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Message from Pastor Sean...

January is often a harsh month and brings with it a real let down. The tree has been thrown out, the excitement of Christmas day has come and gone, though the bills haven't. And of course, the weather is cold and ugly. The deflation that comes after the Christmas season can be tough. It can be depressing and lonesome. If you find January to be like this (or any other time of the year, for that matter), I hope you are seeking help or doing something to help yourself along.

Spiritually speaking, there shouldn't be a letdown after celebrating the joy of Christmas. Christmas, after all, was just the beginning. Christmas was the first step in the realization of God's great plan to bring true and lasting peace to those alienated and lonesome in their sin. God is Emmanuel ("God with US") and now he is with us in a way he wasn't before. This is a truth we can know and live in each and every day. It isn't only for a short time in December. So may the joy and peace of Christmas remain with you each and every day of the year and may you rest in the assurance that God is indeed with you now and always. Amen.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

January's Narrative Lectionary Daily Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Jan. 1st Luke 6:32-42	Luke 6:43-49	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39
Jan. 5th Mark 1:40-45	Luke 7:1-10	Luke 7:11-17	Luke 7:18-23	Luke 7:36-50	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13-17
Jan. 12th Mark 2:18-22	Mark 2:23-28	Mark 3:1-6	Mark 3:7-12	Mark 3:13-20	Mark 3:21-27	Mark 3:28-35
Jan. 19th Mark 4:1-9	Mark 4:10-20	Mark 4:21-25	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41	Luke 8:1-3	Mark 5:1-13
Jan. 26th Mark 5:14-20	Psalm 103:1-5	Psalm 103:6-14	Psalm 103:15-22	Psalm 96:1-7	Psalm 1	



Three Days of Prayer – January 7-9, 2020

Lutherans throughout the LCMC will be beginning the New Year with prayer from January 7th-9th. Each day has its own focus.

The focus of January 7th 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 8th 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 9th 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



Happy New Year!

Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto man His Son hath given; while angels sing with tender mirth, a glad new year to all the earth. ~Martin Luther

“What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t even happened yet.” ~Anne Frank

We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential. ~Ellen Goodman



† **Memorials** †

I apologize for the error in last month's newsletter. These memorial gifts were given in memory of Leona Gaukler. ~Brenda

Gifts were given in memory of Leona Gaukler to the Endowment Fund from Elaine Streyle, Delores Renschler, Helen & Sam Renschler, Steve & Karen Ollerich, Carole Cassidy, Carol Vandal, Spencer & June Larson, Rebecca Bosch, Keith & Jan Ohlhauser, Melvin & Lilli Wohl, Fred & Elke Hawkins, Mimslynn McCartney, Myla Weber, & Malary Hillhouse, Mary Kay, Allain, George, Toni, Michelle, John, & Bobby Jo Hankey, Chris & Dave Gaukler, Corbley & Carol Ogren, Dave & Noreen Steckler, Cindy Buttke, Joyce and Blaine Lemer, Ryan & Tara Huber, Wade & Erin Huber, Bill & Jennifer Huber, Dave & Lorie Brown, LaDean & Joan Hettich, Gary & DelRae Hulm, Jerry & Linda Bailey, Joe & Margie Vetter, Russ & Sandy Johnson, Carsha, Trent & Troy Wasen, Marvin Wasen, Collette, Julie Sue & Kelly (Renschler), Pastor Fred & Raylene Henkelmann, Brian & Rhea Flyberg, Herb & Arlene Grenz, Donna Tveito, Allan & Leah Burke, Kenny & Lorraine Schatz and Ronda Monroe, Don Jahner & Pat Huber, Kim Huber & Sanford, Bob & Lois Mauch, Laura Hirvela, Neil & Lila Beitelspacher, and Paul D Nelson; to the Celebrate Fund from Jim & Sylvia Weisser, to the Sunday School from Ron & Mary Maier, and Lynsey Oster, and to the Parsonage Fund from Terry & Shirlene Serr.

Memorials given in December were gifts in memory of Leona Gaukler to the Endowment Fund from TL Jerick, Steve, Jill, & Logan Rowe, and Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser; in memory of Alex "Mike" Bosch to the Building Fund from Ray & Anna Mary Dockter, Greg & Kathy Stomp, and various relatives and friends.



Church Council

The Church Council is in need of three people for a three year term. Many of you have talents and great ideas that would be of wonderful service to God and our church! Please consider serving or encouraging others to serve. Aaron Stuckle, Jason Rossow, and Debbie Jahner are the members going off the council in January. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Sean or one of the Council Members.



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

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Peace Lutheran Church in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call **800-847-4836** and say "**Thrivent Choice**" or log on to <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

Amount Peace Lutheran received in December was \$ 381.00

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



Council Meeting of December 11th

- Pastor Sean hosted Youth Group Nov. 20; helped with ECMA Thanksgiving basket distribution Nov. 22; hosted ECMA Thanksgiving Service here at Peace Lutheran Nov. 24 which was very well attended; had 4 visits with Holy Communion
- Council approved 2 memberships. Welcome to Bruce Martin and Keaton Peterson!
- Property: New microphone is working nicely; Stan fixed the loose railing along the back stairs; eaves project has been completed; Greg Humann fixed a fan on the heating system, and noted that the system is going on 30 years
- Evangelism: Debbie will check with the soup kitchen to see if/when they need volunteers
- Old Business: Suggested people for new council members
- **January 26th is the date for the annual meeting. Potluck will follow.**

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Aaron Stuckle, Debbie Jahner, Jason Rossow, Vicki Schwab, Erin Schmidt, Stan Naumann, Denise Martin, Edgar Ohlhauser, and Wade Huber. ☩

*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.

ANNUAL MEETING

January 26th, 2020 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 have your reports for the annual meeting in the church office by **Jan. 10th**. (PLCW, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Education, Property, Youth Group & Endowment). ☩

2020 Offering Envelopes &

Contribution Reports for 2019 will be available on the table in back of the sanctuary soon. Please pick yours up.... ☩

"Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." ~Helen Keller



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...

"New Year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours." ~Alex Morritt



Finance News...

Four years ago the City of Linton issued *Street Improvement Project Special Assessments* to property owners in the city. We have received the billing for 2019 due February 15th. The payments are for the church, \$1,283.02, and parsonage, \$641.52, for a total of \$1,924.54. This includes interest accrued. Please be mindful of this added expense when considering your offerings and contributions to our church.

*Our Thanksgiving Offering totaled \$285.00.

Mobile and Online Giving using Tithe.ly

Peace Lutheran has signed up with a company called Tithe.ly. Tithe.ly makes it easy to give either with their app or by clicking the green "Give" button on our church website (ndpeacelutheran.com). You can give using your credit/debit card or you can give directly from your bank account. You can chose to give a onetime gift or set your gift up to be recurring. You can even designate which fund your gift will go to and leave a memo to indicate an honorarium or memorial. If you have a smart phone, a tablet, or a computer and one of the scenarios above fits you, give it a try. It's both easy and safe.

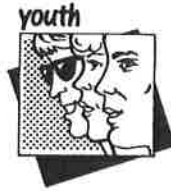


Download the **Tithe.ly** app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at ndpeacelutheran.com

Please note...

Offering envelopes for 2020 are available in the back of the sanctuary. The secretary has cut down on the number of envelopes because there was so much waste. If you don't normally use them at all you will not be issued a book of envelopes, but if you would like to start using them let the secretary know and she will give you one. All names will remain in the records with a number attached. All new members in the last year were issued a number with envelopes. You are encouraged to use the envelopes which makes it easier for the counters and the bookkeeper to record. Thank you!

Deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the month! Please get your news and upcoming activity information to the church office by that date! Thank you!



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Thank you for supporting our youth for the year 2019! WE appreciate all the donations for our mission in trip in July 2020.....Watch Facebook for the January gathering! May God bless you in the New Year!

Lisa Ptacek



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Program a success! It takes many people and we are grateful for everyone. Thank you to Vicki, Jon, Kevin, Loren and Kayla for sharing your talents and time! Thank you, parents, for bringing your kids to SS, the extra practice, and helping them learn their lines. Teachers, thank you for all the ways you helped the kids (and us!), and for faithfully showing up week to week!

Sunday School will resume January 5th.

-Anne Barnhart and Lisa Hendrickson



The Gospel Alphabet – Study and Memorize God's Word!

Scripture of the Month ~

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16 NKJV



Ushers and Acolytes for Jan.

Duane Baer
Lyle Wohl

Mike Kunz
Keith Petrick

Dylan Hendrickson & Kaylyn Hendrickson

Thank you for signing up!

Jan. Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Jan. 5

Jan. 12

Jan. 19

Jan. 26

Feb. 2

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Jan. 5 – Mark Heidrich

Jan. 12 – Debbie Jahner

Jan. 19 – Mark Heidrich

Jan. 26 – Debbie Jahner

Feb. 2

*On the table in the narthex you will find **signup sheets for Ushers, Acolytes, Readers, & Greeters** for the first quarter of 2020. Please take a moment to check the white board and see which Sunday works for you to help usher, be a reader, or a greeter. Remember, you can still sign up for a whole month or just a Sunday. 😊

✝ JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26

Wednesday...Confirmation Class 7 p.m., Jan. 8, 22, 29

Youth Group/Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Jan. 15

Jan. 5 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 12 – Celebrate Service 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 19 – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 26 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting following worship.

A shared meal will be held after the meeting.

🚗 **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. 8 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! ✝



....PLCW News....

- ☞ Thank you to all who gave to our PLCW Thank Offering! The total we received was \$800, and was donated to **The Emmons County Food Pantry**.
- ☞ Quilting resumes Monday, January 6th at 9 A.M, meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays; and will continue until the week before Easter.
- ☞ Women of Peace will meet Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. Hostess is Janice Baer and Bible Study Leader is Mary Maier. We will be going over the budget and deciding on donations, so if anyone has suggestions please let us know!
- ☞ The annual meeting will be January 26th, 2020. Group responsibilities: Set Up, Serve, and Clean Up will be announced at a later date.



Our December "Mission of the Month" was "**Bismarck Cancer Center**". \$412.00 has been received as of December 23rd.

Our January "Mission of The Month" is "**PLC Community Help Fund**".

Peace Lutheran Church...January 2020 "Mission of the Month"

PLC Community Help Fund

A few months ago, the PLC Council discussed developing a fund that would allow us to more easily donate to causes of need within our community. At the time it was suggested that we begin to place money from our Noisy Offerings into this fund. Recently, the Noisy Offering change was taken to the bank and it had more than \$600 in it! That money was collected for the Lutheran Disaster Response Fund set-up by the LCMC. But now that we have a fresh and empty jug, change collected from here on out will go towards our new PLC Community Help Fund. But this month we will give the fund a jumpstart via our Mission of the Month.

Who might be helped by this fund? Perhaps, families within our community who have experienced disaster or sudden illness. Perhaps an organization that is trying to get a new initiative off the ground. There are many possibilities! Let's see what good we can do in the name of Jesus amongst those we call neighbor.





January Baptismal Dates

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

4 – Todd Vossler	16 – Brent Bodvig	27 – Duane Baer
10 – Rachal Umber	Terry Hochhalter	31 – Barbara Haas
11 – Garret Roemmich	20 – Larry Umber III	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.✝



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 Aberle	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 2020

*Ushers: Duane Baer, Mike Kunz, Keith Petrick, & Lyle Wohl *Acolytes: Kaylyn Hendrickson & Dylan Hendrickson



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