

Peace Lutheran Church
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January 2025

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)*

Christian Magnell, Pastor
Peace Lutheran Church (a place of welcome...)
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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)

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

President – Peder Parizek
V. Pres. – Ken Rimer
Secretary – Brenda Cronk
Treasurer – Cristy Peavey

Board of Deacons

Sharon Hauschild
Joy Ulrich

Robert Rust
Jeanette Dahl

Board of Trustees

Weston Arndt
Dick Ulrich
Chris Iverson
Cole Tobin
Scott Brushaber
Jared Peterson

Board of Education

Amy Jurgens
Angela Mathison
Laurie Mueller

Nicole McKone
Mikaela Walker

Board of Stewardship

DeAnn Ashlin
Cheri Rott
Kathy Pankratz
Heather Serier
Bruce Ashlin
Sue Gillis

Women of Peace

Bonnie Braymen

Logos Team Builders

Karl & Becky Anderson
Missi Blegen
Heidi Dumond
Carla O'Connell
Becky Shaleen

Director of Sunday School

Missi Blegen

Youth on Fire

Sarah Tyler-Peterson

Director of Family Ministries

Pauline Wangen

Staff Support Committee

Gloria Rasmussen
Kate Bergseng



...our pastor

How will God work in your life in 2025?

Is that a question you're even asking?

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that we know that New Year's Day, and the calendar in general, are artificial. Of course, the changing of the seasons and our "yearly" trips around the sun, producing different seasons, amounts of daily sunlight, rain and snow, and those sorts of things are *anything* but artificial. We live and die by those natural rhythms that God has established (e.g., farming).

But, calling it "2025" (roughly, but not perfectly, dated from the birth of Christ), is our human way of speaking about what we observe. So, it isn't bad to take some time to think with intentionality about how you're going to live in the year ahead.

So, back to the original question: How will God work in your life in 2025? There are things we cannot control – sicknesses, the national economy, natural disasters... those sorts of things. And God will be with you through them. What we can control: committing to being in worship, to seeking God in Scripture, to going to Him in prayer... those sorts of things are what God uses to draw us closer to Him and to others.

I encourage you to consider what that looks like for you in 2025!

Pastor Christian



BOARD of DEACONS December 8, 2024

Present: Joy, Jeanette, Robert, and Sharon.

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 terms and 2 – three-year terms (a total of four open positions). Joy and Sharon (from Deacons), Wes Arndt (from Trustees) and a representative from Stewardship and

Board of Ed will do a little skit at church on December 15th and also again on January 12, 2025, addressing the need for volunteer members. Any interested church members, please contact a current deacon member and/or the church office.

Joy will attend the December council meeting on 12-17-24.

Next deacon meeting will be Sunday, January 12, at 9:15 a.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Hauschild, secretary



Women of Peace

WOMEN of PEACE November 14, 2024

The Women of Peace met on November 14th. Members present were Shirley R, Marie I, Nancy L, Vi R, Nancy R, Verla S, Mary Ellen B and Bonnie B. Bible study began at 1:30p for a study of Anna in the temple from the book of Luke. The business meeting was called to order at 2:30p. Secretary's report was read. Motion to approve was made by Marie and seconded by Shirley. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was read by Marie. Motion to accept by Nancy R and seconded by Nancy L. Motion carried.

Old Business included final plans for the Christmas cookie bake sale. Bonnie will ensure posters are put up and announcements go in the bulletin and Sunday slides. Shirley will pick up plates and bags. Everyone will meet at 2p Saturday Dec. 7th to plate the cookies. Plates will be \$7/plate on December 8th.

The Christmas Luncheon was discussed. About 25 people are expected/invited. It was decided to purchase a ham and the group will bring "planned" potluck to

supplement. Gifts were discussed and Marie will write checks.

New Business included election of officers. Bonnie agreed to continue as President and Marie agreed to continue as Treasurer. Shirley, who was VP, agreed to be secretary. Since no one stepped up for VP, we again held the discussion about whether to remain a formal group with checking account, officers, and regular meetings or whether we could become more about Bible Study and fellowship. It was decided to keep our meetings as is for now.

The Women of Peace generally make donations at end of year to projects. Nancy R made a suggestion that since Felix, our Kenya student, is about to graduate, that it would be nice to send a graduation gift of \$20 to him and \$200 to His Arms Education fund, in his honor. The motion was made, seconded, and motion carried. As for donations within our church, there was discussion about a new ice machine for the kitchen, but it was decided that Bonnie would take our questions to the November Council Meeting to discuss with Trustees and Council. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Braymen

WOMEN of PEACE December 12, 2024

The Women of Peace met briefly on December 12th following the Christmas luncheon. There was no Bible Study. Members present were Shirley R, Marie I, Vi R, Nancy R, Verla S, and Bonnie B. Secretary's report was read as summarized by Bonnie. Motion to approve was made by Marie and seconded by Shirley. Motion carried. Treasurer's report was read by Marie. Motion to accept by Nancy R and seconded by Nancy L. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Review of Cookie Sale: Marie reported that cookie sales brought in \$616 and card sales for that day were \$49. Discussion included that cookie

donations were down and sales were also down, but most people rounded up to donate, resulting in a very generous outcome.

2. Review of Christmas Luncheon: Everyone liked the idea of purchasing a ham and contributing potluck items to go with it. The food was delicious. The decors were nice. Everyone thought it was lovely!

New Business:

- 1 Discussed end of year donation to the church. Motion by Marie to donate towards a new ice/water machine for the kitchen. Motion was seconded by Shirley. Motion carried. Motion by Nancy to make that donation \$2000. Motion (cont.)

was seconded by Vi. Motion carried. It is noted that it is difficult for the office to track miscellaneous donations that are specified. It was decided that Marie will track the \$2000 within our checking account until the unit is found and the church needs the payment. Bonnie will alert the council/trustees at the next meeting.

- 2 During discussion for donation of a quilt to a member that is struggling with their health, it was brought up that it is very meaningful and personal to receive a "prayer" quilt/shawl. Since we have

quilts available for gifting, we decided to pray over our quilts before they are donated and include a label on the back to indicate such. We started by praying over a blue patchwork quilt. Bonnie will make a label and deliver the quilt. The congregation may see quilts in the future on display for all to add their prayers.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Braymen



CHURCH COUNCIL December 17, 2024

Call to order: Peder Parizek at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Pastor Christian Magnell, Peder Parizek, Brenda Cronk, Amy Hutchins, Cristy Peavey, Laura Bryngelson, Pauline Wangen, Sarah Tyler-Peterson, Nicole McKone, Melissa McLaren, Sue Gillis, Cole Tobin, Sherri Meyer, Becky Anderson, and Bonnie Braymen.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Nicole McKone. Carried.

Next Meeting: January 21st at 6:00. Amy Hutchins/Devotions.

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

Treasurer's Report: Submitted with agenda. There is a need for a new Treasurer. Moved by Nicole McKone and seconded by Becky Anderson. Carried. Moved by Nicole McKone and seconded by Becky Anderson that benevolence of \$2500 go to LCMC and the balance be split equally between Adoray, Grace Place, Family Resource, and Food Pantry. Carried.

Reports: Pastor Christian Magnell - It has been a great year. Thank you for the support and encouragement. Thank you for a great Christmas pageant. On Christmas Eve we will have services at 5, 7, and 11:00 p.m. and Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m. There will be a formal process starting in February for new members consisting of class for two weeks. Starting in January, the Saturday morning Bible Study will be using Daily Walk to read through the Bible in a year. **Board of Trustees** - The budget is complete. They will be replacing the ice machine and will be putting grab bars into the bathrooms. **Board of Stewardship** - They are waiting on videos that should be sent to Robert Rust from different boards that will be put on the website. 45% of recommitment cards were returned this year, which is an improvement from 37% last year.

They are looking to redo the format for next year. **Board of Deacons** - No representative. **Director of Family Ministries** - January 10th is craft night. Over 55 Event will be chair yoga with a potluck. **LOGOS** - They did Christmas caroling and bowling in December. Any new students are welcome to start the 2nd half of the year in January. **Child Care** - Two new board members are Melissa McLaren and Jared Peterson. Daycares have closed in the area and more childcare is necessary and Peace will be getting more children. They were denied having 18-month-olds due to not having sinks in the classrooms. **Board of Education** - Missi made 32 dozen cookies for refreshments following the Christmas program. They need three replacements for the board by February. December mission is Hurricane Helene and January is Food Pantry. January 12th is a pancake breakfast. **Director of Sunday School** - No representative. **Worship Director** - Thank you to the volunteers for the Christmas program. **Women of Peace** - The cookie sale brought in over \$600. They will be donating \$2000 for the ice machine. **Youth on Fire** - The Fountain of Youth on Fire Coffee Shop will be open December 22nd and plan to be open once a month. January 5th will be the regular meeting at 11:30. Mission trip plans for the summer have started. **Usher** - No representative.

Old Business: Pastor Christian will meet with Stewardship to talk about recommitment cards. Looked at revisions on the proposed budget. Moved by Nicole McKone and seconded by Becky Anderson to accept the proposed budget. Carried.

New Business: Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Becky Anderson to accept Sherry Crosby as a new member. Carried. Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Becky Anderson to change Council meetings to 6:00. Carried.

Adjourn: 8:40 p.m. Moved by Peder Parizek and seconded by Nicole McKone. Carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Cronk



BOARD of EDUCATION December 9

The Board of Ed met on December 9th at 6:30 pm. Angela, Missi, Laurie, and Nicole were in attendance.

Nicole attended the council meeting, and we will decide who attends the January meeting at our next meeting. Things with the Sunday School program have been going well. Missi and Laurie baked their hearts out for fellowship following the program. We are still working on filling seats come February. Three more people are needed to fill the board of ed.

The Foster Closet mission in November was a success. The December mission is for Hurricane Helene Relief. January's mission is to the Baldwin Food Pantry. The Pancake Breakfast will be on January 12th. Angela and her family will help make and serve the pancakes. (Nicole will also help as long as she is not at a family Christmas.)

Nicole responded to the Deacons' skit email. The skit will happen on January 12th. It has also been decided that there will NOT be Sunday School on December 22nd, but there WILL be Sunday School on March 23rd.

Respectfully submitted, Nicole McKone

FEBRUARY SCRIP ORDERS

The next deadline for ordering Scrip is Sunday, **February 2**. Orders will be ready for pick up February 9. 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.

Gifts and Memorials

Gifts were received in honor of Craig and Gloria Rasmussen and Ole and Nola Monicken and in memory of Jon Veenendaal and Doug Norvold.

PASTORAL ACTS

December 19 – Funeral service for Jon Veenendaal



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: February 2 – Lunch and Valentine Dance!



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).



Monday Night Bible Study – January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 6:30-8:00pm

Jesus in all of Ruth. Join us as we learn more about the book of Ruth through videos and discussion.

Piecing It Together Craft Night - Friday, January 10, 6:00-9:00 pm

Do you have crafts you love to do but you just 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 free will donation.

Over 55 Event - Chair Yoga and Organizing Tips - Thursday, January 16, 10:00-1:00pm

We will have a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share.

ONGOING Weekly Ministries at Peace

Rise & (Son)Shine – Join us Thursday mornings from 7-8:45am 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 5:15-6:00pm. For more information, check out www.tops.org or contact Liz Rust (erust@digitalsilk.net).

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

Bible Study – Sundays at 9:00am in the lounge (across from the offices).



In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

*** * * BULLETIN BOARD * * ***

THANK YOU - The Women of Peace send our gratitude for the blessings of baked goods and for those who purchased Christmas cookies from the Bake Sale in December. We also recognize that many of you contributed generously in addition to your purchases. These proceeds, approximately \$600, will be used toward our mission work for 2025. Thank you to all who made the day a success!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Sunday, **Jan. 12**, the Board of Ed is serving their delicious pancakes from 8:30 to 10:30!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – Say goodbye to debt and hello to financial peace! 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting **January 15** and running through March 12 at United Methodist Church in New Richmond. For more information and to register contact Jackie Kumm at jackiekumm@yahoo.com.

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!

***ANNUAL MEETING** – The Annual Meeting of Peace Lutheran Church is Sunday, **February 2**, starting with worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by the business portion at 11:30 a.m. Annual Reports will be available at the meeting.*



1 - Al Owens/Bruce
Ashlin/Justen Walton/
Katie Borowicz/Tom
Mueller/Asher Thomason
2 - Grant Hutchins/
Jennica Driscoll/Scott

12 - Brian Blegen/Hayden Shearer
13 - Tori Harken/Stone Parizek
14 - Kelly Meyers/Rylan Schumacher/Remi Roy
15 - Chuck Ford/Audrey Mathison
16 - Lilyanne Meyer
17 - Lisa Knutson
18 - Nicole McKone/Lauren Thompson
19 - Josh Vrieze
20 - Sidney Roemhild
22 - Jennifer Winger/Ashley Chevrier/Jaxon
Schaffer
23 - Myrna Larson/Nancy Larson/Kim Thomason/
Jessica Peterson/Ali Newton
24 - Ellie French/Nick Russell
25 - Hudson French
26 - Jake Freese/Liz Rust
27 - Larry Larson
28 - Grady Paulson
29 - Jennifer Haugen
30 - Joyce Wolf/Kathy Paulson/Becky Shalee

Brushaber/Brystol Shearer/Rozzie Nichols
3 - Dan Smith/Jody Graese/Jodi Engler/Madison
Carey
4 - Cadyn Winger
5 - Char Vrieze/Mackenzie Brown/Braxton
Ramberg
6 - Charles Anderson/Henning Bryngelson
7 - Renate O'Brien/Lizzie Duch
8 - Sharon Hauschild/Allie Nelson/Thayden
Wernlund/Greta Grognet
9 - Dan VanSomeren/Eric Wangen/Michelle
Greenfield/Kaylee Shaleen
10 - Jeremy Werner/Tim Haugen
11 - Monica Polk

WHERE DO I FIT?

We all have been blessed with abilities, gifts, and talents from God. You might wonder, **“Where do I fit at Peace?”** There are many volunteers that make Peace the great place that it is. You are qualified to serve our church family. If you have the desire to have fun at church and want to share a little of your time, please fill out the back of this form and turn it into the office. Read on to find out where you can use your talents, abilities, and gifts. **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.**

WHAT DO THE BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND POSITIONS DO?

~ All terms begin after the 2024 Annual Meeting ~

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 3-year term
- Meetings – once a month
- Assists with/oversees educational opportunities, e.g. Sunday School, Christmas Programs, VBS, etc.

Current members: Amy Jurgens, Angela Mathison, Laurie Mueller, Nicole McKone, Mikaela Walker, _____

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

- 3-year term
- Meetings – once a month
- Coordinates annual Recommitment drive, works with time and talents of the congregation, etc.

Current members: DeAnn Ashlin, Cheri Rott, Kathy Paulson, Heather Serier, Bruce Ashlin, Sue Gillis

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 3-year term
- Meetings – once a month
- Oversees budget and financial issues of the church and physical upkeep

Current members: Weston Arndt, Dick Ulrich, Chris Iverson, Cole Tobin, Scott Brushaber, Jared Peterson

BOARD OF DEACONS

- 3-year term
- Meetings – once a month
- Oversees evangelism efforts; organizes lectors, communion assistants, greeters, etc.
- Assists with special services

Current members: Sharon Hauschild, Joy Grognet, Robert Rust, Jeanette Dahl, _____, _____

PRESIDENT

- 1-year term
- Presides over meetings of the congregation and Church Council
- Ensures guidelines of constitution are being followed
- Works closely with Pastor and Executive Committee

Current President: Peder Parizek

VICE PRESIDENT

- 1-year term
- Assumes the president's role in case of his/her absence
- Assists the president as needed

Current Vice President: Ken Rimer

SECRETARY

- 1-year term
- Regularly attends all council, congregation, and special meetings
- Takes minutes of meetings
- Prepares written minutes to be included in the newsletter and church records in a timely manner

Current Secretary: Brenda Cronk

TREASURER

- 1-year term
- Attends Trustee meetings and reports to Church Council as needed
- Signs checks and does banking as needed
- Provides a check and balance system for church finances

Current Treasurer: Cristy Peavey

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- 1-year term
- Meets 2-3 times in the fall/winter
- Locates potential volunteers to be on various boards
- Assists in creating the ballot of volunteers for the annual meeting

Current members: Executive Committee

USHER COMMITTEE

- 3-year term
- Recruits, trains, and organizes volunteers for ushering

Current members: Tashia Parizek, _____, _____

STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE

- 3-year term
- Supports our staff as needed

Current members: Kate Bergseng, Gloria Rasmussen, _____, _____, _____, _____

There are a lot of positions available for volunteering. WE NEED YOU!!

Name _____ **Phone number** _____

Email _____

_____ **YES!** I am willing to use my time, talents, and gifts. Please put my name on the annual meeting ballot for the following board or position _____.

_____ **MAYBE!** I'm not sure about serving. Please have someone call me about the following board or position _____.

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PLACE IN THE OFFERING BOX.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2025</h1>						
			1	2 7:00 Rise/Shine 5:15 TOPS	3	4 9:00 Bible Study
5 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:30 Youth on Fire <i>Scrip orders due</i>	6 6:30 Bible Study	7	8 LOGOS 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Celebration Singers 7:30 Youth Praise Band	9 7:00 Rise/Shine 1:30 Women of Peace 5:15 TOPS	10 <i>6:00 Craft Night</i>	11 9:00 Bible Study
12 8 & 10:30 Worship <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> 9:15 SS/Adult Bible Study 9:15 Board of Deacons	13 6:30 Board of Ed 6:30 Bible Study	14	15 LOGOS 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Celebration Singers 7:30 Youth Praise Band	16 7:00 Rise/Shine <i>10:00 Over 55</i> 5:15 TOPS	17	18 9:00 Bible Study
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