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Message from Pastor Sean...

On January 20th, 2021 an event will happen that many of you are not looking forward to (though some of you are). Joe Biden will be sworn in as President of the United States. This is your friendly pastoral reminder that you are called to pray for him and Senator Kamala Harris with the same fervor you had when you prayed for President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. You may not like it, but that is your duty as a Christian living as a resident of the United States of America. Let's look at some Scripture...

In Jeremiah 29 when the Judean Israelites were taken captive and deported into Babylon, Jeremiah implored them to live as good citizens of the land despite its pagan nature. The Lord told them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7). I would argue that as we pray for the welfare of the President and Vice President we pray also for our own welfare.

Now, to be sure, there are times when the people of God were forced to stand against their Babylonian captors, but that is another story for another time. See Daniel chapters 1-6 for how that might look.

In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 Paul implores Timothy, his friend who pastors the church in Ephesus to teach the Christians, "that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior..." Paul goes on to say that God our Savior "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." If you don't know how to pray for an elected official, begin here. Pray that they would know the Lord and grow in faith.

To be sure, you are called to pray for those who are in power and authority over you. Do you have such animosity against those in power and authority over you that you view them as your enemy? Fine. Then remember the command of Christ from Matthew 5:43-44, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

We aren't getting off the hook here. You and I are called to pray whether we voted for who we are praying for or not. So let us pray for "all who are in high positions." Let us pray to the Lord for their welfare on their behalf that we may lead a "peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Amen.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

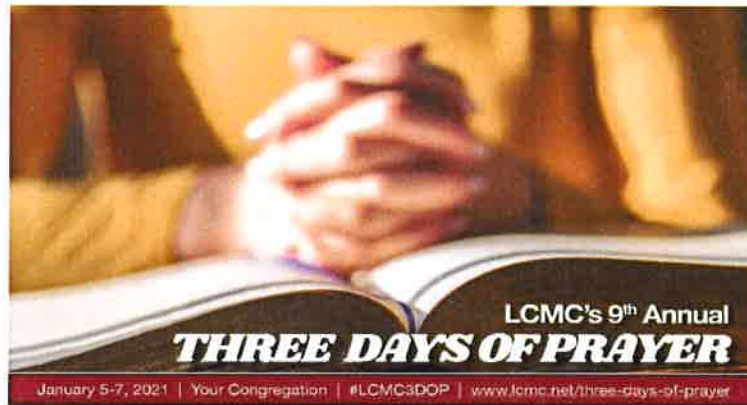
January's Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Jan. 1 st Matthew 2:13-15	Luke 2:39-40
Jan 3 rd Luke 2:41-52	Genesis 17:9-14	Exodus 13:1-2	Leviticus 26:3-6	Leviticus 26:7-13	Malachi 4:4-6	Isaiah 62:10-12
Jan 10 th Luke 3:1-22	Malachi 3:1-4	Malachi 4:1-3	Ephesians 4:1-7	Luke 3:23-38	Luke 4:1-4	Luke 4:5-13
Jan 17 th Luke 4:14-30	Isaiah 58:6-12	1 Kings 17:8-14	2 Kings 5:1-17	Luke 4:31-37	Luke 4:38-41	Luke 4:42-44
Jan 24 th Luke 5:1-11	Luke 5:12-16	Luke 5:17-26	Philippians 2:1-11	Philippians 2:12-18	Luke 5:27-32	Luke 5:33-39
Jan 31 st Luke 6:1-16						

Three Days of Prayer January 5-7, 2021

Day One: January 5

This is a day focused on **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 with mercy.



Day Two: January 6

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 adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God's redeeming love for all in Christ.

Day Three: January 7

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.



Happy New Year!

Jan 1 is a new beginning! A glorious beginning! We should focus on a future filled with prayer and praise! We should also focus on service to God and mankind; a future filled with God's presence, guided by His wisdom and empowered by His strength. God is always faithful! ~ Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Prayer:

Father Almighty, this is Your New Year! Shine Your love into our lives, fill us with Your peace and encourage us with Your promises. Amen.



† Memorials †

Gifts was given in memory of Victor & Lorrene Schiermeister to the Endowment and Technology Funds from Scott Schiermeister; in memory of Rev. Oliver Dewald to the Parsonage Fund from Rebecca Bosch; in memory of Marlon Ohlhauser to the Parsonage Fund from Lyle & Erma Wohl, and to the Building Fund from David & Pam Adrian; and in memory of Bernard Stroot to the Building Fund from Lilli & Melvin Wohl. Mr Stroot was 105 years old and the Great Grandpa and Grandpa of Angie, Alexis, and Raymond Wohl.



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. Erin Schmidt, Vicki Schwab, and Stan Naumann are the members going off the council in January. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Sean or one of the Council Members.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

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/>

Peace Lutheran received \$47 in November, and \$7 in December.

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





Council Meeting of December 9th

- Pastor Sean reported that they had lots of help for the Thanksgiving Basket distribution on Nov. 20th; had the baptism of Logan Paul Ferderer on Nov, 29th; is offering private communion for those who are staying at home because of Covid; leading Confirmation, online Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study; planning Christmas Services; thinking about doing Facebook Live Daily Devotions.
- Property: Parsonage Bathroom update is on hold as they are waiting to find a plumber
- Stewardship: Endowment Funds were discussed. Wade will meet with the Endowment Committee, and the Council will revisit next month. Council will find a new member to replace JoAnn Humann whose 3 year term is up Jan 1. ~ The PPP Loan from BNC which was received to help pay for Covid related issues, has been forgiven! ~ The Council wants to say "Thank You" to the first responders and hospital workers, and will revisit next month as to how to proceed with this. ~ It was approved by the council to give the Pastor Garin Forsberg Family \$200 from the PLC Community Help Fund to aid in his fight against cancer. ~
- Worship: Members have been questioning about new hymnals and having more contemporary music. New hymnals would be very expensive. Pastor is open to ideas of newer music. Adding people to the worship committee was discussed. It will be brought up at the reorganizational meeting. Discussed bringing back acolytes after the new year.
- Education: Christmas Program is a go for Sunday, December 13th!
- New Business: **The Annual Meeting will be held January 31st after Worship. Not sure about a meal to follow.**

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Vicki Schwab, Erin Schmidt, Stan Naumann, Denise Martin, Edgar Ohlhauser, Wade Huber, Rachal Peterson, Mark Heidrich, and Lisa Hendrickson .✝

ANNUAL MEETING
January 31st, 2020 after worship
Items of business... Budget and
3 new church council members selected.
It is yet to be determined if there will be a meal following.

Reports Needed

Please have your reports for the annual meeting in the church office by Jan. 10th. (PLCW, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Education, Property, Sunday School & Endowment.). Thank you to those who have already submitted their reports! ✝

**2021 Offering Envelopes
&
Contribution Reports for 2020**

will be available on the table in back of the sanctuary soon.
Please pick yours up....✝
Thank you!



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.✝



Finance News...

Five years ago the City of Linton issued *Street Improvement Project Special Assessments* to property owners in the city. We have received the billing for 2020 due February 15th. The payments are for the church, \$1,244.28, and parsonage, \$622.14, for a total of \$1,866.42. This includes interest accrued. Please be mindful of this added expense when considering your offerings and contributions to our church.

*Our Thanksgiving Offering totaled \$265.00.

*Our Christmas Offering totaled \$535.00.

Mobile and Online Giving using Tithe.ly

Tithe.ly makes it easy to give either with their app or by clicking the green "Give" button on our church website (ndpeace.lutheran.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.



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

Please note...

Offering envelopes for 2021 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!



Quilting Ladies... Tentative plans are to begin quilting again in February.✝



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hoping this finds everyone healthy and enjoying 2021. We are praying that the youth will soon be able to gather. Watch Facebook for any updates!

Lisa Ptacek



Confirmation Class Schedule

Wednesday January 6, 3:45 PM & 7:00 PM

January 13, 3:45 PM

January 20, 3:45 PM & 7:00 PM

January 27, 3:45 PM & 7:00 PM



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Christmas Program! We couldn't have done it without the hard work of our parents, teachers, and kids! We especially want to thank Vicki, Loren and Kayla, and Jon. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We return to Sunday School on Sunday, January 10, at 9:30am!

All our best to you and yours,
Anne and Jen



....PLCW News....

All meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

Women of Peace did not meet in December, and will not meet again until further notice due to the Pandemic.

They were unable to do their usual Christmas and January activities this year.

Please concentrate on staying well and safe!

☞ PLCW received \$735.00 for Thank Offering donations. It was given to the Emmons County Ambulance Service.

Facebook Live

Can't make it to worship? Join us live each Sunday via Facebook. If you can't tune in live, you can find past recordings on Facebook simply by scrolling through our page

<https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton/>. Or you can visit our website

<http://ndpeacelutheran.com/> and find all the links you need there.





Needed: One Volunteer to be usher, one to be scripture reader, and one to be a door opener each week.

Please sign up!

- January 3 –
- January 10 –
- January 17 –
- January 24 –
- January 30 –
- February 3 –

Please take a moment to check the white board set up in the narthex and see which Sunday works for you to help usher, be a reader, or door opener. You can sign up for a whole month or just a Sunday. 😊

✝ JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Jan. 10, 24, & 31

Jan. 3 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

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

Jan. 17 – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 24 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 31 – Worship 10:45 a.m.

Stump the Organist

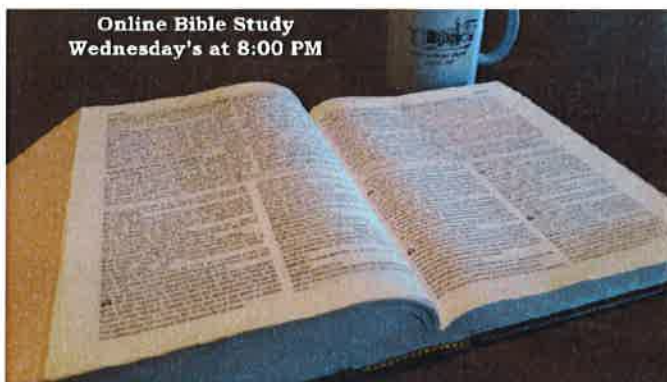
Annual Meeting following worship.

A shared meal held after the meeting? – to be decided at a later date.

🚗 *Need a Ride??*

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

Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167



Online Bible Study

Each Wednesday night at 8:00 PM, join Pastor Sean on Facebook Live for a “deep dive” Bible Study on the preaching passage for the upcoming Sunday.



Our December “Mission of the Month” was “**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**”. \$354.00 was received in offerings for that important cause.

Our January “Mission of The Month” is “**North Dakota National Guard Foundation**”.

Peace Lutheran Church...January 2021 "Mission of the Month"...

NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION

TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The North Dakota National Guard Foundation is a non-profit organization, which has no paid employees and hires no professional fundraisers. The Foundation depends entirely on volunteer help.

The Foundation has two areas of focus.

The North Dakota National Guard Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) provides financial support in sudden and unforeseen emergency situations, such as natural disasters, accident, illness, fire or theft to the more than 4,300 North Dakota National Guard members and their Families during times of need.

The North Dakota National Guard Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (ND-TAPS) supports the national TAPS initiative and provides services to those who have lost a loved one serving in the Armed Forces. The funds are used to cover transportation costs for Families of Fallen Heroes to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual National TAPS program.



Prayer for the New Year:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith:
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

~St. Francis of Assisi

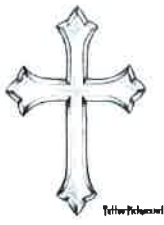


The Gospel Alphabet – Study and Memorize God's Word!

Scripture of the Month ~

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10 NIV



January Baptismal Dates

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

4 – Todd Vossler	16 – Brent Bodvig	27 – Duane Baer
10 – Rachal Peterson	Terry Hochhalter	31 – Barbara Haas
11 – Garret Roemmich	20 – Larry Umber III	Connor Umber
14 – Kaidra Larson	23 – Libby Wohl	Abby Ketterling

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 – Loretta Haas
3 – Jerome Ohlhauser	16 – Iris Bosch	23 – Sean Barnhart
5 – Michael Schatz	Wade Huber	Matthew Nieuwsma
6 – Roxanne Aberle	Tanner Peterson	27 – Melvin Wohl
9 – Rory Humann	17 – Duane Baer	28 – Jude Barnhart
Roberta Wagner	Mitchell Forderer	29 – Steven Haas
10 – David Erickson	18 – Evelyn Petrick	30 – Erica Hoff-Wald
12 – Jacob Janecek	19 – Jill Huber	31 – Jarod Conroy
13 – Connor Umber	Aaron Stuckle	Connor Jones
	20 – Jennifer Roemmich	

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



Laughter is a wonderful thing! Laughter is an amazing gift from God! It helps you cope with sadness and everyday life. It is great to have a cheerful heart and laugh with family and friends. (Though we all know making fun of others and off-color jokes have no place in the Christian life.)

Proverbs 17:22 NIV "A cheerful heart is good medicine."

Psalms 126:2-3 NIV "Then our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy!"

Ecclesiastes 3:2-4 NIV "A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to uproot. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance."

☞ "I have not seen anyone dying of laughter, but I know millions who are dying because they are not laughing." ~Unknown

☞ "A day without laughter is a day wasted." ~Charlie Chaplin

Red Wagon

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the cradle when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. Immediately he turned and went outside to look and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus. He walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get Him, my fine friend?" The little boy replied, "I got him from the church."

"And why did you take him?"

The boy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give him a ride around the block in it."



Pastor Dave Charlton tells us: "After a worship service at First Baptist Church in Newcastle, Kentucky, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet."

About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and he will have to start his sermon all over again!' It worked."



Johnny's Dust

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and the pastor greets the family.

"Pastor," Johnny says, "I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did," he says.




"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replies. "Why do you ask?"

"Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"



January 2021

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	January 5—7 Three Days of Prayer	Mission of the Month: North Dakota National Guard Foundation	 Epiphany	Annual Meeting January 31, 2021		
3 2nd Sunday after Christmas 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Traditional Worship/Holy Communion	4	5	6 Epiphany Women of Peace 7:00 PM Confirmation Class 3:45 PM & 7:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	7	8	9
10 The Baptism of our Lord 9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Celebrate Worship	11	12	13 Confirmation Class 3:45 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	14	15	16
17 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Praise! Worship / Holy Communion	18 	19	20 Confirmation Class 3:45 PM & 7:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	21 ECMA 10:30 AM	22	23
24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Celebrate Worship	25	26	27 Confirmation Class 3:45 PM & 7:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	28	29	30
31 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Worship Annual Mtg.						