

Tidings of Peace...

NEW YEAR, NEW MINISTRIES!

Keep this newsletter handy in the coming months. It's full of all the information about opportunities for faith formation and fellowship that we could possibly pack into it! After a great Roast Beef Dinner and Fair Trade Display in November, our next dinner is coming up soon!

Peace Lutheran Church does...

SOUP & SAMMIES

Gourmet Grilled Cheese Sandwiches & Homemade Soups.
Saturday
January 26th
4:00pm-7:00pm

Tickets \$7 adults
\$4 kids

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Welcome New Members!

Harry and Melissa Faulk, and their children JJ and Harry, joined Peace in October of 2018. We are glad to have their family active in ministry here!

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**WORSHIP WITH HOLY
COMMUNION**
Sundays at 10:45am

Office Email:
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The Church Office is open:
Tuesday 10am-2pm
Wednesday 10am-2pm
Thursday 10am-2pm

The Rev. Erin Evans, Pastor
Ms. Dorothy Salopek, Office Admin.
Ms. Judy Jaskulski, Organist

Current Council Members - 2018

__Vacancy__, President
Patrick Kreutzer, Vice-President
Sharon Gibbons, Secretary
Barbara Mantsch, Treasurer
Nancy Nath, Financial Secretary
Karen Joseph
Jack Rosche
Melanie Serfass
Eileen Widany

THANKS TO EVERYONE!

Your generosity filled *FIFTEEN* Christmas wishes for young men and boys in Auberle programs.

TWENTY volunteers made our Annual Live Nativity a great success, despite the miserable weather!

Over *SIXTY* people attended worship to watch *our kids' Christmas pageant*. Thanks especially to all the parents that helped with costumes and direction! Also we made *EIGHT* no-sew blankets for Project Linus as a service project on the day we rehearsed.

To ALL who helped with the decorating and the un-decorating, making our worship sparkle and shine!



Young people gather around the manger during the Pageant

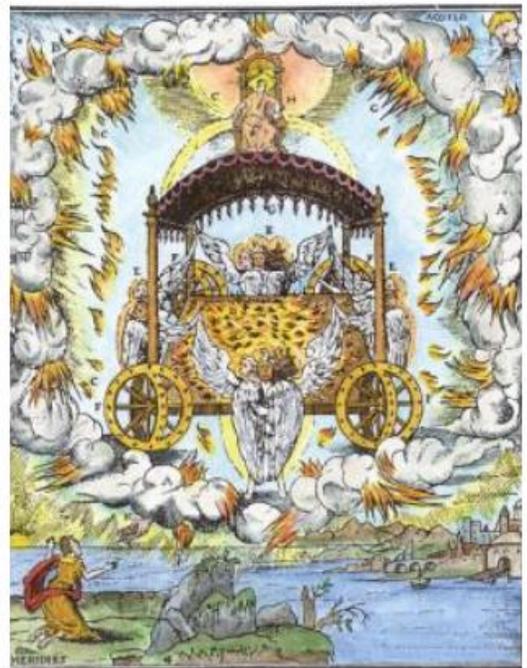
NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

According to our Constitution, members of Peace are expected to “support the work of this congregation through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.” Each family or individual should receive a box of envelopes, so that their regular weekly or monthly offering can be designated, and recorded for tax purposes. If you need a new box, please speak with Nancy Nath, our wonderful financial secretary. She spends many hours recording the data and providing reports of giving to the Pastor and Council. Your record for tax purposes will be in your mailbox soon.

The ministries that fill this newsletter only happen with YOUR generous and faithful stewardship. Please remember to mail your envelope or bring it to church, and consider increasing your support over time to meet the goal of a 10% tithe of your income. If you are interested in knowing where exactly your offering goes from the plate, Pastor Erin has those resources!

EZEKIEL: PRIEST AND PROPHET

**TUESDAY AT 2PM AND 7PM
COME TO EITHER CLASS**



Class Schedule

- January 22nd Overview of Prophets & Prophecy
- January 29th Bad News for Israel
- February 5th Bad News for Everyone
- February 12th Some Good News
- February 19th What's Good News for Us?

*Have you ever read the book of Ezekiel?
Join us for an introduction to this bizarre and
thought-provoking book of the bible.*

Safe Spaces & Healthy Communities

“A traumatic experience impacts the entire person – the way we think, the way we learn, the way we remember things, the way we feel about ourselves, the way we feel about other people, and the way we make sense of the world...”

– Dr. Sandra Bloom, M.D.

Safe Spaces and Healthy Communities don't just happen by accident, but with intentional work, listening, and practice. The Congregation Council of Peace Lutheran wants to work together to build a strong and healthy community at Peace Lutheran Church.

Our experiences, both good and bad, influence the way we work and live together.

Join us for conversation and learning about how we can learn from, move past and build upon those experiences to create and foster safe space and healthy communities. We will learn how to navigate change, lead healthy conversation, and develop a healthy faith community.

We will learn problem-solving techniques that promote:

- emotional intelligence
- boundaries
- healthy conversations around conflict
- recognition of losses
- and hope for the future

These tools provide a blueprint for the work we do as the church and at its core promotes safety and recovery from adversity through the active creation of a trauma-informed community.

Join us for an hour prior to each Council Meeting as we meet with the Rev. Christina Hough, to lead us through a series of six participatory workshops.

All are welcome to come, share their experiences, and grow together in this safe space.

Pastor Hough is the Director of Spiritual Care for Glade Run Lutheran Services.

Sessions are 6pm -7pm on Mondays

January 28th, February 18th, March 25th,
April 29th, May 20th, June 24th

Please Take Note...

The Mary Circle Study will NOT be meeting in December, January, February and March. They will resume in April, 2019, the last Tuesday of each month.

PEACE QUILTERS will meet at 10:00 am (instead of 9:00 am) January, February and March, the first and third Tuesday of each month.

PEACE CROCHETERS will continue to meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 10:00am.

No experience necessary, all are welcome to join these ministries of creativity and comfort!



NEW SCHEDULE FOR SERVERS

For the next several months we'll try a new system for Sunday Volunteers. You should have received a schedule and letter in the mail at your home. Please speak to Pastor if you have any questions about your assignments. If you need to switch with someone, it is your responsibility to make those arrangements. *Thanks for all the ways you serve!*

NEW AED MACHINE FOR BUILDING

Thanks to a generous grant from the Charles F. Peters Foundation we were able to purchase an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator for our church building. This will be located in the hallway outside the pastor's office. We will be hosting a *luncheon after worship on February 10th* with a guest speaker to give us a brief training on the machine, talk about its use, and provide some basic first aid information. Please join us!



Children's Sunday School 9:15am **

January 27th – the Body of Christ
February 10th – Fishing for People
February 24th – Love Your Enemies
March 10th – What's Lent?
March 24th - Mercy and Forgiveness

APRIL 13th – 10:00am *SATURDAY SERVICE*
PROJECT FOR KIDS & PRACTICE FOR PALM
SUNDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

April 14th – Palm Sunday
May 12th – The Good Shepherd

*****Note Time Change for Sunday School!*****

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5th – 4:00pm- 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday

March 6th – Services with Imposition of Ashes at Noon and 7:00pm

Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer

**March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3, and 10th
7:00pm**

Scripture readings and hymns each week exploring dimensions of God's love for us and the love of Christ we share

