



DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

A Series of Special Services for Advent

"When is God coming to save us?" the people of old wondered. The prophet Isaiah beautifully foretold in picture language how God was on his way to be with us. In this series of services of Advent we are reminded again of God's plan to save us through the Christ Child who took on flesh to become one of us in order to rescue us from sin, death and the devil forever. We no longer need to wonder when God will come to save us. He already has and he is right there with us, mangled in our hearts.

Come join us at Peace for Advent worship as we hear from the prophet Isaiah of God's plan to save us through the Christ Child.

Special Services for

Advent



	11:30am Worship/Lunch	5:15pm Family Worship	6:00pm Supper	6:45 pm Worship
WEDNESDAY Nov 28	Regular Bible Study 11:30 am Lunch to follow	GOD WITH US <i>Our</i> POTTER ISAIAH 64:8-9 God shapes us according to His will	Haystacks	No Worship Service
WEDNESDAY Dec 5	TURNING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Darkness Covers the Earth ISAIAH 60:1-3 Worship at 11:30; Lunch to follow	GOD WITH US <i>Our</i> SHEPHERD ISAIAH 40:10-11 Jesus our Good Shepherd	Chicken & Biscuits	TURNING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Darkness Covers the Earth Isaiah 60:1-3 6:00 pm Supper; Worship to follow
WEDNESDAY Dec 12	TURNING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Glory Rises Upon You ISAIAH 60:1-3 Worship at 11:30; Lunch to follow	GOD WITH US <i>Our</i> LIVING BRANCH ISAIAH 11:1-2 By faith we are branches & Jesus the Vine	Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	TURNING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Glory Rises Upon You Isaiah 60:1-3 6:00 pm Supper; Worship to follow
WEDNESDAY Dec 19	TURNING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Arise, Shine, for your Light has Come ISAIAH 60:1-3 Worship at 11:30; Lunch to follow	GOD WITH US <i>Our</i> GUIDE ISAIAH 2:3-5 Jesus is our Way to eternal life	Chicken Noodle Soup & Sloppy Joes	TURNING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Arise, Shine, for your Light has Come Isaiah 60:1-3 6:00 pm Supper; Worship to follow

Special Services for

Christmas



		3:00pm	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:00pm
SUNDAY Dec 16	WORSHIP/COMM - 8:00 & 10:30 Sanctuary WORSHIP - 9:15 AM Peace Center	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM			
MONDAY Dec 24		CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP	CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP	CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
TUESDAY Dec 25	WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 9:00 AM Sanctuary				

Weekend Services

Dec 22 - 23	REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Dec 29 - 30	REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Jan 6	SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

Official Acts



Baptisms

Nov. 11 Emma Grace Saul, daughter of
Matthew & Aleesha Saul
Nov. 17 Kinsley Alex Peik, daughter of
Korey & Amanda Peik
Nov. 18 Leo James Dunne, son of Curtis
Dunne & Brittany Sanford
Nov. 24 Mikael Martin Muetzel, son of Kyle
Muetzel & Heather Pagel

Funerals

Nov. 4 Ralph A. Plath, 75, passed away October
30 (Graveside service)
Nov. 17 Arlette Anderson, 83, passed away
November 12
Nov. 24 Willard "Bill" Ratike, 83, passed away
November 17

Membership Changes

Membership Changes

Received by Transfer/Other Lutheran

Received by Profession of Faith

Kyle Muetzel
Kaylee & Austin Barlau* from St. Paul's United
Church of Christ, Plato, MN

Transferred Out/Released

Kathleen Servaty, Jaxson* & Kenadi* to Peace
Lutheran Church, Cosmos, MN
Kayla Miller to Ezekiel Lutheran Church, River Falls,
WI
Richard Kjonaas, moved joined another church
*Baptized Member



Acolytes

Dec. 5 6:45 p.m. Liam Nelson & Esme Nelson
Dec. 8 6:15 p.m. Madison Henning &
Bryn Anderson
Dec. 9 8:00 a.m. Ashley Witte & Monica Padrnos
10:30 a.m. Jayden Brecht & Bryce Klancke
Dec. 12 6:45 p.m. Erin White & Esme Nelson
Dec. 15 6:15 p.m. Caiden Pfeiler & Riley Chaplin
Dec. 16 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Noah Sturges & Amanda Rettig
Dec. 19 6:45 p.m. Liam Nelson & Daniel Roiger
Dec. 22 6:15 p.m. Daniel Roiger &
Shanessa Millerbernd
Dec. 23 8:00 a.m. Lucas Huls
10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Dec. 24 5:00 p.m. Riley Carrigan & AJ Friauf
7:00 p.m. Kaylee Dose
10:00 p.m. Kaylyn Marvan

Christmas Day

Dec. 25 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 29 6:15 p.m. Kaylyn Marvan
Dec. 30 8:00 a.m. Lucas Huls
10:30 a.m. Zachary Hausladen
Jan. 5 6:15 p.m. Carson Evers & Noah Sturges
Jan. 6 8:00a.m. Shanessa Millerbernd & Lucas
Huls
10:30 a.m. Esme Nelson & Liam Nelson
Jan. 12 6:15 p.m. Riley Carrigan & AJ Friauf
Jan. 13 8:00 a.m. Lucas Huls
10:30 a.m.
Jan. 19 6:15 p.m. Shelby Lang & Shanessa
Millerbernd
Jan. 20 8:00 a.m. Sam Reiter & Madi Reiter
10:30 a.m.
Jan. 26 6:15 p.m. Caiden Pfeiler & Riley Chaplin
Jan. 27 8:00 a.m. Monica Padrnos & Shelby Lang
10:30 a.m.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2nd

8:00 a.m. George & Sally Moehring
 9:15 a.m. Tony & Kim Borka
 10:30 a.m. Cyndy Fallon

Sunday, December 9th

8:00 a.m. Scott & Shannon Streich
 9:15 a.m. Eric & Kari Gehrke
 10:30 a.m. Gloria Janicke

Sunday, December 16th

8:00 a.m. Allan & Shirley Fuchs
 9:15 a.m. Tony & Kim Borka
 10:30 a.m. Jason & Mandy Sturges

Sunday, December 23rd

8:00 a.m. Bo & Stacey Miller & Family
 9:15 a.m. Rory & Amy Paulson
 10:30 a.m. Peter & Roxy White & Family

Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Allan & Shirley Fuchs

Sunday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. Jerry & LuAnn Rusch
 9:15 a.m. Robbie & Sara Peterson
 10:30 a.m. John & Sandi Lietz

Sunday, January 6th

8:00 a.m. George Quast
 9:15 a.m. Dave & Mary Lou Carlson
 10:30 a.m. John & Sandi Lietz

Sunday, January 13th

8:00 a.m. Robert & Marjorie Streich
 9:15 a.m. Ron & Barb Kirchoff
 10:30 a.m. Greg & Darlene Plath

Sunday, January 20th

8:00 a.m. Scott & Liz Brusehaver
 9:15 a.m. Jeff & Anita Miller
 10:30 a.m. Judy Radunz

Sunday, January 27th

8:00 a.m. Eric & Cassie Padrnos & Family
 9:15 a.m. John & Mary Melin
 10:30 a.m. John & Sandi Lietz

USHERS THIS MONTH

December Ushers **8:00 Team #4**
 10:30 Team #6

Wednesday Advent Services

Dec. 5 6:45 p.m. Team #3
 Dec. 12 6:45 p.m. Team #1
 Dec. 19 6:45 p.m. Team #5

Children's Services

Dec. 16 3:00 p.m. Team #3
 Dec. 24 3:00 p.m. Team #4

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Dec. 24 5:00 p.m. Team #1
 Dec. 24 7:00 p.m. Team #6
 Dec. 24 10:00 p.m. Team #2

Christmas Day Service/Communion

Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. Team #5

January Ushers **8:00 Team #1**
 10:30 Team #3



8 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December

2: George Moehring	Greg Ewing	Marlene Hamblin
9: Melissa Weckwerth	Nick Brellenthin	Sandra Hall
16: Shirley Wurdell	Betty Ruskamp	Jim Warnke
23: Nona Anderson	Marc Max	Marlene Hamblin
30: Scott Brusehaver	Sara Peterson	Lois Olson

Sunday, January

6: Barb Wendling	Eric Gehrke	John Lietz
13: George Quast	Betty Ruskamp	Ross,
	Norah, Judson Wendling	
20: Nona Anderson	Jeff Miller	Doug Brown
27: Cassie Padrnos	Shari Ziemann	Lynn Brown

Saturday, December

1: Jan Klockmann
 8: Corinne Higgins
 15: Joanne Keilen
 22: Kevin Heikes
 29: Charlene Havelka

Saturday, January

5: Joanne Keilen
 12: Dick Higgins
 19: Charlene Havelka
 26: Annette Koehler



Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship

8:15 a.m. & 9:15 a.m.

There will be two opportunities to participate each Sunday Morning and enjoy coffee, fellowship, and time in God's word. The 8:15 am class will be held in the office conference room and the 9:15 am class will meet in Room 207 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.

"The Book of Daniel"

Do you remember the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den? Or about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace as recorded in the Old Testament book of Daniel? And guess what, there is much, much more!!

As we travel with Daniel in the first half of the book, we will experience exciting examples of God's power and love followed by the last chapters where God allows Daniel to look ahead to future world events. All of these events lead to the coming of Jesus, the Savior. Once again, we will find in God's Word the assurance that our God is in control of all history, and He directs all things for the purpose of saving His people. The class will also have the opportunity to grow in their understanding of the culture and history during the years of Daniel.

Annual Reach/Matthew 14 Outreach Supper

The annual Reach/Matthew 14 Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 20th. This annual supper has been a joint venture between the "Reach Program" of Hutchinson High School and Peace Lutheran Church over the past years. It is a tremendous opportunity for the members of Peace Lutheran to give witness to the love and saving grace of Jesus by touching the lives of those who attend through the preparation and serving of this event. Along with your prayers, if you would like to help with the preparation or set up or serving the meal, or would like to make a donation to help cover the cost, please contact Sandy Kephart or Paul Berg at 320-587-3031.

Special Thank You!! Shoe Box Success!!

A special thank you to members of the congregation, Ladies of Dorcas and other individuals who generously gave of their time along with gifts and resources in making this year's "Samaritan Purse" (Shoe Boxes) an overwhelming success. There were 272 boxes packed for girls and boys ages 3 through 14. Your prayers are encouraged as these shoeboxes are delivered to children in need throughout the world, they will experience the love and saving grace of Jesus.



Family Christmas Photo

Would you like to capture a family photo for Christmas? We have just the spot! Beginning November 29th, there will be a location provided in the Commons Area where you can take a holiday photo. It is available for use whenever the church is open. If you'd like help taking the photo, just ask one of the staff for assistance. Merry Christmas!!





Come to the Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 16th at 3:00

Sunday, December 24th at 3:00

If your child would like to participate, please contact
Sandy Kephart or Lisa Kirchoff.



*******Calendar Reminder*******

There will be no Sunday School or Sunday Morning Bible
Fellowship on December 23rd and December 30th.

January Monthly Munchies

Our January Monthly Munchie will be anything made with oatmeal or Baker's Choice. We will be selling Monthly Munchies on Sunday, January 13th 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*.



Annual Christmas Cookie Sale **Saturday, December 8** **Begins at 9:00 a.m.**



First, bring your family and friends and get some cookies.

Second, **we need you to bring 4-5 dozen of your favorite family Christmas cookies for the sale.** If you can help, please call the church office and let us know how many cookies and what kind you will be bringing so we can have a nice assortment. Anything you can bring will be much appreciated.

Third, we will be baking lots of cookies to add to your donations. The baking days are Thursday and Friday, December 6th and 7th. If you can come any part of those days, please call Marlys at the church office. **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!** It's lots of fun and you get to spend time with other wonderful bakers from our congregation.

All profits from the sale will go to the General Fund. So, come and join us for some great cookie baking and buying!



Peace Lutheran Youth Info: December & January

Youth Contacts During Interim

For General Information:

Robbie Oeltjenbruns Youth Committee Chair 320-583-9070

Confirmation: Pastor Pasche 320-296-9877

Middle School Sunday School: Jodi Evenson 320-583-9964

Wednesday Recharge Program: Teri Friauf 320-510-0666

High School Bible Study: Heidi Sickmann 320-582-2406

2019 Summer Trips: Robbie Oeltjenbruns 320-583-9070

Church Office: 320.587.3031 Youth Ext. 2769

Email: youth@plchutch.org



Cinnamon Roll Sales – Sunday, December 2nd & 6th!



January

The youth will be selling yummy cinnamon rolls at church on Sunday morning, January 6th. Eat one at church or take some home to enjoy later. \$2 per roll or 12 for \$20. This is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Peace.



Help Serve lunch to over 400 high school youth!

Peace hosts Thursday Free Lunch (through Hutchinson Area Youth-HAY! Ministries) at Crosspoint (across from the high school) on **Thursday, January 3rd**. Adults, consider volunteering your time, if you are available during the day. This year there will be 2 lunch times, and they are earlier! This will mean serving lots more kids each shift. Therefore, we will start prepping at 8:30am, and should be done and cleaned up by 1:00 – 1:30pm. Talk to Robbie/Mel if you are able to help for part of the day, or to help the entire time. Also, please pray for the young people who are able to hear the word of God each week through this outreach ministry. Thanks! **SAVE THE DATES:** Peace will serve Thursday lunches on **January 3rd, March 7th, May 9th.**



Culvers Youth Fundraiser – Donate while you dine!

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

Candy Bar Sales –Through January 6th!



Who wants Chocolate!! The youth will be selling the following flavors of candy bars: caramel, milk chocolate, almonds, peanut butter, and crispy. All candy bars are milk chocolate. The price is \$1 per candy bar. There will be no soliciting at church, so please contact a member of our **youth program** or get in touch with the youth committee. Thank you for supporting Youth Ministry at Peace.

Does your family know what your wishes are?

Parish Health will be offering a fun and easy way to open conversation about your wishes.

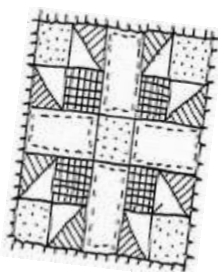
During the Christmas holiday gathering time is a great opportunity to do some real talking. We have simple forms that can be used for advance directives or living wills that can be used to document these choices after the conversation is over.

We will have a demonstration after each service on December 9. Just check in at the Parish Health office. Any questions please contact Shirley at 587-5064. Thank you.



Want to Tie One On?

Looking for helpers to tie quilts for mission quilting. If you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt. Join us on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the church basement. No experience required and all supplies are provided. If you have questions please call Shirley at 587-5064. See you there!



MAP (Missions Awareness Program) Grades K-5 Two Hour Late Start

This program will meet at Peace in the church basement on regular scheduled two-hour late start days. The Children enjoy breakfast, learn about a mission project and work on activities to support the mission. At the conclusion the children are walked to Park Elementary. Kindergarten and First Grade will ride the bus with Little Lambs Childcare Center.

Prince of Peace Retirement Living December 2018

As our thoughts turn to this blessed holiday season, we also start thinking about decorating. Join us on **Saturday, December 1st from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** for our **OPEN HOUSE**. We have over 20 Christmas trees decorated with specific themes. Stroll through our beautiful building and gaze upon a tree named "Joy to the World", glance down the hall and behold the "Wise Men" tree and wreath. Take a peek at "Noah's Ark" tree and be sure to look beneath it for the animals going in 'two by two'. While touring you'll be sure to see a

Scandinavian tree, a tree dressed to honor our nation, and one tree ready to play a quick hand of cards. We will also be providing delicious treats and sweets. Adam Krumrie will be strumming on his guitar in the Fireside Lounge serenading us with old-fashioned Christmas tunes. Please plan to stop in and celebrate this holiday season with all your Prince of Peace Retirement Living friends.

-Merline Duerling, Executive Director

Bloodmobile

**Tuesday, December 11th
And
Tuesday, January 8th
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.



If you enjoy reading the Messenger on PLCHUTCH.ORG and would like to stop delivery of the printed copy to your home, please call the church office at [320-587-3031](tel:320-587-3031) to have your name removed from our mailing list.

Dorcas – Women in Mission

Dorcas Women in Mission Meeting Thursday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The program will be Sandy Kephart, who will speak about her mission trips.
Christmas carols will also be sung.
All women are invited.



Dorcas Women in Mission - Thursday, November 8th 1:30 P. M.

President Delores Reiner opened the meeting with pledges to the flags. Mary Haag read an opening devotion. Pastor Pasche presented a Bible Study on "Selective Giving" telling of the "Widow's Mite."

Secretary's report was approved as written. Correspondence: Thank you cards and donations were received from the following: Del Klabunde family and \$125.00, Victor Brinkmeier family and \$150.00, Julianne Tupa family and \$150.00, Lyle Kressin family and \$200.00 and James Markgraf family and \$125.00. Received a letter from Vicar Brian Shane, of Beautiful Savior Church, Fargo, ND.

Treasurers report \$3,502.31, was approved as printed and filed for financial audit.

Committee Reports: Cheer: Sept.- Gloria reported 26 local visits, mailed 3 birthday, 1 get well, 5 praying for you and 2 sympathy cards for a total of 11 cards. Oct - there were 29 local visits, mailed 1 birthday, 10 praying for you and 4 sympathy cards, with \$25.00 sent to LWML for Julianne Tupa who was a Dorcas member.

Card Shop: Sept - Gloria reported that one box was sold for \$7.00 and 11 singles for a total of \$18.00 Oct - Sold 25 singles for a total of \$25.00.

Membership: 21 members and 2 guests.

Mission Servants: Phyllis reported that 29 quilts were completed. Five women went to Bethesda Thrift Store. Phyllis had an article in the Messenger asking for baby items and received 4 generous donations. Marlyn Krueger was honored at a Bethesda breakfast for completing 1,000 hours at the Bethesda Thrift Shop.

LWML: Sandra reported on the LWML Fall Zone Rally. 31 members and 12 guests attended. Registration was \$200.00. Rally Offering \$295.00 and \$1,292.00 for Haiti Lutheran Missions. She also brought up that giving to LWML electronically between now and year's end will be matched up to \$10,000. LWML singers will be singing at several Advent Services.

Christian Life: RoxAnn read an article on Thanksgiving: "What are you thankful for this year?"

Delores reported that Bev Luke, June Beach and Phyllis Hecht have been appointed to the nominating committee. Positions to be filled are Vice President, Secretary and LWML alternate.

Outreach project: The motion was made and approved to donate \$500.00 to Vicar Brian Shane and \$500.00 for shipping Shoe Boxes.

Upcoming events: The Dorcas meeting on Thurs. Dec.13th will be a Christmas Party with guests. Sandra Kephart will speak on her mission trip to Wales.

Hostesses for December will be Carol Kubasch, Sheryl Hoffman and Carolyn Lind.
A thank you to November hostesses Darleen Knigge and Arlene Benshoof.

The meeting closed with the table prayer.

-Marianne Johnson, Secretary



Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm

**Crow River Singers with
\$8 tickets available at the door
Children under 12 free**



ADVENT CANDLES

We are once again inviting families to read the Advent litany and light the Advent wreath candles at all worship services in Advent. Please contact Carol Leske at 320-296-3228, if you are interested in participating.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet again in January.

PRAYZ TEAM is open to all children and youth. We will sing for the Family Worship services Wednesdays at 5:15pm on November 29th, December 5th, 12th, and 19th. We practice at 5:00pm (or students can stay after Youth Group at 4:45pm). We will also sing at the Children's Christmas Programs on December 16th and 24th.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC - Children and youth are encouraged to provide special offering music during Advent (6:15pm, 8:00am or 10:30am), and the prelude for the Children's Christmas Programs on December 16th and 24th. Please contact Dr. Joan to sign up. Call the church office or email

musicministryatpeace@gmail.com.

AUDIO – VIDEO Please stop by the AV booth (Sanctuary or Peace Center) and visit with our team leaders: Kevin Schmuhl, Eric Padrnos, Justin Evenson, Ross Peterson and Brian Gartner. This is a great opportunity for families and youth to participate in worship and serve! A signup sheet for confirmation students is on the reception desk in the Commons Area.

HCVN, Channel 10 - The 8:00am worship is playing on Sunday at 7:00pm and Thursday at 10:00am. The 9:15 worship is playing on Wednesday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 10:00am (one week after the actual service). All Sunday services are recorded and can be viewed either live or in the archives on our website.

NOTICE: CALL TO THE CONGREGATION FOR NOMINATIONS

This notice is a call for nomination for the positions that are open in our church as follows:

- Congregational Secretary
- Treasurer
- Mission & Ministry Council member
- Mission & Ministry Council member
- Elder
- Elder
- Elder
- Elder
- Elder

Please submit your candidate nominations for consideration by the nominating committee to me. Thank you.

Lee Uldberg
510 School Road SW
Hutchinson, MN 55350
320-894-5351

Greetings,

For those of you who don't know me I am Troy Puckett I have been a member at Peace for two years. I married Becky Dobratz 17 years ago. We have three daughters: two all grown up and Gracie here with us today. I volunteered to be the interim Treasurer this past fall, I have found this position rewarding yet challenging. This brings me to why I am here in front of you today, I need to talk to you about our financial situation. The three areas I want to share with you today are:

The Past (how did we get here)

- Years of not meeting our budget (fell short)
 - o 2015: \$62K
 - o 2016: \$76K
 - o 2017: \$57K
- Giving has not matched the expenses, so in order to continue ALL ministries, pay utilities/buy supplies, and pay staff it was decided to borrow money to make up the lack of giving.
- At first, we borrowed money from ourselves by using the dedicated funds to meet our shortfalls.
- At some point, we spent the dedicated funds and then opened up a line of credit at the bank for \$200K.

Which brings us to 2018...

The Present (where are we at today)

- The approved budget is \$795,000. The line represents where we should be today.
- The staff has done a great job of staying on track with the approved budget. We are right where we are supposed to be.
- Unfortunately, giving not has not been on track.
- As of 31 Oct 18, giving is at \$517K Difference is \$136K which has been a part of the line of credit. Each month, when there was a gap, we went to the bank to use our line of credit.
- Currently, we have used \$199K of the \$200K, and the bank will not extend anymore on the line of credit. **This forces us to make changes.**

Rest of the Year???

- We have asked for a spending freeze on all accounts throughout staff
- Compiling a list from all staff with previous commitments that may cost money
- In order to do this, we may need to:
 - o Fund Raise
 - o Sponsor a meal or event
 - o Donations
 - o Pass the hat
- May cut events/bulletins/programs/coffee/donuts etc... till end of year
- Most importantly, giving needs to increase
 - o In order to pay our bills for the rest of the year, we need to increase our weekly giving by \$4,200. Currently, we average \$11,000 a week.
 - o If our giving doesn't increase, we will need to use the Building Fund in order to pay our bills.

Future (2019)

- Address the debt we have
 - o Our current debt including paying back the dedicated funds and the 2018 short fall is \$325K
- Propose a balanced 2019 budget
- Consider your involvement
 - o Your Giving
 - o Praying for the staff/ministries of our church
 - o Participate in the voters meeting

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to talk to me.

Sincerely,

Troy Puckett

Interim Treasurer

Phone (612)-490-6321



Poinsettias

Peace members and visitors will again be enjoying beautiful decorations during the Christmas season. **This year we will need only 20 poinsettias to decorate our church for the Christmas season.** The cost of a plant is \$10.00.

If you would like to buy a poinsettia plant as a memorial, or perhaps to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry such as Tell the Next Generation Mortgage, International Children's Missions, or General Fund you may stop by the church office or send your request **by December 19th.**

Your name and the name of the person in whose memory or honor you are giving a poinsettia or donation will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 23rd.

_____ Number of Poinsettias

\$ _____ Donation to _____ Tell the Next Generation Mortgage

_____ International Children's Missions

_____ General Fund

_____ Other

\$ _____ In Memory of _____

\$ _____ In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes - November 20, 2018

Call to Order: Nick called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellenthin, Troy Puckett, Cindy Mons, Lee Ulbjerg, Deanna Puchalski, Heidi Sickmann, Pastor Pasche, Kim Borka

Guest: John Lietz, Elder representative

Opening Devotion: Pastor Pasche shared that he had just completed the Red Letter Challenge, a 40 day devotional that he used with the staff at PLC. Pastor Pasche shared a portion which reiterates the message that we are loved unconditionally by our Lord. This was followed by an opening prayer.

Touching Lives: Kim shared a story about her friend who has been struggling with M.S. Kim called her after seeing a post that her friend had shared on Facebook about her gratitude to people for their generosity and caring. Kim's friend had gone to the post office and found a note of encouragement, a daily devotional, Jesus Calling, promises to pray daily from a group of ladies, and a \$100 gift card. She has no idea who they are but feels blessed by these people who were surely moved by the Holy Spirit to reach out to her.

Approval of October Minutes: Troy made a motion to approve the minutes, Lee seconded the motion, with all voting aye.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: October general fund had a negative balance of \$136,350.63. Cash flow loss is a negative \$65,067.31. LLCC had a balance of \$18,704.16. Building maintenance fund had a balance of \$84,784.70. Building mortgage fund had a balance of \$2,331.58, leaving 0.19 months in reserve. Cindy made a motion to approve, and Lynn seconded with all voting aye. Troy shared that the weekly offering was up about \$1,500. There is a freeze on spending. In order to meet current essential budgeted items for church ministries, envelopes have been posted on a bulletin board in the commons area. Fifty envelopes were taken home the first Sunday. The goal is to provide a total of \$8,300 in funding.

Comment from Nick: Nick shared that the Congregational Voter's Meeting will be held on January 27th, 2019.

LLCC update: As board members from Little Lambs Christian Center, Lee and Lynn presented a Power Point presentation to the Council which outlined the decision by the LLCC board to add a second preschool daycare room to the center. In order to do this, preschool education ½ day programs will no longer be offered in the fall of 2019. Changes in the needs of the community and the opportunity to have children in a Christian environment more hours each day prompted the decision.

Nomination Process: Lee explained the process for nominations of Elders and Council vacancies for the upcoming year. A call for candidates will be printed in the December Messenger.

2019 Budget Discussion: Troy shared some preliminary information on the budget. The Council will meet again in early December to continue reviewing the budget.

Pastoral Updates: Pastor Pasche shared that PLC continues to look for a youth minister. Interviews for the bookkeeper position will take place next Tuesday. Mike Eggert has currently been serving as interim bookkeeper.

Minister of Operations Updates: Small group enrollment has increased by about 35 people.

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

The meeting ended with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

-Lynn Brown, Secretary

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December 2018 Prayer Calendar



1. Let us sing: O Come, O Come, Immanuel!
 2. What is Advent? from the Latin, meaning "come into," as Jesus came into the world for us.
 3. Today, commit the words of your mouth to God.
 4. Pray for our Pastors and staff for the Holy Spirit's guidance and for their spiritual growth.
 5. Pray for the small groups finishing the "Why in the World" Bible study.
 6. Visit someone who cannot get out and about. Share your Christmas cookies and Christmas love!
 7. Pray for all who have served and are currently serving this country in the armed forces, that they might know the Lord and know He is with them.
 8. Pray for those who are ill and hurting for healing, strength, and peace.
 9. Sing your favorite Christmas Hymn. Why is it your favorite?
 10. Pray for Dorcas Society that all members might "serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2
 11. Pray children learn and know the true meaning of Christmas.
 12. Pray for the homeless.
 13. Give thanks for all in government and civilian services helping people in this country and in other countries.
 14. Pray for those who send you Christmas cards & for those to whom you send Christmas cards.
 15. Pray for all in our church who help the staff with the worship services...greeters, ushers, doing bulletins, readers, musicians, altar guild, video team, counters, custodians, & more.
- Do something kind for someone.
16. Gaudete Sunday, meaning "rejoice" in Latin and comes from Philippians 4:4. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
 17. Pray the Lord uses us as His hands and feet to serve others, and that through us, they might see the Lord.
 18. Pray for everyone traveling for Christmas.
 19. Pray for all who do not know Jesus.
 20. Show the love of God through your works to your neighbors.
 21. Be joyful today. Praise the Lord!
 22. Pray for those who are unable to spend Christmas with their family or who do not have family. Pray they are joyful for His greatest gift!
 23. Pray for the children participating in Sunday School Christmas Programs
 24. CHRISTMAS EVE. Read Luke 2 with your family.
- CHRISTMAS DAY. Thank the Lord for the gift of His only begotten Son!
26. Pray for our Mission & Ministry members that they might serve the Lord by serving this congregation to the best of their abilities.
 27. Pray for those who have suffered losses this year through hurricanes, storms, floods, and fires.
 28. Pray for those who only attend worship at Christmas, that the Spirit would work faith through the hearing of the Word.
 29. Pray for those who have lost loved ones; may they look to the resurrection for their hope.
 30. Pray for the Noon Lunch Bible Study. May the Holy Spirit generate a burning desire in their hearts to search the scriptures.
 31. Pray that the Lord would abundantly bless the efforts of the LCMS in the coming years.

January 2019 Prayer Calendar

1. New Year's Day – Naming of Jesus. Jesus the name above all names. Help us to keep His name before us this year. Luke 2:21-40
2. We pray for college students. The LCMS National Campus Ministry Conference. God grant them your blessing with their studies and future use of the gifts you have given them. Rom.8:28

3. We pray for our pastors and church staff that God would watch over them and care for them and their families. Give guidance and strength for the service they provide for our congregation. Acts 20:32
4. We thank you Lord for the leadership and participation of Christian education provided at Peace that helps our young people know Jesus, His love and care for them. Acts 20:35
5. We pray for our weekends. Workers, students all need rest and relaxation away from the normal. Lord keep our bodies, minds and spirit healthy and focused on healthy activities. Gen.2:2
6. Epiphany – God grant us the boldness to proclaim your salvation for all people through Jesus Christ so that all people – Jew and Gentile – will be saved. Matt.2:1-12
7. LORD, bless those who pray. You have told us to pray in your name. You have told us ask anything and to be bold. Encourage all those who pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Matt.6:5-13
8. We pray for the Bloodmobile that is in the Peace Center today. Remind us of the blood of Christ shed for our sins. That moves us to share our blood with those who have need. Rom.8:11
9. We pray today for all those who are giving testimony to LIFE by marching in the National March for Life in Washington D.C. May God protect all life, those living and those yet to be born. Matt.6:25-27
10. We pray for the leaders, teachers and helpers who share Jesus Christ with our children in Sunday School, Confirmation classes, release time, before and after school. Show them the love of Jesus. Mark 10:16
11. We pray for the ministry of Little Lambs. May the message of Jesus' love reach out to the children and parents. May they all be blessed to be in the presence of our Word. Matt.19:14
12. We pray for Rev. Chad Kirchoff that he will continue to boldly confess your name and salvation to all those who seek him at ReDO Fitness in Hastings, MN. 2Tim.4:2
13. We pray also for Shepherd of the Valley ReDO Fitness Ministry in Hastings that your church in that place may be a shining light of salvation to those who seek Jesus. Matt.5:14-16
14. We pray that you would bless Rev. Lemke and the visits he makes on shut-ins. His message and care for the home bound is a blessing and a source of joy. Is.52:7
15. Lord we pray for all missionaries around the world especially those who serve in foreign lands. Encourage them to share the heart of Jesus Christ and His message of salvation. Matt.28:18-20
16. Lord we pray for all missionaries who serve in North America. Lord you are bringing all nations to us. Make us bold to befriend these strangers. For once we and our families were strangers in this land. 1Pt.:2:9-10
17. Lord ministry happens at Prince of Peace, Park Towers, Harmony River, Evergreen, the Pines, Oaks and wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Bless your Word that it may reap its benefit. Is.55:11
18. Lord bless those who come to the Matthew 14:16 meal today. Provide the fellowship and the message necessary to remind them of your love and forgiveness. 1John 1:3
19. We pray for the chaplains of our church who minister to those in hospitals, prisons, military, and many other institutions of care. Bless their message of comfort and peace. Phil.2:1-2
20. We pray for all personnel in the military. Thank you for sending them to protect our freedoms. Keep them safe from harm and surround their families with your presence. Ps.32:6-7
21. The history of Lutherans stands on Scripture. Bless the preaching and teaching of God's Word and especially the small groups in study. Let your Spirit reign. Ps.119:105
22. Lord watch over families. Strengthen their commitment to each other and to faithful life with each other. Protect them from evil and guard them with your love. Ps.78:1-4
23. We pray for silent sufferers who have concerns of health, family, special needs and concerns of their own. Send your Spirit to enliven their faith and hope. Ps.23:4
24. We pray for our students young and old who attend Christian education classes. Strengthen their faith and resolve to commit their lives to Christian service. Gal.5:1
25. We pray for the volunteers who serve at the Bethesda Thrift Shop. Lord the ministry of Bethesda to the special needs residents is amazing. Thank you for these workers and thank you for Bethesda. Matt.25:40
26. We pray for all those students who are competing in events. Give each of them confidence and strength to perform as you have gifted them. And above all keep them safe in your loving arms. Heb.12:1-2
27. We pray for caregivers such as doctors, nurses, EMTs home health care providers, loved ones who care for family. Keep them strong and able with a right spirit. John 17:12
28. We pray for those who govern us such as our president, governor, mayor, legislators, councils and boards. Give them wisdom to rule justly and for peace. Romans 13:1-7
29. We pray for safety of all those who travel. Bless them with your holy angels as you did Mary and Joseph. Matt. 2:13-15
30. Lord on Wednesdays there is Mission Sewing being done to provide quilts and blankets for people in need. Give not only the warmth of the blankets but the warmth of the Gospel of Christ to those in need. Js.2:14-16
31. As we close out another month we receive God's commendation of grace. May He continue to be merciful to all of us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 2Cor.13:14