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News from Peace!



JANUARY
2021

The Work of the Spirit

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- Isaiah 41:10*

As I sit and reflect on how Peace Lutheran has been the Church over the course of the past 11 months, I stand in awe of our incredible, powerful, and loving God. I also stand in awe of you all, the body of Christ, as you adapt and follow the Spirit and your call within this family of faith. THANK YOU for allowing God to work through you and through this church to truly be the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

I give so much thanks and praise for all these ways (and more!) in which God has strengthened us, helped us and upheld us for the sake of His Kingdom this year:

- ◆ The Intern Program is back!! We have welcomed Intern Pastor Ben Nelson and God continues to use Peace Lutheran to raise up new pastors. Pastor Ben has shared with us his welcomed energy, insightful preaching and teaching, and new relationships.
- ◆ We have provided two “to-go” style meals to our community. We served around 300 community members, friends and neighbors at each event. The donations and gifts that you all gave to make these meals possible were far more than we ever expected!! (We are already planning our next one!)
- ◆ Peace Lutheran became a “digital” church literally overnight. We rallied and made it possible to continue to worship with our church family when we couldn’t meet in person. Furthermore, we have continued to grow and thrive in our online presence!! We have added Tammy as a staff member to keep up with the ongoing demands on our online ministry and God continues to do great things through Tammy and this form of worship!
- ◆ We have experienced new ways of reaching out to our members and engaging in ministry. Our council members have reached out via phone to check in on families, we have handed out Advent Bags to many, and the youth are engaging in Confirmation and Youth Group through at-home activities, Zoom Classes, and take-home kits, we honored graduating seniors online and through at-home celebration kits, and we continue to find joy in celebrating with each other when we celebrate and grieving and praying together when we mourn. Our faith family has continued to be strengthened and blessed.
- ◆ Our partnership with Little Saints Daycare continues to be strong and fruitful. We are blessed to share a building with the loving and caring staff and leadership of Little Saints, as well as the families who attend.
- ◆ Our building continues to be cared for and loved. We completed fundraising for our siding project (and it looks great!!), installed new screens in the sanctuary, and have relocated the TV’s from the sanctuary around the building to be used for ministry purposes in many great ways.
- ◆ Ministry groups have created and provided numerous quilts, little dresses, prayer shawls, baptismal quilts, blessing baskets, cards and meals to be given to people as an act of love.

And the list goes on. Join me in taking some time this year to be proud of all we have done as a church as we are grateful that God continues to lead us and guide us during otherwise hard times. God is faithful as we live into His promises, and for that I give thanks.

Happy New Year! I am excited to see where and how God will lead us next.

~ Pastor Melissa

JANUARY 17th at Peace Two Events for Sunday School Youth!

MILESTONE MINISTRY

During our 9:15 am* Worship

PLC Kindergarten students
will each receive a

*** Prayer Pillow ***

and a Take Home Bag with
Prayer activities for the
entire family

**Note time change from the
letter you received.*



Join us!

Sunday School Families

We will be opening the church for In Person-In the Building Worship beginning January 17th. At that time we will not be having "regular" Sunday School classes but will instead offer a monthly event for Sunday School children.

Please watch for updates on these events in upcoming newsletters and emails.

FAMILY



For kids PreK—6th Grade
and their families!

Join us at 10:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall for a
fun game of Bingo-
complete with prizes!

High School Youth Programming Updates

Youth continue to be involved and engaged even while we are "gathering" online and at-home!! We will continue to "gather" and experience God and faith in creative ways during the month of January.

7th -8th Grade Confirmation -

Confirmation Students will continue to meet online via Zoom for Confirmation Classes each Wednesday evening with Intern Pastor Ben.

9th Grade Confirmation-

Continue working towards completing your credits for Peace University! We have had a great online turn out for our Zoom Youth Group Weeks! Remember the Sunday Morning options too and make sure to sign up on the Google Doc at least a week in advance. Lots of great Elective courses coming up too! You will be notified via the Remind App for weekly happenings and opportunities.

Confirmation Students & Mentors Notice:

Due to the continued threat of Covid-19 in our area, Confirmation students will not be meeting with individual mentors this year during the season of Lent.

10th - 12th Grade -

Every other week we will continue to meet for YOUTH GROUP and we have lots of fun and creative things planned for our "off site/Distanced" weeks (opposite of Youth Group Weeks). Make sure you receive the REMIND texts to keep up with each week's plans (send a text to 81010 and text this message: @plcyouth), and follow our instagram page (@plcdresseryouth) as well!

DID YOU KNOW.... PLC YOUTH are on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM!

- * Check us out on facebook: [facebook.com/peace.youth1/](https://www.facebook.com/peace.youth1/)
- * Follow us on Instagram: [Plcdresseryouth](https://www.instagram.com/plcdresseryouth)

PIZZA Fundraiser coming soon!

Ordering info will be in upcoming emails. Proceeds support the Youth Mission Trips.



**2021 Summer Mission Trip to Idaho (9th - 12th Grade)
Dates: June 18-27, 2021**

All participants have been added to the Remind Text Group as well as an email group. Watch soon for upcoming fundraising opportunities and events.

Contact Pastor Melissa if you have questions or would like more information!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Online Worship	4 7:00 pm Internship Mtg	5 9:00 am Staff Mtg	6	7 7pm-AA	8	9
10 Online Worship	11 7:00pm Education Ministry Mtg	12 Staff out of building- planning day	13 8:00pm Youth Ministry Mtg	14 7pm-AA	15	16
17 9:15 am In-Person Worship 10:00 am BINGO for SS families in Fellowship Hall	18	19 9:00 am Staff Mtg	20	21 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	22	23
24 9:15 am In-Person Worship	25	26 9:00 am Staff Mtg	27 7:00 pm HS Youth Group	28 7pm-AA	29	30
31 9:15 am In-Person Worship 10:00 am Congre- gational Mtg. ←			Join us in person or online via Zoom for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 31st at 10:00 am. A meeting link for Zoom will be emailed by January 28th.			

9:15 am Services—Usher/Lay Reader Schedule

	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>
January 17th	Dick Blattner	Dawn Peer
January 24th	Paul Lindholm	Jan Museus
January 31st	Steve & Karrie Swenson	Karrie Swenson
February 7th	Tom & Linda Moore	Pat Adam
February 14th	Chris Chinander	Claire Chinander
February 21st	Dawn Peer	Michele Merritt
February 28th	Mark Gjovig	Maria Gjovig

PARISH NURSE NOTES

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we continue to long for the familiar to hold and hug, commune and connect, let's not forget that there is a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel (in the form of a vaccine.) However, we still need to hang in there with the mask wearing, hand washing and physical distancing as we go about our days. It's incredibly tough at times and we're all so tired of this! But let's nurture this hope we have as a community, supporting each other as best we can. The hope of what's to come in 2021.

Did you know there's a free service called **211 St. Croix Valley** that provides confidential information and referrals to area programs for anyone needing help in a variety of ways? When you need assistance and don't know where to turn, **dial 2-1-1** to speak to a representative about *local* resources regarding food, housing, utility assistance, elder care, alcohol recovery and much more. 211 St. Croix Valley is also working closely with local and state health officials to provide accurate answers to your questions about COVID-19.

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month. Glaucoma is an eye disease that is the second leading cause of blindness around the world. It's typically caused by abnormally high pressure inside one's eye. Over time the increased pressure can erode the optic nerve tissue and lead to vision loss. The most common symptom of primary glaucoma is gradual vision loss, whereas the more acute type is a medical emergency. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Severe eye pain
- Sudden blurred vision
- Seeing colored rings around lights
- Nausea and/or vomiting

Those at risk for getting glaucoma include: people over 60 years old; those with a family history; people with high blood pressure, heart disease and/or diabetes; those with chronic eye problems or a history of trauma to the eye; and those having used certain medications for long time. Glaucoma can't be prevented, but it's important to catch it early so you can begin treatment that will keep it from getting worse. Treatment usually starts with prescription eye drops or pills to lower eye pressure. More serious and acute cases may require surgery to drain off fluid causing increased pressure. So don't delay - make an appointment with an optometrist for a comprehensive eye exam that includes glaucoma screening today.

Walking has many great benefits including but not limited to strengthening your bones and muscles, improving your balance and coordination, preventing or helping to manage high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes along with improving your mood. You are welcome to come and walk in our church building where it is quiet and out of the elements. The building is open Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm and later on Weds.

Please pray for a year of healing and grace for us as individuals, as a country and as a world,

Karen

December Drive Thru



Chili Feed



Outdoor Services on
Christmas Eve

OTHER NEWS

Peace Lutheran's Little Bitty

Book Club

PASTORAL DUTIES:

Nov. 28th: Private funeral for Harry Johns

Dec. 4th: Graveside service for Chuck Siltberg

Dec. 27th: Baptism of Edison James,
son of Brandt & Kim Elkin

Dec. 31st: Private funeral for Bob Larsen

Jan. 3rd: Baptism of Delaney Michelle,
daughter of Trevor & Heather Carlson

All Peace children ages infant-3yrs are included in our Bitty Book Bunch! We are taking the month of January off and will resume again in February.

Help Wanted: Church Custodian
20 hours per week, \$15.50 per hour,
detailed job description available by
contacting the office.

This month we would like to say a **BIG Thank You to:**

- ◆ Brandon Whittaker for putting the big star on the bell tower
- ◆ Those who donated “extra” money to be used for people in need in our church family and community
- ◆ Bill & Pat Lones for their extra help in the office and picking up the Christmas music cd's in the cities
- ◆ Members who donated food, supplies and money to make the Drive-Thru Chili Feed a big success! We served over 300 families!
- ◆ Tim & Karen (Fossum) White for making the delicious chili and Council Members for their help with set up, serving and clean up
- ◆ Thank you to Sue DeMenge for the lighted nativity and advent wreath in memory of Art Everson
- ◆ Pat Adam for the outdoor lighted angel
- ◆ Fatboy & Larry Carlson for the bonfire pits & keeping the fires going
- ◆ Jim & Diane Lechman for the bonfire wood
- ◆ Lori Kromrey for the poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for December recordings
- ◆ the accompanists, singers, pastors, lay reader, media director and those who sent in Christmas greetings, for their part in the wonderful Christmas online service
- ◆ Carol Rhoe for continuing to minister to the senior citizens in our church family with devotions and phone calls

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources, so that each person’s need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God.”

Acts 2: 44-47a, The Bible in Contemporary Language

This description of the lives of early Christian believers is loaded with feelings of joyous and generous giving. These first century church members took the apostles’ preaching to heart, and put it into action in their daily lives.

We, too, have opportunities to practice the sort of stewardship of our resources that results in this same sort of joyful living. As we make decisions about how to manage our time, talent, and treasure in 2021, may we focus on God’s calling for us and follow these believers’ example, so that, as Luke writes in the next verses, “People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.”

See you next month!

The Mission of the Stewardship Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church is to educate all Peace members about God’s Scriptural teachings regarding stewardship; namely, that our lives and our property belong to God, and that our grateful response should include generously, intentionally, proportionately,

Note: the 2021 Giving Envelopes are here. They are located in the Narthex and you may stop in and pick yours up during the week or when you attend worship. Please take any envelope packet—we do not use the numbers on the envelopes to enter giving. Always write your name on the envelope if you are giving cash.

All benevolences and bills for 2020 were paid in full by Dec. 31, 2020.
Thank you for your continued support of Peace!!

AUTOMATIC GIVING OPTIONS:

- Contact your bank to set up automatic payments to Peace.
- Complete a Simply Giving form found at the Welcome Center.
- Use the GIVE+ Phone App

GIVE+ Phone App:

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" and download for FREE!

- 1) Search for & select Peace Lutheran Church, Dresser, WI
- 2) Tap Donate Now and follow prompts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



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|------|--|------|--|
| 1st | Jerry Succo
Sam Schiebel | 17th | Shirley Sims
Heidi Tomforde
Kevin Western
Amy Sheehan |
| 2nd | Jim Lechman
Brandon Robinson | 18th | Jodi Swenson
Kayla Rondeau
Dylan Haase |
| 3rd | Ann Moryn | 19th | Jamie Tinney |
| 4th | Matt Adam
Debbie Museus | 20th | Lillie Strege
Megan Hendrickson |
| 5th | Tom Reeck | 21st | Miranda Hartman
Brody Williams |
| 6th | Kaija Newman
Emilie Glenna | 22nd | Rebecca Berg
Paige Ellefson |
| 10th | Rick Jones | 23rd | Dorothy Lindholm |
| 11th | Trevor Scholz
Mickey Raska
Erin Swiontek | 24th | BettyLou Chryst
Emily Tebben
Jackson Brown |
| 12th | Tenley Dvorak
Anne Prokop
Riley Koosman | 25th | Jason Swanson
Brandon Whittaker |
| 13th | Virgil Koehler
Bill Tunison
Noah Larson | 26th | Paul Arndt |
| 14th | Coby Halstrom
Donya Fehlen | 28th | Julie Leisch |
| 15th | Lynn Lindholm | 29th | Drew Willeman |
| 16th | Pat Carlson
Ashley Roytek | 30th | Heidi Schrock
Mitchell Steele |
| | | 31st | Lisa Richert
Cade Rysdam |

Birthdays Blessings Dorothy!

On January 23rd, Dorothy Lindholm, a member of Peace will celebrate her 95th birthday. Because Covid restricts our ability to greet her in person, we would like to surprise Dorothy with lots of birthday cards from our family at Peace. Please send your greetings to: Dorothy Lindholm, PO Box 99, Osceola, WI 54020

Peace Prayer List

-this month we especially prayed for:

Gwen Anderson (Rosella Geving's niece)
Dorothy Bishop
Sue DeMenge
Cheryl DeMenge (Tim DeMenge's sister in law)
Doug & Mary Gandrud (Lisa Haines' parents)
Chris Gilchrist (Dale & Carol Rhoe's son)
Presley & Alexa Hall (nieces of Jeff & Melissa Hall)
Julie Hendrickson (Trina Hendrickson's sister)
Sharon Johnson (Danielle Nelson's aunt)
Sidney Johnson (Peter Ward's grandfather)
Jim Kirby
Virgil Koehler
Chris Larson
Chris Nelson (Craig Nelson's brother)
Mary Nelson (Craig Nelson's mother)
Ken Peterson (friend of Dick & Rosella Geving's)
Kylie Peterson (Peggy Basham's niece)
Barb Plumley (Ilene Chapman's daughter)
Kathy Shannon (Robi Hollman's mother)
Wendy Sherrard (Sue DeMenge's niece)
Adrian Smith (great nephew of Tim DeMenge)
Kayla Stankowski
Joel Wigstadt (Kathy Clark's nephew)
Jim Wynne, Jr. (Dallas Wynne's cousin)
Serving in the Military: Collin Western

Family of Harry Johns
Family of Chuck Siltberg
Family of Harold Bishop (Mary Cotch's father)
Family of Ramona Paulson
Family of Bob Larsen



Kinship of Polk County: Seeking Mentors



“And he said to them, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39

No matter who we are or where we live, there are people nearby who need our love. After a very difficult year, the needs of many youth and their families have increased. Kinship of Polk County is on mission to help create the support and relationship building between those struggling families and people who can reach in, give HOPE and provide support.

As a youth mentoring program, Kinship is looking for individuals, couples and/or families who are willing to mentor a young person for a minimum of one year, meeting 3-4X per month. If you know of families who need support or you are in a position to support, please visit www.polkkinship.org or call 715.405.3900.



We are opening for In Person-In the Building Worship!
Sundays at 9:15 am beginning January 17th
(one service in the Sanctuary)

As stated above, please wear a mask and seating will be marked for social distancing. Family units may sit together.

The worship services will be 1/2 hr and consist of
Confession, Prayers, Music, & Message.

We've missed you!

Notice:

PLC Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st at 10:00 am. A link for Zoom will be emailed out on Jan. 28th for those who wish to join in from home.

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