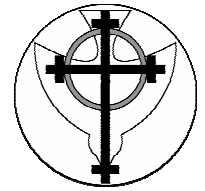
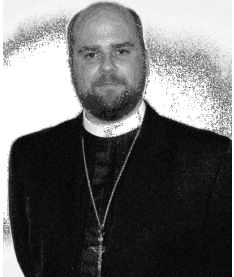


The Peace Post



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



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

"The Advent of Our King"

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

Dear fellow redeemed in Christ,

Advent. It is a word that we know has something to do with Christmas, but we're not sure what. When we think of Advent, often we think of Advent calendars, counting the days until Christmas, trying to get all of the Christmas shopping done (gasp!), and maybe trying to make it to church on Wednesday nights. But what is Advent really all about?

Advent, for one thing, marks the beginning of the new Church Year. Advent comes from two Latin words (*ad* and *venire*) and means "to come to." It is the time when we think about Christ coming to earth.

What was it that caused Christ to come to earth to *dwelt among us* (Jn. 1:14)? In a word, it was *sin* that caused Christ to come down and become one of us. Christ came down to earth to save us from our sin.

Because it was our sin that caused Christ to come down to earth, Advent is traditionally a penitential season, like Lent, the season which proceeds Easter. This means that it is a time when we pause to reflect on our sin and God's great love for us in redeeming us from this sin. It is a holy season of reflection and meditation. This is marked in the liturgy as we hold off from singing the *Gloria in Excelsis* until Christmas Eve.

Advent, however, has a lot of competition. The commercial world does not want us in a

reflective mood. They do not want us thinking about our sin. It is hard for us to stay focused on the *cause* of Christ's coming (our sin) during Advent. Because of that, often it is hard to appreciate what Christ's coming means for us (our salvation). We would rather skip the penitence and get right to the celebration!

The second part to Advent has to do with Christ's Second Coming. Just like He came to earth the first time, so we know that He will come again. When Christ comes the Second Time, He will come again as our King and our Judge. Thus, not only do we wait in patience and penitence for the celebration of our Savior's Birth, but also for the celebration of celebrations to come when He returns in glory on the Last Day!

So, what can we do to slow down and reflect and meditate during this Advent season? One thing we can do is come to church on Wednesday nights. This is an opportunity for us to sit and reflect on God's Word. We will have the chance to ponder together many of these questions, and learn from Him about why He came to earth. Maybe, for just a little while, we can forget all of the commercials, all of the ads, all of the *stuff* about the worldly Christmas today, and remember what the first Christmas (the real Christmas) means for us.

We can also pray. We can pray that our Lord would open our hearts and minds to understand His Son, Jesus Christ. We can pray that we might forsake our sin and the darkness of the world, and look to Him, our true Light.

Finally, we can ponder His Word. We can actually use the Advent devotional books we received (or download the excellent *Higher Things Advent and Christmas Reflections* at www.higherthings.org —if you are unable to do so, I'd be happy to get you a hard copy) and take time each day to bring into focus what it means that Christ would come to earth as a little Baby. And, of course, we could make the commitment

to attend Adult Bible Study whenever possible. You do have time to be in the Word. You're not too busy.

Being a Christian is not an easy thing. Thank God for seasons like Advent that are meant to remind us of Who He is, what He did, and what that means for us today. May this Advent season be a time of penitence and joy for you and your family. May you be lead to pray with all the faithful of all time:

Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God grant you a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
Pastor Messer



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A Christmas Eve Homily by Rev. William C. Weedon
Rev. Weedon serves as Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran in Worden, IL
His sermons are featured regularly on Issues, Etc.

Throughout the days of Advent, the Gloria has been silenced in the Divine Service, but tonight it returns. Utterly fitting. For it was the events celebrated this night which first brought the Gloria down from heaven to earth.

It was a pretty pitiful congregation that night. Just a few sleepy shepherds, struggling to keep their eyes open as they watched over the flocks. In the darkness around them, dangers lurked. They lighted a fire, perhaps, to chase away the chill of the night and the marauding wolf. But in an instant how paltry seemed that firelight.

Above their heads a light shown such as they'd never experienced. No burning heat of midday mid-east sun could compare with that light for brilliance. And suddenly they are terrified. That, you see, is always the experience of fallen man when confronted with holiness. The angel who appeared to them shared the holiness of God and so the shepherds shrunk in fear away from the light, but there was no escape. Nor was there reason to escape. Listen.

"Fear not! For behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you. You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Don't fear, the angel cried out. He hadn't come to frighten them, no matter how frightening holiness is to poor sinners. He had come to bring them joy. Not to destroy them. Not to give them their due. Rather, to announce that God was giving something infinitely precious into their humanity.

From a Virgin's womb, the Eternal and Everlasting Son of the Father, whom the Angels worshipped in the unity of the adorable Trinity, is now made a baby. A little human being. Weak and helpless. Unable to speak. A child.

"Fear not!" And who could ever be afraid of a little baby? God come down to earth to visit the lost children of men, to reveal to them the deepest truth of all: that He had never been against them, that He had always loved them, that He had desired for them nothing but salvation and eternal life. And so He dares to come, in helplessness and poverty, even into the enemy territory, to lead his enemies from fear to friendship, from terror to peace.

As the poor shepherds are trying to take it all in, God ratchets it up a notch. Suddenly it is not one holy one, one angel shining in the sky above them. Suddenly there are myriads, hundred of thousands, and all of them singing, singing with joy to the poor and lost children of men: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

They see the glory of God in the vast extent not of His power, but of His love. The glory of God is that He would dare to become a man to raise us that we might become children of God. The glory of God is not terror, but love. The glory of God that Adam lost in the Garden and so mankind began the senseless running away from our only Hope, our only Life, that glory

is shown in Bethlehem: unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. So must the Shepherds have thought as they listened to the angel's song. Glory to God indeed.

But more, peace on earth. This is the angel's prayer for the world. That there be peace on earth. Oh, it embraces that we lay down our weapons – including the horrific weapons we civilians know how to use on each other – the cutting word, the biting look, the bitter anger. All of it, laid aside. But also the weapons we actually use to blow each other up – to inspire fear and terror. The angels pray the night of the Savior's birth that PEACE would really be upon the earth. That we would come to love each other with the same sort of love that rules in heaven above, where the Father, Son, and Spirit love each other and the whole of creation with a love undying and full of mercy. A peace the holy angels live in and which the evil angels have rejected to their own destruction. All of that, yes, but even more.

For this Child is peace. He is peace between God and men, for in Him God and Man are one, united forever, for all eternity. Paul Gerhardt, the great Lutheran hymn-writer said it like this: "Shall we still dread God's displeasure, who to save freely gave His most precious treasure: to redeem us He has given His own Son from the throne of His might in heaven."

The Child does not change how God feels toward you, my friends. The Child manifests how God feels toward you – lets you know that He has loved you with an everlasting love. Oh, it is true – if you insist on meeting God apart from the gift of the Child of Bethlehem and the Man of the Cross, you will face certain and utter destruction. But that destruction is not willed by God for a single soul – for the Child is given for all, and from the heart of the Father. "Good news of great joy for ALL people" the angel said, and he meant it!

"Good will toward men." That's what we sing in the Gloria. That in the Child of Bethlehem is manifested God's unfathomable good will toward men. To us bunch of rebels, to us worms, to us who continue to go on in our rebellions and sins and disobediences just as though there will never be a day of judgment, a day of accounting, a day when we must give answer for every word, deed, and even thought – to us comes a Gift from the Father's love – Jesus the Savior. Sent to forgive us our sins, sent to free us from our hell-bent rebellions, sent to bring us home to the Father.

And that is the great cause of the Angels' joy that Christmas night. They are filled with giddiness because in Christ Jesus, they get to have us as sisters and brothers of their Master, they get to serve us and protect us and shepherd us through this life until we share with them eternally in glorifying God and live eternally in their peace, enjoying for endless days the gracious good will of God.

"Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, good will toward men" indeed! Glory to You, Child of Bethlehem! Glory to You forever! Welcome back, Gloria! Ever, ever be our song! Amen.

Advent Sermon Series

The Advent of a New Creation

Dec. 5	First Wednesday in Advent	"Mount Eden" (Isaiah 2:1-5)
Dec. 12	Second Wednesday in Advent	"The Paradise of the Church" (Isaiah 11:1-10)
Dec. 19	Third Wednesday in Advent	"Adams and Eves Welcomed Back Home" (Isaiah 35:1-10)
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	"Something New Under the Sun" (Isaiah 7:10-17)

Upcoming Service Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 2	First Sunday in Advent	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday, Dec. 5	First Wednesday in Advent	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Sunday, Dec. 9	Second Sunday in Advent	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday, Dec. 12	Second Wednesday in Advent	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Sunday, Dec. 16	Third Sunday in Advent	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Third Wednesday in Advent	7:00 p.m.	Eve. Prayer/Children's Program
Friday, Dec. 21	The Feast of St. Thomas	12:00 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, Dec. 23	Fourth Sunday in Advent	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday, Dec. 24	Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord	7:00 p.m.	Service of Lessons & Carols
Tuesday, Dec. 25	The Nativity of Our Lord	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, Dec. 30	First Sunday after Christmas	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Sunday, Jan. 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The following were elected as new officers in our congregation at the Voters' Assembly on October 28:

President: Chris Brown
Elder: Bill Harmon
Financial Secretary: Gary Miller
Trustee: Burt Henry, Jon Penzien
Bd. of Christian Ed.: Marlene Miller

Congratulations to all of you and thank you for volunteering to serve our congregation!

Installation of New Officers will be held during Divine Service on January 6. Please be there to be installed into office if at all possible!



**"Christmas Night,
Fair and Bright"**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 19, 2007
7:00 pm



RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT *ISSUES, ETC.*

Issues, Etc. is a live national and international radio talk show with a two-fold mission. *First*, to defend and teach the truths rediscovered at the Lutheran Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture and Christ alone. *Second*, to challenge today's relativistic culture with its unbiblical and illogical ideologies. LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken hosts ***Issues, Etc.*** Guests include LCMS pastors, seminary and university professors.

While ***Issues, Etc.*** is a broadcast service of the LCMS, it is not funded by the LCMS. It is also not affiliated with *The Lutheran Hour* or the *Lutheran Layman's League*. ***Issues, Etc.*** relies on the support of congregations, individuals, and other organizations to remain on the air.

Currently, ***Issues, Etc.*** is being broadcast in only 22 states (it is on WDTK 1400 AM out of Detroit), but you can listen online to any of its broadcasts, both past and present, at www.issuesetc.org. I highly recommend that you give it a listen sometime, as this is the absolute best theological talk show airing today, in my humble opinion.

I would love for our congregation to support the Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused message being broadcast by ***Issues, Etc.*** Thus, I am asking if you would like to make a donation on behalf of our congregation to ***Issues, Etc.*** Our Church can become a part of the ***Issues, Etc. Reformation Club*** by donating \$250 or more. Not only does being a part of this Club support the work of sharing the Gospel with the world which is done daily by ***Issues, Etc.***, but it also has benefits to our congregation. Below is a list of membership benefits based on how much a congregation gives:

Confessor

Annual Gift of \$250+

- Issues, Etc. Journal subscription
- Issues, Etc. *CD of the Month*
- Church contact info on website

Apologist

Annual Gift of \$500+

- All of the benefits of a Confessor
- Three Issues, Etc. *Books of the Month*
- Church contact info on website and in Issues, Etc. Journal

Reformer

Annual Gift of \$1,000+

- Five Issues, Etc. Journals
- Two Issues, Etc. *CDs of the Month*
- Transcript of each *CD of the Month*
- Six Issues, Etc. *Books of the Month*
- Church contact info on website and in Journal

Patron

Annual Gift of \$2,000+

- Ten Issues, Etc. Journals
- 12 Issues, Etc. *Books of the Month*
- Four Issues, Etc. *CDs of the Month*
- Transcript of each *CD of the Month*
- Church contact info on website and in Journal

If you would like to make a donation on behalf of our congregation, please see me no later than **December 15**. Any donation is appreciated. The more people who give, the more our congregation can donate to this very important mission. Many people are being exposed to the truth of God's Holy Word, and many have been brought into the Lutheran faith, through the clear and pure Gospel message proclaimed on ***Issues, Etc.***

Thank you in advance for any support you can give to this fundraising effort!

In Christ,
Pastor Messer



PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



Donations are always welcome!

If you are thinking about donating one or more books to our library and are not sure what to be looking for, we have a “wish” list of suggestions in the church office. Prices and books can also be found in the CPH catalog, also in the church office.

We would like to encourage people to use our Church Library more often. If you have read a book from our library that you enjoyed, or that inspired you, and you would like to share it, please contact Beth Brostrom or Coaline Luplow.

PYG NEWS

December Events:

Bazaar — December 1 — 9 am to 4 pm

Greetings in Christ.

As is usual at this time, schedules are getting hectic. Due to the Christmas program practices for the first few Sundays, we will not have a normal meeting this month. But we will be discussing plans for the coming year at the Cookie Walk and Bazaar, and during Fellowship throughout the month.

We are once again selling poinsettias this season. I want to thank Beth and Bob Moore Flowers for their continued support and assistance in this fundraiser. You can take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service.

I will be contacting youth and their parents on the Higher Things, Amen convention this summer. We are targeting registration be December 24th. If I do not catch you during Fellowship I will try contacting you by phone. If you have not heard from me by the 17th, please feel free to call me at 989.681.3485.

Just a reminder about our on-going fundraisers; the Spartan Labels and Pop Can Drive. There is a box for the labels on the top of the member mailboxes and a trash can for the cans (and bottles) at the back of the cloak room. I want to thank everyone for their support in these programs and with our recent Honey Day Sale.

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

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Our next luncheon will be December 11 at the Kristopher's in Ithaca at 1:30. Please remember that all ladies of Peace Lutheran Church are invited.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch



1. Spartan Labels - we continue to collect and count Spartan Label UPC's. There is a box on top of the member mailboxes.

2. Pop Can Drive - We have placed a trash can at the back of the cloak room for cans and bottles.

These are on-going collections by the Peace Youth Group. We appreciate all your support of these programs.

Synopsis of November 6, 2007 Church Council Minutes

Call To Order & Opening Prayer – President Jakolat called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer.

Roll Call - The following members were present: Vern Jakolat, Megan Brown, Carol Zeile, Dave Zeile, Chris Brown, Sharyn Greening, Dick Kohler. Pastor Messer and Gary Miller were also present.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was modified to include discussion regarding a new savings account.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Treasurer Zeile, supported by Councilmember Kohler to approve the minutes from October 2, 2007 with correction. Motion carried unanimously.

Report(s)

Pastor – Pastor Messer presented the attached Pastor's Report. The Council received the report into record.

Treasurer – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Zeile informed the Council that the \$4,000 borrowed from the Building Fund was replaced with an anonymous donation. Treasurer Zeile also informed the Council that she had received a commitment form from The Saginaw Valley Lutheran Hour for 2008. Motion made by President Jakolat, supported by Councilmember Kohler to approve a commitment of \$250 to the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Secretary – No report was presented.

Boards

Board of Elders – Councilmember Zeile presented the attached Board of Elders Report. The Council received the report into record.

Board of Trustees – No report presented.

Board of Christian Education – Councilmember Greening presented the Board of Christian Education Report. The Council received the report into record.

Board of Evangelism – Pastor Messer presented the Board of Evangelism Report. The Council received the report into record.

Board of Stewardship – Councilmember Kohler presented the Board of Stewardship Report. The Council received the report into record.

Organization and Committee Reports

Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached Ladies' Guild Report. The Council received the report into record.

Peace Youth Group – Pastor Messer presented the Youth Group Report. The Council received the report into record.

Constitution & Bylaws – Pastor Messer presented the Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report. The Council received the report into record.

Budget & Finance – No report was presented.

Business
Renewal of Church Extension Fund CD – Treasurer Zeile informed the Council that the maturity date for the CD is November 17 and the Council needed to decide to renew the CD or make a change. Motion made by Councilmember Greening, supported by Councilmember Kohler to allow the CD to automatically renew. Motion carried unanimously.

New Extension Plus Account – President Jakolat presented the Council with information regarding a savings account with the Church Extension Fund. The Council tabled the item until the next meeting so that more information could be gathered.

General Comment – President Jakolat will distribute information from the Church Extension Fund to members relating to individual CD accounts.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer – Motion made by Secretary Brown, supported by Councilmember Kohler to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. Pastor Messer conducted the closing prayer.

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,
Megan Brown, Secretary

LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Guild meets the Monday, **December 3 - 7:00 pm.** **Hostess:** Cheryl Henry/Carol Durst. **The December meeting is our annual Christmas party. All attendees are asked to bring a small gift to exchange.** All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our guild meetings; if you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you can be a member of the guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the guild.
- **LADIES GUILD PRAYER CHAIN:** The Ladies Guild has a prayer chain in place. If you wish to be included in the prayer chain as a caller, see Marlene Wiltshire. If you wish to add yourself or someone else to the prayers, call Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101).
- **ALTAR GUILD DUTY:** December - Carol Zeile; January - Lois Ramsey; February - Carol Zeile
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a flower calendar for 2008 posted on the fellowship bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar some time during the year, fill in your name and/or contact Beth Brostrom or Cheryl Henry. A bouquet usually lasts about one (1) month and the cost is about \$25.

Ladies Guild
Christmas
Party



UPCOMING COFFEE HOSTESSES:



December

2 - Andrea Elliott
9 - Carol Durst
16 - Trina Palmer
23 - Jo Wendt
30 - Carol Zeile

January

6 - Marilyn Oswald
13 - Beth Brostrom
20 - Youth Group
27 - Marlene Miller/
Charlotte Dargie

February

3 - Cheryl Henry
10 - Lois Ramsey
17 - Sharyn Greening/
Megan Brown
24 - Jennie Harmon

LADIES GUILD ANNUAL COOKIE WALK AND CRAFT SHOW

December 1, 2007

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cookies, Candies, many tables of home-made crafts
Luncheon available

This is a great way to start your Christmas Shopping Season!!!



Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

S.A.L.T. NEWS & NOTES

*S.A.L.T. is our Evangelism Committee here at Peace. Its mission is to **Share with All the Love and Truth** of Jesus Christ!*

1. **Next S.A.L.T. Meeting will be held Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join us!

2. **Support Our Troops:** Please continue to support this ministry by donating any items you can (list on S.A.L.T. bulletin board). If you have any family members serving overseas in our military and would like for us to send them a shipment, please see Andrea or Larry Elliott. Thank you!



3. **Advent Tea: Held on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.** A HUGE THANK YOU to all who made this a special and successful event! Thanks to Lois Ramsey, Carol Zeile, Dorothy Trgina, and Sharyn Greening for all your help in planning the event. And for all of our hostesses, all of you ladies did a FABULOUS job decorating your tables! Thank you so much for the time and for the love you put into being a wonderful hostess for the many guests we were blessed to have. I am also very thankful to Pastor, Jordan Henry, Sarah Messer, Cheryl Henry, Sharyn Greening, Mary Jakolat, and the Messer Girls, all of whom did a WONDERFUL job leading our program! And to the gentlemen who served us so graciously, thank you for taking the time to do so! It was GREATLY appreciated! I hope everyone had a blessed evening and I am already looking forward to next year! Thanks again!



Love, Lisa Messer

4. **Food Bank:** Food Bank collection Sunday is the first Sunday of every month. Please help the S.A.L.T. committee give aid to families and seniors of Gratiot County by bringing non-perishable, canned, or packaged foods on **Sunday, December 1**. Suggestions for donations are posted on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board. Place your donations in the **RED COLLECTION TUB** in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your help!



5. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** We will be taking orders once again for Peace Lutheran **T-shirts, polos, and sweatshirts**. We will be offering a bigger variety this time. Look for details on this soon! We are also in the process of putting together a Peace Lutheran **Camping Weekend** for next summer. Again, look for details coming soon!

6. **PERSONALIZED DVDS:** We recently purchased a couple of DVDs from *Vox Visuals* (www.voxvisuals.com), an organization committed to producing evangelism materials for confessional Lutheran congregations. We watched both of these DVDs during Bible Study on October 7. They are 10 minute presentations of the Gospel in a high-definition, movie quality format. One is titled, *The Lutheran Faith: A Mighty Fortress*, and the other is titled, *Holy Baptism: Water of Life*. Both are excellent. If you were not with us to watch them on October 7, see Pastor Messer and he will lend you one to take home and watch. The neat thing about these DVDs is that we have permission to customize them for our congregation and to make as many copies as we desire. Larry Elliott graciously volunteered to customize these DVDs for our congregation and has burned 50 copies to get us started. He put both of the DVDs onto one to make distribution easier. Our goal is to use these as an evangelism tool by handing them out to first time guests and to people in the community as we go out on evangelism walks and so forth. We would also like for these to be a help to our members in sharing their faith with family and friends who may be interested in learning what it is that we Lutherans believe. So, **please feel free to acquire one from Pastor Messer at any time** should you want to use it to share your faith with others. We are very excited about these DVDs and believe that they will be a real blessing to our congregation in fulfilling our mission of sharing with all the love and truth of Jesus Christ!

7. **PEACE MOVIE NIGHT** will return in January!

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 this year (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 engaged in a detailed study of **Revelation**.

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class meets weekly on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Together in the Word

- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study takes place **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome, too. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of **Genesis**. Please plan on joining us soon.

“It’s All Greek to Me”

- *It’s All Greek to Me* meets on Sundays from 12:00-1:30. If you were not able to join us last year, but are interested in joining this class, please see Pastor Messer.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday to:

1 - Sarah Cummins	12 - Arlene Hale	26 - Carol Durst
3 - Heather Palmer	16 - Karen Strong	28 - Tammy Oswald
5 - Phyllis Hill	18 - Kelsey Gensler	29 - Dick Wiser
6 - Shontelle Hinton	19 - James Sager	30 - Amber Brown
6 - Linda Oswald	20 - Sarah Messer	
7 - Marilyn Oswald	23 - Michael Gilbert	

Happy Anniversary to:

5 - LeRoy & Maxine Isaksson
17 - Bill & Jennie Harmon
23 - Timothy & Bonnie Gustavison

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



EUCHRE NIGHT!

Euchre night will NOT meet in December. **We will resume on Friday, January 18.** There will be a sign-up sheet on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board in the fellowship hall. 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!



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, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the church. All are invited to attend! Hope to see you there!

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(As of November 30)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 188; Confirmed - 149

Official Acts: None

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report

YTD Receipts: \$89,896.69








Budgeted YTD: \$93,765.00

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December 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	1
2 1st Sunday in Advent 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—Greek Class 	3 7:00—Ladies Guild Hostess: L. Ramsey	4 NO Together in the Word <i>(Pastor at Winked)</i> 7:00—Council Meeting	5 6:00—Potluck dinner 7:00—Evening Prayer	6 5:00 pm—WW 5:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—S.A.L.T. Mtg.	7	8 9:00—4:00 Ladies Guild Cookie Walk/Craft Show
9 2nd Sunday in Advent 8:00—Elders; 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—Greek Class 	10	11 9:30—Together in the Word 1:30 - Ladies Lunch Bunch - Kristopher's in Ithaca	12 6:00—Potluck dinner 7:00—Evening Prayer	13 5:00 pm—WW 5:30—Confirmation Class 7:00—Table Talk 	14	15
16 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—Greek Class 	17	18 9:30—Together in the Word 7:00 - Stewardship Mtg.	19 6:00—Potluck dinner 7:00—Evening Prayer & Children's Program	20 5:00 pm - WW 5:30—Confirmation Class	21 12:00—Divine Service <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	22
23 4th Sunday in Advent 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—Greek Class 	24 7:00—Service of Lessons & Carols 	25 <i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i> 9:30—Divine Service 	26 <i>St. Stephen, Martyr</i>	27 <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	29
30 1st Sun. after Christmas 8:30—Choir 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—Greek Class	31	January 1 NO Together in the Word <i>Happy New Year!</i>	January 2	January 3 5:00 pm—WW 5:30—Confirmation Class	January 4	January 5

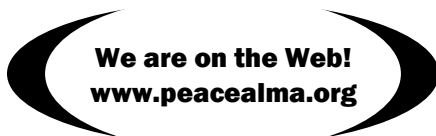
SERVING IN DECEMBER

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
2 - 9:30 am	CJ Oswald Melanie Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Bill Brostrom Bill Hendrick	Helen Meyers/ Lois Ramsey
5 - 7:00 pm (Wednesday)	Sarah Messer Tyrel Harwager	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Bill Brostrom Bill Hendrick	XXX
9 - 9:30 am	Jordan Henry Philip Schafer	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Chris Brown James Sager	Burt & Cheryl Henry
12 - 7:00 pm (Wednesday)	Samantha Messer Kelsey Gensler	Beth Brostrom	Larry Elliott	Chris Brown James Sager	XXX
16 - 9:30 am	Lauren Penzien Sarah Messer	Mary Jakolat	Dave Zeile	Burt Henry Vern Jakolat	Jon Penzien & Family
19 - 7:00 pm (Wednesday)	Tyrel Harwager Melanie Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Dave Zeile	Burt Henry Vern Jakolat	XXX
23 - 9:30 am	Kelsey Gensler Philip Schafer	Beth Brostrom	Don Reithel	Jon Penzien Bill Brostrom	Lillian Manns/ Dorothy Trgina
24 - 7:00 pm (Christmas Eve)	CJ Oswald Jordan Henry	Beth Brostrom	Don Reithel	Jon Penzien Bill Brostrom	XXX
25 - 9:30 am (Christmas Day)	Samantha Messer Lauren Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Larry Elliott	Bill Hendrick James Sager	XXX
30 - 9:30 am	Melanie Penzien Natalie Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Larry Elliott	Bill Hendrick James Sager	Bob & Jo Wendt

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

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