

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Church has sung “Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel” years. But there are more than a few lines that might confuse us, so here is a quick rundown of some of the more mysterious phrases. Keep them in mind as we sing this great hymn of the church throughout Advent.

Oh come, Emmanuel: Emmanuel (Hebrew for “God with us”) comes from Isaiah 7:14, “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.” Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

Ransom captive Israel: The exile of Israel is referenced all over Scripture. See Isaiah 35:10 and Micah 5:2-3. When Christ came he ransomed us not from physical exile, but from our exile away from the grace of God.

Tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law: This is a reference to God's giving of the Law to his people in the wilderness of Mt. Sinai. See Exodus 19-20.

Branch of Jesse: Isaiah 11:1-2 says, “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.” Jesus comes from the line of King David whose father was Jesse.

Oh, come, blest Dayspring: “Dayspring,” is an old way of saying “sunrise.” This is a reference to Luke 1:78-79, “because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” Jesus is the sunrise that casts away the darkness of sin. See also Malachi 4:2 and John 1:5.

Oh, come, O Key of David, come: This is a reference to Isaiah 22:22, “And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.” The power to open or shut the kingdom of Heaven is in Christ. In Revelation 3:7, Christ quotes this verse in reference to himself.

Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel that
mourns in lonely exile here until
the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, Oh, come, great Lord
of might, who to your tribes on
Sinai's height in ancient times
did give the law in cloud and
majesty and awe. *Refrain*

Oh come, strong Branch of
Jesse free, Your own from
Satan's tyranny; From depths of
hell your people save, and give
them victory o'er the grave.
Refrain

Oh, come, blest Dayspring,
come and cheer Our spirits by
your advent here; Disperse the
gloomy clouds of night, And
death's dark shadows put to
flight. *Refrain*

Oh, come, O Key of David,
come, and open wide our
heavenly home. Make safe for
us the heavenward road and
bar the way to death's abode.
Refrain

PLCW Leadership

The PLCW is still in need of a chairperson. Our church members and friends who attend our worship services have common goals, and one of them is to be in mission for Christ. The PLCW helps to fulfill this mission. However, many of the projects the PLCW run, risk being cast aside if there is no leadership!

We've had a very successful PLCW over the years, and it can continue to be successful if some would step up to chair or co-chair future events. If the Lord is calling you to act as president of the PLCW great! But if that is not your call, would you consider taking one of the PLCW's events under your wing? Past projects include gathering school supplies for LWR, Lent meals, the Thank Offering given every November, and the Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea. Or maybe, you have something new for the women of the church to try?

Please consider sharing your talents! Your church needs you!

Narrative Lectionary Daily Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 2 Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:2-4, 3:17-19	Psalm 137:1-6	Esther 1:1-9	Esther 1:10-22	Esther 2:1-11	Esther 2:12-23	Esther 3:1-15
Dec. 9 Esther 4:1-17	Daniel 3:1-12	Daniel 3:13-30	Daniel 5:1-12	Daniel 5:13-31	Daniel 6:1-13	Daniel 6:14-28
Dec. 16 Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 44:21-28	Isaiah 52:13-15	Isaiah 53:1-12	Isaiah 55:1-5	Isaiah 55:6-13
Dec. 23 Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 7:10-17	Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 1:5-25	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-56
Dec. 30 Matthew 1:1-17	Hebrews 1:1-4	Hebrews 11:1-7	Hebrews 11:8-22	Hebrews 11:23-31	Hebrews 11:32-40	Hebrews 12:1-3

[If you haven't already, you should "like" the church's Facebook page. It is a great way to keep up with announcements and events. Find it at \[www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton\]\(http://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton\).](#)

† Memorials †

Gifts were given in memory of Carmen Burgad to the Refinishing Fund from Duane & Janice Baer; in memory of Linda Nierhake to the Parsonage Kitchen Remodel from Mike & Lil Kunz; in memory of Lester Dietz to the Refinishing Fund from Duane & Janice Baer, and to the Parsonage Kitchen Remodel from Linda Tschritter, Paul & Brenda Benedict, Mike & Lil Kunz, Pastor Sean Barnhart, Lyle & Erma Wohl, Neil & Lyla Beitelspacher, Helen Garnaas, Duane & Bernice Dietz; in memory of Hildegard Weisser to the Celebrate Fund from Duane & Janice Baer, Laura Hirvela, Elaine Streyle, Neil & Lyla Beitelspacher, Helen Garnaas, and to the Parsonage Fund Kitchen Remodel from Violet Ohlhauser. †



Please Note: *There will be a benefit for Brady Hanson on Sat., Dec. 1, 2018, 5:00 PM at the Mandan Eagles Club. Brady was the victim of an on the job electrical accident. He has burns on 30% of his body plus neurological and kidney damage. Brady is in constant pain, and has a long road ahead of him of continued suffering and healing. Brady is the ‘significant other’ of Kati Kruckenberg who is Ray & Myra Renschler’s granddaughter (Sue’s daughter). You can find more information on the church narthex bulletin board. †



Three Days of Prayer – January 1-3, 2019

Lutherans throughout the LCMC will be beginning their new year with prayer from January 1st-3rd. Each day has its own focus. Below is a description of each day along with passages from Scripture pertaining to each day’s focus. As you read the passages, ask God to help you understand them and bring your prayers of confession, your prayers of petition, and your prayers for vision to the Lord.

On January 2nd, we will be having a prayer service at 7:00 PM at Peace Lutheran to come together as a church family to confess our sins, pray for our needs and the needs of others, and to ask God to give us a vision for the ministry he has in mind for PLC in 2019.

The focus of January 1st 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 mercifully.”

Suggested Readings: Psalm 51; 1 John 1:1-10; Colossians 1:11-14; Luther’s Small Catechism on Confession

The focus on January 2nd 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 and not connected to your church that they might know God’s redeeming love for all in Christ.”

Suggested Readings: Philippians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; The Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer (and explanation) from Luther’s Small Catechism

On January 3rd 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.”

Suggested Readings: Jeremiah, 18:1-6; Ephesians 1:15-23; Hebrews 10:23-25; The First, Second, and Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer (and explanations) from Luther’s Small Catechism



Christmas is not so much about opening presents as opening our hearts!



Church Council

The Church Council is in need of three people for a three year term. Please consider serving or encouraging others to serve. Lyle Hanson, Erin Huber, and Julie Umber are the members going off the council in January.



The Church Council, Meeting of November 14, 2018:

- No minutes available.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member..... Julie Umber, Lyle Hanson, Erin Huber, Aaron Stuckle, Jason Rossow, Debbie Jahner, Erin Schmidt, Vicki Schwab, and Stan Naumann.✝



We send out Christmas greetings to friends and family near and far, we put up the tree in hopes Santa will arrive, but most of all we take the time to thank God for His Son.
Kate Summers



*The Alzheimer's Association together with the Emmons County NDSU Extension will offer a free presentation titled, **Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research**. This free presentation will take place on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018** from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Linton Senior Citizen's Center, 205 S Broadway, Linton*

ND. This presentation is free and open to the public; registration is preferred but not required. This project is supported by funding granted through the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Aging Service Division.

At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health. These habits may also help to keep our brains healthy as we age and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline. To help people age well, the Alzheimer's Association® is offering the Healthy Habits for a Healthier You program. This workshop covers four areas of lifestyle habits that are associated with healthy aging:

- *Cognitive activity*
- *Physical health and exercise*
- *Diet and nutrition*
- *Social engagement*

Questions? Contact Nikki at nwegner@alz.org or 1.800.272.3900





We received \$168.00 in **Thrivent Choice \$** in November.

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



An Emmons County Food Pantry donation of 286 pounds was made by the family of Emma Bitz shortly before Thanksgiving. This is the 19th year they have been making this donation in memory of their mother! A hearty thank you to the Bitz Family! Thank you also to Pastor Sean who transported the items to the Food Pantry!



 **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.✝

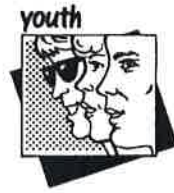


Thank You to Lisa Ptacek for completing the painting project behind the altar. It looks great!

Thank You to Mike & Lil Kunz, Jean Rudy, and Linda Tschritter for all their help in folding and stuffing the newsletters! It is very much appreciated!

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School children will tell their Christmas story
December 9th during the 10:45 worship at Peace Lutheran Church.
Fellowship will follow the program. Everyone is welcome!✝



Youth Group

We will be delivering Christmas cookies to the shut-ins in December. If you know of someone that would want our youth to stop by please contact Lisa Ptacek before Dec 7, 2018. Decorating the cookies will be Dec. 9, 2018 after church..... Also parents if I could get a few volunteers to help out with us delivering and singing to the shut-ins, I would greatly appreciate it. We will be delivering on December 16 in the afternoon.

Lisa Ptacek



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Christmas program preparations are underway! In all the hustle and bustle of the business of the upcoming holiday season, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas, and it's not about the presents under the tree but being present that means the most. ❄️

Sunday School and Program Practice:

December 2 @ 9:00 AM

December 5 @ 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM with PIZZA!

December 9 @ 9:00 AM

Mark your calendars and let your teacher know if you can't make it!

Program December 9 during Worship at 10:45 AM

Refreshments for after the Christmas Program

If anyone is willing to bring baked goodies for after the program on Dec 9, 2018 it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking at needing 18 dozen. Please let Lisa H or Lisa P know if you are able and how many so we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for making this program a special time for you children and our congregation.

Merry Christmas!

Lisa H. and Lisa P.



Quilting Ladies... We had our last quilting meeting November 12th, and will not be quilting in December. We will begin again January 7th, and will meet Mondays and Tuesdays. ☩



If we keep Christ in our heart Christmas has no end.



Ushers and Acolytes for Dec.

Elwin Nieuwsma	Mike Schwab
Noah Nieuwsma	Wyatt Schwab

Noah Nieuwsma & Ryan Hoff-Wald



Dec. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship, 24th
 10:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion, 25th

Dec. 2	Duane & Janice Baer
Dec. 9	
Dec. 16	
Dec. 23	
Dec. 24	
Dec. 25	
Dec. 30	
Jan. 6	

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Dec. 2 – Janice Baer
 Dec. 9 – Debbie Jahner
 Dec. 16 – Debbie Jahner
 Dec. 23 –
 Dec. 30 –
 Jan. 6 –

Sign-up sheets for Ushers, Acolytes, Readers, and Greeters for 2019 are on the table in the narthex. Please look ahead and sign up. Any times not taken will be assigned by the Worship Committee.

December Sunday School Schedule

Dec. 2 – Sunday School Program Practice 9:00 a.m.
 Dec. 5 – Pizza Supper and program practice 5:30 p.m.
 Dec. 9 – Sunday School Program Practice 9:00 a.m.
 Program during Worship @ 10:45
 Dec. 16, 23, & 30 – No Sunday School
 Sunday School resumes Jan. 6th.



~PLCW Board News~

No meetings are scheduled

Thank you to all who took part and donated on the Thank Offering Sunday, November 18th! Our donations went to "Linton Hospital and Ambulance Fund".

Women of Peace Bible Study at church

Christmas Treat Potluck

Wed., Dec. 19th at 7 p.m.

Mary Maier will lead the Bible Study.

All confirmed Women of the Church are welcome!

✝ DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Dec. 2 & 9

Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Dec 2, 9, & 16 @ 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Instruction Wednesdays, Dec. 5 & 12 at 7 p.m.

December 2 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

December 9 – Sunday School Christmas Program during Worship 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship to follow.

December 16 – Praise! Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

December 23 – Worship 10:45 a.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 p.m.

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

December 30 – Worship 10:45 a.m.

🚗 *Need a Ride??*

If you need a ride to church.....please call:

Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167



We don't need more parties, or decorations, or gifts, or worries, or expectations to be added to Christmas. What we really need is some grace. For ourselves and others. And we need to love people. *Susanna Foth Aughtmon, Mornings with Jesus*



Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day. Helen Steiner Rice



Our October "Mission of the Month" was **Emmons County Ministerial Thanksgiving Baskets**, and a check for \$397.00 was given for that local mission.

In November, our "Mission" was "'Encourager' Touching Lives". We collected \$382.50 for that project.

Our December "Mission" is "**Campus Crusade for Christ**".

December Mission of the Month – Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ)

Cru is the U.S. ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International. It is an interdenominational Christian evangelism and discipleship ministry committed to giving people everywhere the opportunity to know and experience God's love and plan for their lives.

Cru offers spiritual guidance, resources and programs tailored for people from all cultures in every walk of life through many diverse outreaches, including:

- Some 2,300 [campus ministries](#) engaging more than 101,000 students and faculty in ministry on U.S. college campuses.
- Cru's [city ministry](#) serving in more than 50 cities and partners with over 2,000 churches and organizations in mobilizing Christ followers to share God's love throughout the city.
- [Marriage and family](#) outreaches to 18 million people annually through media, conferences and locally hosted events.
- [Athletic ministry](#) with outreaches in 64 countries, 225 college campuses and 46 professional sports teams in the U.S., along with sports media that touches the lives of an estimated 100 million people annually.
- Ministry to [military installations and communities](#) in 50 states as well as deployed units (ships, flight lines and foxholes).
- The [JESUS](#) film has been shown in more than 1,600 languages and in every nation in the world. To date, [Jesus Film Project](#) is responsible for more than 7.7 billion exposures to the gospel and more than 530 million total estimated decisions for Christ.

For a complete list of Cru's ministries, visit cru.org.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service **6 PM**

Christmas Day Worship/Holy Communion **10 AM**

Matthew 2:1-12 ~ Wise Men Still Seek Him

Don't be like the religious leaders who were more concerned with tradition. Follow the example of the wise men, and seek God this Christmas. It's the reason we celebrate Christmas - God wants to connect with you!

Rick Warren



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.
Twyla Schiermeister	12 – Larry Humann	19 – Mackenzie Hendrickson
Brynn Huber	Irene Fisher	20 – Mary Maier
3 – Shannon Krogstad	13 – June Alderin	29 – Darcy Rindelaub
4 – Jon Ptacek	14 – Keith Humann	Noah Nieuwsma
Dez Kiefer	Rafe Kalama	30 – Laurie Humann Murphy
5 – Tad Larson	15 – Peyton Masset	
Kaisley Masset	16 – Jacob 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



December 2018

USHERS: Elwin Nieuwsma, Noah Nieuwsma,
Mike Schwab, Wyatt Schwab

ACOLYTE: Noah Nieuwsma & Ryan Hoff-Wald



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		Quilting will begin again on Jan 7, 2019				1
2 1st Sunday in Advent Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 AM		4 Alzheimer's informational meeting at the Sr. Center, 10:30 ~ Great Plains Food Bank 1:15	5 5:30 PM Pizza & SS program practice 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	6	7	8
9 2nd Sunday in Advent Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday School Program & Worship 10:45 AM	10	11	12 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00PM Confirmation Class	13 ECMA 10 AM	14	15
16 3rd Sunday in Advent Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Praise! Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 AM Pastor's Open House	17	18	19 Perishable Food Distribution 1-2 PM 6:30 PM Youth Group/Confirmation Christmas Party	20	21	22
23 4th Sunday in Advent Worship 10:45 AM	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 PM	25 Christmas Day Worship/Holy Communion 10:00 AM	26	27	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Christmas Worship 10:45 AM	31 New Years Eve					