



News of Peace

December 2018

Dates to Remember

Dec. 1	Church Decorating	9:00 am
Dec. 2	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Dec. 5	Advent Service	5:00 pm
Dec. 6	Church Christmas Party	5:30 pm
Dec. 9	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Dec. 10	Elder's Mtg.	9:00 am
Dec. 11	Council Mtg.	6:30 pm
Dec. 13	Christmas Party	1:00 pm
	Sponsored by LWML	
Dec. 16	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Dec. 17	Newsletter Deadline	9:00 am
Dec. 23	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	5:00 pm
Dec. 30	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am

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A MESSAGE FROM Our CHURCH PRESIDENT

The Christmas season is upon us, hardly seems possible.

I thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for bringing us through these past nearly six months. We have much to be thankful for during this celebration of his birth.

From my perspective, it has been good to see everyone circle the wagons and proceed forward with regular services and a renewed commitment to Peace. Think about it, we lost our Pastor, and we have had only one family transfer to another church. That in and of itself has been remarkable.

Our Circuit Counselor and District Office have helped us establish a rather regular rotation of retired pastors to provide our weekly worship. From what most of you have told me, you are enjoying these retired ministers and the services they have provided. Each of them bring a comfortable *Lutheran service and sermon* to us each Sunday. We have been blessed.

It is also good to see how the congregation and these pastors react to each other, before, during and after our services. It is certainly nice to have these pastors mingle with us, and get to know us. It is a comfortable setting that we have not had for quite some time. We have started our Congregational Survey, with a few bumps in the road. You will get emails helping you through the pitfalls we

have discovered. Hopefully everyone will participate and we will get your input. At one of our Call Committee Meetings with our Circuit Counselor and District representative, I was very interested to hear him say that the District President utilizes the survey information when he is putting together a list of Pastors for a church to consider. Your input is important!

A special thanks to our member who issued the challenge to the congregation for donations to fund paying for the replacement HVAC unit. That member ended up contributing \$4,000. The initial \$1,000 and the \$3,000 to match the \$3,000 the balance the congregation contributed.

A special thanks to the members who met the challenge and donated \$3,923 to the HVAC replacement Challenge that was issued. Together, challenger and challenged we raised \$7,923. Remember any funds we do not use will be placed in a newly established Depreciation Fund for future replacement needs.

A special thanks to all of you for all you do, and for making this the friendly church in the woods.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mic Carlson

Newsletter DEADLINE

The **deadline** for the **January 2019 newsletter** is **Monday, Dec. 17 at 9 am**. When you have an article, or any information to submit, please email it to plccamdenton@gmail.com. You may also email the information to Sheryl at countrygalsf@gmail.com



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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."

News Clips



Advent Services

Wed., Dec. 5, Dec. 12,

Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m.



Lee Benson, Greg and Mary Cordry, Norma Flenker, Jolene Feeler, Jim Janssen, Marge Lankin, Bob Mueller, Dale Murrell, Barb Powell, Don and Barb Schmidt, Russell Schulz, Shirley Truelove, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peace-makers and protectors and their families, those traveling, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.



Christmas Party

Everyone in the church is invited to the annual Christmas Party on **Thurs., Dec. 6** in the church fellowship hall starting at 5:30 pm. The menu for the meal is pulled pork, chopped brisket, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, dessert and a drink for \$8.00. (Pay at the door.) We will have games, bingo and caroling. Come join us for some good food and great fellowship. We are not having it catered now so if any of you would still like to come, sign the sheet in the narthex and we will accommodate you.



Salad Luncheon Sponsored by LWML

All ladies of the congregation (and any guest(s) you would like to bring) are invited to attend the LWML Christmas salad luncheon on **Thurs., Dec. 13** beginning at **1:00 pm**. It will be held in our fellowship hall. Please bring a salad to share and a wrapped white elephant gift. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Hope you can join us!

O come,
O come,
Emmanuel



Christmas Eve Service

Monday,
December 24
5 p.m.



Lee Benson, Greg and Mary Cordry, Norma Flenker, Jolene Feeler, Jim Janssen, Marge Lankin, Bob Mueller, Dale Murrell, Barb Powell, Don and Barb Schmidt, Russell Schulz, Shirley Truelove, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peace-makers and protectors and their families, those traveling, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. Birthdays

- 9 Abby Schaumburg
- 9 Nicole Weston
- 11 Blake Johnston
- 16 Bob Mueller
- 19 Judy Janssen
- 22 Makenzie Parkhurst
- 28 Kasey Scaumburg
- 30 Coltn Parkhurst



Dec. Wedding Anniversaries

- 17 Bob and Penny Hansen

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or not listed, please contact the office so that we can correct the information in Shepherd's Staff. Thank you!!!



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Russell Schulz, *evangelism chairman* and Sheryl Bald have been working a couple of hours each week to make our website a more useful tool for Peace. There has been a learning process as they work with "GoDaddy" technical support, along with a significant amount of trial and error. Thus far they have updated information about the church and its location, and in coming weeks will be looking to interface the website with our Facebook page and find ways to include our monthly newsletter as well as other information. This will be a long process, but they have made great progress.

As you think about our website you may want to let either Russ or Sheryl know what kind of things you might like to see on our website and Facebook page.

Bible Quiz

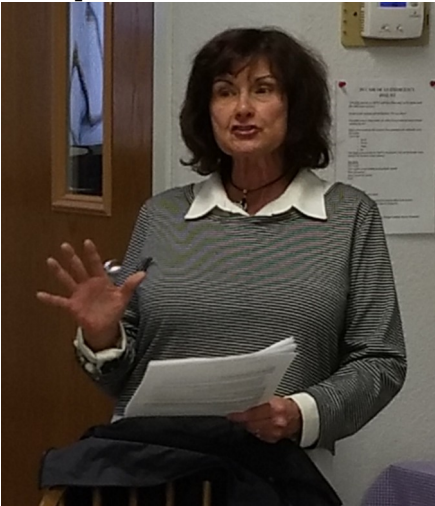
After Mary learned she was pregnant with God's Son, what relative — also miraculously pregnant — did she go visit?

- A. Esther
- B. Elizabeth
- C. Anne
- D. Anna



Last month's Bible quiz answer is A, B, D. John 4:4-7ff

Trip to Israel



Susan gave a wonderful presentation about her recent trip to Israel for Bible class.

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, has a birth announcement or have experienced a death in the family, please call one of our Elders Bob Mueller, Earl Hartenstein or Dale Murrell, so we are aware of the information, as privacy laws limit the information hospitals can share with us. If we know you are in the hospital, our Elders will contact one of the lake area pastors for a visit.

Heavenly Humor

“God warned a man named Lot to take his wife and flee out of the city,” said the Sunday school teacher, “but Lot’s wife looked back and was turned to salt.”

A curious boy then asked, “What happened to the flea?”

“The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.”

—Martin Luther

The Organist

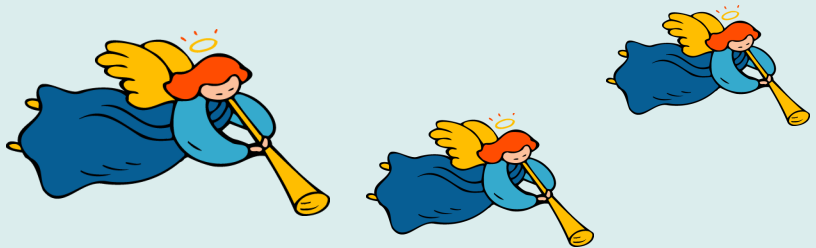
The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was out and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. “Here’s a copy of the service,” he said impatiently, “But you’ll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.”

During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.”

At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star-Spangled Banner.” And that is how the substitute became the regular.

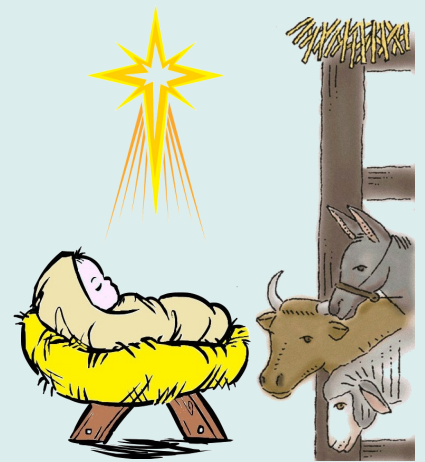
From godslittleacre.net



Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

- Martin Luther

Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed 2019!



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Minutes from November 14 Mtg

The meeting was called to order by Jaccy Heilein. A poem titled “Dusty Bible” was read. Seven people answered roll call with a Bible verse using the word “blessing.”

The minutes and treasurer report was reviewed and approved. The majority of the dues have been collected. Ten Quarterly magazines will be ordered. Mites and offering was gathered.

A thank you card was received and read.

Cathie Mueller finished her Bible study on angels. It was a very interesting study, thank you Cathie.

Cathie provided the mites’ devotion called “The Organist.”

The blankets were delivered to the Methodist church in Jefferson City. They will be distributed to the hospitals.

Jaccy also reminded us to bring our Christmas stocking to the December Christmas party. The monies will be sent to “Smile Train.”

It was decided to have a drawing for the month you are to host and have the Bible study for 2019.

We discussed several ways to use some of the general funds money.

After the business meeting, we put 20 hygiene kits together for the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter in Camdenton.

The LWML will sponsor a Christmas Salad Luncheon on Thursday, December 13 at 1 p.m. A signup sheet will be located in the narthex for those who plan to attend. We thank Carol and Paula for all of their hard work in planning the party. There will be a white elephant exchange. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

The meeting was adjourned with the common table prayer. Thank you Cathie for hosting.

Afghans for Angels Project

The LWML ladies and friends made 81 afghans/blankets and 191 caps for **Afghans for Angels** this year which were delivered on October 28th to Jefferson City. They will be divided and sent to hospitals with NICU departments all over the state of Missouri. Our ladies have been making **Afghans for Angels** since 2006. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work every year.



The ladies gathered to put together 20 personal hygiene kits for the homeless shelter in Camdenton. Thrivent monies were used to purchase the supplies for the kits.

Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Ministries



Jessy Comfort Dog was the guest at the fall LWML Rally at Trinity, Clinton.

Jessy was born November 11, 2012. She loves to play ball, run and loves hugs! Her Bible verse is Psalm 28:6, *Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy.*

Jessy is a trained Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) K-9 Comfort Dog for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, Missouri. She is used in sharing the church's ministries of compassion and community outreach.

Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) mission is to share the **Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ** to those who are suffering and in need. LCC works through churches to help individuals and families. Headquartered in Northbrook, Illinois, LCC serves nationally and internationally.

The Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry was launched in August of 2008. This is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need. The dogs partici-

pate in scheduled and special events. Comfort Dogs are permanently placed with churches, schools and other ministries involved in Christian human care by LCC. Permanent placement includes full training for volunteer handlers and caregivers along with ongoing support, coaching and training. Comfort Dogs live in the homes of assigned caregivers and have several handlers. The comfort dogs serve every day in the community in which they are placed and are dispatched in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and those who serve them. The LCC K-9 Ministries include the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs, LCC Kare 9 Military Ministry serving the Military, Veterans, and their families, and the LCC K-9 Police Ministry serving law enforcement officers and their families.

There are currently 130 dogs in 24 states which include puppies in training. Puppies are eight weeks old when they begin their training. There are two training locations, one in Grand Island, NE and the other in Northbrook, IL, LCC's home base. The dogs go through 2000 hours of training and are placed based on when they are ready. They serve as long as they are able and stay with a church family. Each dog has a Bible verse.

There are eight dogs that currently live in the Missouri Region. They are LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Noah (Timothy – St. Louis, MO), Louie and Jackson (Immanuel – Joplin, MO), Jessy (St. Paul's – Concordia, MO), Sheba (Immanuel – Washington, MO), Tabatha [Tabby] (St. Paul's – Des Peres, MO), Esther (Holy Cross – Collinsville, IL) and Patience (Immanuel – St. Charles, MO).

LCC never charges those they serve. They are able to do that with the support of donors.

For more information about Lutheran Church Charities, or ways to donate to LCC ministries, please contact us the following ways:

Email: K9Comfort@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Online: www.LutheranChurchCharities.org

Mail: Lutheran Church Charities, 3020 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062

Call: 866-455-6466

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December Worship Schedule

December 2, 2018 – First Sunday in Advent

Liturgy & Creed: - Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

Hymns: 357 (1-3), 341, 344, 357 (4-7)

December 5, 2018 - Advent Service

December 9, 2018 – Second Sunday in Advent

Liturgy & Creed: - Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 359 (1-2), 347, 357, 359 (3-4)

December 12, 2018 – Advent Service

December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday in Advent

Liturgy & Creed: - Divine Service III, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 332 (1-4), 343, 331, 332 (5-8)

December 19 – Advent Service

December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Liturgy & Creed: - Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 338, 349, 375, 387

December 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve Service

December 30, 2018 – First Sun. after Christmas

Liturgy & Creed: - Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

Hymns: 366, 368, 376, 370

Members Serving in Dec.

Elder: Bob Mueller

Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg, Diane Borgmann

December 2, 2018

Pastor: Rev. Gary Brandt

Organist: Jerry Schwab

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Paula Emery & Rita Riemann

Ushers: Robert Hansen, Paul Bartels, Jeff Emery,

Mark Riemann

Counters: Bob Mueller

Flowers: (no one signed up)

December 9, 2018

Pastor: Rev. Richard Anderegg

Organist: Jerry Schwab

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Shelia Hartenstein

Ushers: Earl Hartenstein, David Bald, Rodney Schulz

Counters: Bob & Diane Borgmann

Flowers: Penny Jost (in memory of her father Al Jost)

December 16, 2018

Pastor: Rev. Gary Brandt

Organist: Jerry Schwab

Greeters/Coffee Servers: (no one signed up)

Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Dale Murrell

Counters: Mic Carlson

Flowers: Poinsettias

December 23, 2018

Pastor: Rev. Richard Anderegg

Organist: Jerry Schwab

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Jeff & Dawn Hedberg

Ushers: Robert Hansen, Paul Bartels, Jeff Emery,
Mark Riemann

Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein

Flowers: Poinsettias

December 30, 2018

Pastor: Rev. Gary Brandt

Organist: Jerry Schwab

Greeters/Coffee Servers: (no one signed up)

Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Robert Hansen,
Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg

Counters: Bob Mueller

Flowers: (no one signed up)



Council Meeting Held November 13, 2018

President Mic Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: Mic Carlson, Susan Kral, Vicki Stauch, Chuck Kral, and Russell Schultz.

The minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as printed. The evangelism report that Russell Schultz submitted will be included in these minutes.

►► **President:** Mic Carlson reported the following:

- All Sundays in December have pastoral coverage. Mic has not yet arranged for a pastor to cover Christmas Eve.
- A check for approximately half of the cost of the new furnace was sent to McGuire Heating and Cooling. Enough funds were donated to cover the entire cost.
- Mic has requested that Rita begin putting excess funds into our Lutheran Church Extension Fund account. The council wants to have a depreciation account in order to have funds available when large item repairs are needed.
- The church constitution and by-laws require that the president appoint a member-at-large to the board. Mic intends to nominate Penny Jost.
- Mic will compose a letter to the congregation requesting donations for our two organists who donate their talents to enhance our services.

- Mic asked for permission to purchase gift certificates for the five pastors who have covered our services. The expense will be covered by weekly offering funds.
- The Call Committee met with Bill Geis on Nov. 4. As a result of this meeting, a congregational survey will be sent to each member. The results will be reviewed by the committee and be discussed at the January Voters Meeting. The report was accepted and approved.

▶▶ **Financial Secretary:** Vicki Stauch reported that the goal has been met to pay for the new furnace without affecting regular offerings. The board thanks the congregation for their generosity. The report was accepted and approved.

▶▶ **Treasurer:** No report

▶▶ **Elders:** No report

▶▶ **Ushers:** No report

▶▶ **Member-at-Large:** No report

▶▶ **Trustees:** Chuck Kral reported the following:

- He changed the oil and filter in the Cub Cadet. He also installed new spark plugs, readjusted the deck, greased and cleaned the machine. Performing those tasks took him five hours.
- Thank you to Jeff Emery for mowing.
- Chuck and Susan took the aluminum cans, in the garage, to the recycling center. The \$19.32 received will be given to Dawn Hedberg.
- Thank you to Russell and Rodney Schultz for trimming bushes.
- The new furnace is on order.
- The outside lights are not working properly. Mic will try to find someone to set the timers properly.

The report was approved and accepted.

▶▶ **Education:** Vacant

▶▶ **Evangelism:** Russell Schultz reported the following:

- Peace Lutheran Church is now a member of both the Lake West and the Camdenton Chambers of Commerce.
- Both chambers allow us to advertise special events. The notices will be mailed to all members. The address for Lake West is lakewest.com. The other is camdentonchamber.com.
- Russell investigated a program called Everyone His Witness which teaches evangelism techniques. The class is set up for 12 students. The cost is \$130. If anyone is interested, please contact Russell.
- Our website is up and running! The address is www.plccamdenton.org.
- We are also on Facebook! Type into your search engine: Peace Lutheran Church-Camdenton, Missouri-Home Facebook. A list will come up. Click on the correct address. Be sure to hit the “like”

- Russell has contacted all 415 Lutheran Churches in Missouri. He invited those members to visit us when they are in our area. The report was approved and accepted.

▶▶ **Stewardship:** No report

▶▶ **Cemetery:** No report

▶▶ **Pastor:** Vacant.

Mic Carlson reported the following:

- Some members have questioned the hymn selections during the month of December. He and Jerry reviewed the hymns that Stewart Pepper had selected. They made four changes. All the hymns are Advent hymns. The music played before each service during Advent will be Christmas hymns.
- After Christmas, on December 30 all hymns will be Christmas hymns.
- Mic and the elders plan services for 2019 based on the Church Year calendar. Jerry Schwab will review hymn selection and make recommendations.
- Every Monday morning a copy of the planned worship service is emailed to the scheduled visiting pastor for him to review or make suggestions.
- The current membership of Peace Lutheran is 73 baptized and confirmed members and 6 baptized members. The report was accepted and approved.

▶▶ **Old Business:** none

▶▶ **New Business:**

The council thanks Russell Schultz and Sheryl Bald for their work in setting up the website and Facebook sites. A great deal of time was spent accomplishing the set ups.

We thank Mic Carlson for the extra work that he continues doing to keep our congregation functioning well. As both church secretary and church president he puts in more time than most people would be willing to spend.

The meeting was adjourned, the council closed with the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary





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Worship Schedules

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
 Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- Every Wednesday during Lent 6:00 pm
- Every Wednesday during Advent 5:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday: Evening Service 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday Evening 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Evening Service 5:00 pm
 **Holy Communion*

The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:00 am
 Bob Mueller—*Chairman*; Earl Hartenstein; Dale Murrell
- **Council—2nd Tuesday** 6:30 pm
 Mic Carlson—*President*; Dale Lawson—*Vice President*
 Susan Kral—*Secretary*; Vicki Stauch—*Financial Secretary*
 Rita Riemann—*Treasurer*
- **Stewardship** As announced
 Dawn Hedberg—*Chairman*
- **Evangelism** As announced
 Russell Schulz—*Chairman*
- **Education**
 Vacant
- **Trustees** As announced
 Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Mark Riemann
- **LWML—2nd Wednesday of each month** 9:30 am
 Jaccy Heinlein—*President*
- **Altar Guild** As announced
 Diane Borgmann
- **Bible Studies** As announced
- *Elected Offices*