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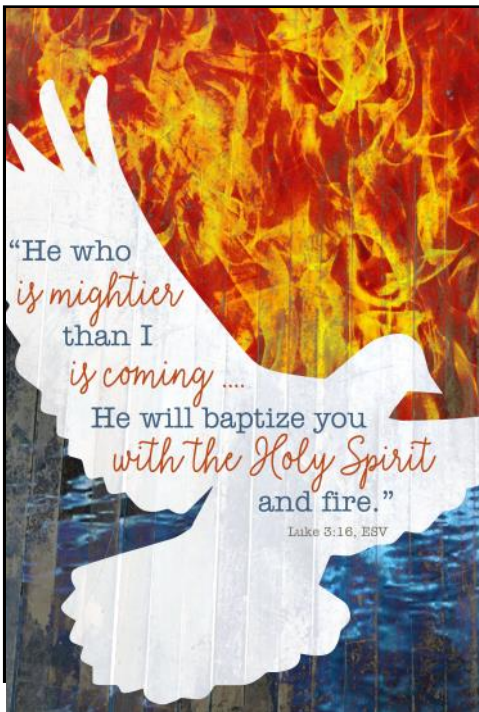


The
Voice
of Peace

PEACE MISSION STATEMENT . . .

To witness and live as followers of Christ; serving one another in Christian love, so that God's Holy Spirit may save the lost and strengthen the saved.

January



"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you PEACE." Numbers 6:24-26

Dear Friends,

Wow! January 2025! It seems like only yesterday that the world was worried about Y2K! Remember that! The world was coming to an end because the computers couldn't handle the year 2000! Now, that was 25 years ago.

Time moves quickly in hindsight but slowly moving forward. Last year brought both joy and sorrow and I'm sure this one will as well. We lost fellow members Marilyn Rappuhn, just after Easter to Deb Trosin, George Voss, Sue Vogt and finally Kathy Thompson in early December it has been a time of loss and sadness. Some have transferred, others moved, and some are absent for other reasons. Whatever the cause for not being here the Lord still desires to have you in his house where he has promised to be. If you are still in the area, please come and be reconnected to the blessed hope that is Jesus and his family of believers here at Peace.

We remain in the Christmas season until January 6th when the Epiphany season begins and Jesus is made known to the world and this joy, we can shine the light of Christ on in our lives. As part of the making Jesus known, we will also have our 5th, 6th and 7th graders gather for catechesis and confirmation class on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm as they prepare to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Holy Communion.

Peace will be hosting an Elder's conference for our circuit on Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 – Noon. We will meet, greet and watch a webinar on the Elder Servant from the Michigan District and discuss this good and Godly work.

Finally, it is our year for district conventions. This will happen the last week of June as we elect district and circuit leadership for the coming triennium. God be with our district and circuit as the need for pastors is great and the supply is limited.

God bless,
Pastor Tkac

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Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Divine Worship 10:30 a.m.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, no classes Memorial Day — Labor Day

Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School will begin in September and run through May

Adult Bible Class

Midweek Bible class is held on Thursdays at 2 pm.



January Birthdays

- 1/2 Robert Ehlert
- 1/10 Erna Gidcumb
- 1/19 Steve Smithson
- 1/25 Marilyn Springborn
Judy Harroun
- 1/29 Erika Hoffmann
- 1/31 Matt Tilley
Margaret Voss



Our Gifts

- Missions
- Flowers
- Memorials

“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.



What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



“I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent.”



January 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 	2 No Midweek Bible study	3	4 6:30 pm Worship Service
5 9:30 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	6  10 am Bible Reading Class	7  7 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting	8	9 2 pm Midweek Bible study	11 6:30 pm Worship Service
12 9:30 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service Council Meeting	13  10 am Bible Reading Class	14 6:30 pm Ladies Guild 7 pm Elders Meeting	15	16 2 pm Midweek Bible study	18 6:30 pm Worship Service
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26 9:30 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service Voter's Meeting	27  10 am Bible Reading Class	28 	29	30 2 pm Midweek Bible study	31

Ladies Guild will meet at 6:30 on January 14th This will be a planning meeting for the new year.

Elders Meeting will be on January 14th at 7pm



Thursday's Midweek Bible Study will resume on January 9th at 2 pm



Newsletter items needed!!
Deadline for February Newsletter is January 28th. Please email or leave a note on Peggy's desk.

Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7pm

Elders serving during the month of January are Mark Bunarek on Saturday & Steve Smithson & Matt Rich on Sunday.

Serving our altar during the month of January is Peggy Madsen & Debbie Wittke



St. Paul's is in dire need of items for their food locker. With the holidays approaching, their need will be even greater. There is a list of needed items on the bulletin board. God Bless

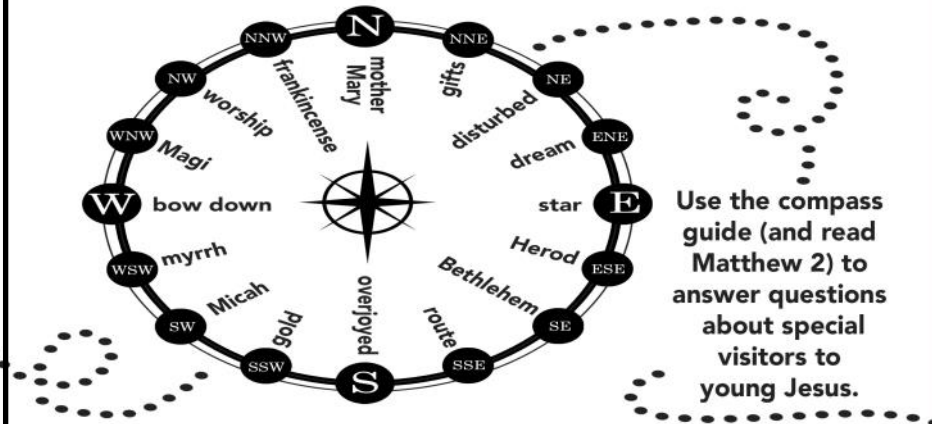
Sunday School resumes at 9:30 am on January 5th as will Adult Bible Study.

Monday's Bible Reading Class will start on Monday, January 6th at 10 am.

Peace will be hosting an Elder's Conference for our circuit on Saturday, January 25th from 9:30-12Noon. There will be a meet, greet and watch a webinar on the Elder Servant from the Michigan District and discuss this good and Godly work



Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. _____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold; frankincense; myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route



Our 2024 Budget vs Offerings Received Year to Date

2023 Offerings as of 12/31/2023 \$183,685.74

2024 Budget as of 12/31/2024 \$170,000.00

2024 Offerings received as of 12/31/2024 \$174,133.25

As of 12/31/2024 we are over our budget for the year by \$4,133.25

Thank you to all who gave so generously!