our program a success. Thank you for sharing the message of the greatest gift God gave us. Sunday School will resume on **January 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**

We wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lisa Ptacek and Lisa Hendrickson,
Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Reports Needed

Please give your reports for the annual meeting to the church office by **Jan. 18th**.
(PLCW, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Education, Property, Youth Group & Endowment.). †

2015 Offering Envelopes

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Contribution Reports for 2014 are available on the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up....
Thank you!

Ushers and Acolytes for Jan.

Duane Baer Mike Kunz
Tom Kiefer Lyle Wohl

Madi and Makayla Ptacek

Jan. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Jan. 4 Tom & Dez Kiefer
Jan. 11 Jon & Lisa Ptacek
Jan. 18 Eva Hanson & Lyle Hanson
Jan. 25 Keith & Evelyn Petrick
Feb. 1 Scott & Lynn McCulley

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Jan. 4 - Evelyn Petrick
Jan. 11 - Sylvia Weisser
Jan. 18 - Linda Tschritter
Jan. 25 - Janice Baer
Feb. 1 - Debbie Jahner

† **JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE** †

Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday...Confirmation Instruction 7 p.m.

Jan. 4- Worship with communion **10:45 a.m.**
Jan. 11 – Celebrate worship **10:45 a.m.**
Jan. 18 - Praise! Hymnal worship with communion **10:45 a.m.**
Jan. 25 – Celebrate worship **10:45 a.m.**
Annual Meeting following worship.
A shared meal will be held after the meeting.

! 🚗 **Need a Ride??**

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

STRASBURG CARE CENTER

The Strasburg Care Center has asked that Peace Lutheran provide the lunch for the January birthday party on **Jan. 14th at 2 p.m.** Sylvia Weisser's piano students will be providing the entertainment. If you would be willing ride along to help serve and visit with the residents, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for volunteering! ☩

....PLCW News....

1. Needed...A coordinator or coordinators for the volunteer LWR quilting for Feb. thru March. If you would be interested please contact Marilyn Malmedal for a description of responsibilities.
2. Needed...A coordinator or coordinators for funeral lunch planning. If you would be interested please contact Marilyn Malmedal for a description of responsibilities.
3. Thankoffering donation to Faith Comes by Hearing Military Audio Bibles was **\$778.15**. We have been notified that there is to be matching funds for this amount.
4. The Christmas decorations are to be taken down after the **January 7th** board meeting.
5. The PLCW booklets have been completed and are available on the narthex table. We are still in need of chairmen for Committee A.

Thank you to Sheldon & Marilyn for bringing the Peace Light down from Lincoln so it would be on display in our church over Christmas!

Faith Comes By Hearing[®]

GOD'S WORD. EVERYWHERE FOR EVERYONE

December 12, 2014

Dear Ladies,

Thank you and your congregation so much for your generous donation of **\$778.15** to bless our servicemen and women with the Word of God. For those deployed far from home, the holidays can be an especially difficult and lonely time. Scripture can provide peace and comfort like nothing else, and your gift has made it possible.

What's more, and as this U.S. Navy Lieutenant explains, the BibleStick is perfect in situations where carrying a print Bible may be impractical or impossible:

I believe the technology of putting the New Testament on a portable device is great! I can't always carry a Bible so this has become a new way of hearing Gods Word.

With your help, we have been able to provide more than 480,000 Military BibleSticks to our troops. And together we will continue to do so until all requests are met.

Again, thank you!

A Servant of Christ,



Morgan Jackson
Senior Vice President

No goods or services were received for this contribution.

Donations to this ministry are tax-deductible as allowable by law. | FaithComesByHearing.com
Hosanna | 2421 Aztec Rd. NE | Albuquerque, NM 87107-4224 | 800-545-6552 | 505-881-3321 | Info@fcbhmail.org | MilitaryBibleStick.com

PLCW Work List for Annual Meeting, Jan. 25th

<u>Set-Up</u>	<u>Serve</u>	<u>Clean-Up</u>
June Alderin	Becky Caruso	Leola Dietz
Janice Baer	Sandy DeBoer	Irene Fisher
Anne Barnhart	*Rhonda Dockter	Melissa Fisher
Lacie Brueckner	Rosie Ferderer	Dez Kiefer
Helen Garnaas	Deb Grenz	Lil Kunz
Eva Heyne	Kayla Hendrickson	Mary Maier
Laura Hirvela	Lisa Hendrickson	Nicole Nieuwsma
Kay Janecek	JoAnn Humann	Delores Ohlhauser
Marilyn Malmedal	*Elise Larson	Marie Ohlhauser
Tina Masset	Annie Masset	*Violet Ohlhauser
Lynn McCulley	Heidi Nieuwsma	Lisa Ptacek
Gladys Pocta	Kaitlyn Nieuwsma	*Evelyn Petrick
Helen Renschler	Rusty Plienies	Jean Rudy
Angela Saylor	Heather Rossow	Vicki Schwab
LaDean Schafer	Lorraine Schatz	Shirlene Serr
Erin Schmidt	Janelle Schlosser	Acacia Stuckle
Roxanne Schrantz	Jessica Schlosser	Julie Tveito
Linda Tschritter	Julie Umber	Candace Wagner
Jeanette Winterberg	Rachal Umber	Carmen Wessner
Lilli Wohl	Erma Wohl	Sylvia Weisser

*Chairman of Committees (see program books for needed phone #s)

Responsibilities:

Set-up Committee	Serving Committee	Clean-up Committee
Table coverings on tables	Take food as brought and put	Wipe table coverings
Salt/Pepper	in ovens, etc.	Bag garbage, take to elevator
Cream/Sugar on tables	Water pitchers on tables	New liners in cans
Plates, Napkins, Cups &	Prepare food for serving	Wash dishes
Silver on serving table	Keep serving table full	Clean kitchen
Make coffee	Coffee servers on tables	
Decorations on tables, if	and keep full	
to be used		

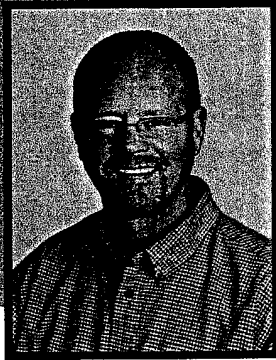
Thank you for your help! If you have any questions please call Marilyn Malmedal at 254-4580.

January Baptismal Dates

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

8 – Gladys Pocta	16 – Brent Bodvig	27 – Duane Baer
10 – Rachal Umber	Terry Hochhalter	Craig Serr
11 – Garret Roemmich	20 – Larry Umber III	31 – Barbara Haas
14 – Kaidra Larson	23 – Libby Wohl	Conner Umber

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



a word from Mark

By: Mark Vander Tuig
LCMC Service Coordinator

We had a great Annual Gathering and Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, this last October. We had almost 1,100 people in attendance, raised almost \$95,000 for *Meals from the Heartland* and packaged 291,168 meals on the Tuesday evening of the event. There was time for prayer, worship, singing, Bible study, learning from excellent keynote presenters and more. We elected two new people to the Board of Trustees: Pastor Christopher Miller and Pastor Corky Spitler, Pastor Martha Nelson was given a second 3-year term.

Next year we will gather in the Dallas, Texas, area for the 15th Annual Gathering and Convention, October 4-7.

There are some new things being tested in the months to come. First, we will offer—on a trial basis—a chance for pastors to gather together weekly for fellowship and support via the internet. We call this opportunity *Pastors Connect*, and if it goes well we will offer it to all of the pastors in LCMC next year at the Dallas Gathering and Convention.

This coming January we will inaugurate *Churches Connect*. This too is an internet-based point of connection for our congregations. We hope to connect congregations with specific needs/interests with similar congregations who have skills, experience or abilities so we can help each other more effectively. You will hear more about this at the beginning of 2015.

Coming up in January is our 3rd Annual *3 Days of Prayer*. More and more of our congregations are finding ways to participate in this annual call to prayer:

- **Day One:** Tuesday, January 6, is a **Day of Confession**, recognizing that we have sinned against God, against each other and ourselves. We have been caught up in big arguments about small things when

there are those we love who do not know Jesus, and not connected to His church.

- **Day Two:** Wednesday, January 7, is a **Day of Petition**. There are so many things, people and issues to pray for and about, this day is committed to bringing our petitions to God. We know He hears our prayers and is at work in ways that we can see, and ways that we will never know.
- **Day Three:** Thursday, January 8, is a **Day of Prayer for Vision**, seeking God's vision for your church and for our association. The church belongs to Jesus and we simply ask the Lord of the church to lead, guide and direct our mission and ministry.

The world around us has changed and we need to find ways to communicate the hope of the Gospel, the Grace of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to people in this generation. I believe prayer is one of the greatest gifts given to us by God, and we need to become more and more a people of prayer. I believe the church will never rise up until she first gets to her knees. I love Luther's explanations to the 2nd and 3rd petitions to the Lord's prayer ... God's kingdom and will is certainly going to be done, and even without our praying for it, but in this prayer we ask that His Kingdom may come also to us that His will may be done among us!

I am so grateful to be a part of this association. Our Annual Gathering and Convention reminds me of the great people the Lord has called into this association and the freedom we have to carry out the ministry and mission of the church. This includes connecting to one another, pastors and congregations, and coming together in prayer to pray for God's will and kingdom to be done among us!

Peace Lutheran Church ... January "Mission Support"

IFOSuD

IFOSuD is a Christian international non-profit organization promoting social, entrepreneurial, and sustainable development

Plant a seed. Grow a nation.

How It Works

The 3 Seeds of IFOSuD

- **Agricultural Training** °Led by educated Haitians, our team trains Haitian farmers to plant, irrigate, fertilize, identify and control pests, and harvest their fields with hands-on training. We have already seen yields increase 60%!
- **Financial Counseling** °Our team also walks the farmer through his expenses and income. They help the farmer realize the potential to market his crop and increase his income.
- **Christian Discipleship** °Our team's main focus is to evangelize and disciple the farmers we work with through devotions, church meetings, and one-on-one conversations. The Haitians are a very spiritual people, and without the discipleship, true farming and social change will not happen.

Farmer Beneficiary Program:

This is the nuts and bolts of IFOSuD. It is a hands-on training program that runs every week in three locations. Farmers are taught how to think critically. To analyze, decide, and act. They are taught to better grow their traditional crops and to grow new crops, such as vegetables like tomatoes and peppers. We want them to have something to feed their families and have extra to sell. With this profit they can improve their farms, increase the quality and quantity of seeds planted, and send their children to school.

Local Development Committee:

Developing local committees in each area we impact is the core of what we do and what makes us different. Our aim is to instill Biblical values, principles, and practices for social and economic change in our beneficiaries and local committee leaders. Then we, the Haitian team, carefully select leaders from our pool of beneficiaries for each committee. This committee is in charge of managing local funds and executing programs, such as the laying hen program recently established. Once the committee is secure and operating on Biblical principles, we hand over the region to them. This is a three year process. We will continue to help and support them from a distance, but they will be responsible to see their community grow and continue in the way IFOSuD has taught them.

Christian Discipleship:

Both Haitian and U.S. teams are a part of IFOSuD because we love Jesus. We want every beneficiary and their families to know and experience the life and hope that is in Christ. Most of the communities know we are a Christian organization. Prayer, devotions, and worship are a regular part of the program. Everything we do is based on relationship. To be a beneficiary you do not have to be a Christian. In fact we try to have 50% of our beneficiaries come from outside the church. We have also supported bringing in and dispersing Scriptures by way of Bibles and MP3 players in the Haitian language.



December 9, 2014

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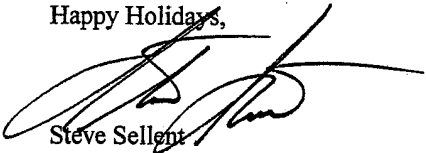
Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Lifting up hope for our neighbors suffering from hunger during the holiday season is a truly special gift. And hope is exactly what your generous donation of \$965.00 to the Great Plains Food Bank means to children, seniors and working families that receive the food assistance they need.

Hunger is especially painful during the holiday season, and your support means so much to those who face the deep despair it brings this time of year. Children will go to bed with full tummies, seniors won't have to make the agonizing choice between buying food or medicine, and hard-working parents won't have to worry where the next meal for their families is coming from this Christmas.

Thank you again for giving the very special and thoughtful gift of hope, along with food, for those struggling with hunger. It will truly make this winter a healthier and happier time for many.

Happy Holidays,



Steve Sellert
Program Director

What a very special and meaningful gift for families struggling with hunger this holiday season. Thanks so much! Steve

P.S. You do so much for people in need. If you'd like to send an additional gift, please use the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

Thank You

1720 3rd Ave N • Fargo, ND 58102 • (701) 232-6219
Unless otherwise noted, no goods or services were exchanged in return for this gift.

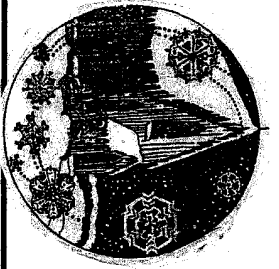
Your total year-to-date giving, for all programs, is \$1,490.00.



Date of gift - 12/8/2014
Amount of gift - \$965.00
Reference - Contribution

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Our Pledge to Financial Integrity: The Great Plains Food Bank, a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota takes extra care to ensure our funds are used in the most efficient way possible to feed those in need. An audited financial statement, prepared by an independent accounting firm, is available to all who ask. We pledge to follow the highest ethical standards and to conduct our affairs in an open and professional manner.



January 2015

USHERS: Duane Baer, Tom Kiefer,
 Mike Kunz and Lyle Wohl
 ACOLYTES: Madi and Makayla Ptacek

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Name of Jesus</i>	2	3
				New Year's Day		
4 <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i> No Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship/Holy Communion	5	6 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	7 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr. 7:45 p.m. Youth Group	8	9	10
11 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Service	12	13	14 2 p.m. PLCW serving at Strasburg Care Center 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr. 7 p.m. Church Council	15	16	17
18 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion	19 <i>Confession of Peter</i>	20	21 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr. 7 p.m. Women of Peace (L. Dietz at church)	22	23	24
25 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Service Annual Mtg. after worship Shared meal following the meeting.	26 <i>Conversion of Paul</i>	27	28 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr.	29	30	31

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 inform the church office.



January birthdays are:

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| 1 - Larry Ueber III | 13 - Conner Ueber | 20 - Jennifer Roemmich |
| 2 - Tyson Bodvig | 14 - Mike Schwab | 21 - ShayLee Bosch |
| 3 - Jerome Ohlhauser | 15 - James Lauinger | 22 - Melvin Forderer |
| 5 - Michael Schatz | 16 - Iris Bosch | Loretta Haas |
| 6 - Roxanne Schrantz | Wade Huber | 23 - Sean Barnhart |
| 9 - Rory Humann | Tanner Peterson | Matthew Nieuwsma |
| Roberta Wagner | 17 - Duane Baer | 27 - Melvin Wohl |
| 10 - David Erickson | Mitchell Forderer | 28 - Jude Barnhart |
| 12 - Jacob Janecek | 18 - Evelyn Petrick | 29 - Steven Haas |
| | 19 - Jill Huber | 30 - Erica Hoff-Wald |
| | Aaron Stuckle | 31 - Jarod 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

