

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of December 1, 2024

In Our Prayers:

Ongoing Illness:

Karen Allard, *Ike Watson's daughter (dealing with cancer)*

Ruth Altman (at her sister's in Millersburg)

Neil Claus, *cousin of Dave Schaedig (terminally ill; at Medilodge, RC)*

Norm Elowski (at Medilodge-Alpena)

Ruth Myers (at home)

Neil Repke, (recovering at home)

Ed Rothe (at home)

Ryan Schaudt (at home)

Heather Scranton (undergoing dialysis)

Tambi Martens' sister (to ask God to soften her heart)

Undergoing Testing/Treatment:

Sandy Altman, *Phylis Altman's sister (with cancer)*

Jenny Carlson, *sister-in-law of Pastor Galen & Patti Grulke (diagnosed with cancer)*

Jim Cherrette (for favorable test results)

Corey Hentkowski (dealing with brain cancer)

Paul Creger, *brother-in-law of Nonnie Bannasch (undergoing cancer treatment)*

Randy Martens (recovering following surgery)

Maci Stowe, *2-year-old daughter of Kohl & Molly (Ellenberger) Stowe (with cancer)*

Also: Our members, family members, and friends serving in the military, **Jacob Hein** (serving in the National Guard), **Dustin Hein** (serving at Fort Liberty/Bragg, North Carolina), **Robert Entenmann** (serving at Fort Campbell, Tennessee); and **Cameron Bauers**, grandson of Sandy Marshall, currently stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; our adopted missionary family, **Rev. Steve and Martha Mahlburg and family**, serving in Sri Lanka; and our new Adopt-A-Student from Concordia Seminary (not yet assigned).

Serving our Congregation this AM:

Pastor: Jonathan Dueker

Organist: D. Rothe

Elders: T. Catalano & R. Bannasch

Ushers: M. Rhode & J. Wenzel

Layreader: A. Hein

Members are encouraged to bring additional prayer requests to the attention of an Elder. Prayer request forms are located on the table in the narthex and may be filled out and given to an Elder, or an Usher, or you may drop a note in the church office or send an E-mail to office@peaceclcms.org.

After many years of serving the members of Peace in the church office, I have made the difficult decision to retire, effective December 1. You will all be in Hannah's capable hands now; I believe her "training" is complete! Thank you to all who have blessed me with gifts and cards throughout the years during the holidays...you have ALWAYS treated me like family, and I appreciate all of you! Love, Peg

'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance

Needed per week - Operating and Kingdom Work – Home: \$3,258.35

Counter Sheets (11/24/24): General: \$1,75.00

Missions: \$287.00

Maintenance and Improv.: \$202.00

Attendance: 86

Contemporary: 26

Thanksgiving Eve: 53

Communed: 50

Sr. Youth: \$10.00

**Lock box contents will be reported next week. **

Reminder:

Board of Education has "Church Bags: available for Preschool-3rd graders to use during services, These bags feature different activities each week. They are located in the sanctuary by the "pillow bin;" this will be an ongoing project.

Christian Education Opportunities:

Sunday School will run from 10:30-11:15 a.m. for preschool through grade 5.

Women's Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. John's If school is cancelled on that particular Monday, Bible study will also be cancelled.

The **Wednesday morning Bible class** meets at 10:00 a.m.

Sr. High Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Location will change week to week.

This & That at Peace:

"**Hanging of the Greens**" will take place on Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. so we can have the church decorated for the first Advent Midweek service on December 4. Questions? Call Jan Dullack at (989) 734-3122.

Christmas Parade Float – Looking for volunteers to put together a float for the Christmas Parade on December 6, with the help of *Peace, Immanuel, and St. John church and school*. There is a sign-up sheet on the table 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 \$21.20/yr if paid (received in their office) by December 15; otherwise, the cost increases to \$23.20. Please contact the church office if you are interested in subscribing; **deadline is December 8** for submitting payment.

There will be a **Voters Meeting on Tuesday, December 10**, at 7:00 p.m. A sample election ballot is listed below:

Sample Election Ballot (All 2-year terms except where indicated)

Chairman: Dan Rothe; Vice-Chairman: Todd Schaedig (1-year); Treasurer: Kay Bruning; Financial Review: Sharon Loomer; Elders: Jeff Karsten, Rick Bannasch, Randy Martens, David Grulke; Board of Education: Tambi Martens, Carol Schaedig, Toni Steinorth; Board of Human Care: Brenda Palmer, Janet Quillen, Gail Warren, Kay Zwolinski; Trustees: Daryl Rhode, Randy Reisener.

Raiseright Gift Cards – Every third Sunday of the month, Gift Cards will be available for purchase in the fellowship hall following the 9:30 service. These are the gift cards that are an on-going fundraiser of St. John Lutheran School.



Stars have been placed on the **Community Christmas Giving Tree** out in the narthex; we can get more stars if needed. Please take a star, buy the item listed (and anything else you'd like to add). Remove any price tags, wrap, and tape the star to the outside of the gift so we know where to deliver it. Packages need to be returned by December 15 so families can pick up before Christmas. Thank you for helping provide Christmas gifts to members of our little community!



Poinsettia order forms are located in the narthex. Money should be placed in the lock box, NOT in the offering plate, please.

This & That from Here & There:

Christmas Wreath Orders – St. John Lutheran Church is selling Christmas wreaths. Proceeds go to St. John Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Each wreath costs \$25.00 dollars each. Contact the school for more info.

SJLS Christmas Concert – The St. John's Lutheran Church Christmas Concert and Bake Sale will be on December 10 which Features PS through 8th grade students and donations to support our Playground Fund. *The Bake Sale begins at 5:00 pm. The Concert begins at 6:00 pm. We ask for freewill donations for both the Bake Sale and Concert.*

SJLS Fundraising Updates:

There is a lot going on for the Month of December! Gift card orders for December will be due on the 9th and 16th due to Christmas; there will be no orders on the 4th Monday. Plan ahead to EARN! DAZZLE DAYS Nov. 30 -Dec.13th is where there are bonuses on many brands. Watch for daily bonuses in your email and on facebook. Several people are joining and learning how to support the school's scholarship fund OR for their own tuition with gift cards. Contact Monica at 989-306-0003 for help with purchasing cards from cards on hand at the school, E-cards, or reloading a card. Thanks for all the Our Family products UPCs that were clipped and turned in.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR
for December 1 – December 8, 2024**

Sun/1	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30-11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	First Sunday in Advent with Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship (<i>Mary Jo Hein, Sue Altman, Cora Augsburg, Cheryl Kowalewsky</i>) Sunday School in Fellowship Hall Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
Mon/2	9am-noon	Office Hours
Tues/3	9am-noon	Office Hours
Wed/4	9am-noon 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Bible Study Soup Supper Advent Midweek Service #1 (at Peace)
Thurs/5	9am-noon	Office Hours
Fri/6	9am-noon	Office Hours
Sun/8	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30-11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Second Sunday in Advent Coffee Fellowship (<i>Sr. Youth</i>) Sunday School in Fellowship Hall Contemporary Service