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#### OFFICE HOURS

8:00am—1:00pm Monday—Friday

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Sunday Traditional Service at 8:00am*

*Sunday Praise Service at 10:30am*

*Wednesday Casual Service at 5:30pm*

## PRINTS OF PEACE NEWSLETTER

### DECEMBER 2018

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### CELEBRATE *Christmas*

DECEMBER 2

9:15AM ADVENT CRAFT EVENT

DECEMBER 5

5PM SPUD FEED

DECEMBER 8

9AM CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

1PM SOCIAL EVENT @ ART SPOT

DECEMBER 13-15

7PM/2PM ACTS OF PEACE SHOW

DECEMBER 16

10:30AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 19

5:30PM BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24

2PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

7PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

11PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 25

9AM CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP



ADVENT SERIES—LIVING 'IN-BETWEEN'  
SUNDAYS DURING DECEMBER

# THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BRAD

I've mention before how much I love the season of Advent. In fact, if I had to choose I would say that Advent is my favorite season in the church year. I love the anticipation and preparation that comes with it; the idea that something marvelous is waiting for us around the corner.

Too often, unfortunately, we forget to pause and enjoy the preparation. Lists get longer and longer, patience grows thinner and thinner. By the time December 24th rolls around many of us are often so frazzled that we can't truly enjoy all that is happening., all that we have been so frantically preparing for.

This Advent season I encourage you to stop for a moment and rest in the quiet, rest in the anticipation. Find a way to savor the season. Maybe you take a few moments in the very early morning when it is still dark and breathe in some fresh morning air, thinking about all that God has given you and continues to give you. Perhaps you take a few moments each day to write down one specific memory you have that builds toward Christmas. Is there a tradition that is important to you? Is it not the Christmas season if you don't experience something? One memory I have from my childhood was the day after the Thanksgiving parade that would happen in my hometown. The firetruck would come with Santa riding along to give candy canes to the young and

the young at heart. The downtown area would light up on Santa's command and we would stroll from business to business, seeing the items they had for sale and beginning to make our Christmas lists. What memories do you have of preparing for Christmas?

This year at Peace we will be spending our time during Advent talking about what it's like to live "in-between". You can find more information on our Advent theme elsewhere in the newsletter. The basic idea is Advent gives us the opportunity to wait for what is coming with anticipation, excitement, nervousness – we wait knowing that something new is coming and we can only imagine what that might be. We wonder if we will be ready but even if we aren't ready the promise of something new still happens.

Maybe that's why I love Advent most of all; no matter how prepared or unprepared I am, that promise of something new arrives as promised.

Always remember to keep Jesus in the middle of all the preparations, throughout the hustle and bustle. Keep the light of Christ shining so that all may believe.

May God bless us, everyone.



*Pastor Brad Doherty*

## ADVENT THEME LIVING "IN BETWEEN"

When I think of Advent, I think of the moment before the moment, the preparation for something to happen. To me, that's what Advent is. Advent means "to come" and we prepare for the arrival of the Christ child in many ways.

The theme of "Living 'In-Between'" is going to focus on what it's like to live in that moment before the moment. One idea that keeps coming back to me to describe this theme is a present, sitting underneath the tree. It has your name on it, you know that eventually it will be yours but it isn't quite time. Another way to think of it is to picture a manger, straw sticking out, animals gathered around - that image is used to tell us what's coming next but it isn't quite here.

Often, it can be difficult to live in that "in between" time and we don't always do it well but it is what is asked of us. Go back to the image of the present under the tree; now picture a little child shaking the present, maybe pulling back a corner to try and figure out what it is. Reality is we can't know what it is until we open the present.

Join us as we explore what it means to live "In-Between".



## CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY SERVICES

There are four opportunities to worship with the Peace community on Christmas Eve. All services will celebrate Holy Communion. The Christmas Eve services will all be candlelight services.

Services times are **2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 11:00pm on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day worship will take place at 9:00am.**

### BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

We will have a Blue Christmas worship at **5:30pm on Wednesday, December 19.** Christmas is not a happy time for everyone; many people have mixed emotions surrounding this holiday season and we want to offer the opportunity to have a place to reflect and be reminded that God is with us always.

### TRANSIT UPDATE

Believe it or not, we've been meeting for three months already! We've covered a variety of topics plus we've gone to the Day by Day Warming Shelter for a service activity. For the month of December, our schedule looks like this:

**Dec 5:** Meal at 6:00, Class at 6:30  
TOPIC: ADVENT

**Dec 12:** A Christmas Party with our Prayer Partners. Exact time and location will be announced at a later date.

**Dec 19th & 26:** NO CLASS  
Enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends!

## ACTS OF PEACE PLAYERS PUT ON A SHOW!

Acts of Peace Players is a theater group that is dedicated to putting on two shows a year on the stage in the social center. While not directly associated with Peace it is a group that will call Peace it's "home" for doing its productions. They are thankful for the support given by the Endowment Fund to help make this new stage a reality and look forward to providing quality entertainment for the Oshkosh community. The first show for this new group will be taking place this **December 13-15, at 7:00pm each evening and a 2:00pm Saturday matinee.**

The show is called "Sorry! Wrong Chimney!" and it is a three act comedy filled with slamming doors, mistaken identities and a whirlwind of activity. David is a newlywed who wants to make the first Christmas with his wife, Samantha, special. He takes a job moonlighting as a department store Santa Claus but doesn't tell his wife. Add in neighbors who are in the wrong place at the wrong time, a burglar dressed up like Santa Claus plus a visit from the police and you have all the makings of a great night of laughter.

Tickets will be \$10 a piece for general admission and can be purchased at the door. If you bring a non-perishable food item for the Little Free Pantry, you can save a dollar. Concessions will also be sold as a fundraiser for youth activities at Peace. Make plans to join us!

**Nicki McKnight** has recently been hired to work as the Curator of Youth and Family Ministries at Peace Lutheran Church. Nicki joined Peace just over two years ago; she loves attending the contemporary service with her husband, Chad, and their two sons, Cooper (4 years) and PJ (3 months).

Although originally from Oshkosh, Nicki lived in Southern California for a number of years where she worked at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts(SCA) as the box office manager. SCA is one of the West Coast's largest performing art theaters with six different performance venues ranging from 200 to 3000 seats. While there, she met her future husband who worked opposite to her in the film industry. Living, working and enjoying life in Southern California is endless fun in the sun but the two knew it was time to start a family.

They moved back to Wisconsin in 2010; they were married; bought a house; got a dog and eventually along came the two kids they had dreamed about for years. Most recently Nicki taught sixth grade Literacy and Social studies at Merrill Middle School. Leaving her job to stay home with the kids, the opportunity to lead youth and families at Peace was too good to resist. Chad also got a fresh start with a job at Ripon Printers

as the Environmental, Health and Safety director. The weather may be colder in Wisconsin but life is so much brighter.

Nicki grew up with a strong foundation in the Lutheran church. She was an active member of the youth group at her family's church during both middle and high school. As an adult, she followed in her mother's footsteps and took on the leadership role for the church's youth group. Many of her favorite memories come from attending two national gatherings as a student and a third as a chaperone.

The thing she loves most is being mom, but she also enjoys outdoor adventures like camping, swimming, hiking and boat rides (when she can bum her way onto a friend's boat). She looks forward to inspiring youth and encouraging spiritual growth in all families here at Peace.

A verse she finds inspirational for her new position can be found in **Proverbs 27:23: *Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.***

Nicki McKnight can be reached at [nicki@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:nicki@peaceoshkosh.org)

*Nicki with her husband, Chad, their two sons —Cooper and PJ— and Jax, the family dog.*



## CURATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



To kick off the advent season, we will be hosting a crafting and learning activity in the church **social center between services on Sunday December 2nd**. As we gather, we will learn about the meaning behind the advent wreath, share in fellowship, and each family will craft their very own advent wreath. Members both young and old, are invited to join us. All materials will be provided. This is the first of many events to come organized by the Curator of Youth and Family Ministry so you are encouraged to come and see what wonderful things this new staff position at Peace can bring to the congregation.

*"If you build it, they will come."* Please direct any questions or ideas you would like to share with Nicki McKnight at [nicki@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:nicki@peaceoshkosh.org).

# MEMBER INFORMATION

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or someone you know (with their permission) would like to be put on the prayer list, please contact the church office either by phone (231-4730) or email [office@peaceoshkosh.org](mailto:office@peaceoshkosh.org). A special email will go out to all those who have given the church an email address and the people receiving the notice will include those names in their prayers. If you would like to be a participant, please let the office know your email address. The name submitted will start on that day or soon after. After four weeks, the name will be removed unless the church is notified and then it will be renewed for another four weeks. Please remember this list is open to all and categories are, but not limited to: health recovery, military deployment, milestones, church partnership, etc.

### PRAYER

"Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God."

MOTHER THERESA

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Military Deployment:** Matthew Berholtz, Karee Cocking, Andy Duwell, Max Klein, Benjamin Zimmerman

**Health/Healing:** Bob Bruce, Dick Campbell, Bernice Clark, Bill Dawson, Herb Dieckmann, Luann Gifford, Doris Hanusa, Doris Luedtke, Pastor Marty & Lola Ruge, Diane Schettl, Margaret Ziebell

**Encouragement:** Bishops Elizabeth Eaton and Gerald Mansholt of the ELCA Synod and their staffs, Pastor Brad Dokken, PLC Leadership Team, PLC Office Staff, Bishop Job Ubane & staff—ELC of South Africa, Ventersdorp Lutheran Church (our Companion Church in South Africa)

**Hospitalized:** Jacqueline Elmer, Carol Fredrick, Gerald Hass, Brett Henckel,

## Our Sympathies to Family and Friends of:

**Jean D. Hielsberg (Rothe)**, who died November 1, 2018. Her funeral was November 8, 2018, at Peace Lutheran Church with Rev. Brad Dokken officiating.

**Marvel Reischl**, who died November 8, 2018.

**Helen Abraham**, who died November 11, 2018.

## BAPTISMS

**Klayton Lee Beidle, October 21, 2018**

Son of Kody and Summer Rose (Kealey) Beidle. Sponsors were Alyssa Beidle, Michael Kealey and Tiffany Tiffany.

**Zackry Brian Friedrich, November 11, 2018**

Son of Brian and Nicole (Witter) Friedrich. Sponsors were T. J Busse and Brianna Boyce.

Both baptisms were officiated by Pastor Brad Dokken.



## MEMORIALS

**The Pastor's Fund** in honor of Paul and Molly Friday's wedding and also in honor of Joe and Diane Friday given by Steve and Kathy Berholtz.

## SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



Please notify the office if members of your family are in the armed forces along with their addresses. We want them to know we care.

## MID-WEEK WORSHIP

We offer a weekly Wednesday worship service at **5:30pm in our chapel area**. This is a service complete with communion and we often use the readings from the previous Sunday. If you are looking for an opportunity to worship and cannot make it on Sunday mornings, consider joining us on Wednesday evenings.

## CULVER'S FUNDRAISER



A huge thank you to all who came to Culver's on November 5th in support of Peace Preschool. The turnout raised \$340 for the school.

## RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

The church now has a gathering space for rummage sale items! Call the office for pickup or drop off at church. The annual rummage sale will be the end of March, 2019. It is a great fundraiser for our church, Please consider PLC for gently used items you no longer want or plan to donate.



## FOOD PANTRY

**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

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY SUNDAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.** Donations can be put by the altar (watch for donation theme each month). The pantry is on the 8th Avenue side of the church, adjacent to the parking lot. Non-perishable 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 in the church office.

For more information about the Little Free Pantry, visit <https://www.facebook.com/littlefreepantryatpeace/>.

# MEMBER INFORMATION

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING



**December 8, 2018 starting at 9am**  
Volunteers are needed to help Ruth Vorpahl and her team decorate our church for Christmas. No experience needed, just your helping hands! Stay for an hour or stay until the fun is done! We would love to see you!

## LUNCH BUNCH



**December 12, 2018, at 11:30am at Mahoney's.** Call Sally at 385-0425 to reserve your spot by the Monday preceding—December 10. This will give

Sally time to inform the restaurant how many will be attending. Bring a friend!

## FREE COMMUNITY GARDEN



Our vegetable garden was a success this year and I want to thank the following people that took part in making it so. Mike Thomas for the wonderful tomato and pepper plants, Tatiano Malano (a

good friend of mine), Heather Miller and Steve Berholtz who helped plant, weed and water the gardens. The Alsberg and Kline families for donating the rain barrel. Anyone wanting to help out next year, please contact Steve Berholtz, Heather Miller or myself. We need a few more helping hands.

Thank you again, Kathi Sawall

## SAINTS (November 2017—November 2018)

### DIED:

Lawrence Abraham  
Gayle Bartow  
Larry Beals  
Delores Glaeser  
Judith Henke  
Jean Hielsberg  
Mark Klein  
Darryl McCarthy  
Dorothy Wolk  
Alton Ziebell  
Phyllis Zweiger



### BAPTIZED:

Grayson Robert Anholzer  
Klayton Lee Beidle  
Finley Jean Chivington  
Luke Christopher  
Dushenski  
Mason Thomas Fisher  
Caden Michael Friday  
Vyolette Ryder Henckel  
Noel Christopher Nelson  
Kayden Zachery Ranker  
Chase Ryder Schneider  
Smith James Schrage



## LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Got one of those “hard-to-shop-for” names on your Christmas list? We may have an easy solution:

### Peace Lutheran apparel!

Yes, we’re setting up an online store where you can shop for stylish and functional clothing that includes the Peace Lutheran Church logo. You can visit the store on your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Then just select the item, size, and color you want, and place your order using your Visa or MasterCard.

The online PLC Apparel store will open after Thanksgiving and close on December 16. ALL orders placed in that time frame will be delivered to the church by December 20. All you have to do is come in and pick up your merchandise.

### Don't Have a Computer?

If you don't want to place an online order, no problem! You'll be able to place orders in the PLC Narthex between services on 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16 (by cash or check only).

You can visit the PLC Apparel Store website at [www.PeaceOshkosh.org/shop](http://www.PeaceOshkosh.org/shop). We'll also include this website address in weekly bulletins and emails, or you can call the PLC office (231-4730) for more details.

It's a great way to show your pride in our church and congregation as well as get something special for the person who has everything!



## PEACE LUTHERAN @ ART SPOT—DECEMBER 8—1pm to 4pm



**EVENT:** A congregational social event hosted by Peace.  
**WHAT:** An Art Adventure—create an acrylic nativity scene on canvas. You start with a blank canvas and a palette of paint. An instructor walks you through the step by step process. You are allowed to purchase drinks from Beckett's. You take home your artwork!  
**WHO:** Anyone with a connection to Peace Lutheran Church is invited.  
**LOCATON:** Art Spot, Oshkosh City Center, next to Beckett's  
**COST:** \$35/person  
**REGISTER:** Online at [www.artspot.me](http://www.artspot.me)  
If you need help to register, contact Heather Miller for assistance.

This is not a fundraiser. It is strictly a social event.  
No set up or take down, cost is reasonable and you get a neat, personal picture.  
No need to bring anything, Art Spot provides all of the necessary supplies.  
It is nice to paint with a glass of wine but eating is difficult. Plan to do that after the event.  
Beckett's has 1/2 priced apps starting at 4pm which coincides with the event ending.

*Artist minimum is 10, maximum is 30—register now!*

## PEACE LUTHERAN BOOK FAIR ENDS 12/2

ALL BOOKS ARE SOLD AT A DISCOUNT UP TO 40% OFF!

BOOKS FOR ALL AGES AVAILABLE

IF WE HAVE AN ORDER OVER \$200,  
20% OF THE ORDER SALES WILL COME  
BACK TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ENTER TO WIN!

\$100 FOR YOU AND \$100 FOR PEACE  
RAFFLE FOR A CHILDREN'S BOOK  
RAFFLE FOR AN ADULT BOOK

CHECK OUT THE SAMPLE BOOKS AND ORDER FORMS ON DISPLAY  
(DOESN'T INCLUDE ALL THE BOOKS AVAILABLE TO ORDER) -  
DECEMBER 2ND DISPLAY WILL BE IN THE SOCIAL CENTER!

ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS, BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

EMAIL ALICIA ALSBERG [ABALSBERG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABALSBERG@GMAIL.COM)

WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR SEND YOUR ORDER ELECTRONICALLY

ELECTRONIC ORDER PLEASE INCLUDE:

BOOK NUMBER

TITLE

QUANTITY

BOOK FAIR PRICE (LISTED)

AMOUNT DUE - MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

You're invited to join us for a **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER!**  
Baked Potato Bar with a full buffet of toppings!

**SPUD FEED** | WEDNESDAY  
DEC 5TH  
5:00-6:30

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL CENTER**  
240 W 9TH AVE, OSHKOSH

Join us as we celebrate 2 years of the Little Free Pantry & gardens at Peace  
with a free baked potato bar for all our neighbors and friends!

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## Bible Bucks!

Mid-November saw our first **Bible Bucks Sale** of the school year and — as usual — it was an enthusiastic and resounding success. Sunday School students earn Bible Bucks as rewards for attendance and participation. They can spend their earnings buying toys, crafty items, trinkets and other goodies that have been purchased or donated by members of the congregation.

**You Can Help:** We need to restock our inventory for the next Bible Bucks sale in late January or early February. We're always looking for kid-appealing "merchandise" such as gently used small toys, games, and other items. If you have that kind of stuff that's no longer being used, here's a way for you to recycle them to new and appreciative owners! Talk to a Sunday School teacher for further details.

### Curriculum Update

Our younger kids focused on learning how to find things in the Bible by Book, Chapter, and Verse. They also learned about Jesus' explanation of The Greatest Commandments and how all of God's laws derive from them. As our study areas reflect the lectionary used in our regular church services, we also covered scriptural stories like Blind Bartimaeus and The Widow's Mite. Our Middle Schoolers continued their work on understanding prayer, grace, and the structure of the Bible. They've also been instrumental in creating key parts of the 2018 Christmas Program.

### Speaking of Christmas

We'll be devoting a lot of time in December to our **Sunday School Christmas Program**, which will take place during the **10:30am service on Sunday, December 16.**

This year's program, entitled **Manger Tales**, tells the Christmas story from the point-of-view of the animals that surrounded the nativity. As usual, we will have a full **rehearsal in the morning on Saturday, December 15.** Please mark these dates on your calendar and encourage your child's participation in this special service. Being part of the program is an excellent way to learn both the story and the meaning of Christmas.



### Always Room for More...

Sunday School at Peace Lutheran is open to all children from Pre-K through 8th grade. Kids do not have to be members of Peace to be part of our program. If you'd like your child or grand child to participate, just bring them to our Opening on **Sundays at 9:15 in the Social Center**, fill out a registration form, and they're in.

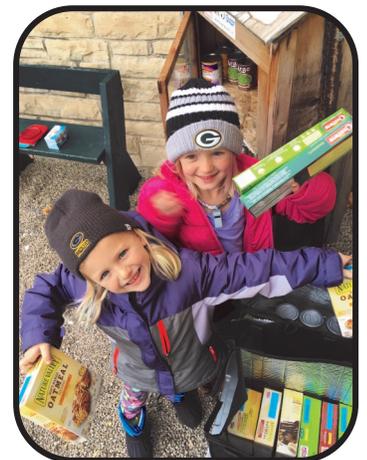
We also welcome volunteers to help with our program. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** There are plenty of opportunities to help with Sunday School. If you'd like to volunteer either time or resources, just talk to one of our teachers or contact Pat or E.R. Waskawic by phone (920-685-5396) or by [email at erwaskawic@gmail.com](mailto:erwaskawic@gmail.com).



**YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE BUCKS SALES BY DONATING UNWANTED TOYS, TRINKETS, CRAFT SUPPLIES, GAMES AND OTHER KID-FRIENDLY ITEMS.**



**SPEAKING OF BIBLE BUCKS.....**On November 11, when the Sunday school participated in Bible Bucks, the Alsberg family did something a little different. Rory and Alicia exchanged Brooke and Anna's Bible Bucks for cash. Brooke and Anna took their \$30 and filled the Little Free Pantry with canned vegetables, fruit, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, mac 'n cheese and lots of breakfast bars. Brooke and Anna were very proud to help others!



# PEACE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Greetings Families and Friends of Peace Christian Preschool,

December is here and I have the same old story to share with you--we're busy! The preschool holiday concerts and classroom parties are coming up soon, the first of our three greeting cards for this year are being prepped, and we are looking forward to a nice holiday break at the end of it all.



To end out the month of November the preschoolers did a three-day canned food drive for the benefit of the Lutheran Food Pantry. New this year, we asked a member of the Lutheran Food Pantry to come to meet the children and allow them to present their food to someone in person. In February we are planning to do a canned food drive for the Little Free Pantry.

We started the month of November with a fun fundraiser night at Culver's. If you were there to support us that night, you will know that we were feeling a lot of love and support from both our school families and our church families. The evening of the event the dining room was packed by 5 PM; as I made my rounds through the dining room, there was only one table that I recognized that wasn't associated with the preschool or the church. By the end of our time we earned \$340. When you consider how many burgers and sundaes had to be sold to earn that \$340 in just over two hours--it's quite amazing!

We have another fundraiser coming up; we're moving to new territory. On Thursday, December 20th we are going to do our first ever meat raffle at Player's Pizza and Pub. We have no idea what we're doing, but

we're going to give it a shot. I recently did a little research by attending another meat raffle in town. In 45 minutes I had lost 6 times at the cost of a whopping three bucks and still had fun. I figure it can't be all that bad so I might as well share the joy and try one out on behalf of the preschool. If you're looking for something different to do on the evening of the 20th find your way down to Players and don't forget your lucky rabbit's foot.

We plan to use our fundraiser earnings this year to coordinate gymnasium updates with the new gym floor that should be completed over this summer. We are hoping to provide the gym with a fresh coat of paint on the walls and invest in some better storage options for the preschool gym toys so that they are easier to access when they are stored. Details need to be coordinated with the Property Team.

The holiday concerts will be hosted a week earlier this year than the prior years. That's nice because it is fun to get those off of the "agenda" so we can start to unwind and shift our focus the last week of school. I say every year that the concerts are very time consuming and tiresome to prepare for, but once the night of the concert arrives, and you listen to the 10 minutes of Christmas songs that the children perform, all of the hours of practice are actually time well spent.

I pray that you are enjoying the Christmas season and embracing the meaning of it.

Wishing you all Love,  
Peace and Happiness,  
**Heather B. Miller**  
Center Director  
Peace Christian Preschool



## 2019 OCM CARDS STILL ONLY \$ 10



## KWIK TRIP® GAS CARDS FOR SALE

They are available in increments of \$5, \$10, \$25, and \$50.

If you are a Kwik Trip® shopper, please consider purchasing prepaid gas cards through us!

OCM & GAS CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE MOST SUNDAYS IN THE NARTHEX—LOOK FOR PAULA HARVOT OR GET THEM FROM HEATHER MILLER (920.651.1595) IN THE PRESCHOOL OFFICE MON-FRI MORNINGS

# PLC CARING FOR CREATION

CARING FOR CREATION, OUR MISSION IS TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION OF THE EARTH AS GOD INTENDED US TO DO. LEARNING AND PRACTICING TOGETHER TO BE STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.



As we enter the Christmas shopping season how do you find the perfect gift? Since I started focusing on Caring for Creation I purchase differently, I purchase with a purpose. **What can you do:**

- Support fundraisers
- Buy experiences to share with one another (go to dinner, see a play, etc.)
- Share a home cooked meal together
- Small Business Saturday
- Farmers Market - Indoors and craft fairs

*So much stuff! Better consumers can result in better ways to treat God's creation. What is the full circle of what you put in your cart. Time spent with one another, making memories is more valuable than any gift. Purchase with a purpose.*

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING -**  **COLLECTION BINS COMING SOON**

## Plastic Film Recycling

Plastic film recycling is available for store drop off at Lowes, Target, Pick n Save, Walmart, Shopko, Piggly Wiggly and Festival. Include your plastic film in the Plastic Bags bins (**some are not properly labeled to accept ALL plastic film, but ALL film is acceptable**). **Collection bins have been removed from Peace Lutheran Church. Please drop your plastic film at participating drop locations—DO NOT PUT PLASTIC FILM IN YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING.**



The clean and dry plastic film items you can **INCLUDE** are:

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|--|---|--|
| Dry Cleaning Bags  | Newspaper Bags  | Bread/Bun Bags   |
| Furniture & Electronic Wrap  | Retail & Grocery Bags   | Produce Bags   |
| Shipping air pillows (release air)                                       | Potato Bags   | Food storage bags  |
| Plastic shipping envelopes, including Tyvek, bubble wrap (Remove labels) | Plastic cereal and cracker box liners (check bottom of box for how2recycle symbol pictured below) | Product Wrap (used on paper towels, diapers, bathroom tissue, water bottles) |

Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label shown at right is also acceptable.

More information about plastic film recycling visit:  
<http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>



Plastic film is recycled into many different products. Most are recycled into composite lumber but can also be reprocessed into small pellets, or post-consumer resin used for a variety of products such as new bags, pallets, containers, crates, and pipe.

Items **NOT** acceptable - not acceptable items could containment a whole bundle of plastic film - important to not recycle based on wishful recycling - please put in the trash:

|   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Grape, mini pepper, sugar snap pea bags | Any bags with mesh (like orange bags) | Cheese packaging (shredded, sliced, brick) |
| Candy bar and chip bags                 | Six pack rings (cut apart)            | Frozen food bags                           |

# THOSE SERVING US IN DECEMBER 2018

| December 02                | 8:00 Service                     | 10:30 Service                           |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>        | Signe Nelson                     | David Nelson                            |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b> | Heather Kangas                   | Donna Johnson                           |
| <b>Communion Asst:</b>     | Amy Lee                          | Kim Blake-Jungwirth                     |
| <b>Lector:</b>             | Judy Ott                         | Kristi Cocking                          |
| <b>Ushers:</b>             | Karen Keiper, Jari Hall, Amy Lee | Shawn Guenther, Kathi and George Sawall |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>        | Peace Preschool Board and Staff  |   |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>            | Ella Case                        | Kaylee Schlenske                        |
| <b>Tech/Sound Booth:</b>   | Steve Berholtz/Dan Keiper        | Kim Dawson                              |

| December 09                | 8:00 Service                         | 10:30 Service           |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>        | Joyce Christianson                   | Nancy Schettl           |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b> | Nicki McKnight                       | Patrick Riley           |
| <b>Communion Asst:</b>     | Dave Lokken                          | Kim Krukow              |
| <b>Lector:</b>             | Nancy Lokken                         | Cori Stromberg          |
| <b>Ushers:</b>             | Karen Keiper, Jari Hall, Amy Lee     | Heidi Nelson and family |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>        | Kim Blake-Jungwirth and Diane Friday |                         |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>            | Alexis Hayes                         | Kaylee Schlenske        |
| <b>Tech/Sound Booth:</b>   | Steve Berholtz/Dan Keiper            | Kim Dawson              |

| December 16                | 8:00 Service                     | 10:30 Service                                |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>        | Andy Janke                       | Jessica Felker                               |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b> | Heather Miller                   | Penny Angell                                 |
| <b>Communion Asst:</b>     | Dylan Miller                     | Kristi Cocking                               |
| <b>Lector:</b>             | Jan Steinert                     | Nicki McKnight                               |
| <b>Ushers:</b>             | Karen Keiper, Jari Hall, Amy Lee | Shawn Guenther, Rory Alsberg, Eric Smiltneek |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>        | Heidi Nelson and Jenny Dehn      |  |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>            | Cameron Miller                   | Colton Felker                                |
| <b>Tech/Sound Booth:</b>   | Steve Berholtz/Dan Keiper        | Kim Dawson                                   |

| December 23                | 8:00 Service                     | 10:30 Service                         |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>        | Andy Janke                       | Andy Janke                            |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b> | Kim Blake-Jungwirth              | Lucinda Porter                        |
| <b>Communion Asst:</b>     | Max Kese                         | Randy Hartman                         |
| <b>Lector:</b>             | Don Lewis                        | Dave Nelson                           |
| <b>Ushers:</b>             | Karen Keiper, Jari Hall, Amy Lee | Penny Angell, Jean and Jesse Andersen |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>        | Amy Lee, Ruth Vorpal, Mary Davis |                                       |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>            | Alexis Hayes                     | Robert Angell                         |
| <b>Tech/Sound Booth:</b>   | Steve Berholtz/Dan Keiper        | Kim Dawson                            |

# THOSE SERVING US IN DECEMBER 2018

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY. VOLUNTEERS FOR THOSE SERVICES CAN SIGN UP AS USUAL ON LINE OR ON THE CHART IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX.

| December 30         | 9:00 Service                    |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Altar Guild:        | Signe Nelson                    |
| Assisting Minister: | TBD                             |
| Communion Asst:     | Tammy Thomas                    |
| Lector:             | Nicki McNight                   |
| Ushers:             | Shawn Guenther,                 |
| Hospitality:        | Darlene Gehrke and Kathi Sawall |
| Acolyte:            | Robert Angell                   |
| Tech/Sound Booth:   | Kim Dawson                      |



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



### POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia plant to help decorate the sanctuary this year, you may start ordering them now. You can take the plant home *after the Christmas Day Service*. Please check the box if you will not be taking your plant home. Thank you.

I am not taking my plant(s) home.

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# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DECEMBER 2018

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
|  |  |   |  |  |   |   |
| <b>2 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b><br><b>8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b><br>9am Hospitality Hour<br>9:15am Education Hour<br>9:15am Advent Craft Activity<br><b>10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP</b><br>11:30am Baptism Luncheon<br>7pm 8th Day Project<br>PEACE BOOK FAIR ENDS TODAY | <b>3</b><br>10am Staff Meeting<br>11am Scripture Study<br>4pm Cemetery Board   | <b>4</b><br>6:30pm<br>Barbershoppers  | <b>5</b><br>5pm Spudfeed<br><b>5:30PM WORSHIP</b><br>6pm Confirmation<br>Supper<br>6:30pm Transit<br>6:30pm Chancel Choir  | <b>6</b><br>6pm Pickleball   | <b>7</b><br>9:30am Bulletin<br>Team                                       | <b>8</b><br>9am Church Christmas<br>Decorating<br>1pm Art Spots<br>Social<br>Event                          |
| <b>9 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b><br><b>8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b><br>9am Hospitality Hour<br>9:15am Education Hour<br><b>10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP</b><br>7pm 8th Day Project   | <b>10</b><br>10am Staff Meeting<br>11am Scripture Study<br>11:30am Staff Potluck<br>2pm Promotion Team<br>5pm Endowment<br>Committee   | <b>11</b><br>5:30pm Peace<br>Preschool Holiday<br>Concert<br>6pm Bag Toss Group<br>6:30pm<br>Barbershoppers | <b>12</b><br>11:30am Lunch Bunch<br>at Mahoney's<br><b>5:30PM WORSHIP</b><br>Time/Place TBD Transit<br>Christmas Party with<br>Prayer Partners<br>6:30pm Chancel Choir | <b>13</b><br>9am VPs Quilting<br>5:30pm Peace<br>Preschool Holiday<br>Concert<br>6pm Pickleball<br>7pm Acts of Peace<br>Players Show | <b>14</b><br>9:30am Bulletin<br>Team<br>7pm Acts of Peace<br>Players Show | <b>15</b><br>9:30am Children's<br>Christmas Program<br>Rehearsal<br>2pm & 7pm Acts of<br>Peace Players Show |
| <b>16 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b><br><b>8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b><br>9am Hospitality Hour<br>9:15am Education Hour<br><b>10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP</b><br>& SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S<br>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM<br>7pm 8th Day Project                                       | <b>17</b><br>10am Staff Meeting<br>11am Scripture Study  | <b>18</b><br>6pm Leadership<br>Team<br>6:30pm<br>Barbershoppers   | <b>19</b><br>5pm Care of<br>Congregation Team<br><b>5:30PM BLUE CHRISTMAS<br/>                     WORSHIP</b><br>NO TRANSIT CLASS<br>6:30pm Chancel Choir             | <b>20</b><br>6pm Pickleball<br>MEAT RAFFLE<br>FUNDRAISER FOR<br>PEACE PRESCHOOL<br>AT PLAYERS PIZZA<br>& PUB                         | <b>21</b><br>9:30am Bulletin<br>Team                                      | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b><br><b>8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b><br>9am Hospitality Hour<br><b>10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP</b><br>7pm 8th Day Project   | <b>24 OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><b>2PM, 5PM, 7PM, 11PM<br/>                     CHRISTMAS EVE<br/>                     WORSHIP SERVICES</b> | <b>25 OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><b>9AM CHRISTMAS DAY<br/>                     WORSHIP</b>                        | <b>26</b><br>NO TRANSIT CLASS  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>9:30am<br>Bulletin<br>Team                                   | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>30</b><br><b>9AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b><br>10am Hospitality Hour<br>7pm 8th Day Project  | <b>31</b><br>10am Staff Meeting<br>11am Scripture Study  |   |  |  |   |   |

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Aldo Leopold



Gaylord Nelson

### Three Icons of American Environmentalism

John Muir is also known as the *Father of our National Parks*.  
Aldo Leopold was a seminal force in developing the science  
of environmental studies. Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day.

**What do these three have in common?**

They all had deep roots in Wisconsin.

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Pre-K thru Grade 8

9:15 - 10:15  
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