

**PEACE
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Messenger of Peace

December 10, 2021

To All Peace Lutheran Church Members,

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 NIV

First... Thank You for trusting me to lead our church family during this changing time. The road has been rocky but the journey is just beginning. We are starting a new chapter in the book titled "Peace Lutheran Church".

Our church, God's House, has been through a lot, but with His Grace there is nothing beyond repair. Using generous amounts of forgiveness, love, and cooperation as our guidelines, we will accomplish a "peaceful" Peace Lutheran Church.

Prayers and Faith will set our course. And with Steve Hert as our Vice President and the individuals that were elected to serve on our Boards, we will find and accomplish God's plan for all of us.

Please feel free to call me (509) 837-2929 with your concerns, your suggestions, and your questions. I do not have all the answers but I will be glad to receive your input. I feel communication is vital and is the key for all of us being heard with respect.

With prayers, we will, as a Church, find the path and with wisdom we will follow and be blessed.

With God we go,

Shirley Pedraza
President

Parish Council Meeting...

We will have a Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. All Board Chairs (or a representative of the Board) are asked to attend.

Men's Night Out...

The next Men's Night Out is scheduled for Monday, January 17th at 6:00 at Tailgaters. Join other Peace men for a night of fellowship, food and relaxation.

2022 Offering Envelopes...

The new offering envelopes for 2022 should be available the first week in January. **PLEASE use the new envelopes for your 2022 offerings.** (Throw away your 2021 envelopes.) Some of the numbers have changed from last year so we need you to use the new envelopes in order to make sure your contributions get posted to the right account. Also, be sure to check your member mailboxes for year-end statements, and clean out any Christmas cards, etc.

Pastor Joeckel to Visit...

Pastor Toby Joeckel, our Intentional Interim Pastor, will visit with our congregation after the worship service on January 9th in order to answer any questions pertaining to being the Intentional Interim Pastor.

Installation of Officers/Board Members...

Officers/Board Chairs will be installed and Board Members recognized during our January 9th Service. If you were elected to serve in any position please plan to attend this service.

Church Directory...

We will be updating the Church Directory and need everyone to update their information. Please take a moment to make sure your info is correct or supply any missing information if needed. Let Tammy in the office know if changes need to be made.

Men's Prayer Breakfast...

The Wednesday morning Men's Prayer Breakfast has changed locations. They are now meeting at the T & T Lounge in Selah at 7 a.m. each Wednesday morning.

January Pastors' Schedule...

The schedule for pastor coverage for Worship Services in January is as follows:

January 2	Rev. Jack Flachsbart
January 9	Rev. Dr. John Krueger
January 16	Rev. Jack Flachsbart
January 23	Rev. Dr. John Krueger
January 30	Rev. Jack Flachsbart

**DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY
PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR
REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD. AND THE PEACE OF
GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD
YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.
PHILIPPIANS 4:6**



Recognized & Licensed

Recognition is a significant milestone for emerging leaders. Consider ways to recognize such men and women as ministry leaders in your midst. District licensing of deacons (LLD) is a way of recognizing men prepared to assist pastors in ministry. Learn more about LLDs at nowlcms.org and search LLD.

Called & Commissioned

The Concordia University & Seminary System prepares men and women to serve as called Teachers, Principals, Deaconesses, Directors of Christian Education, Outreach, Church Music and more by distance or residential routes. Learn more at www.cus.edu.

Called & Ordained

Numerous paths, distance and residential, exist for preparing men for ordination as Pastors in the LCMS. Learn more at www.csl.edu, www.ctsfw.edu, and www.cui.edu.

PODCAST: [A Leader Serves](#)

RECOGNITION & CALLING

More Will Be Given

1. Jesus said much about those who are faithful in ministry. Read Matthew 25:14-29. In Jesus' parable, how are those who are faithful in ministry recognized for their faithfulness? What are the indicators that someone is faithful in ministry for the LORD?
2. How do you recognize faithfulness in ministry leadership in your particular setting?

If our ministries develop a culture of "I See in You" and regularly "Train, Mentor, and Engage" emerging leaders, we will find many who are suited for more. Read the gray box on the left. "Called" is when God, through a congregation's choosing, sets apart a person for ministry. "Commissioning" is the church's public confirmation of that for lay church workers, just as "Ordination" is for Pastors.

3. In the past, who has your ministry identified and encouraged into further preparation to be a "called" worker in Christ's mission? Who currently? How was their faithfulness recognized?
4. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9, where Paul gives additional qualifications for those engaged in pastoral ministry. Pick one attribute that stands out to you and explain why.
5. Currently hundreds of LCMS congregations are without pastors; the need is similar for all church workers. What more could your ministry do to invite and encourage leaders into "called" ministry?

PRAY: Thank God for the faithful leaders in your ministry – past, present, and future!

FOLLOW THROUGH and FOLLOW UP: Make a plan to celebrate and recognize your faithful leaders. Consider brainstorming new ways you might recognize them.

“Recognize and celebrate new leaders. Encourage those with potential to become “called” workers.”

Haiti Mission News...

Greetings in the Name of Immanuel, Jesus Christ, God with Us. Alleluia!

Rev. Paul and the ministry continue to deal with a variety of illnesses among the children and young adults. Rev. Paul assured me, "They have received treatments and are getting better."

We talked about some of the challenging and unstable situations in Haiti with a government waiting until the end of 2022 for an election, the intense inflation in the country (mainly due to lack of petroleum), and apparent increase of gang activity. As they are in the northeast (nord est) corner of the country, as far away from Port au Prince as one can be in Haiti, he exclaimed, "Things in the nord est are perfect," at least concerning gangs and other political problems. He went on to say, "We are doing what God has put in front of us to do. I do not look at the political environment and give up; but instead, we are caring for the people He has given us." This is a very healthy approach in every situation; let me take note.

The ministry is addressing some periodic maintenance concerns that are more costly than previous years. We will support them the best we can to be good stewards of the property.

Rev. Paul celebrated a birthday early this month and explained, "I did not have a party or any time to celebrate. I needed to travel, then I had a Bible study to lead, followed with overnight worship. It was a very busy day for my birthday." I did experience part of one overnight worship. Blessings to these zealous, praising souls.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

Read Through the Bible in a Year!

January			
1	Luke 5:27-39	Genesis 1-2	Psalms 1
2	Luke 6:1-26	Genesis 3-5	Psalms 2
3	Luke 6:27-49	Genesis 6-7	Psalms 3
4	Luke 7:1-17	Genesis 8-10	Psalms 4
5	Luke 7:18-50	Genesis 11	Psalms 5
6	Luke 8:1-25	Genesis 12	Psalms 6
7	Luke 8:26-56	Genesis 13-14	Psalms 7
8	Luke 9:1-27	Genesis 15	Psalms 8
9	Luke 9:28-62	Genesis 16	Psalms 9
10	Luke 10:1-20	Genesis 17	Psalms 10
11	Luke 10:21-42	Genesis 18	Psalms 11
12	Luke 11:1-28	Genesis 19	Psalms 12
13	Luke 11:29-54	Genesis 20	Psalms 13
14	Luke 12:1-31	Genesis 21	Psalms 14
15	Luke 12:32-59	Genesis 22	Psalms 15
16	Luke 13:1-17	Genesis 23	Psalms 16
17	Luke 13:18-35	Genesis 24	Psalms 17
18	Luke 14:1-24	Genesis 25	Psalms 18
19	Luke 14:25-35	Genesis 26	Psalms 19
20	Luke 15	Genesis 27:1-45	Psalms 20
21	Luke 16	Genesis 27:46-28:22	Psalms 21
22	Luke 17	Genesis 29:1-30	Psalms 22
23	Luke 18:1-17	Genesis 29:31-30:43	Psalms 23
24	Luke 18:18-43	Genesis 31	Psalms 24
25	Luke 19:1-27	Genesis 32-33	Psalms 25
26	Luke 19:28-48	Genesis 34	Psalms 26
27	Luke 20:1-26	Genesis 35-36	Psalms 27
28	Luke 20:27-47	Genesis 37	Psalms 28
29	Luke 21	Genesis 38	Psalms 29
30	Luke 22:1-38	Genesis 39	Psalms 30
31	Luke 22:39-71	Genesis 40	Psalms 31

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> <div> E-mail: peacelutheranselah@gmail.com Website: peacelutheranchurch.360unite.com </div> <div> ALTAR GUILD Teri Sanchez </div> </div>						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 8:00 A.A. Grp.
2 (C) Rev. Jack Flachsbart Elder: Steve Sinclair 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion (11 a.m. @ BLC)	3	4 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg.	5 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast @ T&T in Selah	6 10:00 Stewardship Mtg.	7	8 8:00 A.A. Grp.
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