

*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

**Message from Pastor Sean...**

With Christmas behind us, our Narrative Lectionary (the Sunday morning preaching texts) leave the Old Testament and take us into the New. From January to March we will be squarely in the Gospel of Mark.

My favorite Gospel has always been Luke, but Mark would be a close second. As the shortest Gospel, Mark is no nonsense. (Mark has 16 chapters, Matthew has 28, Luke has 24, and John has 21). When reading Scripture, the words the authors have chosen to use (by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) all matter, but with words coming at such a premium this is especially the case in Mark.

Some interesting features of Mark's Gospel, besides its brevity, include Mark's emphasis on the humanity of Christ. Mark emphasizes Christ's need to get away for prayer. Christ also shows emotion in Mark like anger, compassion, and frustration. He needs sleep in Mark.

Mark also shows us some thick-headed disciples. They often fail to understand Christ's teachings and have difficulty grasping who Jesus is. It perhaps doesn't help much that Jesus regularly tells benefactors of his works to stay silent and not tell anyone anything. Mark also shows Jesus doing battle with demons more than the other Gospel writers.

Mark is brief and the scenes often change quickly, but there is a lot of gold to gather from this Gospel and I look forward to spending focused time in this Gospel over the next three months.

In Peace,  
Pastor Sean

**8:10 Devotions**

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

## January 2024 Newsletter

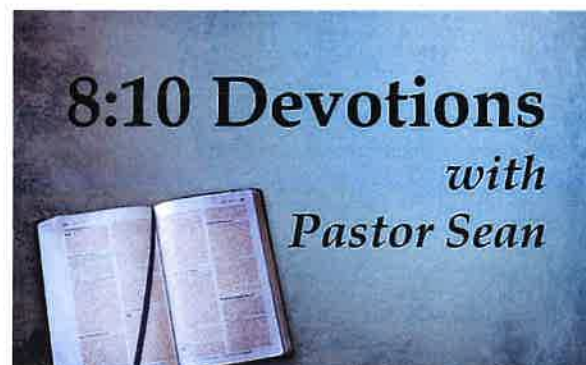
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**January's Daily Scripture Readings**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b> Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 1:40-45	Luke 7:1-10	Mark 2:1-12	Mark 2:13-17
<b>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup></b> Mark 2:18-22	Mark 2:22-38	Mark 3:1-6	Mark 3:7-12	Mark 3:13-19	Mark 3:20-27	Mark 3:28-35
<b>Jan. 14<sup>th</sup></b> 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
<b>Jan. 21<sup>st</sup></b> Mark 5:14-20	Psalm 103:1-5	Psalm 103:6-14	Psalm 103:15-22	Psalm 23	Psalm 1	Mark 5:21-34
<b>Jan. 28<sup>th</sup></b> Mark 5:35-43	Psalm 46	Psalm 100	Psalm 121			



**Council Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, after Church Service**

- Discussion was held regarding Bookkeeper/Secretary position. Decision was made to contact a church member who applied and offer her the position.

**Council Meeting of November 30<sup>th</sup>**

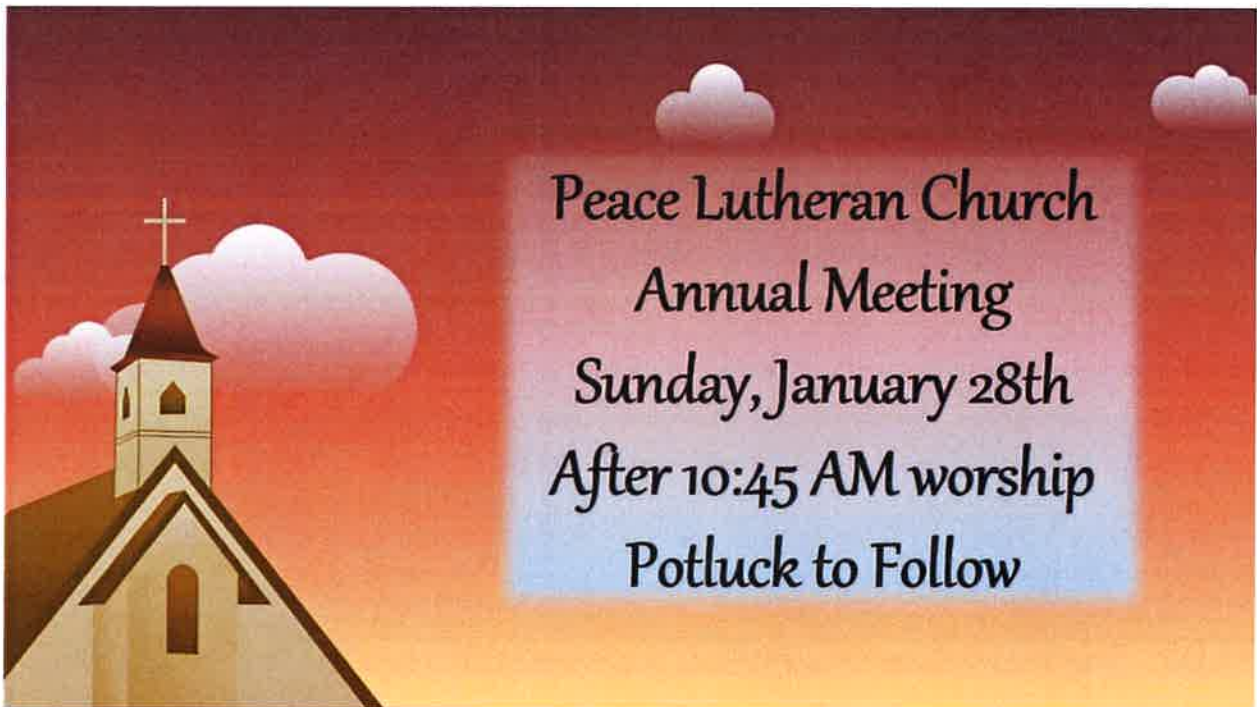
- Special meeting was called to discuss Bookkeeper/Secretary position. Position was offered to applicant and was turned down. It was decided to advertise the position on the Church Facebook page, BEK Community Access Channel, and 1 week in the Emmons County Record.
- Discussion was held regarding Bookkeeper/Secretary salary. After the motion was made, seconded, and approved, the salary was increased to \$15 per hour effective immediately.
- It was suggested to acquire an insurance option regarding theft. Will speak with Aaron Stuckle regarding the options.
- A motion was made to take \$15,000 from the checking account and placing it in a 6-month CD at Unison Bank at 5.25%. The motion was seconded, and motion carried.

**Council Meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Pastor's Report: 5 visits in Nov (3 hospital visits). Burial for Vivian Ketterling Nov. 10. Prayer at Veteran's Supper Nov 11. ECMA Thanksgiving Service Nov 12. Youth Group Nov 15. Thanksgiving Basket Distribution Nov 17. Funeral for Lyla Beitelspacher Nov 20. Began premarital counseling for one couple.
- Property: Flashing on first post on south side of church was damaged during snow removal. Discussion held regarding the quality of snow removal done. Some issues with where the sidewalk cleaning connects with the parking lot cleaning as well as ice build-up with the recent rain/snow fall. Decided that if there is a considerable amount of snow, it needs to be

- blown out rather than just pushed with the blade.
- Worship: Communion on Dec 24 (10:45 AM) and Dec 25 (10:00 AM). Worship at 6:00 PM Dec 24 with candles. No Communion on Dec 17 or 31.
- Education: SS Christmas Program on Dec 17 during the church service. Will have practice on Dec 16 @ 9:30 AM.
- Evangelism: Caroling on Dec 10 – 13 people attended. Planning for a hot cocoa bar after church service on Sunday, Jan 7.
- Endowment: As of 12/11/23 Base: \$57,582.75. Earnings: \$4,182.76. Total \$61,765.51. Joyce has completed a 3-year term and that position needs to be filled at the annual meeting.
- Old Business: Not a lot of interest in the Bookkeeper/Secretary position.
- New Business: Talked to Insurance Agent regarding theft coverage – Employee Dishonesty for Embezzlement. \$10,000 would cost \$86 per year, \$25,000 \$149, \$50,000 \$223. Also, an option to cover “Directors” of the church.

\*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a church council member...Heather Rossow, Terry Serr, Lyle Wohl, Lori Bechtold, Elwin Nieuwsma, Stan Naumann, Tim Dockter, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald.✝



**Reports Needed**

Please have your reports for the annual meeting in the church office by **Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>**. (Education, Sunday School, Worship Committee, Stewardship, Property, Evangelism Committee, Endowment Fund, Youth Group, PLCW reports). Thank you to those who have already submitted their reports!



\*There are sign-up sheets posted on the narthex bulletin board to sign up for our **Annual Meeting Pot Luck** on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for helping with the meal (set-up, serve, or clean-up), and what you will bring for the pot luck meal.





**Please note...** Offering envelopes for 2024 will be 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 a book. All names will remain in the records with a number attached. All new members or non-members attending in the last year will be issued a number with envelopes. You are encouraged to use the envelopes which makes it easier for the counters and the bookkeeper to record our offerings. Thank you!

### **"Direct Your Labels" for the Emmons County Ministerial Association**



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!



### **Caregivers Connections** Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota Chapter

Second Thursday of each month from 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
Linton City Hall

**All caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's or other dementia related diseases are invited.**

*Next Meeting January 11th*

individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementia related diseases. Join us to: Connect with other caregivers | Discuss caregiving challenges and possible solutions | Identify ways of coping | Share needs and concerns | Learn about community resources

This caregiver group, conducted by trained facilitators, is a safe place for caregivers, family and friends who care for



*"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" -Corrie Ten Boom*

*"We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties." -Oswald Chambers*



~PLCW News~

November 5, 2023

An organizational meeting was held, and nobody stepped forward for officer positions. Lisa Ptacek said that she had been given the treasurer's information and will continue if everyone agreed, nobody objected.

Update name & phone #/PLC booklets- Shirlene Serr & Erin Huber

Annual meeting meal- Lisa H is working on a signup sheet

Birthday Dinner- Anne Barnhart

Lent Services- Lisa Ptacek

No Bake sale – Heid Nieuwsma will help Lisa Ptacek

Mother/Daughter Tea- Heather Rossow

Quilting/Quilts for Seniors- Linda Tschritter

Thanksgiving offering- Rachel Peterson will help Lisa Ptacek

2<sup>nd</sup> grade bibles- Denise Martin

Funerals- Evelyn Petrick, Janice Baer, Lori Bechtold

Prayer shawl- Evelyn Petrick

Cradle roll- Rosie Ferderer

Baptism blankets- Janice Baer

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If there is anything else that the women of the church have done, and we can find a chairwoman to continue it let me know.

There has been a request if anyone is willing to lead a Bible Study at the Nodak Apts. once a month. Talk to Violet Ohlhauser, Kim Heitz, or Lisa Ptacek if you are interested.

Thank you to the women who have given your time to help with these duties!

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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 after worship**  
**Items of business... Budget and**  
**3 new church council members**  
**selected.**  
**Pot Luck meal to follow.**



## † Memorials †

Gifts were given in memory of Lyla Beitelspacher to the General Fund from her family, and Shirley & Duane Svanes; to the Flooring Fund from Mike & Lil Kunz, Ron & Mary Maier, Jim & Sylvia Weisser, Violet Ohlhauser; to the Emmons County Food Pantry from Terry & Shirlene Serr; to the Youth Group from Stan & Dorothy Naumann; to the Endowment Fund from Edna & Shelley Serr; in memory of Lyla Beitelspacher and Linda Nierhake to the Endowment Fund from Edgar & Delores Ohlhauser.



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. Heather Rossow, Terry Serr, and Lyle Wohl 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 \$40, the Linton Floral N' More will provide 2 arrangements of flowers for the 2 vases behind the altar or a larger single arrangement for \$30 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: Janice Baer and Evelyn Petrick. †



## † JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

**Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28**

**Jan. 7 – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion**

**10:45 a.m. ~ Hot Chocolate after Worship.**

**Jan. 14 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.**

**Jan. 21 – Praise! Worship/Holy Communion**

**10:45 a.m.**

**Jan. 28 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.**

Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner following worship.

## 🚗 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/peace Lutheran linton/>. Or

you can visit our website at

<http://ndpeace Lutheran.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 in January. †

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

—Oprah Winfrey



**Adult Bible Study**

Each Sunday morning, Pastor Sean leads an adult Bible study on the book of Revelation at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion or to simply listen in. If you can't make it, or miss a session, get the weekly recap via Online Bible Study on YouTube!



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



\*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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month! Please get your news and upcoming information to the church office by that date! Thank you!



Quilting will resume January 8<sup>th</sup>, and will meet Mondays and Tuesdays at 9 AM to 4 PM.



**Hot Chocolate Bar!**



Surely, your New Year's Resolutions allow for the occasional indulgence? Stick around after worship on January 7<sup>th</sup> for a hot chocolate bar! It may be cold outside, but this will warm you up!



**THRIVENT FINANCIAL**

*Connecting faith & finances for good.®*

We received \$5,242 in **Thrivent** donations 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/>



Celebrate endings - for they precede new beginnings!

-Jonathan Lockwood Huie, Author



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will resume January 7th.



### Confirmation and Youth Group Schedule

**Wednesday, Jan. 3 – Youth Group Christmas Party  
6:30 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 10 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 17 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 24 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 31 – Confirmation Class @ 7:00 PM**



### **Study and Memorize God's Word!**

Scripture of the Month ~

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

### ***Thank You!***

As children we were taught a finger play. "This is the church. This is the steeple.

Open the doors and see the people."

We see the people of Peace who embraced our Mom and took care of her while she lived her last years in Linton. Thank you and bless you. Pastor Sean, thank you for being there for us and Mom in her final hours on earth. Ladies, thank you for the delicious lunch. Marilyn, Elwin, and all who helped at her service, thank you.

Philippians 1:3

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

The Beitelspacher Family



### **Youth Group/Confirmation Christmas Party (Rescheduled)**

On Wednesday, January 3rd all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to Pastor Sean and Anne's house for Christmas Supper and Bible study! We'll play games and have our white elephant gift exchange. Supper is served at 6:30.



### **Thoughts on Prayer**

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. **Max Lucado**



Don't quit. For if you do, you may miss the answer to your prayers. **Max Lucado**

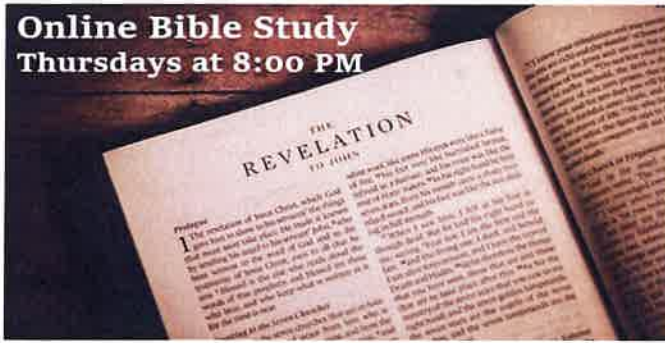


"If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled." - Cynthia Lewis





**Online Bible Study**  
**Thursdays at 8:00 PM**



<https://www.youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357>

**Online Bible Study**

Join Pastor Sean each Thursday evening at 8:00 pm for an online Bible Study recapping the previous Sunday's in-person Bible Study on Revelation. **You can find Online Bible Study through our YouTube Channel.**



Our November "Mission of the Month" was **Ministry on the Margins**, and offerings totaled \$423. Our December Mission was **Central Dakota Humane Society**, and those offerings totaled \$ as of Dec 25.

**Peace Lutheran Church "Mission of the Month" for January 2024 is Hope Manor / Sober Living Homes.**



The Hope Manor Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation providing assistance to men and women who need a structured residential living environment in their recovery from alcoholism and/or addiction. The men and women served by the Hope Manor Foundation are participants of sober living facilities – alcoholics and drug addicts

who exhibit a strong desire for recovery from their crippling addiction.

Hope Manor provides a safe and supportive environment for recovery from alcoholism and/or addiction in Bismarck, ND. While recovery is our top concern, we also want you to be comfortable. Our participants stay in charming, fully-furnished sober living homes that include a variety of amenities.

Hope Manor is open to adults who are seeking recovery. All participants are required to find employment or be enrolled in school. Guests are expected to prepare their own food and pay a \$300 bimonthly participation fee. Program participants must stay for a minimum of three months. We recommend individuals stay for at least nine months to one year since that is where people experience the best results statistically.

While recovery can be found through many different pathways, at Hope Manor we utilize one path. We are bound not only in a common problem, but a common solution. Participants attend 12-step meetings, work with sponsors and begin to serve the recovery community. We funnel individuals into 12-step recovery because it is effective and has been for over 85 years, it is free (most of our individuals can't afford the initial participation fee), and it can be found anywhere in the world.

*Happy  
New Year!*



"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions." —Joey Adams

**"Wishing you a bright and beautiful 2024, filled with love, laughter, and all the things that bring you joy."**





## January Baptismal Dates

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

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

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	15 – James Lauinger	22 – Loretta Haas
2 – Tyson Bodvig	16 – Iris Bosch	23 – Sean Barnhart
3 – Jerome Ohlhauser	Wade Huber	Matthew Nieuwsma
5 – Michael Schatz	17 – Duane Baer	25 – Lori Bechtold
9 – Rory Humann	Mitchell Forderer	27 – Melvin Wohl
Roberta Wagner	18 – Evelyn Petrick	28 – Jude Barnhart
10 – David Erickson	19 – Jill Huber	29 – Steven Haas
12 – Jacob Janecek	Aaron Stuckle	30 – Erica Hoff-Wald
13 – Connor Umber	20 – Jennifer Roemmich	31 – Jarod Conroy
14 – Mike Schwab	21 – Shaylee Bosch	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



# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!	2 Youth Group Christmas Party 6:30 PM	3	4	5 Epiphany	6
Hot chocolate after church 7:00-8:00 AM SS & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:45 AM	8	9	10 Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM	11 Caregiver's Connections 2:00 PM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	12	13
14 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM ~ Celebrate Worship 10:45 AM	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17 Confirmation Class 7:00 PM	18 ECMA mtg 10:30 AM Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	19	20
21 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM ~ Praise! Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 AM	22	23	24 Confirmation Class 7:00 PM	25 Online Bible Study 8:00 PM	26	27
28 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM, Celebrate Worship 10:45 AM ~ Annual Mtg & Pot Luck to follow	29	30	31 Confirmation Class 7:00 PM			



# PEACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission of the Month: Hope Manor / Sober Living Homes

Coming Up:  
Annual Meeting & Pot Luck. Jan. 28



Happy New Year!

Youth Group Christmas Party is rescheduled to Jan. 3 @ 6:30 PM. All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to Pastor Sean's and Anne's house.