



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA

January 2017

Three Days of Prayer

I like what the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) says about 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.”

Let’s start the new year with prayer! On January 3, 4, and 5 churches throughout the LCMC will be taking part in the LCMC’s 5th Annual Three Days of Prayer. Ours will too.

Each of the three days has a different prayer focus (more on that below). Though for most of the three days of prayer, we will participate as individuals, on day two (Wednesday, January 4th), everyone is invited to attend a simple evening prayer service at Peace Lutheran at 7:00 PM.

Day One: January 3

This is a day focused on **confession**. We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. On this day we confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. On this day we lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord for forgiveness, which He gives freely and mercifully through Jesus Christ.

Day Two: January 4

This is a day of **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 Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospitals and nursing homes. Pray for all those not connected to your church that they might know God’s redeeming love for all in Christ.

Day Three: January 5

This is a day 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.

Prayer is important. I hope that you will take part in the three days of prayer. Included in the bulletin on Sunday, January 1st will be a reading and prayer guide for the three days of prayer. It will also be available to be picked up in the Narthex.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sean

† **Memorials** †

*In the past month there have been no memorial donations.†

Council Meeting of December 14th

The Church Council heard:

- That web donations currently have come through Thrivent only.
- The Sunday School Program was well-received—thank you to all involved!
- A letter of call will be issued to Pastor Sean as an ordained LCMC Pastor.
- Pastor Sean would like to start a Men's Bible Study.
- Pastor relayed that a Pastor from Food for the Poor will fill the pulpit on March 12th—no fee. We could designate this charity for our March mission of the month.
- Pastor is training (without charge) to be a local coordinator and liaison for an organization for foreign exchange students.
- Pastor would like to designate next September as "Stewardship Month".
- Pastor meets monthly with area LCMC Pastors.

The Church Council approved:

- A transfer for Travis Dockter to Hosanna Lutheran in Rochester, MN.
- An increase for Pastor Sean in salary and health insurance benefits.
- January 22nd as the date for the annual meeting.
- A plan to involve the congregation to determine the summer worship schedule by ballot during the annual meeting.

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

ANNUAL MEETING

January 22nd, 2017 after worship

Items of business...Adoption of the new 2017 budget,

3 new church council members selected.

Shared meal after the meeting.





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. ☩



**THRIVENT
FINANCIAL**

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A Reminder...Thrivent Choice \$ may be directed to Peace Lutheran Church.

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

Amount received in December was \$ 0.00

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

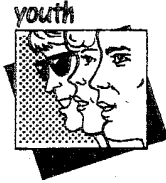
Our church also received a Website Donation from iGive.com of \$50.00.



Finance News...

Last year the City of Linton issued *Street Improvement Project Special Assessments* to property owners in the city. We have received the billing for the second installments due February 15th. The payments are for the church, \$1,341.77, and parsonage, \$670.88, for a total of \$2,012.65. This includes interest accrued.

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



I hope each and every one of you was able to spend time with loved ones over the Christmas Season. The youth group will be taking a break in January and WILL NOT be gathering. We will resume in February so watch for the news in late January bulletins and the February newsletter.

We want to thank all of you that have supported our youth group throughout the year.....it has been fun to get together and enjoy each other's company.

Happy NEW YEAR.....blessings upon you and your family!

Lisa Ptacek



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! THANK YOU to all the kids and their parents for having an AMAZING Christmas program. Thank you for everyone's flexibility in scheduling so that we could have the program with all of Mother Nature's hiccups in our regular plans!

May Christ be the center of your New Year and your homes be filled with Blessings. We will return to Sunday School at regular time 9:30 on January 8, 2017.

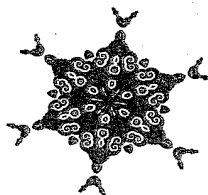
Lisa Hendrickson & Lisa Ptacek

Reports Needed

Please give your reports for the annual meeting to the church office by **Jan. 13th**.
(PLCW, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Education, Property, Youth Group & Endowment.) †

2017 Offering Envelopes

**&
Contribution Reports for 2016**
are available on the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up....
Thank you!



Ushers and Acolytes for Jan.

Duane Baer Mike Kunz
Larry UMBER Lyle Wohl

Erica UMBER & Kraysten Brueckner

Jan. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Jan. 1 Vickie Toavs
Jan. 8 Bob & Linda Tschritter
Jan. 15 Ron & Mary Maier
Jan. 22 Duane & Janice Baer
Jan. 29 Keith & Evelyn Petrick
Feb. 5

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Jan. 1 Vickie Toavs
Jan. 8 Laura Hirvela
Jan. 15 Linda Tschritter
Jan. 22 Debbie Jahner
Jan 29 Evelyn Petrick
Feb. 5 Janice Baer

† JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Wednesday...Confirmation Instruction 7 p.m., Jan. 11, 18, 25

Jan. 1 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 4 – “Three Days of Prayer” Service 7 p.m.

Jan. 8 – Celebrate Service 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 15 – Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Worship at Strasburg Care Center 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 22 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting following worship.

A shared meal will be held after the meeting.

Jan. 29 – Worship 10:45 a.m.

‘Stump the Organist’

! 🚌 **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. 11th at 2 p.m.** 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!

Pastor Sean will have the Care Center Worship Service on **January 15th at 2 p.m.** †



....PLCW News....

- ☞ The four new stoves, refrigerator and dishwasher that have been purchased for the kitchen by Conway Schatz in memory of his mother, Shirley, are here and ready for set-up. The old ones are to be given away. If anyone is interested contact Pastor Sean or Marilyn Malmedal.
- ☞ Decided to start collecting items for personal care kits (soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) to be given to children from low income families in our area. They will be distributed through the Emmons County Public Health Office.
- ☞ Workers for the Annual Meeting shared meal will follow Schedule A, B, C. Committee A set-up, Committee B serve and Committee C clean-up.
- ☞ We are to host the Strasburg Care Center Birthday Party January 11, 2017. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex for anyone interested in going.
- ☞ The PLCW 2017 booklets are available to be picked up on the narthex table.

**PLCW Board meets Wednesday, January 4th at 2:30 p.m.

**Quilting resumes Monday, January 2nd at 9 A.M, meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays; and will continue until the week before Easter.

**Women of Peace will meet Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. Hostess is Leola Dietz and Bible Study Leader is Laura Hirvela.

**The annual meeting will be January 22nd, 2017.



In November, our "Mission" was "Haiti Solar Ovens". A check was sent to them for \$293.00.

Our December "Mission" was "Peace Lutheran Sunday School". \$401.00 was received.

Our January "Mission" is "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch". Later in this newsletter please see information on this project.

In December, a check for \$100.00 was sent to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship for Willie & Anne Langdji.





Our new President will take the oath of office on January 20th, 2017.

Inaugural Prayer (submitted by Marilyn Malmedal)

"Genesis 9:15 "I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh."

On April 30, 1789, the day George Washington took his oath of office in New York, he and the entire congress of that time, went to St. Paul's Chapel, which is the little chapel that survived at ground zero on 09/11/2001, and dedicated the newly formed United States of America to their creator.

He made a covenant with God Almighty when he prayed. It seems we have broken that covenant, and God in his infinite wisdom and mercy has been giving us many opportunities to get back to him, as in the Old Testament He gave Israel the opportunities to return to him, and they did. Let us renew our prayer that we, as a nation, return to God Almighty. There is a beginning of a ground swell to return to the fundamental principles that our country was founded on.

President George Washington's prayers for America can and should be used as reminders of the faith and dependence upon God's divine blessing to enable us to be a secure and happy land. This is his prayer for the United States of America.

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

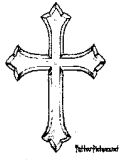
And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Let us not forget this covenant that was made so many years ago, let's renew it today and keep it alive in our country."

We must continue to pray for our new president and our country.

Thank
You

*The Sunday School and congregation would like to say thank you to Loren, Kayla, Kaylyn & Dylan Hendrickson for organizing and filling the Christmas bags! We appreciate your time and the treats!✝



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.✝

OR

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

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



PLC Women 2017 Committees

Committee "A"		Committee "B"		Committee "C"	
*Janice Baer	254-4886	June Alderin	701-527-4133	Lacie Brueckner	701-213-8989
Anne Barnhart	254-4808	Kay Janecek	254-4425	Becky Caruso	851-0575
Sierra Bosch	254-4904	Lil Kunz	701-321-0927	Mallory Craigmile	254-5564
Sandy DeBoer	254-5392	Annie Masset	254-4898	Leola Dietz	254-5301
Rosie Ferderer	254-5331	Tina Masset	782-6870	*Rhonda Dockter	254-4272
Irene Fisher	254-4372	Heidi Nieuwsma	254-0167	Kayla Hendrickson	254-4091
Elise Larson	254-4290	Kaitlyn Nieuwsma	254-0167	Lisa Hendrickson	254-5855
*Marilyn Malmedal	254-4580	*Violet Ohlhauser	254-5462	JoAnn Humann	782-4204
Delores Ohlhauser	254-5460	Gladys Pocta	254-4252	Dez Kiefer	
Heather Rossow	254-4268	Helen Renschler	254-4355	Mary Maier	254-5381
Lorraine Schatz	254-4638	LaDean Schafer	254-4922	Marie Ohlhauser	254-4358
Roxanne Schrantz	651-231-7203	Vickie Toavs	701-301-7140	*Evelyn Petrick	254-4855
Vicki Schwab	254-4882	Julie Tveito	254-0185	Lisa Ptacek	254-4179
Shirlene Serr	782-4279	Julie Umber	336-7390	Makayla Ptacek	254-4179
Acacia Stuckle	254-5788	Rachal Umber	336-7390	Jean Rudy	254-5445
Linda Tschritter	254-4917	Sylvia Weisser	254-4440	Erin Schmidt	212-2858
Candis Wagner	782-6882	Erma Wohl	782-4318	Jeanette Winterberg	254-5464
Carmen Wessner	254-5860	*Lilli Wohl	782-4275		

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 table 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

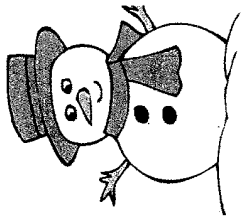
Thanks for your help! If you have any questions please call Marilyn Malmedal at 254-4580.





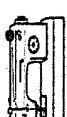




January 2017

USHERS: Larry Umber, Mike Kunz, Lyle Wohl, & Duane Baer

ACOLYTE: Erica Umber & Kraysten Brueckner



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Christmas 10:00 am Worship/Holy Communion	2 Quilting 9 AM 	3 Quilting 9 AM	4 2:30 pm PLCW Board 7:00 pm 'Three Days of Prayer' Service 8:00 pm Celebrate practice	5	6 Epiphany of Our Lord	7
8 Baptism of our Lord 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 am Celebrate Service	9 Quilting 9 AM 	10 Quilting 9 AM	11 2:00 pm SCC Birthday Party 7:00 pm Church Council 7:00 pm Confirmation Instruction	12	13	14
15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion 2 pm SCC service	16 Quilting 9 AM  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Quilting 9 AM	18 7:00 pm Women of Peace 7:00 pm Confirmation Instruction	19	20	21
22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 am Celebrate Worship Annual Meeting/Pot Luck	23 Quilting 9 AM 	24 Quilting 9 AM	25 7:00 pm Confirmation Instruction	26 Conversion of Paul	27	28
29 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 am Worship, Stump the organist!	30 Quilting 9 AM 	31 Quilting 9 AM		Three Days of Prayer, Jan 3-5 		

PLC Mission of the Month Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is a Christian ministry that provides a place to heal for children, ages 10-18, who have psychiatric, behavioral, and trauma issues. Children who come to the Ranch have a structured and safe environment in which to live, learn, and heal. They also have 24-hour access to highly trained and qualified staff who provide structure, direction, and modeling--teaching them the skills they need to lead productive and satisfying lives.



Mission Statement: To help at risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.

Vision Statement: That all children and families achieve greater success in life.

At the Ranch, children have access to resources they can't get anywhere else. The on-site clinical staff includes therapists, nurses, psychologists, addiction counselors, occupational therapists, and a psychiatrist. They also work with primary medical providers at each location to provide medical care for the children. In addition to prescribed therapy services, children can participate in the Horse Program, a National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM), and a greenhouse technology program.

While at the Ranch, children receive a quality education through Dakota Memorial School, the on-campus school that specializes in creating a successful learning environment for children with special psychiatric and behavioral needs. Dakota Memorial School also accepts Day Students, students who live at home but benefit from the smaller classroom sizes and a learning environment focused on their special needs.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), an Affiliated Social Ministry Organization of the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA), a Mission Partner of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), and a founding member of Lutheran Services in America (LSA).