

# Peace Lutheran Church

## News & Notes for the week of December 31, 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; and Tom Wirgau. Recovering from Surgery/Hospitalization/Injury: Dianne Darga; Eden Darga, granddaughter of Larry & Dianne Darga, recovering from a skull fracture; Doris Dowdell, at Tendercare; Dale Durecki, brother-in-law of Sherry Enlow; Lilah Elowski; Joe Gabara, at Medi-Lodge in Hillman; Cam Haan, Bob Haan's son; June Heller; Donna Kaski; LaDonna Little; LaDonna Nichol; Heidi Scranton; Audrey Selke; and Donald Wenzel, grandfather of Beth Dembny. Upcoming Surgery: Ardith Mertz, , undergoing bypass surgery in January. Undergoing Testing/Treatment: Jerry Elowsky, Rose Buck's brother (cancer); John Hudock, Kathy Schalk's grandson; Breanna Jaeger (cancer); and Wilma Trapp (cancer). Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones: the family of Kay Don Selke, who entered his eternal rest in Christ on Christmas Eve; the Zimmerman family, as Gayle's memorial service is being held on Saturday, January 6. Being baptized on Friday evening: Hudson Hein, newborn son of Dustin & Ashleigh Hein. 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 [peggyschautd@peacelcms.org](mailto:peggyschautd@peacelcms.org). Prayer requests and concerns may also be shared confidentially at Pastor's personal E-mail addresses: [pastorjdriddle@peacelcms.org](mailto:pastorjdriddle@peacelcms.org) or [pastorjdriddle@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjdriddle@gmail.com).

**Serving God's People Today:**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. J. Derek Riddle	<b>Organist:</b>	
<b>Elders:</b>	Tom Catalano & Chet Karsten	<b>Ushers:</b>	Wayne Augsburg & Jacob Hein
<b>Layreader:</b>	Dan Rothe	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ryan Hart

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

**Needed per week - Operating and Kingdom Work**

Home: \$3,059.76

**Week of December 24, 2017:**

Home: \$5,497.00

Mission: \$864.00

Maint. & Improv. Fund: \$921.00

**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 –**

Dec. 24 9:30 AM: 106

Dec. 24 6 PM: 241

Dec. 25 9:30 AM: 62

Visitors (from both 12/24 services combined): 75

Communed: 57

Visitors: 11

**Lock Box –**

Sr. Youth Soup Supper: \$88.00

Here We Stand: \$70.00

Kitchen Fund (Funeral): \$150.00

**Memorials in Loving Memory of Dale Sorgenfrei:**

**General Fund:** Chet & Brenda Karsten, Pam Bingle; **Maintenance & Improvement Fund:** Larry & Dianne Darga, Dave & Carolynne Schaedig, Norm & Lilah Elowski, Terry & Norma Flewelling, Bette Brege; **Music Ministry:** Larry & Peggy Schautd; **Hygiene Pantry:** Larry & Cinda Grulke, Sherry Enlow; **Here We Stand:** Merlin & Shirley Schaedig.

### **Memorials in Loving Memory of Elaine Grulke:**

**General Fund:** Mrs. Ethel Stricker, Mark & Judith Pflug, Pamela Stricker, Timothy Stricker & Deborah Devine, & Laurie Stricker, Marie Roluffs, Pete & Julie Demos, Pam Bingle, Chet & Brenda Karsten; **Maintenance & Improvement Fund:** Bette Brege, Norm & Lilah Elowski, Terry & Norma Flewelling, Elwood & Linda Knopf; **Hygiene Pantry:** Joan Sorgenfrei; **Sunday School Fund:** Sherry Enlow; **Music Ministry:** Larry & Peggy Schaudt, Joan Sorgenfrei, Pam Bingle.

### **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. **We will not meet this morning due to the holiday schedule, but will resume next Sunday, January 7.**

**Adult Bible Class** will not meet again this morning due to the holiday schedule. We will resume next Sunday, January 7.

### **Other Christian Education Opportunities at Peace:**

**WOMEN'S JOINT BIBLE STUDY** – The next session of the LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will be Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's. 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 Thursday, January 4, at 9:30 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke and are in Chapter 18. 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.

Please note that a **memorial service for Gayle Zimmerman** is scheduled for this coming Saturday, January 6, at 11:00 a.m., here at Peace, with a luncheon following. Help will be needed with the luncheon; if you are interested in lending your assistance, please see Cinda Grulke. Please keep Kathy and their daughter Mary Primak in your prayers during their time of grief.

A **Benefit for the Zimmerman Family** will be held Sunday, January 14. A sub sandwich luncheon will be served, and the event is sponsored by Thrivent. More info to come...

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.

**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!

**Poinsettias** that were purchased for the holiday **may be taken home following the service.**

**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!

**Betty Claus' current address and phone number (at daughter Lisa's):**

7637 Aspenwood Dr., SE  
Ada, MI 49301  
(616) 682-4838

**Joe Gabara** is currently recovering following a recent fall and surgery at Medi-Lodge in Hillman. Any cards/notes and/or visits from members of the congregation would be greatly appreciated, especially while he is away from home over the holidays. His address is as follows:

Joe Gabara  
c/o Medi-Lodge  
631 Caring St. – Room 109  
Hillman, MI 49746

**Note Received:**

*To My Peace Prayer Family,*

*Thank you for all your prayers on my behalf during my long, long illness and heart surgery. I could feel the love of Jesus in your prayers and a help in my healing. Bless you all for your kindness! From a grateful heart!*

*June Heller*

**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!

**WEEKLY CALENDAR  
December 31 - January 7, 2017**

<b>Sun.</b> <b>31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>NO</b> Sr. Youth Bible Study <b>New Year's Eve Day Divine Service</b> <b>NO</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>NO</b> Christian Education Hour <b>NO</b> Jr. High Confirmation
<b>Mon.</b> <b>1</b>		<b>NO</b> New Year's Day Service
<b>Tues.</b> <b>2</b>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders Bible Study Board of Elders Mtg.
<b>Wed.</b> <b>3</b>	9am-1pm 6:30 p.m.	Peg's Office Hours Handbells??
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>4</b>	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study Fundraising Committee Mtg. Church Council Mtg.
<b>Fri.</b> <b>5</b>	6:00 p.m.	Hein Baptism
<b>Sat.</b> <b>6</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Zimmerman Memorial Service</b> ( <i>luncheon to follow</i> )
<b>Sun.</b> <b>7</b>	8:45 a.m. <b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth Bible Study ( <i>upstairs Youth Room</i> ) <b>Service with Holy Communion / Installation of Officers</b> Coffee Fellowship Christian Education Hour resumes Jr. High Confirmation