



Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

January 2018

Greetings in the name of our new born King – our Immanuel! And welcome to the year 2018! I have been contemplating this revelation in my life. We are 2 years from the year 2020 and 18 years ago we were worried about Y2K! A New Year begins! What does the future hold?

New Years is a time to reflect on the past year and all that has taken place. But it is also a time to look to the future and wonder, what is ahead? Maybe make a couple of resolutions. The future has so many “unknowns” for us to contemplate and can be the cause of a great deal of worry in our lives. And for many people in this world the future is something to be concerned about! But not for those who have received God’s great gift of salvation.

This is the great thing about having Christ in your life – He helps us see ourselves in the Gospel. Jesus the Babe born in Bethlehem came into the world to die for my sins and rise again that I may live with Him forever!

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” Martin Luther helps us to see it this way – God’s approval is revealed in the Gospel. God in His infinite wisdom has come into your life and through the Gospel has made you “righteous” – by His grace claimed you as a child of God and now by His help gives you the strength to trust in Him and His promises – ***to live by faith!***

During the last couple of months, small groups have been studying a Bible Study by Andy Stanley titled “Follow.” Pastor Stanley helps us to better understand the amazing God that we have and how He has invited us to “Follow” His Son. Pastor Stanley asks, “Are you following Jesus? That doesn’t mean radical change all at once. It means taking a next step. Whatever your next step is . . . take it. Whatever your point of challenge right now, that’s where God wants to work in your life.”

A pastor friend loves to ask the question, ***“So how has Jesus been messing with you lately?”*** What a great question! How has Jesus been stepping into your life? How has He been meeting you where you are? Where is that and what does He have in store for you? Have you asked?

May the year 2018 be blessed with you **Connecting** with God (in worship); God stepping into your life and meeting you where you are at in life. Or maybe Jesus is asking you to take a step to gather with others and study His Word - working in your heart and mind - helping you to **Grow** as His child – His disciple. Or maybe He is encouraging you to take a step of faith and realize what it is like to **Serve** God; God opening a door into someone else’s life that He may use you to bring the love and saving grace of Jesus.

I pray that Jesus will be “messing with you” in 2018. May you answer the call to follow Him and follow wherever He may lead you – ***for the righteous will live by faith!*** (Habakkuk 2:4)

Pastor Pasche

Official Acts



GREETERS SCHEDULE

Weddings

Nov. 25 Christopher Wateland & Latanya Gabaldon

Funerals

Nov 27 Stella Rauch, 93, passed away Nov 23
 Dec 4 Evelyn Rannow, 97, passed away Nov 30
 Dec 9 Earl Fitzloff, 87, passed away Dec 4
 Dec 15 Albin Plath, 95, passed away Dec 14
 Dec 16 Helen Renstrom, 87, passed away Dec 11
 Dec 28 Janice Dascher, 72, passed away Dec 24

Membership Changes

Received by Transfer/Other Lutheran

Joey Becker from Immanuel Lutheran Church,
 New Auburn, MN
 Nathan & Michelle Manteufel-White, Caleb, Abigail,
 Cooper & Ava from St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran
 Church, New Ulm, MN

Received by Adult Instruction

Toni Becker

Released

Matthew & Michael Fuchs (their request – moved)

Sunday, January 7th

8:00 Robert and Marjorie Streich
 9:15 Eric and Kari Gehrke
 10:30 John and Sandi Lietz

Sunday, January 14th

8:00 George and Sally Moehring
 9:15 John and Mary Melin
 10:30 Lloyd and Evangeline Dettman, Melvin
 Dettman

Sunday, January 21st

8:00 Erlin and Ruby Thran
 9:15 Gail and Nicholas Cox
 10:30 Sharon Christensen

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 Jerry and LuAnn Rusch
 9:15 Paul and Isaac Nass
 10:30 Duane and Sandra Hall



Memorials

Marion Holtz Memorial

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| Tell the Next Generation | \$ 300 |
| Landscaping | 200 |
| Peace Center Kitchen | 500 |
| Parish Nurse – Taxi | 300 |
| Seasonal Banners | <u>175</u> |
| | \$1475 |

Leona Janke Memorial

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| TTNG – Principal | \$ 200 |
| Altar Guild | 15 |
| Cemetery Fund | <u>100</u> |
| | \$ 315 |

USHERS
 THIS MONTH
 January 8:00 = Team 1

10:30 = Team 3

*-Serve the Lord with gladness. Come
 before His presence with singing.*

- Psalm 100:2

ACOLYTES



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| Jan. 6 | 6:15 | Daniel Roiger |
| Jan. 7 | 8:00 | Ellie Streich & Camden Kron |
| | 10:30 | Megan Hausladen & Taylor Schroeder |
| Jan. 13 | 6:15 | Devon Bode |
| Jan. 14 | 8:00 | Ellie Streich & Kaylee Dose |
| | 10:30 | Grace Wurdell & Katelyn Van Marel |
| Jan. 20 | 6:15 | Lexie Rowley & Keygon Jepsen-Lee |
| Jan. 21 | 8:00 | Cameron Kron & Kaylee Dose |
| | 10:30 | Brooke & Brianna Brousseau |



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| January 6 | 6:15 | Joanne Keilen |
| January 7 | 8:00 | Shirley Wurdell |
| | 9:15 | Eric Gehrke |
| | 10:30 | Duane Hall |
| January 13 | 6:15 | Dick Higgins |
| January 14 | 8:00 | Scott Brusehaver |
| | 9:15 | Deb Eggert |
| | 10:30 | Heidi Sickmann |
| January 20 | 6:15 | Kevin Heikes |
| January 21 | 8:00 | George Moehring |
| | 9:15 | Betty Ruskamp |
| | 10:30 | Lee Uldbjerg |
| January 27 | 6:15 | Annette Koehler |
| January 28 | 8:00 | Cassie Padrnos |
| | 9:15 | Pat Bode |
| | 10:30 | Sandra Hall |



Peace Lutheran Annual Voters' Meeting **Sunday, January 28, 2018**

The Annual Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28, beginning with a light lunch to be served following the 10:30 worship service. Items on the agenda will include presentation of Ministry Updates, Election of Officers and 2018 Annual Budget.

******Reminder:** Please turn your reports into the church office by January 13th.

-----2018 Offering Envelopes-----

Your new box of offering envelopes is available for pick up in the rampway. If you do not find your box, please stop at the church office.

The first envelope in the set is labeled "Initial Offering". This envelope is for contributions to help defray the cost of purchasing the envelopes.

You will have a new number for 2018, so please do not use your old envelopes!



Bloodmobile

Tuesday, January 9th

12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To set up an appointment
or if you would like to help,
please call Shirley at 587-5064.



Thank You from Holiday Craft Sale

Thank you to 9 crafters and vendors whose rental of 10 spaces/tables and donations came to \$250 for Tell the Next Generation (TTNG). **Thank you** to those who baked and donated bars, cookies and colored paper plates to the holiday sale. Food donations came to \$29.01 **Thank you** to Paul Berg, John Lietz, Melva Plath and Judy Radunz for the special things they did. **Thank you** to all who came, just looked and bought. Miscellaneous donations came to \$6 for a total of \$285.01 to TTNG.

-- Carole Hannemann, Sales Coordinator



Our new website is up and running and we couldn't be more excited! We feel so blessed to be able to use our website as an outreach opportunity.

Thank you to everyone for the continued support. Please visit our new website at: littlelambsmn.com

Rhonda – Director

Sara – Assistant Director



Many thanks to the many musicians who contributed to our wonderful Christmas music: PRAYZ Team, Sunday School Children, Hosanna Handbells, Peace Singers and Brass.

Join us for a special celebration of Epiphany, Sunday, January 7th. Early Childhood Ministry (ages 3-K) will sing and Hosanna Handbells will play for 9:15 worship in the Peace Center.

AV Update: We are having difficulty with the screen in the sanctuary. A service call has been requested from Audio Video Electronics.

Many thanks to our many AV team members. Our live streaming service provides us with a report of usage. In the past 30 days, we have had viewers from 279 different locations in 20 states and several foreign countries!



Prince of Peace Retirement Living January 2018

2017 ended with some pretty amazing things happening around the halls here at POPRL and 2018 promises to bring great things – we will continue to offer exciting activities, add some fresh new ones, offer a noon meal and goodies from our Sweet Shoppe. I would once again invite you to join us for any and all of these events as published in “The News”. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our monthly newsletter, please email me at merline@poprl.org and I will set it up. Or we can send you a paper copy through the mail if you would prefer. Call me and I will make the addition.

Prince of Peace Retirement Living currently has open apartments. Give me a call and set up your personal tour today.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wishing you a blessed new year from all the staff, Board of Directors, and myself. Merline Duering, Executive Director

Our **January Monthly Munchie** will be anything made with oatmeal or Baker's Choice. We will be selling Monthly Munchies on Sunday, January 7th between and after all services. Our location is in the Commons Area.



If you would like to donate, please bring your oatmeal munchies in a throw away container or stop back to pick up your pan after the 10:30 service. If you are willing to share your recipe, we will add it to a Monthly Munchie Cookbook that is in the process of being developed. We invite the entire congregation to purchase these treats! All proceeds will go to **Tell the Next Generation**.



Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship Come Join Us!!!

8:15 am & 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship will resume again. There will be two opportunities to participate each Sunday Morning. The 8:15 am class will be held in the office conference room and the 9:15 am class will meet in Room

209 on the upper floor of the education building. This schedule allows you to select a worship service of your choice and still participate in one of the Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship opportunities.

Beginning January 14th "The Foundations-- Genesis 1-11"

Have you ever had questions or a hunger for a greater understanding of what is recorded in the Book of Genesis, especially the first eleven chapters? Have you ever thought about what is revealed to us in Genesis and how it affects the foundation of our personal faith?

Beginning on **Sunday, January 14th** at both Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship Sessions, based on video presentations by Ken Ham from "Answers in Genesis" and group discussion, participants will come to a greater understanding of Genesis and its foundation for their faith.



Read Through the Bible using a Two-Year Plan

Would you enjoy reading the entire Bible at a relaxed pace? If your answer was yes, the good news is there is a two-year reading plan available to guide you through the Old Testament and New Testament in an organized process. The additional good news is this plan can be started any week of the year!

Printed copies of this two-year plan will be available on the reception desk in the Commons Area for your convenience. Also available will be copies of a one-year reading plan and a plan to read the Bible chronologically.

Peace Lutheran Youth Congregational Info: January 2018

For more information about our Youth Programs, please contact Erika Durheim, Director of Youth Ministry Office: 320-587-3031 ☎ Cell or Text: 320-766-9321 ☎ E-mail: peaceyouthministry@hutchtel.net

Youth at a Glance – January 2018:

1. Weekly/Monthly Ministry Programs Return to “normal”

After Advent and Christmas, we return to our regular schedules for all age groups.

2. Mission Trip Registration and Fundraising get heated up

See information below for details. We have a few NEW fun things planned!

3. HUGE Middle School Event – we need MANY volunteers

The youth will be renting the Middle School pool and gym for an outreach event on Friday, January 26th and we need YOU to make the kids feel welcomed! (Don't forget Peace's mission statement!) Please volunteer to help and pray that this event will have an impact for our youth to follow Jesus!

4. Service Opportunity at the Simpson House needs you!

Peace is coordinating monthly opportunities in 2018 to make and serve meals at the Simpson House Homeless Shelter in Minneapolis. Please watch the weekly bulletin for more information.

We all love food... please join us for a few yummy youth fundraisers!



JANUARY 9th

JANUARY 14th

JANUARY 21st

Culver's Night

Cinnamon Rolls

Greek Luncheon

FEBRUARY 10th

FEBRUARY 13th

MARCH 9th

SAVE THE DATES:

Valentine's Dinner

Culver's Night

Annual Fish Fry



Culver's Youth Fundraiser – Donate while you dine!

Please visit our local Culver's on **Tuesday, January 9th from 5-8pm**. 10% of sales will be donated to Peace Lutheran's Youth Ministries. This is the perfect excuse to break any New Year's Resolutions...butter burgers and custard for a good cause! PLEASE tell your friends!

Cinnamon Roll AND Caramel Roll Sales – Sunday, January 14th!

The youth will be selling yummy cinnamon rolls and a few caramel rolls as well at church on Sunday morning, January 14th. Eat one at church or take some home to enjoy later. NEW pricing: \$2 per roll or 12 for \$20. This is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Peace.



Greek Luncheon – Youth Fundraiser:

January 21st 10:30am – 1:00pm in Peace Center

Join us for a yummy Mediterranean meal; we are having a Greek-themed feast! This lunch will include bread, drinks and dessert OR take it home. CARRY OUT IS

AVAILABLE!

Try one or more: Gyros w/pita bread and Tzatziki sauce, Chicken Souvlaki, Spanikotia (spinach pie), Greek Salad, Greek Lemon Chicken Soup, Pita bread, hummus, honey spice cookies and Baklava.

Suggested Freewill Donation of \$5 per person. YES! We take credit card donations.

Carry out is available! Proceeds benefit Peace's Youth Ministry Programs, including 2018 Mission Trips.

Peace Lutheran Youth Congregational Info: January 2018



PARTY LIKE A PRINCESS

***Special GIRLS-ONLY Event* January 19 & 20**

WHO: Girls Age 3 – Grade 5

WHAT: A special party – hair and nails done by high school youth, a take-home craft, a snack and lesson on how we are royalty and precious to God, a dance party and more!

WHEN: 3 Sessions are being offered, only 40 girls per session. Each party is the same! Friday, Jan 19 from 6:00 - 8:30pm, Saturday, Jan 20 from 9:00 – 11:30am and Saturday, Jan 20 1:00 – 3:30pm

WHERE: Peace Lutheran Church

WHY: “My Father is the King of Kings, and I am His Princess” – 1 Peter 2:9

COST: \$15 per princess (\$45 family max)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by January 15th! LIMITED SPACE!

Flyers will be going home during Sunday School and to our Little Lamb families. Please help us spread the word about this unique opportunity. ALL ARE WELCOME! Proceeds from this event will benefit Peace Youth Ministries, including upcoming 2018 mission trips. **Questions?** Please call/text Erika Durheim, (Director of Youth Ministry) at 320.766.9321.

Summer 2018 Mission Trips – Get Excited! Get Registered!

We are getting excited for summer 2018! Qs, please talk to Erika. Grab a Registration/Info Packet from the Youth Board or at Peace Place. BOTH youth and adults are encouraged to go on each of our trips.

We are currently taking registrations for the following mission trips:

- ✚ **6th Grade Trips** – will have two mini-mission trips, each with one overnight. **Minneapolis** is June 10-11 and **Lutheran Island Camp** is July 10-11 (staying local, within 150 miles)
- ✚ **Middle School Trip** (completed 7/8 Grades) – will go to **Duluth, MN** July 14 – 20 (going a bit further out, goal is staying within 5 hours of Hutchinson)
- ✚ **High School Trip** (completed 9-12 Grades) – will go to **Los Angeles, CA** July 27 – August 4 (a domestic Urban mission trip)
- ✚ **International High School/Adult Trip** (Adults, 11/12 Graders, plus veteran trip attendees and sophomores who have a parent/family member attend with them) – will go to **Haiti** June 28 – July 7 (to the ends of the earth)
- ✚ ***Alaska Mission for Christ (2 special trips)** – Please talk to Anita Miller if you are interested in going to Northway or Chitina, Alaska for a week long VBS leadership opportunity.
- ✚ **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 1st!**



B.L.A.S.T. Middle School Late-night Special Event @ the Hutchinson Middle School Gym and POOL! Friday, January 26 – 7:00 to 11:30pm

Our B.L.A.S.T. night will be **Friday, January 26 from 7:00 - 11:30p.m.** Youth in grades 6-8 gather at the Hutchinson Middle School. We've rented the pool and gym for a night filled with games, food, fun, and fellowship. PLUS a movie in the pool! Peace is joining up with a few other churches, so it's going to be amazing!
Every youth is invited and encouraged to attend...Invite your friends!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

COST: \$5.00 at the door (each person, even friends)

ADULTS/PARENTS: We need many people to sign up for 2 hour helper shifts...you don't need to stay the whole time, but are certainly welcome to! We need help at the door, with food, games and clean-up. Please call/text Erika Durheim, (Director of Youth Ministry) at 320.766.9321 if you are able to help!



Call to Order: Dan called the meeting to order. Pastor Pasche opened with a word of prayer.

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Mike Eggert, Cindy Mons, Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche, Deanna Puchalski, Justin Evenson, Dan Cowger, Lee Uldbjerg. **Members Absent:** Nick Brellenthin, Heidi Sickmann.

Approval of Oct. Minutes: Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes; Lee seconded with all voting aye.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: General fund has a negative balance of \$77,719.69. Little Lambs had a positive balance of \$18,014.07. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$110,259.74. Building maintenance account had a balance of \$56,302.34. **Building fund mortgage had a balance of \$13,694.69, leaving 1.09 months in reserve.** Lynn made a motion to approve, with Deanna seconding, with all voting aye.

Touching Lives: Justin shared his personal story of how he became involved with PLC, which was through the construction project at PLC.

Scholarship: Two applications were submitted for scholarships with the deadline being December 1st. The student applying for the scholarship must be a baptized member at PLC.

Designation of Thanksgiving Offering: In the past, the offering has been divided evenly among Bless India, Common Cup, and Good Samaritan Fund. Everyone agreed that this year's Thanksgiving offering should be divided the same way.

Preliminary Budget: Mike reviewed the budget. PLC will likely end the year with approximately a \$60,000 deficit. The preliminary budget will be finalized at the December council meeting.

Ministry in Motion: Introduction video was presented by Pastor Pasche at services on November 19th. Next video will be shown at services in January.

Nominating Committee: Nick will chair the nominating committee. Individual terms were reviewed. Nick will be contacting council members within the next few weeks in regard to their intentions for continuing service.

AV Fee Proposal: AV fee proposal was presented along with property/facility use guidelines. Council members requested more information and time to review the information before voting.

Youth Update: Since information about upcoming youth trips for 2018 that Deanna was going to share was in the November Messenger, Deanna did not have anything more to report.

Follow-up to Dr. Phil Johnson's ministry structure: Lee made a motion to move forward with Dr. Phil Johnson's ministry structure, as process fits with church schedule, and Lynn seconded with all voting aye.

Minister of Operations Report: The nativity scene outdoors needs to be rewired so will not be used this Christmas season. Small groups have mostly started with several more groups starting up in the next couple of months. A new organizational chart will be developed. Paul is working with PLC's insurance company to determine who needs to have a background check completed.

Pastors' Updates: Pastor Bode was appointed and attended the Commission on Constitutional Matters in St. Louis. Quarterly meetings are held. Pastor Pasche distributed copies of a survey from MN South District to be completed by council members. These completed questionnaires will be brought to the visitation meeting hosted by the MN South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod visitation ministry at the end of January. Pastor Pasche handed out information about a leadership program led by a local business person and another partner. This begins January 3rd. No decision was made about moving forward with this program.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bode closed with a word of prayer.

Pastor Salary Increase: After discussion, Dan made a motion to increase pastor salaries, recommended by the Elders and in line with District guidelines, in the proposed 2018 budget. Cindy seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Adjournment: Cindy made a motion to adjourn, and Lee seconded with all voting aye.

Submitted by Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

Mission and Ministry Minutes –December 19, 2017



Call to Order: Nick called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bode opened with a word of prayer and also spoke about the Good News of God's salvation for all.

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Mike Eggert, Cindy Mons, Pastor Bode, Deanna Puchalski, Justin Evenson, Dan Cowger, Lee Uldbjerg, Nick Brellenthin, Heidi Sickmann. **Absent:** Pastor Pasche.

Touching Lives: Justin talked about Rick Warren's app where he reads Warren's daily devotionals. He especially wanted the Council to hear the following quote from Warren: "You do everything in your life for two reasons—out of fear or out of love."

Approval of November Minutes: Lee made a motion to approve the minutes with Mike seconding the motion and all voting in favor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: General fund had a negative balance of \$87,731.91. Little Lambs had a positive balance of \$18,503.42. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$148,025.62. Building maintenance account had a balance of \$59,283.30. **Building mortgage fund a balance of \$8,829.40, leaving 0.70 months in reserve.** Lee made a motion to approve, and Lynn seconded with all voting aye. **PLC had to borrow money from the bank to make the December mortgage payment.** Giving for November and December has been significantly below expected giving. The proposed budget discussed at the November meeting now shows a greater deficit than previously presented. Brief meetings will be scheduled to gather information from the congregation as well as to explain the financial health of PLC.

Nominating Committee: Justin and Dan are leaving the Council in January. Mike Eggert is also leaving the Council, and a new Treasurer will be needed. Doug Brown and Weston Plath are leaving the Elders Board. Lee will be on the ballot for vice-president and Nick for chairperson.

AV Recommendation: Lee made a motion to table the combined AV/facilities use proposal submitted by the audio-visual (AV) committee and form a committee to discuss and research the proposal in more depth. Mike seconded the proposal and all voted in favor.

Ministry in Motion: Next video will be presented the weekend of January 13-14th with the focus being on worship. Purpose of the video series is to keep congregation informed of how PLC is touching lives through its ministries.

Communion Policy: Dan shared that he had spoken with Pastor Pasche about a communion statement that has recently been posted on the video screens in the church. That statement will be temporarily removed from the video screen. A group of Mission and Ministry committee members will meet with a group of Elders, along with a Pastor, to further discuss the verbiage of PLC's communion policy.

Minister of Operations Report: The new website for LLCC has been launched—very fresh and has a log-in component for parents. A monthly Early Childhood newsletter was passed around, which will be shared electronically with families.

Pastor Update: 5:15 Advent services have been very well attended with a service component included. No service will be held on December 23rd or New Year's Eve as it falls on a Sunday.

Adjournment: Lynn made a motion to adjourn, and Dan seconded the motion with all voting aye.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bode closed with a word of prayer.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

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Who: *All members of Peace Lutheran Church*

What: *Something new! Coffee Meetings: Informal "Q&A" sessions for Spiritual Commitment and Financial Direction*

When: *Choose to go when it is convenient!*

*Sunday, January 14 at 10:15 am
Monday, January 15 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, January 18 at 3:00 pm
Sunday, January 21 at 10:15 am
Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 pm*



Where: *Peace Center*

Why: *Your input is important!! Mission & Ministry will be available to answer questions and receive input that will be useful in continuing to carry out the mission and vision of our church.*