

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE: 254-5395

LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA

January 2016



Though the Manger scene of Christmas is still fresh in our minds, it won't be long before the scenes of Lent begin to come into focus. The scenes of Lent are familiar. The Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hill of Golgotha—these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's Passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He found it. The most troubling

places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

For this reason, in our midweek Lenten series beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th, we will read and contemplate on Luke's account of our Lord's Passion. Each week, we will read a different section of the story; and each week, Luke will take us to a different place, the places of the Passion.

Our focus, however, will not be on these physical places. Instead, we will gaze in wonder on the spiritual work that our Lord does there. Jesus will share His strength in our times of weakness. He will fill us with His praise in the midst of our sorrow. Week after week, we will enter the places of the Passion only to discover our Lord . . . waiting for us . . . willing to share with us a love that was set in place before the foundations of the world.

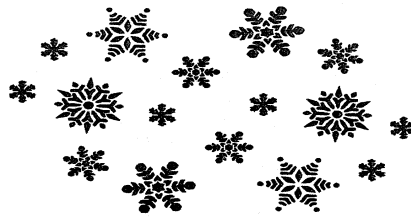
Plan to come to our Lenten services this year. Prepare to enter into these places of devotion, for there, your Lord will meet you, sharing with you His wondrous love that saves a fallen world.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

✠ Memorials ✠

In the past month donations were given in memory of Esther Penttinen by Ron & Mary Maier to the Parsonage Fund, and Ervin Schiermeister by Bob & Linda Tschritter to the Parsonage Fund.✠

"Christmas by Celebrate Singers"
January 3rd, 2016 at 10:45 a.m. at Peace Lutheran
Everyone is welcome!



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 31st, 2016 after worship

Items of business...Adoption of the new 2016 budget,

3 new church council members selected,

Final approval on changes to church Constitution.

Shared meal after the meeting.

The Church Council:

- Approved a motion that money from insurance company for hail damage be moved from General Fund to the Building and Maintenance Fund.
- Pastor reported on funeral for Ted Lawler, visits (11) in November, Senior High Bible Study, PLC Thanksgiving Service, and Food Pantry volunteer time. Did not make it to Bismarck for visits in November.
- Property reported on replacing the garage door at the parsonage and caulking up cracks in the parsonage basement.
- Replacements will be needed for Worship/Church Council member's expiring terms.
- Auditing committee for the church is Anne Masset, Lisa Ptacek, Rhonda Dockter.

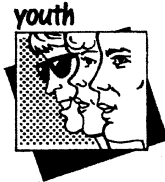
*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Tad Larson, Duane Baer, Mark Fisher, Laura Hirvela, Bob Tschritter, Larry Umber Jr., Edgar Ohlhauser, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jon Ptacek. †



Finance News...

In regard to the City of Linton having issued *Street Improvement Project Special Assessments* to property owners in the city: We have received the first billing for the first installments due February 15th. The first payments are church, \$1,047.36, and parsonage, \$523.68, for a total of \$1,571.04. County tax deadlines and penalties apply.

Please be mindful of this added expense when considering your offerings and contributions to our church.



Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas season.....Thank you to our ladies for baking goodies and to the youth for singing and delivering the treats! We sure made people smile. We just want to thank our church family for all the love and support over the year, without you we couldn't do it.

If you have Facebook and what to know the happenings of our youth group.....let Lisa Ptacek know she will add you.

Happy New Year Blessing to all

Lisa Ptacek



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! THANK YOU to all the kids and their parents for having an AMAZING Christmas program. All your extra work makes it easier on everyone. May Christ be the center of your New Year and you have many Blessings. We will return to Sunday School at regular time 9:30 on January 10, 2016.

God Bless

Lisa Hendrickson & Lisa Ptacek

Reports Needed

Please give your reports for the annual meeting to the church office by **Jan. 21st**. (PLCW, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Education, Property, Youth Group & Endowment.).✝

2016 Offering Envelopes &

Contribution Reports for 2015 are available on the table in back of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up....



Ushers and Acolytes for Jan.

Duane Baer
Terry Serr

Mike Kunz
Lyle Wohl

Madi Ptacek

Jan. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Jan. 3	Vickie Toavs
Jan. 10	Tad & Elise Larson
Jan. 17	Bob & Linda Tschritter
Jan. 24	Ron & Mary Maier
Jan. 31	Keith & Evelyn Petrick
Feb. 7	Ptacek Family

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Jan. 3 - Sylvia Weisser

Jan. 10 - Elise Larson

Jan. 17 - Vickie Toavs

Jan. 24 - Evelyn Petrick

Jan 31 - Janice Baer

Feb. 7 - Laura Hirvela

† JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31

Wednesday...Confirmation Instruction 7 p.m., Jan. 13, 20, 27

Jan. 3 - 'Christmas By Celebrate Singers' 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 6 - "Three Days of Prayer" Service 7 p.m.

Jan. 10 - Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 17 - Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 24 - Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 31 - Worship 10:45 a.m.

'Stump the Organist'

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. 13th at 2 p.m.** Sylvia Weisser's piano students will be providing the entertainment, and we will serve birthday cake. 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....

Thank Offering donation to Great Plains Food Bank was \$150.00.

Baskets for Shut-Ins were packed on December 8th.

Cake will be served after the Peace Light Vesper Service on December 20th @ 7 p.m.

PLCW will serve at the Strasburg Care Center on January 13th for their monthly birthday party.

Quilting resumes January 11th.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 31st with a shared meal to follow. Committee work lists will be posted and are included in this newsletter.

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

Women of Peace will meet Wednesday, January 20th. Hostess is Leola Dietz and Bible Study Leader is Mary Maier.



In November, our "Mission" was "**Vision Slovakia**". A check was sent to them for \$445.00. See elsewhere in this letter for a thank you and information as to how our donation is used.

Our December "Mission" was "**The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission**". A check was sent to them for \$538.00.

Our January "Mission" is "**ND National Guard Foundation**". At the end of this newsletter please see information on this project.

In November a check for \$12.00 was sent to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship for Willie & Anne Langdji. In December a \$22.00 check was sent to them.

*Thank
You*

Thank you to Laura Hirvela, Kevin Ferderer, Pastor Sean, and Mike & Lil Kunz for the help given in stuffing envelopes to get the Monthly Newsletter sent on time! It is very much appreciated!

PLCW Work List for Annual Meeting January 31st

SET UP

Committee "A"

*Janice Baer
Anne Barnhart
Sierra Bosch
Sandy DeBoer
Rosie Ferderer
Irene Fisher
Elise Larson
*Marilyn Malmedal
Delores Ohlhauser
Heather Rossow
Lorraine Schatz
Roxanne Schrantz
Vicki Schwab
Shirlene Serr
Acacia Stuckle
Linda Tschritter
Candace Wagner
Carmen Wessner

SERVE

Committee "B"

June Alderin
Kay Janecek
Lil Kunz
Annie Masset
Tina Masset
Heidi Nieuwsma
Kaitlyn Nieuwsma
*Violet Ohlhauser
Gladys Pocta
Helen Renschler
LaDean Schafer
Vicki Toavs
Julie Tveito
Julie Umber
Rachal Umber
Erma Wohl
Sylvia Weisser
*Lilli Wohl

CLEAN UP

Committee "C"

Lacie Brueckner
Becky Caruso
Mallory Craigmile
Leola Dietz
*Rhonda Dockter
Kayla Hendrickson
Lisa Hendrickson
Laura Hirvela
JoAnn Humann
Dez Kiefer
Mary Maier
Marie Ohlhauser
*Evelyn Petrick
Lisa Ptacek
Makayla Ptacek
Jean Rudy
Erin Schmidt
Jeanette Winterberg

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

Committee Responsibilities:

Set up Committee

Table coverings on tables –
only on old tables
Salt/Pepper
Cream/Sugar on tables
Plates, Napkins, Cups &
Silverware on tables
Make Coffee
Decorations on tables, if to be
used

Serving Committee

Take food as brought and put in
ovens, etc.
Water pitchers on tables
Prepare food for serving
Keep serving tables full
Coffee servers on tables, and
keep full

Clean Up Committee

Wipe table coverings
Bag garbage, take to outside
steps
New liners in cans
Wash dishes
Clean kitchen

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

Three Days of Prayer

Our attitude toward prayer has often been characterized by saying, ***“well, all we can do now is pray!”*** Prayer is not the hopeless act of desperation. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to her parents sharing concerns, victories, defeats and every part of life. It is an opportunity to express the deepest heartache and the greatest joy. Prayer is a conversation between the Creator and the created...and the conversation began with God, for us, in Christ Jesus.



Lutherans throughout the LCMC will be beginning their new year in prayer. You are invited to join your fellow Lutherans on January 5th, 6th, and 7th. The idea is for each day to have its own focus. The focus of January 5th is **confession**.

“We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.” – LCMC Website

The focus on January 6th is **petition**.

“Pray for your congregation, for the pastor, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday School teachers, for the Confirmation leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God’s redeeming love for all in Christ.” – LCMC Website

On January 7th we pray for **vision**.

“Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God’s vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God’s vision.”

On each of the three days of prayer, everyone is encouraged to take some time out of their day and pray using the structure above. As the time draws closer, look for some material from Pastor Sean to help guide you through the time. On **January 6th, we will be having a prayer service at 7:00 PM at Peace Lutheran** to come together as a church family to pray confess our sins, pray for our needs and others and to ask God to give us a better vision for the ministry he has in mind for PLC.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and
he will reward them for what they have done"

- Proverbs 19:17 -

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,
We are grateful for your
continued generous support
of the Jemo partnership.

God is doing amazing things
in the Jemo community.
For instance, two boys from
the congregation with a
rare genetic skin disease
with no known cure are
miraculously being healed

through much prayer and
care from the community and
beyond.

Know that your contributions
are making a big impact
on the "least of these" in
God's Kingdom.

Blessings to your
congregation!

Troy Reno
Executive Elder
Bismarck Community Church

This is a Thank You from Bismarck Community Church for our August "Mission of the Month" donation to their sister church in Jemo, Ethiopia and Children's Hope Chest.

Special Meeting of the Congregation
December 20, 2015--following AM worship

Purpose-- to accept proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

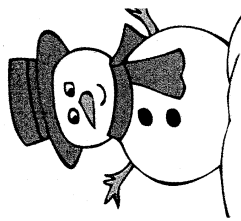
President Tad Larson called the meeting to order. There was no discussion. He asked for a motion to accept the changes as presented. (See copy to follow.) Laura Hirvela made the motion to accept the changes and Elise Larson seconded. All were in favor. Ballots were passed out and counted. There were 47 yes ballots and 1 no. The Bylaws are accepted at this time whereas the Constitution will require one more vote to be held at the annual meeting. Larry Umber made the motion for adjournment. After Sylvia Weisser's second, all agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hirvela, Secretary

January 2016

Ushers: Lyle Wohl, Mike Kunz, Duane Baer, Terry Serr

Acolytes: Madi Ptacek



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1 <i>Name of Jesus</i> Happy New Year	2
3 <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i> NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. 'Christmas by Celebrate Singers'	4	5	6 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 7 p.m. "Three Days of Prayer" Service	7	8	9
10 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship/Communion	11	12	13 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr 7 p.m. Church Council	14	15	16
17 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship/Communion 2pm S Care Center Service	18 <i>Confession of Peter</i> MARTIN LUTHER KING JR Day	19	20 7 p.m. Women of Peace 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr	21 Annual Reports Due	22	23
24 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45a.m. Celebrate Worship	25 <i>Conversion of Paul</i>	26	27 7 p.m. Confirmation Instr	28	29	30
31 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30a.m Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship / Annual Mtg & meal to follow						

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	31 – Barbara Haas
11 – Garret Roemmich	20 – Larry Umber III	31 – Connor Umber
14 – Kaidra Larson	23 – Libby Wohl	

If your baptismal 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 inform the church office.



January birthdays are:

1 - Larry Umber III	13 - Connor Umber	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



Vision Slovakia

Making Miracles Happen

"Making Miracles Happen" as "The Miracle Continues"

"Making Miracles Happen," has been on the letterhead of our Vision Slovakia stationery since 2003, when it was created by Bohdan and Bibi Hrobon. Bohdan, now the director of the Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia, was studying at Luther Seminary then, and together with Bibi, they started what has become known as "Vision Slovakia." They chose the word vision rather than mission because they wanted to convey that in the United States we share a vision in Eastern Europe for Christian education among the children, youth and adults of the people in Slovakia.

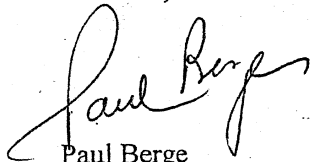
The creation of the **"Center for Christian Education"** encompasses the teaching and worship ministry of the pre-school program, the Lutheran Academy from elementary through high school grades, the Bible School, and the Lutheran Church in Martin. All work together in reaching out from the youngest children to high school students, adult students of the Bible School in a two-year program, and also a Master's degree program in children, youth and family ministry in cooperation with the University of Zilina.

We look back over the years of Vision Slovakia with thanksgiving as this time has brought forth our hope and commitment to the ministry of Christian education. We live in faith and trust that God remains the subject of our shared vision. God's empowering Spirit in **"Making Miracles Happen"** is the same God in whom we have faith and trust that **"The Miracle Continues"** in these many ways.

- **Your gift provides scholarship support** for children to attend the pre-school and elementary classes of the Lutheran Academy for their growth in the Christian faith. The impact on their families is a miracle as they bring their households into a living relationship with Christ.
- **Your gift provides salary support** for the faculty and staff of the Bible School as they teach in the two year program in biblical studies, which equips young adults to lead Christian ministries in congregations and communities, and as they teach in a joint Master's degree with the University of Zilina, a program which certifies graduates to teach religion in the public school of Slovakia.
- **Your gift provides the necessary funds** for the purchase and renovation of two buildings adjacent to the campus of the Center for Christian Education for the class room space, gymnasium and cafeteria areas, all of which are necessary for the continuation of students in the high school years.

Thank you for your partnership gift and prayer support as you share in the vision of **"Making Miracles Happen"** so that **"The Miracle Continues"** under God's grace and guidance,

In Christ,



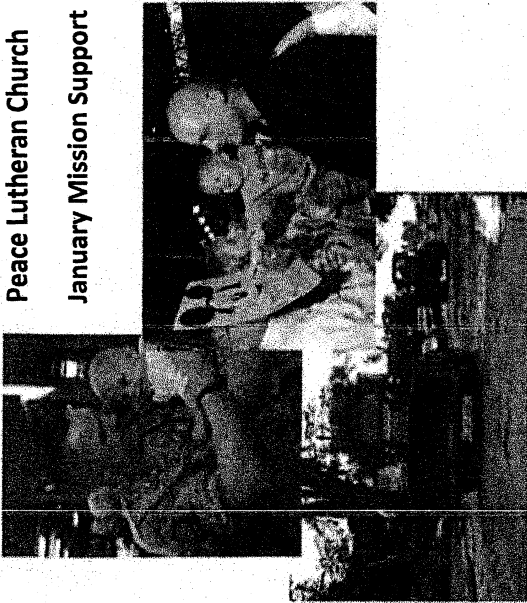
Paul Berge
Director of Vision Slovakia

*Thank you for the
marvelous gift to Vision Slovakia
and the Center for Christian Education
which you selected for your
"Mission of the North."*

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Peace Lutheran Church
January Mission Support



Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) providing granted money for unforeseen emergencies...

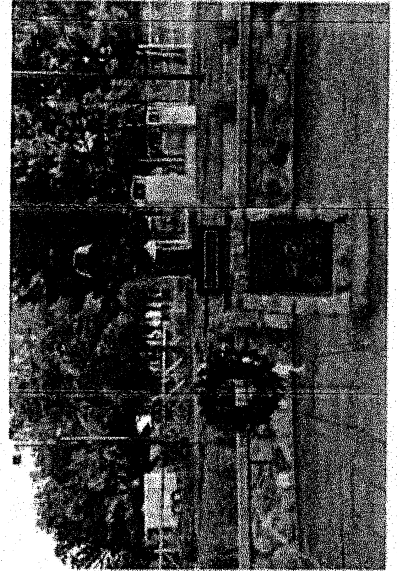
The ERF is a fund that provides financial support in sudden and unforeseen emergency situations such as natural disasters, accidents, illness, fire, or theft. The ERF also provides Commanders with an important asset to accomplish their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of their unit members.

Based on fund availability, the ERF may provide one grant per Guard family each year. An ERF committee composed of three individuals review grant requests, along with their supporting financial information, to determine need. Since March 2004, there have been 120 grants provided to ND National Guard Soldiers and Airmen.

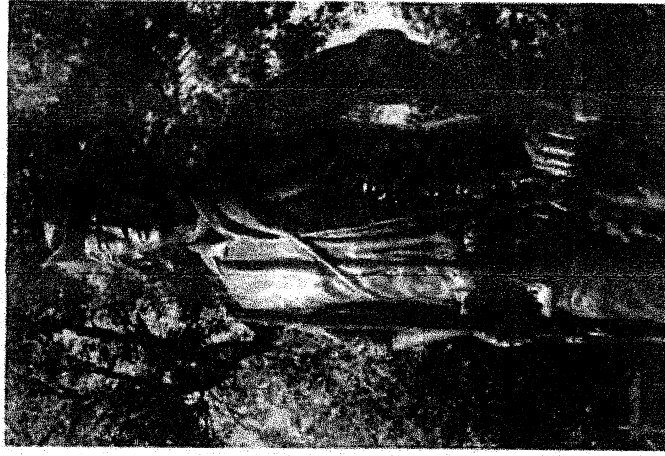
ND-TAPS

The ND Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS program) was founded in the wake of a military tragedy and now provides survivors the opportunity to share common fears and problems. They find strength and healing unique to losing a loved one in the line of military duty.

Since 2005, the North Dakota National Guard has provided support for the families of North Dakota Fallen Heroes to attend the TAPS. As of 2011, support for 171 family members to attend a life-changing seminar hosted by the national TAPS organization has been provided. The ND National Guard Foundation has adopted ND-TAPS as one of the programs it supports by providing the North Dakota families of fallen service members with the necessary transportation and housing so they can attend the national TAPS program events in Washington, D.C.



NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION



Supporting National Guard Members and Their Families