

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of December 10, 2017

Guests and visitors: Welcome! You will find a few additional notes, including our Holy Communion practice, in the pew racks.

In our Prayers: Ongoing Illness: Betty Claus; Julia Demos; Ruth Rothe; Kay Don Selke; and Dale Sorgenfrei. Recovering from Surgery/Hospitalization/Injury: Dale Durecki, brother-in-law of Sherry Enlow; Lilah Elowski; Joe Gabara; Cam Haan, Bob Haan's son; June Heller; Donna Kaski; LaDonna Nichol; Heidi Scranton; Audrey Selke; Donald Wenzel, grandfather of Beth Dembny; and Tom Wirgau. Undergoing Testing/Treatment: Jerry Elowsky, Rose Buck's brother (cancer); John Hudock, Kathy Schalk's grandson; Breanna Jaeger (cancer); Peg Schaudt; and Wilma Trapp (cancer); Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones: the family of Ellis Olsen, following his death during the past week; Thanksgiving for favorable test results: Dustin & Ashleigh Hein & family, on behalf of their newborn, Hudson. Also: our members, family members, and friends serving in the military; our adopted missionary family, Rev. Steve and Martha Mahlburg and family, serving in Sri Lanka; and our Adopt-A-Student from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Andrew (and Rebecca) Belt (and family).

Members are encouraged to bring additional prayer requests to Pastor's attention. Prayer request forms are located on the table in the narthex, or you may simply drop a note in the church office or send an E-mail to peggyschaudt@peacelcms.org. Prayer requests and concerns may also be shared confidentially at Pastor's personal E-mail addresses: pastorjdriddle@peacelcms.org or pastorjdriddle@gmail.com.

Serving God's People Today:

Pastor:	Rev. J. Derek Riddle	Organist:	Jean Horrocks
Elders:	David Grulke & Chad Coolman	Ushers:	Jerry Wenzel & Matt Rhode
Layreader:	Merlin Schaedig	Acolyte:	Brady Myers

'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance'

Needed per week - *Operating and Kingdom Work*

Home: \$3,059.76

Week of December 3, 2017:

Home: \$4,050.67

Mission: \$165.00

Maint. & Improv. Fund: \$258.00

Note: The Home category reflects monies needed to meet the 2017 budget figures.

+ All monies given to Missions are sent in at regular intervals.

+ The Maintenance & Improvement Fund is used for maintenance projects over \$500 and as savings for future improvement projects.

Peace Attendance –

December 3: 141

December 6 (Advent): 39

Sunday School: 23

Adult Bible Class: –

Communed: 116

High School Youth: 1

Staff & Helpers: 8

Visitors: 4

Visitors: 2

Lock Box –

Sunday School: \$14.00

Book Purchase: \$22.40

Sr. Youth Soup Supper: \$31.00

Poinsettias (25): \$152.00

Here We Stand: \$10.00

Hygiene Pantry Donation: \$100.00

Lutheran Witness: \$23.20



The following memorials were given in loving memory of Marie Schwiesow:

General Fund: Norman & Lilah Elowski, Mark & Missie Karsten, David & Marsha Grulke.

Maintenance & Improvement Fund: Chet & Brenda Karsten.

Christian Education Hour (10:45-11:45):

Our **Christian Education Hour** includes Sunday School classes through fifth grade and Bible Classes for Jr. High and High School youth and adults. Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall classrooms, Jr. High Bible Class in the youth room upstairs, and Adult Bible Class at the front of the sanctuary. High School Bible Class meets prior to the service, from 8:45-9:15, in the youth room upstairs.

In **Adult Bible Class** this morning, we will continue a video-based study entitled "A Man Named Martin – Part 2: The Moment." Today we will be watching the third and final video segment. Everyone is welcome!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL...we will continue to anticipate, prepareand.....wait for the presentation of our Christmas Eve Program. We pray that you will join us for this present(ation).

Other Christian Education Opportunities at Peace:

WOMEN'S JOINT BIBLE STUDY – The next session of the LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will be December 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Peace. If anyone would still like to join us, please show up or contact Linda Schalk at 766-8073.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Our next meeting will take place this coming Thursday, December 14, at 9:30 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is welcome! Call Bart or Cathy Hellmuth with questions: (810) 599-3525 or (517) 546-0943.

This & That at Peace:

Please note that our **Informal Midweek Service** will not be held during the month of December due to our regular Advent Midweek schedule. Many thanks to all who attended this experimental service since the beginning of October. We will either plan to resume in January until the beginning of Lent in mid-February or plan to resume following Easter until the beginning of the summer. Please feel free to share your opinion with Pastor in the coming weeks; your input is welcome.



The Giving Tree gifts need to be back to church TODAY; this gives us time to deliver them. Thanks for whatever help you can be.

Board of Evangelism

Do You Like to Sing? – The Jr. Disciples would like to invite you to join them in going Christmas Caroling this Saturday, December 16. Please meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. for rides. We want to spread LOVE and JOY to others this holiday season! Afterward, we will come back to Peace and order pizza and pop (provided by the Jr. Disciples as a THANK YOU for joining us).

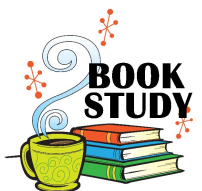


Please note that our **December Voters Meeting** will take place one week early, NEXT Sunday, December 17, immediately following the service. The agenda is as follows:

December 17th Voters Meeting Agenda:

1. Standard Board Reports
2. Election of 2018 Officers and Board Members
3. 2018 Budget
4. 2018 District Mission Commitment

Pastor would again like to invite all interested members of the congregation to participate in a monthly study and discussion of a book entitled, **When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor ... and Yourself**. This is for all who are interested in being a part of our ongoing congregational discussion of the most effective and faithful way(s) for us to reach out to and serve our community in Jesus' name. We met for the first time on Thursday evening, November 16, and began with an initial discussion. When we meet again in January, we will be discussing the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book. It is not too late to join us; if you would like copies of the reading and discussion materials, please see Pastor.



Here We Stand Campaign: Please be reminded of our congregation's multi-year commitment to participate in the Michigan District's Here We Stand stewardship campaign. Our total pledge was \$10,000 over five years or \$2000 per year. Half of this year's commitment came from the proceeds of the Nautical Festival booth; member contributions are being sought for the remaining half. We are currently approximately \$200 from our goal for 2017. If you are able to assist us in reaching our goal between now and the end of the year, please prayerfully consider doing so. Here We Stand offering envelopes remain available in the narthex for that purpose. Additional information about the four-fold purpose of the campaign also remains available in the narthex.

It's Lutheran Witness time! Time to order or renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*. Reminder—the *Michigan in Touch* publication is now included as a supplement each month! Renewals are \$11.60/yr if paid by TODAY; otherwise, the cost increases to \$13.60. Please contact the church office if you are interested in subscribing.

Jr. High Confirmation Mentors: Thanks to all who have agreed to serve. A brief informational and organizational meeting will be held immediately following the service this morning at the front of the sanctuary. Please plan to attend.

The **December Lunch Bunch**, instead of meeting at a local restaurant, will be a potluck and will be held at Pam Bingle's home next Tuesday, December 19, at noon. Everyone is welcome! See Pam for directions or Pastor with questions.

From the Board of Evangelism: This month the Hygiene Pantry is asking for donations of toothpaste. Our monthly distribution for November gave away 41 bags. Please pray for this ministry, and if you can help out in any way, we would be grateful. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed for weekly Coffee Fellowship. A new list is on the table in the narthex; please take a look and see if your group, committee, or board could sign up for a Sunday. Thank you!



Altar Flowers

Lee's Reminder: Please feel free to sign up for flowers. When you sign up, please let me know (734-3682), so we don't have duplicates. Also, I'd be happy to have garden flowers or whatever you wish. Thanks so much!

This & That From Here & There:

They're here! **LIGHTHOUSE PIZZA CARDS** have arrived. The Lighthouse Restaurant has once again offered St. John the opportunity to raise funds by selling pizza cards. A 12-punch card (one 6-topping pizza per month) costs \$99.99; a five-punch card costs \$49.99. Stop in the school office 8am-1pm on weekdays to purchase. Call 734-3580 for more information. Pizza cards make great gifts!

500th Anniversary Choir Concert and Worship Service videos from October 15 are now available for viewing on the Michigan District's YouTube channel. Please see the Michigan District web site for viewing instructions if you are interested.

500th Anniversary Thank Offering: Over \$50,000 in offerings were received during the 500th Anniversary Service on October 15 and are still being received at the District office. If you are interested in giving to the thank offering, you may do so via the Michigan District web site or by making a check payable to Michigan District, LCMS and mailing it to 3773 Geddes Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48105. Please write 500th Anniversary Worship Thank Offering on the memo line. Contributions will be distributed among the four *Here We Stand* Campaign initiatives.



Thrivent Financial is growing! As Thrivent continues to expand into the broader Christian community, they are seeking candidates to join their team of financial advisors through the Great Lakes region. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, contact Dan Pardy, Recruiting Manager at (734) 459-6300, ext. 114, or by E-mail at RFO240@thrivent.com, or by visiting Thrivent.com/careers.

WEEKLY CALENDAR December 10 - December 17, 2017

Sun. 10	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12-1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth Bible Study (<i>upstairs Youth room</i>) Divine Service / Second Sunday in Advent Coffee Fellowship Christian Education Hour (<i>Christmas Eve Children's Program Practice Continues</i>) Jr. High Confirmation Sr. Youth (with help of Jr. Disciples) Making Shut-In Baskets
Tues. 12	6:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Mtg.
Wed. 13	9:00 a.m. 9am-1pm 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pastor has Chapel at St. John's Peg's Office Hours Pre-Service Supper Advent Midweek Service #2 Handbell Practice
Thurs. 14	9:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Sat. 16	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling with Jr. Disciples (and all who want to join in!!) Pop/Pizza to follow!
Sun. 17	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth Bible Study (<i>upstairs Youth room</i>) Service with Holy Communion / Third Sunday in Advent Coffee Fellowship (<i>hosted by Jr. Disciples</i>) Christmas Eve Children's Program Practice Continues Voters' Mtg. (NO Adult Bible Class) Jr. High Confirmation

Join Us at
Advent Worship



Wednesdays, December 13 & 20
at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Service Soup Supper (hosted by our
Sr. Youth) begins at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us!