Peace Lutheran Church 2084 County Road N Baldwin, WI 54002

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December 2024

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 6 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)



2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8

8:00 a.m. Worship (w/Celebration Singers)

Women of Peace Bake Sale

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Program Practice) / Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship (w/Celebration Singers)

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Program Practice) / Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Christmas Program (3yr-9th Grade)

4th Sunday of Advent, December 22

8:00 a.m. Worship (w/Youth Band)

YOF Coffee Shop

9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship (w/Youth Band)

Christmas Eve, December 24 Christmas Day, December 25

5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. / 11:00 p.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Worship

1st Sunday of Christmas, January 5

8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pauline Wangen

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...our pastor

Come to the Table is our theme for Advent. At the table, Jesus meets us with grace, forgiveness, and restoration. He resets us, weekly, with a grace that only God can offer. It is so powerful to approach the table preparing to receive Christ and all He offers.

That said: One of the fun things in Advent is to recognize there is not a "set" series of themes. Our series tracks the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace (for example, that is how it's laid out from the Lutheran Concordia Publishing House), while others list the themes slightly differently. A quick google search will show them in different orders or terms (e.g., some insert the theme of "love" rather than "faith," and use that as the last Sunday in Advent. Some use blue candles (like we're using this year), while others use purple or white candles.

When I first became a pastor, this was a bit confusing. The idea that there wasn't a central, agreed upon, set of Advent themes was strange. But it points to something bigger: within the Christian community, we don't always practice our faith exactly the same way!

When it comes to Scripture, we don't have that wiggle room of course. We don't get to pick and choose. But when it comes to how we live it out, practices vary. When celebrating the birth, life, and resurrection of Christ, we know that it's done in a variety of ways around the world. Same Christ but different worship styles, candle colors, lay outs of churches and more.

This year, we will focus on coming to the table for Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace. We will celebrate the presence of Christ when He came the first time, as He continues to be present with us, and as we prepare for His return.

Pastor Christian



BOARD of STEWARDSHIP November 2024

After collecting the commitment cards by October 27, the numbers were up a bit from the previous year. We collected 113 out of 250 mailed, which was a 45% return compared to 37% a year ago. We had the

drawing for gift cards on November 3. There were three \$100.00 winners and four \$50.00 winners.

We are currently sorting through ideas to improve the commitment return for next year without using the card approach. Our next meeting will be in December to look at some of those ideas.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Ashlin



BOARD of EDUCATION November 9, 2024

Angela will attend the 11/19 council meeting, and Nicole will represent us at the 12/17 council meeting. The Sunday School Director shared that the room situation has greatly improved, and the use of the choir practice space has been wonderful. The Christmas program is well underway, with Missi and Laura working together to have kids sign up for parts. After the program, we'll enjoy 400 treats, including cookies and mini cupcakes.

We also discussed the Sunday School budget and proposed combining it with the Board of Education budget

for better coordination. Recruitment efforts are ongoing to fill three new Board of Education positions by February.

In other updates, we will now oversee monthly mission projects. November's mission is collecting fleece, underwear, and socks for the Foster Closet. December will focus on supporting Hurricane Helen and Milton relief efforts. January's mission will be a food drive for the Baldwin Food Pantry, and February may feature a Sunday School craft supply drive.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 12/9 at 6:30 PM. Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday School program and its mission!

Respectfully submitted, Nicole McKone



BOARD of DEACONS November 10, 2024

Present: Joy, Jeanette, Robert and Sharon.

Robert spoke briefly regarding the new software program being used at church and that the needs of the deacons regarding volunteer listings should be compatible.

URGENT NEED: It was again noted that the deacons will be in need of four (4) new members starting next February after the annual meeting. Open positions are: 1 –

one year term; 1 – two year term and 2 – three year terms (a total of four open positions). Joy will work on a little skit to be done in church in January addressing the needs for volunteer members. Any interested church members, please contact a current deacon member and/or the church office. Jeanette will attend November council meeting on 11-19-24.

Next deacon meeting will be Sunday, December 8th at 9:15 a.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Hauschild, Secretary



BOARD of TRUSTEES October 13, 2024

Call to order: Wes called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. Those attending were Wes, Chris, Scott, Cole, Jared, and Amy. Kevin Kroening joined part of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the September meeting were emailed to all in attendance, hard copies were available. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes and Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Amy presented the Treasurer's report. There was a large increase in giving this month and we were able to stay positive in the monthly snapshot of the budget, though we have a way to go before we can pay

ourselves back the money we borrowed from our building fund. Wes made a motion to approve the report and Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Facilities and Grounds

- a. Kevin Kroening was hired to fill the facilities position. Kevin shared that he and Rich had a hand off meeting on the position as well as to help get to know the building.
- b. It was decided to contract with Anderson Excavating for snow removal this winter again, a big reason for this is to (cont.)

make sure that the parking lot is cleared out for PCC drop off in the morning.

- 2. Peace Child Care The flooring where the kids eat is getting switched from carpet to LVP for easier maintenance and longevity in the space
- 3. Facility Assessment Cole to finish prepping the paperwork so that it can be completed
- 4. Fuel Pre-buy Cole is going to reach out to Lakes Gas for a pre buy contract
- 5. Cemetery Stone Leveling will talk to Willy in the spring
- 6. Worship Director Wes is going to follow up with Laura about her IRA match
- 7. Bus and Vehicle Insurance trustees decided to keep the truck covered with Liability insurance only. On the bus, we will get comprehensive coverage including tow and rental coverage with a \$500 deductible

New Business:

1. Budget

a. We will meet on November 3rd at 9:15 to discuss salaries for the 2025 budget so that Amy has time to update the budget.

- 2. Coffee Shop YOF is looking at starting a coffee shop run by the kids. They will be trying for the first time at trunk or treat.
- 3. Cole asked if there was any objection to getting bubble covers for the fire alarm pull stations to prevent any accidental pulls with how many young kids are in the church. Everyone was in agreement that this would be a good idea.
- 4. Due to the good problem of running low on space for all the things going on at our church, people are going through storage and sorting things that have not been used in a long time. The trustees recommended setting the items out for two weeks before disposing of them so that if anyone wants them they have an opportunity to take them.

Next meeting date: November 17th @ 9:15

Next council representative: Cole

Review of books: This month: Cole and Chris Next Month: Jared and Wes

Adjournment: Motion by Chris and second by Wes to adjourn at 10:34 am, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cole Tobin

BOARD of TRUSTEES November 17, 2024

Call to order: Wes called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Those attending were Wes, Chris, Scott, Cole, Jared, and Amy. Cristy, Jim Hauschild and Bill Findlay joined part of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October meeting were emailed to all in attendance, hard copies were available. Wes made a motion to approve the minutes and Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Amy presented the Treasurer's report. Wes made a motion to approve the report and Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 8. Facilities Assessment
 - a. Cole to send the template to Amy for her to print out and give to Kevin to start going through. We know there are going to be things that he will not be able to answer but we thought it would be a good way to start gathering info and for Kevin to get to know the building and systems.
 - b. Kevin is waiting for Missi to pick paint colors for him to begin painting Sunday school rooms.
 - c. Jared was going to touch base with Kevin on how things were going and help talk through things that he could work on.

- 9. Peace Child Care Jim and Bill came to the meeting; they requested that we think about having a trustee permanently added to the PCC board. Their goal is to help in communication and improve buy-in/resolve issues ahead of time between the different church groups and PCC. Jared volunteered to fill this position.
- 10. Fuel Pre-buy Cole said that he would sign the contract after the Trustee meeting and Amy had the check ready to send out this week after Cole signed the contract.
- 11. Worship Director Wes was going to follow up with Laura about her IRA match and see if she had an existing account or if it was going to be a new one set up under LCMC
- 12. Budget Most of the meeting was spent discussing the 2025 budget. Amy provided a 3-year comparison and average budget to help show trends. Cristy provided an updated percentage sheet to show to date fund use vs budget. With the salary component set, we discussed some of the different groups' budgets and what some of the drivers were for changes over the past years. One section that we plan on bringing to Council for discussion was the Mission section and the way the percentages were broken down. With the generous giving from church members, (cont.)

the percentage used to cover the cost of Feed My Starving Children is roughly 50% over what the actual cost is. The question is do we want to leave it this way or adjust the percentages among the different missions.

New Business:

- 5. New Trustees for 2025
 - a. We have two positions open at the end of the year. Wes said that he would stay on for another term, we will need to talk to Dick and

see if he wants to stay on or if we need to find someone to fill his position.

Next meeting date: December 15th @ 9:15

Next council representative: Cole

Review of books: This month: Cole and Chris Next Month: Jared and Wes

Adjournment: Motion by Wes and seconded by Cole to adjourn at 11:03 am and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Cole Tobin



CHURCH COUNCIL November 19, 2024

Call to order: Ken Rimer at 7:00

p.m.

Attendance: Ken Rimer, Brenda Cronk, Angela Mathison, Amy Hutchins, Cristy Peavey, Laura Bryngelson, Pauline Wangen, Jeanette Dahl, Weston Arndt, Sarah Tyler Peterson, Cole Tobin, and Bonnie Braymen. Missi Blegen and Becky Anderson joined via Zoom. Jim Hauschild and Nancy Rowe joined as guests. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Sarah Tyler Peterson and seconded by Ken Rimer. Carried. Next Meeting: December 17 at 7:00. Pauline Wangen/devotions.

Secretary's Report: As printed in the newsletter. Moved by Sarah Tyler Peterson and seconded by Angela Mathison. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted with agenda. Moved by Jeanette Dahl and seconded by Weston Arndt. Carried. Moved by Sarah Tyler Peterson and seconded by Weston Arndt that October benevolence of \$2351.34 go to Secret Santa shopping. Any funds not used will be rolled over to December. Carried.

Reports: Pastor Christian Magnell - No report. Board of Trustees - A Trustee member will be joining the Peace Child Care board. The budget is complete. The facilities assessment will be given to Kevin Kroening. They are looking to replace the ice machine. Board of Stewardship - No representative. Board of Deacons - There will be four positions needed in February. Director of Family Ministries - Laura Bryngelson will be back-up for setting up Zoom at Council meetings. Camp Wapo dinner theater bus trip will be December 12. Ticket price is \$25 and \$5 to cover the bus. Another option is December 5 but will be

carpooling. Contact Mary Ellen Brue if interested. LOGOS - Things are going well. We need a back-up for driving bus on Wednesdays. Child Care - No representative. Board of Education - Discussed space needs. They need three replacements for the board by February. November mission is collecting underwear and socks for Foster Closet Wisconsin and collecting Walmart and Joann gift cards and fleece for blankets to be made by Sunday School students. Director of Sunday School -Christmas pageant is December 15th at 6:00 p.m. (note the date and time change). Worship Director - Looking for volunteers for Thanksgiving Eve service. All music groups are going well and working on Christmas program. Women of Peace - Cookie bake sale is December 8th. Baked goods should be here by Saturday, December 7th at 2:00. Youth on Fire - The Fountain of Youth on Fire Coffee Shop has raised over \$700 so far and plans to be open once a month. Feed My Starving Children will be November 27 and Christmas karaoke will be held in December. Usher - Ken updated usher responsibilities and it will be sent to current ushers. There is a need for more ushers.

Old Business: Protection Policy is being worked on.

New Business: Looked at revisions on the proposed 2025 budget. Moved by Sarah Tyler Peterson and seconded by Jeanette Dahl to accept David, Christine, and Sophia Edin and Ian Peterson; Laura, Novia, Greta, and Henning Bryngelson as new members. Carried.

Adjourn: 8:50 p.m. Moved by Weston Arndt and seconded by Bonnie Braymen. Carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Cronk

Gifts and Memorials
Gifts were received in memory of Susi McCune.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE – ALL Sunday School students please meet at 9:15 in the sanctuary for Christmas program practice December 8 and 15.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – The Christmas program, with ALL our Sunday School students (3yr to 9th grade), is NEXT Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. Please join us!!

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.

WOMEN OF PEACE BAKE SALE - The WOP invite everyone to participate in the annual Christmas bake sale December 8 by stopping in the fellowship hall to see what goodies you might need!

TEENS in 8-12th GRADE – If you sing or play an instrument, join the youth praise band! We meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30. Questions? Email Laura at laura@welcometopeace.org.

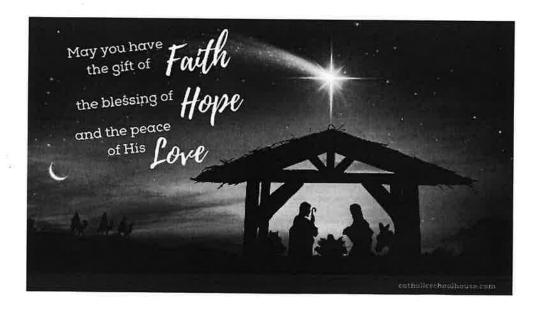
CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! If you're out of high school, (doesn't matter for how long), and are interested in joining a worship team, please talk to Laura! If you sing, play an instrument, or would like to work on the tech side of things behind the scenes, let Laura know (laura@welcometopeace.org) so she can include you.

JOIN A TEAM! We're putting together teams to run the computer screen and AV on Sundays, and we need you! It's easy to do, we will train you, and you can choose which Sundays work best for you. There is a lot to do behind the scenes on Sunday, so we will have a spot that's fun for you. Contact Laura: laura@welcometopeace.org.

HOW DO I GET SOMETHING IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS? Please have all items for the announcement slides and sheets to us by Wednesday mornings to give us time to get them included. Items can be sent to Pastor Christian, Laura, and Amy at announcements@welcometopeace.org. Thanks!

ZION SENIOR CHOIR & CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, **December 8**, at Zion Lutheran in Woodville.

PASSION OF CHRIST MUSICAL AUDITIONS – Dec. 27, 28, & 29. Performance dates are April 3-6 and April 10-13 at the Stagehands Theatre in Spring Valley. For more information contact Luke Hayes (715-220-9453 or rbls2013@gmail.com) or Gary Lukes at spikeit875@gmail.com.





YOUTH on FIRE is a group of young adults who gather in Jesus' name and enjoy expanding their spirituality through music, prayer, fellowship, friendship, and service.

YOF is open to kids in grades 8 through 12.

For information about YOF, please contact Sarah Tyler-Peterson at 715-928-0069.

COMING UP: December 22 – Coffee Shop and Christmas Karaoke (11:30)

January 4 - Ski/Snowboard Day



Scan the QR code and you will be directed to the Band App, which is a social media platform similar to Facebook, only for groups!

This is a great way to stay updated on the most current YOF information.



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



December Mission

The December mission is help for Hurricane Milton and Helene. Watch the box in the entry for ways to help.

Piecing It Together Craft Night - Friday, December 13, 6:00-9:00 pm

Do you have crafts you love to do but don't have the time or space at home? Here's the answer! Bring your pictures, paper, quilting, crocheting, beads, tools, stamps, ideas, and inspiration to share! *Pizza, snacks and beverages will be available for a freewill donation.*

ONGOING Weekly Ministries at Peace

Rise & (Son)Shine – Join us Thursday mornings from 7-8:45 a.m. at church for exercise (7:00) and Bible study (7:45). Contact Cheri Rott for more information (cherigary@gmail.com). You can join us for one or both parts.

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

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

Bible Study – In the lounge between services on Sunday mornings.

JANUARY SCRIP ORDERS

The next deadline for ordering Scrip is Sunday, **January 5.** Orders will be ready for pick up January 12. To place an order, simply complete an order form (blank forms at the Scrip station in the narthex) and place it in an envelope along with your **cash**, **check or credit card slip**. Place your envelope in the "scrip box" in the middle office or either of the church drop boxes. If you have questions regarding the Scrip program and how easy it is to use, please contact Sharon Hauschild 715-307-2531 Thank you!

CANS - We collect aluminum cans as a fundraiser for the Building Fund. Cans can be thrown in the trailer at the north end of the farthest parking lot (**PLEASE THROW THEM IN LOOSE – NO BAGS**). *Please note we no longer take ink cartridges*.



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.

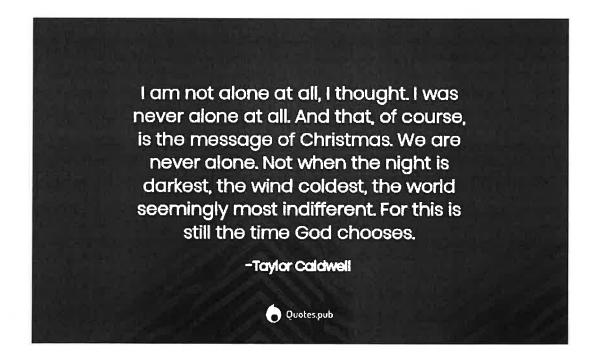


- 1 Emma Freese/Crew Porembo/Knox Porembo
- 2 Allie Magnell/Sam Niebeling/Brynnlee Helgeson
- 3 Jaden Weiss/Blaire Deppa
- 4 Mikaela Walker/Maddi Meyers/Will Haugen/Reagan Wizykoski
- 5 Paul Potter/Austin Ford
- 6 Bradley Coplan
- 7 Craig Braymen
- 9 Anna Goossens
- 11 Gordon Carroll/Cindy Hagen/Cole Letter
- 13 Doug Blegen
- 14 Sally Ista/Khloe Peterson/JaKobe Wallace

- 15 Katie Stitt/Gus Kroening
- 16 Bill Findlay/Joan Ford
- 17 McKayla Slind/John Bierwerth/Allie Weinandt
- 18 Willy Zevenbergen/Lori Smith/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 VanSomeren
- 24 Kurt Shaleen/Luca Bergseng
- 25 Donna Wilson/Jean Bramucker/Gary

Rott/Brantly Grinde

- 27 Chris Wangen/Dale Bonte/David Thompson
- 28 Bella Ashlin/Lincoln Nigbor



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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2024						
1 8 & 10:30 Worship NO SS/Bible Study 11:30 Decorate Scrip orders due	2	3	LOGOS 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Celebration Singers	5 7:00 Rise/Shine 5:15 TOPS	6	7 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Christmas by Candlelight
8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 SS/Bible Study WOP Bake Sale 9:15 Board of Deacons	9 6:30 Board of Ed	10	NO Logos/Confirmation 6:30 Celebration Singers	12 7:00 Rise/Shine 12:00 Women of Peace 5:15 TOPS	13 6:00 Craft Night	14 9:00 Bible Study
15 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 SS/Bible Study 9:15 Board of Trustees 6:00 Christmas Program	16 9:00 WOP Work Day	7:00 Church Council	6:00 Celebration Singers NO Logos/Confirmation	19 NO Rise/Shine 5:15 TOPS	20	9:00 Bible Study
22 8 & 10:30 Worship YOF Coffee Shop 9:15 SS/Bible Study 11:30 YOF Karoake	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 5:00 / 7:00 / 11:00 p.m.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 9:00 a.m.	26 NO Rise/Shine 5:15 TOPS	27	28 9:00 Bible Study
29 8 & 10:30 Worship NO SS/Bible Study	30	31				