

# Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of December 31, 2023

## **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)  
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:** Pastor Stahl and the members of our congregation as he prayerfully deliberates the call we placed to him to be our new shepherd at Peace; 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 Mahlborg 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. Jim Erickson  
**Organist:** D. Rothe  
**Elders:** D. Grulke & C. Coolman  
**Ushers:** M. Rhode & J. Wenzel  
**Layreader:** K. Bruning  
**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@peacelcms.org](mailto:office@peacelcms.org).

## **'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance**

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

Counter Sheets (12/24/23): General: \$6,383.00

Missions: \$27.00

Maint. & Improv.: \$202.00

Attendance (12/24/23, 9:30 am): 76

Contemporary: 17

(12/24/23, 6 pm): 139

Sr. Youth Coffee Hr.: \$30.00

Kitchen Fund (Wirgau Funeral): \$200.00

Sr. Youth: \$10.00

## **Memorials Received in Loving Memory of Norma Wirgau:**

**General Fund:** Mike & Katie Fairbanks; Pam Bingle; Susan Mertz; Pamela Schaedig; Walter & Sharon Wiitala.

**Maintenance & Improvement Fund:** Chet & Brenda Karsten.

**Music Ministry Fund:** David & Marsha Grulke; Joan Sorgenfrei.

**Flower Fund:** Dave & Carolynne Schaedig.

## **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. They will not meet on January 3, but will resume on January 10.

## **This & That at Peace:**

### **Upcoming Guest Pastors:**

December 31 – Pastor Erickson; January 1, 2024 – NO Service at Peace

In addition to Peace not holding services on New Year's Day (Monday), no other area LCMS churches are having services on that day. Happy a blessed, prosperous New Year!

### **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

**“Un-decorating” of the church** will take place this Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m.; please help if you can!

**Offering Envelopes for 2024** were placed in mailboxes; please do **not** use them until 2024. If you didn't receive envelopes and would like to, please contact our Financial Secretary, Joan Sorgenfrei.

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

## **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. Ask about \$10 & \$5 stocking stuffers. Monday Dec. 11th gift card orders are due. You can purchase cards in the school office. Monday, January 8th will be the next card order. With Christmas shopping, 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 December 31, 2023 - January 7, 2024**

<b><u>Sun/31</u></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>  10:30 a.m. <b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Day Traditional Service w/ Holy Communion</b> <b>(Guest Pastor – Jim Erickson)</b> Coffee Hour (Sr. Youth) <b>Informal/Contemporary Service</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b><u>NO</u></b> Confirmation Class for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Years
<b><u>Mon/1</u></b>		<i>New Year's Day – Office is Closed</i> <b><u>NO</u></b> New Year's Day services
<b><u>Tues/2</u></b>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<b><u>Wed/3</u></b>	9am-noon	Office Hours <b><u>NO</u></b> Wednesday Bible Study (resumes January 10th)
<b><u>Thurs/4</u></b>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<b><u>Fri/5</u></b>	9am-noon	Office Hours
<b><u>Sat/6</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	“Un-decorating” of the Church (please help if you can!)
<b><u>Sun/7</u></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>  10:30 a.m. <b>11:15 a.m.</b> 7-8 p.m.	<b>The Baptism of Our Lord Traditional Service w/ Holy Communion</b> <b>(Guest Pastor – Rev. Keith Lemley)</b> Coffee Hour (Sr. Youth) <b>Informal/Contemporary Service</b> (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class for 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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!***

