



# Voice of Peace

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## Walking Together with Our Companion Synod in their History and Grief

Bishop Jon Anderson

One of the richest blessings of my call to serve as bishop has been to learn more deeply about our sisters and brothers in Christ and all people in South Africa. Our Companion Synod is the South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Church in Southern Africa. It has the major city of Durban in it, but is primarily rural. I have had the privilege to travel to South Africa three times. On one visit I went to the prison on Robbins Island where Mandela and so many others in the resistance to apartheid were held for years. Through the years I have talked with people who were tortured to protect this sinful idea that races of people should be separated from one another in apartheid. I have visited communities torn apart because they violated this racist ideology and where neighbors were separated into new neighborhoods based on their own racial origins. In Kwa-Zulu Natal where most of our companion synod is located, you notice how black people were always placed outside of town in townships, behind hills, in meager housing that required walking miles to get to town.

Through the years I want to repress from my memory what the people suffered in South Africa. Our primarily Zulu companions in Christ were not allowed to have bank accounts, own property, receive quality education or have jobs that allowed them to develop and use all the gifts God has given them. As the apartheid system was breaking down, different tribes of people were set against one another by the government and through human sinfulness that we all carry. Every time I travel there and remember the depth of this broken system and the violence it took to keep it going, I am struck by what a miracle it was when apartheid was broken and free elections for all people ended this broken structural form of sin. It was an equal miracle that there wasn't a firestorm of retribution and genocidal behavior by people, based on their fear and pain about what had happened.

Nelson Mandela was part of this miracle moment and led with great courage and strategic wisdom. He becomes an icon for tens of thousands of wise, courageous people who worked to end the violence of apartheid without setting loose a firestorm of destruction. The Christian Church and people of many faiths worked together to end this apartheid system, to find

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# Volunteers for January

## Greeters

January 5

8:30 Del & Jan Chesness

10:45 Burt & Toots Lundberg

January 12

8:30 Bob & Helen Anderson

10:45 Todd & Lori Asche

January 19

8:30 Bob & Helen Anderson

10:45 Todd & Lori Asche

January 26

8:30 Larry & Sherry Bratsch

10:45 William & Susan  
DeSchepper

## Ushers

8:30 Pat Aunoien

Paul & Erika Kath

Mike & Gail Olson

Don Swenson

10:45

1/5 - Nolting & Feist families

1/12 - Matt Holland & Skluzacek  
families

1/19 - Van Meter & Ringler families

1/26 - Acquard & Ringler families



## Jan. Altar Guild

Angie Larson, Chm.

Brea Braegelman

Sandy Czycalla

Becky Holland

Julia Iverson

Nancy Nelson

Lyn Olson

Maureen Pierson

Marlene Tharaldson

Kristen Woelfel



**Need A Ride?**

**Peace Van  
Driver**

Vickie Vogt

354-2031

## Financial Report ~ Nov. 2013

### General Fund Income and Expense

Fund Balance 10/31/2013	(\$ 63,578)
Income	\$33,082
Expense	\$55,807
Fund Balance 11/30/2013	(\$86,303)

### Building Peace by Piece Mortgage Fund

Current Indebtedness	\$1,041,831
Income November 2013	\$7,592
Monthly mortgage payment	\$8,229

## Adult Forum

January 5 -

January 12 - Intro to new ELW hymnal - David Severtson

January 19 - Intro to new ELW Hymnal - David Severtson

January 26 -



# January

## Simply Giving

*Simply Giving* is an easy way to make your contributions—even when you can't be at church.

- Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.
- Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card.
- Online Giving lets you go to our website: [www.peacenewlondon.com](http://www.peacenewlondon.com) to set up an automatic donation plan or make a one-time donation.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 354-2774.

## Did You Know?

Peace Lutheran's **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held **Sunday, February 16** between services. Please have your annual reports in to the church office by Tuesday, January 14. We need to have Annual Meeting booklets available two weeks before the Annual Meeting. Thanks.

### Catechism: It's Not Just For Kids!

If you are an adult who has never been officially "Confirmed" in the Lutheran faith, or if you would just like to revisit some of the basics of our faith, join us for a three-week course this winter. It will be a good way to re-energize your faith, connect with new friends, and maybe even answer some lingering God-questions you may have. Join us on Wednesday evenings in January (8, 15 and 29) from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Are you wondering about having a child  
**BAPTIZED?**

This class is for you!!! Join us at the  
**INTRO to BAPTISM** class.



We have started a NEW class for parents to attend prior to having a child baptized. Our next class is: **Wednesday Evening, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

There is a meal for those attending, starting at 5:30 pm. We will meet in the Multipurpose Room from 6:00-8:00 pm. There will also be child care available in the nursery for *infants and preschoolers* and in the library for *school aged children*. We hope to see you there!!!

### Hymnal Campaign Update

In December, we ordered 300 new, Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals and began using them at the Christmas Eve services. Thank you to all who have contributed to make this campaign a success! For those still interested in contributing, you may give a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one. Hymnals are \$25 each. Please see the church office for more details.

### God is up to something at Peace ... and has been for 40 years!

In 2014, we will celebrate 40 years of Peace. It was 1974 when the two former congregations of Lebanon and Trinity Lutheran came together and began worshipping as one body. The original building served this new congregation well for over a decade. Then in 1987, to accommodate a growing congregation and also taking the opportunity to become an even broader community resource, we added the gymnasium and more classrooms. Still growing, in 2006 we added a new, larger sanctuary, office space and remodeled several older spaces and put them to work in new ways.

In the eight years since that last expansion and remodeling project, this congregation has paid off over \$1.5 million of the \$2.5 million original cost. Now, the time has come to pay off the remaining balance of that loan and free up this congregation for even more mission and ministry. In February of 2014, we'll be kicking off our final debt reduction campaign.

Our current mortgage stands with a balance of approximately \$1 million, and our monthly mortgage payment is roughly \$8,300. Thanks to your generosity, that has been a manageable amount for a congregation of our size but a substantial drain on our resources nonetheless. We believe we can eliminate that debt and free up your pledge dollars to go more directly to the mission and ministry of Peace: "... to touch the lives of all people with the Good News of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ..."

To assure every dollar pledged to this new campaign goes directly to pay off our mortgage, the Peace Church Council is planning to move the interest portion of our monthly mortgage payment into the general fund payments in 2014 (interest and principal are currently paid out of pledged funds).

We can accomplish some amazing work with our Peace mission if we get rid of our mortgage debt! God is up to something here at Peace. Please be part of it by helping pay off our old mortgage and freeing up more dollars for the work of His Gospel.

**Al Balay**

# In Our Prayers

## Births:

Girl to Kyle & Christina Collins

Twins to Brad & Jodi Triplett



## Baptisms:

Rudy Azel Pfaff, daughter of Craig Pfaff and Leah Swenson



## Our sympathy is with:

The family of Adeline Thompson

The family of Alice Christenson

Kathy & Marc Reese on the death of Kathy's sister, Sharon Baker

Ila Hengel on the death of her sister-in-law, Diana Wackler

## People who were in Peace Prayers in December:

Bob Anderson, Ellen Benson, Arden Christiansen, Amy Dilley, Harriet Erickson, Dennis Gerke, Betty Gubrud, Rick Illies, Coralie Jacobson, Lauren Larsen, Jim Leipold, Imogene Lothert, Burt Lundberg, Carol Monson, Bev Nelson, Dennis Rupp, Toodie Spletter, Robin Sult, Bruce (Spoonie") Vogt.



# Memorials and Special Gifts:

## In Memory of:

**Alice Christenson** - a monetary gift to MOP—Bryan Blomker and an undesignated monetary gift were given.

**Phyllis Cole** - a monetary gift was given to Memorial Trust by Harold Cole.\*

**Mark Johnson** (Barb Johnson's brother) - monetary gifts were given to MOP - Bryan Blomker, and ELW hymnals.

**Ella Miller** (Brenda Swenson's mother) - a monetary gift was given to the Tuesday Morning Bible Study by Rick & Brenda Swenson.\*

**Evangeline Schwartz** (Violet Manson's sister) - a monetary gift was given to the General Fund.

\*When an individual gift is \$100 or more, the giver's name is listed.

# Thank You

Peace family,

Thank you to everyone for all your visits, prayers, cards, food, calls and everything during my recent illness and hospitalization. I am still recovering but hope to be back to normal soon.

Bless you,

**Ellen Benson**



# Weather-related Cancellations

If you are wondering about winter weather and activities at Peace, please call Peace at 354-2774 for a recorded announcement or listen to radio stations KWLM (1340), Q-102, or WCCO.

If school is late, a number of activities at Peace will not take place including Women's and Men's Tuesday (9:00 AM) Bible studies and Christian Service Day quilting. Please check the radio announcements for other cancellations.

# Peace Lutheran Women (PLW)

Christian Service Day will be January 9th, the second Thursday in January (note change of date) at 9:00 am. You are invited to come and help with the quilting projects.



In 2012, over 40 quilts were given out - to victims of house fires, the Coralie Jacobson Benefit, Hurricane Sandy relief, Prairie Lakes Detention Center (to girls completing the program there) and to Lutheran World Relief.



Currently, we are running low on quilt tops. We have lots of material cut into squares but need people to help sort colors and lay them out for others to sew. So, even if you don't sew, there is a job for you! Come and join the fellowship of Peace women as they work toward helping others!

Due to individual health and family issues, Peace Women of the ELCA Executive Board members have resigned. This group of women has been the core of PLW activity and serving at Peace for many years.



We thank these women for their many years of dedicated service to Peace:

- President: Beverly Nelson
- Secretary: Bernice Leite
- Treasurer: Carol Monson
- Mission Growth (Programs): Shari Christiansen
- Mission Community (Funeral Serving & PLW Serving): Toodie Spletter

Volunteers are needed to step into these shoes. If you would like to be involved in women's ministry at Peace, or have ideas you'd like to share, please contact Pastor Shannon.



**Circles** meet the **third Thursday** of the month. All women are invited to join a Circle. Circle groups use the Bible study found in the magazine, *Gather*. Bible

study author Kay Ward, a bishop in The Moravian Church, focuses the Bible study around nine women from the Old Testament, several from the New Testament, and a handful of other women. Their stories will draw us into Bible study, into worship with the Psalms, and give us opportunities to tell our own stories.

Even if you are not in a Circle, you will enjoy the articles in this magazine. If you are not already getting *Gather*, plan to order it (allow 6-8 weeks for delivery). A year's subscription (10 issues) is \$15 and can be ordered from:

Gather Subscription Order Center  
Box 1553  
Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730

or you can order online from:

[subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org](mailto:subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org).

You are invited to attend one of these groups (usual meeting times):

- 9:00 A.M. Bethlehem Circle at McKale's
- 9:30 A.M. - Bethany Circle meets at GlenOaks
- 1:30 P.M. - Nazareth Circle
- 7:00 P.M. Altar Guild/Cana Circle (Fireside Room)

  
 The "Spicer" Caregiver Support Group will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 11:00 am in the Conference Room at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. Refreshments will be served.  
 Topic: Health needs of the caregiver and what are you doing to keep yourself healthy.  


# Where's Peace in Mission?

By Carol Roverud



Where's Peace in Mission? We're all over the world! Your mission offerings support work in Minnesota (New London/Spicer, Willmar, Bemidji), Jamaica and the Caribbean, Europe, Moldova, the Middle East, North Africa, South Africa, Japan, India and around the world (ELCA World Hunger, Operation Christmas Child, ELCA Disaster Response and more). Donations in the white offering envelope support missions included in the congregational mission budget. Donations in the yellow mission envelope go directly to the monthly Special Focus. Your gifts touch lives in places most of us will never travel and in ways we can't imagine. Thanks for sharing your blessings with others as we share the love of Christ with the world! Check out the mission bulletin board in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall to see where Peace is involved in mission!

## January Special Focus: Sunbeam Boys Home - Jamaica

By Sherry Bigalke

### Sunbeam Boys Home—Jamaica - 2013 Update

We are blessed! Sunbeam Boys Home in Jamaica hosted 14 teams from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Tennessee this year, two teams from Peace! Thank you all for the many different work projects that were done to make our facility a "model" home in Jamaica. Most importantly, thank you, teams, for sharing your love and faith with the boys at Sunbeam. There were 14 boys who asked to be baptized this year. God is good!



Our staff is doing an amazing job with the boys. They are overworked and underpaid, but their "calling" to this difficult job is showing by the positive results in the boys' behavior and their successes in school.

Sunbeam is participating in a new program presented by the Jamaican Children's Development Agency (CDA). This program is a transition program for boys over the age of 17. The boys live with family members but are supervised in their schooling by Sunbeam. Sunbeam also pays half of their tuition. We currently have six young men in this program. The CDA is very encouraged by our success. Four of these young men are in college with the other two in a trade/vocational program. Sunbeam boys in college?? God is good!

Mr. Desmond Whitely, Sunbeam's superintendent, is an excellent leader and visionary for the boys. He has written and implemented a behavior modification program that is proving quite successful. We are blessed to have him!

Our goal for the year is to "fill the cupboard." Groceries cost approximately \$2,000 a month. Feeding 38 boys, three meals a day, is expensive!! Thank you for your support. The Peace team is the first team of 2014 and plans to begin the year with full cupboards at Sunbeam!

As a very wise man, our chairman of the board, Gary Broman, has said, "When I look forward, all I see are problems, but when I look back, I see how far we've come!" Thank you all for your support to help the homeless boys of Jamaica become what God wants them to be! We are most definitely blessed! Blessings and thanks from the Sunbeam boys and staff to all of you for your prayers and support! Our needs continue to be great, but God places wonderful people like you in our path.

Thank you!

**Sherry Bigalke,**

Executive Director, Sunbeam Association for Mission



# More Mission Opportunities

## Peace Sunbeam Mission Trip

The Peace Sunbeam Mission Team is almost **READY TO GO!!!** Members this year include: Jennifer Williams, Scott Balay, Claudia Balay, Melissa Bergeson, Molly Shumaker, Courtney Knisley, Becky West, Sherry Bigalke, Charlie and Cindy Lundberg, Nic Carlson, John Dahl, Cheryl Danielson, Heidi Haagenson, Bob and Kathy Kessler, Mary Semmler and Pastor Keith Pearson.

With 30 boys living at the Sunbeam Boys Home, we are going to be **BUSY!!** We are definitely looking forward to some very special fellowship time with the boys and to providing some much needed maintenance to the home. Mrs. Bryan, the home's cook, will be thrilled with a stuffed pantry when we depart this year.

The team will hold the annual **Jamaica Potluck on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:45 am – 12:30 pm.** Everyone is invited to attend. We will be serving hotdogs along with the usual hotdishes, salads and an **Ice Cream Sundae Bar** with all the best toppings!! The cost for the meal will be a freewill donation.

Our team departs from the church on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am and returns Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at about 7:00 pm.

The team sends a **Very Special Thank You** to each and every one who is supporting us, whether it is financially, by donating needed supplies or through your prayers. We definitely know that Peace is with us during the journey! **Thank You!**

Our theme Bible verse for the week is:

**“. . . You, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house . . . (1 Peter 2:5).**

Blessings to all!

**Charlie and Cindy Lundberg and the 2014 Sunbeam Mission Team.**

## Tuesday's Table - You are invited

to attend and/or to volunteer at Tuesday's Table. This meal is open to everyone: people who need help stretching their food budgets, people who would otherwise be eating alone, families who would like a night out together and people who would like to meet new friends. This is also a great opportunity for Peace members to work together, to get to know each other and to serve others. Volunteers help seat guests, serve the meal, visit with guests, and help with cleanup.



Donations of cash or food items are always appreciated and are a great way to participate in this ministry even if you can't volunteer that night.

Tuesday's Table meals will be served at:

- Jan. 7 - Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer
- Jan. 14 - Covenant Church in New London
- Jan. 21 - Faith Lutheran in Spicer

## Jan. 28 - Peace Lutheran


### The Link

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Link's Household Exchange is looking for more volunteers to haul, pick up or deliver items. Call 894-1681 to sign up.

The cold weather has made it more difficult for our neighbors over the past month. Car breakdowns, the cost of warm winter gear and the extra gasoline needed to warm up a vehicle can stretch an already tight budget very thin. Your donations to "MOP - the Link" go to help the Link provide needed assistance to people in this area.

### Rhonda Otteson

Link Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
<p>5</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship; Holy Communion</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Forum; Sunday School</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> 2nd Grade Milestone: What's Fair? (parent and child meet in Multi-purpose room)</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> Staff meeting</p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> Worship &amp; Music Committee meets (Fireside Room)</p> <p><b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> 10th Grade Girl Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare (Jack's)</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship; Holy Communion</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Forum; Sunday School</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> 3-year-old Milestone: Praying Together (parent and child meet in Multi-purpose Room)</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion Jamaica team commissioning</p> <p><b>11:00 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Jamaica Potluck fund raiser</p> <p><b>12:00-2:00 PM</b> Jamaica team packing</p>	<p>13 - Office closed</p> <p><b>9:00 AM—5:00 PM</b> Staff Visioning Workshop at GLBC</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Education Committee meets</p> <p><b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> 10th Grade Girl Scouts</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Pack meeting (FH)</p>	<p>14 - <b>Annual Reports are due</b></p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare (Jack's)</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> 2nd Grade Girl Scouts</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Executive Committee &amp; Finance Committee meet</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Worship with <i>On Call</i>; Holy Communion</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Forum; Sunday School</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> 6th Grade Milestone: Taking with God—Prayer (parent and child meet in Multi-purpose Rm.)</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> Worship with <i>On Call</i>; Holy Communion</p> <p><b>5:30-7:00 PM</b> 4H meets (FH, kitchen, gym)</p>	<p>20—<b>Office closed</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b></p> <p><b>NO</b> Healing Hearts</p> <p><b>NO</b> 10th Grade Girl Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare (Jack's)</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS</p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship; with Holy Communion</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Forum; Sunday School</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> 4/5-year-old Milestone: Jesus' Story (parent and child meet in Multi-purpose Room)</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion; Kids Club sings (children meet in Chapel at 10:30)</p> <p><b>3:00-7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH, kitch.)</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> 10th Grade Girl Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare (Jack's)</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> 2nd Grade Girl Scouts</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tuesday's Table</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council (note change of date)</p>



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 - Office closed</p> <p><b>NO</b> Activities</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>12:00-1:30 PM</b> NL-S Ministerial</p> <p><b>5:30-7:00 PM</b> Gym in use</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>3:30-5:30 PM</b> 7th Grade girl Scouts</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>Every Wednesday (unless noted)</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together"</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Kids' Club; 5th Graders—First Communion pottery class (\$5.00)</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Meal</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation</p> <p><b>6:00-8:00 PM</b> Adult Confirmation class</p> <p><b>6:20 PM</b> Adult Choir</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>7:21-8:45 PM</b> Campus Life /DIG</p> <p><b>7:45 PM</b> Contemporary Worship rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Christian Service Day (note change of date)</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Legion Auxiliary Sewing</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> GlenOaks Holy Communion</p> <p><b>NO</b> PLW Meeting in January</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Mission Committee</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> West-Ender's Christ-Care</p> <p><b>3:30-5:30 PM</b> 3rd Grade girl Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Noon-4:00 PM</b> Steering Committee meeting</p> <p><b>4:00-6:00 PM</b> Family Fun Night</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>3:15-5:45 PM</b> Kids' Club goes to Sibley Park. Bring your sled if you have one!</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Meal</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation</p> <p><b>6:00-8:00 PM</b> Adult Confirmation class</p> <p><b>6:20 PM</b> Adult Choir</p> <p><b>7:21-8:45 PM</b> Campus Life /DIG</p> <p><b>7:45 PM</b> Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Circle at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Bethany Circle at Glen-Oaks</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Nazareth Circle</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Altar Guild/Cana Circle</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>3:30-5:30 PM</b> 7th Grade girl Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sunbeam Mission team leaves for Jamaica</p>
		<p>8:00 PM Friday - 8:00 PM Sat. Walk thru the Bible (YCF)</p>	
<p>22</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Kids' Club</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Meal</p> <p><b>6:00-8:00 PM</b> 5th Grade First Communion Class (FH, kitchen and sacristy)</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation</p> <p><b>6:20 PM</b> Adult Choir</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>7:21-8:45 PM</b> Campus Life /DIG</p> <p><b>7:45 PM</b> Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> West-Ender's Christ-Care</p> <p><b>5:00-8:00 PM</b> Girl Scout event (FH, kitchen)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Sunbeam Mission team returns</p>
<p>29— <b>NO Kids Club</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Meal</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation</p> <p><b>6:00-8:00 PM</b> Adult Confirmation class</p> <p><b>6:20 PM</b> Adult Choir</p> <p><b>7:15-8:45 PM</b> Campus Life/DIG</p> <p><b>7:45 PM</b> Contemporary Worship Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><b>Book &amp; Bake Sale</b></p> <p>Friday 1:00-6:00 PM</p> <p>Saturday, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM</p>

# Happy New Year!

## Preschool - Kindergarten

Sunday School Schedule

9:30 am-10:30 am

Children meet in their classrooms.

1/5 - The Light of the Whole World

1/12 - The King of All Kings

1/19 - GOODIES with GRANDPARENTS

1/26 - Let's Go

## 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday School Schedule

9:30 am-10:30 am

SECOND Rotation

Daniel in the Lion's Den

1/5 - MEET IN THEATER

1/12, 1/19, 1/26 - Children meet in the CHAPEL

## 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday School Schedule

9:30 am-10:30 am

Children meet in CLUB 56.

1/5 - Where did God come from?

1/12 - How can God be everywhere?

1/19 - Why does God let bad things happen?

1/26 - Is there anything God can't do?

## SINGING SCHEDULE

1/26 - Kids' Club Sings at 10:45 am  
Worship Service

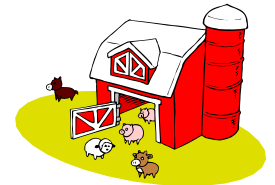


## MISSIONS

### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

I am SO excited to tell you . . . we raised \$977.80 for God's Global Barnyard this year!!! WOW!!! Start saving your pennies now so we can reach that again next year!!!

**WAY TO GO!!!**



This year's lucky class that raised the most money is the FOURTH GRADE class! On January 12<sup>th</sup>, they will have a special party and choose which animals we will be purchasing for God's Global Barnyard!!!

### **Aracely Castillo**

I am also proud to announce that the children collected \$472 following their Christmas program to help support our Compassion International Child, Aracely Castillo! Thank you to ALL who helped with the December mission!

### **Our NEXT Mission will start in MARCH -**

#### **Minnesota Food Share Month**



We will once again collect items for our local food shelf! Last year, we collected over 160 items. Help us to do it again this year!!! Throughout the month of March, you may bring your items into the SANCTUARY near the altar. There will be boxes for each grade to collect the items in. Start collecting your items now!!! If we beat last year's total, look for someone getting a pie in the face!!! Who is it going to be? Keep an eye out on April 6<sup>th</sup>!!!

## Wednesday Kids' Club

1/8 - Kids' Club 3:10-5pm

ALL 5<sup>th</sup> Graders should attend Pottery Class this day!!!

Cost is \$5 to cover cost of clay and firing!

1/15 - SIBLEY Park - Dress APPROPRIATELY!!! Children will go sledding - bring your sleds!!!

**Pick-up is at 5:30pm.**

1/22 - Kids' Club 3:10-5pm

1/29 - **NO KIDS' CLUB**



## Milestone Ministry

1/5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone – “What’s Fair?”

1/12 – 3 yr. Olds Milestone – “Praying Together”

1/19 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone – “Talking With God – Prayer”

1/26 – 4 & 5-year-old Milestone – “Jesus’ Story”

Parents and children should meet in the Multi-purpose Room at 9:30 am, unless otherwise noted!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

4:00 - 6:00 pm

We will be having a

**FREE FAMILY NIGHT!!!**

The night’s theme: WHAT’S YOUR NAME?  
BINGO

We will have several prizes to choose from  
for both children and adults.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

THANK YOU to ALL who participated in this year’s Christmas productions!

### *Good News, Great Joy!*

Performed by Preschool- Kindergarten Sunday School Children

and

### *Miracle on Main Street*

Performed by Kids’ Club Children and 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Students

You all were able to share the very special story of our Savior’s birth. You did a wonderful job!!! Way to go!

## FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE

ALL 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS – Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> –

### **POTTERY CLASS!!!**

Fifth Graders will be making wine goblets and will receive their finished GOBLET on their First Communion – February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Cost is \$5 – send with your 5<sup>th</sup> graders!!!  
Children ride bus 4 to Peace – snack is provided!

REMINDER...First Communion Class with parents is on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have scissors, irons and ironing boards, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall that DAY!

Thank you!!!

## **January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi-Annual Book and Bake Sale**

**Friday hours are 1:00—6:00 pm**

**Saturday hours are 9:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Sunday hours are 8:00 am—12:00 pm**

If you would like to donate books, periodicals, CDs, DVDs, VHS, or any multi-media item, please bring them to the church office or leave with Lori!

If you would like to bake items for the sale, please bring them to the kitchen, marked and ready for the sale by Friday morning, January 31!

We can use your help in setting up!!! Please call the office if you are able to help! We will be setting up on:

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – 9-11 am, 1-3pm, and 3:30-5 pm

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** – 9-11 am, 1-3 pm, and 3:30-5 pm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** – 9-11 am, 1-3pm, and 3:30-5pm

**CONFIRMATION students - if you help with set-up and tear-down, you will receive SERVICE HOURS!!!**

Thank you for ALL your support!!!

The book and bake sale is still one of Children’s Ministries BIGGEST fundraisers.

In the past we have used funds to support different areas of Children’s Ministry, such as special activities, Family Nights, extras for classrooms, VBS, and it also helps provide Bible Camp Scholarships.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated craft items, baked goods, and the wonderful themed baskets for the Christmas Craft and Bake sale. There was a wonderful display of goodies for sale. Thanks, also, to all those who helped set up and helped out on Sunday for the sale. Over \$1,000 was raised for the youth fund. Thanks again and Happy New Year!

## JR. HIGH

January 1 - **NO** Confirmation  
 January 8 - Confirmation (Ruth)  
 January 15 - Confirmation (King David)  
 January 22 - Confirmation (Elijah)  
 January 29 - Confirmation (Jesus - part 1)

## SR. HIGH

January 1 - **NO** Campus Life/DIG  
 January 8 - Campus Life/DIG 7:21 - 8:45 PM  
 January 15 - Campus Life/DIG 7:21 - 8:45 PM  
 January 22 - Campus Life/DIG 7:21 - 8:45 PM  
 January 29 - Campus Life/DIG 7:21 - 8:45 PM

## Kitchen Volunteers

Below is a list of the wonderful kitchen volunteers for January. If you are unable to work your shift, please find your own replacement and let Jon know of the changes. There is a list of shifts posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Confirmation parents, if you are willing to pick up a shift, please fill in your name on the list in the church kitchen. We greatly appreciate all of your involvement in this ministry!

	4:45 to 6:00	5:00 to 6:15
January 1	NO CONFIRMATION	NO CONFIRMATION
January 9	open	Amy & Jillianne Kleine
January 16	Shumakers	Dan & Angie Caskey
January 22	open	Ashley & Isaac Jones
January 29	open	Deb & Jaedin Ringler

## USHERING!

We are looking for Confirmation families who are willing to be ushers for the 10:45 worship service during the spring. It's really quite an easy job. You will be paired with another family who is experienced in being an usher here at Peace. All Confirmation students will receive one **Service Hour** for ushering!



## Thank You

We sometimes forget to say thank you for a job well done, so on that note, I would like to take this time to thank all the Confirmation students who participated in the Wednesday Night Advent Worship services in December. I received compliment after compliment for how well you all behaved! You were very respectful and engaged in a quiet reflective setting that can sometimes be hard for students to fully grasp. Thank you all, you did a fantastic job! I feel so blessed to be working with you.



Jon

## Great Job!

We would like to congratulate Peace's Confirmation students Eli Blomker, Molly Shumaker, Sam Johnson and Erin Loterbauer for being our four Confirmation students who have filled out the most Worship Notes this fall. Eli and Molly both filled out 14 Worship Notes, and Sam and Erin filled out 13! Great job, everyone, and keep up the good work Confirmation students!



## Walking Together . . . (continued from page 1)

reconciliation and to continue to free people from the decomposing structures of apartheid. Bp. Desmond Tutu and others worked in the Truth and Reconciliation process that unfolded. This was a lengthy process where the truth was sought, but the goal was not punishment and retribution. Instead the goal was reconciliation that would lead to a better future.

When I think about Nelson Mandela and the “Long Walk to Freedom” that he and others participated in, I give thanks to God. Mandela was a complex person. I suspect that will become more apparent as we listen to more reporting about his life. But after years in prison, he chose to practice forgiveness. Between his words, the work of the Christian Church and people of good will across the country, a visit to South Africa will reveal a persistent theme of forgiveness and reconciliation that is part of their identity. I wish our culture and nation might learn from our South African neighbors and claim this as one of our core values as well.

Mandela worked for justice. So the best way to honor him is not just to tell stories and remember, but also to work for justice in our time and contexts. For example, I long for congregational call committees to universally see the gifts of people of color. We need to challenge racism in ourselves and in our world. The idea that someone who has a different skin color is somehow not a gifted creation of God is a broken and sinful social construction that we need to end as surely as South Africa needed to bring an end to the system of apartheid.

I also long for congregational call committees to be more open to the gifts and capacities of women. I know we need to work for justice for women knowing it leads to greater justice for all people. Men need to join women in rejecting violence toward women and all people. We need to challenge people who speak about hurting women or people of color.

Our sisters and brothers in Christ, and people of all faiths, are remembering and giving thanks for Nelson Mandela. We have much to learn from him and their journey. Their country is in a crucial time with many questions, like we have about our own. So we pray for South Africa and our sisters and brothers in the Southeastern Diocese in particular. May God continue to guide them and bless them as they continue the *Long Walk to Freedom* remembering that there is *No Future without Forgiveness*.

If you want to learn more . . .

### Books

*No Future without Forgiveness*, Desmond Tutu

*The Long Walk to Freedom* is Nelson Mandela’s autobiography.

*The Covenant*, James Michener – although published in 1980, it sets the historical context for the development of apartheid.

### Movies

*Yesterday*, is a 2004 South African movie written and directed by Darrell Roodt.

*Tsotsi*, is a 2005 film directed by Gavin Hood. The film is an adaptation of the novel *Tsotsi*, by Athol Fugard.

*District Nine*, is a 2009 South African independent science fiction action/thriller film directed by Neill Blomkamp.

## Young Adults!

Because the Young Adults’ Advent Bible Study series that met in December was well-received, we are going to continue to meet as an official **Peace Lutheran Young Adults Group**. It is the group’s desire to be as inclusive as possible to all the young adults who call Peace home (post high school through 30’s), and we would love your input as to when and where would be best to meet as a group. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact me; I would love to chat.



**Jon Dietrich**, Director

## Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2013

*Our Mission: To touch the lives of all people with the Good News of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, so that the Holy Spirit might free and equip us for joyful service in His Church and in the world.*

**Attending:** Claudia Balay, Joel Johnson, Nancy Nelson, Jon Ninneman, Pat Oss, Chad Renstrom, Daryl Sanderson, Jeff Schmidt, Nick Ventrella, Jim Vossen

**Refreshments & Devotions** Joel Johnson

**Minutes** Nick made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Financials:** Jim made a motion to approve the financials as presented, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Special Focus:** Did a walk through of the church with Greg Stehn to talk about what we can do to make Peace Church a safer place for all who enter. Talked about where and how many cameras should be installed, lighting, and panic bars on a couple doors. Jeff will contact Heartland security on a bid.

Jim will contact another security company for a bid.

Joel will find information on panic bars for some doors.

### **Old Business:**

- Al Balay gave the council an update on stewardship.
- Lebanon update – Jim made a motion to authorize council members Nick and Dean to form a task force to pull out what is necessary from the church to put in storage, catalog it, and to talk to any interested parties that would be interested in the property and bring back to council, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Computer system has been updated. New phone system has been installed.

### **New Business:**

- Carol Roverud gave the council a letter of retirement as of December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Jim made a motion to accept the letter with regret. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Tom Leite will be cutting back on janitorial hours.
- December worship schedule will add Advent services on Wednesday evenings in December from 7:15 to 7:45. Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00, 5:00, 10:30pm and Christmas Day at 9:30am
- Snow removal bid was given to Oakridge Construction.
- Congregational Audit Recommendation was presented by Jeff. Jim made a motion that the council asks the financial committee to develop a plan for an annual financial audit, Nick 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- February Dinner Dance – Nick told the council that a fundraiser dinner dance is being planned in February. Money raised will go toward the music dept. Motion by Nancy to allow the fundraiser dinner dance to take place at Peace Church. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claudia. Motion carried.

**Next Council Meeting:** December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 pm

**Devotions and Refreshments:** Daryl Sanderson

### **Adjournment:**

Time 8:40pm

**Lord's Prayer**

Prayerfully submitted,  
Nancy Nelson, Secretary



CHURCH COUNCIL

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1- Jackie Grothe, Jennifer Johnson, Gladys Lungstrom, Josh Meyer, Anika Olson

2- Megan Alsleben, Shari Bjerke, Todd Herman, Joyce Strootman

3- Austin Cuka, Kathy Dyrdaahl, Brent Koosmann, Pam Loge, Mark Slinden, Paige Urban

4- Josie Beecroft, Chris Iverson, McKenzie Iverson, Katlyn Kester, Norman Onstad, Brad Smith, Phil Westby, Gloria Woodward

5- Samuel Gabrielson, Avery Long, Lewis Swanson

6- AshleyJo Dahl, Joshua Edwardson, Joseph Ellingson, Anna Goelz, Duane Kriese, Jacob Monson, Jacob Nelson, Nathan Olson, Bryce Peichel, Paige Rupp, Hunter Terning

7- Shauna Adrian, Christine Allen, Peyton Coahran, Gary Dahlberg, Glen Erickson, Elizabeth Johnson, Braden Kalevik, Brady Pearson, Darrell Rupp, Dennis Rupp

8- Wayne Agre, Erick Amundson, Jocelynn Mead, David Werner

9- Gail Bonnema, Debbie Downey, Krissy Downey, Dan Edwards, Sara Hedtke, Daxten Nelson, Darcy Rutledge, David Severtson, Donna Ventrella, Lindsay Worth

10- Misty Donner, Jordan Severson

11- Erin Knisley

12- Chase Austvold, Philip Flesland, Ayden Frieht, Jason Gravley, Gene Hanson, Bob Holm, Alex Krick, Twila Manson, Elizabeth Nelson, Brian Pearson, Les Peterson, Emma Solsrud

13- Jackie Haney-Skluzacek, Trista Hegreberg, Kristi Lang, Lacey Simonson

14- Emily Hanzlik, Emma Spors

15- Daniel Edwards, Dana Koosmann, Mary Madsen, Maureen Pierson

16- Isaac Conover, Teresa Hanson, Patty Knutson, Preston Mattke, Madison Terning

17- Avery Ashburn, Tracy Bjork, Bob Christensen, Arvid Erickson, Keith Hanson, Greg Roverud

18- Krystal Gallegos, John Hartley, Haily Holmberg, Elizabeth Larsen, Preston McBroom, Garrett McCain, Wynter Melby, Janine Pearson, Peg Peterson, Jerry Rondeau, Adam Skindeliien

19- Coral Bjork, Rosemary Clark, Jacob DeGeest, Isaac Dowdey, Karyssa Huikko, Michelle Tejada, Virginia Thon

20- Peter Dols, Violet Manson, Trevor Pollard

21- Kevin Dahl, Isaiah Halvorson, Russ Jenniges, Paige Kaelke, Eric King, Carla Laumb, Cody Wordes



22- Gisela Anderson, Ashley Aschenbrenner, Josh Beug, Lloyd Carlson, Mary Collins, Mike Gesellchen, Linda Pinske, Vickie Vogt

23- Darcy Olson, Kenzie Olson, Stephanie Stevens, Debra Wing-Schwaegerl

24- Carter Altendorf, Bridget Bergeson, Dain Hatlestad, Jeff Johnson, Gary Kulset, Mason Nash, Callie Nelson, Howard Roberg, Greg Stehn, Staci Thorson

25- Karen Hudson, Holly Reigstad, Tanner Schmitz, Ryan Vraa

26- Ryan Barney, Paul Hjelle, Erika Kath, Chase Kleinschmidt, Cheryl Kulset, Don Peterson

27- Hillary Brink, Andrew Clancy, Heidi Haagenson, Lynette Hodgson, Carol Kastel, Lisa Nelson-Ashburn, Shanna Palmquist

28- Andrea Baker, Carolyn Fiskness, Jordan Holm, Abigail Kaelke, Doug Monson, Mike Swenson

29- Brittany Hanson, Aubrey Kleidon, Corlene Rose

30- Ken Hanson, Jessica Rosendahl, Norma Skindeliien

31- Christopher Grabhorn, Daniel Johnson, Kevin Monson, Elijah Pederson

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1- Duane & Shirley Combs

2- Aaron & Leah Barber

4- Matt & Lindsay Freeland

7 – Zachary & Katie Pederson

12- Jim & Toots Van De Riet

15 -Dale & LeeAnn Hjelle

18- Mark & Tina Miller, Jim & Cheryl Riebe

19- Sid & Adeline Lohn

22- Mike & Mary Collins

24 -Howard & Adaline Roberg, Terry & Jick Schmidt

25- Josh & Amanda Beug, Doug & Susan Sharstrom

26- James & Jennifer Olson

28 – Nathan & Georgette Skindeliien



If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office at 354-2774.

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