



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA

December 2016



I know that last month I promised something else for this article, but with the election having taken place I wanted to share something I read recently from Luther's Large Catechism. In the following quote Luther explores what it means when we pray "*give us this day our daily bread.*"

"Here, now, we consider the poor breadbasket, the necessities of our body and of the temporal life... This petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in the world, for we need daily bread because of life alone. It is not only necessary for our life that our body have food and clothes and other necessities. It is also necessary that we spend our days in peace and quiet among the people with whom we live and have dealings in daily business and conversation and all sorts of doings."

Essentially, what Luther is saying is that when we pray "give us this day our daily bread," we are not only praying for literal bread, but we are also praying that God would supply *all* those things that provide for a good and healthy life. In the Small Catechism Luther lists many of these things: food, drink, clothing, shoes, money, a godly spouse and children, good weather, peace, health, discipline, and honor to name a few. But he also includes "pious and faithful rulers and good government" as daily bread. Back to the Large Catechism:

"There is, indeed, the greatest need to pray for earthly authority and government. By them, *most of all*, God preserves for us our daily bread and all the comforts of this life. Though we have received from God all good things in abundance, we are not able to keep any of them or use them in security and happiness if He did not give us a permanent and peaceful government." (*Emphasis added.*)

So for Luther, each time we pray the Lord's Prayer and recite the fourth petition, we are praying for our government and those in authority even as we pray for food and clothing. As President-Elect Donald Trump prepares to take office, along with all others elected and assigned to public office, we are to continue to pray for them because through them, God desires to provide for all people peaceable lives.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

O Lord, give us this day our daily bread.

Yours in peace,
Pastor Sean

† **Memorials** †

A Memorial donation was given in memory of Shirley Masse to the Quilting Fund from Lois Smith. †

The Church Council, Meeting of November 9, 2016:

- The elevator has been repaired.
- The city has swept the parking lot for us.
- There has been at least one member who volunteered to be on an Evangelism Committee.
- Stocks were received from a former member and have since been sold.
- It will be asked of the secretary to publish the amount of any on-line donations in the monthly newsletter.
- We will donate \$100 for Thanksgiving baskets, an outreach of the United Methodist Church through the Emmons County Ministerial Assoc.
- Will begin to ask for willing members to serve on the council beginning in January.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member..... Tad Larson, Mark Fisher, Laura Hirvela, Jon Ptacek, Elwin Nieuwsma, Edgar Ohlhauser, Julie Umber, Lyle Hanson, and Erin Huber. †



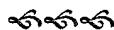
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Their phone # is 1-800-847-4836.

Amounts received the past few months from Thrivent Choice \$:
September - \$247.00
October - \$74.00
November - \$ 447.00

Thank you to those who direct their Choice \$ to our congregation!



†**The Church is seeking members who could serve on an Evangelism Committee.** We are in need of ideas for outreach. We also would appreciate knowing when newcomers arrive in Linton or surrounding areas. There may be some who have been here longer that would appreciate a welcome to PLC. Please let Pastor Sean or Laura know if you could serve on an Evangelism Committee starting as soon as we can get members. Please prayerfully consider this service to our church and community! †



It's almost Christmas!

Christmas time is nearly here but it doesn't begin until December 25! First comes Advent. Don't just jump full on into Christmas once the Thanksgiving turkey is nothing but a smoldering carcass on the dinner table. Be led into Christmas by attending worship during Advent. Think about Christ's coming not just in his birth at Christmas but in his eventual return to this earth. I would especially highlight our Advent Vesper's service on December 18th at 7:00 PM. It is a beautiful and almost entirely musical service.

And once Christmas does come, please make the most of the season by attending our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. On Christmas Eve we worship at 6:00 PM with a candle light service full of your favorite Christmas hymns and a recounting of the Christmas story. On Christmas Day we will celebrate the incarnation of Christ with Holy Communion and a whole host of more Christmas songs at 10:00 AM.

Pastor Sean

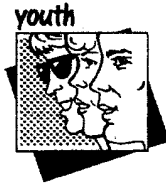
Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School children will tell "A Shepherd's Story"
December 11th during the 10:45 worship at Peace Lutheran Church.
Fellowship will follow the program. Everyone is welcome! †



The Peace Light of Bethlehem will be coming to Peace Lutheran Church again this year. The Peace Light comes from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Israel. A flame that has burned for 1,000 years, the Peace Light represents the prayers of many around the world who have prayed for peace in the name of Jesus Christ.

On December 18th at 7:00 PM we will be having a Vespers Service of Light celebrating Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. If you would like to bring the Peace Light home with you to have during your holiday celebration, please bring a lantern to bring it home in. There will also be 7-day candles for you to burn it at home. Some people have even used the peace light in their gas water heaters or anything with a pilot light that burns continuously throughout the year. The only thing we would like for purchase of a candle is a donation to the food pantry.



Youth Group Caroling....Sunday, Dec. 11th

Merry Christmas.....hard to believe with the beautiful weather we are having that the season is around the corner. Our youth was busy last month decorating cookies for our shut ins. Thank you to the ladies for doing the baking! If you know of someone that would appreciate us coming and singing to them contact Lisa Ptacek at [701-254-4179](tel:701-254-4179). We will be caroling and delivering on Dec 11 in the afternoon. Once I have a list of people I could give a more specific time frame. Hope you all enjoy the Christmas season with loved ones.

Again, thank you to all that have donated to our group, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Lisa Ptacek

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. †



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Merry Christmas to all of our church family! It doesn't seem that a whole year has already gone by and we are again working on music and parts to share the Christmas story!

We are counting our blessing and looking forward to spending time with you to share the good news of Christ's birth. The Sunday School children would like to invite you all to worship on Sunday, December 11 as they children share "A Shepherd's Story" during 10:45 worship service. There will be fellowship following.

There will not be Sunday School on December 18, December 25 and January 1. Please take this time to slow down from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season and spend time with your family making memories and remembering the real reason of this time of year.

God's Blessing to you all,

Lisa H. and Lisa P.

A Christmas Message

Poet: Julie Hebert ©2015

I have a message for you,
And I do believe it's grand.
During this Christmas Season,
It's time to take a stand.

Remember the reason for Christmas,
And what it represents.
Jesus, loving and welcoming,
It's not just about presents.

So take this Christmas message,
And pass it far and wide.
Christmas is a time for caring,
Let's share this message, amplified.

Submitted by Marilyn Malmedal



Sharing Christmas...

✠ The ladies will be packing fruit baskets for shut-ins and elderly members of Peace Lutheran. If there are members who would like to assist in packing or delivering, please call Marilyn at 254-4580. Depending on who can help, the date and time for doing this will be put in the Sunday bulletin. ✠



Ushers and Acolytes for Dec.

Jason Rossow Darren Tveito
Jackson Tveito

Kelani Larson & Payton Rossow

Dec. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, 4, 11, & 18
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship, 24th
10:00 a.m. Worship, 25th and Jan. 1

Dec. 4 Vickie Toavs
Dec. 11 Jon & Lisa Ptacek Family
Dec. 18 Duane & Janice Baer
Dec. 24
Dec. 25
Jan. 1 Vickie Toavs

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Dec. 4 - Linda Tschritter
Dec. 11 - Debbie Jahner
Dec. 18 - Debbie Jahner
Dec. 24 - Julie Umber
Dec. 25 - Laura Hirvela
Jan. 1 - Vicki Toavs



Quilting Ladies... We will not be quilting in December, but will begin again Monday January 2 and Tuesday January 3 continuing until the week before Easter. ☩

☩ 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. ☩

December Sunday School Schedule

Dec. 4 - Sunday School Program Practice 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 7 - Pizza Supper and full dress rehearsal
5:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 - Sunday School Program Practice 9:30 a.m.
Program during Worship @ **10:45**

Dec. 18, 25, & Jan. 1 - No Sunday School
Sunday School resumes **Jan. 8th**.



~PLCW Board News~

✝ Christmas baskets for shut-ins will be packed December 7th after the Board Meeting. If anyone knows of someone to add to the list, please let Marilyn or Pastor know.

✝ We are planning to have the Peace Light brought here again this year. The special service will be December 18th. Candles are available for anyone interested in taking a light home with them

Thank you to all who took part and donated on the Thank Offering Sunday the 20th! Our donations went to "Operation Blessing" in Haiti.

Women of Peace Bible Study at church
Christmas Treat Potluck
Wed., Dec. 21st at 7 p.m.
Marilyn Malmedal will lead the Bible Study.
All confirmed Women of the Church are welcome!



✝ **DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** ✝

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Dec. 4 & 11
Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Dec 4, 11, & 18
Confirmation Instruction Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 & 14

Dec. 4 - Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.
Dec. 11 – Sunday School Christmas Program during Worship 10:45 a.m.
Fellowship to follow.

Dec. 18 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.
Advent Vesper's Service 7 p.m.

Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m.
Jan. 1 – Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m.



! 🚗 **Need a Ride??**

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



Our October "Mission" was **KNDR Radio, 104.7 FM**, and a check for \$417.00 was sent to them. In November, our "Mission" was "**Haiti Solar Ovens**". As of Nov. 20, \$196.00 has been collected for them.

Our December "Mission" is "**Peace Lutheran Sunday School**".



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship **6 PM.**
Christmas Day Worship **10 AM.**

Traditions

Poet: Julie Hebert © 2016

There is something each of us knows quite well,
We do them every year.
Traditions passed down throughout the years,
When holidays are finally here.

Christmas time especially,
We pull out our favorite things.
We can hardly wait until our kids are old enough,
To participate in these things.

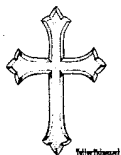
And once we're able to pass them along,
We can only hope they'll do the same.
Traditions are very important to us,
Just like passing on our surname!

But just like us, our children do to,
Love traditions and all that they hold.
They want nothing more than to pass them along,
Traditions will always be told.

Submitted by Marilyn Malmedal

*Thank
You*

Thank you to Jean Rudy and Lil Kunz for the help sorting, folding, and stuffing the newsletter envelopes! The Secretary appreciates the help in getting the newsletter out on time!



December Baptismal Dates

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

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

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	6 - Doris Heer	17 - Larry UMBER Jr.
Gladys Pocta	12 – Larry Humann	19 - Mackenzie Hendrickson
Twyla Schiermeister	Irene Fisher	20 - Mary Maier
Brynn Huber	13 – June Alderin	29 – Darcy Rindelaub
3 - Shannon Krogstad	14 – Keith Humann	Noah Nieuwsma
4 - Jon Ptacek	Rafe Kalama	30 – Laurie Humann Murphy
(DiAnn) Dez Kiefer	15 – Peyton Masset	
5 - Tad Larson	16 – Jacob Conroy	
Kaisley Masset		

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

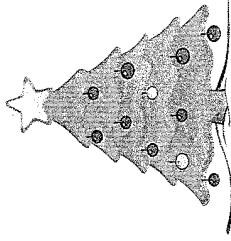
Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care

December 2016

Ushers: Darren Tveito, Jackson Tveito, Jason Rossow

Acolytes: Kelani Larson, Payton Rossow



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 4 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with Holy Communion				1 Emmons County Interagency Meeting 10 a.m.	2	3 Piano Recital 6:30
5 4 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with Holy Communion		6	7 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 5:30 p.m. pizza & SS program practice 7 p.m. Confirmation Instruction	8 ECMA Meeting 10 a.m.	9	10
11 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship with Sunday School Program Fellowship to follow	12	13	14 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. Confirmation Instruction	15	16	17
18 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:45 Worship with Holy Communion 7 p.m. Vesper's Svc of Light	19	20	21 7 p.m. Women of Peace, Christmas Treat Pot Luck	22	23	24 <i>Nativity of Our Lord I</i> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 pm
25 Nativity of Our Lord II Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion	26 <i>Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</i>	27 <i>John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 

Advent Reading Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Psalm 66:16-19 The Lord listens to our prayers.	28 Jonah 2:1-10 Jonah prays from the belly of the fish.	29 1 Peter 1:13-25 Be holy as He is holy.	30 1 Peter 2:1-10 Live as one chosen.	1 1 Timothy 2:1-7 There is one God and one Mediator.	2 Psalm 51 David's prayer of confession.	3 Malachi 3:1-7 The Lord sends his messenger to prepare the way.
4 Titus 2:11-14 In Christ, the grace of God has appeared.	5 Ephesians 2:1-10 By grace the dead in sin are saved.	6 Romans 12:9-21 The mark of a true believer.	7 Matthew 12:15-21 Christ fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah.	8 Isaiah 11:1-10 Christ the branch of Jesse will come forth.	9 Isaiah 7:14, 9:6,7 Messianic names of Jesus.	10 Psalm 39:4-8 Though my life is fleeting, my hope is in the Lord.
11 Psalm 24 The Lord is the King of Glory.	12 Isaiah 40:1-5 Have comfort O people of God.	13 Galatians 4:4-7 God sent his Son in the fullness of time.	14 Colossians 1:13-20 Christ who saves us, was there in the beginning.	15 John 1:1-5 Jesus, the Word, was there in the beginning.	16 John 1:6-9, 15 John, sent from God.	17 Luke 1:13-17 The angel predicts the birth of John the Baptist.
18 Luke 1:67, 76-80 Prophecy concerning John the Baptist.	19 Luke 3:3-6 The ministry of John the Baptist.	20 Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist prepares the Way.	21 John 1:10-14 Christ in the world.	22 Luke 1:26-38 The birth of Jesus predicted.	23 Matthew 1:18-25 The birth of Jesus according to Matthew.	24 Luke 2:1-21 The birth of Jesus according to Luke.

Advent begins on November 27th and ends on Christmas Eve.

The season of Advent is both a beginning and an ending. It marks the beginning of the Church year by looking towards the end of time when Christ will return upon the earth "to judge the living and the dead" as the Apostles' Creed states. But it also leads us back to the beginning of Christ's life on earth – Christmas. This Advent, take some time each day to read the verses listed above. In the beginning they will direct you to look at yourself in order to reflect upon your life as you await the Lord's coming. About halfway through, the focus will switch and begin pointing towards the Christmas story.