



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA

January 2018

"New year, new you!" Look up that phrase on the internet and you'll find article after article about how you can improve yourself in the New Year. Self-improvement is important. We should strive to always get better at whatever we do. We should also try to be healthy physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Here is one of Scripture's versions of that phrase, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; **they are new every morning**; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:21-24 (emphasis added).

You don't have to wait for the calendar to flip over for a chance at renewal or for a fresh start. The Lord's promises are always before you. His steadfast love never ceases. His mercies never end, in fact they are new each and every morning. It is said of Martin Luther that each morning he would wake up, he would first make the sign of the cross and then say the words, "I am baptized." What a great way to call to mind what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. In Christ, every day is a new day and new you.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean



† **Memorials** †

Gifts were given in memory of Wayne Kiemele to the General Fund from Lyle & Erma Wohl; in memory of Gert Rau to the PLC Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann; to the Music Fund from Sheldon & Marilyn Malmedal; to the Endowment Fund from Elaine Streyle and Lester & Leola Dietz; to the General Fund from Mike & Lil Kunz; to the Celebrate Fund from Ron & Mary Maier, Kevin & Lisa Hendrickson, and Jim & Sylvia Weisser; to the Parsonage Fund from Robert & Delores Tracy, Vivian Streyle, Frank & Marlene Purintun, Dennis & Rosie Ferderer, Black Hills Board of Realtors, Linda Tschritter, and Anonymous; in memory of Alton & Gert Rau to the Music Fund from Helen Garnaas; in memory of Bob Tschritter to the General Fund from Lyle & Erma Wohl; to the Endowment Fund from Sheldon & Marilyn Malmedal and Lester & Leola Dietz; to the Baptismal Box Fund from Kevin & Lisa Hendrickson; and to the Parsonage Fund from Helen Garnaas, Raymond Renschler, Rueben & Verda Tschritter, Herb & Arlene Grenz, Ron & Mary Maier, Laura Hirvela, Violet Ohlhauser, Leona Gaukler, and Paul & Brenda Benedict; to the PLC Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann; in memory of Wilbert & Delores Ohlhauser, Deb Zahn, and Martin & Leona Ohlhauser to the General Fund from John Ohlhauser; and in memory of Myra Renschler to the Parsonage Fund from Ray Renschler.



Council Meeting of December 13th

- Pastor Sean made 7 visits with Communion; Youth Group meeting Nov 15 had 13 in attendance; Ministerial Group projects included putting together and handing out Thanksgiving food baskets on the 17th and the Community Service on the 19th; Pastor presided at the funerals of Bob Tschritter and Gert Rau.
- Property: Discussed quotes received regarding parsonage kitchen remodel, and more quotes are needed; recent memorials have been given toward the parsonage kitchen remodel project, and discussion was had regarding having a separate Parsonage Kitchen Remodeling Fund.
- Old Business: carpet outside North door could cause someone tripping and should be pulled up; possible new council member options were discussed; new copier is in and installed.
- New Business: Expense and budget information needed for meeting on Jan 10th to create proposed 2018 Budget.
- **January 21st is the date for the annual meeting.**

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Julie UMBER, Edgar Ohlhauser, Elwin Nieuwsma, Jon Ptacek, Erin Huber, Lyle Hanson, Aaron Stuckle, Deb Jahner, or Jason Rossow. †

ANNUAL MEETING

January 21st, 2018 after worship

Items of business... Budget and

3 new church council members selected.

Shared meal after the meeting.

Committee responsibilities are as follows:

B – Set Up, C – Serve, A – Clean Up



The Church Council is in need of three people for a three year term. Please consider serving or encouraging others to serve. Elwin Nieuwsma, Edgar Ohlhauser, and John Ptacek are the members going off the council in January.

Reports Needed

Please give your reports for the annual meeting to the church office by **Jan. 10th**. (PLCW, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Education, Property, Youth Group & Endowment.). †

2018 Offering Envelopes

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Contribution Reports for 2017 will be available on the table in the narthex soon. Please pick yours up.... †



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.✝



Todd Becker Foundation

On Wednesday, January 10th the Todd Becker Foundation will be presenting at Linton High School once for Linton, HMB, and Strasburg during the school day and once for the public in the evening at 7 pm. If you would like to help support this event financially, you can make a donation to the church and earmark it for the Todd Becker Foundation.

From their website: The Todd Becker Foundation travels throughout the Midwest and puts on an assembly presentation to public high schools, grades 9-12. The assembly unfolds the tragic and life-changing choices that ultimately led to the death of Todd Becker.

Typically two separate assemblies are put on when the Todd Becker Foundation visits a local high school. The first is the afternoon assembly for grades 9-12, which is held during school hours. This assembly tells the tragic Todd Becker story and challenges students to take the narrow road, according to the scripture, Matthew 7:13. The major focus of this message is choices and their consequences.

That same evening, another separate assembly is put on where the touring band "Chye" puts on a concert and an entirely different story and message is presented. This evening event is largely a faith-based, Christian message.



Three Days of Prayer

Let's start the New Year with prayer! On January 2, 3, and 4 churches throughout the LCMC will be taking part in the LCMC's Annual Three Days of Prayer.

Each of the three days has a different prayer focus. Day one is focused on confession, day two is focused on petition (praying for our needs and the needs of others), and day three is focused on vision (praying for the Spirit's guidance). Though for most of the three days of prayer, we will participate as individuals, on day two (Wednesday, January 3rd), everyone is invited to attend a simple evening prayer service at Peace Lutheran at 7:00 PM. A printed prayer guide for the three days is available in the Narthex.



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!

Finance News...

Two years ago the City of Linton issued *Street Improvement Project Special Assessments* to property owners in the city. We have received the billing for 2017 due February 15th. The payments are for the church, \$1,362.43, and parsonage, \$681.22, for a total of \$2,043.65. This includes interest accrued.

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



I hope you enjoyed the Christmas season with ones that you love. The month of January the youth WILL NOT be meeting. The LCMC youth convention is this summer on July 17-20, 2018. Registration is due in March so check your calendars to see if you are able to go. This experience is a great learning tool about your faith. Look for more information in the next month!

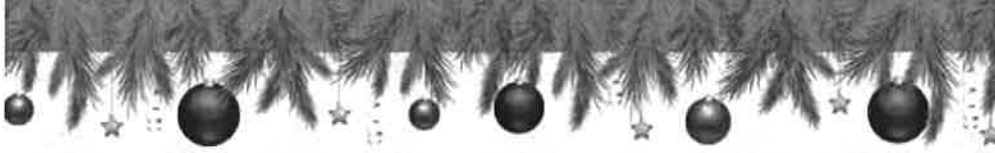
Happy New Year!

Lisa Ptacek



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope that each family is finding a reason to celebrate together sharing the story of Christ's birth over our break from Sunday School.



Christmas Child



by Mary E. Carpio

Turn your eyes this Christmas
To the Child who was born
He came into the world
Only to find sorrow and scorn

He knew we needed a Savior
To set us free from sin
No other way to redemption
But to open your heart to Him

Remember this Christmas season,
Material things cannot satisfy
They are but temporary
They disappear and die

But the love of our Savior
A gift that lives eternally
He is that brightest Star
Which shines upon the tree!



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Christmas Blessings to each of your homes, Sunday School will resume on January 7th at 9:30 am!
Lisa P and Lisa H.



Ushers and Acolytes for Jan.

Duane Baer	Mike Kunz
Sydney Bloom	Lyle Wohl
Madi Ptacek	

Jan. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Jan. 7	Vickie Toavs
Jan. 14	
Jan. 21	
Jan. 28	Duane & Janice Baer
Feb. 4	

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Jan. 7	Debbie Jahner
Jan. 14	Evelyn Petrick
Jan. 21	_____
Jan. 28	Janice Baer
Feb. 4	Debbie Jahner

*On the table in the narthex you will find **signup sheets for Ushers, Acolytes, Readers, & Greeters for 2018**. Please check your calendars for the best time for you to help with these church responsibilities and sign the sheets. **Do so soon**. Times not taken will be filled in by the worship committee of the Church Council. †

† JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesday...Confirmation Instruction 7 p.m., Jan. 24, 31

Youth Group/Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17

Jan. 3 – “Three Days of Prayer” Service 7 p.m.

Jan. 7 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 14 – Celebrate Service 10:45 a.m.

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

Jan. 21 – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting following worship.

A shared meal will be held after the meeting.

Jan. 28 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

! 🚌 **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. 24th at 2 p.m.** We would appreciate anyone coming along to help serve. Those coming, please meet at the church at 1:30 for rides. The residents so appreciate those who come to visit with them!

Pastor Sean will have the Care Center Worship Service on **January 14th at 2 p.m.** †



....PLCW News....

- ☞ Pastor's report: made 7 visits with Communion, had the Youth Group at the parsonage, conducted Men's Bible Study, had 2 funerals.
- ☞ The Peace Light Service will be held on December 17th. Pans of bars and servers are needed.
- ☞ World Day of Prayer will be held at Peace Lutheran on March 2nd, so plans need to be made.
- ☞ PLCW is to serve for the Strasburg Care Center Birthday Party January 24th, 2018. Irene will order the cake, and the Hendrickson girls will sing.
- ☞ The church Birthday Dinner will be on February 11th, and a theme is needed.

**PLCW Board meets Wednesday, January 3rd at 2:30 p.m.

**Quilting resumes Monday, January 8th at 9 A.M, meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays; and will continue until the week before Easter.

**Women of Peace will meet Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. Hostess is Leola Dietz and Bible Study Leader is Laura Hirvela.

**The annual meeting will be January 21st, 2018. Group responsibilities are as follows: B – Set Up, C – Serve, and A – Clean Up.



We Need Your Help!

The Church Women have been asked to serve a meal at the school on Jan 10th for the people that will be here from the Todd Becker Foundation. They will be eating at 4:00 p.m. Anyone who is willing to help, please contact Marilyn Malmedal ASAP. Thank you!



In November, our "Mission of the Month" was "**Great Plains Food Bank**". A check was sent to them for \$555.50. Our Thanksgiving Offerings totaled \$339.00, and was donated to the Emmons Co Food Pantry.

Our December "Mission" was "**Peace Lutheran Youth Group**". \$232.00 has been received as of December 17th.

Our January "Mission" is "**Peace Lutheran Youth Group**". The Youth are looking forward to attending the LCMC Youth Convention in July.



January Baptismal Dates

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

10 – Rachal Umber	16 – Brent Bodvig	27 – Duane Baer
11 – Garret Roemmich	Terry Hochhalter	31 – Barbara Haas
14 – Kaidra Larson	20 – Larry Umber III	31 – Connor Umber
	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	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

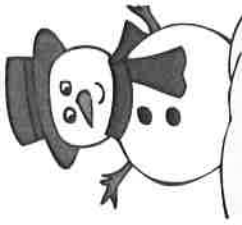
Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care



January 2018

Ushers: Lyle Wohl, Mike Kunz, Duane Baer,
 Sydney Bloom
 Acolyte: Madi Ptacek



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1 Happy New Year	2 Three Days of Prayer	3 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board Prayer Service 7 p.m.	4	5	6 Epiphany of our Lord
7 <i>Baptism of our Lord</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion	8 Quilting 9 a.m.	9 Quilting 9 a.m.	10 2 p.m. Lyceum at High School -Women serve meal @ 4 p.m. 7 p.m. Todd Becker Foundation presentation @ High School 7 p.m. Church Council	11 ECMA 10 a.m.	12	13
14 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Service 2:00 p.m. Service @ SCC	15 Quilting 9 a.m. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR Day	16 Quilting 9 a.m.	17 6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Confirmation Class 7 p.m. Women of Peace	18	19	20
21 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Praise! Service/Holy Communion Annual Meeting/ & Meal	22 Quilting 9 a.m.	23 Quilting 9 a.m.	24 2 p.m. Women serve @ SCC Birthday Party 7 p.m. Women of Peace 7 p.m. Confirmation Class	25	26	27
28 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship	29 Quilting 9 a.m.	30 Quilting 9 a.m.	31 7 p.m. Confirmation Class			