

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of January 21, 2024

In Our Prayers:

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)
Ed Rothe (in-patient rehab in Cheboygan following hospitalization)
Marlin Schalk (at The Brook)
Ryan Schaudt, son of Larry and Peggy (waiting for specialist referrals and additional testing)
Heather Scranton (undergoing dialysis)

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. Galen Grulke
Organist: D. Rothe
Elders: T. Catalano & R. Bannasch
Ushers: B. Loomer & S. Loomer
Layreader: B. Myers
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 (1/14/24): General: \$1,128.00 Missions: \$20.00

Attendance (1/14/24): 46 Contemporary: 22 Sr. Youth Coffee Hr.: \$90.00 Sr. Youth: \$5.00

Maint. & Improv.: \$272.00

NOTE: The total given to District & Synod Missions for 2023 was **\$9,315.02**.

Memorials Received in Loving Memory of Norma Wirgau:

Parking Lot Fund: Cheryl Kortman; Tom & Kay Bruning; Larry & Cinda Grulke.

Music Ministry Fund: Larry & Dianne Darga; Duane & Connie Dembny; Family & Friends.

A gift was also given to the **Parking Lot Fund** from Althea Hein in loving memory of Diane Wagner & Jack Nowak.

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 (February 12) at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. Karen Quade is the Study Leader.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

This & That at Peace:

Upcoming Guest Pastors:

January 21 – Pastor Grulke; January 28 – Pastor Erickson. Pastor Allman will begin serving as our temporary, part-time Vacancy Pastor beginning February 1.

There will be a short Thrivent meeting between services NEXT Sunday (the 28th) to discuss an upcoming project.

Spuds 'n Splits Dinner – Friday, February 9 from 4-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for workers and donations (food and monetary). Many hands make for light work!

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:

Saving all receipts from stores and turning them in has earned St. John Lutheran School \$120. When you see Candace Kowalski, tell her thanks for scanning the receipts for box tops, to get ten cents at a time. We have one bag of 500 UPCs from Our Family products and are working to collect 500 more UPCs for a second bag to mail in for a total of \$50; thanks for remembering to turn them in. St. John Lutheran School Lighthouse Pizza Card Fundraiser is on sale at the school! Contact 989-306-0003 to have your questions answered or to be invited onto Raiseright gift card fundraiser to use your mobile app. This also helps with a student's tuition who will be attending St. John Lutheran School. You can begin to earn right away. Valentine's Day can be a good time to start with merchant gift cards. Next due date for orders is Monday, January 22nd. Thanks to Karl and Ruth for continuing to help with the Bottle Return Fundraiser.

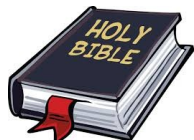
We hope you will also go to the following link to learn about how to win St. John Lutheran School a \$2000 grant for teacher appreciation from Booster: <https://www.choosebooster.com/ta-giveaway>.

WEEKLY CALENDAR for January 21 – January 28, 2024

<u>Sun/21</u>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7-8 p.m.	Third Sunday after the Epiphany Traditional Service w/ Holy Communion (Guest Pastor – Rev. Galen Grulke) Coffee Hour (Board of Human Care Ministry) Informal/Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class for 2 nd Years
<u>Mon/22</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Tues/23</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Wed/24</u>	9am-noon 10:30 a.m. 4-5 p.m.	Office Hours Wednesday Bible Study Confirmation Class for 1 st Years
<u>Thurs/25</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Fri/26</u>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<u>Sun/28</u>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7-8 p.m.	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Guest Pastor – Rev. Jim Erickson) Coffee Hour (Sr. Youth) Fundraising Committee Mtg. Informal/Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class for 2 nd Years

Are there any college students (in Michigan) looking for a faith community? Visit www.michigandistrict.org/campus_connect to find a network of pastors and congregations who are eager to connect with college students while they're away at school!

In need of transportation? – Presque Isle County Council on Aging (PICCOA) provides transportation at little to no cost. Call (989) 766-8191 to reserve a seat; seniors are first priority as seats are limited, and both seniors and disabled persons are free of charge. Anyone else pays only \$6.00. Monthly trips include: Alpena (1st and 3rd Wednesdays); Freddie's in Atlanta (2nd Wednesday); and Cheboygan (4th Wednesday).



Are you looking for God's assurance in your daily life? Of course you are– we all are! There is a stack of brochures in the narthex titled "Finding the Right Bible Passage" which encourages you to look to the Bible when you're feeling defeated, worried, dealing with financial problems, anger, jealousy, doubting yourself...this guide will point you to the Scripture(s) that will assure you that God is always in control; we just need to find assurance in His Word.