



## Peace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
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### NOTEWORTHY DATES

Jan. 7	2:00p Communion Services - Perkins	3:00p Villa
	6:00p Leadership Planning Meeting	Boards, Committees, Church Council
Jan. 8	11:00a Senior Bible Study/Lunch	11:30a Village Diner
	6:00p Choir and Midweek Classes	<b>Begin</b>
Jan. 13	9:30a Sewing for Orphan Grain Train	4:00p L.W.M.L. Executive Board
	6:00p Men's Steak Night	7:00p Right to Life Board
Jan. 14	7:00p Board-Elders	
Jan. 19	10:30a Quarterly Voters' Meeting	
	4:00p Youth Group	
Jan. 22	2:00p Calling & Caring	
Jan. 26	10:30a Family Budgeting with Deb Johnson during the bible class hour.	
Jan. 27	7:00p L.W.M.L. Quarterly Meeting	
Feb. 2	4:00p Youth Group	

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Divine Service 9:00a & 10:30a Bible Class**  
**6:00p Choir**  
**6:00p Midweek Classes Meals run through Lent**

Sunday  
Wednesday

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# Lamplighter

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7 ESV



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – HASTINGS, NE

January 2020

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From time to time I have received gifts that I did not appreciate until later. Maybe it was a book I wasn't ready for at the time; maybe it was a tool that I didn't realize was so helpful. Yet, it was my gift all the same, even if I didn't appreciate it at first. Such gifts I have "grown into" overtime and have become increasingly grateful for them as well as for the giver. How true this is when it comes to the gift of baptism. Perhaps we don't think much about our baptism, at least at first. Yet, as we grow older, we begin to see the great blessings baptism bestows every day. The older we get, maybe the more we appreciate the fact that baptism affords us the opportunity to start fresh each day. What a relief to know that our past cannot lay claim on us; we belong to Christ. If we belong to Christ, we have a future and we have a purpose. Our baptism is the gift that enables us to fight our sin and the devil. Our baptism gives us victory over the grave. Our baptism gives us a new identity. We are the ones loved and cherished by God. We are His children and coheirs with Christ in His kingdom. Let's enter the New Year rejoicing that we have a gift into which we are growing. Let our hearts be grateful for such a generous and giving God. Let's enter the New Year celebrating that we are the baptized. Yours in Christ,

Pastor Gaunt

Should the Christian stand all day long at the grave of all joys which he enjoyed in past years? Through Holy Baptism a great stream of joy has been conducted in his heart, which does not drain away, but streams forward with his life until its waves carry him into the sea of a blessed eternity. Should the Christian be reminded all day long that the flowers of his youth fall more and more? He stands planted by God in the water of his Baptism as a palm tree which becomes greener and greener and whose leaves never wither. Yes, his Baptism makes death for him like a short winter's nap, out of which an eternal spring – an eternal youth – follows.

For Baptism is a bath that washed me not only once when I received it – washed me pure with Christ's blood – but it continuously washes me clean even daily for as long as I hold it in faith. For just as that same water of the flood drowned the sinners, but Noah with his relatives were brought to salvation and carried to Mount Ararat, so also did the water of my Baptism drown my sins, but my soul was brought to the eternal mountain of divine grace. And just as once those same waves of the Red Sea, which swallowed up Pharaoh and his army, were a protective wall for Israel, so also has my baptismal water swallowed up all of my damnation and is for me a sure wall before God's wrath and punishment...

Now then all of you who believe in God's Word, let your watchword for entering the new year be this: "I am Baptized!" Although the world may laugh at this comfort, the enthusiasts vex its confidence...nevertheless, abandon any other dearly held pledges and speak only through the entire year to come, in all terrors of conscience and necessity through sin and death: "I'm baptized! I am baptized! Hallelujah!" And you shall prevail! In every time of need, you will find comfort in your Baptism: on account of it Satan will flee from your faith and confession; and in death you will see heaven opened and will finally come into the joy of your Lord to celebrate a great year of jubilee, a year of praise, with all the angles forever and ever. Amen! – C.F.W. Walther.

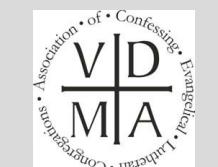


### Office Hours:

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Thanks be to God for our Members and Supporters over the last 5 years whose generosity have given over 1 million dollars to the Open the Doors of Peace and Open the Doors of Peace II capital campaigns. Through *Faith* and a lot of hard work, Peace opened the doors of the new addition on September 10, 2017 and continues to use the facility for funerals, bible studies, serving meals and many other ways in service to our Lord and Savior. As you read this we would like to inform everyone that the loan balance for the new addition has reached **Zero.** The loan has been paid off !!

Thank you to all. The Board of Finance

2 Corinthians 9:8-10 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

Here is a bible verse I'm using to focus us in 2020:

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5: 15-16). The theme I'd like you think about is this: "All In - Being Present in Age of Distraction".

With this in mind, please read the following newsletter article from the LCMS Stewardship Ministry.

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians: "I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ]," St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His "yes" to you, but others will find it, too, through you. "But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).

## A Grateful Heart Thank You Note

Recently, my pastor reflected on thankfulness. A phrase he used stuck with me. "To remember is to be thankful, and to be thankful is to remember." As we remember what God has done, we are thankful. And that thankfulness triggers other memories that increase our trust in Him and His goodness. Because of you, Wellspring Crisis Pregnancy + Health Center has flourished in 2019. And as I write that statement of gratitude, the memories of what God has done through you come rushing into my mind: the woman strongly considering abortion deciding to parent, the dad seeing his child for the first time on ultrasound and choosing to be the best dad he can be, the moms gaining skills for being the best parents they can be. Material needs like cribs and car seats went to those who needed them most in our community. I could tell story after story like this about our clients at Wellspring.

And like the one leper who returned to Jesus to say thank you, I want to, on behalf of our clients, volunteers, and staff say thank you. Wellspring wouldn't be the same without your generosity.

May your holiday season be full of remembering and thankfulness.

Mary Hall  
Executive Director,  
Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center.



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Sunday, February 9, 2020 Right to Life Soup Supper Fundraiser 4-6 p.m. Eagles Club, downtown Hastings. Joan Primrose, chairperson.

**Sunday, March 15, 2020-Pro-Life & Pie Fundraiser and Speaker, 2 p.m.,** Eagles Club, Hastings. Rebecca Kiessling, an international pro-life and adoption speaker, will be our guest speaker. She was conceived out of a brutal rape at knife-point by a serial rapist and was adopted nearly from birth. Rebecca said, "People are out there who don't even know me, but are standing in judgment of my life, so quick to dismiss it just because of how I was conceived." Rebecca is an attorney, wife, and mother of five living children (her two oldest are adopted). More information to come.

## Come see a FREE MOVIE! TWO SHOWINGS:

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**  
**Hastings Museum Theatre** 1330 N Burlington Ave - Hastings

**"Unplanned"** brings you an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. All Abby Johnson wanted to do was help women. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.

**FREE POPCORN with Student ID Seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes prior showtime. Due to the movie's rating, parents must be present with any minor age 16 and under.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** Senior Youth Group Meet at 4pm  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>** Senior Youth Group Meet at 4pm  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Senior Youth Group Meet at 4pm

## WHAT THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP BEEN UP TO:

What an awesome group we have this year, we have between 8-12 that show up regularly, meeting every other week on Sundays. This year, Zion Lutheran Youth Group have teamed up with us, as their numbers have dropped, so we have welcomed them and Pastor Warneke. In November, we helped at the Hearts against Hunger, and helped packed 1000's of meals for starving children and their families in other countries. Also in November we hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for our Church Family, what a blessing we have with our Church Family, Thank-you for the support. In December we loaded up the bus and went to Christ Lutheran in Juniata to see their Live Nativity. What a neat experience, the students loved it. What a joyous time to see and visualize the reason for the season, the birth our savior, Jesus. Coming up we are planning a Lock-in for area Youth Groups at Zion Lutheran, it will be a time of great bible study and fellowship with other youth in the area. This year also we are planning on attending the Higher Things Youth Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee in July. Senior Youth Group



Share the love of Jesus that burns in your hearts, with our youth! The 15<sup>th</sup> annual FIRE banquet takes place March 7, 2020 at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds in Hastings. Proceeds go to benefit the two Lutheran schools in Adams County. Doors open at 5 pm; the banquet is at 6:30 pm with the live and silent auctions to follow. Tickets are \$60/each or a reserved table of ten for \$800. Get your tickets at Zion Lutheran-Hastings (462-5012), Christ Lutheran-Juniata (744-4991), and Ruhter Auction (463-8565).

**THANKS!!!**

What a Joy it was to have the Peace Lutheran Caroler's visit me. A big "Thank You" to each one for their great music and kind words. It was a blessing to me. Thanks also for the cookie and fruit tray.  
Betty Krueger

Peace Endowment Committee and Congregation, I would like to thank the Endowment Committee and Congregation for approving the scholarship given by the Endowment. It will be used towards my books so I can further my education here at Concordia University in Seward. Again thank you, Zachary Christensen

My Thank you to the Caroler's who came to the villa and sang for us. Also thank you for the plate of fruit and food. It's so good to be remembered. Merry Christmas and God's Blessing. Delores Merkel

Thank-you for all who came to support our High School Youth Group on November 24th. We hosted a Peace Lutheran Thanksgiving Feast for our Church Family. What a blessing to have such a great and supportive Church Family. Thank-you for the support. Peace Lutheran High School Youth Group

**Prayers of the Church** **Loss to Community** Zion Lutheran Church N. Shelton-Fire  
Lucille Fitzke + Family of Andrea Troutdt + Family of Wynette Graham **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Maxine Weseman + Lucille Fitzke + Kay Krueger + Allen Glathar + Kase and Daniel Klein + Linda Parsons + Mabel Schmidt + Celeste Neimoth + Al Kress **Expecting** + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Margaret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Josh Schroetlin + Nickie Shellberg + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Judy Meier + Maria Gomez + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

Peace Lutheran Church Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2019	
Nov 30, 19	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - Five Points Checking 6504	60,469.10
1020 - Five Points OTD 7885	13,000.00
1100 - Savings 3753 0.75% (VANCO)	50.00
1150 - Petty Cash	150.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>73,669.10</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>73,669.10</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1500 - 906 N California Church	1,000,246.00
Church Fum & Equip	392,000.00
Church Garage	29,000.00
Garage - Personal Property	1,300.00
<b>Total 1500 - 906 N California</b>	<b>1,422,546.00</b>
1600 - 306 Forest Blvd Parsonage	266,766.00
Parsonage - Personal Property	3,800.00
<b>Total 1600 - 306 Forest Blvd</b>	<b>270,566.00</b>
1700 - Passenger Bus	39,000.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,732,112.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,805,781.10</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
2050 - DESIGNATED FUND Accounts	
Benevolence Fund	918.68
Church Bus Fund	4,397.55
Memorial Funds	13,804.76
New Organ Funds	195.00
Property Improvement	4,255.83
Tue Morning Bible Study	50.90
Youth Ministry	
Junior Youth Ministry	100.00
Senior Youth Ministry	7,487.58
<b>Total Youth Ministry</b>	<b>7,587.58</b>
Total 2050 - DESIGNATED FUND Accounts	<b>31,210.30</b>
2100 - Payroll Liabilities	<b>7,170.93</b>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>38,381.23</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>38,381.23</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
2500 - Fellowship Hall Loan 2762	60,440.42
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>60,440.42</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>98,821.65</b>

**Men's  
Steak Night****Monday, January  
13th**

All men are invited to enjoy steak & fellowship! at 6:00pm \$12 p/ person. We play cards & enjoy beverage after a

**2020 Usher  
Sign-up**

The 2020 Usher sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Please consider a month that you can help serve and sign up on the sheet. Please contact Craig Weseman if you have any questions.

**Dr. Phil**  
“Choir”  
Wednesday’s,  
at 6:00pm.

**Mr. David  
Witt**

Peace Members  
& Guests  
Join us on during  
the bible class  
hour on Sunday

January 26th  
10:30am  
Guest Speaker  
Deb Johnson  
Family  
Budgeting



**Monday, January 13th** 9:30a Sewing for Orphan Grain Train  
4:00p Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, January 27th** 7:00p L. W.M.L. Quarterly Meeting

**Note:** Ladies - the L.W.M.L. Calendar will be coming out after the Leadership Planning meeting on Tuesday, January 7th. Thanks, Janelle Ham, L.W.M.L. President



Poinsettias given  
to Share the Joy of  
Christmas December 2019

**In Memory Of:**

Our Parents, Our Brothers.....	Wayne & Gayle Archer
Loved Ones .....	Ethel Schukei, Darrel & Lois Bullard
James Carlson.....	Ruby Carlson
Gerald W. Debban.....	Nadeen Debban
Ray Fredricks, Alan Fredricks.....	Mary Fredricks
Grandparents: Fullerton, Rhinehart.....	Andrea Fullerton
Ernest Gnagy.....	Grace Gnagy & Families
Loved Ones.....	Mike & Diane Gundlach
Clark Hansel.....	Carol Hansel
Dennis Janssen, Adam Averett.....	David & Dee Anne Janssen
Leslie & Ruth Klein,	
Harlan & Margaret Johnson.....	Edd & Ronda Johnson
Judy Resh.....	Marian Kerr
Leslie Krueger, Thomas Krueger.....	Betty Krueger
Betty LeBeau, Shirley Jacobitz.....	Dick & Kathy LeBeau
Raymond LeBeau, Michael LeBeau.....	Dick & Kathy LeBeau
Gary Melvin.....	Lee & Viola Melvin
Amy Jo Nissen.....	Don & Sandy Nissen
Larry Stutheit.....	Your Loving Family
<b>Evergreen Crosses</b> (Narthex Entry)	
Members of Peace.....	Jon & Dianne Botsch

**Given By:**

Members of Peace.....	Mike & Diane Gundlach
Henry and Charles Ham-Twin Grandkids.....	Harold & Janelle Ham
Claude & Mildred Glathar	
and Merle Glathar.....	Carol Hansel & Allen Glathar
Loving Family.....	David & Dee Anne Janssen
Veterans & Service Men.....	Edd & Ronda Johnson
Our new great-grandchildren.....	Glen & Kay Krueger

**Given By:**

**ST. NICHOLAS**  
IS COMING TO TOWN

**St. Nicholas Party December 14th** Twenty-one children attended the "Breakfast with St. Nicholas" party on Saturday, December 14, 2019. For breakfast, they were served mixed fresh fruit and sausage links baked in pancake batter which they dipped in pancake syrup. Sandy Nissen, Shannon Blakley, and Vicki Haller prepared the food. Mike Nissen read the legendary story of St. Nicholas' to the children. Walt Irmer realistically dressed as St. Nicholas and visited with the children. Parents were invited to take photos. Children completed two crafts--they made a small St. Nick out of clay pots and a prayer clay pot with wooden craft prayer sticks placed in the pot. Children wrote names of family, friends, or Bible verses on the craft sticks. Three high school students along with Josh and Amy Russell, and Hayden Russell volunteered. Lisa Novak planned and organized this wonderful event.