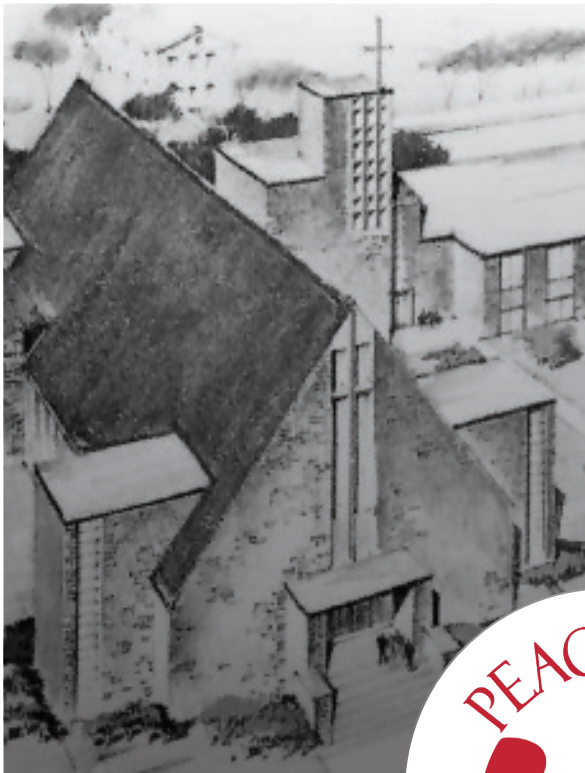


PRINTS OF PEACE

JANUARY 2023



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OFFICE HOURS

8 AM to 12 PM Monday through Friday

(Closed Monday December 26th - January 3rd)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Service at 9 AM in-person and Facebook Live

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 AM Sunday mornings in room 203

(no Sunday School January 1st)

FROM THE PASTOR



Christmas is a season in the church year that lasts 12 days. It starts on Christmas day and stretches to January 6th which marks Epiphany. Epiphany means “manifestation” and is the day we celebrate when Christ was revealed to all the nations with the story of the visit of Magi, or wise men, to Jesus. The 12-day season of Christmas is pretty much a thing of the past in our country as Christmas creeps closer and closer to Halloween in the stores so that by the time the actual church season comes around, we are sick of the carols, and the cookies, and the decorations. Even in our churches, we tend to mash the story together with wise men and shepherds and angels all next to each other. (Though, kudos to this year’s Sunday school Christmas program which referenced how including wise men with the shepherds and angels isn’t quite biblically accurate!)

Oftentimes, I can stretch it to New Year’s Day before I put away the Christmas decorations, switch off the Christmas music and go back to “life as usual.” Rarely do I make it to Epiphany. But as is often the case, the Spirit, through the church, invites us to linger a little longer in the story of God coming to dwell with us, and I am reminded that Christmas is more than decorations, songs, and presents.

*Author, theologian, educator and civil rights leader Howard Thurman wrote this poem in his book *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations* called “The Work of Christmas” as a reflection of what comes next:*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

We have work to do as the people of God’s church in this time and place - the work of Christmas; the work of Christ, God with us. Let’s get to it!

My first month with you has been filled with so much joy and warmth. You are a community full of many gifts and passions to share. I look forward to discovering together the work of Christmas God is calling us to as a community of faith. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor. May the peace, joy, love and hope that comes to us at Christmas carry you into the new year.

*In Christ,
Pastor Maggie*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peace! New year, new pastor, new music curator, new organist, new custodian. After a year of maintaining the status quo, we're poised to move forward again. We kept the heat on, offered worship experiences, and continued to touch the community through the work of our mission teams. And we did it all while assembling the pieces missing from our church body. Thanks to our staff, Mission Teams, and especially the people of Peace for making that happen.

Now that all the pieces are once again in place, we're ready to approach our mission anew. We don't know exactly what this year will hold, or what challenges we'll face, but that comes with being part of God's plan. We've learned to put our trust in Him. Together we'll discover where God is leading us next. What we do know is, that by using the gifts God has given each of us, we can fulfill our mission: Called to make disciples, sent to share Christ. Individually, it can be as simple as looking for ways to make our corner of the world a little better right now. Together, we can do something spectacular, something loving and generous to serve one another and our community. Peace!

Dirk Kagerbauer
Leadership President

SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting. January 29th following the 9 AM service.

FACEBOOK LIVE

Do you want to receive notifications when Peace Lutheran Church is about to go live on Facebook? Follow the instructions below from your Facebook account.



To change your live video notifications from a specific Page:

1. In the top left, click and search for the Page.
2. Click the Page.
3. Then click Follow settings.
4. Click Live video
5. Click the type of notifications you'd like to receive:
If All notifications or Highlights is selected, you'll receive live video notifications from the Page.
6. Select Off to turn off all live video notifications from the Page.

Note: When you're watching a live video or a video that was live, you can click Follow and then to be notified the next time the person or Page starts a live broadcast.

MUSIC NEWS



The choir and bell choir are off and running. We have been rehearsing on an ad hoc schedule in order to prepare for Christmas Eve where we will be sharing our musical offerings at the 7 p.m. service. (With a thanks to the choir who were ready at Pastor Maggie's installation!)

As we continue on, it will be like beginning again as far as the rehearsal schedule goes.

The next rehearsal for the choir will be Sunday, January 8th at 8 a.m. We will sing at that service on the 8th at 9 a.m. The following rehearsal will be on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. We welcome new members of all voice types and choral music singing experience at one of those two rehearsals. The remainder of the year's rehearsals will be determined by the end of January. The choir will hold three or four duties per month on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. (A duty is a rehearsal or a worship service.)

The next rehearsal for the bell choir will be Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. We welcome new members of all experience levels. If you haven't played before, come to this rehearsal and observe and then plan to stay and we will give you the help that you might need in order to have a satisfying bell ringing experience. The following rehearsal will be on Sunday, January 22 at 8 am. We will play at the 9 am service on that day. The remainder of the year's rehearsals will be determined by the end of January. The bell choir will hold three or four duties per month on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

We encourage your participation in one (or two or three) of our musical groups.

In Christ's service,
Dave Berndt



ADVENT SERVICES



Three meals were served midweek during Advent. Peace welcomed members and visitors to a potluck, a spudfeed and a chili dinner. It was nice to share meals in the social center again!

ROOTS



Not just for confirmation students.

We invite and welcome any youth grades 6th through 12th

January 4th 6:00 Prayer partner dinner and Christmas/New Year's Celebration

January 8th 10:00 Pancakes for a Purpose Fundraiser

January 11th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

January 11th 6:30 Confirmation Class

January 18th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

January 18th 6:30 Confirmation Class

January 20th 4:00 Ski/board trip to Nordic Mountain

January 22nd 2:00 Sunday Sledding

January 25th 6:00 Optional dinner before confirmation

January 25th 6:30 Confirmation Class

For the most up-to-date information, be sure to read the weekly Roots Review

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

January 8th following the 9:00 service

Confirmation will be hosting hospitality on January 8th and cooking up some pancakes with a selection of toppings. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and/or help out. Funds raised will go towards the cost of our lift tickets for the Nordic Mountain youth excursion.



FUN IN THE SNOW

Friday January 20th trip to Nordic Mountain

We will meet at church directly after school. We will return no later than 11:00. Rates are: \$29 for 6-12, \$39 for 13 and up, equipment rental is \$35. There is ski school available if needed. You also have the option of tubing for 2 hours for \$25. Dinner is on your own. There is food available for purchase or you can pack a sack. You must have a signed permission slip to attend. Please RSVP by January 15th. Drivers will be needed. Day is subject to change based on weather and ticket availability. If you would like to offset the cost of your lift ticket, you are encouraged to help at our Pancakes for a purpose fundraiser on January 8th following the 9:00 service.

Sunday January 22nd 2:00 Sledding

Looking for something close to home and free? Join us for sledding at Garbage Hill (across from West High School). Meet at the hill at 2:00. B.Y.O.S (bring your own sled). Weather and snow permitting, you never know in Wisconsin! After, we will walk down to Dairy Queen to warm up with some hot chocolate or ice cream if you so choose. Please RSVP on Sunday morning January 22nd at the latest.

CRAZY CHRISTMAS OLYMPICS

Competition was fierce but the laughs were stronger! What a fun time we had with our “friendly” Crazy Christmas Olympics. We learned that yes, in fact you CAN mail a potato and that some practical gifts like PVC piping might be useful but under appreciated. If all these jokes leave you wondering, be sure to join us at our next youth event for a good time full of laughs



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you, thank you, thank you! What a wonderful job our Sunday School kids did last month with the Living Word Christmas Pageant. I was so proud that morning and continued to be for days after as the compliments kept pouring in. I would love to collect as many pictures as I could from the day. If you snapped some shots, please send them to me via email. Thanks!



INSTALLATION SERVICE

December 18th was the Installation Service for Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer at Peace Lutheran Church. It is now official, she is stuck with us. Thank you to all who were in attendance both in person and online.



Coffee reception following Pastor Maggie's Installation

MADRIGAL SINGERS



Those in attendance on December 18th were impressed by the harmonious voices of the Oshkosh North Madrigals.

POINSETTIA DELIVERY

Thank you to all the families and youth that spread some holiday cheer by delivering the poinsettia plants to our members. Whether you delivered with your own family or your Peace family, I hope that you enjoyed the experience and felt the love. Appreciation and thanks have been sent back tenfold to the church.

CEMETERY POSITION AVAILABLE

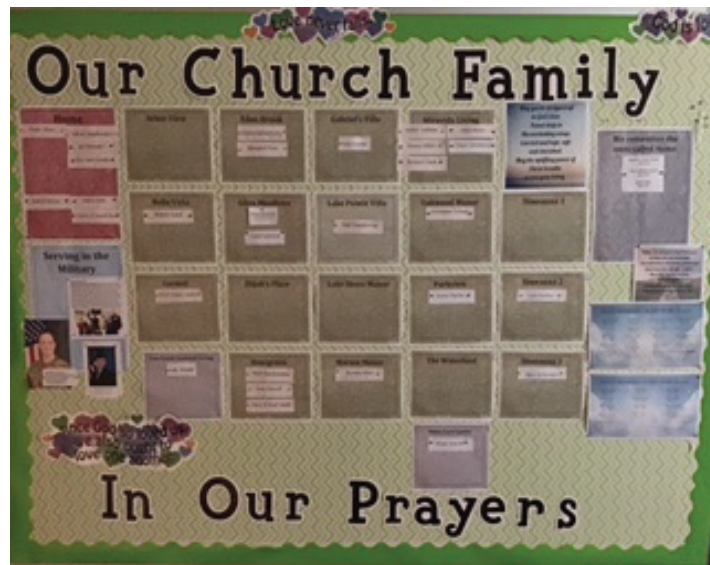
The cemetery is currently looking for one person to work as part of a 3-person team, one day a week (7 – 9 hrs.), maintaining the cemetery lawn during the summer of 2023. The day of the week will vary depending on how the grass grows. Pay is \$15.00/hr. Must be able to operate a zero-turn mower and gas trimmer. For more information, call or text Dirk Kagerbauer at 920-988-2476.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In the hallway between the church sanctuary and the church office is a lovely bulletin board called Our Church Family, created by the Care of Congregation Team. This bulletin board reminds us to keep in our prayers the members of our Church Family who may not be able to worship with us each week. Some have moved to different home arrangements, some are serving in the military, and some have passed away. We do our best to keep the board up to date so we can all remember these members in our prayers.

If you are able to help us with any updates, please reach out to Heather Miller.

heather.miller@peaceoshkosh.org | 920.231.4730



ASPIRE

Kathleen Achterberg

BELLA VISTA

Carol Hintz

CARMEL

Ruth Vorpahl

Ken Reinert

Nancy Hiebel

Dennis & Joyce Nikolaus

Darlene Gehrke

Sandra Kritz

EDEN BROOK

Dawn Springborn

Margaret Voss

EDEN MEADOWS

Carol Schrock

Suzanne Lannbrecht

EVERGREEN

Herb & Bev Dieckmann

Joan Duwell

Donna Lord

Lucy and Paul Lund

GABRIEL'S VILLA

Marilyn Campbell

MIRAVIDA LIVING

Donna Miller

Bernice Clark

Ellen Bruce

OMRO COUNTRY VILLA

Rev Ralph & Doris Hanusa

PARKVIEW

Al Neubauer

SIMEANNA 3

Mary Jo Becker

AT HOME

Paula Albee

Arlene Augsburger

Jan Kornder

Jeri Ann Kunde

Doris Otto

Annette Rice

Don Patt

Elmer Hielsberg

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Captain Andrew Duwell

Sr. Airman Samantha Hall

CALLED HOME 2022

Doris Martin

Germain Nelson

Bob Bruce

Donald Berndt

Barbara Sitzberger

Carol Jennerjohn

Don Bartelt

Faye Reinert

Elaine Patt

Suzanne Schneider

Elsie Kleman

Amber Anklam

Floyd Wambold

Sally Wilde

Jim Schneider

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or someone you know (with their permission) would like to be on the prayer list, contact the office by phone (231-4730) or email office@peaceoshkosh.org.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS HOSPITALIZED.

MEALS THAT HEAL

Our Care of Congregation Team is trying to reach you! You can help us by connecting with us when you need help with Meals that Heal or to be a recipient of a Sunshine Bag. Meals may be helpful when you are ill, have been hospitalized or other events have made life challenging. Self-reporting is not selfish, it is helpful to our team!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Food donations can be put by the altar. Food donations can also be brought anytime the church is open. Those donations should be put in the gray cabinet next to the elevator at the Ninth Avenue entry by the Circle Drive.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Donations can be put by the altar. Nonperishable food, personal care items and gift cards may be left in the Pantry at any time. Overflow donations can be placed on the shelves near the elevator at Ninth Avenue entry of the Circle Drive anytime the church is open. Cash donations should be dropped off or sent to the church office.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have additional information for the Newsletter, please contact communications@paeaceoshkosh.org by the 18th of each month.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER

On behalf of Jim Blake

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

11/27: 110
11/30: 47
12/04: 122
12/07: 60
12/11: 116
12/14: 32
12/18: 154
12/21:

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

You can sign up for Altar Flowers on the calendar located in the Peace narthex or by calling the church office.

The cost of sponsoring altar flowers is \$30. If you opt to pick up the flowers from our florist and deliver them to the church on the Friday before your selected Sunday, the cost is \$25.

OFFERING REVENUES

Annual Target: \$224,000

OFFERINGS TO THE GENERAL FUND

January: \$21,649.00
February: \$22,032.50
March: \$23,897.00
April: \$27,487.00
May: \$20,461.00
June: \$16,653.00
July: \$20,208.00
August: \$18,601.05
Septmeber: \$27,769.50
October: \$17, 411.69
November: \$19,592.11



“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”



Preschool 4K Concert



Preschool 3K Concert

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Below are verses from December's Bible readings that made me stop and ask, "What is this telling me about my relationship with God and other people?" When time allows, re-visit the Sunday Bible readings. Look for verses that help answer that question for you.

Dirk Kagerbauer, Leadership Team

Week of January 1, 2023

Psalms 8:1 10 Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Every once in a while, I have to stop and evaluate my prayers. More often than not, I find that most of my prayers are asking God for something. I forget to praise God for how wonderful He is. Psalm 8 reminds me of why I need to acknowledge that.

Week of January 8, 2023

Acts 10:34-35, 43 4Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Anyone and everyone who fears God, does what is right and acceptable to Him AND anyone and everyone who believes in Jesus's death and resurrection, is my brother or sister in God's sight... regardless of earthly differences. I pray that God develops in me a love that enables me to treat others as true siblings in Christ.

Week of January 15, 2023

Psalms 40:7,8,10 And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.' 10I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

These are the things I should want to do in thankfulness for the love God shows me and the sacrifices His son made on my behalf. I just need God to help me live my life in the way He expects.

Week of January 22, 2023

Psalms 27:1 1The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The psalmists do a wonderful job explaining why I should be thankful to be counted among God's children.

Week of January 29, 2023

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalms 15 1Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? 2Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; 3they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. 4In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. 5They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Until I started really thinking about Bible verses for these reflections, I never realized how often God reminds the Israelites, and us, of His expectations and how we can repay Him for the love he shows us. God must have known how easy it would be for us to forget.

POINSETTIAS 2022

May the memories of those we love shine brightly this holiday season.

Given this Christmas in Memory of:

- **Roy Abraham and Our Deceased Parents and Family Members** from Patti and Mike Fox
- **Lynx Martin and Travis Martin Balch** from Heather, Travis, Dylan and Cameron Miller
- **Eugene & Lois Becker** from Mary Jo Becker; Sue & Neal Eichman; Cathy Dahlke; Dan & Liz Becker and Family
- **Ann & Marion Books, Karen Andersen, and Frode Andersen** from Jean & Jesse Andersen; Cory, Emily, Elijah, Nora & Isaiah Andersen; Kelsey & Drake Gutsmeidl; and Gail & Gary Pucci
- **Burt Bradley** from Bonnie & Harry Barkelar
- **James Buck, Dale Smith, Henrietta & Reuben Tesch** from Sally Buck
- **Mr. & Mrs. Herman Cornell** from Karen & Al Neubauer and Reg Jennerjohn
- **Robert Cornell** from Marilyn Cornell, Karen & Al Neubauer and Reg Jennerjohn
- **All who have gone before** from Mary Davis and Family
- **George Fredrick** from Marge Fredrick and Family
- **Matthew Freiberg, my Godson** from Nancy Lokken
- **Alden Grade** from The Bork Family
- **Harold & Neva Helm and Ray & Dolores Lokken** from Dave, Nancy, Danielle, Michael, and Michelle Lokken
- **Carol Jennerjohn** from Reg Jennerjohn, Karen & Al Neubauer
- **John and Doris Kieckhaefer** from Joyce and Mike Christianson
- **Louie and Dorothy Klitzke** from The Family
- **Mike Kritz** from His Family
- **Marnee Kummerow** from Joe & Diane Friday
- **The Leichtfuss Family** from Ricky, Helen, & Daniel Leichtfuss
- **Michael A. Nelson** from Ann Nelson and Family
- **The Jim Pace Family** from Lucinda Porter
- **Mrs. Hilda Rand** from Karen & Al Neubauer and Reg Jennerjohn
- **Faye Reinert** from Ken Reinert
- **Sue Schneider** from Carole Steinert
- **Paul E. Schmidt, Sr** from Paul E. Schmidt, Jr, DDS
- **Clarence & Valores Schock** from Michael & Karrie Suess
- **Shannon Clark Showers** from Mark, Kelly and Ryan
- **Michael Stecker, our son and Jean Stecker, our daughter** from Roger and Joanne Stecker
- **Warren Steinert** from The Steinert Family
- **Elfrieda & Stephen Stewart** from Patricia, Scott, Linda, Jane and Lori
- **Kay Thorton** from Patricia, Scott, Linda, Jane & Lori
- **Frank Topp** from Lori Topp
- **Joan Voelkel** from Her Sisters
- **William & Mildred Weitz** from the Weitz Family
- **James Wetterau** from his wife, Darlene Wetterau
- **James Wetterau** from his children and family–Kim, Judy, Tori, Jami & Jim
- **Sally Wilde** from Jan Steinert
- **Our parents Ed & Ruth Zimdars and Jacob & Marie Nikolaus** from Dennis and Joyce

You are loved. You are missed. You are remembered.

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