

THE PEACE RELEASE

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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17 December 2023

Hello Everyone,

A quick note for you while we settle into the idea of another year ending. Our church as a **family** has had quite a year, a lot of what we knew and were used to was turned upside down. Some traditions have paused or stopped and perhaps some new ones have begun. As individuals, like parts of the body, we have all experienced triumphs of celebrations with

growing families, retirements, promotions, and other "wins". We have also had to handle great loss and grief, which only becomes heavier during holidays when celebrations look different. We must rely on our **faith** and remember biblical Joy is not Joy only when there are celebrations, but Joy in the future with our God. As we look ahead knowing we are in a transition to calling a new pastor remember the **love** we have for each other and let it guide us forward.

Please check the bulletin board for updates from the survey! I will post a summary of the responses, with themes. These themes are groupings of your direct quotes where multiple people had the same idea. If you have questions, please ask. If you were not able to complete the survey and would still like to share your thoughts please do not hesitate, there is always time to hear from you!

In closing, Merry Christmas and God Blessings! I wish you a very Happy New Year!

Angela





CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

Plan to attend one or even both of our Christmas Eve worship services.

Our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias, greenery, and the soft glow of lights and candle lights.

At 7:00 p.m. we will have the Children's/Parents' Christmas Eve Worship service. At 11:00 p.m. we will have *The Feast of the Holy Nativity of Our Lord*.

Whichever service you decide to attend you will be met with beautiful music, meaningful liturgy, a lovely sanctuary, and the presence of God. What a glorious celebration of the birth of our Lord.

ADVENT GIVING FOR 2023

We are continuing our collection of warm hats, gloves and scarves and \$10 gift certificates for Wendy's, Burger King and McDonalds through Christmas Eve. These can be placed in the collection areas in the narthex and will be distributed to Five Loaves and two Fishes.



CAROLING



Our last Advent Night meal is Sunday, December 17, at 6 p.m. after which we will carol to our shut-ins, bringing them warm Christmas wishes from Peace. The more, the merrier.

LIVE NATIVITY

The live outdoor Nativity at Peace Lutheran Church will be reminding our neighbors of the meaning of Christmas beginning Thursday, December 21 through Saturday, December 23 from 6-8 p.m. With the convenience of our driveway, even those who are not normally out and about can enjoy the excitement of the season. Plan now to bring someone new to this experience with you one of these nights.



WELCOME TO A LITTLE BABY



We are so happy to announce the birth of Elle Mallory November 19, 2023, weighing in at 6 pounds! The pleased parents are Amy and Mike, proud brothers are Reid and Grant, beaming grandfather is Mike and her great grandmother is Faye. Congratulations to all!

DEEP APPRECIATION

We are very grateful to Doug and Bob for their past six years of faithful service on our church council and to Kathy for her 4 years of service. Their input has been invaluable. Thank you, Doug, Bob, and Kathy for your service.



OUR SYMPATHY



We remember Robyn and her family in the death of her father, James, December 6, 2023.

THANK YOU FROM THE SYNOD

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Our gratitude for being a part of the NEO Synod. Our highest Thanksgiving comes from the gift of Jesus our Savior. Thank you for your faithful service.

With God's blessings!

Your NEO Synod Staff



THANK YOU

To My Church Family,

Thank you for your cards, calls, and prayers during my recovery from surgery.

In Christian Love, Ann

*thank
you*

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR

NOVEMBER 2023

Total contributions	\$12,927.04
Less payments from checking	\$3,5810.44
Total transfers from savings	\$22,883.40
Deficit for the month	\$2,264.12
Deficit for the year	\$5,561.20

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

JESUS IS THE QUESTION

The 207 Questions Jesus asked and the 3 He answered

Questions about Longing

A Question about Compassion

A Question about Identity

Questions about Faith and Doubt

Questions about Worry

Questions about the Reach of Love

Questions about Healing

A Question about Abundnace

The Questions Jesus Answers

Questions about Who Jesus is

A Question from the Cross

Questions from the Risen Christ

All Those Questions

BEGINS

1.7.24 10:45AM

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IN THE NARTHEX.
Cost is \$15.00.***