

***Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND***

***Message from Pastor Sean...***

John is the perfect Gospel to begin at the dawn of a new year. John's Gospel, as you may know, has no Christmas story (neither does Mark's). Instead, John begins with something often referred to as The Prologue.

The Prologue of John's Gospel begins, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." With these words, John begins his Gospel much earlier than Luke, Matthew, or Mark. John begins with the dawn of creation itself and he does so to give us an important theological message about Jesus; Jesus didn't begin at Christmas. In fact, John's message is that Jesus has no beginning at all rather, he was with God in the beginning and "all things were made through him." (John 1:3).

Jesus is the Word through which God brought all things into being. He has always been. John tells us that Christmas is therefore not his beginning. However, at Christmas "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us," (John 1:14) and just as by the Word, God created light (Genesis 1:3), the Word made flesh come to dwell among men is "the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5). John also says this "true light" "enlightens everyone."

John's Gospel doesn't have a traditional Christmas story, instead it begins at the beginning with darkness and with the light-bringing Word. In the dark and cold of January, the beginning of a new year, there is nothing better to receive the Word in whom life resides, through whom we have "the right to become children of God."

Happy New Year,  
Pastor Sean

## ***January 2022 Newsletter***

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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 after worship**  
**Items of business... Budget and**  
**3 new church council members selected.**  
**Pot Luck meal to follow.**





### January's Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Matthew 4:12-17
<b>Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> John 1:35-51	Matthew 4:18-20	Matthew 4:21-22	Matthew 9:9-13	Matthew 9:35-38	Matthew 10:1-4	Matthew 10:5-12
<b>Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></b> John 2:1-11	Luke 14:7-11	Luke 14:15-24	Psalm 104:10-16	Revelation 19:1-10	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 23:1-6
<b>Jan. 16<sup>th</sup></b> John 2:13-25	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Zechariah 6:9-15	Zechariah 14:20-21	Revelation 21:22-26	Isaiah 56:1-7	Psalm 69:9
<b>Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> John 3:1-21	John 3:22-30	John 3:31-36	John 3:31-36	Matthew 11:2-6	Matthew 11:7-15	Matthew 11:16-19
<b>Jan. 30<sup>th</sup></b> John 4:1-26	John 4:27-42					



### Council Meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup>

- Pastor Sean reported that Nov. 17 at Mornings at Peace 21 kids attended; Youth group was held at the Parsonage on Nov. 17 and 14 kids attended; Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 96 ECMA Thanksgiving Baskets were handed out; on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> ECMA Thanksgiving Service was held at the First Baptist Church; and, Pastor Sean has done a variety of home visits, counseling, and premarital counseling in the last month.
- Property: Al Hulm will be clearing parking lot snow and Craig Brindle will be clearing the sidewalks this winter. Jack Dockter has been approached regarding the basement lighting, and it will be awhile before he can get a bid to us. One of the Sunday School rooms has some loose tiles, and new flooring was discussed. Pastor will have Anne Barnhart and Jen Vetter look at options and get a quote.
- Worship: No Communion on the 19<sup>th</sup> – Communion on Christmas Day, 10:00 AM Service.
- Education: Sunday School is meeting at 9 AM this month with Christmas Program Practice.
- New Business: **The Annual Meeting will be held January 30<sup>th</sup> after Worship. Will be asking the women of the church to do a Pot Luck meal to follow.** Lease for the copier is up, and a motion was approved to upgrade the lease. It was approved to donate \$20 per employee in Chamber Bucks to KEM Electric and MDU, and \$300 to Social Services for the Christmas tree gift tags. It was approved to give end of year gifts to the Pastor, Custodian, and Bookkeeper.

\*If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member...Denise Martin, Edgar Ohlhauser, Wade Huber, Rachal Peterson, Mark Heidrich, Lisa Hendrickson, Heather Rossow, Terry Serr, and Lyle Wohl. ☩

## Three Days of Prayer January 4-6, 2022

*From the LCMC Website:* Every congregation, member and pastor is being invited to set aside some time each day of January 4, 5, and 6, 2022 for prayer.

Our attitude toward prayer has often been characterized by saying, “*well, all we can do now is pray!*” Prayer is not the hopeless act of desperation. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to her parents sharing concerns, victories, defeats and every part of life. It is an opportunity to express the deepest heartache and the greatest joy. Prayer is a conversation between the Creator and the created...and the conversation began with God, for us, in Christ Jesus.

No matter how you structure this time of prayer, let’s come together as an association of congregations across the U.S. and around the world to pray! I believe that the church will never rise up until we first get down on our knees!

### Day One: January 4

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 5

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 6

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.



#### Reports Needed

Please have your reports for the annual meeting in the church office by **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>**. (PLCW, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Education, Property, Sunday School, Youth Group, & Endowment.). Thank you to those who have already submitted their reports! ✝

#### 2022 Offering Envelopes &

**Contribution Reports for 2021** will be available on the table in back of the sanctuary soon after the 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pick yours up.... ✝  
Thank you!





## † Memorials †

Gifts were given in memory of Darwin Opp to the Building Fund from Mike & Lil Kunz; in memory of Carol Jean Dykema and Clint Dykema to the Mission of the Month, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, from Terry & Shirlene Serr.



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. Wade Huber, Denise Martin, and Edgar Ohlhauser are the members going off the council the end of January. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Sean or one of the Council Members.



## 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. †



## † JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

**Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30**  
**Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Jan. 9, 23, & 30**

**Jan. 2** – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
**10:45 a.m.**

**Jan. 9** – Celebrate Service **10:45 a.m.**

**Jan. 16** – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion **10:45 a.m.**

**Jan. 23** – Celebrate Worship **10:45 a.m.**

**Jan. 30** – Praise! Worship **10:45 a.m.**

Annual Meeting following worship @ 11:45 a.m.  
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



## Watch Via Facebook Live!

**Can't make it to in-person worship?** Join us live each

Sunday via Facebook from wherever you are. If you can't tune in live, you can find past recordings on Facebook simply by scrolling through our Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton/>.

Or you can visit our website at

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

## **Please Volunteer**

**Please take a moment to check the white board set up in the narthex and see which Sunday works for you to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, or Acolyte. You can sign up for a whole month or just a Sunday. 😊**

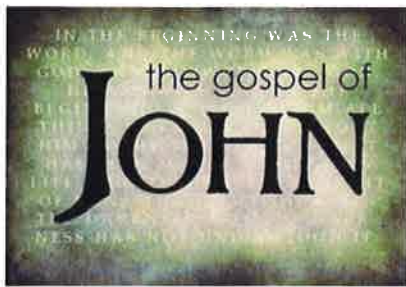
**Volunteers are needed each Sunday for Worship in January.**

**Greeters:**

**Ushers:**

**Reader: Mark Heidrich**

**Acolyte:**



### Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Sean on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for Adult Bible Study. This year we are exploring the Gospel of John. Feel free to simply attend and listen in or take the opportunity to engage in discussion, ask, and answer questions. Coffee is not required, but always provided and recommended!



Download the Tithe.ly app from the Apple or Google Play Stores or give online at [ndpeacelutheran.com](http://ndpeacelutheran.com)

### Give 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 ([ndpeacelutheran.com](http://ndpeacelutheran.com)). You can give using your credit/debit card or you can give directly from your bank account. You can choose to give a onetime gift ("I forgot my checkbook!") or set your gift up to be recurring ("I never want to carry my checkbook again!") You can even designate which fund your gift will go to and leave a memo to indicate an honorarium or memorial.



*Connecting faith & finances for good.®*

We received a \$37 **Thrivent Grant** in the last month. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation and who give special donations from their Thrivent accounts!

If you are 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/>



**Quilting will resume the first Monday in January, and will meet Mondays and Tuesdays at 9 AM.**



~PLCW News~

🕯 Women of Peace will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 5th @ 1:30 p.m. Janice Baer will lead the Bible Study. All confirmed ladies of Peace Lutheran are welcome to attend.

🕯 We will be having Pot Luck on Jan. 30th following the Annual Meeting. Group responsibilities will be posted in the narthex when time gets closer.

🕯 Thank you to all who took part and donated toward our Thank Offering Sunday, November 21st! A check in the amount of \$710.00 was issued to the Salvation Army from all of the donations.



### Bible Verse for the New Year:

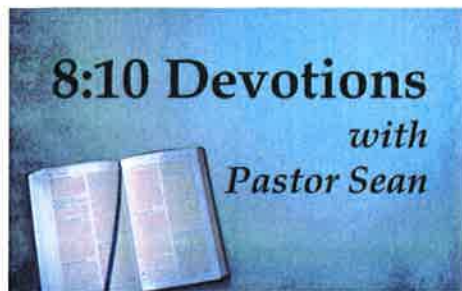
"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV



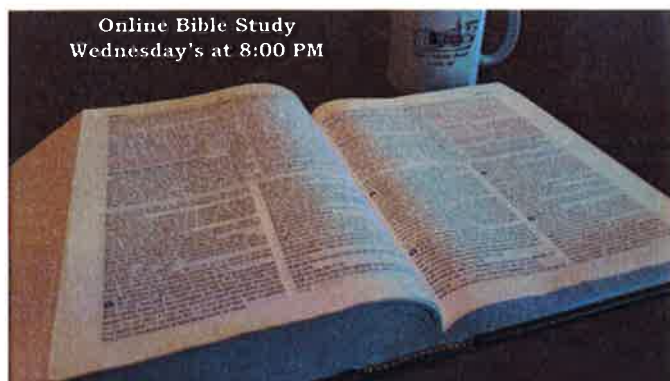
If you or anyone you know would like a weekly church bulletin or a monthly newsletter mailed to them, please let the church office know.

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



### 8:10 Devotions

Join Pastor Sean each morning at 8:10 Monday through Friday for a five-minute devotion to start your day!



<https://www.facebook.com/peacelutheranlinton>

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.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The 2021 Christmas program was held on Dec 19th. The kids did an amazing job! A lot goes into planning and practicing and it couldn't be done without lots of support and help. Thank you parents for bringing your kids early for practice. Thank you teachers for also coming early and being ready to help in whatever way we ask! Thank you to Vicki for all the work with the music. Thank you Pastor Sean and Jon Ptacek for running the sound and other behind the scenes help.

Sunday School will resume January 9th at 9:30. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.



Pastor Sean and Anne invite youth grades 7 to 12 to their house for youth group with excellent food, games, and Bible study **on Wednesday, January 19th**. Supper is served at 6:30 PM and is followed by a short Bible study and some games. The night usually ends around 8:00 PM. Confirmation students are required to attend since it takes the place of class for that evening.

#### Confirmation and Youth Group Schedule

- Wednesday, Jan. 5 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, Jan. 12 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, Jan. 19 – Youth Group/Confirmation Class 6:30 PM at Pastor Sean's & Anne's home.
- Wednesday, Jan. 26 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM



#### A Prayer for January

Almighty and eternal God,  
we pray that you would  
uphold us  
through the right knowledge  
of your divine Word  
through your Holy Spirit.  
Grant us peace and health  
as we do the work  
of our callings  
with your blessing;  
through your dear Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

--Martin Luther (1483-1546)





Our November "Mission of the Month" was **Cystic Fibrosis of North Dakota**, and offerings in memory of *Sonia Balliet* totaled \$363. Our December Mission is **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**, and those offerings totaled \$411. Our January mission is the **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Bismarck**.

**Peace Lutheran Church "Mission of the Month" for January is Ronald McDonald House Charities of Bismarck.**



### ***A "home away from home"***

In July of 1992, the Ronald McDonald House opened its doors in Bismarck - and the community opened its heart - to care for the families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment in Bismarck and Mandan. More than a place to stay, the House provides comfort and care for families when they need it most.

### ***Ronald McDonald Care Mobile***

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, a mobile dental clinic on wheels, delivers urgently needed dental care to underserved children ages 0 through 21 in their own neighborhoods in the western half of North Dakota. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile of North Dakota is owned and operated by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Bismarck. We have partnered with Bridging the Dental Gap, Inc. of Bismarck, a non-profit dental clinic, to establish the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program. We strive to deliver our services in an atmosphere of kindness, compassion, caring and respect.

### ***Mobile Dental Program***

One of the greatest unmet needs of low-income families is the need for dental care. More than one-half of North Dakota children have had tooth decay and more than one in five children have untreated tooth decay. The existing dental safety net clinics are not able to meet all of the current need in North Dakota. Untreated dental problems can result in pain and infection, create difficulty chewing and eating, and interfere with concentration and learning. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a 40 foot long state of the art mobile dental clinic with its own dentist, dental hygienist and dental assistant. The mobile clinic staff deliver the dental care to underserved children in their own neighborhoods.

**"The acceptable year of the Lord is that year when men will love their enemies, bless them that curse them, pray for them that despitefully use them."**

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Guidelines for a Constructive Church**

**Please note...** Offering envelopes for 2022 are available in the Narthex. 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 or non-members attending 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!

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

Scripture of the Month ~

**"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."**

**Matthew 7:24**



## 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





# January 2022

## Happy New Year!



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	January 4—6 <b>Three Days of Prayer</b>	Mission of the Month: Ronald McDonald House of Charities Bismarck	<b>Annual Meeting</b> January 30, 2022			1 
<b>2 2nd Sunday after Christmas</b> 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Traditional Worship/Holy Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Women of Peace 1:30 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>6 Epiphany</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 The Baptism of our Lord</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Celebrate Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Praise! Worship/Holy Communion	<b>17</b>  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> MAP 8:00 AM Youth Group/Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>20</b> ECMA 10:30 AM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Celebrate Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Endowment Meeting 8:30 AM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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