

# Peace Talk

## January 2019

### Pastor's Ponderings....

Happy 2019!

The mission for 2019, '**Be Peace.**'

The vision for 2019, '**Learn, Live, and Share Peace.**'

The Stewardship theme for 2019, '**Life that is really life.**'

This month we celebrate our Lord and God's Peace in our midst!

January 1<sup>st</sup> is Name of Jesus Day. *Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.*

January 6<sup>th</sup> is Epiphany Sunday. *God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

January 13<sup>th</sup> is Baptism of our Lord Sunday. *The gospel reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

January 15<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King Jr., *renewer of society, martyr, died 1968. An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.*

January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup> is the week of Christian Unity.

January 18<sup>th</sup> is Confession of Peter. *Peter's confession, that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," is rock solid. Jesus is the stone rejected by the builders that has become the cornerstone. The psalmist celebrates God as "my rock in whom I put my trust." Paul refers to Christ as the "spiritual rock" that followed the children of Israel in the wilderness. Even the Greek petros, from which Peter's name comes, means stone. The assembly gathers again today to honor the Son of the living God and longs to be recognized as companions of Jesus.*

January 25<sup>th</sup> is Conversion of Paul. *In the days after the Epiphany of Our Lord we commemorate not only Paul's seeing the light but his saintly effort thereafter at being the light. Having our eyes opened by the Spirit of God in holy baptism, having been enlightened by the word read and proclaimed in the assembly, and having regained our strength in the Lord's supper, we too are converted—turned again to follow in God's way.*

We are celebrating Jesus and how Jesus made an impact (gave epiphanies, shown the Light) in the lives of the saints before us.

This year, we start our two year celebration of being Peace Lutheran Church. We will celebrate Jesus and how Jesus has made (for soon to be 50 years), is making (2019), and will continue (for years to come) to make an impact in the lives here at Peace and beyond this walls.

Join in the celebration, be invitational to all who you encounter who are seeking the good news and yet have not found it.

See you on the weekends (and the weekdays too)!!

Peace,

Pastor Melissa Ehrhardt

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Worship Services

Sat: 5:00 pm

Sun: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School: 10 am

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## January Dates to Track

Sat/Sun Ephipany  
Jan 5/6

**Sun, Jan 6 @ 12:30 pm** — Town Hall Transparency Meeting of PLC's approved 2019 Budget

Deadline for annual reports from Team Leaders

**Wed, Jan 9 @ 6:30 pm** — Town Hall Transparency Meeting of PLC's approved 2019 Budget

Sun, Jan 6 Outdoor Giving Tree ceases, but many giving opportunities abound

Sun, Jan 13 Noisy Coin Sunday in support of the Food Pantry

Sun, Jan 20 PeaceTalk Deadline

Mon, Jan 21 Church Council

**Sun, Jan 27 @ 12:15 pm** — Annual meeting, following 11 am Worship Service

### Proud Parent Moments

Bill and Cheryl Bothwell had the blessed experience in December of attending their son's ordination as an ELCA Pastor. They wanted to share Nat's thank you will all of us.

*Christ calls us to faith and to follow, and that call stretches us in all kinds of way. Friends, I thank you for being here. It has been a shared journey.*

*Thanks family. Thanks Minna. Thanks also to the people of Capitol Hill (not only for your hospitality, but for your prayers too). Thanks Memorial. Thanks St. John. Thanks Good Shepherd and Bethlehem. The way to this day has been scenic (but in a particular way, beautiful).*

***A special word of thanks to the people of Peace in Rogers, and to my friends from Christ the King in Bentonville, Arkansas: when I stop to consider how this whole adventure began, I remember you. Finally, thank you Wartburg Seminary. You have become "home" in a different way and this is an unexpected gift.***

*Thank you all, and please stay for cake. The Holy Spirit has moved through you to bring us to this day and that work continues (thanks be to God).*

Peace,  
Nat



### Pitter-Patter from PeaceKids

Thank you to all that donated items for our PeaceKids students. It was a wondrous amount of gifts that will give our students such a joy on Christmas morning.

For yes we know our savior's celebration of birth is the real reason for celebrating at this time of the year; we recognize the less fortunate and bring a little more happiness where and when we can.

To you all you, we at PeaceKids wish you a Blessed and Happy New Year.

—Robert

### PeaceKids Learning Center & Preschool Board of Directors

Marilyn Kilby, President

Robert Boone, Jr.,

Heather Chamberlin

PeaceKids Executive Director

Wes Dundas

Peace Lutheran Church Council

Corey Collett

Liaison: Pr. Melissa Ehrhardt

### Weekly Activities

**Mondays :** Food Pantry 1-3 pm

**Tuesdays:** Adult Bible Study — 1:00 pm

**Wednesdays:** Food Pantry—1:00 pm;

Youth WOW—3:30 pm-6:00 pm

**Thursdays:** Praise Team Rehearsal—6:00 pm

**Saturdays:**

Men of Peace, 7:30 am;

Choir Practice, 3:30 pm;

Worship Service 5:00 pm

**Sundays:**

Worship Services 8:30 am & 11 am;

Coffee Hour, 9:30 am;

Sunday School, 10 am

### Monthly Activities

**First Tuesday:** Celebrations Team, 6:30 pm

**Second Tuesday:**

- PeaceKids Board meeting, 6:30 pm;

- Worship & Music (bi-monthly), 6:00 pm—  
next meeting Jan 8

**Third Monday:** Church Council, 6:30 pm

**Third Friday:** Lily Pad Quilters, 10:00 am

**Fourth Thursday:** Women of Peace, Hope & Ruth,  
1:00 pm

**Coffee Mug Theology & Pub Theology** are  
scheduled monthly on Sunday afternoons as announced.

### Monthly Non-Member Activities

**First Monday:** Nueva Dia/New Day 7:00 pm

**Fourth Monday:** Rogers Art Guild 10:30 am

**Wednesdays:** Arkapella Quartet 10:00 am; Good  
Times Bridge 11:30 am

**Thursdays:** Arkapellas, 6:00 pm

**First Thursday:** Helping Paws of NWA

**First Friday & Saturday:** Deaf United Organization  
setup & social event

## DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY

### Luke

We continue with Luke Chapters 13–24. See the December issue of PeaceTalk for more information.

### Revelation

Probably around 95 AD. John of Patmos, was a pastor of the late first century and a prisoner at the Roman penal colony on the island of Patmos. John had worship on his mind. The vision comes to him while he is at worship. Worship shapes the community in response to the living God. If worship is neglected, our communities fall into chaos or under tyranny. John's revelation is not easy reading. There are metaphors and symbols, images and allusions, his desire is to bring us into the presence of Jesus.

Luke	Chapter		
Tue, Jan 1	13	Tue, Jan 15	3 & 4
Wed, Jan 2	14	Wed, Jan 16	5
Thu, Jan 3	15	Thu, Jan 17	6
Fri, Jan 4	16	Fri, Jan 18	7
Sat, Jan 5	17	Sat, Jan 19	8 & 9
Sun, Jan 6	18	Sun, Jan 20	10
Mon, Jan 7	19	Mon, Jan 21	11
Tue, Jan 8	20	Tue, Jan 22	12
Wed, Jan 9	21	Wed, Jan 23	13
Thu, Jan 10	22	Thu, Jan 24	14
Fri, Jan 11	23	Fri, Jan 25	15
Sat, Jan 12	24	Sat, Jan 26	16 & 17
<b>Revelation</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	Sun, Jan 27	18
Sun, Jan 13	1	Mon, Jan 28	19
Mon, Jan 14	2	Tue, Jan 29	20
		Wed, Jan 30	21

### January Birthdays

Richard Billgren	1/1	Emma Curtis	1/16
Cathy Miller	1/3	Paul Johnson	1/17
Harold Olsen	1/3	Carol Peavler	1/17
Reba Patanella	1/3	Andrea Johncox	1/18
Sherry Rainey	1/8	Melissa Lavendar	1/19
L. Dean Muetzel	1/9	Barry Wood	1/20
Drew Sneary	1/10	Arlene Schinkel	1/29
Caroline Stauffer	1/11	Judy Griffin	1/30
Charlene Olsen	1/12	Noel Kemp	1/30
Niki Stricklin	1/12		

### January Anniversaries

Jim & Brenda Held	1/12	Gene & Carol Peavler	1/30
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### Looking for a way to make a difference here?

Is God calling you to serve Peace in a new way this year?

Opportunities to serve on Church Council and the teams of the church are available! Chat with a current council member or Pastor for ways to serve God through Peace Lutheran Church.



### 2018 Peace Lutheran Church Council

Brian Kilby—President & Stewardship  
 Megan Michel—Treasurer & Education  
 Lisa Temme—Secretary & Celebrations  
 Doug Case—Property  
 Nick Intintoli—Worship and Music & Communications  
 Connie Williamson—Outreach (Food Pantry)  
 Pr. Melissa Ehrhardt—Advisor & PeaceKids

Attendance	Dec 1/2	Dec 8/9	Dec 15/16*	Dec 22/23	Dec 24**	Dec 29/30
5:00 PM	13	13	18	23		14
8:30 AM	36	35	76	35	3 pm: 97	37
11:00 AM	36	32	—	34	7 pm: 74	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>101</b>

### Capital Improvement Fund

	Jan-Nov 2018
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$29,064</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,915</b>

\* Dec 16 combined services — \*\*Dec 24 Candlelight Services

Financial Snapshot	Actual: Jan-Nov 2018	% of 2018 Budget Spent to Date	2018 Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
<b>Total Rev</b>	<b>\$257,207</b>	<b>83.2%</b>	<b>\$ 309,321</b>	<b>\$52,114</b>
<b>Total Exp</b>	<b>\$313,136</b>	<b>88.1%</b>	<b>\$ 355,343</b>	<b>\$42,207</b>

### God's Work. Our Hands.

In Dec 902 people  
 received 2-3 meals each because of  
 Food Pantry Volunteers'  
 Service to Jesus Christ.



**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**January 2019 Worship Service Volunteers**

<b>Saturday 5 pm</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>5-Jan</b>	<b>12-Jan</b>	<b>19-Jan</b>	<b>26-Jan</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy Griffin	Danny & Cathy Miller	Danny & Cathy Miller	Judy Griffin
<b>Worship/Communion Asst.</b>	Gene Peavler	Gene Peavler	Gene Peavler	Gene Peavler
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Andrew Kemp	Andrew Kemp	Andrew Kemp	Andrew Kemp
<b>Usher</b>	Megan Michel	Megan Michel	Megan Michel	Megan Michel
<b>Media/Sound</b>	Susan Michel	Susan Michel	Susan Michel	Susan Michel
<b>Greeters</b>	Everyone!	Everyone!	Everyone!	Everyone!
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>6-Jan</b>	<b>13-Jan</b>	<b>20-Jan</b>	<b>27-Jan</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Wiedenhoef	Connie Henry	Katy Whelchel	Nell Hantelman
<b>Worship/Communion Asst.</b>	Donna Hanson	Laura Draper	Katy Whelchel	Bill Bothwell
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Katy Whelchel			
<b>Communion Asst.</b>				
<b>Usher</b>	Martha Newton	Martha Newton	Martha Newton	Martha Newton
<b>Usher</b>	Connie Henry	Connie Henry	Connie Henry	Connie Henry
<b>Media</b>	Doug Case	Doug Case	Doug Case	Doug Case
<b>Sound</b>	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
<b>Greeters</b>	Erv Wiedenhoef	Marion Rickert	Erv Wiedenhoef	Marion Rickert
	Nancy Wiedenhoef	Bob & Sherry Rainey	Nancy Wiedenhoef	Bob & Sherry Rainey
<b>Sunday 11:00 am</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>6-Jan</b>	<b>13-Jan</b>	<b>20-Jan</b>	<b>27-Jan</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>				
<b>Worship/Communion Asst.</b>				
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Marlys Glaim	Marlys Glaim	Marlys Glaim	Marlys Glaim
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Connie Williamson	Connie Williamson	Connie Williamson	Connie Williamson
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>Media</b>	Traci Omit	Traci Omit	Traci Omit	Traci Omit
<b>Sound</b>	Dave Omit	Dave Omit	Dave Omit	Dave Omit
<b>Greeters</b>	Marlys & Dave Glaim	Marlys & Dave Glaim	Marlys & Dave Glaim	Marlys & Dave Glaim