

*Peace Lutheran Church
Linton, ND*



Message from Pastor Sean...

Most of us have grown up in the faith. We were baptized into it, attended Sunday School, got confirmed, and continued attending church all our lives. As such, we've heard the Christmas story every December, every year of our existence on earth.

But sometimes our familiarity with the Christmas Story can dull us to the wonder that it is. (The same can happen with the Passion/Easter Story). We've seen the sparkle and dazzle of the Christ-child in the manger so often that we barely even notice it anymore. We've sung the songs so often we don't pay attention to the lyrics. Its similar to becoming nose blind.

Nose blindness occurs after you've been hit with a strong scent. Though strong at first, you eventually forget it is even there. Think of a scented Christmas candle. When you first start burning it, the smell is powerful. The warm aroma of cinnamon and mulled spices fill your kitchen and for a while its all you can smell... but then it goes away. Even though the candle still burns you no longer smell it. But when your neighbor comes over to borrow a cup of sugar, the smell hits them like a wall of fragrance. You've been around the smell for so long, you've become blind to it.

Our familiarity with the Scriptures and with the great stories in the Bible like Christmas can sometimes make us dull to their power and magic. But this Christmas, I invite you to slow down and soak it in. Attend Christmas programs and services. Reflect on the hymns of the church you know so well. Read the Christmas Story from Luke 1 and 2 for yourself and place yourself in shoes of Elizabeth, Mary, Zechariah, and the shepherd. Read John 1:1-18 and bask in the glory and mystery that is the eternal Son of God, by whom and through whom all creation came into being, enveloping himself in human flesh for the sake of sinners. Take in the details of Matthew 1:18-2:23 and marvel at the danger the Lord placed himself in as he submitted himself to being born of a woman under the care of a man named Joseph while a paranoid murderer named Herod sat on the throne. God became a helpless baby surrounded by the perils of a sinful world to save this sinful world!

May the Lord open your eyes and heart once again to the mystery, the glory, the wonder, and the awe that Christmas truly is. May you become nose-aware to the wonderful fragrance of Jesus your Lord.

In Peace,
Pastor Sean

December 2022 Newsletter

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Daily Readings for December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Dec. 1st Esther 2:1-11	Esther 2:12-23	Esther 3:1-15
Dec. 4th 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 6:14-26
Dec. 11th 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. 18th Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 7:10-17	Jeremiah 33:14-18	Luke 1:5-25	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-56	Isaiah 9:2-7
Dec. 25th Luke 2:1-20	Genesis 1:1-2:3	John 1:1-18	John 1:19-28	John 1:29-34	John 1:35-42	John 1:43-51

The Church Council, Meeting of November 9, 2022:

- Pastor Sean reported 3 visits with Holy Communion in October; Met with Brad Praus to transfer his membership; Helped with Pop-Up Perishables October 20th; Youth Group met October 23rd; Strasburg Care Center Service on Oct. 27th; 2 Confirmed on Oct. 30th, Ryan Hoff-Wald & Gianna Caruso.
- Property: Al Hulm & Craig Brindle will do snow removal this winter.
- Education: Kids have begun practice for the Christmas Program which will be December 18th during the Church Service.
- Evangelism: "Our Hope Has Come" will be the adult Bible Study available to all, and will meet Nov 20, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18, & Jan 8 @ 4 PM for an hour. Please speak with Heather Rossow or Lisa Hendrickson if you would like to take part by Nov 14.
- New Business: It was unanimously approved to accept transfer and membership for Brad Praus and Ashley Praus.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a church council member....Lisa Hendrickson, Rachal Peterson, Mark Heidrich, Heather Rossow, Lyle Wohl, Terry Serr, Lori Bechtold, Stan Naumann, and Elwin Nieuwsma.✝

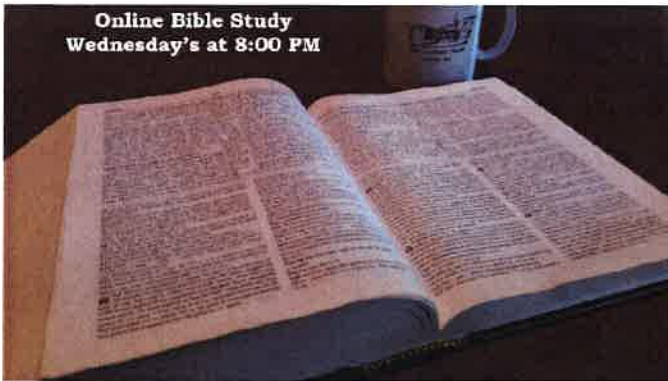


The Gospel Alphabet – Study God’s Word!

Scripture of the Month ~

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV



Online Bible Study
Wednesday's at 8:00 PM

Online Bible Study
Join Pastor Sean on Facebook each Thursday evening at 8:00 pm for a "deep dive" Bible Study on the preaching passage for the upcoming Sunday. Find Online Bible Study by going to our Facebook page and clicking the "events" tab.

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

MOVIE NIGHT

CHRISTMAS WITH

THE CHOSEN

"THE MESSENGERS"

Sunday, December 4th

6:30 PM



Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday School Christmas Program | Sunday, December 18th @ 10:45 AM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | December 24th @ 6:00 PM
Christmas Day Worship w/ Holy Communion | December 25th @ 10:00 AM



† **Memorials** †

During November gifts were given in memory of Duane Ryckman and Ruth Sandwick to the Elevator Fund from Mark & Holly Johnson; in memory of Jessica Malard Kummer and Vicki Malard to the Mission of the Month, Heavens Helpers Soup Café, from Terry & Shirlene Serr.



Please think about serving on the Church Council. Three will go off the council the end of 2022 after their 3 - year terms, and we need to be thinking about finding replacements. 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. 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: Evelyn Petrick and Janice Baer.†



† **DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** †

Sunday School will meet the 4th & 11th @ 9:00 am & the 18th @ 9:30 am ~ No Sunday School the 25th
Adult Bible Study the 4th & 11th, 18th @ 9:30 a.m.
No Adult Bible Study the 25th



Dec. 4 – Traditional Worship/Holy Communion
10:45 AM

Dec. 11 – Celebrate Worship **10:45 AM**

Dec. 18 – Sunday School Christmas Program
10:45 AM

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6:00 PM

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion **10:00 AM**

 **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.



Volunteers for Worship in December ~
Ushers: Bruce Martin and Justin Martin
Reader(s):
Acolyte: Peyton Masset

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. 😊



*Merry Christmas
And
Blessings to you
in the New Year!*



Welcome December

*May this month be filled
With the JOY of time spent
With family and friends.*

*May PEACE fill your
Home and your heart.*

*May HOPE be your
Security blanket.*

*May LOVE be the most
Precious gift you receive.*

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**Quilting will resume in
January. They will meet Mondays and Tuesdays
beginning January 2nd,
9 AM – 4 PM.**



Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Sean on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for Adult Bible Study. We begin this year with a study of chapters 14-21 of 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

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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 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.

A Special Day in December...

December 17th – **National Ice Cream Day!**





Connecting faith & finances for good.*

We received \$92 from **Thrivent Donations** in November. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation and who give special donations from their 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/>



The Emmons County Ministerial Association is participating in the Our Family® Direct Your Labels™ program. Every time you shop at any local store carrying Our Family® brand products, clip and save your UPC barcodes. Every time we collect 500 UPC barcodes, we can turn them into a \$25 check for the Emmons County Ministerial. Bring those labels to the church to support the ECMA!



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



~PLCW News~

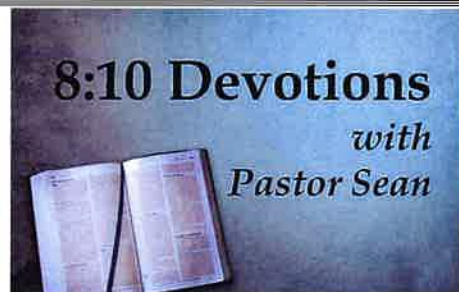
1Chronicles 29:5 states "who is willing to concentrate his service this day unto the Lord".

We are all called on to serve God in ways we can. There are many things the women of the church do each year. Those of us who have chaired these events are getting older and finding it harder to do, though we still can help. If you are willing to chair just one event each year, share the organizing of it with another, do it as a family project, husband/wife team, two women, two men, this would be greatly appreciated. The following list are projects the women are involved with each year:

1. Birthday Sunday
2. Bibles for second graders
3. Soup and sandwiches during Lent
4. Cookies for carolers
5. Shawl project, (knit or crochet)
6. Quilts for seniors

Other projects we have done in the past:
Fruit baskets for shut-ins
Mother/Daughter tea

If you can help with just one of these projects, please call Marilyn Malmedal 254-4580 or 701-400-2224. Thank you for your service.



8:10 Devotions

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School kids have started practicing for the Christmas program. This year the program is titled "A Night Like No Other". Parents, please watch for announcements on our Facebook page regarding any SS time changes (like starting at 9 instead of 9:30) and a Dec 14th Wednesday night practice. The kids will present their program on December 18th during the 10:45 worship service. They would love for all to attend!

There will be no Sunday School December 25th and January 1st. We will resume on January 8th.

***Note: Sunday School will begin at 9 AM on Dec. 4 & Dec. 11.**



Confirmation and Youth Group Schedule
Wednesday, Dec. 7 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 14 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 21 – Youth Group/Confirmation Class Christmas Party 6:30 PM



Our October "Mission of the Month" was **Emmons County Food Pantry**, and our offerings for that Fund totaled \$335. Our November Mission was **Heavens Helpers Soup Cafe**, and offerings as of November 20th totaled \$461. Our December Mission is **The Grayla Foundation**.



Peace Lutheran Church "Mission of the Month" for December is The Grayla Foundation.

Named after their two children, Corey and Kelsie Burza started Grayla Foundation, Inc. so as to help local and surrounding youth in need after becoming foster parents.

With the Grayla Foundation strives to bring awareness to all the youth needs out there.

The foundation hosts fundraising events and raffles to provide help to those youth in need. The following have been done by the Grayla Foundation:

- An annual free Spooktacular every Halloween to provide a safe and fun event for all the kids in the community and surrounding areas.
- A toy drive each year to provide the kids in our local and surrounding foster care units with gifts for Christmas.
- An annual scholarship contest for our local graduating seniors.
- Providing basic items for our local and surrounding foster care units for children who come in to care.
- Medical fundraisers to help a child in need with medical expenses.



Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School children will tell their Christmas story **December 18th** during the **10:45 worship** at Peace Lutheran Church.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6 PM

Christmas Day Worship/Holy

Communion **10 AM**



JOY

Bible Quiz The Birth of Jesus

1. God sent the angel _____ to tell Mary that she was going to be Jesus's mother.
2. One of the things that the angel told Mary was that her Son would be given the throne of "his father _____".
3. After finding out that Mary was pregnant, Joseph was thinking about ending his relationship with her until an _____ appeared to him.
4. Joseph was told what to name the baby, and he was told that Jesus would _____ the people from their _____.

5. Late in Mary's pregnancy, she and Joseph had to travel from _____ to _____ because Joseph had to go to the town of his family to be registered.

6. The first people to visit Jesus after his birth were _____. After the shepherds saw Jesus lying in a manger, they went and told other people, who were _____ by what they heard.

7. When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple for purification, there was a man there who had been told he would not die until he saw the Messiah. When he did see Him, _____ took Him in his arms and praised God. (Luke 2:22-32)

8. When Herod found out about the baby Jesus, he met with the _____ and told them to report back to him after they found Jesus. He told them he wanted to worship the baby as well.

9. An angel told Joseph that Herod was searching for Jesus, so he told the family of Jesus to escape to _____ to avoid the king.

10. The Magi saw _____ that directed them to find Jesus. After Jesus's baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a _____.



The answers can be found in your Bible.

Answers: 1-Gabriel 2-David 3-angel 4-save, sins 5-Nazareth to Bethlehem 6-shepherds, amazed 7-Simeon 8-shepherds 9-Egypt 10-a star, dove



Pastor Fred and Raylene Henkelmann moved last August to Cedar Rapids , IA.

Here is their new address:

Fred & Raylene Henkelmann
1900 Stoney Point Rd SW Apt. 301
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-4969



December 16th – **National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day** (3rd Fri. of the month)



December Baptismal Dates

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

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| 1 – Travis Humann | 14 – Margie Vossler | 26 – Lilli Wohl |
| 2 – Corey Hoff-Wald | 16 – Ramona Humann | Eva Heyne |
| Gracelyn Johnson | Jen Vetter | Amanda Grossman |
| 3 – Rodney Heitz | 17 – Vicki Schwab | 29 – Nicole Nieuwsma |
| 6 – Brandon Rossow | 20 – Vanessa Fisher | Duane Ohlhauser |
| 7 – Megan Ohlhauser | 21 – Keith Petrick | 30 – Richard Backhaus |
| 9 – Ben Huber | 22 – Benjamin Schwab | 31 – John DeBoer |
| 11 – Kevin Krogstad | Josie Schwab | Matthew Jasper |
| Cynthia Kurtz | Tristan Grossman | Janelle Schlosser |
| Keaton Peterson | 24 – Shannon Krogstad | |
| 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:

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| 1 – Carson Lawler | 12 – Larry Humann | 17 – Larry Umber Jr. |
| Twyla Schiermeister | Irene Fisher | 19 – Mackenzie Hendrickson |
| Brynn Huber | 13 – June Alderin | 20 – Mary Maier |
| 3 – Shannon Krogstad | Westin Grossman | 29 – Darcy Rindelaub |
| 4 – Jon Ptacek | 14 – Keith Humann | Noah Nieuwsma |
| 5 – Tad Larson | Rafe Kalama | 30 – Laurie Humann Murphy |
| 5 – Kaisley Masset | 15 – Peyton Masset | |
| 6 – Doris Heer | 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



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent Bible Study 4 PM Dec. 4, 11, 18	December 4 – Movie Night: The Messengers 6:30 PM	December 18 – Piano Recital 7:00 PM		1 Online Bible Study 8 pm	2	3
2 nd Sunday in Advent 4 Sunday School 9:00 AM~ Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM~ Worship w/Holy Communion 10:45	5 6 Pearl Harbor Day Confirmation Class 7 pm	7 8 Pop-Up Perishables 1 pm Online Bible Study 8 pm	9 10 Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM	15 16 ECMA mtg 11 AM Online Bible Study 8 pm	17	17
3 rd Sunday in Advent 11 Sunday School 9:00 AM~ Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM ~ Celebrate Worship 10:45 AM	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	28 29 30 31	29 30 31	30 31	31
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Christmas Day 25 No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM	26 27 28 29 30 31	27 28 29 30 31	28 29 30 31	29 30 31	30 31	31



Mission of the Month:
 Grayla Foundation
 Coming Up:

Sunday School Christmas Program, Dec.
 18 during worship



LUTHERAN CHURCH

December:

Ushers: Bruce & Justin Martin

Reader:

Acolyte: Peyton Masset

Merry Christmas!