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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

- DECEMBER 1 8:00 & 10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICES
- DECEMBER 4 5:30PM MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE
SERMON: BAH, HUMBUG
- DECEMBER 5-7 ACTS OF PEACE—"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
- DECEMBER 8 8:00AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICES
SERMON: GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST
- DECEMBER 11 5:00PM ANNUAL SPUD FEED
- DECEMBER 15 8:00AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICES
SERMON: GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT
- DECEMBER 18 5:30PM BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE
- DECEMBER 22 8:00AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICES
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT 10:30AM SERVICE
SERMON: GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE
- DECEMBER 24 2:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
5:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
7:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
11:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
SERMON: GOD BLESS US EVERYONE
- DECEMBER 25 9:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP
- DECEMBER 29 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE—LESSONS & CAROLS



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BRAD

*“And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!”*

VERSE 3 - “IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

As you might be aware, “The Redemption of Scrooge” is our theme for the Advent season and it is based on Charles Dickens beloved classic, “A Christmas Carol.” Throughout the Advent season we will be taking a closer look at this story and how it applies to our life in 2019 and how it has held up as a story since it was first published in 1843. To tie into our Advent theme, Acts of Peace Players will be presenting their version of “A Christmas Carol” the first weekend in December (5-7) in the social center and elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a special offer for Peace members to encourage you to attend this show. The Sunday School will also be doing their version of “A Christmas Carol” for the annual Sunday School Christmas Program which is happening at the 10:30am service on December 22.

Themes of Advent, Christmas and Christianity are woven throughout this tale, but the one that sticks out the most to me is the idea of how we connect with our fellow man. At one point in the story, Scrooge tells the Ghost of Christmas Past that his old boss, Fezziwig, had the ability to render his workers happy or unhappy, to make their work light or burdensome, to make them suffer or rejoice. It was truly up to him. I believe the same can be said of us; we have the ability to affect the people around us in a negative or positive light. We have the ability to help others or simply keep our heads down and pretend nothing is happening around us.

It is easy for us during the Advent season to get swept up in the craziness that the world around us is selling. We have too much to do and not enough time to do it. We have to cram as much into as small a space as possible otherwise are we truly celebrating the season? Not to mention that many of us really don't find joy this time of year for many reasons. Perhaps that's why the words I shared from a familiar Christmas Carol resonate with me this year, why the story of Ebenezer Scrooge is so important to me this year. We can find ourselves weighed down by the weight of the world and consequently let it affect our attitude or we can trust in God's grace to provide us with the rest we often so desperately need.

For me, that's what the Advent and Christmas season is all about. Being reminded that God saw the people's need for redemption, their need to have the burden of the world removed from their shoulders and so God came to earth, taking on flesh and bone, giving us an example of how to care for others and to care for ourselves.

That is the promise of the child born to Mary and Joseph, the promise we get in the image of that baby being laid in a manger. This Advent and Christmas season, I encourage you to not forget the gift you've been given, to remember that God's love for you is bigger than your doubts or fears and that even if we find ourselves weighed down by the burdens of life, there is a promise that we do not have to carry those burdens alone.

May you experience hope, joy, peace and love this Advent and Christmas season.

In the words of Tiny Tim, “GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE!”

Shalom,

Pastor Brad Dak



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

RECEIVE WORSHIP SERVICES ON LINE

SERMONS are available online at [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

Search “Peace Lutheran Oshkosh”

CURATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

FAMILY TIES



Family Ties is a group of families that love parenting but find it to be even more rewarding with faith, friends, fun, and of course food. The group is open to families young and old, big and small, many or just one. After all, we are all family at Peace. If you are interested in being included in our events and want to join our mailing list, please sign up with Nicki. If you have any questions or would like further information, please see Nicki. nicki@peaceoshkosh.org

FAMILY TIES SUNDAY FUNDAY 15TH @ 1:00PM

Mark your calendars for a fun day at Peace. Following the Sunday School Christmas program practice we will meet for pizza, games, gym time for the kiddos (and usually dads too) and some Christmas cookie decorating. Peace will supply the pizzas. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own beverages. We will also have cookies and frosting ready to go. Anyone interested, please let Nicki know.



ROOTS



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- Dec 11th Spud feed dinner followed by class
- Dec 15th Pick up for poinsettia plants and cards
- Dec 18th Service project night and holiday party
- Dec 22nd Youth Bible Study & Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30 service
- Jan 29 Unity Service
- Feb 15-16 JYG Manitowoc
(something to think about... we will need to start planning soon.)
- Mar 6-8 Winter Retreat at Pine Lake
(also something to think about as we will need to start planning soon)

For the most up-to-date information, be sure to read the Roots Review weekly email, sent each week following Wednesday's meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On *Wednesday December 18th*, we will switch up our typical class routine with a chance to spread some holiday cheer and celebrate the season together. We will kick things off a little early, so if schedules permits, please plan on arriving closer to 6:00. We will start with a service project, followed by a meal (provided by Peace), some exciting and challenging Christmas themed competitions and finally a gift exchange. The gift exchange is optional and we suggest that you limit the dollar value amount to \$10 or less.



DECEMBER FUN

With the busy holiday season and our confirmation night Christmas party, we will not have a scheduled night out during the month of December. No need to fret though, with all this early snow, we can keep an eye out for a spontaneous ski trip or sledding adventure. If a day/evening works out, I will send out a quick note to anyone who might be interested.

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POINSETTIA DELIVERY FOR SHUT-INS

An order has been placed and plants will be delivered on or just before Sunday 12/15. Tables will be set with cards and plants in room 201 or just outside, depending on the available space. Please plan to pick up plants and cards on either Sunday 12/15 or Wednesday 12/18. Alternatively, if you would rather join us for a group delivery I will be taking any unclaimed plants and cards on Saturday 12/21. We will spread cheer and head back to Peace for Christmas treats and hot chocolate.



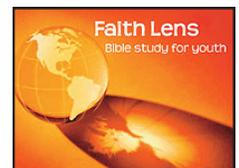
BOWLING BASH FROM NOVEMBER

In November, fourteen youth got together on a Friday night for some pizza and bowling. There were some strikes, quite a few gutter balls, several pitchers of soda and LOTS of laughs. We try to coordinate these events once a month to give youth an opportunity to hang out with their friends from church in a positive and welcoming environment. All youth are welcome and are encouraged to bring a friend who might not otherwise have a church group/family to call their own.



FAITH LENS

Sixth through eighth graders are invited to Youth Bible Study. We will utilize Faith Lens Weekly Bible Study offered through the ELCA. Faith Lens is a weekly Bible study that engages youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life. **Meet in room 201 at 9:15 each Sunday morning**, please bring your Bibles.



CURATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL



December is a busy month for all, and Sunday School is no exception. In addition to our weekly studies, the children have been working hard learning songs and working on memorizing lines and direction for the musical they will be presenting for the Christmas program on December 22nd. We hope many will come and see the fruits of their labor at the second service that day.

Bible Bucks has been a huge success so far. I think we should have picked an even bigger jar to fill with our earnings as the one we have now is on it's way to full for sure! We continue to focus on ways of earning the Sunday School money which incorporates all of the Fruit of the Spirits. The children are excited to earn for the Social Center Grocery Store this spring, the adults are excited to see so many kids willing and excited to pay it forward. Remember, if you see a young person modeling the Fruits of the Spirit in an extra special way, please let any church employee, or leadership member know. They have been given a supply of Bible Bucks to hand out. The children have been told, you never know who will see your good deed or kind heart. They were reminded that the incentive can be earned, not asked for and that we truly want them to live their lives in the best way possible, even if they don't get paid for it. The Bible Bucks are a bonus to the good feeling we get when we are good, kind, loving, joyful, peaceful, in self-control, and always showing gentleness, faithfulness, and goodness.



In November, a group of Sunday School children met up outside of class to spread kindness and cheer. We were guests at Bethel Nursing home for an exciting afternoon of Bingo. Some children got to deliver the prizes to the winners and others partnered up with a resident to assist as needed. The young and old alike enjoyed each other's company and time well spent together. We have been invited back to play again soon.



Scripts



In November, Youth and Family Ministries started the Scripts program. A fundraiser to purchase gift cards with a percentage of sales coming back to Peace Youth and Family. We are very excited to

begin this journey and don't see it as a quick fundraiser for extra stuff you really don't need nor want to overpay for. Instead, this will be a year-round service that we provide to you, simple and convenient. With over 700 brands to choose from, we are sure to meet all of your shopping needs. Gift cards can be purchased online through www.shopwithscrip.com, in person at the church office, or with a paper form available in the Narthex at the family table or in the office. If you are purchasing online, you will need to enroll with Peace's code: 5BEL5ABF66112. You can easily download an app on any smartphone to get electronic gift cards instantly.

How Scripts works is that you purchase a gift card for a store of your choosing, you will receive a gift card from that store for the full value of the amount you pay. Peace will receive a percentage of the amount paid. It is just that easy! If you have any questions, please see Nicki McKnight. Once again, we are so excited to roll out this win-win fundraising opportunity just in time for all your holiday shopping needs!

CURATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SHOW LOVE, JOY, PEACE, AND PATIENCE; BE KIND, GENEROUS, AND FAITHFUL; BE GENTLE AND HAVE SELF-CONTROL.

The 1st and 2nd grade Sunday school concluded their mini lesson of the Fruit of the Spirit by sharing their talents in the kitchen. Our menu was specially designed to capture fruit of course, but also showing love for our congregation, spreading joy, patience in the kitchen, and being generous with our talents - living with the fruit of the spirit in mind. I am so proud of all the students. We had a fabulous time baking Saturday and the students filled my heart and many others with their smiles and outstanding hospitality on Sunday! I appreciated the parent support, especially the extra hands washing dishes Saturday and Sunday! A special thank you to Samantha Felker for helping with crafts during hospitality.



Pancakes for a Purpose

A great big thank you to all who stopped by or stayed for a bite during our pancake breakfast hospitality hour. The event was a huge success. Not only did we raise a good deal of funds for our confirmation kids, we had a great time gathering, eating and socializing. A special thank you to the cooks and crew who worked to set up and clean up for the event. Without their teamwork we would not be able to hold these events which both give back to the church and help raise valuable funds for camp scholarships, curriculum, special outings, local and national gatherings and much, much more. Thank you to all.



CURATOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



CHRISTINE ANN GIVING TREE: ITEMS COLLECTED THE 2ND OF DECEMBER

Thank you to all who helped contribute items from the Christine Ann Giving Tree. This year, the items were geared towards general household needs. Your generosity is much appreciated.



NEW "HELP REQUEST" AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE HOMEPAGE

Peace Lutheran Church cares about its church family. We offer home communion visits, pastoral visits, meals that heal, a prayer shawl, to be added to the prayer list. Sometimes we need your help to know you or someone you love needs these services. If you have any of these needs, please reach out to the church office by calling 920.231.4730 or filling out the online form available on our church website's homepage, www.peaceoshkosh.org.



"MY GIVING BAG" PROJECT

(MISSION AND OUTREACH)

Arriving the first Sunday in December! "My Giving Bags" will be given out to members of Peace to be used to remind us as we do our grocery shopping to pick up a few extra items that we can bring to Peace to share with those in need. The food items can be donated to Lutheran Food Pantry (collecting the first Sunday of the month) or to the Little Free Pantry (collecting the 3rd Sunday of the month).



PEACE AND 8TH DAY PROJECT SERVE AT THE DAY BY DAY WARMING SHELTER (MISSION AND OUTREACH)

Under the leadership of Kim Dawson and Janell Duwell, Peace Lutheran Church has gathered volunteers and food to serve meals at the Day by Day Warming Shelter.



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GYM STAGE FLOOR RENOVATION

In coordination with the updates of the gym floor, the gym stage floor has been treated to a deep sanding and a new matte finish. Plans are being formulated about how to best use the space of the gym stage, in the meantime, the goal is to keep the stage clutter free.



SPUD FEED

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11TH, 5:30 PM IN THE SOCIAL CENTER

The Mission and Outreach Team will be hosting their 3rd Annual Spud Feed to celebrate the service of The Little Free Pantry. The Spud Feed is open to all of the community and members of the church. Please help spread the word. We hope to see you there.

Join us as we celebrate 3 years of the little free pantry & gardens at peace with a free baked potato bar with a full buffet of toppings for all our neighbors and friends!



PEACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH

SPUD FEED | WEDNESDAY
DEC 11TH
5:30-6:30PM

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

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. After four weeks, the name will be removed unless the church is notified. This list is open to all and categories are, but not limited to: health recovery, military deployment, milestones, etc.

PRAYER

"God can handle your doubt, anger, fear, grief, confusion, and questions. You can bring everything to him in prayer."

RICK WARREN

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Health/Healing: Bob Bruce, Bob & Marilyn Cornell, Herb Dieckmann, Steve Elza, Luann Gifford, Doris Hanusa, Jody Rabe, Pastor Marty & Lola Ruge, Margaret Voss

Encouragement: Bishops Elizabeth Eaton and Gerald Manshol, 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)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS HOSPITALIZED. We most often don't know someone is hospitalized unless you call the church office. HIPAA regulations have made it hard for us to get that information from the hospital, they usually tell us no one is registered when we make the daily call to them.

Our Sympathies to Family and Friends of:

Nancy J. Hartman, who died November 11, 2019 Her funeral was November 16, 2019, at Peace Lutheran Church with Rev. Brad Dokken officiating.

Alex & Jen Dworak on the passing of Jen's father.

Memorials: Delores Glaeser—General Fund
Helen Wright—General Fund
Doris Troiber—General Fund, VP Quilters
Bob/Doris Luedtke—General Fund, AED Supplies, Endowment Fund

MID-WEEK WORSHIP



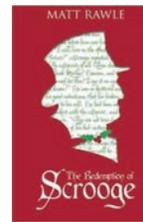
We offer a weekly Wednesday worship service at **5:30pm in our chapel area**. This is a service complete with communion and we often use the readings from the previous Sunday. If you cannot make it on Sunday mornings, consider joining us Wednesday evenings.

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATIONS

Discussions each Sunday after Worship

Grab your coffee and drop in the newly renovated **Reflection Room** for some spirited discussion .

COMING IN DECEMBER—During this Advent season, Sunday sermons will be based on the short novel, "The Redemption of Scrooge." Using the same novel, our discussions will similarly follow along the same theme.



December 1: Bah, Humbug!

December 8: Ghost of Christmas Past

December 15: Ghost of Christmas Present

December 22: Ghost of Christmas Future

Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

Dec 1: Honor of Ben Barfknecht's Birthday

Dec 8: Honor of Rory & Alicia Alsberg's Anniversary

Dec 15: Honor of the birthdays of Dave & Signe Nelson's Grandchildren

Dec 22: Christmas Flowers

Dec 29: Christmas Flowers

The **Flower Calendar for 2020 is on the Café Table** in the Narthex in calendar format. The amount remains the same—\$25. Remember you have a choice as to using your funds for altar flowers or for the summer flowers/floral landscaping on the church grounds. Either way, recognition of the celebration/memorial will be announced in the newsletter, bulletin and Sunday slides.



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. 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/>.

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.



MEMBER INFORMATION

SPECIAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER ALL SAINTS DAY (November 2018— 2019)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND AT THE 10:30 SERVICE.

We will also be celebrating Holy Communion at this service. "A CHILDREN'S CAROL" is the name of the program.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:

2:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM (CHOIR), 11:00PM

All services will have Holy Communion and Candlelight.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP:

9:00AM WITH HOLY COMMUNION

LESSONS AND CAROLS:

DECEMBER 29TH AT 9:00AM

(one service this Sunday)



CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

December 7, 2018 starting at 9am



Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church. No experience needed, just your helping hands! Stay for an hour or stay until the fun is done! We would love to see you! Questions: Call Ruth Vorpahl, 231-6769, or Kathi Sawall, 231-4153, katcall@charter.net

LUNCH BUNCH

December 11, 2018, at 11:30am at Legends. PLEASE call Sally at 385-0425 to reserve your spot by the Monday preceding—December 9. This will give Sally time to inform the restaurant how many will be attending. Bring a friend!



ADVENT SERIES - THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE

This Advent season we will be using the story of Ebenezer Scrooge as our backdrop in preparing for Christmas. Each week we will explore a different spirit or idea lifted up in Charles Dickens beloved classic, "A Christmas Carol". Fun fact - each of the four Spirits in "A Christmas Carol" represent one of the four candles we light during the Advent season.

Make plans to join us in worship each week during Advent to learn more about how the story of Ebenezer Scrooge reflects our faith and relationship with God.

- ADVENT 1 - December 1: Bah Humbug!
- ADVENT 2 - December 8: Ghost of Christmas Past
- ADVENT 3 - December 15: Ghost of Christmas Present
- ADVENT 4 - December 22: Ghost of Christmas Future
- CHRISTMAS EVE: God Bless Us, Everyone!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

We will be having our annual Blue Christmas Service on **Wednesday, December 18th, at 5:30pm in our chapel.** Christmas is not a happy or joyous time for everyone and we offer this service as a way to spend time reflecting on how this season is different for everyone. In the midst of our doubt, our grief and our uncertainty we will be reminded of God's love for us and how it was given to us in less than ideal circumstances.



DIED:

Ella Mae Beck
 Lois Becker
 Paul Buetow
 Eugene Elmer
 Jacqueline Elmer
 Ellen Faust
 Doris Luedtke



Robert Luedtke
 Alice Meitzen
 Wayne Ruechel
 Reinhard Schmidt
 Doris Troiber
 Helen Wright
 Margaret Ziebell

BAPTIZED:

Harrison Alves
 Callie Duwell
 Kendyl Engen



Olivia Lohry
 Liam Miller
 Terrence Tucker

CARE OF CONGREGATION TEAM

We are in need of postage stamps. If you are able to donate some, please designate they are for the team and put in the 'Care of Congregation' mailbox or drop off in the church office.



WARMING SHELTER MEALS

Peace Lutheran is signed up to serve 4 meals at the Day by Day Warming Shelter in the 2019-2020 season. The time commitment is from 5:30 to 7:00pm. We are scheduled for 2 Fridays and 2 Sundays based on the feedback to give everyone a chance to volunteer if they would like. Contact Kim Dawson or Janell Duwell to offer your help.



DATES LEFT:
 SUNDAY, MARCH 15
 FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

MEMBER INFORMATION



Acts of Peace Players

Presents:

A CHRISTMAS CAROL(?)

December 5,6,7 @ 7:00pm

December 7 @ 2:00pm

Peace Lutheran Church

240 W 9th Ave

Oshkosh WI

What happens when six community theater members are forced to put on a production of "A Christmas Carol" with little notice?

This show is filled with hilarity along with the traditional story we all love.

As a way to say **"Thank You"** to our friends at Peace for all of their support, we would like to make this offer: Bring this ad to any performance and receive a free ticket with the purchase of a ticket of equal value.

Free ticket must be used at the same performance. Not valid for any other production or in conjunction with any other offer. Tickets may be paper copy or digital. One offer per person, ticket must be surrendered or shown at time of purchase.



ACTS OF PEACE PLAYERS

PRESENTS:

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL(?) - A WORLD PREMIERE!"

What happens when a community theater group is forced to put on a production of Charles Dickens "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" with little time to prepare? This family-friendly comedy takes the beloved story so many of us know and adds a comedic twist from playwright Brad Dokken. You will be laughing from start to finish with moments of suspense and tugs at the heart strings built in.

You won't want to miss this latest offering from Acts of Peace Players! Performances are *December 5th, 6th, and 7th at 7:00pm and a matinee on December 7th at 2:00pm.*

All performances take place in the Social Center of Peace Lutheran Church.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



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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.

IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF: _____
(Circle one) (please print clearly)

Given by: _____

Complete this order form and return it with your \$12.00 to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Please make your check payable to PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRE-SCHOOL

PLAY-BASED LEARNING

Peace Christian Preschool uses a play-based learning approach. If you are not familiar with the term, here is what you can expect from play-based learning: Play-based learning is a type of early childhood education based on child-led and open-ended play. If you're picturing preschoolers finger painting or 'playing house', you're spot on.

Play itself is a voluntary, enjoyable activity with no purpose or end goal. Believe it or not, activities like this lay the foundation for a child to become a curious and excited learner later in life. Play-based learning helps children develop social skills, motivation to learn, and even language and numeracy skills. Taking initiative, focused attention, and curiosity about the world are all a part of play.



4K FIELD TRIP: RIDING THE CITY BUS TO THE OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our 4K classrooms enjoyed a fun excursion to the Oshkosh Public Library with a ride on the city bus. Students (and their families) learned about the city's public transportation and explored our awesome library--and got library cards!



MYSTERY READER

We have a lot of fun with our annual Mystery Reader program. On the last day of their school week, we invite important people from our children's lives to make a surprise visit to the preschool classrooms to be a Mystery Reader. We enjoy parents, grandparents, neighbors, siblings, members of the church staff and city employees. Our children love the new faces coming into their classrooms!

PEACE LUTHERAN PRE-SCHOOL



ART TO REMEMBER: A FUN WAY TO FUNDRAISE

Our families participated in Art to Remember. The children create the artwork in the classroom with their teachers. The artwork is shipped to a magical place in Indianapolis where it becomes a mug, an ornament, a coaster or another type of special memento. A lot of fun!



FUNDRAISERS

The preschool does many fundraisers throughout the school year to fund updates to our space. This year we are raising funds to update built-in shelving and install cupboard doors on closets. Some of our fundraisers are open to the public for participation. We will once again be selling OCM cards for \$10. We will continue to host Meat Raffles.

NEW:

We are selling cheesecakes from Tamara the Cake Guru—look for those flyers in church bulletins and through Facebook on how to order.

Orders are due by December 2, pick-up date is December 12.

2020 OCM CARDS

Available in December for \$10 through the Peace Preschool office or see Heather Miller. The Preschool receives a portion of the sale so everyone wins!

MEAT RAFFLE

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PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT
PEACE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL!

**DECEMBER 10,
FEBRUARY 18 AND APRIL 28TH**
BEGINNING @ 6:30PM

Just buy a \$ 1/ paddle, wait in anticipation as the wheel spins, if it stops on your lucky paddle number...YOU WIN!!!
Each spin promises a prize!

PLAYERS PIZZA AND PUB
556 W 5TH AVE OSHKOSH, WI

Bring your dollar bills for a chance to win plenty of meat from local markets.
Winner, winner chicken dinner!

THOSE SERVING US IN DECEMBER 2019

December 1st		8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Altar Guild:	Andy Janke		Jessica Felker
Acolyte	Logan Loar		Colton Felker
Assisting Minister:	Heather Kangas		Kim Blake-Jungwirth
Communion Asst:	Andy Janke		Kristi Cocking
Lector:	Kayla Pfluger		Kristi Cocking
Ushers:	Amy Lee, Karen Kieper, Jari Hall		Rory Alsberg; George & Kathi Sawall
Tech/Sound Booth:	Steve Berholtz and Dan Kieper		Matt Crowe and TBD
Hospitality:	Amy Lee, Mary Davis, Ruth Vorpal		
December 8th		8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Altar Guild:	Heather Miller		Cori Stromberg
Acolyte	Cameron Miller		Robert Angell
Assisting Minister:	Heather Miller		Lucinda Porter
Communion Asst:	Kathy Berholtz		Jean Andersen
Lector:	Don Lewis		Kim Blake-Jungwirth
Ushers:	Amy Lee, Karen Kieper, Jari Hall		Nelson Family
Tech/Sound Booth:	Steve Berholtz and Dan Kieper		Matt Crowe and TBD
Hospitality:	Dawn Heitman and Diane Friday		
December 15th		8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Altar Guild:	Joyce Christianson		Jessica Felker
Acolyte	Ella Case		Alexis Hayes
Assisting Minister:	NONE		Donna Johnson
Communion Asst:	Steve Berholtz		Kim Krukow
Lector:	Lauren Case		Matthew Pfluger
Ushers:	Amy Lee, Karen Kieper, Jari Hall		Eric Smiltneek; Jean and Jesse Andersen
Tech/Sound Booth:	Steve Berholtz and Dan Kieper		Matt Crowe and TBD
Hospitality:	Heidi Nelson and Jenny Dehn		
December 22nd		8:00 Service	10:30 Service (Sunday School Holiday Program)
Altar Guild:	Andy Janke		Nancy Schettl
Acolyte	Logan Loar		Sunday School Student
Assisting Minister:	NONE		NONE
Communion Asst:	Amy Lee		Sunday School Student
Lector:	Nancy Lokken		Sunday School Student
Ushers:	Amy Lee, Karen Kieper, Jari Hall		Sunday School Student
Tech/Sound Booth:	Steve Berholtz and Dan Kieper		Kim Dawson
Hospitality:	TBD		
December 29th		9:00am Single Service	
Altar Guild:	Signe & Dave Nelson (No Communion)	Ushers:	Alsbergs and Berholtz'
Reader One:	Don Lewis	Tech/Sound Booth:	Steve Berholtz
Reader Two:	Nancy Lokken	Hospitality:	Alicia Alsberg and family
Reader Three:	Still Open		
Reader Four:	Still Open		

Peace Lutheran Church December 2019 Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ADVENT 1 8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9am Sunday School 9am Hospitality Hour 9:10am Scripture Conversation 10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP 5:30pm Acts of Peace 6pm 8th Day Project	2 11:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Acts of Peace Players	3 5:30pm Acts of Peace Players 6:30pm Barbershoppers	4 5:30PM WORSHIP 5:30pm Acts of Peace Players 6:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Confirmation	5 9am VPs Quilting 6pm Pickleball 7pm Acts of Peace/Christmas Carol	6 9:30am Bulletin Team 7pm Acts of Peace/Christmas Carol	7 9am Church Decorating 2pm and 7pm Acts of Peace/Christmas Carol
8 ADVENT 2 8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9am Sunday School 9am Hospitality Hour 9:10am Scripture Conversation 10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP 6pm 8th Day Project	9 11:30am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Promotion Team 6:30pm Bag Toss Group	10 6:30pm Meat Raffle at Players 6:30pm Barbershoppers	11 11:30am Lunch Bunch @ Legends 5pm Spud Feed 6:30pm Chancel Choir 6:30pm Confirmation	12 5pm Care of Congregation Team 6pm Pickleball	13 9:30am Bulletin Team	14
15 ADVENT 3 8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9am Sunday School 9am Hospitality Hour 9:10am Scripture Conversation 10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP 11:30am Children's Program Practice 1pm Sunday Funday 6pm 8th Day Project	16 11:30am Staff Meeting 12pm Staff/Volunteer Potluck Lunch	17 6:30pm Leadership Team 6:30pm Barbershoppers	18 5:30PM 'BLUE CHRISTMAS' WORSHIP 6pm Confirmation Christmas Party 6:30pm Chancel Choir	19 6pm Pickleball	20 9:30am Bulletin Team	21
22 ADVENT 4 8AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9am Sunday School 9am Hospitality Hour 9:10am Scripture Conversation 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM 6pm 8th Day Project	23 11:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Bag Toss Group	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 2PM WORSHIP 5PM WORSHIP 7PM WORSHIP 11PM WORSHIP	25 CHRISTMAS 9AM CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 9:30am Bulletin Team	28
29 9AM LESSONS & CAROLS WORSHIP 10am Hospitality Hour 6pm 8th Day Project	30 11:30am Staff Meeting	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

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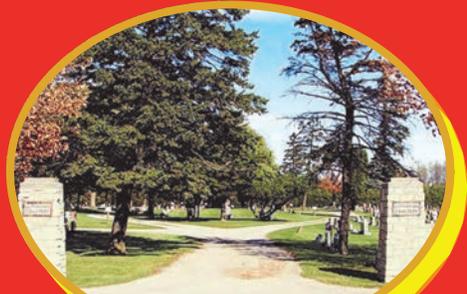
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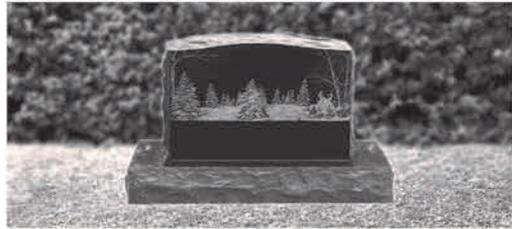
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