

# The Peace Post

Peace Lutheran Church ~ Alma, MI

January, 2011

Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



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## From the Desk of Pastor Messer "A New Year of Being Made New"

*"And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new!'" (Rev. 21:5)*

Notice the tense of the verb spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ in the verse above. It is not past or future, but present. He doesn't say I have made or will make all things new, but I *am making* all things new!

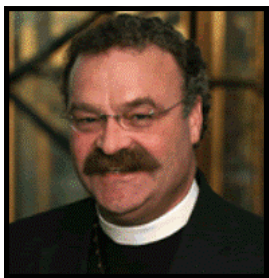
That is very significant, my friends, for it assures us that our Lord Jesus Christ is no absentee landlord, but an active Savior and very present help in our time of need. It is true that He "*made* all things new" by His death and resurrection and that He "*will make* all things new" on the Last Day when He returns in glory, but it is equally true that He is, even now, "*making* all things new." He is "with us always" just as He promised to be. He continues to do mighty things in our presence, gifting us with forgiveness, life, and salvation through the precious means of grace He Himself established—His Holy Word and Sacraments. As we continue to come into His presence and receive these gifts from His gracious hands, He continues to make us new, preserving us as His beautiful and immaculate Bride, perfectly holy and righteous in His Father's sight.

It is this glorious truth, this beautiful promise, this awesome reality, which allows us to transition into a new earthly year without fear, and full of confidence. We don't know what lies ahead for us in this new year, but we do know that nothing—not financial difficulties, not broken relationships, not illness or injury, not even death—can separate us from the love God has for us who are continuously made new by His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord (cf. Rom. 8:37-39). For that reason, we can rest assured that this new year (like all new years) will be one of extraordinary blessing for us, for it will be a new year of being made new by our Lord.

Thus, let us resolve to heed the exhortation given us in Hebrews and "*consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near*" (Heb. 10:24-25). For it is when we "meet together" in the Divine Service that our Lord washes us clean in His Blood and makes us ever new.

A blessed New Year to all!  
Your servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*

## President Harrison Accepts Call to Serve as Assistant Pastor



*On Sunday, December 19, 2010, President Harrison officially accepted the call he had received from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO to serve as their Assistant Pastor. This is a significant event for the life of our synod! President Harrison is the first synodical president to serve as a parish pastor simultaneously while serving as synodical president since at least 1911. By accepting this call, he affirms his most sincere belief that the most vital aspect of our life together as a synod is not found in the bureaucracy in St. Louis, but in the local congregations throughout our synod, where our Lord meets His people in His Holy Word and Sacraments. This also provides further proof of President Harrison's pastoral heart and gives us all the more reason to thank God for providing us with such a leader. What follows is the official statement President Harrison sent to all the District Presidents announcing his acceptance of the call:*

### Statement by Matthew Harrison on the Acceptance of a Call to Serve as an Assistant Pastor

**To:** District Presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (for distribution as they see fit)

**From:** Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**Date:** December 19, 2010

Grace and peace in Jesus, “the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25)!

This morning, Sunday, December 19, 2010, I personally informed the pastor, elders and members of Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, Missouri, that I had accepted the congregation’s call to serve as their assistant pastor. The call was not acted upon hastily, or without significant consultation. In providing you with the following information, I want to lay out for you a brief explanation of the personal and theological reasons why I am taking this path.

The constitution and bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod specifically allow the President of the Synod to hold such an office. The bylaws state:

The President of the Synod shall be a full-time executive and shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors of the Synod. (a) He shall not be in charge of a congregation or hold a chair at any educational institution *but may be called as an assistant pastor, provided such services do not interfere with his official duties as President.* (3.3.1)

There are a number of reasons for this action. I shall only note a few items here. With respect to the Synod’s national office:

- Though no President (or congregation) has acted on this privilege for many decades, in its wisdom the Synod recognizes that its President may be a called pastor at a local parish. This was long the practice of the Missouri Synod, and has been the practice of the Lutheran Church in general for most of its history.
- While those of us in national leadership have noted a lessening of local loyalty to the national church, we have less often acknowledged the local perception that the national office has distanced itself from congregations. Accepting this call is my own concrete affirmation of the vital, in fact, most vital role of local congregations and pastors in our mission, mercy, and life together as a Synod (John 10:12-16).
- The new structure of the Synod greatly increases the CEO responsibilities of the President. It is more vital than ever that amidst the many tasks of the office, it be carried out pastorally, and with the church’s pastoral and missionary task firmly in focus and close at hand (1 Pet. 5:2).
- In this called, pastoral position, I am directly responsible to the senior pastor and board of elders of Village Lutheran for my preaching and teaching there. I believe it is healthy even (especially!) for the President of Synod to be directly accountable to a local congregation in this way, and to God himself for such a congregation (Heb. 13:17).

With respect to my particular person I note the following.

- St. Paul states, “The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task” (1 Tim. 3:1).
- In the core of my being, I am a pastor. I view life pastorally. I view the mission of the church pastorally (Jer. 3:15). My work at LCMS World Relief and Human Care moved the church’s work of mercy to a pastoral model, closely connecting care with local altars, fonts, and pulpits worldwide.
- I am energized by and find great joy in preaching, teaching, and pastoral visitation (2 Cor. 1:24).
- A called pastoral relationship with a local congregation allows me and my family to be cared for by a group of Christians in a way that would otherwise not occur (Gal. 6:6). Village Ladue recognizes this care as a vocation of service to the Synod.
- My two boys are in high school. Their time at home is short. For ten years they have rarely heard me preach or teach. I desire to preach to my own children in these vital years of their Christian formation. As Synod President I could well be absent every weekend. For the sake of my wife and boys at this stage of our lives, travel must be reasonably limited. Wonderful things may be accomplished for the Missouri Synod over the next number of years, but (God help me) not at the expense of the faith of my own family (Eph. 5:25; 1 Tim. 3:4).

The bylaw states that the president “may be called as an assistant pastor, provided such services do not interfere with his official duties as President.” I note the following:

- This called pastoral position involves preaching once every month or two; teaching the occasional Sunday Bible study; and visiting a handful of

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## Synopsis of December 14, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes

### Call To Order & Opening Prayer

- President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Elder Zeile conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present: Carol Zeile, Gary Miller, Chris Brown, Bill Harmon, Megan Brown, Sharyn Greening and Dave Zeile. Pastor Messer was also present.

### Approval of Agenda

- President Brown made a motion, supported by Financial Secretary Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Treasurer Zeile, supported by Financial Secretary Miller to approve the November 9 and November 16 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Report(s): Pastor** – Pastor Messer presented the attached report. The Council received the report into record; **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached report. She also informed the Council that spending is under budget, but the revenues are not where they should be. The Council received the report into record; **Financial Secretary** – Financial Secretary Miller informed the Council that approximately \$100 had been collected for the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. He also informed the Council that the year-end reports would soon be available. The Council received the report into record.

- Boards: Board of Elders** – No report; **Board of Trustees** – No report; **Board of Christian Education** – Councilmember Greening reminded the Council that the Children's Christmas Program will be on December 22; **Board of Evangelism** – No report; **Board of Stewardship** – Councilmember Harmon expressed his thanks for service over the past year.
- Organization and Committee Reports: Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – This year's Cookie Walk and Bazaar was very successful; **Peace Youth Group** – No report.

### Business

- 2011 Budget** – The Council discussed the 2011 Budget and Treasurer Zeile presented information that would be presented in the newsletter. Financial Secretary Miller made a motion, supported by Treasurer Zeile to move \$200 from the Telephone Line to the Guest Pastors Line based on projected savings from telephone services. Motion carried unanimously.
- Arbor Grove Assisted Living** – The Council discussed the attached letter from Arbor Grove Assisted Living. Motion made by Financial Secretary Miller, supported by Councilmember Harmon to allow Arbor Grove Assisted Living usage of the building in case of emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

**General Comment** - None

### Adjournment & Closing Prayer

- Motion made by Financial Secretary Miller, supported by Councilmember Zeile to adjourn at 7:42pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

## Synopsis of October 24, 2010 Voters' Assembly Minutes

**Call To Order & Opening Prayer** – President Brown called the meeting to order at 11:10am. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion made by President Brown, supported by Dave Zeile to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by President Brown, supported by Financial Secretary Miller to approve the August 1 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Report(s): Pastor** – Pastor Messer expressed his thanks for the Appreciation and Anniversary Dinner. He also informed the Assembly that orders are being taken for books, Reformation Day Celebration will be on October 31, and that his nephew was born this morning; **Treasurer** – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached report and it was received into record; **Financial Secretary** – Financial Secretary Miller informed the Assembly that the quarterly reports have been distributed.

**Boards: Board of Elders** – Early Communion has begun; **Board of Trustees** – The banner closet project has been completed and there are a few other small projects to be completed. The hospital will not continue plowing the parking lot at no cost; **Board of Christian Education** – Sharyn Greening informed the Assembly that the Sunday School children will be making cards for the mission in Belize and for Pastor Harrison; rehearsal for the Christmas program will begin in a few weeks and volunteers are needed to prepare lunch. The program will be held on December 22; **Board of Evangelism** – Table Talk will be October 28; Luther movie on October 29; looking for volunteers to help with Reformation Day Celebration setup; Advent Tea will be December 7; Secret Pal luncheon on November 7; the next SALT meeting will be November 18; **Board of Stewardship** – Treasurer Zeile presented the report on behalf of Bill Harmon. Daren Johnson has offered to do snow plowing and asked for additional help. There was discussion of the survey taken at the previous Assembly meeting.

**Organization and Committee Reports: Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – The Guild will be providing desserts for the Reformation Day Celebration; The Cookie Walk and Bazaar will be held on December 5 with the cookbook also available; the Guild is sponsoring a new seminary student; **Peace Youth Group** – The group is planning to attend Higher Things in July 2011 and offered thanks for support from the congregation.

**Business: Elections** – The attached ballot was presented to the Assembly. Motion made by Sharyn Greening, supported by Phyllis Hill to elect the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried unanimously; **Thrivent Choice Dollars** – Treasurer Zeile explained the program to members of the Assembly.

**Adjournment & Closing Prayer:** Motion made by Financial Secretary Miller, supported by Jon Penzien to adjourn at 12:00pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Brown, Secretary

*(Complete Minutes are available in the Church Office)*

# PEACE NEWS & NOTES



## PYG NEWS

<u>January</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Location</u>
	Meeting	1/16	5 pm	7 pm	Fellowship Hall
	HT Plans	1/9	After Service		Rear of Church

Greetings in Christ,

Welcome to the new year that the Lord has given us.

We will be continuing to plan our monthly meetings on the Sundays in the teens (13-19). This will put them on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month. All youth from the sixth grade up are welcome to attend and participate in meetings and fellowship.

We will be having a Higher Things Planning meeting for the parents/sponsors of the youth that are interested in attending the Higher Things Youth Events. These are annual events for confirmed youth. If your youth is interested in attending the 2011 or 2012 event, please meet with us in the choir area immediately after Divine Service on the 9th. If you cannot be there, but they are interested, please contact me before the meeting, either at church or home.

As I indicated at the last Voter's Assembly meeting, we are promoting our cell phone collection drive through the month of January. Please share our information with others. Flyers will be on the PYG board - feel free to take one and pass it on.

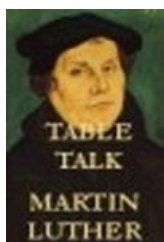
Our pop can and Spartan labels collections continue. Thank you all for your support and prayers for the Youth of our Church.

May the Spirit of the Lord be with you,  
Jonathan Penzien

## *Ladies Lunch Bunch . . .*

*. . . will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 17 at The Main in Alma. All ladies of Peace are welcome and also may invite a guest - someone without a church or someone living alone. Please enter your name on the signup list posted in Fellowship Hall and join us!*

## TABLE TALK



Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Plus, THEY'RE FUN! Our next Table Talk will take place on **Thursday, January 13 at the church**. We hope you'll be able to join us!

## SALT NEWS

### ALL DAY CHRISTMAS MOVIE MARATHON

Approximately 10-13 persons were in attendance at various times throughout the day and all enjoyed themselves.

### ADOPT- A - FAMILY

"Thank You" to all from the congregation who participated in Adopt-A-Family. If and/or when a Thank You comes from the family, we will pass along the information.

### FOOD BANK

Please consider donating canned/boxed goods for our Food Bank to be used for our Adopt A Family project.

### MEETINGS

Please see the Minutes of our last meeting on the SALT Bulletin Board

Next meeting January 20 at 6:30 pm

We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

This is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. If you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad, please contact Carolyn Johnson (email ckj1969@yahoo.com or telephone 463-3052).

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School teachers would like to thank their students for a great Christmas program. They worked really hard at rehearsals to follow directions, memorize their parts and sing the hymns. We are very proud of them and appreciate how well each part was performed to tell the Christmas story. Thank you so much for a job well done!

Thank you also to Coaline Luplow, Lois Ramsey, Marlene Miller, Charlotte Dargie, Yvonne Elenbaas, and Mary Girard who provided rehearsal lunches. We really appreciated all the good food.



# Ladies Guild

## Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will meet on **Monday, January 3 at 1 pm.** Hostess will be Mary Jakolat. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

## PLC Women's Prayer Chain

The updated list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have received a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

## Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2011 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar and contact the church office with any information that you wish to have included in the bulletin. If there is a specific date in the month that commemorates an occasion, please also enter that date. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel.

## LADIES GUILD ON THE WEB

The Ladies Guild information on the Peace website has been updated. This is a place to check for items such as: coffee hostesses, Altar Guild assignments and upcoming Ladies Guild events. See [www.peacealma.org](http://www.peacealma.org) and click Ladies Guild at left.

## PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

the Ladies Guild is collecting the following items for Layettes to send to the Lutheran World Relief:

2 receiving blankets

2 shirts

2 gowns or sleepers

4 cloth diapers

1 sweater

2 washcloths

1 bath-size bar of soap

2 diaper pins

Wrap the items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

**COLLECTION DATES:**

**January 1 - March 31**

## PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

The cookbooks are now available; price is \$13.00 and can be purchased during fellowship from any member of the Guild.

## LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour. We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



## January

M. Miller/C. Dargie

## February

### Altar Care

Carolyn Johnson

### Coffee Hostesses

6 Jennie Harmon  
13 Y.Elenbaas/M.Girard  
20 S.Greening/M.Brown  
27 Carolyn Johnson

## March

Coaline Luplow

6 Andrea Elliott  
13 Jo Wendt  
20 Cassie Tennant  
27 Jenny Baughman



2 Carol Zeile  
9 Tina Schafer  
16 Peace Youth Group  
23 M. Miller/C. Dargie  
30 Janice Sager



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

## Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class is offered on **Sundays at 11 a.m.**

### Together in the Word

- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** We are currently studying *Joshua*. All are welcome to join us!

### Christian History 101

- Weekly Wednesday classes meet at 6 pm, followed by Divine Service at 7 pm (during Advent, class is at 5 pm).

### First Communion and Confirmation Classes

- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation Class for our 2nd-year confirmands (Sierra Luplow and Aaron Messer) will meet on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. (no 1st-year confirmands this year).

### *"President Harrison Accepts Call . . ." continued from page 2*

shut-ins each month (1 Tim. 5:17; Matt. 25:36). It involves no meetings and no administrative duties. I shall receive from this position no compensation, or even reimbursement for mileage. This call is a gift. My service shall be a gift (1 Thess. 2:9). This call is not a so-called "status call"—a call merely for the purpose of an ordained man being able to remain on the LCMS roster.

- My clear priority is and has to be the called position of Synod President, which is more than full-time (Luke 17:10; 1 Cor. 15:58).

With respect to district presidents:

- While I have chosen to act upon a matter of freedom, not all district presidents have such freedom in their respective district constitutions, nor are their respective circumstances the same. I will guard each district president's freedom, right, and responsibility to act as he and his district believe is best for his particular circumstances (2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:13). Their office alone makes them worthy of our deepest love, support, and continual prayer (2 Cor. 11:28).

Finally:

*Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. . . . Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:18-21).*

Pastor Matthew Harrison

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### JANUARY

#### Happy Birthday

6 Dorothy Trgina    24 David Meyers  
11 Mary Jakolat    25 Joan Burch  
14 Rebekah Tennant

#### Happy Anniversary

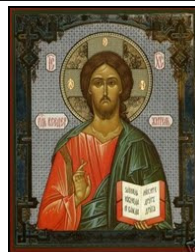
15 Dorothy and Gary Trgina

*If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please  
let us know so that we can update our records.*

### TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN!

Listen to what you want, when you want, at:

[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)  **Issues, Etc.**  
Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio



### PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

[www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com](http://www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com)

*Check in from time to time  
to see what's on his mind.*

### PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 12/26/10)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 139; Confirmed - 117

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report as of 12/26/10

YTD Budgeted.....\$113,565.00





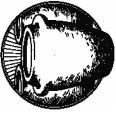





YTD Receipts.....\$99,660.96

Difference.....\$-13,904.04

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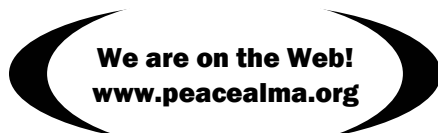
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>January 1</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR
<b>2 Circumcision/Name of Jesus</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS 	<b>3</b> 1 pm - Ladies Guild	<b>4</b> <i>Pastor Messer at Winkler</i> 7 pm - Church Council	<b>5</b> 6 pm - "Christian History" <b>7 pm - Divine Serv.</b> <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord (Obs.)</i> 	<b>6</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Confirmation Class 5 pm - Weight Watchers	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 The Baptism of Our Lord</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 10:45 - PYG 11:00 - BC,SS 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6 pm - "Christian History" <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>Confession of St. Peter (Obs.)</i> 	<b>13</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Confirmation Class 5 pm - Weight Watchers 7 pm - Table Talk	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS 5-7 pm PYG 	<b>17</b> 1:30 pm - Lunch Bunch	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> No Class or Service	<b>20</b> <i>No Together in Word</i> 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6:30 pm - SALT meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<i>Pastor Messer at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN for Theological Symposia</i>						
<b>23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - Voters' Assembly 	<b>24</b> <div>Newsletter articles due</div>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6 pm - "Christian History" <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>Conversion of St. Paul (Obs.)</i> 	<b>27</b> 10 am - Together in Word <b>Noon - Divine Service</b> <i>Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus</i>  5 pm - WW 5 pm - Conf. Class	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 - Choir <b>9:30 - Divine Service</b> 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC, SS 	<b>31</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>2</b> 6 pm - "Christian History" <b>7 pm - Divine Service</b> <i>Purification of Mary &amp; Presentation of Our Lord</i> 	<b>3</b> 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Confirmation Class 5 pm - Weight Watchers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

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*The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.*

## *Serving in January*

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
<b>January</b>				
2 - 9:30 am <i>(Circumcision/Name of Jesus)</i>	Larry Elliott	Morgan Johnson Sierra Luplow	Gary Miller Daren Johnson	Jenny Baughman
9 - 9:30 am <i>(Baptism of our Lord)</i>	Terry Luplow	Tyrel Harwager Melanie Penzien	Jonathan Penzien Chris Brown	Charlotte Dargie Marlene Miller
16 - 9:30 am <i>(Epiphany 2)</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Natalie Penzien Samantha Messer	Jim Sager Vern Jakolat	Sharyn Greening
23 - 9:30 am <i>(Epiphany 3)</i>	David Zeile	Paige Harwager Aaron Messer	Chris Brown Kevin Sellke	Jon Penzien and Family
30 - 9:30 am <i>(Epiphany 4)</i>	Larry Elliott	Myka Luplow Morgan Johnson	Vern Jakolat Phillip Schafer	Bob and Jo Wendt
<b>February</b>				
6 - 9:30 am <i>(Epiphany 5)</i>	Terry Luplow	Sierra Luplow Tyrel Harwager	Gary Miller Daren Johnson	Miguel and Sue Ortiz

*"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" (Eph. 6:7)*