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Tidings of Peace Newsletter

PEACE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1. In-person at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. on Sundays*
- 2. On Facebook (streamed live at 8:00 a.m. and then posted following the service)*
- 3. On Cable Channel 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays*
- 4. On YouTube anytime (search for Peace Lutheran Church Baldwin)*

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Join us Sunday mornings!
Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
(September to April)

It's the Season for Homecoming!

We are in the season of “over the river and through the woods” for gatherings of families and friends. It is a time of decorating, cooking, and planning for making celebration. On Sunday, November 26, we pulled all the decorations out of storage and workers have spent a couple of days setting up the garland, trees, and wreaths. They have strung lights, hung ornaments, and organized trinkets for the setting of Christmas. All this to prepare for our heavenly guest, the Christ Child.

This year Peace Lutheran has additional preparations for us to give focus as Pastor Chris, Allie, Noah, Wes, and Ray are coming to town. The remodel and repairs are soon to be completed but to make the “parsonage” a “home” will require a different skill set.

I recall the day that Peter, Julie, and I, with Kirk (our dog) arrived to start settling in. There was a colorful poster-paper banner spread across the front porch with “WELCOME HANSONS” emblazoned. Some flowers were on the kitchen counter and other decorations were in place to create the festive tone. The parsonage was abuzz; beds were assembled, housewares were put in place, clothing was stored. It quickly became a “home” where people gathered and acquaintances were made. Guests visited. Plans were made and projects completed.

Our activity of a homecoming will take a bit more time than putting up a few holiday decorations. Still, this is a perfect time for it to happen. We won't have to struggle with matching the menu to the decorations because the season of Christmas already has that done for us. There are plenty of design ideas for us to use and the holiday really does set the stage.

But there is one important part of homecoming that needs to be planned for and consciously presented, and that is a sense of “Welcome.” I hope that this family will be recognized and that they will be greeted by name and words of support and encouragement will be shared. Suggestions given to answer their questions of where or how or who. If each of us takes note of something that might need to be addressed or a simple act of grace that will be the start of a friendship, the parsonage will quickly become home.

Please join us in the welcome. Be ready and willing to check in. Please don't wait for them to find and ask you. We can't ignore the fact that they were invited to relocate here and asked to dwell among us. Pastor Chris is planning on being “on the job” December 11. God willing, as the move progresses, he will be fully engaged with our ministry and help us prepare for all things Christmas.

So, be intentional in making the welcome to Pastor Chris, Allie, and family a priority. Be open to supporting their questions. Be willing to shoulder the load for living in our community and give helpful suggestions for their needs. Be good neighbors.

Know that before we gather for Christmas worship on December 24 and 25, our church is ready to encourage you to join us in welcome, worship, and celebration of Emmanuel, God with us! May this be a great homecoming!

PEACE, PR JOHN'S PEN



BOARD of STEWARDSHIP **November 5, 2023**

Devotion was done by Sherry, "Trust in God with All you Heart."

We are looking for two people to fill two positions on our team for 2024. If you are interested,

please reach out to one of us. We would love to have you join us (Heather Serier, Scott Brushaber, Sherry Neisius, DeeDee Ashlin, Cheri Rott, Kathy Pankratz)!!

Discussed ways to welcome our new pastor, Pastor Christian!! We are all excited that he accepted our call!

Next meeting will be Sunday, January 7th. Cheri will do devotions.

Respectfully submitted, DeAnn Ashlin



Women of Peace

WOMEN of PEACE **November 9, 2023**

Women of Peace met on Thursday, November 9, at 1:30 p.m. with six members present including first-timer Mary Ellen Brue. The meeting was called to order by the president, Joanne Melander. The minutes of the October meeting were read with a motion to accept by Nancy Larson, seconded by Bonnie Braymen. Motion carried. Marie Ista gave the treasurer's report, which showed income from a funeral and a payment of \$60.00 to His Arms Children's Project. Motion to accept by Bonnie, seconded by Vi. Motion carried.

Old Business: There was discussion about the Thankoffering service on November 5. Bonnie had done a great job of telling what the Women of Peace do. The offering from the congregation was very generous. Our annual cookie sale will be held on Sunday, December 3. Other members of the congregation are encouraged to contribute cookies. They should be brought to the church by noon on Saturday, December 2, so they can be arranged in a nice variety on plates. That will be done at 2:00 p.m. An election of officers for 2024 was held with the

following results: President, Bonnie Braymen; Vice President, Shirley Rode; Treasurer, Marie Ista; and Secretary, Vi Roquette.

Planning was done for our Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 14. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. and eat at 12:00 noon. Those present indicated what they would furnish so we'd have a good variety of casseroles, salads, and desserts. Our guests include member husbands, Pastor John and Julie, Amy, Jan, Rich, and Pauline and their husbands or wife, and Pastor Christian and his wife if they are here by then. If they are not here yet, we will invite him to a future meeting of our group.

We discussed and decided on Christmas gifts.

Vi will be hostess in January 2024.

Motion to adjourn by Marie, seconded by Mary Ellen. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Nancy L led the Bible study on The Woman of Zarephath, who gave her last bit of food to Elijah.

Coffee and dessert were served by Joanne.

Respectfully submitted by Vi Roquette, Secretary



BOARD of DEACONS **November 12, 2023**

Present: Rachel, Nicole, Joy and Sharon.

Nicole reported that Council questioned whether we should plan on additional deacon assistance when we know that there will be a potential large number of members attending a service (such as Recommitment Sunday). Deacons agreed that in

the future we would have another deacon available to assist if necessary. We will also have extra tray(s) with empty cups along with wine/juice refill bottles on the altar in case needed.

Next meeting will be Sunday, December 10th at 9:15 a.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Hauschild, secretary



BOARD of TRUSTEES **November 19, 2023**

Call to order: Jim called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Those attending were Jim Hauschild Sr., Weston Arndt, Jeanette Dahl, Chris Iverson, Dick Ulrich and (cont.)

Amy Hutchins. Cole Tobin attended remotely, and Pastor John Hanson and Cristy Peavy attended part of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October 15 meeting were emailed to all in attendance. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes and Dick seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cristy reviewed the October monthly report and the January through October report. A \$25,000 gift was made to assist with transition expenses but with no special encumbrance. A directed gift was made to Peace Childcare. Final silent auction numbers still need credit card contributions. Weston made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Endowment Fund – Looking at a winter date to invite Joan Bartz to a meeting.
2. Peace Child Care – Now at full staff, looking to fill openings for children.
3. Facility Maintenance –
 - a. Roof improvements: Roof Tech completed emergency repairs to get us through the winter. Roof will need replacement this spring. Still working with insurance for full replacement value. Repairs made due to vents not properly capped during remodel/expansion came to \$15,294.55.
 - b. Parsonage improvements: Work completed to date includes ceilings textured and painted, several rooms are painted, shower replaced. Jon Gooding has been instrumental and trustees will seek to make him and his business whole. He will paint kitchen cabinets, Bonnie has gotten paint colors, Cole will acquire closet racking. Downstairs flooring planned for installed by Carpets Plus by Design around December 7th. Estimated cost will be around \$5,589.46.
 - c. Discussed age of boiler serving old part of the buildings.

4. 2024 Budget – Budgeted income estimated using commitment cards, but likely short by \$100k. Ignite will no longer rent space after 1/1/2024. Budgeted expenses driven by additional pastor. Actual expected deficit to be about \$100k. Council will determine housing allowance value for John in January. Discussed communication to congregation. Jeanette made motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented, Weston seconded. Motion carried.
5. Pastoral Office Space – No need to complete work until new pastor begins.
6. Rush River Township has approved purchase of Peace property adjacent to town hall parking lot. They approved \$500 price and will pay for transaction costs.
7. Discussed need for painting Sunday School classrooms. Will make plans to address after Sunday School year.

New Business:

1. Discussed succession planning for staff and board members. Jim and Jeanette's terms will expire this year. Leann plans to step away from Youth on Fire and we're looking for musicians.
2. Space needs – Discuss impacts of childcare on Sunday School and Logos spaces and activities. Will need to continue discussions as we see how additional staffing impacts finances and space use.
3. Fellowship hall air conditioning – Signed contract to move ahead in the spring. Updated quote at \$24,506, to be funded with silent auction money and directed donation.

Next meeting date: December 10, 9:15 am.

Next council representative: Chris.

Next month's review of books: Cole and Jim.

Adjournment: Motion by Chris and seconded by Jeanette to adjourn at 10:20 am, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Weston Arndt



CHURCH COUNCIL
November 21, 2023

Call to order: Nerissa Krosnoski

at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Nerissa Krosnoski, Pastor John Hanson, Jim Hauschild Sr., Brenda Cronk, Amy Hutchins, Weston

Arndt, Pauline Wangen, Scott Brushaber, Leann Huston, Cristy Peavey, Bonnie Braymen, and Nicole McKone. Joining via Zoom was Angie Bierwerth and Nancy Rowe as a visitor.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Pastor John Hanson and seconded by Nicole McKone. Carried.

Next Meeting: December 19th, Pauline Wangen/
Devotions.

(cont.)

Secretary's Report: As printed in the newsletter. Moved by Leann Huston and seconded by Nicole McKone. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted with agenda. Moved by Weston Arndt and seconded by Leann Huston. Carried. Moved by Nicole McKone and seconded by Weston Arndt for October benevolence to go YOF Secret Santa shopping. Carried.

Reports: Pastor John Hanson - By the next board meeting, Pastor Christian Magnell and his wife, Allie, and children Noah, Wes, and Ray will be here. The make-up of the Council and committees will be changing in the new year, and we need candidates for leadership roles. **Board of Trustees** - Thank you to Amy Hutchins and Cristy Peavey for helping with the proposed budget. Hail damage repairs on the roof have been made to get us through the winter and the remaining repairs will continue in the spring. There have been good volunteers working on the parsonage as well as Pastor John and Julie. Flooring will be installed in early December. Fellowship hall air conditioning will be installed in the spring. **Board of Stewardship** - Discussed ways to welcome Pastor Christian. There are two positions available on the board for the next year. **Board of Deacons** - We are asking for volunteers to come up and serve communion at the Christmas services. On Christmas Eve the services are 9:30, 5:00, 7:00, and 11:00 and 9:30 on Christmas Day. **Director of Family Ministries** - There is a box at the top of the stairs for Gifts for Children collection. December 12th is the Over 55 Christmas party potluck. **LOGOS** - December 6th is bowling and caroling and will resume January 10th. There are several positions needed: bus

driver, worship leader (board position) and bible study leader (board position). They will be opening registrations to any new students for the next semester. **Child Care** - No representative. **Board of Education/Director of Sunday School** - December 17th will be the Christmas programs. There will be two vacancies on the board in the new year. **Women of Peace** - Bake sale will be December 3rd and are in need of bake sale items. Bonnie Braymen is the new president. **Youth on Fire** - Feed My Starving Children and Secret Santa shopping are coming up. Leann Huston will be stepping down as leader but will stay active with the youth. **Ushers** - No representative.

Old Business: Staff Support Committee will be reformatted. Update from Call Committee: December 5th Pastor Christian and family will be packed up and arrive by December 10th. He would like to start his ministry on December 11th. Pastor Christian would like his installation to be potentially January 14th. Transition Committee would like to invite Pastor Christian to a meeting on December 13th. Protection policy is tabled.

New Business: Moved by Leann Huston and seconded by Nicole McKone to accept the proposed 2024 budget. Carried. Moved by Leann Huston and seconded by Nicole McKone to accept Gary and Janine Newton and Mike, Michelle, and Judd Greenfield as new members. Carried. The annual meeting will be February 4, and Annual Reports are due January 8.

Adjourn: 7:55 p.m. Moved by Nicole McKone and seconded by Weston Arndt. Carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Cronk



- 1 - Emma Freese/Knox Porembo/Crew Porembo
- 2 - Sam Niebeling/Brynnlee Helgeson
- 3 - Jaden Weiss/Blair Deppa
- 4 - Mikaela Walker/Maddi Meyers/Will Haugen/Reagan Wzykoski
- 5 - Paul Potter/Kylee Paulson/Austin Ford
- 7 - Craig Braymen/Myles McGee
- 9 - Anna Goossens
- 11 - Gordon Carroll/Cindy Hagen/Cole Letter
- 13 - Darci Johnson/Brianna Shaw/Douglas Blegen
- 14 - Sally Ista/Jakobe Wallace
- 15 - Katie Stitt/Gus Kroening
- 16 - Bill Findlay/Joan Ford

- 17 - McKayla Slind/John Bierwerth/Allie Weinandt
- 18 - Willy Zevenbergen/Lori Smith/Jim Graese/Mitch Slind/Emma Greenfield
- 19 - DeeDee Ashlin
- 20 - Verla Solberg/John Vrieze
- 21 - Emma Gessler/Jolene Schaffer
- 22 - Roxanne Sittlow/Evelyn Quinlan
- 23 - Kevin Kroening/Marney Roemhild/Lawson VanSomeran
- 24 - Kurt Shaleen/Landen Christenson/Luca Bergseng
- 25 - Donna Wilson/Jean Bramucker/Gary Rott/Brantly Grinde
- 26 - Sharon Achterhof
- 27 - Chris Wangen/Dale Bonte/David Thompson
- 28 - Jeanette Dahl/Heather Shaw/Bella Ashlin/ Lincoln Nigbor

PASTORAL ACTS

November 4 – Funeral service for James Shearer

November 5 – Service of Holy Baptism for Georgia Louise Kahler, daughter of McKenna Smith and Ethan Kahler

November 12 – Service of Holy Baptism for Walker James Campbell, son of Brian and Morgan Campbell



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.

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 (**PLEASE THROW THEM IN LOOSE – NO BAGS**) and cartridges can be left in the box in the entry by the office.

DECEMBER SCRIP ORDERS

Only One Scrip Shopping Day Until Christmas!! The December deadline for Scrip is **Sunday, December 3rd**. Your order will be ready for pick up the following Sunday, December 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 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 the “scrip box” in middle office or 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!



Gifts and Memorials

Gifts were received in memory of Adeline Hink and in honor of Paul and Barb Ramberg.

MAILING NEWSLETTERS - Starting in January 2024, we will no longer automatically mail newsletters to everyone. We are more than happy to keep mailing to those who would like to continue to receive them, so please, before the end of the year, let the office know (office@welcometopeace.org or 715-684-2770 or a note in the office) if you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. If we do not hear from you, we will not mail it starting with the February 2024 issue. If you would prefer an electronic copy, you can sign up to get the newsletter by email on the home page of our website (welcometopeace.org).



Leann Huston is the Youth Director at Peace (lhuston13@yahoo.com or 715-556-2129)



YOUTH on FIRE - is a program open to all 8th - 12th graders. You are welcome to join us for one event or all of them! We understand your schedule is busy, but we would be thrilled for you to join us as often as you can. Our goal is to encourage and strengthen your faith while teaching you to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Currently, YOF holds a monthly activity, and we also offer bible studies periodically. Each year, usually in June, we take our church bus on a week-long mission trip, somewhere throughout the USA to a location or area that needs our help. Please join us and bring a friend if you or they are currently in 8-12th grade!

We have had fun carving pumpkins, handing out tattoos at Trunk or Treat, and babysitting so parents could enjoy an adult night out. As I write this, we are getting ready to do our annual Secret Santa Shopping, which is a favorite for all the kids.

Our next event will be January 13th – skiing and/or tubing.

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior."

****Parents or Members of Peace – we always need chaperones** – Looking for ways to help but not sure how? Join our YOF events! This is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference in the faith journey of our youth!!! Please reach out to Leann – we would love your help.

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

FAMILY
ministry

December Donations – We are collecting donations for BW Gifts for Children until December 11. Please put gifts in the box in the entry.

ONGOING Weekly Ministries at Peace

TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Meetings are weekly on Thursdays from 5:15-6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, check out www.tops.org or contact Pauline Wangen.

Bible Study – Saturdays at 9:00 am in person or on Zoom. Contact Pauline for login.

Bible Study – Sundays between services in person or on Zoom. Contact Pauline for login.

Rise & (Son)Shine – Join us on Thursdays from 7-8:30 a.m. at church for Bible study and exercise. Contact Cheri Rott for more information (cherigary@gmail.com).

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. - - -

Deuteronomy 31:6

I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses.

-Taylor Caldwell



Holiday Schedule

1 st Sunday of Advent, December 3	8:00 a.m. Worship (w/J Crew & Celebration Singers) <i>Women of Peace Bake Sale</i> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship (w/P100 Kids & Celebration Singers) 2:00 p.m. <i>Christmas Carol Celebration</i>
Saturday, December 9	
2 nd Sunday of Advent, December 10	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. <i>Over 55 Christmas Gathering</i>
Tuesday, December 12	
3 rd Sunday of Advent, December 17	8:00 a.m. Worship (w/Confirmation Class) 9:15 a.m. Christmas Program Practice (no Confirmation SS) 10:30 a.m. <i>3yr-2nd Grade Christmas Program</i> 11:00 a.m. <i>3rd-7th Grade Christmas Program</i>
4 th Sunday of Advent, December 24	9:30 a.m. Worship (only one morning service)
<i>Christmas Eve, December 24</i>	<i>5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. / 11:00 p.m. Worship</i>
<i>Christmas Day, December 25</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. Worship</i>
1 st Sunday of Christmas, December 31	9:30 a.m. Worship (only one morning service)

JOY TO THE WORLD


New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1
read one chapter of Luke
in the Bible each evening.
(There are 24 Chapters.)

On Christmas Eve
read the entire account
of Jesus Life.

On Christmas
wake up knowing
WHO & WHY
we celebrate!

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WOMEN OF PEACE BAKE SALE – PLEASE HELP! The WOP invite everyone to participate in the annual Christmas bake sale on **December 3**. Bake a batch of your favorite cookies or candy and bring to the church. Plates of assorted cookies will be sold for \$6/ea. or bags of 4-6 cookies as marked.



OVER 55 CHRISTMAS GATHERING - Please join us for fun, laughter, food and more laughter on **December 12** at 11 a.m. We will play games that all can play (some of us do not like to concentrate deeply...), and we will share a potluck. Ice cream and Christmas cookies will be provided. Most importantly - we will enjoy time together! Bring a generous dish to pass as we plan to invite pastors, spouses, and staff, and feel free to invite a friend! Contact Nancy (715-531-8784) or Sue (715-796-2588) if you have questions. See you there for a great time of fun!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – Please help us decorate for Christmas! Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and may be taken home following the Christmas services. You may remember a loved one, honor a special person or occasion, or just help us decorate. Order forms are available at the usher stand, in the office, and on the website and are due by **December 13**.

THE PETRICHORD QUARTET – 2:00 p.m., **December 3**, at First Reformed Church in Baldwin, (flyer)

SENIOR CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 4:00 p.m., **Dec. 3**, at Zion Lutheran in Woodville. (flyer)

TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER - St. Mary's will serve from 5 – 6pm on **December 5** in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. Please come and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors. The TCS is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran in Baldwin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food.

LIVING NATIVITY - Saturday, **December 16**, O Holy Night in the Grove: A Living Nativity at Baldwin Christian Reformed Church presented by Baldwin Area Churches. A narrator will guide family, friends, and community guests as we follow Mary and Joseph on their history-changing, God-planned journey.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2023</h1>					1	2 9:00 Bible Study
					8	9 9:00 Bible Study 2:00 Christmas Carol Celebration
3 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 SS/Bible Study WOP Bake Sale 6:00 Cantata Practice <i>Scrip orders due</i>	4 6:30 Bible Study	5	6 LOGOS 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Celebration Singers	7 NO Rise/Shine 5:15 TOPS	6:00 Craft Night	
10 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 SS/Bible Study 9:15 Board of Deacons 9:15 Board of Trustees	11 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Board of Ed	12 11:00 Over 55 Christmas Gathering	13 NO Logos/Conf/CS	14 7:00 Rise/Shine 11:30 Women of Peace 5:15 TOPS	15	16 9:00 Bible Study
17 8:00 Worship (w/Confirmation) 9:15 SS Program Practice 10:30 3yr-2nd Program 11:00 3rd-7th Program	18	19	20 NO Logos/Conf/CS	21 7:00 Rise/Shine 5:15 TOPS	22	23 9:00 Bible Study
24 9:30 Worship CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 5:00 / 7:00 / 11:00 p.m.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 9:00 a.m.	26	27 NO Logos/Conf/CS	28 7:00 NO Rise/Shine 5:15 TOPS	29	30 9:00 Bible Study
31 9:30 a.m. Worship NO SS/Bible Study	1	2	3 NO Logos/Conf/CS	4 7:00 NO Rise/Shine		