



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 2019

Well, it's over. Christmas is gone. The time to take the decorations down has come. The house needs cleaning, the diet needs renewing, and the bills need paying. It isn't uncommon to experience a letdown after the holidays. In fact, some studies show that up to 25% of Americans go through some kind of post-Christmas depression. (If this is you, I certainly hope that you are able to get help and to take care of yourself physically, emotionally, and mentally. There are all sorts of resources available online if one searches "holiday letdown." They will give you suggestions on how to stay positively focused, to exercise, and to stay mentally engaged. West Central Human Service Center in Bismarck is an even better place to go to for resources and counseling. Their number is (701) 328-8888. However, for some spiritual encouragement, please read on.)

In the LCMC's quarterly newsletter, Pastor Janine Rew-Werling wrote an article that talked about how so many of us begin to celebrate Christmas as soon as Halloween is over. The simple and pared down summary of her article is that we live in a "weary world... desperately longing for hope." Rew-Werling cites the warmth of lights, decorations, traditions, familiar music, and cheesy Hallmark movies all contributing to the good vibes of a hopeful season. The retail world has, of course, joined the party as well (or maybe it is better to say that they are the party organizers). Their "hope" is to sell you (artificial) hope from late October all the way up to Christmas Day. And when Christmas is over, they'll give you great bargains on left-over hope.

But our hope more substantial than presents, music, decorations, and the good vibes of the holiday season. Real hope isn't seasonal. It is year-round. In the Gospels, the sweet little baby Jesus lying in the manger who brings peace on earth (Luke 2:14), is *always – and cannot be separated from* – the Jesus nailed to the cross who delivers peace in heaven (Luke 19:38) in order to fully accomplish peace on earth (John 14:27).

Faith in Christ gives us a "peace that passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). As people of faith we can look at the world and realize that it never will be a Hallmark movie. But the peace and hope that comes from faith in Christ gives us not seasonal, but year-round comfort knowing that in the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, ascended, and returning Lord Jesus a "weary world rejoices."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sean

Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 19:38, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Narrative Lectionary Daily Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 30 Matthew 1:1-17	Hebrews 1:1-4	Jan. 1 Hebrews 11:1-7	Hebrews 11:8-22	Hebrews 11:23-31	Hebrews 11:32-40	Hebrews 12:1-3
Jan. 6 Matthew 2:1-23	Micah 5:1-5a	Hosea 11:1-9	Jeremiah 31:15-25	Isaiah 49:1-7	Luke 2:21-40	Luke 2:41-52
Jan. 13 Matthew 3:1-17	Isaiah 40:1-8	Luke 3:7-14	Luke 3:15-20	Malachi 3:1-7	Malachi 4:1-6	Psalm 2:1-11
Jan. 20 Matthew 4:1-17	Matthew 4:18-22	Matthew 4:23-25	Psalm 103:1-5	Psalm 103:6-14	Psalm 103:15-18	Psalm 103:19-22
Jan. 27 Matthew 5:1-20	Matthew 5:21-26	Matthew 5:27-32	Matthew 5:33-37	Matthew 5:38-42	Feb. 1 Matthew 5:43-48	Matthew 6:1-6



† **Memorials** †

*Gifts were given in memory of Donald Nieuwsma to the Parsonage Kitchen Remodel Fund from Laura Hirvela and Kevin & Lisa Hendrickson; in memory of Roger Krumm to the Parsonage Kitchen Remodel Fund from Kevin & Lisa Hendrickson; in memory of Lester Dietz to the Parsonage Kitchen Remodel Fund from Leona Gaukler, Joyce Lemer, Ron & Mary Maier, Elaine Streyle, Jim & Sylvia Weisser, and Violet Ohlhauser, to the Sunday School from Marvin & Donness Dietz, and to the Endowment Fund, Parsonage Kitchen Remodel Fund, and Sunday School from miscellaneous relatives and friends. †



Three Days of Prayer

Let's start the New Year with prayer! On January 1, 2, and 3 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 2nd), 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.



Attention to those who use the Large-Print Edition of “Our Daily Bread” ~ We received a card from them stating their apology for the fact that the last edition (Jan – Mar 2019) was printed with articles from last year. They will be sending new devotionals for those months as soon as possible, and we should receive them by mid-January. Please feel free to use the devotionals that were sent until the new copies arrive.



Council Meeting of November 14th

- Pastor Sean made 5 visits in October; officiated at the Linda Nierhake funeral Oct. 20; had the Worship Service at the Strasburg Care Center Oct. 21; Confirmed 8 students Oct. 28; Prayer at City Council Nov. 5; and officiated at the Lester Dietz funeral Nov. 6.
- Discussion on Communion Cards.
- Approved the transfer of Chrissy Rotondo to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Beulah, ND.

Council Meeting of December 12th

- Pastor Sean made 3 visits in November; officiated at the Dockter/Swanson Wedding Nov. 17; ECMA Thanksgiving Service Nov. 18 & PLC Thanksgiving Service Nov. 20; Youth Group/Confirmation Nov. 28; Great Plains Interagency Nov. 29; and had lunch in Selby with the other LCMC Pastors Dec. 4.
- Property: Sanctuary door needs to have closing mechanism repaired. Discussion was held regarding the BEK Alert Pendent/Panic Button. Will look into less expensive options. Discussion had on installing trim. Carpets were cleaned by Rich Smith.
- Worship: Decided to set up white board Easel in entry for Greeter, Ushers, and Readers to sign up per Sunday. Ushers would not have to sign up for a whole month.
- Education: Discussion was had on moving Confirmation Class to Sunday mornings, but was decided to leave as is.
- Evangelism: Give new members a welcome basket.
- Old Business: None.
- New Business: Unanimously approved to allow BioGirls to meet in our church basement Saturday mornings from Mar. 2 – May 25.
- **January 20th is the date for the annual meeting.**

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

*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.



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.



**Thank You* to Kayla & Loren Hendrickson, Kaylyn, and Dylan for the Christmas goodie bags prepared and given at our Kid's Sunday School Christmas Program! It is very much appreciated!

ANNUAL MEETING
January 20th, 2019 after worship
Items of business... Budget and
3 new church council members selected.
Shared meal after the meeting.
Committee responsibilities will be announced at a later date.

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.). †

2019 Offering Envelopes & Contribution Reports for 2018 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. †

To think about for the New Year...

"Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one." — **Brad Paisley**

"Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right." ~ **Oprah Winfrey**



START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT! TAKE TIME TODAY TO PRAY AND GIVE JOYFUL THANKS FOR YOUR BLESSINGS. "I HOPE MY THOUGHTS WILL PLEASE YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MAKES ME GLAD." PSALM 104:34 (CEV)



A Reminder...Thrivent Choice \$ may be directed to Peace Lutheran Church.
Their phone # is 1-800-847-4836.

Amount received in December was \$ 41.00

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



Finance News...

Three years ago the City of Linton issued *Street Improvement Project Special Assessments* to property owners in the city. We have received the billing for 2018 due February 15th. The payments are for the church, \$1,322.29, and parsonage, \$661.15, for a total of \$1,983.44. This includes interest accrued. Please be mindful of this added expense when considering your offerings and contributions to our church.

*Our Thanksgiving Offering totaled \$466.00.

*Parsonage Kitchen Remodel Project update: All the bills have been paid, but some were paid from the Church Building Fund. To replenish that account we need \$3,106 to break even.



Happy New Year! Hope you were able to enjoy time with family as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the women that donated cookies for our youth to decorate and deliver. We were able to make 11 stops and every single one of them loved seeing the youth and their singing! Watch Facebook for getting together in January.....

Lisa Ptacek



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! Sunday School will resume on January 6th. We hope all have enjoyed the holidays gathering with family and friends.

We would like to thank all the teachers and families for helping make the Christmas program a success. It takes a village to teach and organize and plan and tell the story of Jesus birth.

Wishing you all peace and joy in 2019,

Lisa P. and Lisa H.



Ushers and Acolytes for Jan.

Duane Baer Mike Kunz
Tim Dockter Lyle Wohl

Kaylyn Hendrickson

Jan. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Jan. 6 Violet Ohlhauser & Eva Hanson
Jan. 13
Jan. 20
Jan. 27
Feb. 3

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Jan. 6 Debbie Jahner
Jan. 13 Debbie Jahner
Jan. 20
Jan. 27
Feb. 3

*On the table in the narthex you will find **signup sheets for Ushers, Acolytes, Readers, & Greeters for 2019**. 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 †

Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesday...Confirmation Class 7 p.m., Jan. 9, 23, 30

Youth Group/Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16

Jan. 2 – “Three Days of Prayer” Service 7 p.m.

Jan. 6 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 13 – Celebrate Service 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 20 – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting following worship.

A shared meal will be held after the meeting.

Jan. 27 – 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 help with the **January Birthday Party on Jan. 9 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. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The residents so appreciate those who come to visit with them!

Pastor Sean will have the Care Center Worship Service on **January 13th at 2 p.m.** †



....PLCW News....

No meeting are scheduled.

- ☞ Thank you to all who gave to our PLCW Thank Offering! The total we received was \$701.40. \$350.70 was given to the Linton Hospital and \$350.70 to Emmons County Ambulance Service.
- ☞ Quilting resumes Monday, January 7th at 9 A.M, meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays; and will continue until the week before Easter.
- ☞ Women of Peace will meet Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. Hostess is Leola Dietz and Bible Study Leader is Kimberly Heitz.
- ☞ The annual meeting will be January 20th, 2019. Group responsibilities: Set Up, Serve, and Clean Up will be announced at a later date.



Our December "Mission" was "CRU Campus Crusade for Christ". \$569.00 has been received as of December 23rd.

Our January "Mission of The Month" is "St. Jude's Children's Hospital".

St. Jude Children's Hospital

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.

- Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80%.
- St. Jude freely shares the discoveries it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children.
- It will cost approximately \$1 billion to operate St. Jude this year. Because more than 75% comes from generous donors, St. Jude has the freedom to focus on what matters most — saving kids regardless of their financial situation.
- Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food — because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.





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 2019

Ushers: Lyle Wohl, Mike Kunz, Duane Baer,

Tim Docker

Acolyte: Kaylyn Hendrickson



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