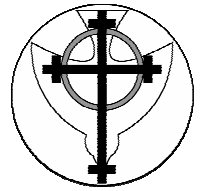


The Peace Post



The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen!



From the Desk of Pastor Messer

“Why Do We Practice Closed Communion?”

Most of what follows comes from an article written by Rev. Aaron Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Greenfield, WI.

Dear fellow redeemed in Christ,

The above question is one of the toughest for the average Lutheran to answer. At first glance it seems so contrary to our basic Christian instincts. Doesn't Jesus welcome all people? Didn't He die for everyone? Isn't forgiveness and salvation something that is not dependent on anything in us? Isn't it all God's grace, anyway? Why shouldn't we let people come to the Lord's Supper who want to do so?

The answer to the above question comes from God's own Word. First of all, not everyone who receives the Lord's Supper receives it to their benefit. Some are actually harmed by it because they do not have the right faith. 1 Corinthians 11:29 states, “He who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.” Those who do not believe that the true, literal body and blood of Christ are being distributed, who believe that Communion is a just a remembrance ceremony using mere bread and wine, would eat and drink to their own condemnation according to this verse. To eat and drink in an unworthy manner is to eat and drink without penitent faith in the Lord's real presence or in the promise of forgiveness attached to His real body and blood.

So then, first of all, out of love for our neighbor, we cannot simply let anyone come to the Lord's table without first being sure they hold to this belief for their own good. Unfortunately, many Christian bodies—such as Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, and non-denominational groups (to name just a few)—reject Christ's true body and blood in His Supper. They believe that the Lord's Supper is a mere “memorial meal” and that what is distributed is merely bread and wine (or, grape juice), which is why they have no problem practicing open communion. These heterodox (“other teaching”) groups

follow the false teachings of the radical reformers who rose up in the 16th century, who were the first in the history of the church to deny that Christ's true body and blood were given in the Sacrament. To admit them to the Lord's table would be to dishonor Christ and fail to love our neighbor.

Second of all, God's Word clearly teaches that we are not to have fellowship (communion) with false teaching. The Lord's Supper is the highest and most intimate union that we have with one another as Christians on this earth. To permit a rejection of Christ's Word into that intimate fellowship would be to love something or someone more than Christ. No one is saying that people from other church bodies aren't Christian; we are not judging their heart or whether or not they will go to heaven. However, in these other church bodies there is false teaching that threatens saving faith, like a little bit of arsenic mixed in with otherwise good food. To overlook that false belief and say, “You can commune with us anyway,” would be to say that part of Christ's Word doesn't matter or that we can do without it. But what part of the Gospel can we safely sacrifice? Should we accept to communion those who reject infant baptism? those who say that good works contribute to our salvation? those who pray to and put their faith in the saints? those who ordain women as pastors? those who say that some parts of the Bible aren't true and are not God's Word? those who say that homosexuality is OK? those who water down the faith to be relevant to pop culture? It's not just some esoteric ivory tower theological point that's at stake but the very Gospel of Jesus Himself.

Once again, on the surface having open communion seems like the tolerant, inclusive, loving thing to do. But in reality it is the opposite of love for God or our neighbor. If we truly love our neighbor, we will want them to be freed from all false teaching.

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The temptation for us to compromise is high when it involves a relative or a guest whom we don't want to offend. But God's Word must be our highest love; for it brings Christ to us and gives His gifts. Since the Lord's Supper is the Gospel, we want to administer it in the most faithful and loving way possible.

The practice of the early church backs up this practice. There was false teaching and heresy also in the days of the apostles and their successors. And so when someone wanted to commune at a place other than their home church, they would actually get a letter from their pastor to give to the pastor in the city where they were going, certifying that the bearer of the letter held to the true faith. Apart from that, someone would not be allowed to Communion. (See *Eucharist and Church Fellowship in the First Four Centuries* by Werner Elert.) No one had the prideful notion that they had the "right" to commune wherever they wanted. This was a privilege given by Christ and administered by pastors who were given to be "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Corinthians 4:1).

And of course the practice of the early church reflected Scriptural admonitions: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *that you all speak the same thing*, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Jesus said, ". . . teaching them to observe *all things which I have commanded you*" (Matthew 28:19). "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, *contrary to the doctrine which you learned*, and avoid them" (Romans 16:17). "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house" ["House" in this context might refer to a house church.] (2 John 10). The last two verses apply especially to not welcoming preachers and others who teach falsely. But the principle remains the same. No false teaching is to be accepted alongside Christ's truth, for Jesus said, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump" (1 Corinthians 5:6; see also Galatians 5:9). Like yeast, once a little false teaching takes hold, it can spread throughout everything else the church teaches and practices. One only needs to look at the compromise that has occurred in many church bodies (including some areas of our own Missouri Synod) to see evidence of that.

Finally, we shouldn't forget that closed communion is also practiced within the membership of a congregation, too. Our Lord says in Matthew 5 that we should seek to be reconciled with those who may have something against us, whom we need to confess wrongdoing toward, before we go to the altar. We should not go to Communion if there are grudges that we're holding on to or vengeance that we're seeking toward our neighbor. Being reconciled with God in Christ at His table also involves seeking peace with our neighbor, especially if that neighbor will be kneeling with us at the communion rail.

Pastors must sometimes refrain from communing their own members who are behaving impenitently, openly holding on to their sins, refusing to humbly turn to Christ and seek His mercy. Jesus said in John 20, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; *if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.*" Sometimes a person needs to be barred from the Lord's table to show the severity of their sin, that they might be brought to true repentance and seek the forgiveness the Lord gives with His body and blood.

So to sum up, the practice of closed communion is based on love for God and His Word and love for our neighbor, that they may receive and abide in the truth of Christ and His testament. It's not a "we're better than you" sort of thing. Rather, it is a practice which seeks to treat the body and blood of Christ as the holy, divine gifts that they are.

In Christ,
Pastor Messer

A Thank You from Pastor Messer

A huge thank you to all of you who gave towards the collection gathered for me this Christmas. I was deeply touched when Elder Larry Elliott presented me with the card in the Fellowship Hall after Service on Dec. 21, and simply blown away when I got home and discovered what that card contained! What an absolute blessing it is for me to be serving the Lord's flock here at Peace. Thank you so much for your generosity! I also want to thank all of you who sent our family Christmas cards and who presented me and my family with other Christmas gifts and goodies. Thanks again to all of you. It means more than you could possibly know!

With love,
Pastor Messer

Synopsis of December 2, 2008 Church Council Minutes

Call To Order & Opening Prayer

- President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present: Chris Brown, Carol Zeile, Gary Miller, Sharyn Greening, Megan Brown, Andrea Elliott and Larry Elliott. Pastor Messer and Beth Brostrom were also present.

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was amended to add the following items – Weight Watchers Sign, Parking Lot Light and Locks on Doors. Motion made by President Brown, supported by Financial Secretary Miller to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Treasurer Zeile, supported by Councilmember Greening to approve the minutes from November 11 with minor corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Report(s)

- **Pastor** – Pastor Messer presented the attached report. He also reported that he and President Brown have decided to appoint Miguel Ortiz to the position of Elder, which will be vacated by Don Reithel on January 1, 2009. The Council received the report into record.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Financial Secretary** – Financial Secretary Miller presented his report. The Council received the report into record.

Boards

- **Board of Elders** – No report.
- **Board of Trustees** – No report.
- **Board of Christian Education** – Councilmember Greening presented her report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Board of Evangelism** – Councilmember A. Elliott presented her report. The Council received the report into record.
- **Board of Stewardship** - No report.

Organization and Committee Reports

- **Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – No report.
- **Peace Youth Group** - No report.

Business

- **Storage Shed** – The Council invited Beth Brostrom, Ladies Guild President, to attend the meeting for discussion purposes as it relates to the purchase of the storage shed. After discussion, motion made by Financial Secretary Miller, supported by Councilmember L. Elliott to allocate \$500 towards the purchase of the storage shed. (Ladies Guild to pay the other \$500 for a total cost of \$1,000.) Motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Secretary Brown dissenting.
- **2009 Proposed Budget** – The Council continued discussing the proposed budget for 2009. The proposal will be distributed to the congregation at the end of the month with action to approve taken at the January Voters' Assembly meeting.
- **Christian Care Fund** – Treasurer Zeile reported that the balance of this account is decreasing and ideas are needed as to how the account should be funded. She also reported that a policy is needed for the administration of the account. The Council had discussion, but no action was taken.
- **Weight Watchers Sign** – Councilmember Greening asked that the Weight Watchers Sign in front of the church remain where it is through the winter. The Council agreed by consensus that this was acceptable.

General Comment

- **Parking Lot Light** – The light in the back of the parking lot does not work.
- **Locks on Doors** – As of this meeting, no action has been taken.
- **Correspondence from Mary Jakolat** – A letter was read from Mary Jakolat expressing her appreciation for funds to allow her to attend the Good Shepherd Institute.
- **Pastor Messer** noted that he is in need of additional memory for his computer and a new digital recorder.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

- Motion made by Councilmember L. Elliott, supported by Councilmember Greening to adjourn at 9:52pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Brown, Secretary

(Note: Complete minutes with all attachments are available in the church office for review.)

PEACE NEWS & NOTES



MANY THANKS

LADIES GUILD ANNUAL COOKIE WALK AND CRAFT SHOW

The Ladies Guild extends a hearty "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped this year--to the ladies of Peace for baking the delicious and colorful cookies and to all who helped with setup and cleanup.

PYG NEWS

January Events

Monthly Meeting - January 18, Noon-2:00 pm

Greetings in Christ - Welcome to a New Year,

Remember that all youth of Peace from the 6th through 12th grades are members of the Peace Youth Group. Please become active in our activities and meetings.

Thank you to everyone who assisted and supported the Youth table and the Ladies Guild Annual Cookie Walk and Bazaar. We had one of our best bazaars ever.

Planning is underway for our 2nd Annual Spring Bazaar. Its tentative date is May 2, 2009. More information will be coming out over the next two months.

Planning is also on-going for attending the Higher Things Gathering in Grand Rapids this year. Registration is currently open and we are targeting January 18 to have all youth forms and deposits in. If you have not received the forms and information and are interested, please contact Jonathan Penzien (898-681-3485).

I want to thank everyone for your support of the Youth Group through our various fund-raisers and activities.

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



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thank You



Thank you to:

--Pastor for writing the program and helping the children rehearse.

--Andrea Elliot who also helped with rehearsal and costumes.

--the Sunday School students who worked hard to memorize their lines and practice the hymns. You did a fantastic job!

--Andrea Elliot, Jenny Baughman, Marlene Miller, Coaline Luplow and Lisa Messer for preparing lunch for the children before rehearsals.

--Beth Brostrom for playing the organ for the program, helping the children practice their hymns, and spending extra time with those who sang solos and duets.

--Sarah Messer, Jordan Henry, Myka Luplow, Sierra Luplow and Natalie Penzien for their solos and duets

--all the parents for helping their children prepare for the program.

--all of you who attended the Christmas program. The teachers and children appreciate your support.

- - - Sharyn Greening

EUCHRE NIGHT

Euchre lovers will next meet on **Friday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and have fun playing the great game of euchre. Please bring a refreshment to pass - and a friend. See you there!



PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd



Issues, Etc.TM

Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

Issues, Etc. CDs Available!

S.A.L.T. has undertaken the project of recording episodes of *Issues, Etc.* onto CDs, so that any member of our congregation may check them out and listen to them at their leisure. Every episode of *Issues, Etc.* since the show returned to the air on June 30, 2008 is now available. Cases with the recorded CDs are located in the Adult Bible Study area, along with instructions on how you can check the CDs out. A log of each show's date, guests, and subjects accompanies the cases of CDs to allow you to choose specific shows you would like to listen to. We hope that providing these CDs will enable more of you to listen to this excellent, Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused broadcast. If you have any questions about this, please see Pastor Messer.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE



On behalf of the S.A.L.T. Committee, I want to express a sincere and heartwarming THANK YOU to everyone who took tags from the Adopt-A-Tree and purchased gifts for the families or provided a monetary donation.

"Family A" received their gifts on Sunday, December 21 after the Children's Service. The Mom said she appreciated what we did for the family.

On Tuesday, December 23, I came to the Church, loaded up my car and took the gifts to the home of "Family B". I saw the children open some of their gifts and the excitement and smiles on their faces. When I left their home, I received HUGS and Thank You's from all of them.

Everyone at Peace Lutheran is to be commended for participating in this truly Blessed event.

*Thank you,
Dorothy Trgina*

Come join us on the Trail!

*The Wittenberg Trail is the online community for people exploring and confessing the Lutheran faith. To join the community, go to:
www.wittenbergtrail.ning.com*



*To join our Peace Lutheran group on the Trail, go to:
www.wittenbergtrail.ning.com/group/peaceclutheranalmamichigan*

GOTTESDIENST

Gottesdienst is an excellent theological periodical published quarterly. Go to www.gottesdienst.org and see their website greeting:

Welcome to Gottesdienst!

That's a German word, but we speak English here.

The word means "worship" in German, and this journal goes by that name, because we are unabashedly dedicated to the traditional, historic, liturgy of the Christian Church especially as preserved and employed by the Churches of the German Reformation of the 16th century.

See Pastor Messer if you are interested in learning more or wish to subscribe.

TABLE TALK

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Our next Table Talk will take place **Thursday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.** at the church. All are invited to attend! Hope to see you there!



Ladies & Altar Guild

Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild next meets on Monday, **January 5 at 7:00 p.m.** Hostess is Marlene Miller. 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

If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, see Carol Durst or Beth Brostrom. If you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," call Carol Durst at 463-2270.



Altar Flowers

There is a Flower Calendar for 2009 posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please fill your name in on the calendar and contact the church office with any information that you wish to have included in the bulletin. A bouquet costs \$25 and usually lasts about one (1) month. **We would like to encourage 2 persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand.** If paying the church for the flowers, checks should be made payable to Peace Lutheran, Church with a separate sizeable note marked "Flower Fund," attached and placed in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel. Questions? See Beth Brostrom, Cheryl Henry or Marilyn Oswald.

Altar Guild Duty

January

Carol Zeile

February

Beth Brostrom

March

Carol Zeile



Coffee Hostesses

January

4 Carolyn Johnson
11 Tina Schafer
18 Peace Youth Group
25 M. Miller/C. Dargie

February

1 Cheryl Henry
8 Lois Ramsey
15 S. Greening/M. Brown
22 Jennie Harmon

March

1 Andrea Elliott
8 Jo Wendt
15 Cassie Tennant
22 Jenny Baughman
29 Carol Durst



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Peace Lutheran Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 1:30 p.m. at Francesco's (formerly Country Inn) on M-46.

All ladies of Peace are welcome and also may invite a guest—someone without a church or someone living alone. Please join us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School meets at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. There are four Sunday School Classes (Pre-K-2nd Grade; 3rd-5th Grade; 6th-8th Grade; 9th-12th Grade).
- Adult Bible Class is offered **every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.** for all adult members of Peace and guests. We are currently studying the **Book of Concord**, which contains our Lutheran Confessions. This is an excellent opportunity for you to come and learn what we Lutherans truly confess and believe. So, come and learn!

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class meets **Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.**

Together in the Word

- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study meets on **Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome as well. We are currently studying the book of **Exodus**. Please plan on joining us soon.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

6 Dorothy Trgina	24 Davie Meyers
11 Mary Jakolat	25 Joan Burch
16 Kristina Strong	30 Evelyn Cummins
21 Don Reithel	

Happy Anniversary to:

15 Dorothy and Gary Trgina



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

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 12/28/08)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 153; Confirmed - 135

Membership gains: 1

Daren Johnson by Adult Confirmation

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report

YTD Receipts: \$1,731.77

YTD Budgeted Needs: \$102,093.59

PEACE OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9 am-1 pm

Pastor Messer's Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm

Thursday 1-3 pm

Other times by appointment

Please note: These are the hours Pastor Messer will regularly be available in his office at the church, but please check the monthly calendar to ensure that he is not tied up elsewhere (wink, conference, etc.). Feel free to pop in on him during these hours, but please know that his duties may call him away from the office from time to time (hospital call, lunch meeting, member visitation, etc.), so if you want to make sure he is there before you come for a visit, call ahead of time. Lastly, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Messer at any time should you desire or need to speak or meet with him beyond these posted office hours.

FEAST DAYS IN JANUARY

"At the outset we must again make the preliminary statement that we do not abolish the Mass, but religiously maintain and defend it. For among us masses are celebrated every Lord's Day and on the other festivals, in which the Sacrament is offered to those who wish to use it, after they have been examined and absolved. And the usual public ceremonies are observed, the series of lessons, of prayers, vestments, and other like things."

—*Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Art. XXIV, par. 1*

Last year, we began celebrating Mass (i.e. Divine Service) here at Peace on the Feast Days throughout the Church Year. As you can see from the above quotation from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, this is not an innovation, but the restoration of a very Lutheran practice. Our Lutheran forefathers never intended to let the Feast Days fall by the wayside. Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened, especially when Lutheranism found its way to America. But, in true Lutheran spirit, there is a noticeable attempt on the part of many Lutheran pastors and congregations to restore the Feast Days to their proper place. If you have never attended one of our Feast Day Services here at Peace, I encourage you to do so, if you are available. Our Feast Day Services are shorter than Sunday Services, usually lasting between 30-40 minutes, and are a true blessing to all who attend. I hope you will consider joining us for these additional opportunities to gather in the Lord's Holy House and receive His Divine Gifts!

In Christ,

Pastor Messer

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m.

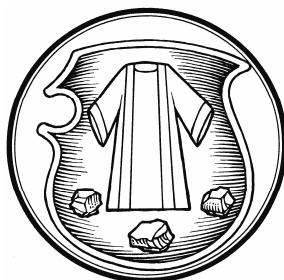
(Note: This is a High Feast Day in the Church Year, like Christmas, Easter, Ascension, etc.—all who can come should be in the House of the Lord)



St. Stephen, Martyr

Wednesday, January 7 at 12:00 p.m.

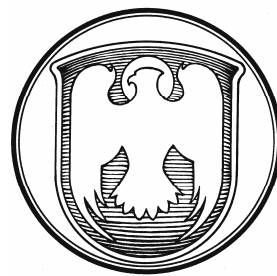
Today, we remember and honor St. Stephen, who was the first Christian martyr; he was stoned to death for refusing to forsake his faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 7).



St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Thursday, January 8 at 12:00 p.m.

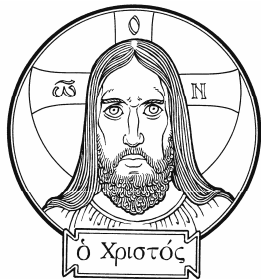
Today, we remember and honor St. John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." St. John wrote his Gospel account, Revelation, and 1,2,3 John. He is the only apostle who was not martyred, but died of natural causes after a lifetime of serving our Lord.



Confession of St. Peter

Monday, January 19 at 12:00 p.m.

Today, we remember and honor the bold and faithful confession of St. Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God," which is the rock upon which Christ builds His Church.



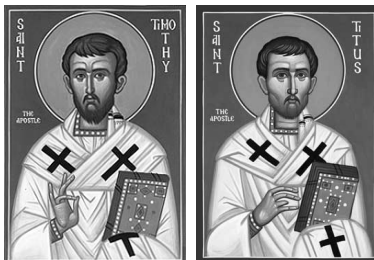
St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor

Friday, January 23 at 12:00 p.m.

St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor

Monday, January 26 at 12:00 p.m.

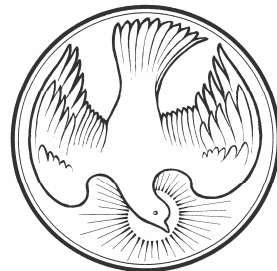
On these days, we remember and honor both of these saints, who were disciples of St. Paul, faithful pastors, and bishops in the early church.



Conversion of St. Paul

Tuesday, January 27 at 12:00 p.m.








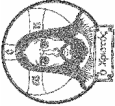




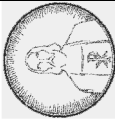
Today, we remember and honor the conversion of St. Paul to faith in Jesus Christ. St. Paul was a ruthless persecutor of the Church until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus and brought him to faith. From then on, St. Paul was the leading apostle to the Gentiles.



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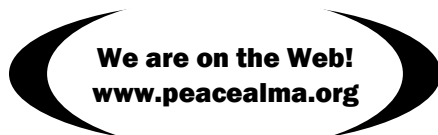
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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 2nd Sunday after Christmas 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 	5 7 pm—Ladies Guild 	6  7 pm—Divine Service <i>Epiphany of our Lord</i> 8 pm—Church Council	7 12 pm—Divine Service <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i> 	8 10 am—Together in Word 12 pm—Divine Service <i>Feast of St. John</i> 5 pm—Confirmation Class 5 pm—Weight Watchers	9  6:30 pm—Euchre	10
11 The Baptism of our Lord 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 	12	13	14	15 10 am—Together in Word 5 pm—Confirmation Class 5 pm—Weight Watchers 7:00 pm—Table Talk	16	17
18 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—PYG 	19 12 pm—Divine Service <i>Feast of St. Peter</i> 	20 1:30 pm—Ladies Lunch Bunch	21	22 10 am—Together in Word 5 pm—Confirmation Class 5 pm—Weight Watchers	23 12 pm—Divine Service <i>Feast of St. Timothy</i> 	24
25 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—Quarterly Voters Meeting 	26 12 pm—Divine Service <i>Feast of St. Titus</i> 	27 12 pm—Divine Service <i>Feast of Conversion of St. Paul</i> 	28 6 pm—Girls Night Out	29 10 am—Together in Word 5 pm—Confirmation Class 5 pm—Weight Watchers	30	31
February 1 Transfiguration of our Lord 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 	2 12 pm—Divine Service <i>Feast of Purification of Mary and Presentation of our Lord</i> 7 pm—Ladies Guild	3 7 pm—Church Council	4	5 10 am—Together in Word 5 pm—Confirmation Class 5 pm—Weight Watchers	6	7

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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

January	ELDER	ACOLYTES	ORGANIST	USHERS	GREETERS
4- 9:30 am <i>(Christmas 2)</i>	Larry Elliott	Rebekah Rodriguez Phillip Schafer	Mary Jakolat	Bill Brostrom Curt Oswald	Miguel and Sue Ortiz
11 - 9:30 am <i>(Baptism of Our Lord)</i>	Terry Luplow	Tyrel Harwager BJ Henry	Beth Brostrom	Chris Brown Michael Gilbert	Lois Ramsey
18 - 9:30 am <i>(Epiphany 2)</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Sarah Messer Sierra Luplow	Mary Jakolat	James Sager Gary Miller	Don and Sue Reithel
25 - 9:30 am <i>(Epiphany 3)</i>	Dave Zeile	Melanie Penzien Aaron Messer	Beth Brostrom	Miguel Ortiz Jonathan Penzien	Lisa Messer and Family
February					
1 - 9:30 am <i>(Transfiguration)</i>	Bill Harmon	Samantha Messer Natalie Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Burt Henry Bill Hendrick	Michael and Anna Gilbert

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