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January 2021

Tidings of Peace Newsletter

PEACE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1. In-person or streamed at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays (the sanctuary is set up for social distancing)*
- 2. Drive-in at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays (97.9 FM)*
- 3. On Facebook (streamed live and then posted following the 8:00 & 10:30 services)*
- 4. On Cable Channel 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays*
- 5. On YouTube anytime (the button is on our website's homepage – welcometopeace.org)*

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Join us Sunday mornings!
Worship at 8:00 a.m. (in-person/stream)
Worship at 10:30 a.m. (drive-in)
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. (1/3/21)

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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...my perspective (words from our President)

The Secret of Christmas?

This year I returned to coaching after an 11-year hiatus, and one of the things I have always told my athletes is that there are no secrets in sports or life. To have success, a person must do all they can to the best of their ability, work hard, and never become complacent, and good things will happen. I believe the difference we see among people (athletes or not), is the degree of satisfaction that comes from what a person has done on behalf of others with the tools they have developed over time.

There is a song titled "The Secret of Christmas," which was written for Bing Crosby in the 1959 movie "White Christmas." I want to share the lyrics with you so you can reflect on the meaning:

*It's not the glow you feel when snow appears,
It's not the Christmas card you've sent for years,
Not the joyful sound when sleigh bells ring
Or the merry songs children sing.*

*The little gift you send on Christmas day
Will not bring back the friend you turned away,
So, may I suggest the secret of Christmas
It's not the things you do at Christmas time
But the Christmas things you do all year through.*

I love the lyrics to this song, but as a Christian, I don't agree with the title of the song - I don't believe this is a secret. The Biblical teachings that I have received taught me to do the work that Jesus has asked of all of us - every day. As Christian people, we really must live our lives just as the song says. We are asked to accept ourselves as the embodiment of Christ and perform the necessary tasks. We are to love God with all of our heart and soul and love our neighbors as ourselves. If we all do this, we will have Christmas all year long!



Bruce

When the ball dropped in Times Square on January 1, 2020, who knew?

I begin the end of this year in awe and in wonder! I recollect all the things that happened in my life, in my family, in my church, in my community, and in my world. I can dwell on the things that I celebrate just as easily as I can dwell on the things that I lament. My prayer is that January 1, 2021 will be hope-filled, because God is still God and we are still his children.

I recognize that the lament – which is part of our faith story (as a matter of fact there is a book in the Bible called Lamentations) – is an important part of being a healthy person in mind, body, and spirit. But, the lament of the Christian needs to be linked to the faithfulness of God who has shown us how to navigate trials and storms and who never would grieve his children! To lament is not a way to live. To lament is a way to help us grieve and to give us focus on the grace and mercy of our God who remains faithful.

I am in awe that our congregation has continued to gather in worship and children have come to Sunday School and LOGOS. Admitted it isn't anything like we gathered in January, but people still gathered. Some in their homes, some in the parking lot, some in the church, but we still gathered. I am in awe that we have been able to meet the needs of our members with services of Holy Baptism, weddings, funerals, Holy Communion, festivals, and celebrations. I am in awe that we have made resources available to care for children, we have shares virtually in Bible Study and personal care support groups, and our church has been available for people to spread out in gatherings and find support. I am in awe that we have fostered the support necessary to pay our bills this year. Our congregation is below 10% of our initial loan balance and we are so close to being debt free!

I am thankful for the kindness that was shared when Julie and I were crowned “Grandparents” in January! I am grateful for the support that we received when my mother, Ramona, died. I appreciate all the anticipation that is being shared as we await the arrival of a new grandson! I wonder what new challenges will face us. I don't know what the challenges will be, but I do know that God is still God and God will never forsake his children.

I can tell you what I will do in the New Year. I will continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who will receive it. I will continue to witness in word and deed, not because that's my job but because that's what God has called me to do. I will reach out to meet whatever needs come my way and will encourage our faith community to respond to those in need of our ministry.

I will continue to pray for wisdom and understanding as we work to understand this new way of doing things. I will continue to find ways to create hope for people who are hopeless. I will continue to work to keep people welcomed, loved, respected, and encouraged. And I pray that we as a faith community will also work to bring hope in times of loss, mourning, and grief.

I encourage you as we end 2020 to continue to join us in a community to share your joys and your sorrows and all that the years will bring, to gather in the name of our God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as faithful followers in ministry and mission. God bless us in our New Year.

PEACE, PASTOR JOHN'S PEN



BOARD of TRUSTEES December 8, 2020

Meeting held on 12-8-20.

In attendance were Jon V,
Amy H, Rich C, John V, Derek M, Char V, and Sam N.

Next meeting will be 1-12-20. Derek M will be our
Council meeting rep on 12-15-20.

Secretary's report was approved as posted.

Rich and Amy discussed the treasurer's report which
included our ability to pay \$30,000 toward our mortgage
that will bring us below \$160,000 owed on that debt. John
V made a motion and Jon V seconded that motion to
approve the treasurer's report

We discussed the bonuses that will be paid out instead
of any raises.

In new business, Rich suggested the bus might need
exhaust repair and he's bringing the bus to the mechanic to
determine the cost.

Sam, our audio manager, did a nice job with
presenting diagrams of a sound system he feels Peace
needs to update the sanctuary system. The cost would be
\$3,400 and the decision to purchase was tabled until the
January meeting so more research can be done.

Jon V and Char V are retiring this year so two
replacements need to be found. Thanks so much to those
two for their service.

Respectfully submitted, John Vrieze



BOARD of DEACONS December 13, 2020

The Deacons met on Dec 13th, between
services, to assign duties for the month
of Jan. Those in attendance were Jim

Jr, Wes, Peder, and Sue. We are looking for an additional
Deacon as Jim Jr will be up for the president of the
congregation. The Congregational meeting is at the

beginning of Feb. The Deacons will meet on Jan 17th
between services. We wish to thank those that keep our
church running smoothly even in these difficult times.
Surely Amy, Pauline, Rich C, Sam, Julie, Jan, and Pr.
John, but those that help with Communion and do the
weekly counting are included. Thank you very much.
Peace!

Respectfully submitted, Sue



CHURCH COUNCIL December 15, 2020

Call to Order: 7:05 Bruce Ashlin.

Attendance: Kathy Miller, Wayne Miller, Sam
Niebeling, Pastor John Hanson, Amy Hutchins, Rich
Carlson, Bruce Ashlin, Shirley Rode, Laurie Mueller,
and on ZOOM Jim Hauschild, Angie Bierwerth, Derek
Miller.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion/second, Shirley/Rich.

Next Meeting Date: January 19, 2021 7pm.

Devotions: December, Amy on Advent active waiting.
January: Amy.

Secretary's Report: Accept as written in the
newsletter. Motion/second, Laurie/Rich.

Treasurer's Report: \$30,000 will be paid on the loan
this week. As written. Motion/second, Shirley/Laurie.

Benevolence: Hymnary \$400; Sheriff's Office
Chaplaincy \$1000; River Falls Sunshine Club \$600;
balance to Family Resource Center. Mission Gift: \$500
to each food pantry (Baldwin and Woodville).
Motion/second, Shirley/Jim.

Reports: Pastor John - Thanks for the condolences for
my mom and family. We need to be careful,
encouraging, supportive during Covid fatigue. Christmas

Eve will be outside at 5 and 7 PM, there will be Chinese
lanterns and candles. There will be a live Nativity with a
donkey, goats, sheep, and a shepherd. (Thanks to
LaVonne Hampton and the Thompsons). 11PM will be
inside and 9AM on the 25th will also be inside. Sam is
writing an article for the local paper on the services. On
1-3-21 Sunday School will resume. **Stewardship:** Will
meet 1-10-21 and haven't met in December. **BOE:** No
meetings in December. Sunday School starts 1-3-21.
Videos of the Christmas story from Sunday School will
be on FB before Christmas. **Deacons:** Met last Sunday,
discussed duties for January. Need new Deacons, Josh
Newton will be one and there are a couple more
possibilities. **WOP:** Haven't met because of Covid.
YOF: Christmas shopping went great. There will be a
game night the first weekend in January. **DFM:** Pauline
is well after her surgery. New things - Tuesday at 1 is a
ZOOM meeting, Peace Around the Table. Craft night
on the first Friday of the month will continue,
along with Bible studies, TOPS, and coffee hour.
LOGOS: No rep, on a break. **Trustees:** Working on
bonuses for employees and childcare staff. Looking into
Sam's proposal for a soundboard for audio in church,
waiting on another bid. Need two new members for the
board.

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Other: Kenya - Are now incorporated in Wisconsin, Federal will take longer.

Old Business: Covid - churches aren't getting a lot of direction. We are in a good place.

New Business: Annual Meeting is January 31st. How to get a quorum and how to hold meeting.

Close with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05. Motion/second, John/Laurie.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Mueller

WOMEN of PEACE DATES

Women of Peace/Joy Circle – 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 14, at Church

Gifts and Memorials

Gifts toward the debt were received in honor of Ole and Nola Monicken, Craig and Gloria Rasmussen, and John and Julie Hanson. Gifts were also received in memory of Natasha Weigel, Howard Sorenson, Marilyn Zillmer, Melissa Melander, and Ramona Hanson.

PASTORAL ACTS

November 1 – Baptism for Karalynne Louise Meyer, daughter of Donald and Krysta Meyer

November 3 – Wedding service of Nue Vang and Michael Ford

November 15 – Baptism for Rori Bryan Roy, son of Rusty and Alex Roy

December 5 – Baptism for Keely Elizabeth Huston, daughter of Kendra Huston and Neal Gruber

JANUARY SCRIP ORDERS

SCRIP ORDERS - The January deadline for ordering Scrip is **Sunday, January 3rd**. Your order will be ready for pick up on the following Sunday, January 10th.

Debit/credit cards may also be used to pay for scrip orders. Use the card terminal in the narthex of church (directions are located next to the unit). To

place an order, simply complete your order form (blank forms are at the Scrip station in the narthex and on the website) and place it in an envelope along with your **cash, check or debit/credit card slip**. Place your envelope in either of the church drop boxes. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program and how easy it is to use, please contact Sharon Hauschild 715-307-2531 (cell). Thank you!



**SCRIP
DEADLINE**

CANS and CARTRIDGES - We collect aluminum cans and inkjet and deskjet toner cartridges as fundraisers for the Building Fund. We cannot take laserjet cartridges. Cans can be thrown in the trailer at the north end of the farthest parking lot (up by the new shed) and cartridges can be left in the box in the entry by the office.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
<i>Weekly budgeted expenses (w/mortgage)</i>	\$ 9,087	<i>YTD budgeted expenses (11/30/20)</i>	\$ 433,163
<i>Weekly General Fund income (12/20)</i>	\$ 4,094	<i>YTD GF & BF income (11/30/20)</i>	\$ 425,429
<i>Bi-monthly GF automatic giving (12/20)</i>	\$ 4,116	Difference	\$ - 7,734
Difference	\$ - 877		
01/01/20 Loan Balance	12/16/20 Payment	12/16/20 Loan Balance	2020 PRINCIPAL REDUCTION
\$296,966.39	\$30,000.00	\$157,214.61	\$139,751.78



Leann Huston is the Youth Director at Peace (lhuston13@yahoo.com or 715-556-2129). Youth on Fire has activities for grades 8-12.

Youth on Fire - Ring in the new year with a game night January 9th (we will try to do the Escape Room later in the year)! Come and bring a friend!

Cross Training (10th – 12th grade) - It is a pleasure learning and growing in faith with you, and I look forward to starting up again. I am unsure of the start date at this time, so watch for details in the bulletin.

Happy New Year! Leann

Pauline Wangen is the Director of Family Ministries (pauline.wangen@gmail.com or 651-210-5106).

FAMILY
ministry

Peace Around the Table on Zoom

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm - I have heard from a couple people that it would be nice to have more opportunities to visit with our church family on Zoom. There is not an agenda, it is just a chance to visit with others. Contact Pauline for log-in information.

Piecing It Together Craft Night

Friday, Jan. 8, 6:00-9:00 pm - Do you have crafts you love to do, but you just don't have the time or space to do it at home? Here's the answer! Bring your pictures, paper, quilting, crocheting, beads, tools, stamps, ideas, and inspirations to share! Bring your own beverage and snacks.

Life Changing Illness Support Group

Sunday, January 10, 4:00 pm – It is normal to feel anxious, worried, scared, or depressed when you are fighting or recovering from a life changing illness. Join our group to talk to others who are battling or recovering. In person or by Zoom. Contact Pauline for log-in information.

ONGOING Ministries at Peace

Cross Training (10-12th gr) – On break until January. Contact Leann Huston for more info (lhuston13@yahoo.com).

Rise & (Son)Shine – Thursdays, 7:00 am on Zoom (**starts again on Jan. 14**). Contact Cheri Rott for login information (cherigary@gmail.com).

Coffee Hour - Thursdays, 9:00 am on Zoom. Contact Pauline for log-in information.

TOPS Club - Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Contact Pauline for more info.

Bible Study – Saturdays, 9:00 am on Zoom. Contact Pauline for log-in information.

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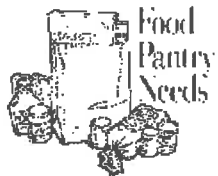
PEACE AROUND THE TABLE on ZOOM – Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. We have heard from a couple people that it would be nice to have more opportunities to visit with our church family on Zoom. There is not an agenda, it is just a chance to visit with others. Please contact Pauline Wangen for zoom log-in information.

YEAR END GIVING – All gifts must be postmarked or received in the office by **December 31** to be counted as 2020 gifts.

TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER - Gethsemane Lutheran will be handing out bag suppers from 5-6pm on **January 5** in the Gethsemane parking lot in Baldwin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving. *We will not be serving during the months of February and March of 2021. Look for us getting back on track in April 2021.*

BLOOD DRIVE – **January 15**, at Zion in Woodville from 12 to 6. To make an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Zion Lutheran Church in the search box.

ANNUAL MEETING of PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – *will be Sunday, January 31, following the 10:30 worship service. Watch for more details as to how we will meet.*



Please remember the **Food Pantry**. The “Lord’s Cupboard” is at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Food may be dropped off anytime the church is open.



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| 1 - Bruce Ashlin/
Justen Walton/ Katie
Borowicz/Tom Mueller/
Asher Thomason | 14 - Kelly Meyers/Jake Griffin/Rylan Schumacher
/Remi Roy |
| 2 - Grant Hutchins/
Jennica Driscoll/Scott Brushaber/Brystol Shearer | 15 - Chuck Ford/Amy Hopkins/Audrey Mathison |
| 3 - Adeline Hink/Dan Smith/Jody Graese/Jodi
Engler/Madison Carey | 16 - Caleb Gustafson |
| 4 - Cadyn Winger | 17 - Lisa Knutson/Keagan Martino |
| 5 - Char Vrieze/Braxton Ramberg | 18 - Lauren Thompson |
| 6 - Charles Anderson/Barry Serier/Gavin Emmert | 19 - Josh Vrieze |
| 7 - Renate O'Brien/Janine Serier | 20 - Sidney Roemhild |
| 8 - Sharon Hauschild/Allie Nelson/Thayden
Wernlund | 22 - Jennifer Winger/Ashley Read |
| 9 - Dan Van Someren/ Eric Wangen/Kaylee Shaleen | 23 - Myrna Larson/Nancy Larson/Kim Thomason/Ali
Newton |
| 10 - Jeremy Werner/Tim Haugen | 24 - Ellie French/Nick Russell |
| 11 - Nicolle Emmert/Monica Polk | 25 - Hudson French |
| 12 - Gerald Larson/Hayden Shearer | 26 - Jake Freese/Liz Rust |
| 13 - Melissa Fussy/Tori Harken/Stone Parizek | 27 - Larry Larson |
| | 28 - Grady Paulson |
| | 29 - Jennifer Haugen |
| | 30 - Becky Shaleen |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2021</h1>					1	2
3 8:00 Worship (in person/stream) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (drive-in) <i>Scrip orders due</i>	4	5 1:00 Peace Around the Table	6	7 9:00 Zoom Coffee Hour 6:00 TOPS	8 6 - 9 Craft Night	9 9:00 Bible Study (Zoom) Youth on Fire Game Night
10 8:00 Worship (in person/stream) 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Board of Stewardship 10:30 Worship (drive-in)	11	12 1:00 Peace Around the Table 6:00 Board of Trustees	13	14 7:00 Rise/Shine 9:00 Zoom Coffee Hour 1:30 WOP/Joy Circle 6:00 TOPS	15	16 9:00 Bible Study (Zoom)
17 8:00 Worship (in person/stream) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (drive-in)	18	19 1:00 Peace Around the Table 7:00 Church Council	20	21 7:00 Rise/Shine 9:00 Zoom Coffee Hour 6:00 TOPS	22	23 9:00 Bible Study (Zoom)
24 8:00 Worship (in person/stream) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (drive-in)	25	26 1:00 Peace Around the Table 7:00 Logos Board	27 6:30 Confirmation	28 7:00 Rise/Shine 9:00 Zoom Coffee Hour 6:00 TOPS	29	30 9:00 Bible Study (Zoom)
31 8:00 Worship (in person/stream) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (drive-in) 11:30 ANNUAL MEETING						