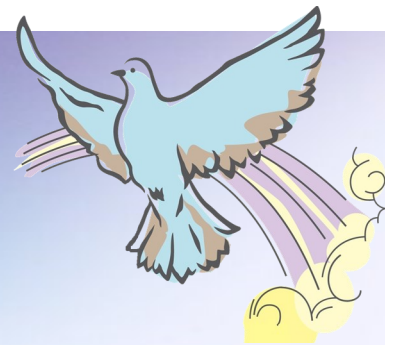


News of Peace



Peace Lutheran Church, Camdenton, MO

December 2020

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A Message from Pastor Anderegg



God's Good Gift of Government

Now is a good time to remind ourselves that God is in control. It's also a good time to remind ourselves that government is good and is "instituted by God." While this is sometimes hard to swallow it remains true since it appears in the one book in which truth resides. So I will quote the passage that speaks most clearly about God's good gift of government:

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

Let's break this down verse by verse. In verse one God tells us that there is no authority except from God. This takes some really hard head-scratching because we know that some governing authorities have carried our horrific violence. We've also seen a governing authority who, despite having a harsh, condescending, etc. demeanor did more for the Christian church/faith than nearly any in my lifetime. So it must be a matter of degree. Every governing authority is instituted by God, but some do the Lord's work more often, while others "keep the peace" in a menacing way (I'm referring here to those outside the "umbrella" of American democracy).

Moving on to verse two we learn that if you resist the governing authorities you run the risk of incurring judgment upon yourself. Fortunately, in our country, the governing authorities don't force us to do things that would go against our conscience (although that may be changing). Nevertheless, our "new" governing authorities may have ideologies and policies which we don't like or that actually go against God's will (abortion is an easy one to spot). So as we live with these new authorities we ought not have in our mind the notion that they are evil. Remember, they are instituted by God. And God is not

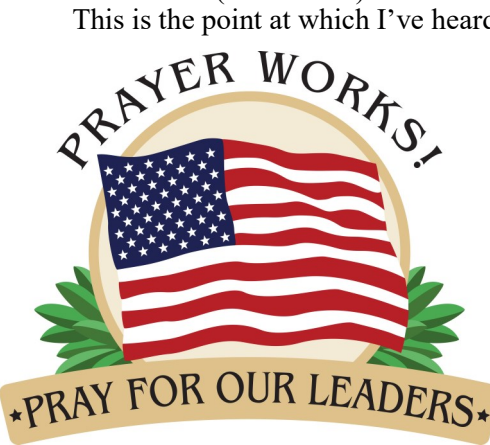
This Month's Schedule



Dec. 2	Advent Services	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
	Mites Sunday	
Dec. 7	Elders Mtg.	9:30 a.m.
Dec. 9	Advent Services	6 p.m.
Dec. 11	LWML Christmas Party	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 13	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 15	Council Mtg.	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Advent Service	6 p.m.
Dec. 20	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	
Dec. 21	Newsletter Deadline	9 a.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	6 p.m.
Dec. 27	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.

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like or that actually go against God’s will (abortion is an easy one to spot). So as we live with these new authorities we ought not have in our mind the notion that they are evil. Remember, they are instituted by God. And God is not the author of evil (James 1:13).



This is the point at which I’ve heard people say, “Well, I just don’t believe that. They’re doing such horrible things they have to be *all* bad.” But Scripture, and particularly the text above does not bear that out. In fact, when the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write the words above the governing authorities were, in fact, much more evil than any of our leaders. They were actually persecuting Christians. Yet, the Lord had Paul warn the members of the congregation that they should not seek to commit insurrection.*

*An asterik is important here because there have been rulers who were in fact evil, as you know. And there have been times when even a Lutheran pastor participate in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. His name was Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Again, however, by the grace of God, we do not live in a country in which crimes against humanity are forced upon any one given people or race.

This has gotten rather long, so I’m going to stop here and pick things up with the next newsletter article I write, which will be February’s I believe. In the mean time, if you would like to discuss the information I’ve printed here please feel free to do so privately or publicly (in adult Bible class). Never fear, though our country has not elected the anti-Christ!

Pastor Anderegg

NewsLetter DEADLINE

The **deadline** for the **Jan.** newsletter is **Mon., Dec. 21 at 9 a.m.** If you have an article you want published, or information you want to get out to the whole congregation, prepare it and send it to church email plccamdenton@gmail.com or Sheryl Bald at countrygalsf@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pocket Change for Mites. We collected \$17.06 on Nov. 1. Our next Mites collection will be Sun., Dec. 1. If you would like to make a donation, the box will be located in the back of the church.

LWML members



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Dec. 8 Bob Brouillette
- Dec. 9 Abby Schaumburg
- Dec. 9 Nicole Weston
- Dec. 11 Blake Johnston
- Dec. 14 Robert & Penny Hansen
- Dec. 16 Bob Mueller
- Dec. 19 Judy Janssen
- Dec. 20 Makenzie Sosnowski
- Dec. 28 Casey Schaumburg
- Dec. 30 Colton Parkhurst

The child grew and
became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God
was upon Him.

Luke 2:40



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Our Mission: “We the members of Peace Lutheran Church gather and grow together as God’s children and rejoice in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaim His word, and reach out with his love to: each other, our community, and the world.”



Thoughts from Our President

Blessed Beyond Measure

This will be my last President's message, as a new and younger administration will be taking the reins. I know they will do a great job and help lead this congregation forward.

December will complete the last four years as President. While I will not hold an office for the first time in many years, I will be here and available to Jeff, to do whatever he needs someone in the congregation to do. I will still be involved and still a pain in the sacroiliac. I look forward to your still seeing me in the office.

When Judy and I joined Peace in 1999, we were struck by the friendliness of the congregation. Over these past twenty-one years we made a lot of good friends. Thanks to each and everyone of you; for your friendship, your help and your understanding. We were blest!

The past four years have presented numerous challenges. I lost the love of my life and we also lost friends, either to our Lord and Savior Jesus calling them, or their moving to be close to families: Carol, Dale, Jerry, Jolene, Crystal, Darlene, Don and Barb, Marge, Greg & Mary, Ed and Donna, Dale and Doris, Stewart and Betsy and others that escape this forgetful mind.

I am proud of how we handled Pastor Pepper's sudden departure, and how we worked together through several financial and physical plant issues. The time spent with the Planning/Call Committee was interesting, fun and rewarding. Most importantly we had a good outcome. I have enjoyed getting to know, working with and spending time with each and every one of you. I have been blest!

I still cannot believe how great God is, and our good fortune, having Pastor Anderegg coming off disability and Pastor Brandt retiring. These two fine gentlemen, and Pastors, thought they were going to fill-in for a couple of Sundays, but to our good fortune God had other plans for them. We have been blest.

I look forward to the coming years and the new leadership in the congregation, thank you all for serving. I am looking forward to the ultimate end of this pandemic, so we can again shake hands, hug a friend, enjoy fellowship together and spread our wings and grow this congregation! We will continue to be blest!

Mic

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Pastor Rick Anderegg, Bob Borgmann, Gary Brandt, JaneAnn Brandt, Pat & Peggy Callahan, Mary Cordry (Greg's passing), Norma Flenker, Bob and Penny Hansen and family (death of Dorothy Jost), Jim Janssen, Chuck Kral, Lilyann and Tristan Lewis, John Marrs (Mic Carlson), Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Delores Roach (Shelia Hartenstein's sister), Rodney Schulz, Russell Schulz, Diana Schwab, Jack Slow, Joe Stauch, Matthew Talbott, our visitors, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peacemakers and protectors and their families, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.

Advent Worship Schedule

Mark you calendars with the following dates to attend the Advent worship services on Wednesday, [December 2](#), [December 9](#), [December 16](#) at 6 p.m.



November 9 LWML Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Paula Emery. Roll call was taken with the word “worry”. Six members were present. Treasurer’s report was given by Susan and filed for audit. Cathie gave our Mites reading of “Strange”. Collection for Rally, Mites and general fund were taken.

Committees: Pop Tops: continue saving. **Choice Labels:** We are 614 labels away from reaching 1000. **Kitchen:** Diane, Cathie and Susan came prior to the meeting to work on cleaning the drinking glasses from the kitchen. Thank you ladies. **Human Care:** We are on hold with the receiving blankets due to Covid 19. We are continuing to work on the Chrismons.

Old Business: Vicki L. was not present to report on NKC hospital to whether they will take baby caps. Jacey reported that when she called Thrivent about the action team cards, they said that they were extending peoples action team cards due to Covid 19. If you have a card and have not used it, you should call them and let them know when you might be able to do your action team project or to cancel it for now.

New Business: Susan asked if we could take some of our funeral monies and give \$75 to the Jost family to help with any expenses they may have acquired for our previous member Darlene Jost. We all voted to continue the booklet for 2021. We decided NOT to have a meeting in January 2021. We agreed that we would continue with the pocket change mites on the first Sunday of the month.

Election of Officers: We voted to leave the slate of officers as they are for 2021.

Thank you to all the ladies who stayed after the meeting to clean all the wood in the sanctuary.

Paula Emery closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned.
Acting Secretary,
Jacey Heinlein



Our Christian sympathy to Bob & Penny Hansen & family on the death of Penny’s mother Dorothy Jost on October 28.

Dorothy was an active member of Peace Lutheran, the Rocky Mount Lions Club and the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624.

A graveside service was held at the gravesite on Nov. 6 at Peace Lutheran Cemetery with Pastor Brandt presiding.

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and every-one who lives and believes in me shall never die.” (John 11:25-26)

LWML Christmas Party

All the women of the congregation are invited to attend the LWML Christmas party on Friday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m., in the church fellowship hall. We will be having a carry in “soup and salad” lunch. Come and enjoy the afternoon of fun and fellowship. The sign up poster is in the narthex.

Reminder: Be sure to bring your Christmas stocking.

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) and Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you.

Our Elders

- Bob Mueller (573-286-7735)
- Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446)
- Joe Stauch (573-374-2903)

will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family. To find out which Elder you are assigned to, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Who is a “Nones”?

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do you know somebody who is a “Nones?”

In truth, I didn’t know what a “Nones” was until I read the Dallas news story which spoke of Americans who don’t identify with any religion. The “Nones” get that name because when they’re asked about their religious affiliation they say, “None.” The rest of the article gave the explanations of experts as to why someone might be a “Nones.” One scholar said, “In the news media “Christians” are routinely depicted as narrow-minded bigots bent on keeping out anyone who is the slightest bit different. They are defined by what they are against, not by what they stand for. Love is rarely talked about while judgment is always talked about.” Another said, “Christianity has been used historically as an excuse for pogroms, wars, crusades, Inquisitions, and others terrible things.” Yet another suggested, “over the last 50 years people are finding supportive communities in many forms, from book clubs to rugby clubs, and religion seems not only “outgrown” but unnecessary.” One final expert (that I’m going to share) said, “Religion has done a poor job generally of answering the difficult questions about the mysteries of human existence and the meaning or purpose of life in the face of a world that has lost its imagination.” According to these experts, Christians haven’t done much of anything right. And if they’re right, that’s a shame. Maybe that’s why St. Paul encouraged Timothy (and us) to do our best, to become, by the Holy Spirit’s power, a worker who needs not be ashamed, rightly sharing God’s Word of truth and eternal life. St. Paul was right. All too often, and unfair as it may be, unbelievers judge the Savior by what we His servants do and say. That’s why, as we take seriously the job Jesus has entrusted to us, we need to be good mirrors for our Redeemer, doing our best to accurately reflect the gracious sacrifice of the Savior to those “Nones” who constantly are looking for reasons not to need or believe in Him.

The Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, for the sacrifice You have made, I give thanks. Now may I, in word and action, show to the “Nones” the wonders of the salvation Your life, death, and resurrection have given. In Your Name. Amen.

(from Pr. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of The Lutheran Hour



Apologetics (Ten reasons we can believe that the New Testament is true.)

Reason #8 - The New Testament (NT) authors challenge their readers to verify their claims. Some of the claims of accuracy include Luke’s overt declaration to Theophilus (Luke 1:1-4); Peter’s testimony that they “did not follow cleverly devised tales but were eyewitnesses”; Paul’s brave pronouncements to Festus and King Agrippa (Acts 26) and statement of an early creed that mentioned 500 eyewitnesses of the risen Christ (1 Cor. 15). Also Paul makes another claim to the Corinthians that attest to the truth of his preaching: that he had performed miracles to them (2 Cor. 12:12). He tells them, “The things that mark an apostle – signs, wonders and miracles – were done among you with great perseverance.” If he actually had not done those miracles, he would have destroyed his credibility among them. The only real conclusion is that Paul really did them and was a true apostle.



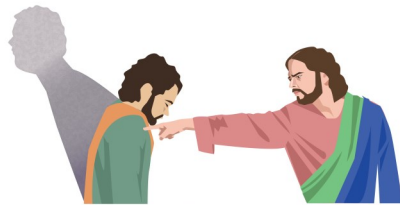
Next month: Reason #9

The events the New Testament (NT) authors describe are treated as actual historic happenings.

(excerpts are from I Don’t Have The Faith To Be An Atheist by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek and Reasons To Believe by Dr. Craig Parton).

Every One His Witness

And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before Him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For He was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit."



JESUS CASTS OUT AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT

(Mark 5:6-10)

Witnessing is about Jesus wanting “to have to do with” broken people. It’s about Jesus “having to do with” us. That Jesus would want to have to do with us comes as a surprise—as it should. We have rebelled against Him. It’s our fault that our spiritual condition is horrible and hopeless. All the pain, suffering, and death in the world is what we deserve, and worse, by our sin we deserve God’s judgment, condemnation, and eternal suffering. In order to come to us, Jesus had to empty himself of his glory, power, and majesty to enter into our sin-filled world. In order to help us, He had to endure the judgment, condemnation and death that we deserve. Why would Jesus want anything to do with us? In Mark 5, Jesus sought out the man banished to suffer in the tombs of the Gerasenes, and came to him to bring him relief, set him free from spiritual bondage, to give him a new life. Though the man didn’t deserve it, Jesus demonstrated His great love and compassion. Jesus wanted to come to this broken, pathetic, and hopeless man and give him what he so desperately needed but didn’t deserve. And the man’s surprised response is, “What have You to do with me, Jesus?” Jesus still comes to people. **While he comes to us to address our need, He does not come to us because of our great need, but because of His great love and compassion.** It’s not about us and our brokenness but about His mercy and grace. Jesus wants to have to do with broken people and He comes to them through His witnesses—witnesses who speak the life-giving Word to the broken and hopeless in their everyday lives.

Have you ever tried to tell someone about Jesus but found it difficult to do so? The Every One His Witness program (EOHW www.eohw.org), prepared for the LCMS by Pr. Mark Wood, is an evangelism course that churches and schools are using to teach effective ways on how to speak to others about Jesus using the LASSIE approach: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, and Encourage. The newsletter evangelism columns beginning with the Feb 2019 newsletter provides the essentials of the course giving the tools that will help in speaking to others of Jesus. The newsletters are posted on the church website at www.plccamdenton.org (and while you’re there, please visit the Facebook page)

The Christmas Story You Thought You Knew, Scripture or Pop Culture?

Test your knowledge to these true or false questions.

1. T or F Jesus was born on December 25?
2. T or F On the night Jesus was born, a star shone to mark the place?
3. T or F We don’t know how many wise men there were?
4. T or F Mary and Joseph were turned away from the inn?
5. T or F Jesus was born sometime between 6 B.C. and 4 B.C.?

Answers to the Christmas Quiz

1. **False** - While December 25 is the traditional date to celebrate Christ’s birth in the Western church, it’s more likely that Jesus was born in the spring (during lambing season, when shepherds would have been watching their flocks by night on the hillsides). So how did we get to December 25? It may have been an attempt by the church to create a holiday during the dark midwinter. More likely, however, it’s counting forward nine months from March 25, the traditional date of Christ’s crucifixion (an old tradition held that Christ was conceived and crucified on the same day of the year).
2. **False** - The Bible does not mention a star shining on the night Jesus was born. The star is first mentioned in relation to the Wise Men, who may have arrived as much as two years after Jesus’ actual birth. While it’s possible the star was there, the angels did not mention it to the shepherds as a sign to look for; they were told to look for a child in a manger.
3. **True** - Nearly every Nativity set comes with three Wise Men (even though the actual Wise Men didn’t arrive until well after Christ’s birth). Over the years, they’ve been given names, nationalities, and stories of their own. But in reality, the Bible simply says that Jesus was visited by a group of Wise Men. The tradition of three comes from the three gifts they brought: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Maybe there were actually eight, ten, or even more!
4. **False** - While the mean innkeeper is a fixture of Nativity plays, the Greek word *kataluma* is better translated as “the place where they were staying” rather than “the inn.” Joseph is more likely to have looked for a place to stay with relatives. With the town full for the census, you can imagine those relatives squeezing them in to any small space available—a space not large enough to have a baby. So Mary probably gave birth in the main room of a relative’s home, a place where domestic animals would be brought in at night for safety and warmth—hence the manger.
5. **True** - Since B.C. stands for “Before Christ” and A.D. stands for “Anno Domini,” “in the year of our Lord,” it seems obvious that Jesus would be born in 0 A.D. But the date of 0 A.D. is based on an early miscalculation. We

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5. True - Since B.C. stands for “Before Christ” and A.D. stands for “Anno Domini,” “in the year of our Lord,” it seems obvious that Jesus would be born in 0 A.D. But the date of 0 A.D. is based on an early miscalculation. We know that Herod the Great, who plays such a role in the Christmas story, died around 4 B.C., giving us the last possible year in which Jesus could have been born (dates B.C. are counted backwards, so 6 B.C. comes before 4 B.C.).

from Lutheran Hour Ministries



Feasting on God’s Word

Christmas is coming. It is a joyous time of feasting. The Church feasts upon the Word of God in sermon, song, and sacrament.

We hear the proclamation of the message of the angels: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11). We mingle our voices with theirs as we sing, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased” (Luke 2:14)! We receive the proclaimed Savior, Christ the Lord, not wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manger but wrapped in bread and wine placed into our mouths for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We feast in great joy indeed because of this great blessing from our Lord and God.

God’s people in ancient Israel also feasted with great joy. The Lord showered His abundant blessing on His people. And He commanded them to feast upon it (Deuteronomy 16). The people were to go to the place appointed, where the Lord would make His name dwell, and give offerings, each man as he was able, according to the blessing of the Lord that He had given them (Deut. 16:10, 15, 17).

And there the Lord would bless them with joy as they feasted upon what the Lord had provided. They ate of the choice parts of their offerings. They enjoyed the company of all the people of God as they together heard His promises of blessing, sang of His bountiful goodness, and partook of what He gave.

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We feast on the Word who became flesh to dwell among us, not just during Christmas but throughout all the year. We feast not just on the salvation He has wrought for us in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, but we feast also on all the temporal blessings that God gives out of His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We enjoy the rich bounty that God provides, not only in Word and Sacrament, but also in house and home, property and income, family and friends.



Let us then, as did our brothers in the faith from ancient Israel, give as we are able, according to the blessing of the Lord our God that He has given us. Let us, like them, give generously of the first fruits of our income, which He gives, so that all may know and enjoy the salvation He gives and the joy we have in the Savior born in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord.

from the LCMS website

Email Address

If you know of someone who would like to receive our newsletter via email, please provide your email address to the church office or to Sheryl Bald. The newsletters are also posted on our church website if you do not want to provide an email address.

True Hospitality

A 7-year-old boy was chosen to be the innkeeper in the Christmas program. When Joseph and Mary approached him, looking for shelter in Bethlehem, he simply had to say there was no room.

The kindhearted boy tried to take the sting out of the situation, however. “I don’t have room for you in the hotel,” he said. “But I’d love to have you come in for milk and cookies.”



Servants of God for December

Elder: Joe Stauch
Altar Guild: Diane Borgmann and Dawn Hedberg
December 6
Organist: Pastor Gary Brandt
Ushers: Robert Hansen, Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels, Mark Riemann
Flowers: Bob & Penny Hansen and family in honor of Al Jost birthday (Penny's father)
Counters: Joe & Vicki Stauch
December 13
Organist: Diana Schwab
Ushers: Earl Hartenstein, Shelia Hartenstein, Jeff Emery, Paula Emery
Counters: Bob & Diane Borgmann
December 20
Organist: none
Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Sheryl Bald, Diane Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Rodney Schulz
Counters: Mic Carlson
Flowers: Poinsettias
December 27
Organist: Diana Schwab
Ushers: Jeff Hedberg, Dawn Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz
Flowers: Poinsettias
Counters: Ed & Jacey Heinlein

December Worship Schedule

December 2 **Advent Service 6 p.m.**
Pastor Gary Brandt
December 6 **Second Sunday in Advent**
Presiding Pastor: Pastor Richard Anderegg
Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service 1, Nicene Creed
Hymns: 343 (1-2), 344, 617, 343 (3-5)
December 9 **Advent Service 6 p.m.**
Pastor Gary Brandt
December 13 **Third Sunday in Advent**
Presiding Pastor: Pastor Gary Brandt
Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed
Hymns: 341 (1-3), 349, 352, 341 (4-5)
December 16 **Advent Service 6 p.m.**
Pastor Gary Brandt
December 20 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
Presiding Pastor: Pastor Richard Anderegg
Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed
Hymns: 357 (1-4), 359, 368, 357 (5-7)
December 24 **Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m.**
December 27 **First Sunday After Christmas**
Presiding Pastor: Pastor Gary Brandt
Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed
Hymns: 379, 376, 380, 368

Council Meeting November 10

Vice President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer. The following board members were present: Pastor Brandt, Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Susan Kral, Rita Riemann, Vicki Stauch, Bob Mueller, Diane Borgmann, Bob Borgmann, and Carol Murrell. Absent: Pastor Anderegg, Dawn Hedberg, Russell Schulz and Chuck Kral. The minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Vicki presented her report. Giving has increased from 2019. The report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Rita presented her report. The report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Bob Mueller presented the report.

- Our membership consists of 74 baptized with 65 of those confirmed.
- Weekly attendance is down.
- A letter will be going out to the congregation regarding the providing of Christmas gifts for the Lewis children.
- Pastor Brandt has signed a contract for 2021.
- Adjustments were made to the elder's contact lists.

The report was accepted and approved.

Ushers: Bob Borgmann mentioned that the doorbell is not chiming when the door opens. Mark Riemann will be asked to look at the wiring. Bob would like to have the office doors locked during services. His report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: Carol Murrell had no report.

Trustees: Susan presented Chuck Kral's report.

- Jeff Emery and Chuck have mowed the grounds.
- Chuck picked up downed limbs.
- He placed cones and tape in the lot to block the area where the tree that loses limbs is.
- He spoke with Koviak Tree Service. They haven't forgotten us. Inclement weather has put them behind. Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

Education: No report

Evangelism: Susan presented Russell's report.

- Russell was unable to schedule a Life Line Screening in March of 2021. All March dates were taken. He's waiting to hear if a summer date is available.
- He is using materials from Lutheran Hour Ministries for our newsletter articles.
- Russell's report was approved and accepted.

Stewardship: No report

Cemetery: Diane Borgmann reported the following.

- The Darlene Jost funeral and burial was held on November 6, 2020.
- The cemetery checking account balance as of 11-1-20 was \$2,525.21
- The cemetery CD balance is \$20,671.93

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- Bob Mueller's son is making flower holders for cemetery plots
- The soaker hose for cemetery flower beds will be replaced in the spring.
- She suggested that a portable microphone be purchased for services held at the cemetery.

Her report was approved and accepted.

Pastors Reports: Pastor Brandt reported the following.

- He attended the circuit pastor's conference in Versailles on November 10. He led the Bible study.
- The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 6 PM.
- Advent services will be held on December 2, 9, and 16 at 6 PM.
- The Christmas Eve service will be held at 6 PM.

His report was accepted and approved.

Old Business: President Mic Carlson reported the following:

- The programming of the carillons is partially completed.
- The State of Missouri forms to make our cemetery a perpetual cemetery under state guidelines need to be completed.
- The Planning/Finance Committee met prior to the board meeting. Survey results were reviewed. A special Voters Meeting will be held in December to discuss and approve survey results.
- We shall continue to seek ways to stream our worship services to homebound and through Facebook. If anyone knows of someone who can help with selecting and setting up the needed equipment please let Mic know.
- Pastor Brandt and Diana Schwab have both declined to accept payment for playing the organ. We thank the both for sharing their talent with us.

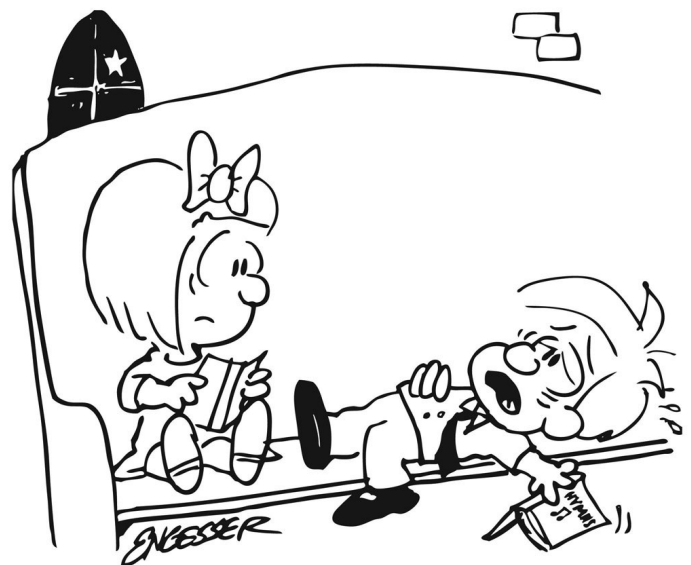
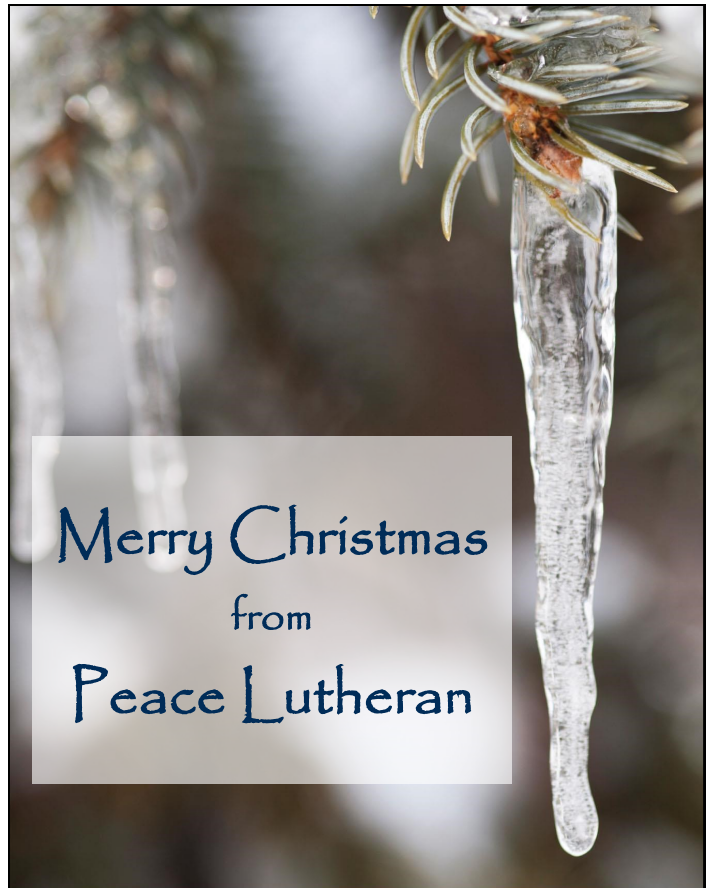
New Business: President Mic Carlson reported the following:

- The October audit is completed & will be reviewed.
- As mentioned previously, a request for donations for Christmas gifts for Lilyan and Tristan Lewis will be made. Any money in excess of \$300.00 will be placed in the Lewis Children Fund which currently has \$650.00.
- Newly elected officers and directors will be asked to attend the December Council Meeting.
- Recorded membership was reviewed and reported to synod.
- Bob Borgmann requested that two additional handicapped parking signs be installed. Susan will ask Chuck to take care of that.
- Bob Borgmann would like to see the cracks in the parking lot be repaired. Chuck will ask Mark Riemann to find someone to take care of it.

Mic's reports were accepted and approved.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor Brandt led the board in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, *Secretary*



"That last 'Glo-ooo-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-ooria' about did me in."

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Advent Service 6 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Worship 9 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m. Mites Sunday	7 Elder's Mtg 9:30 a.m.	8 Bob Brouillette	9 Advent Service 6 p.m. Abby Schaumburg Nicole Weston	10	11 LWML Christmas Party 11:30 a.m. Blake Johnston	12
13 Worship 9 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m.	14 No LWML Meeting Bob & Penny Hansen	15 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	16 Advent Service 6 p.m. Bob Mueller	17	18	19 Judy Janssen
20 Worship 9 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m. Makenzie Sosnowski	21 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m. 	22	23	24  Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m.	25  <i>Christmas Day</i>	26
27 Worship 9 a.m. BS 10:30 a.m.	28 Casey Schaumburg	29	30 Colton Parkhurst	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 		

