

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of January 7, 2024

Ongoing Illness:

Ruth Altman (at her sister's in Millersburg)
Betty Claus (recently diagnosed with cancer and now under hospice care at home)
Neil Claus, cousin of Dave Schaedig (terminally ill; at Medilodge, RC)
Norm Elowski (at Alpena Medilodge)
Gail Martens (at Medilodge, RC)
Marie McDonald (at home)
Jack Nowak (under hospice care)
Marlin Schalk (at The Brook)
Ryan Schaudt, son of Larry and Peggy (waiting for specialist referrals and additional testing)
Heather Scranton (undergoing dialysis)

In Our Prayers:

Undergoing Testing/Treatment:

Sandy Altman, Phylis Altman's sister (with cancer)
Ellen Carter (dealing with cancer) She and her husband David are visitors to our area)
Carol Spaeth, wife of Pastor David Spaeth (undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)

Also: The Call Committee as they look for another candidate following Pastor Stahl's declining of the call; our members, family members, and friends serving in the military, including **Jacob Hein** (serving in the National Guard), **Dustin Hein** (serving at Fort Liberty/Bragg, North Carolina),

Robert Entenmann (serving at Fort Campbell, Tennessee); and **Cameron Bauers**, grandson of Sandy Marshall, currently stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; our adopted missionary family, **Rev. Steve and Martha Mahlburg and family**, serving in Sri Lanka; and our Adopt-A-Student from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, **Michael Winckler**.

Serving our Congregation this AM:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Joshua Schultz

Organist: D. Rothe

Elders: R. Martens & S. Grulke

Ushers: C. Grulke & S. Haan

Layreader: S. Haan

Power Point: Volunteer Needed

Members are encouraged to bring additional prayer requests to the attention of an Elder. Prayer request forms are located on the table in the narthex and may be filled out and given to an Elder, or an Usher, or you may drop a note in the church office or send an E-mail to office@peacecms.org.

'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance

Needed per week - Operating and Kingdom Work – Home: \$3,258.35

Counter Sheets (12/31/23):	General: \$1,543.00	Missions: \$295.00	Maint. & Improv.: \$467.00
Attendance (12/31/23): 59	Communed: 53	Contemporary: 16	Communed: 14
Sr. Youth Coffee Hr.: \$37.00	Concordia Refund: \$9.13	Sr. Youth: \$10.00	Mahlburg: \$5.00

A gift was given to the **General Fund** from Shirley Haan in loving memory of Norma Wirgau.

Christian Education Opportunities:

Sunday School is held this year from 10:20 until 11:00 a.m. on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month. Curriculum will be based on Bible stories that have food incorporated into the lesson; they will include an activity and also a suggested family activity. Please contact Leeny at 734-4740 if you have any questions (or suggestions). Thank you!

The Women's Joint Bible Study has resumed and meets the second Monday of each month (January 8) at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. Karen Quade is the Study Leader.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study has resumed meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

This & That at Peace:

Upcoming Guest Pastors:

January 7 – Pastor Schultz; January 14 – Pastor LeClair; January 21 – Pastor Grulke; January 28 – Pastor Erickson

Fundraising Update:

(1) If anyone knows where the six misplaced cookie sheets that were in the kitchen are, please let someone from the fundraising committee know. (2) We tentatively would like to have a Spuds 'n Splits fundraiser around February 9; if anyone is interested, please let the committee known by January 15. (3) If anyone is interested in having a Bake Sale or a Bazaar before Easter, please let one of us know that also by February 19. Numbers to call are: Marsha Grulke (734-4418), Althea Hein (351-8957), or Julie Schwiesow (351-0385). (4) Future fundraising meetings will be held the second Sunday of the month between the regular service and the contemporary service. *These meetings are for **everyone** in the congregation; please come and join us! "I promise to keep meetings as short as possible."* - Althea Hein

Offering Envelopes for 2024 were recently placed in mailboxes. If you didn't receive envelopes and would like to, please contact our Financial Secretary, Joan Sorgenfrei.

Thank you so very much to our family and friends at Peace who thought of us this holiday season. Your gifts were very much appreciated by both of us! Have a wonderful new year!
Peg & Hannah

Audio/Visual help is still needed for the 11:15 a.m. Contemporary service. Please contact Todd Schaedig if you can help.

The **2024 Flower Calendar** is now up on the bulletin board. If you sign up for a particular Sunday, please contact Lee Bingle at (989) 306-0903 so she knows not to provide them that week. Thank you.

This & That from Here & There:

St. John Lutheran School Updates for Fundraising:

Do you know of a student who will be attending St. John Lutheran School? They can begin to earn early toward school tuition. Contact 989-306-0003 with your questions. You can purchase cards in the school office. Monday, January 8th will be the next card order. Please turn all your receipts into church or school within 14 days of purchase for them to be scanned for BOX TOPS! Remember to cut out your "Our Family" UPCs. Lighthouse Pizza Cards are available now at St. John School.

WEEKLY CALENDAR for January 7 – January 14, 2024

<u>Sun/7</u>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7-8 p.m.	The Baptism of Our Lord Traditional Service w/ Holy Communion (Guest Pastor – Rev. Joshua Schultz) Coffee Hour (Sr. Youth) Informal/Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class for 2 nd Years
<u>Mon/8</u>	9am-noon 6:30 p.m.	Office Hours Women's Bible Study at St. John's
<u>Tues/9</u>	9am-noon 6:30 p.m.	Office Hours Board of Trustees Mtg.
<u>Wed/10</u>	9am-noon 10:30 a.m. 4-5 p.m.	Office Hours Wednesday Bible Study resumes Confirmation Class for 1 st Years
<u>Thurs/11</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Fri/12</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Sun/14</u>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7-8 p.m.	Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Guest Pastor – Rev. Timothy LeClair) Coffee Hour (Sr. Youth) Fundraising Committee Mtg. Informal/Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class for 2 nd Years

Thank you, thank you, members of Peace, for your continuous and generous support of our outreach missions (**and** those that directly affect Peace).

Through your recent donations, we have been able to provide Christmas gifts to families in need, as well as fuzzy socks and games to local AFC homes and veterans, warm boots and outer clothing to the people of Detroit through Pastor Tim LeClair's mission.

And don't forget all those bags and boxes of goodies and snacks for the children! I imagine even some adults benefitted from those goodie bags!!

Let's pray that God will continue to open our hearts to others and help wherever and whenever we can. ***Have a blessed, healthy, and prosperous New Year!***

