

*Peace Lutheran Church  
Linton, ND*

**Pastor's Article**

Have you ever been in a foreign country amongst people that speak a language entirely different than your own? Imagine being in Brazil and you are in the midst of a crisis. You need desperately to express what is going on, so you start speaking Spanish as best you can. Your Spanish is admittedly broken and imperfect, but even so everyone is giving you blank stares. You are trying to speak the language, but it simply isn't *right*. In this case, it is because the official language of Brazil is Portuguese, not Spanish. You had the wrong language for the situation.

I've noticed that many of us struggle to find the right language in our moments of crisis. (And I should be clear, by "right language" I mean a "Biblical, Christian language.") The response of many of those who vehemently oppose Donald Trump, yet now must live with him as president for the next few years is a good example. Watching Harris supporters utterly lost in tears, completely despondent over her defeat has been surprising. It makes me wonder if many of them do not have the right language for their moment of crisis. What might the right language sound like? Perhaps the simple confession that Jesus is "Lord of Lords and King of Kings," (Revelation 17:14). What greater comfort could there be against all the corruption one might see in government regardless of who is in power?

Funerals are where one's knowledge of the right language is really tested. What language do we fall upon at the death of a friend, relative, or spouse? Is it a favorite poem, a song from the radio, or the declaration that "God's got another angel in heaven?" Some of those things might be great and inspiring, but are they part of the *right* language? (Full disclaimer: we don't become angels in heaven. That is the *wrong* language.)

In our moments of crisis, are we speaking the language of hope and comfort that *only* comes from the one who suffered death himself and then defeated the grave? Uncle John Doe's favorite song may be a classic country hit, but does it speak the language of hope in Jesus Christ? Does it convey the promise that because Uncle John had faith in Jesus we know exactly where he is? Does it remind me that Christ will walk with me in my sorrow? Does it assure me of the hope of the resurrection?

Perhaps this language seems foreign. Learning a foreign language is challenging.

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Fortunately, the right language for crisis and for life in general is easy to pick up. We practice and hone it every time we open our Bibles, every time we attend worship, listen in on Bible study, and go to Sunday School. It can be honed further through faithful podcasts, books, and music. Immerse yourself in the right language – the language of Jesus Christ – so that in all moments you will have the right language to speak to yourself and to others.

In peace,  
Pastor Sean

### **A Summary of the Church Council Meeting held November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**

Council members in attendance: Lori Bechtold, Tim Dockter, Gunnar Hanson, Mark Heidrich, Kevin Hendrickson, Erica Hoff-Wald, Stan Naumann, Elwin Nieuwsma, and Jennifer Vetter

Pres. Nieuwsma called for the Treasurer's Report. No formal Treasurer Report. Harvest Festival Report: Income \$9,925.50; Expenses \$2,266.38; and After Expenses \$7,659.12. Bank Statements (10/23/24): Money Market \$61,059.46; Checking Account \$48,927.31. Savings account (10/21/24): \$7,291.56.

Missions of the Month: (August) God's Child Project \$948.00; (September) Alzheimer's Association MN-ND \$840.00; and (October) Bismarck Cancer Center: \$483.00.

Pr. Barnhart's report: Youth group was held at Pr. Barnhart's home on October 23, 2024 and continues to be well attended. The efforts continue in laying groundwork for an LCMC Northern Plains District. Pr. Barnhart worked with the school and PTO on the My Ascension Suicide Education event. Peace Lutheran Church hosted the movie viewing. The November newsletter was published. The funeral for Bernell Will was held on November 1, 2024.

Property Committee report: Tar was applied to the parking lot. Stan Naumann confirmed Al Hulm will charge between \$50-100, depending on depth, for parking lot snow removal and Craig Brindle will charge \$50 for sidewalk snow removal.

Worship Committee: Christmas worship schedule: Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School Christmas Program (no Holy Communion); Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Candlelight at 6:00pm with no Holy Communion; Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Worship at 10:00am with Holy Communion.

New Business: Kevin Hendrickson made a motion to accept the membership transfer of Arthur (Rick) and Jean Rudy to Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobridge, SD. Tim Dockter seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. The council reviewed the Use of Church Policies (funerals, weddings, events, etc.). Lori Bechtold made a motion to move the Non-member Use of Church fee to a minimum of \$150 with additional fees at the discretion of the council. Gunnar Hanson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Terri Fieldsend, Peace Lutheran Church Secretary, tendered her resignation. Kevin Hendrickson motioned to accept the resignation. Lori Bechtold seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Kevin Hendrickson motioned to advertise for a part-time church secretary in the church bulletin as vacant until filled. Lori Bechtold seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7:00pm.



Sunday School Christmas Program  
Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM  
Youth Group Christmas Party  
Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion  
Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

### **Mission of the Month Giving and Harvest Festival Reports:**

In September we gave \$840.00 to our mission of the month, the Minnesota-North Dakota Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

In October, we gave \$483.00 to the Bismarck Cancer Center.

Our Harvest Festival was a great success. Our income \$9,925.50. Our expenses were \$2,266.38 bringing our net income to \$7,659.12.

Thank you for your continued support not only for the mission of our church, but also for the ministries we support through our Mission of the Month benevolence.

### **Secretary Update**

In November, our secretary resigned due to health issues. In her short time with us, Terri was a great blessing to our office and we wish her the best. At the time of this writing, we are in the process of hiring a new secretary.

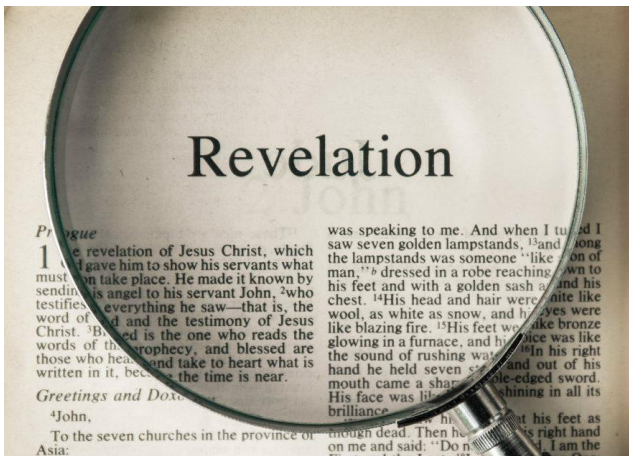
During this interim period, please know that we have individual record of all memorials and special designations for offerings given. It may be a little while yet until full reports can be made, so please be patient.



*Daily Scripture Readings*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b> Daniel 6:6-27	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Daniel 9:1-6	2 Timothy 4:16-18	Psalms 7:1-5	Joel 1:1-12	Joel 1:13-14, 2:1-16
<b>Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b> Joel 2:12-29	Psalms 51:1-12	Acts 2:14-21	Joel 3:1-18	Amos 9:11-15	Micah 5:2-4	Isaiah 40:1-5
<b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b> Isaiah 61:1-11	Lev. 25:8-12	Genesis 1:1-5	Isaiah 42:1-9	Zechariah 9:9-17	Luke 1:5-24	Luke 1:57-80
<b>Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Luke 1:26-56	1 Sam 1:9-18	1 Sam 2:1-10	Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 7:13-17	Isaiah 11:1-9	John 1:1-13
<b>Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b> Luke 2:21-38	John 1:14-18	Psalms 23				



**Adult Bible Study/Online Bible Study**

Each Sunday morning, Pastor Sean leads 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 via YouTube on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM at [Youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357](https://www.youtube.com/@peacelutheran1357)

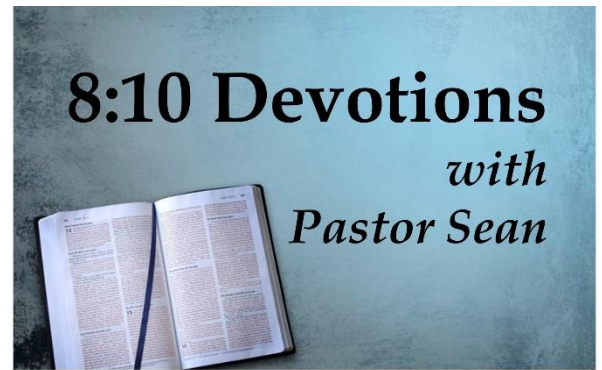
**Youth Group Christmas Party!  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Games, a short Bible Study, and a Christmas feast! We'll meet at Pastor Sean and Anne's house at 6:30 for Youth Group/Confirmation. All 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to attend!



## 8:10 Devotions

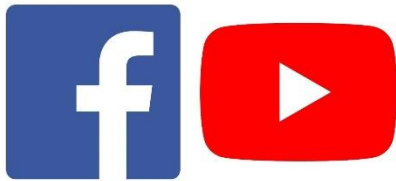
Join Pastor Sean each morning via Facebook or YouTube at 8:10 am Monday through Friday for a quick devotion to start your day!



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### Unable to Attend Sunday Worship?

Physically taking part in worship; sitting, singing, praying, and receiving the Sacrament alongside other believers is always preferable. But sometimes one just **can't make it to in-person worship**. If that is you, we now have

two options for you. Join us live each Sunday via Facebook or YouTube from wherever you are. On Facebook, find us at

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### Thrivent Choice Dollars

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/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>.



## 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 you would like played (if available). It will be played on that date, and you may choose the time either: 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. The song and donor will be acknowledged in the bulletin. The cost for Special Music is a donation.



### HONOR SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS

The Flower Committee: Janice Baer and Evelyn Petrick, along with Linton Floral N’ More, has set up a system for members to provide flowers for Sunday Worship Services. For **\$40**, Linton Floral N’ More will provide two arrangements of flowers to be placed in the two vases behind the altar or for \$30, a larger single arrangement displayed at the front of the sanctuary.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday: Give your money to one of the ladies on the Flower Committee. Specify the date you would like flowers displayed let them know the special occasion and how that info should be listed in the bulletin.



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. Sign up for a whole month or just a

Sunday. Volunteers are needed each Sunday.



### ***Need a Ride?***

If you need a ride to worship?  
Please call  
**Elwin Nieuwsma: 254-0167**

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. The 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!

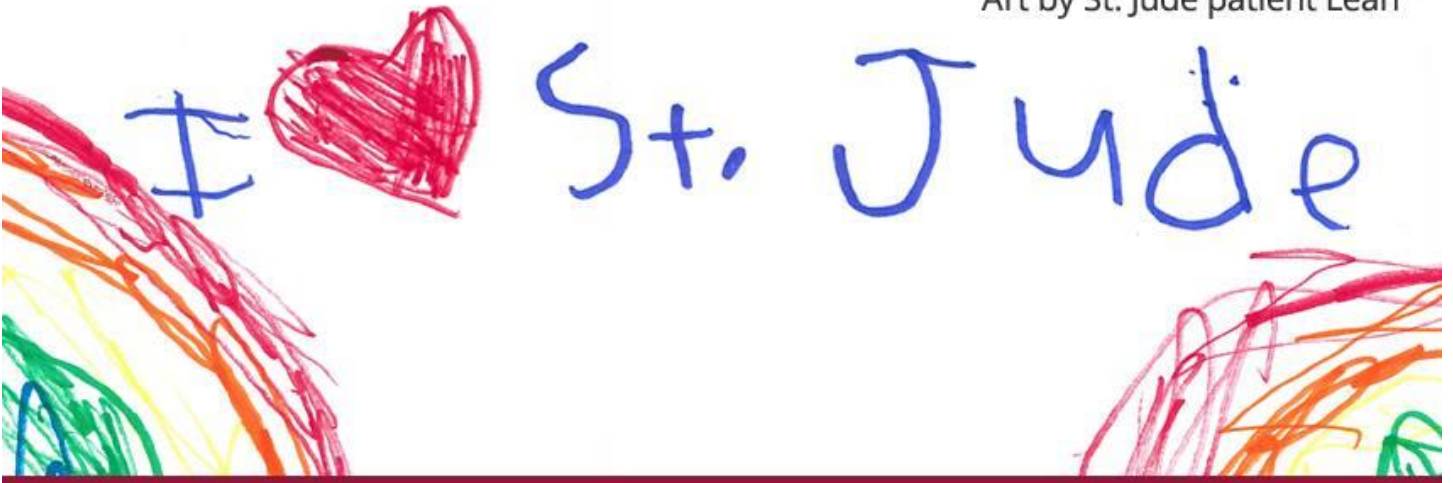
## **Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

***WELCOME*** people in  
Help them ***GROW***  
Send them out to ***CARE***

***Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care***

**December Mission of the Month  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**

Art by St. Jude patient Leah



The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion, or a family's ability to pay.

- Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80%.
- St. Jude freely shares the discoveries it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children.
- It will cost approximately \$1 billion to operate St. Jude this year. Because more than 75% comes from generous donors, St. Jude has the freedom to focus on what matters most — saving kids regardless of their financial situation.
- Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food — because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.



**Pop-Up Perishables  
Food Distribution  
For all Emmons County  
Residents**

**Thursday, Dec. 12th  
1:00 pm  
St. Anthony Catholic  
Church Parking Lot**



### December Baptismal Celebrations

- 1 Travis Humann
- 2 Eva Heyne  
Corey Hoff-Wald  
Gracelyn Johnson
- 3 Rodney Heitz
- 6 Brandon Rossow
- 7 Megan Ohlhauser
- 9 Ben Huber
- 11 Kevin Krogstad  
Keaton Peterson
- 12 Doris Heer
- 14 Margie Vossler
- 16 Ramona Humann  
Jen Vetter
- 17 Vicki Schwab
- 20 Vanessa Fisher
- 21 Keith Petric
- 22 Mike Schwab  
Josi Schwab  
Tristan Grossman
- 24 Shannon Krogstad  
Jeanette  
Winterberg
- 26 Amanda Grossman
- 29 Nicole Spotts  
Duane Ohlhauser
- 30 Richard Backhaus
- 31 John DeBoer  
Matthew Jasper  
Janelle Schlosser

### December Birthdays

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

*“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

*Psalms 139:13-14*