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# Messenger of Peace

## From Pastor's Desk

Dear Members and Friends,

We begin December with the season of Advent. It is a time of preparation, examination, joy, and wonder. One of the symbols we use to chart our way through this season is the Advent Wreath with its 4 or 5 candles. I thought it might be helpful to explain the wreath and its symbolism for as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, these candles help us to center on the theme that is emphasized each week during the Advent Season.



The first candle of the Advent wreath is a purple one called the **Prophecy Candle**. It signals a calling to repentance. It represents the light of the prophecy concerning the coming of Christ, a light to penetrate the darkness of spiritual ignorance and give hope to the world.



The second candle, also purple, is called **Bethlehem Candle**. It is symbolic of the preparations that are being made to receive the Christ-Child, and it reminds believers today to prepare to receive Him again, each into his own heart. When Christ comes to dwell among him people he brings peace.



The third candle, a pink one, is the **Shepherd's Candle**. Pink is the color of joy and reminds Christians to share their "joy of salvation" with others, even as the shepherds of the first Christmas joyfully "made known the saying which was told them concerning the Child."



The fourth candle, purple again, is known as the **Angel's Candle**. God's love for mankind proclaimed by the angels that a Savior is born for you. It is a reminder that as the angels announced the first Advent of Christ, so they will herald His return at the end of time, when His rule will be established as an endless kingdom of glory in heaven.

**The Christ Candle**, which may be included in the center of the Advent wreath, is a white or red candle lit on Christmas Eve. White symbolizes the divinity of Christ, while red symbolizes the work of Christ, which was his suffering, death, and resurrection to redeem all.

May God bless each of your preparations, as you anticipate the Christmas Story of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to each of your families.

~~Pastor Griesse

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## Advent Services...

Midweek Advent Devotions with Soup & Sandwich Suppers start Wednesday, December 6th. Soup & Sandwich Supper starts at 6:00 p.m. with Devotions following at 6:45 p.m. There is a food sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

## Christmas Eve Worship

The Christmas Eve Worship Schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Regular Sunday Service

5:30 p.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran

7:30 p.m. Worship at Peace Lutheran

## December O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 8th at Apple Tree Restaurant (Yakima). Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4353 or [shotwell@elltel.net](mailto:shotwell@elltel.net)).



**Advent**

*Older,  
Wiser,  
Lutheran  
Seniors*

Thank you!

You're Invited...

## Holiday Bazaar...

Thank you to all who helped with Our Lady of Lourdes Holiday Bazaar. A big thanks to Teri Sanchez for heading-up Peace Lutheran's part in the bazaar. They still have some money coming in but so far they raised just under \$600. Good job!

## Shroud of Turin...

Holy Family Catholic Church in Yakima will be hosting a presentation on the "Shroud of Turin". The *Shroud of Turin Talk and Exact Full Size Replica* will be at Holy Family (5315 Tieton Dr., Yakima) on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. All people are welcome.

The Shroud of Turin is believed by many to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ and the evidence points in this direction. Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image which contains photographic and 3-D properties on a cloth centuries old. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. Teens and up are especially encouraged to come. There will be a free-will offering. For more information call 509-697-4633.

## Mission Jar Donations

The Fellowship Board would like to remind everyone that the Mission Jar set out each Sunday by the snacks is a voluntary donation only. You don't have to donate to have refreshments/snacks. All money collected in the Mission Jar will be used to help a member(s) of our church who may need a little extra assistance, and will be distributed at the end of the year. Thank you to all who have donated to the jar; we appreciate your generosity!

# Bible Study Classes...

**Sunday Adult Bible Study Class** - Steve Sinclair leads the class. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the adult classroom.

**Wednesday Bible Study Class** - This class is on break until January.

**Women's Saturday Bible Study** - This class is also on break for the holidays and will not meet again until January 13th.

"Let's  
study  
God's  
Word"

Important  
Notice...

## Game Night/Potluck

This month's Game Night is Monday, December 4th at 5:30 p.m. We will be playing "52-Card Bingo" (or trying anyway!). It should be fun and probably a lot of laughs. Bring a dish to share and join the fun.

52-card  
Bingo!

## Peace Quilters...

Thank you to everyone who purchased a quilt from our Quilters. The Quilters will not be meeting during the holidays. They will meet again after the first of January (weather permitting).



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for December 18th. All Peace Lutheran men are invited to meet at Tailgaters in Selah at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of relaxing and just shooting the breeze.

## Office Closure...

The Church office will be closed  
Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th  
in observance of the Christmas Holiday.



## L.E.R.T. - Lutheran Early Response Training

For those interested in participating in the LERT Training, Peace is tentatively scheduling training for the end of April. We will have more information for you as it becomes available.

LERT is Lutheran Early Response Training. This is part of the LCMS Disaster Response program. LERT members are not first responders. They assist in repair and recovery operations. LERT teams can be formed in a congregation or by members of separate congregations. Once certified they become part of the Synod's response. LERT teams have assisted after hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes, etc. They may deploy to other areas/states if they are willing. LERT responds as the church, sharing Christ's mercy with all in need, not just Lutherans. We are the church in action.

As a part of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Peace Lutheran has an opportunity to organize a Disaster Response Training Event to be held here at our church. Together with the LCMS we will address the nature of disasters and explore what our response should be to disasters. We will explore how Christ has shown mercy to us, and how we can show our community that same Christ-like mercy. The goal is to prepare our congregation and individual members to be better prepared when a disaster strikes, and to help them know how to respond within our congregation, and in word and deed, within the greater communities.

The training session consists of a registration fee of \$35 per person to cover cost of lunch, materials and travel (for trainer). Training sessions are generally scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on a Saturday. There are three main sections: 1) An introduction to the LCMS Disaster Response program, 2) congregation preparedness and 3) Lutheran Early Response Teams. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the training session (men or women). Only LCMS members who are 18 years or older, however, receive certification as LCMS volunteers.

If you are interested in attending the training session please let Pastor Griesse or Steve Shotwell know.

## Help Wanted...

Would anyone like to take over the "duty" of changing the reader board sign periodically? You wouldn't have to choose what to put up, just be willing to put the letters up. It's not difficult unless you have a bad back/neck as you would be looking up while performing the task. Let Tammy in the office know if you would be interested.

Showing  
Christ's  
Mercy

Can  
You  
Help?

Read Through the Bible in a Year!			
December			
1	Galatians 5:1-15	Lamentations 5	Psalms 147
2	Galatians 5:16-26	Ezekiel 1	Psalms 148
3	Galatians 6	Ezekiel 2-3	Psalms 149
4	Ephesians 1	Ezekiel 4-5	Psalms 150
5	Ephesians 2	Ezekiel 6-7	Isaiah 40
6	Ephesians 3	Ezekiel 8-9	Isaiah 41
7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ezekiel 10-11	Isaiah 42
8	Ephesians 4:17-32	Ezekiel 12-13	Isaiah 43
9	Ephesians 5:1-20	Ezekiel 14-15	Isaiah 44
10	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ezekiel 16	Isaiah 45
11	Ephesians 6	Ezekiel 17	Isaiah 46
12	Philippians 1:1-11	Ezekiel 18	Isaiah 47
13	Philippians 1:12-30	Ezekiel 19	Isaiah 48
14	Philippians 2:1-11	Ezekiel 20	Isaiah 49
15	Philippians 2:12-30	Ezekiel 21-22	Isaiah 50
16	Philippians 3	Ezekiel 23	Isaiah 51
17	Philippians 4	Ezekiel 24	Isaiah 52
18	Colossians 1:1-23	Ezekiel 25-26	Isaiah 53
19	Colossians 1:24-2:19	Ezekiel 27-28	Isaiah 54
20	Colossians 2:20-3:17	Ezekiel 29-30	Isaiah 55
21	Colossians 3:18-4:18	Ezekiel 31-32	Isaiah 56
22	Luke 1:1-25	Ezekiel 33	Isaiah 57
23	Luke 1:26-56	Ezekiel 34	Isaiah 58
24	Luke 1:57-80	Ezekiel 35-36	Isaiah 59
25	Luke 2:1-20	Ezekiel 37	Isaiah 60
26	Luke 2:21-52	Ezekiel 38-39	Isaiah 61
27	Luke 3:1-20	Ezekiel 40-41	Isaiah 62
28	Luke 3:21-38	Ezekiel 42-43	Isaiah 63
29	Luke 4:1-30	Ezekiel 44-45	Isaiah 64
30	Luke 4:31-44	Ezekiel 46-47	Isaiah 65
31	Luke 5:1-26	Ezekiel 48	Isaiah 66