



January 2020 Newsletter

The Child *continued to grow* and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. Luke 2:40

Jesus' life in the gospel accounts moves quickly from the birth narratives to this final line in Luke 2:40 above: "The Child *continued to grow...*" (italics mine). After this, we have a few lines of scripture referring to Jesus at the age of 12 being inadvertently left behind by his parents (cf. Luke 2:41-52) ending with, "*And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*"

Likewise, as the church we are the body of Christ (cf. Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12). Peace is part of that body and we are enjoying a season of growth and increase. As I watch the snow falling outside my office window this morning, three things about growth and increase are filling my thoughts.

- 1) Growth is *from God and for God*. Our part is to plant and water, but God gives the growth (cf. 1 Corinthians 3:6) and it is God who wills and works in the church for His good pleasure (Cf. Philippians 2:12-18). We give God thanks for the fruit He is choosing to bear in us, and we seek to be wise and generous care takers of His blessing. Practically this means, that how we respond to the growth God is giving us, matters immensely. Our focus is to be and remain on what God is purposing and planning. His desire that all know His love, His choosing, His transformation and blessing must remain front and center.
- 2) Growth involves change and pangs. Inevitably, we are already not who we were before. Change is consistently occurring. Growth heightens our awareness that things are changing. The pangs that accompany remind us of this. From the practicalities of parking and seating to the relational challenges of no longer knowing everyone - the pangs remind us that something is happening, not that anything is necessarily wrong. Considering short and long-term solutions (such as two services and increasing seating capacity) are good 'problems' we will face together and with the assurance of God's presence and promise.
- 3) Growth is accompanied by God's increase of wisdom and grace. We can be confident as we grow that God will also increase in us His wisdom and grace to grow well and for HIS good pleasure and purposes. Discovering ways to know one another (we cannot know everyone, but we can get to know some others better) and how to keep our hearts and hands ready to reach those who do not yet know Jesus are will continue to be accompanied by ample amounts of God's wisdom and grace to do it well.

I am so thankful to be a part with all of you in how God is growing us. And just as Jesus continued to grow, become strong and increase in wisdom... so too, we as His body at PLC get to enjoy such growth, strength, and increase from, for and with our faithful Father in heaven.

With great love and joy in my heart for all of you, Happy New Year in the mighty name of Jesus!

Pastor Jon

LCMC - Three Days of Prayer January 7-9, 2020

3 days of prayer

Every Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ (LCMC) church, member and pastor is being invited to set aside some time each day of January 7, 8, and 9, 2020 for prayer. Our attitude toward prayer has often been characterized by saying, “*Well, all we can do now is pray!*” Prayer is not the hopeless act of desperation. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to her parents sharing concerns, victories, defeats and every part of life. It is an opportunity to express the deepest heartache and the greatest joy. Prayer is a conversation between the Creator and the created...and the conversation began with God, for us, in Christ Jesus.

Each congregation or person can structure this however seems best. No matter how you structure this time of prayer, let’s come together as an association of congregations across the USA and around the world to pray! I believe that the church will never rise up until we first get down on our knees!

Day One: January 7

This is a day focused on **confession**. We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.

Day Two: January 8

This is a day of **petition**. Pray for your congregation, for the pastor, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday School teachers, for the Confirmation leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God’s redeeming love for all in Christ.

Day Three: January 9

This is a day for **vision**. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God’s vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God’s vision for the people of Peace and this fellowship of believers as God grows us for His plans, purposes, and good pleasure.

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JAN 26 ~ ANNUAL MEETING!

It’s time to celebrate us as Peace Lutheran Church and recap our wondrous year in ministry together! We’ll have some interesting agenda items along with the adoption of our 2020 Plan for Giving (budget). Following worship we’ll gather in the fellowship hall for the meeting. Take time to get a cup of coffee, treats, get settled, then Pres. Kevin Schneidmiller will begin the meeting. The Annual Report will be available for pickup on Sunday, Jan 19. You’re invited to take it home and read the various reports and review before the meeting. Please jot down your thoughts, questions, and ideas! Please bring your booklet to the meeting on Sunday, Jan 26.



Financial Report for Nov 2019 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Dec 10, 2019

Balance Sheet: 11-30-19

Ministry & Facility Fund	\$ 44,755
All Designated Funds	<u>\$ 48,220</u>
Total US Bank Checking	\$ 92,975

Thrivent Mortgage Balance \$320,326 \$321,235 (Oct)

Income & Expense: 11-30-19

Actual Giving	\$ 21,153	(Plan for Giving \$19,642)
Actual Expense	\$ 18,182	

YTD Income & Expense: (Jan-Nov 2019)

Actual Giving	\$220,112	(Plan for Giving \$216,060)
Actual Expense	\$177,105	

Nov Designated Funds:	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
Memorial Fund	125	0	\$ 369
Emergency Fund (accrual)	200	0	\$ 9,600
Property Fund	0	0	\$ 963
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0	\$ 1,135
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 1,100
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 1,262
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 950
Dorcas Fund	0	530	\$ 2,507
Youth Fund	96	0	\$ 3,722
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	300	0	\$17,846
Other Designated	1,178	1,765	\$ 1,572 (Raffle, Hearing, FP, MOP)
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 1,550
Call Committee (accrual)	550	0	\$ 5,643

Budget Team submitted the 2020 proposed budget to Council at their Dec meeting. The Council approved and copies were distributed to your church mailbox the week of Dec 22. We hope you've had an opportunity to review the proposed budget which will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Jan 26. If you have any questions, suggestions, or need clarification, please speak with council President, Kevin Schneidmiller. Thank you!

Amy Birge will be providing year-end Giving Statements in early January. Grateful thanks to Amy for her budget work, inputting pledges and proving Budget Team and Council with information.

Thrivent Members – Don't forget to designate your 2019 Choice Dollars before March 31, 2020. *Yes, you can rollover!* It's simple and only takes moments online. Peace has been the joyful recipient of your generous quarterly contributions through the year. To date, Choice Dollar gifts to Peace have totaled **\$1,677** in unrestricted money!

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Thank you to various Thrivent members who applied for a \$250 Action Team Card providing seed money for various ministry fund raising support in 2019. If you are a Thrivent member, this is an easy process and beneficial to widen our outreach.

2020 Ministries

Our Family Promise hosting schedule for this year is Feb 2-9; Apr 19-26; Jul 12-19; Oct 4-11

Peace will serve at the Ecumenical Food Kitchen, First Presbyterian, CDA on Mar 26, Jun 25, and Sep 24

Big Fun Nights: Jan 29, Feb 26 (our first Big Fun Day!!), Mar 25, Apr 29, and May 27

Pastor Jon will attend LCMC Trustee meetings Feb 4-7, Apr 14-17, Jul 14-17, and Oct 3-7

Nominating Team Update: We thank our 2019 Nominating Team for their hard work and submitting nominees to council at the Dec meeting. We have some great candidates and delegates serving in 2020! All will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Budget Team: Budget Team presented the proposed 2020 budget for council review on Dec 10 at their regular meeting. Income is based upon pledges received – *thank you!* The proposed budget was distributed to your church mailbox so that you may take time to review before the annual meeting on January 26, 2020.

NW District Gathering Team: Ken Birge, Jon Davis, Lee Ely, Marge Freligh, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Jolene Pooley, Molly Shofner, and JoAnn Solberg are in the planning stages for an excellent Gathering here at Peace May 1-2.

Refresh Team! JoAnn Solberg, Suzie English, Mary Cockerham, and Lee Ely have been working in the background to develop a plan to upgrade our interior, held several meetings and attended council meetings detailing a plan to move forward which they shared at fellowship. Please go to page 8 to see the estimate. We look forward to the refreshing of our facility this winter.

Safety Ministry Team: We are seeking additional folks that would like to become part of our three-part Safety Ministry Team – Security, Medical and Emergency. Peace will hold future meetings and training events For more info please speak with Pastor Jon or email him directly at jon@peace-lutheran.com.

Communion Set-up: Please contact Amy Birge if you are interested in serving for an important worship need – setting up our communion trays before worship.

Caring Crew: Our new TAP program (Telephone Assistance Program) is working well as an additional touch for our homebound folks. Thank you to Rebecca Main who suggested this program. Rebecca reports that calling began Oct 7, with thirteen calls made to date (Dec 11, 2019), and all-spoken with have welcomed future calls. During calls, some recent comments include enjoying the Christmas Caroling group and a new bed! Caring Crew has adopted Jeremiah 1:9 as an inspirational verse for PLC-TAP: "Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth." We like it!

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Praise!! More Needs Met!

Pam Kirking has kindly let us know that she would love to be our new Reception Coordinator. Karen Holm had previously stated she would like to co-coordinate, so now we have a match made in heaven! Thanks ladies!

After 10+ years, Cinda Fueller is stepping down as Dorcas Quilting chair at the end of May. Ready to take up the reins of this important outreach ministry is Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Gail Schoonmaker. Cinda will still continue her Dorcas ministry with the rest of the group! Thank you Cinda for the love and work of your hands!

January 10:00 AM Sunday Ministry Servants

Happy New Year 2020!

USHERS			
Date	Name	Phone No.	
01/05/20	Jon & Georgiann Davis		
01/12/20	Woody & Debbie Clouse		
01/19/20	Rod & Marge Freligh		
01/26/20	Brett & Pam Kirking		
USHERS			
	Name	Phone No.	
01/05/20	Bill & Connie Arthur Andy Anders		
01/12/20	Ben & Owen DeWitt Jerry Bittner		
01/19/20	Bill & Becky Elleflood Chris Clark		
01/26/20	Paul & Lisa Seher Jennifer Murray		
Communion Setup	Helen Burge Catherine McClintick		
Baking Bread	Maggie Carlisle		
READERS			
Date	Name	First / Second Readings	Phone No.
01/05/20	Steve Hagler	1 Kings 3: 4-15; Ephesians 3: 1-12	
01/12/20	Lauren Ridolph	Isaiah 42: 1-9; 1 Romans 6: 1-11	
01/19/20	John Pickering	Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	
01/26/20	Suzie English	Isaiah 9: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18	
ACOLYTES			
Date	Name	Phone No.	
01/05/20	Kira Newman		
01/12/20	Kaylee Hite		
01/19/20	Morgan Baker		
01/26/20	Aubrey Baker		
<p>If you have a conflict with the Sunday you are assigned, please first call someone else on the list then inform the church office, 208-765-072, so the correct name may be printed in the church bulletin. Thank you!</p> <p>Marge Freligh, Ministry Servant Coordinator</p>			



	Nursery	Greeter	Security	Counters	CAR (Fred)
Jan 5	Karen	Dave & Debbe	Wayne & Ken	Chris & Barb	Heidi
Jan 12	Pam	Ken & Rita	Mike & Todd	Maren & Debbie	Mike
Jan 19	Shelly	Paul & Shelly	Gordon & Josh	Rozanne & Lee	Maren
Jan 26	Kira & Kaylee	Jerry & Rozanne	Rod & Rick	Suzie & Rebecca	No driver today

Jan-Mar Fellowship List

The Fellowship Team recommends just cookies or bars be served to keep things simple for all. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone on the list to switch, then inform the church office so correct names are listed. Thank you! Becky Elleflood, Coordinator

JANUARY

- 5-Jan Gordon & Gail Schoonmaker
Rick Straub and JoAnn Solberg
- 12-Jan Glen & Missy Nungesser
Paul & Shelly Matthews
- 19-Jan Bill & Becky Elleflood
Rod & Marge Freligh
- 26-Jan Darryl & Tanya Frey
Brian & Maren Synders

FEBRUARY

- 2-Feb Bill & Connie Arthur
Jon & Georgiann Davis
- 9-Feb Cinda Fueller
John & Helena Pickering
- 16-Feb Ardella Quaale
Paul & Lisa Seher
- 23-Feb Carol Wos
Ken & Rita Birge

MARCH

- 1-Mar Mary Cockerham
Chris & Ruth Clark
- 8-Mar Karle & Barb Nimke
Jim & Debbie Wardlow
- 15-Mar Barb Hunley - Food Only
Brian & Karen Jones
- 22-Mar Ervinette Arthur
Daryl & Margaret Nagel
- 29-Mar Joann Carlson
Rozanne Ryle
Jan Johnson



As if this isn't exciting enough to break up the winter dull drums, mark your calendar now for **BIG FUN DAY** on Sunday, **FEB 23**, for all ages right after worship that Sunday! WOW!!!



Provided below is the detailed cost estimate for the work we would like accomplished to refresh our church. We thank the Refresh Team for the hours invested in this project beforehand to provide these costs. Already a gift has been received toward our lighting upgrade! Amazing!!

Refresh Team

	Cost Estimate	Description
Painting	\$ 8,500	Sanctuary, Entryway, Fellowship and Kitchen
Lighting	\$ 5,000	Sanctuary (6) Entryway (4)
Stone	\$ 2,000	Front of Sanctuary
Blinds	\$ 1,250	Fellowship & Classrooms install not included
Acoustic Panels	\$ 500	Sanctuary (Lee Ely will create)
Fellowship Closet	\$ 1,300	New door and drywall
New TV Screens	\$ 7,000	Two screens in Sanctuary
Tint Windows	\$ 1,625	Churchwide
Furniture and Decorations	\$ 2,000	Entryway and Fellowship
<u>Outdoor Sign</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	
Refresh Team	\$31,175	

News & Events

Dec Gifts: Warm thanks to Nadia Bruno, who in spite of an ER visit, still managed to get the lights on our beautiful Christmas tree! Thanks also to JoAnn Solberg who helped finish decorating the tree!! How wondrous and thankful we are for our Cantata and Nativity program actors. Kudos to Karen Jones & Stephanie Hite for a fantastic Christmas Big Fun Night! As always, Karle Nlmke and friend Bill provided excellent workmanship installing new door windows – our thanks! Brian Hildahl joyfully carved and painted two Advent tokens for our wooden tree replacing lost ones – just super! What joy a beautiful winter wreath is providing at our front door gifted by Georgiann Davis!!

Chorale CDA rehearses every Tue evening in our sanctuary. They will resume Jan 7 to begin preparing for their spring concert. The Chorale always gives back to Peace by providing a free concert in our sanctuary in May. Something to look forward to!

Is it time to get serious about healthy weight goals? If so, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets here each Thu morning, and all are invited to participate. It's a fantastic support system, and the group is very welcoming and friendly. Weigh-in begins at 8 am and is followed by the meeting from 9-10 am. Stop by on Thu morning to get acquainted!

Peace welcomes the awesome Ramsey Raiders 4-H group each month for fun and learning. Their next meeting is Wed, Jan 15, due to a scheduling conflict. We're happy to accommodate!

Our Peace Calendar

- Sun:** Adult Study for all Ages at 8:45 am; Worship at 10 am; Fellowship at 11:15 am
Mon: Dorcas Quilting is every 1st & 3rd Monday from 9 am – 1 pm – Join them in the new year!
Your Staff meets every Monday from 10-11 am; Fellowship Team, first Mon, 10 am
Chorale CDA board members meet on the fourth Mon at 6 pm
Tue: Chorale CDA each Tue from 5:30-9 pm; P&M Team, 6 pm, first Tue; Council meets the second Tue at 6 pm
Wed: Serendipity Bible study at 10 am with Pr. Gail; Middle School 4:32 pm
Music rehearsal & choir gathers each Wed at 6 pm
Thu: TOPS meets every Thu morning from 8-10 am, and all are welcome to join!
Bible Study with Jim Wardlow is at 11 am; 4-H is usually the fourth Thu
Fri: Nothing scheduled in Jan (yet!)

It's Winter – A Reminder...

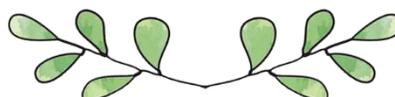
When the weather outside is frightful and school closures are announced for that day, **the church building will also be closed.** Please don't be brave and attempt to come here no matter what is scheduled! Staff will always try to send out a mass email if we are closed. Hopefully, this never occurs on a Sunday. *Be safe!!*

Kitchen Donations: Our pantry could use **TP, paper towels & tissues.** *Thank you for the \$100 gift toward fellowship supplies – Lynn went shopping at Costco for other needed items!* The church office provides a tax-deductible receipt for your much appreciated GIK. Thanks for all your wonderful donations that keep us going!

Plenty of Jan-Mar Portals of Prayer devotionals are on the table in the fellowship hall.

In December, our Post Falls Food Bank donations totaled **74 lbs.** Thank you to Ardella Quaale for delivering! Donations that are always especially welcome by our food banks are personal care items and pet food.

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*Copies of the January newsletter can be found in the holder on the table in the fellowship hall.
PLC Directories are also available in the holder & update monthly – grab a new one!*



We're Praying for...

Ken Johnston, fall, fractured ribs; Mary Washburn, home recovering; Katherine Featherstone, Hospice care; Jim Wardlow, healing, Ken Gillespie, Darrel Carlson, Frank Dailey, Valda Pfundheller, Caren Woods, Margie Hill, Bob Newman, continuing health issues.

Frances (Daryl Frey's mother) infection, fluid in lungs; Linda DeYoung (Connie Arthur) healing, bypass surgery, pacemaker; Jill Jackson (Bill Arthur's mom) back issues; Gloria Coulter (Candy Dyson's daughter) kidney cancer; David Gutterud (Myron & Gail's son) iron infusions, chemo treatments; Lorette (Gail Gutterud's sister) home healing, brain aneurysm surgery; Zac Scott (Susan Schneidmiller) meningitis; Benny (Bill Elleflood's nephew) recovery after brain tumor surgery; Adrian Davis (Davis' daughter-in-law) complications, hysterectomy; Wanda Gillespie (Jim Wardlow) congestive heart; Regina Wiitala (Connie Arthur's sister-in-law) home, recovering; Little Jasper (Pollards) foster child, his welfare; Adam Connery (Elys) recovering, compressed disk and spinal shock; Wilbert Fueller (Tanya Frey) cancer; Penny (Molly Shofner's aunt) recovering, car accident; Sheila Jones (Andy Anders' friend) lung cancer; Brad Waring (Chris Anderson's brother) recovering, stroke; Infant Everly (Pr. Jon) Cloves disease; healing; Bernie (JoAnn Solberg's mom) lung issues; Denny Ziegler (Neustel's friend) aggressive ALS; Arlene (Margie Hill's sister) lung cancer.

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutherhaven Ministries; LAM Christian Academy; Family Promise; Local Food Banks; UGM; Champ's Heart; The Village at Orchard Ridge; Ecumenical Food Kitchen; Open Arms PCC; Uganda Medical Mission; OCC Shoebox Gifts, and LCMC.

Prayer requests will be revised periodically. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you.

Have a **Prayer Tree** request? Please email the Church Office at office@peace-lutheran.com

Lutherhaven Ministries

Summer Camp registration is open! Register early to guarantee your spot and receive a \$20 Lutherhaven Trading Post credit! (\$20 credit applied if paid in full by March 15, 2020) [Read More about Summer Camp>>](#)

Building Youth Groups (BYG) Jan 24-26, 2020

BYG is a fun filled weekend designed to help youth groups grow together in community and faith. It doesn't matter what size your youth group is, BYG is just right for building faith that sticks with your crew. This weekend is designed especially for Middle School youth groups (6th-9th grade) to dream, plan, talk, learn, grow, reflect and have fun together!

The goal of the weekend is to help youth groups grow together though:

- Fun games and experiences (plus, fingers crossed...snow fun!)
- Worship, teaching, devotions, and prayer
- Small group discussions facilitated by our speaker

Back to Camp Winter Retreat Feb 7-9

Back to Camp Winter Retreat at Lutherhaven is our 3rd-8th grade retreat for groups and/or individuals! Come 'Back to Camp' for the fun you know and love at Lutherhaven. At this 3rd-8th grade winter retreat you get to experience camp in the winter. Join us for a fun-filled time with sessions led by Lutherhaven staff, great camp friends, food, indoor and outdoor activities and worship. Bring a friend (or five) and have a blast at this wild winter extravaganza!

Find these events and more at www.lutherhaven.com/events!

Camp Lutherhaven

208-667-3459

Shoshone Mountain Retreat

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Sun Christian Ed 8:45 AM

Sun Worship at 10 AM

Wed & Thu Bible Studies

Pastor Jon Anderson

Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud