# Peace Talk



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# **Upcoming Events**

Jan 1 ~ Church Office Closed

Jan 8 ~ SPARK Kids Klub Adult Choir Practice IGNITE Confirmation

Jan 11 ~ Mission Work Day

Jan 12 ~ Bday & Anniversary Celebration Love INC Donation Sunday

Jan 15 ~ SPARK Kids Klub IGNITE Confirmation

Jan 22 ~ SPARK Kids Klub IGNITE Confirmation

Jan 19 ~ Coffee, Cake & Conversation

Jan 22 ~ SPARK Kids Klub IGNITE Confirmation

Jan 26 ~ Food Shelf Sunday Youth Sunday Annual Meeting after worship Ministry Board meeting @ 6:30

Jan 29 ~ SPARK Kids Klub IGNITE Confirmation

See the calendar on page 11 for a complete listing of activities

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach

me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.



The Annual Congregational Meeting of Peace Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. (*Please* 

note: voting by proxy is not permitted for any matter)

# REMINDER TO THOSE REQUESTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The following procedure is stated within our constitution: if you meet the requirements listed below and wish to vote via absent ballot for the annual meeting, please notify the Ministry Board. You can send an email to brieckenberg@gmail.com or call 612-770-0774.

A6.05 Voting by proxy shall not be permitted for any matter. Voting by absentee ballot shall be permitted under the following conditions:

- a. The member is out of the state of Minnesota at the time of the congregational meeting.
- b. The member shall notify the Ministry Board of their reason for missing the congregational meeting and their desire to receive an absentee ballot.
- c. The member shall submit their sealed ballot to the congregational President prior to the congregational meeting. The sealed ballot shall be opened and counted with all other ballots during the congregational meeting.
- d. Absentee ballots can only cover elections and ratifications that cannot change during a course of a meeting.

If you have questions or require additional information, please ask any Ministry Board Member.

2019 Giving Statements will be emailed (or mailed if you don't have email) out later this month. To make sure you get your



statement in a timely manner, let us know of any changes to your contact information.

If you have any questions about your statement or need a duplicate copy, please contact Sue Beulke at 763-442-1703 or sue.beulke@gmail.com.

Offering envelopes are now available for pick up by the offices. If you have any questions, contact Sue or call the church office.





## **Text Giving**

Text your gift amount to 952-260-3034.

The first time you'll have to set up your account. Be sure to add the phone number to your contacts.



#### Online

Go to www.come2peace.com/give to set up a one-time or recurring contribution using your debit /credit card or bank account.



# **Sustaining Gift**

Go to your bank's website and select Bill Pay. This option generally has no fees and is an easy way to ensure your gift is received every week/month. You will need our address:

Peace Lutheran Church PO Box 817 Watertown, MN 55388



#### Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes, weekly, monthly, or pew, are a good witness for children to see that we give back to God what he has first given us.

If you have questions, contact the church office.



Psalm 107:2

# Mission Opportunities

# **Blessing Bags**

by Sue Ziermann

Proverbs 14:31 says "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God."

PLC assembled 24 Blessing Bags on December 1st to be distributed to the homeless that you may encounter while you are out and about. The bags contain items to sustain them out in the cold weather.

We invite you to carry them in your car for easy access to those in need. We are blessed to be a blessing.



Maci & Rylan McClurg helped with the Blessing Bags on December 1.

# PLC Mission Workday

for Life Food Shelf.

PLC Mission Workday is January 11, 2020 from 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Join us as we work on projects for some of the missions we support. Here are some of the projects we will be working on and how you can help:

THANK YOU!

Friends for pounds in December. In 2019 we

Food Shelf Donations were 42

donated a total of 804 pounds of

support to the Watertown Friends

food and \$445. Thank you for your

- OGT Blanket measure, cut & sew
- OGT Layettes roll, label & box for shipping
- RMH Blankets measure, cut & tie
- Quilts (graduates tie knots
- Gators (homeless blessing bags) measure, cut & sew

#### Supplies List

We also need help with these supplies if you have them:

- Yard stick
- Rotary cutter
- Serger

- Tape Measure
- Scissors Pliers
- Cutting mat
  - Portable sewing machine

Come anytime between 9 am and 2 pm and join your PLC members in action to *BE A BLESSING TO THOSE IN NEED*. A potluck lunch will be served at noon.

# Friends for Life Food Shelf

Friends for Life is a local mission we support. Here are some different things they are especially looking for. There is a collections box by the mission board.

- Rice & pasta side dish mix
- Tomato sauce/paste
- Spices & baking ingredients
- Toothpaste & brushes
- Canned Fruit
- Hearty soup
- Baked beans

Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to "Friends for Life."

# Love INC

Love INC is a local mission we support with our time and monetary donations. Here are some different things they are looking for. There is a collections box by the mission board.

# Personal Care Item Ministry:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Paper towels
- Razors

• Dish soap

#### Fresh Start Ministry:

- Cream of mushroom
- Cream of chicken soup
- Chicken noodle soup
- Diced tomatoes
- Sugar
- Oatmeal

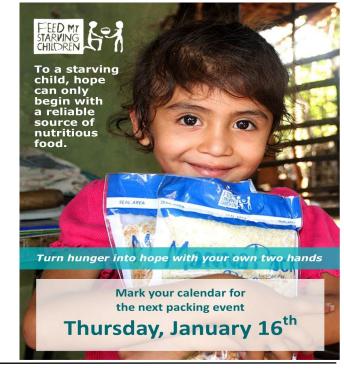
#### Lullaby Ministry:

- Diapers size 4, 5 & 6 & Pullups size 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T
- Wipes (especially for sensitive skin)

#### **Bedding Ministry:**

- Like-new sheets and mattress covers for all sizes
- New bed pillows
- Like-new blankets

Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to "Love INC," with the appropriate ministry indicated in the memo.



# **College Care Package**



Thank you for taking the time to send a care package during this finals season. The thoughts and effort that has gone into the package is very appreciated.

Peace and blessings,

Makayla Schneider

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the care package that you sent me. The Ramen Noodles and easy Mac were especially helpful for an easy meal while I was studying for finals. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Years!

Thanks, Josh Reinhardt



# LCMC's Three Days of Prayer January 7-9, 2020

Every congregation, member and pastor is being invited to set aside some time each



day of January 7, 8, and 9, 2020 for prayer.

Our attitude toward prayer has often been characterized by saying, "well, all we can do now is pray!". Prayer is not the hopeless act of desperation. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to her parents sharing concerns, victories, defeats and every part of life. It is an opportunity to express the deepest heartache and the greatest joy. Prayer is a conversation between the Creator and the created...and the conversation began with God, for us, in Christ Jesus.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup>, let's come together as an association of congregations across the U.S. and around the world to pray! I believe that the church will never rise up until we first get down on our knees!

Day One: January 2 - confession - This is a day focused on confession. We have made our lives, our relationships, and even the church in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.

Day Two: January 3 - petition - This is a day of petition. Pray for your congregation, for the pastor, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday School teachers, for the Confirmation leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God's redeeming love for all in Christ...

Day Three: January 4 - vision - This is a day for vision. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God's vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God's vision.



The Outreach team enjoyed their last meeting of 2019 with dinner and fellowship at Doreen Seal's house. Back left to right: Karen Dressel, Dave Schroeder, Joan Schroeder, Brian Ely, Pastor David and Cathy Rieckenberg.

Front left to right: Doreen Seal, Joan Nesvold, Mary Fritz-Barfnecht and Wendy Ely.



Hospitality Ministry Team

# Fall Cribbage Tournament

The fall Cribbage Tournament was held Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and was again a great success. Ruth Clark & Jim Grosshuesch took first place and Judy Jacobson & John Tuttle came in second.

The event is organized by the Hospitality Team and is held twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Watch the worship bulletin and website for details of the next tournament.



Elijah Forest McLaughlin

**Born:**February 16, 2019 **Baptized:**December 8, 2019 **Son of:**Stephanie McLaughlin

**Baptismal sponsors:** Gregory & Whitney Semolina







Congratulations to the Engstrom family on the birth of Jackson Robert Engstrom, born December 16th, at 1:37 p.m.



December 7<sup>th</sup> was the cookie walk and bazaar. Both were a great success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help and donated treats. A special thank you to Shawn Perez for coordinating the bazaar and to Diane Malmin and Joan Nesvold for coordinating the volunteers and donations for the cookie walk.

December 14<sup>th</sup> was the Ladies Christmas Luncheon with guest speaker Julie Costa. It was such a relaxing, enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to the Hospitality Team for planning this wonderful event, to the men who volunteered their afternoon to serve, and a special thank you to Marty Malmin for all the extra time spent taking care of the many details - we really appreciated the labor or love.











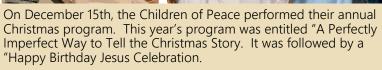
























# December Bible Quiz Question—What does Paul pray that we would be "rooted and established in?" Ephesians 3:17 — love

May Christ dwell in your hearts

through faith; so that you, being

rooted and grounded in love, may be

able to comprehend with all the saints-

how wide and long and high and deep

is the love of Christ, and to know this

love that surpasses knowledge.

Ephesians 3:17-19

Paul prays that the love of Christ would establish us in love. It is a love, he confesses, which "surpasses knowledge," but should still root and ground us, running into the core of our motivations and desires.

Paul prayed for us to allow the love of Christ to become our root system. He used a picture from nature to describe our relationship to Christ's love. Just as the roots of a tree are to sink down deep into the earth in search of nutrients and stability, so

the love of Christ nourishes and stabilizes the believer. Every person is in search of love, and this quest for love can cause the worst of behavior at times. But the believer who is rooted in the love of Christ has an endless supply of nourishment; love is perpetually theirs. When rooted in the love of Christ one can walk through a

drought of earthly love, but still be fruitful and alive because of a secret love deep below the surface, the love of Christ.

Every person endures the tears and trials of life. Believers do not escape the trials. We need, in the face of such trials, stability. We need God to make us firm in every windstorm of life. The love of Christ is a fortress for the soul. The believer, rooted in Christ's love, is made strong to endure every trial and drought and storm.

Paul also prayed for us to allow the love of Christ to become our foundation. He used a picture of a building to describe this relationship to Christ's love. Like a structure which cannot stand firm and upright without a solid foundation, so the love of Christ provides a solid base for the believer. Much of the

Christian life comes down to this relationship with Christ's love. For many try to build a life of good works and meaning, attempting to do something radical for God, in an attempt to receive His love. It is far better to be utterly convinced of His love and then respond to it through a radical life of good works. The believer, grounded in this love, is made stable for every season of life.

Paul also prayed for us to have the strength to comprehend the love of

Christ that surpasses knowledge. To him, the love of Christ was a vast expanse in all directions. It is a fortress to be scaled. a wilderness to be charted. He saw it as wide and long and high and deep. Perhaps these are mere expressions, a playful twist of fine literature, but a study of Ephesians shows us Christ's love in all these directions.

The love of Christ has **breadth**, for Paul has

taught us it is wide enough for the whole world, Jew and Gentile alike. No one is beyond the scope of His love. The love of Christ has length, for Paul has shown us it is as long as eternity, having been established from the foundation of the world. The love of Christ has height, for Paul has taught us it has raised believers to be seated with Christ in the heavenly places. The love of Christ has depth, for Paul has shown us that, though we were dead in sin and followers of the flesh, the world, and the devil, we find escape in Jesus. There is no sin too deep for Him to rescue a person from.

So Paul prays for us, not to love Christ more, but to understand Christ's love more. He envisions a people who are completely overtaken by the relentless love of Jesus Christ, for only then will we change the world.



# January Scripture Readings

#### Week of January 5

- ☐ Ezekiel 31-33; John 11
- ☐ Ez 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12
- ☐ Ez 37-39; Ps 87; John 13
- □ Ez 40-42; John 14
- □ Ez 43-45; Ps 135; John 15

## Week of January 12

- ☐ Ez 46-48; John 16
- ☐ Daniel 1-3; Ps 88; John 17
- □ Dan 4-6; John 18
- □ Dan 7-9; Ps 91; John 19
- □ Dan 10-12; John 20

#### Week of January 19

- ☐ Ezra 1-2; John 21
- □ Ezra 3-4; Ps 92; 1 John 1
- ☐ Haggai; Zechariah 1; Ps 138; 1 John 2
- □ Zech 2-5; Ps 93; 1 John 3
- ☐ Zech 6-8; 1 John 4

#### Week of January 26

- ☐ Zech 9-11; 1 John 5
- □ Zech 12-14; Ps 94; 2 John
- ☐ Ezra 5-6; Ps 95; 3 John
- ☐ Esther 1-3; Ps 139; Revelation 1
- ☐ Esther 4-6; Rev 2

## Week of February 2

- ☐ Esther 7-10; Řev 3
- □ Ezra 7-10; Ps 97; Rev 4
- □ Nehemiah 1-3; Rev 5
- □ Neh 4-6; Ps 98; Rev 6
- □ Neh 7-9; Ps 140; Rev 7

# January Bible Quiz Question

Where is the phrase "God will never give you more than you can handle" found in the Bible?









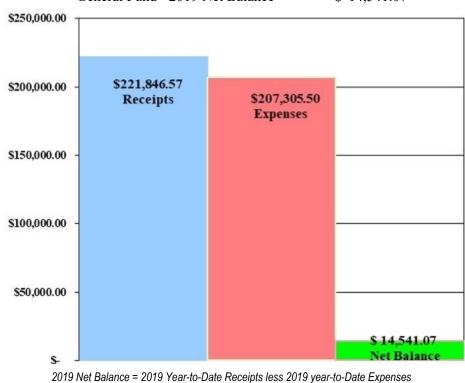
# January Birthdays & Anniversaries celebration is <u>January 12<sup>th</sup></u>

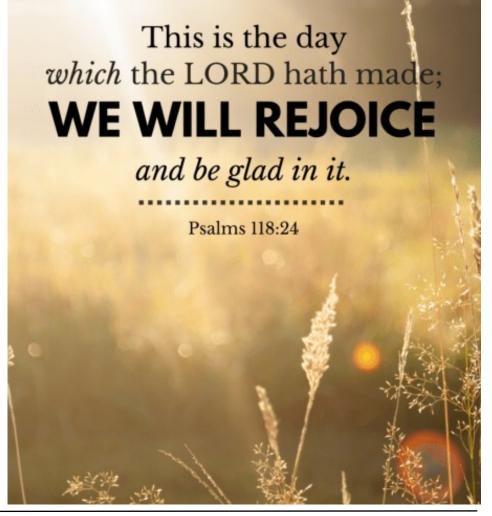
If you have a January birthday or anniversary and didn't get recognized, email the church office and we will gladly include you on our list - office@come2peace.com.

# **General Fund Summary**

General Fund 2019 Receipts and Transfers In General Fund 2019 Expenses General Fund - 2019 Net Balance

\$221,846.57 \$207,305.50 \$ 14,541.07





# Worship Service Volunteer Schedule

Please review the following schedule. If you're unable to serve on a scheduled date(s), contact other volunteers to switch dates. Email church office with updated information to ensure the bulletin gets updated ~ office@come2peace.com

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January 2020	1/05/20	1/12/20	1/19/20	Youth Sunday 1/26/20		
Special Music	Adult Choir	Children's Choir	Adult Choir	Youth		
Noisy Offering	N/A Kar	ver S; Chloe K; Wyatt S; Tori S	N/A	N/A		
Acolytes	Andrew S & Jackson P	Rylee M	Ella B & Sophia B	Ava H		
JAM	Julie Choate	Lily Grotbo	Pastor David Hanson	Adam Hanson		
Scripture	1 Kings 3:4 - 15 Ephesians 1:3 - 14 Luke 2:40 - 52	Isaiah 42:1 - 9 Romans 6:1 - 11 Matthew 3:13 - 17	Isaiah 49:1 – 7 1 Corinthians 1:1 – 9 John 1:29 – 42a	Isaiah 9:1- 4 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 18 Matthew 4:12 – 25		
Reader	Edie Hanson	Sarah Hanson	Judy Jacobson	Morgen J. & Luke H.		
Greeters	Barfnechts	Beulkes	B. Carlsons	Lotitos		
Ushers	Rieckenbergs	Schroeders	Weinzierls	Heuns		
Peace Café	Fosters & Malmins	Bauers & D. Schroeders	Schluter; E. Cartland & Lobitzes	T. Carlsons & Feltmanns		
Slide Presenter	Edie Hanson	Julie Choate	Edie Hanson	Maris Heun		
Sound System	Bill Hoernemann	Jim Grossheusch	Ezekiel Cartland	Dan Beulke		
Video Recorder	Jessica Baumann	Dan Beulke	Julie Choate	Jeremy Baumann		
Communion/MB	Jon Peterson and Kevin Schroeder					
Altar Care	Doris Swenson & Karen Hoeremann					
February 2020	02/02/20	02/09/20	02/16/20	Youth Sunday 02/23/20		
Special Music	Adult Choir	Children's Choir	Adult Choir	Youth		
Noisy Offering	N/A	Landon J; Addison J; Hallie S; Addison W	N/A	N/A		
Acolytes	Morgen J & Emily H	Peyton F	Malorie T & Audrey M	Andrew S		
JAM	Edie Hanson	Heather Heun	Tracy Hulley	Nicole Johnsrud		
Scripture	Micah 6:1 – 8 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31 Matthew 5:1 – 12	Isaiah 58:3 – 9a 1 Corinthians 2:1 – 12 Matthew 5:13 – 20	Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20 1 Corinthians 3:1 – 9 Matthew 5:21 – 37	Exodus 24:8 – 18 2 Peter 1:16 – 21 Matthew 17:1 – 9		
Reader	Nicole Johnsrud	Marty Malmin	Nathan May	Audrey M & Emily H		
Greeters	A. Hansons	McGowans	Hoernemanns	L. Pederson & K. Hansen		
Ushers	Baumanns	Beulkes	R. Clark & Malmins	Pawelks		
Peace Café	K. Dressel, A. Seefeldts & Daubenspeck	Elys & Holmquists	Hulleys & M. Hendricks	Mays/Youth (Chili Feed)		
Slide Presenter	Edie Hanson	Rachel Lotito	Edie Hanson	Dayvin Schroeder		
Sound System	Bill Hoernemann	Jim Grosshuesch	Ezekiel Cartland	Dan Beulke		
Video Recorder	Adam Hanson	Edie Hanson	Olivia Baumann	Emily Hanson		
Communion/MB	TBD					
Altar Care	Cathy Rieckenberg & Sharon Weinzierl					

## Newsletter and Worship Bulletin

**Newsletters:** Pictures, reports, announcements, calendar changes, and volunteer schedule updates are due the third Wednesday of each month to ensure they make the next newsletter.

Worship Bulletins: Announcement requests and changes for Sunday worship bulletins are due noon Wednesdays. office@come2peace.com / (952) 955-3434

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Monday	Mondy 2070	6:30 Men's Coffee 6 8:00 Cleaning Crew	6:30 Men's Coffee 6:30 Cleaning Crew 5:30 Hospitality MT Mtg 6:30 Outreach MT Mtg	6:30 Men's Coffee 68:00 Cleaning Crew 1	6:30 Men's Coffee 8:00 Cleaning Crew
Sunday		9:00 Worship 6:: 10:00 Fellowship 8:0 Sunday School Youth Group	Love INC Donation 6::  Bday & Anniversary Celebration 5::  9:00 Worship 6::  10:00 Fellowship Sunday School Youth Group	9:00 Worship 6:3 10:00 Fellowship 8:0 Sunday School Youth Group Coffee, Cake & Conversation 6:00 Youth Activities MT Mtg	Food Shelf Donation 6::  Youth Sunday 8:0 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Annual Meeting 6:30 Ministry Board Mtg



Come Worship Sundays @ 9:00 AM

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Every week people tell us...Peace is worth the drive!

# Sign up for email updates from Peace

Stay up to date with what is going on at Peace by signing up to receive monthly newsletters and other church - wide announcements. Contact the church office at office@come2peace.com to have your name added to our electronic





