

Tidings Of Peace January 2012

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“Peace Lutheran Church is a community of caring and forgiven people being nourished and strengthened in the Christian faith that others may know Christ’s love.”

TGIF

I am reminded of a blonde joke that was popular some time ago where a young lady was sitting on the floor of her bedroom with a magic marker and all her socks. When asked what she was doing, she simply replied that she was reminding herself that Toes Go In First! Of course, most of us use the letters to mean Thank God It's Friday.

When I was in elementary school, I, too, was very excited about Fridays, but perhaps not for the reason you might think. I loved going to school, but Friday afternoons were anticipated with great excitement. You see, we got to clean up our room! My elementary school had six grades held in three classrooms, taught by three teachers. There were two grade levels in each classroom and on Friday afternoons, each student was selected for a chore. We could sweep the room, empty the pencil sharpener and wastebasket, dust the desks, shelves, and tables, stack the books, clean the sink or my personal favorite... cleaning the chalkboards! It seemed like magic to wet a sponge and “erase” all the white residue from the board. All of the numbers, definitions and words were eliminated in one quick swipe. On Monday mornings, the teacher printed bright, clear letters and numbers. There was no more guessing as to what was on the board. Everything was seen clearly in contrast to the clean slate. As we begin this New Year (and this new day), what will be written on your clean slate? All the residue from last year (and yesterday) has been removed. What is God writing on your heart? What action will you take at the Spirit's urging? May your New Year and each new day, be filled with God.

Marianne Gould, Council President

Happy New Year!!

On Sunday, **January 1st**, there will be one worship service at 10:30 am. First Sunday Breakfast and Sunday School will not be held that day.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd.



January Congregational Meetings January 8th & 22nd

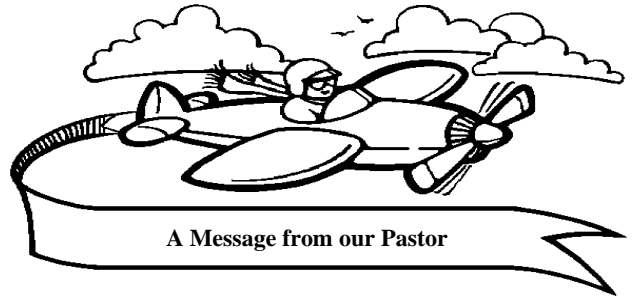
There will be two congregational meetings in January. The first will be on Sunday, **January 8th at 11:30 am** to discuss and vote on the proposed constitutional amendment to add a youth member to Church Council. This will be the only business item of this meeting. Passage of the amendment will require a majority vote. Each of you should have received a copy of the amendment in the mail. Please take time to review it and attend the meeting to vote upon this amendment. Additional copies of the proposed amendment are available in the Narthex.



The second congregational meeting will be on Sunday, **January 22nd at 11:30 am**. This will be our regular annual meeting in which we will elect four Church Council members, approve a 2012 Budget, discuss the Facility Task Force recommendations, and ratify the amendment to the constitution (requires a two thirds majority vote). Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 15th in the Narthex.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The sights and sounds of Christmas quickly fade as we move into the month of January. Over the years I've noticed that people are rather quick about taking down their lights and putting their trees out to the curb. Perhaps it is because people start already in November hearing the Christmas theme and are worn out by the time the celebration of Christmas arrives. The world moves quickly on to other things. We are tempted to do the same. But there is more to this celebration than just Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Within our church year there is the season of "Christmas". Granted it is the shortest of the church seasons; however, it is an important one.



In some cultures, the twelve days between Christmas and Epiphany (January 6th) are used to continue the giving of gifts and focus on the gift God gave in the birth of Christ. The spirit of joy and celebration of the good news the angels announced can last for more than a day. While the world places its emphasis on the days before Christmas of decorating and shopping, there is another tradition of focusing on the days following it. Perhaps we should reclaim that practice.

Within the "twelve days of Christmas" are also several feasts used by the church to commemorate how the birth of Christ influenced others. In an article from Christianity Today, Edwin and Jennifer Woodruff Tait note:

The three traditional feasts (dating back to the late fifth century) that follow Christmas reflect different ways in which the mystery of the Incarnation works itself out in the body of Christ. December 26 is the feast of St. Stephen—a traditional day for giving leftovers to the poor (as described in the carol "Good King Wenceslas"). As one of the first deacons, Stephen was the forerunner of all those who show forth the love of Christ by their generosity to the needy. But more than this, he was the first martyr of the New Covenant, witnessing to Christ by the ultimate gift of his own life. St. John the Evangelist, commemorated on December 27, is traditionally the only one of the twelve disciples who did *not* die a martyr. Rather, John witnessed to the Incarnation through his words, turning Greek philosophy on its head with his affirmation, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). On December 28, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents, the children murdered by Herod. These were not martyrs like Stephen, who died heroically in a vision of the glorified Christ. They were not inspired like John to speak the Word of life and understand the mysteries of God. They died unjustly before they had a chance to know or to will—but they died for Christ nonetheless. In them we see the long agony of those who suffer and die through human injustice, never knowing that they have been redeemed. If Christ did not come for them too, then surely Christ came in vain. In celebrating the Holy Innocents, we remember the victims of abortion, of war, of abuse. We renew our faith that the coming of Christ brings hope to the most hopeless. And, in the most radical way possible, we confess that like the murdered children we are saved by the sheer mercy of Christ, not by our own doing or knowing.

-- <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ch/news/2004/dec24.html>

The implications of what we have celebrated this Christmas are far reaching and take time to comprehend. Don't be too quick to put it away for another year. May your observance of Christmas be far from over. May you set aside the time and space to make room for the Christ in your heart that you might experience the new life and light he comes to bring.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Gary

Where We Stand Financially, November 2011

FUND	BALANCE 10/31/2011	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	BALANCE 11/30/2011
General Fund	\$ 8,209.26	\$ 22,996.45	\$ 22,308.94		\$ 8,896.77
Pre-Endowment Fund	\$ 94,882.48	0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 94,882.48
Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$ 28,425.83	\$ 8.72	\$ 0.00		\$ 27,949.06
Building Fund	\$ 21,034.01	\$ 10,317.93*	\$12,100.00**		\$ 19,251.94
Designated Funds	\$ 36,838.68	\$ 792.26	\$ 632.44		\$ 36,998.50
Total Funds	\$ 189,390.26	\$ 34,115.36	\$ 35,526.87		\$187,987.75

*\$10,313.00 - Building Offerings; \$4.93 - Interest

**\$4,100.00 - Building Note Payment; \$8,000.00 - Additional Principal Payment

*As soon as Jesus was baptized,
he went up out of the water.
At that moment heaven was
opened, and he saw the Spirit of
God descending like a dove
and lighting on him.
And a voice from heaven said,
"This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:16-17*

Attendance and Giving			
Week of	Attendance	Gen. Fund	Building
11/06	171	\$ 8,204.50	\$ 3,086.00
11/13	173	\$ 7,330.00	\$ 3,581.00
11/20	179	\$ 3,398.76	\$ 2,178.00
11/23	60	\$ 154.00	\$ 0.00
11/27	173	\$ 3,730.00	\$ 1,468.00
11/30	51	\$ 165.00	\$ 0.00
Weekly Avg.	174	\$ 5,665.82	\$ 2,578.25

Offering Envelopes

Numbered envelopes for the calendar year are assigned to each member so they may designate how they want their gifts to be distributed, General Fund, Building Fund or other funds. Granted, there are only two spaces provided to fill in, General and Building, but any other designation can be written in on the front of the envelope. The use of Offering Envelopes is important. They are used to record how you wish to distribute your gifts. Properly completed Offering Envelopes improve counting efficiency and afford the bookkeeper an accurate record of your intention. Your 2012 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the Narthex.



Support Ministry Team

Ministry Team Minutes - November 2, 2011

EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Amanda Henderson, Ceretta Daum, Kellie Stallings, April Warren and Laura Heller.
- High School Curriculum - Honoring Your Neighbor's Faith - Looking at letting the teachers pick.
- Annual Report - We have added Adult Education and Milestone Ministry.
- Kellie Stallings is our new Sunday School Superintendant and Ceretta Daum will serve as the team chairperson.
- Invite teachers to the Education Ministry Team.
- Baptism Party - April - music, Becky - doll and cupcakes, Amanda - invites and craft color sheets, and Ceretta - story.
- Items For Long Term Planning: 2012 Ministry Team Fair - List of jobs with contact information on tables.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Lillie Braune, Walt Warren and Helen Bravenec.
- Fellowship will be under the leadership of Donna Braune for the new year with six members.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Update memorial plaque.
- Executive committee discussed card ministry change - cards to sick and hospitalized, phone calls or e-mails to birthday and anniversary folks, to reduce cost.
- Invite new members to the team.
- Prepare for new members in January.
- Goal setting and planning session for team.

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM:

- Glue baseboard in Fellowship Hall.
- The part for the cross light has been ordered. The cross light will be repaired when part is received.
- Put up the manger scene.
- Have manger scene repaired and painted.

SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM:

- Put Angel Tree projects together on December 11th. John Hawthorne will take items to San Antonio for us.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Emmett Engelke and Alvin Bravenec.
- Write a Support Ministry Team mission statement before the scheduled January Ministry Team meeting time.
- Begin planning descriptions of not so obvious Time and Talent entries, with contacts (names and phone numbers) to include with Time and Talent surveys. This will be completed prior to the 2012 Stewardship program.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: April Warren, Jeannie Kawazoe, Janice Friesenhahn and Mildred Schumann.

- Worship Team met on Tuesday, November 29th while decorating and putting up the Christmas tree.
- Again approved one service (10:30 am) for Christmas Day. Also discussed one service for New Year's Day Sunday and offered preliminary approval.
- Recommend using the 3-fold Amen after the Benediction.
- Will be discussing Lenten services at the next meeting.
- Council Action: Christmas Day Service and New Year Day Service.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:

- Youth Advisory Board did not meet in December.

Council Minutes - November 20, 2011

- Those present: Fritz Friesenhahn, Marianne Gould, Emmett Engelke, Rick Thomas, Becky Yeoman, Mike Stallings, Josh Stallings and Pastor Gary Lange.
- Opening Prayer was given by Marianne Gould and meeting called to order at 12:30 pm following Thanksgiving dinner.
- American Cancer Society Fundraiser Request: Amy Smith asked Council for approval to hold a Gospel Sing-A-Long and BBQ dinner in honor of Billy Deiker. Food and Gospel music provided by Smith family and the Peace Band. Council granted approval.
- **Minutes:** Fritz Friesenhahn moved to accept October minutes. Second by Becky Yeoman. Motion carried.
- **Correspondence:** None
- Treasurer's Report: Emmett Engelke reported that expenditures were less than disbursements in the General Fund. \$10,000 was added to the Pre-Endowment Fund by Billy Deiker's family. The balance of this fund is nearing the action stage and will soon need review. Fritz Friesenhahn moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mike Stallings seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- **Staff Reports:**
- **Pastor's Report:** (October 1-31)
Visitation: Hospital/Sick: 31; Shut-in: 8; Home: 3; Visitor: 3; Funerals: 1 (Pastor Julius Holm); Hours: 213; Mileage: 972
Items: Report on Synod Assembly and meeting with the Bishop; A \$10,000.00 gift has been received from Billy Deiker's estate for the Endowment Fund and \$1,000.00 for Stephen Ministry.
- **Director of Youth and Parish Education:** (October 1-31) A copy of Amanda Henderson's report can be found on the Narthex hallway bulletin board.
- **Ministry Teams:** Education Ministry Team has request to move money from Day Camp Fund to the General Fund. Ministry team to finalize which fund is to be affected.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
- **Task Force Reports:**
- **Facilities:** Seeking Council approval on actions for site improvement. Remove from task force objective the need for playground shade screens and pass on to the Property Team. Remove the need for research legal/permitting/license considerations for future expansion from task force and assign to new Building Committee. Remove the need for researching the feasibility of hiring a firm to provide detailed project plans and assign this to a to new Building Committee. At December meeting, Council will consider the proposal of above recommendations and present at annual meeting in January. Motion made to accept task force recommendations and thank them for service by Mike Stallings and second by Becky Yeoman. Motion carried.
- **Meals for Needy:** County Extension service to begin a garden to supply food to SOS Food Bank. Churches are requested to volunteer for one day a month. Alison Hock will be the liaison for Peace.
- **Transportation:** No report.
- **Education:** School of Practical Christianity to offer 2 classes in the spring. The first is centered on worship and music, and the second is with Dr. Norman Beck discussions on the books of Paul.
- **Parent's Day Out:** No report.
- **Constitution/By-Law Amendments:** Fritz Friesenhahn made a motion to schedule special meetings for congregational vote on proposed changes to the constitution. Second by Emmett Engelke. All voting members will be notified by letter of the January 8th special congregational meeting, and regular meeting January 22nd, to vote on proposals before going to Synod for approval. Letter will include old and new wording for election youth to council.
- **Nominations Committee:** Emily Solis' name to be added to committee
- **Roster review:** Reviewed request for changes of membership.
- **Fixed Asset Inventory:** Property Ministry Team to review and get procedure in writing.
- **Support Staff:** Team to work with Pastor Gary to define goals and procedures to be implemented with the help of members.
- **Church Leadership Retreat:** Date set for Council Retreat, January 27th to be followed by Leadership Retreat the following day, January 28th.
- **2012 Budget:** Executive Committee to finalize proposed budget upon further review and line clarifications. Meeting set for Thursday, December 1st.

- **New Business:**
- Emmett Engelke made motion to approve fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Gospel Sing-A-Long and BBQ dinner. Second by Mike Stallings.
- **Next Meeting:** Sunday, December 18th, following lunch with the choir.
- Fritz Friesenhahn moved for adjournment. Becky Yeoman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A copy of the entire minutes can be found on the Narthex hallway bulletin board.
- Respectfully submitted by Rick Thomas, Council Vice-President

Resolutions for the New Year

The beginning of a new year is a time when many of us traditionally think of something we know we should do ... and resolve to do it. We also know, from experience, that it's much easier to resolve, than to follow through.

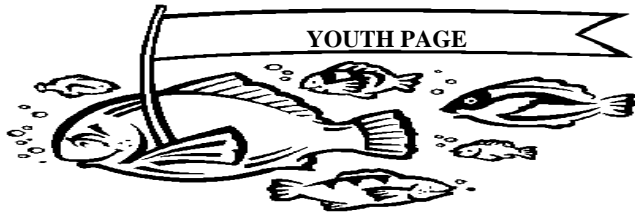


But you should know, if Stephen Ministry is a part of something you should do, making the resolution and taking the first step may be the hardest part. After that, someone will be by your side all the rest of the way. And this is true whether your resolution is to become an active Stephen Minister, or to hook up with a Stephen minister to get help through a difficult time.

New Stephen Ministers become prepared through 50 hours of systematic training before beginning any service to a care receiver, and they're supported continually through bi-monthly meetings with other Stephen Ministers for continuing education and peer review.

Care receivers gain a confidential friend to listen without judgment when they vent, to encourage, pray with and for, and provide support while they're dealing with a stressful situation such as grief, loneliness, divorce, illness of self or loved one, job loss, family crisis, relocations, etc.

So if 2012 is the year for you to get involved with Stephen Ministry, make that resolution and take the first step. Talk with Pastor Gary or one of our Stephen Ministers (they wear blue name badges on Sunday mornings). Or check out the Stephen Ministry pages on our web site at www.plcnb.org. Click on 'Outreach,' then 'Stephen Ministry.'



Children's Church

Children's Church is a meaningful worship experience for children ages 4-9 during 20 to 25 minutes of the service. The curriculum is *Seasons of the Spirit* which follows the church year. Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead children's church during the 10:30 am service. The schedule for January is as follows:



- January 01 - No Children's Church**
- January 08 -** Becky Krogness
- January 15 -** Janice Lambert
- January 22 -** Laura Heller
- January 29 -** Kellie Stallings

YABBA DABBA DOO!



The Youth Advisory Board will gather on **Sunday, January 15th, after the late service** to continue the planning of our Scholarship Committee and youth events for the rest of the school year. If you have ideas for the youth to do, please contact a YAB member so they can bring your thoughts to the board.

Baptismal Birthday Celebration

Happy Baptismal Birthday to Luke Lambert, Anderson Greer, Landon Garcia, Colton Fox, Braiden Armendariz, and Baret McDermott. You were baptized in 2011 and we want to celebrate with you on **January 8th, 2012 at 9:30 am.** Following the birthday party, we will continue the celebration during the 10:30 am worship service. The Youth and Education Ministry Team invites the congregation to join this Milestone Ministries event!



PYGlets (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)
PYGlets Mini Movie Marathon Day
January 22nd

While the grown-ups are discussing grown-up things at this year's Congregational Meeting, the PYGlets will be watching a marathon of Veggie Tales, Sunday, **January 22nd** from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Hope to see all the PYGlets there!



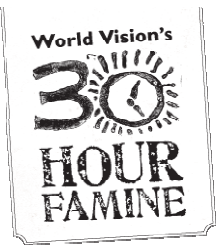
PYG Events
(6th Grade - 12th Grade)

- **PYG: Area Youth Game Day January 29th:** The PYG has been invited to play games and have fellowship with other ELCA Lutheran churches in the area! We will meet at Peace at 1:30 pm, and caravan to Emanuel's Lutheran in Seguin. We'll play games and get to know other youth that we might see again at the ELCA Youth



Gathering in New Orleans, at Camp Chrysalis or Ebert Ranch. Discussions about future plans will also take place. We should be back at Peace at 4:30 pm. **8 youth need to sign up in order to go!**

- **The Famine is Coming!:** Now that everyone has stuffed themselves full of Thanksgiving turkey and dressing, and Christmas cookies and eggnog, it's time to get ready for the 30-Hour Famine! On **Friday, February 24th - Saturday, February 25th,** Peace Lutheran Church will **Overcome Hunger.** The youth believe this is a life-altering event that everyone should experience and everyone is invited to join us. In 2011, Peace Youth and their friends raised over \$3000 to help end world hunger. What can we do in 2012?



Confirmation (7th and 8th Grade)

The parents of those in Confirmation will meet with Amanda Henderson on Tuesday, **January 3rd,** at 7:00 pm, to discuss options for Summer camp and fundraisers to get there.

ELCA Youth Gathering Events

- **Youth Are Recycling Aluminum Drink Cans!**
The Sr. High youth are gathering aluminum drink cans to earn their way to the National Youth Gathering next summer. Sure, you can throw the cans into your trash, where they take 500 years to decompose, or throw them into your own recycling bins, but bringing them to our youth will help them get to New Orleans. Cans can be placed in the painted-on bin outside on the playground. Thanks for your help and making the world a little greener.
- **ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser Meeting—Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 pm:** Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in July, and their parents are encouraged to attend a planning meeting on Sunday, **January 11th** at 7:00 pm. We will review the cookie walk, and continue planning the Congregational lunch and golf tourney. If available, we will begin *Getting Ready*, to prepare our participants to hit the ground running when we get to New Orleans.
- **Congregational Lunches Available:** The youth earning their way to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be selling boxed lunches for \$5 at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **January 22nd**. You will have a choice of



either a chicken salad or a pimento cheese sandwich, along with a cookie, water, and a pickle. A sign-up sheet will be out in the Narthex to help us determine how many sandwiches, and which kind, will be needed. Your support is greatly appreciated!

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Music in Worship: A class by Marianne Gould, former band director and music teacher. Six Mondays, January 9th - February 13th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Book Study Group: Organizational meeting, Thursday, February 2nd, 1:30 pm

Five Serious Contradictions in the Letters of Paul that Plague the Church Even Today: Special presentation by Norman A. Beck, TLU Professor, Monday, February 20th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

More information plus subscription to the new email list at www.plcnb.org/spc/

Prayer Pals Are Back!

What is the Prayer Pal Ministry?

It is a ministry where every child in the congregation (newborn through High School) is chosen by a special adult who prays for them throughout the year. The prayers don't have to be elaborate. Simple prayers for their health, happiness, and growth in their relationship with Christ would be wonderful.

Who can become a Prayer Pal?

Any adult member of the congregation can volunteer to be a Prayer Pal. You simply need to be willing to pray for a child regularly.

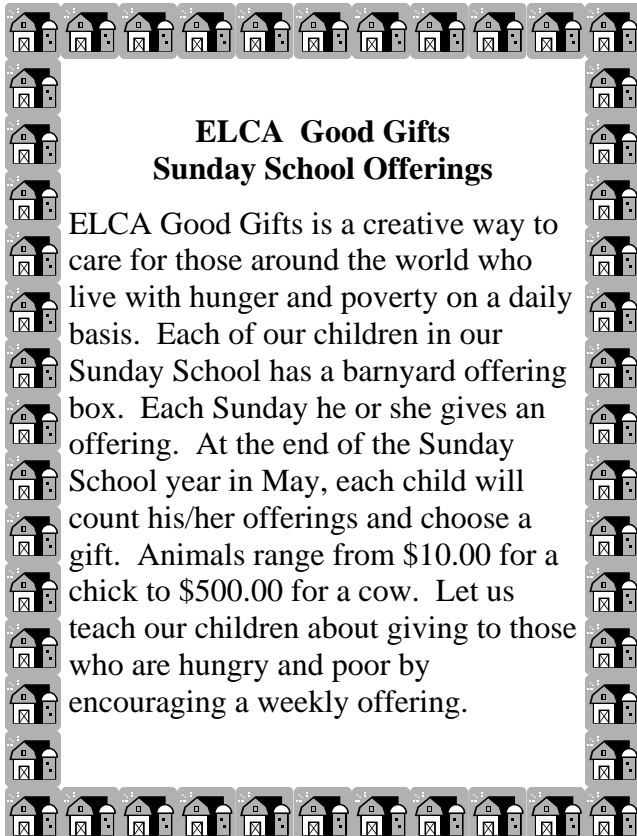


How do I become a Prayer Pal?

In December, the Education/Youth Ministry Team asked members to choose the name of a child. If you missed us, and are still interested in being a Prayer Pal, see Amanda Henderson. The child you choose will be the child you pray for throughout the year. Thank you for considering being a part of this exciting ministry at Peace Lutheran!

ELCA Good Gifts Sunday School Offerings

ELCA Good Gifts is a creative way to care for those around the world who live with hunger and poverty on a daily basis. Each of our children in our Sunday School has a barnyard offering box. Each Sunday he or she gives an offering. At the end of the Sunday School year in May, each child will count his/her offerings and choose a gift. Animals range from \$10.00 for a chick to \$500.00 for a cow. Let us teach our children about giving to those who are hungry and poor by encouraging a weekly offering.





**Men's Monthly
Breakfast and Devotion**

Men of the congregation are invited to a monthly breakfast held the first Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendars for **January 4th** at 7:00 am. **The breakfast will be held at the church.** Come join them for a delicious breakfast and a thought-provoking devotion.



Blood Drive
Sunday, January 8th
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Peace will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, **January 8th**, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The Blood Mobile will be located in the parking lot on the office side. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please give the gift of life.

Ministry Team Night



Ministry Team Night will be held on Wednesday, **January 4th**. Team leaders meet at 6:30 pm and all team members meet at 7:00 pm. If you signed up to serve on a ministry team, on your Time and Talent sheet, please join us. It is important that all team members and their council liaisons attend these meetings.

Peace HOGS
Helping! Outreach! Giving! Service!



Peace HOGS will have their regular meeting on Thursday, **January 12th** at 7:00 pm.

Band Practice
Saturday,
January 7th and
January 21st
10:00 am



"After Glow"
January 14, 2012 at 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

All women of Peace and friends are invited to the "After Glow" on Saturday, **January 14th**, 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you attended the October retreat or not, all are invited. A brunch will be provided. We will come together in Christian fellowship to praise God.



Newsletter Deadline

The February newsletter deadline is **January 9th**. Please submit articles on or before that date. E-mailing articles is preferred.

Crochet/Knit Group

The morning Crochet/Knit Group will meet on Thursday, **January 19th** at 9:00 am.



**Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, January 17th at Noon
Fellowship Hall**

Come join us as we open scripture and join in conversation. "Confessing Christ" is the title of the January Bible study from the magazine *Gather*. The theme verse is Mark 9:24, "I believe, help my unbelief". We will study Mark 8:1-9:50. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship and the conversation. Invite a sister in Christ.



2012 Flower Chart

The 2012 Flower Chart is now up in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Below you will find the instructions on how to sign up for flowers.

- ♥ Sign your name and the occasion on the chart at the date on which you wish to donate flowers.
- ♥ On or before your Sunday for flowers, place an offering of **\$30.00** in the offering plate, marking your check and/or envelope **FLOWERS**. Your check should be made payable to **Peace Lutheran Church**.
- ♥ If you wish to donate a second or larger arrangement, please notify the church office at 620-0618.
- ♥ NOTE: The flower arrangements are prepared with appropriate flowers for the church season.
- ♥ After the 10:30 am church service, you may take the flower arrangement with you.



**Council Meeting
Sunday, January 22nd
Following the Annual Meeting
Conference Room**



Please join us for our monthly Nursing Home Worship Service.

**Sterling House
Sunday, January 22nd at 3:00 pm**

Volunteers are needed to sing and relate to the residents in a worship environment.

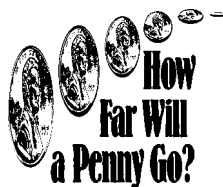
Noisy Offering!!

Start saving your loose change to share as we collect a noisy offering the last Sunday of each month for Peace Mission Trips.

Drop your coins in the offering plate on Sunday,

January 29th Let's make some noise!!!!!!!

In November, we collected \$132.76.



**Christian Leadership Workshop:
Building Trust**

**Saturday, January 28th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

A workshop for Church Council members, Ministry Teams, and anyone interested in learning how we can better work together as the Body of Christ in ministry are invited to join us on Saturday, **January 28th**, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. David Lange, a member of our congregation and business consultant, will serve as facilitator for our gathering as we explore how we make decisions and implement them in our ministry at Peace. He specializes in helping people in organizations to communicate respectfully, negotiate more effectively, develop accountability, build trust and confidence, accomplish common goals, appreciate a co-operative process. Please take time to sign-up in the Narthex or give a call to the church office (830) 620-0618.

January Birthdays

02	Lynda Willis
04	Joan Crowell
04	Landon Garcia
06	Hayden Kaufman
07	Kim Edwin
07	Chad Heller
08	Ann Heffelfinger
08	Brent Kriley
09	Maxine Goodson
09	Alyscia Needham
10	Ed Coleman
11	Charles Ford
13	Betty Armstrong
13	Carl Mincemoyer
14	Erich Weese
14	Stephanie Robbins
14	Austin Anderson
15	Barbara Brockman
15	David Oestreich
15	Karen Patterson
16	Mary Ann Pfennig
18	Jean Pfluger
18	Lori Naas
18	Dave Caven
18	Kayla Bye
19	Philip Watt
20	Vicki Hillmer
21	Gary Goodson
21	Douglas Lippert
21	Ashlee Bolton
22	Marian Schmidt
22	Michelle Davenport
25	Rebecca Rust
25	Cody Smith
26	Linda Lange
26	Heidi Stone
27	Jeane Oldham
27	Marianne Brockman
28	Jeannie Kawazoe
28	Edel Philippi
28	Lindsay Friedrich
29	Amy Fry
30	Stephen Clark
30	Marsha Bradley
31	Sharon Rust
31	Chad Carroll

January Anniversaries

Jason and Amanda Henderson
January 5, 2002
Carl and Debra Mincemoyer
January 7, 1994
Ed and Darlene Coleman
January 9, 1971
Brent and Missy Paullus
January 11, 1992
Gary and Loy Lange
January 15, 1977

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following persons and their families:

- Judy Johnson at the death of her sister, Liz Urban
- Peggy Cooper at the death of her sister, Susan Stoeltje
- Tina Scott at the death of her father, Clyde Scott
- The family of David Meckel
- Kerry Grunwald at the death of her aunt
- Earl Blaschke at the death of his mother, Verna Blaschke
- Pastor Bob Pfennig at the death of his nephew, Eric Canuteson

SOS Food Bank
(Spirit of Sharing)

Peace donated 172 pounds of food from mid-November to mid-December. The Food Bank receives large shipments of food on the 3rd Thursday and 4th Friday of every month. Volunteers are needed to help unload these supplies. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Alison Hock at 210-884-7239.

Relay For Life
Fundraiser

On **February 5th, 2012**, Casting for the Cure, a Relay for Life team, and the Peace Lutheran Band is hosting a Gospel Sing-A-Long in memory of Billy Deiker. There will be a BBQ plate sold for \$5 and a bake sale. Tickets will go on sale beginning in January.



Sincere thanks for your cards and kind words of sympathy on the recent death of my sister, Liz Urban. As a former member of St. Paul's, she was well known by many members of Peace. And you really know you chose the right church when your pastor visits you at home to help you in the healing process. Thank you Pastor Gary. It certainly reaffirms our decision to join Peace where we knew many people and immediately felt welcomed and at home. We are blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family. Judy Johnson and Family



Thank you Pastor Gary for your visits and prayers before and after my surgery. Also, thank you to the members of Peace Lutheran for the get well cards and calls that I received. Blessing to all!
Love, Rita Markwardt

Dear Friends at Peace,
Thank you for your purchases of Maya Works products! You are helping traditional artisans support their families and educate their daughters. I appreciate the opportunity to share Guatemala fair trade items with you very much!

Gail Krueger

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Tea: set up, clean up, food preparation and the wait staff.

The Service Ministry Team would like to THANK everyone for the donations for the Angel Tree.

The Service Ministry Team would like to THANK the Ding-A-Lings for taking time to ring the Salvation Army Bell. Thank you David Perry, Ashley Fry, David Will, Earl and Ellie Koester, Glenn and Mary Breitung and Chuck and Sharon Fisbeck.

Dear Quilters,
It gives me great pleasure to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for the donation you have made toward our mission. We truly value your donation of the quilted afghans for the children in our Emergency Shelters. Our children and families we serve appreciate your kindness. We want you to know that every act of kindness, support and giving, provides more than one can imagine, for our programs and our service.

Best Wishes,

Susan DeLano

Development Director, Connections

Members Remembered in Prayer

Rhonda Schmidt	Bill Kretzmeier
JoAnn Schlabach	Ruth Kolb
Christian Schmidt	Rita Markwardt
Norvin Roessing	Mary Weaver
Betty Hawthorne	Ed Coleman
Karon Haas	Sharon Schott
Jackie Sparkman	Claire Friedrich



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Pastor Gary: peace@plcnb.org

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Worship Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.