

December 2018

Peace Progress



Dear Friends of Peace,

Jesus is coming and will be with us on Christmas! Make sure to keep Him with you.

Ted Laspe learned this invaluable lesson a few years back. Laspe noticed that the figure of the baby Jesus was missing from his nativity set when he was taking it down a few weeks after Christmas back in 1993. In the baby Jesus' place was a note that read, "Jesus is going on vacation and will return next Christmas Eve."

Throughout the year Laspe received letters and postcards signed by Jesus. The letters and postcards detailed all of the adventures that Jesus had taken across the United States. Letters were postmarked from Colorado, Arizona, California, Texas and Montana. Often, the letters came with photographs. A few weeks before Christmas Eve a final letter came from Jesus. Jesus explained that he had been taken windsurfing on South Padre Island, Texas.

Then finally, a few days before Christmas, the figure of the baby Jesus returned to Laspe's home. Jesus arrived with a suitcase in hand all ready to return to his rightful position in the manger. After that particular Christmas, Ted Laspe must have made sure to keep Jesus with him.

We want to make sure that Jesus stays with us well after Christmas. This Advent we will be focusing our hearts on one simple question, "Who is Jesus?" We will discover five answers to this question as we make the journey through Advent. The order of worship each evening will be Holden Evening Prayer—which I know is a favorite for many of you.

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| Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm | Jesus is the Son of David |
| Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm | Jesus is the Son of Abraham |
| Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm | Jesus is the Son of Solomon |
| Sunday, December 23 at 11:00 am | Jesus is the Son of Mary |
| Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm | Jesus is the Son of Sinners |
| <i>(Christmas Eve service of Communion and Candlelight)</i> | |

May Jesus bring you great joy this Christmas and may he remain with you long after the packages are unwrapped.

Joy in Jesus,

Pastor J

Peace by the Numbers

| Date | Attendance |
|-------------|------------|
| October 21 | 116 |
| October 28 | 128 |
| November 4 | 130 |
| November 11 | 134 |
| November 18 | 141 |

Scriptures - Series C

Dec. 2 – 1st S. in Advent

- Jer. 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1 Thess. 3:9-13
- Luke 19:28-40 or Luke 21:25-36

Dec. 9 – 2nd S. in Advent

- Mal. 3:1-7b
- Psalm 66:1-12
- Phil. 1:2-11
- Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)

Dec. 16 – 3rd S. in Advent

- Zeph. 3:14-20
- Psalm 85
- Phil. 4:4-7
- Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

Dec. 23 – 4th S. in Advent

- Micah 5:2-5a
- Psalm 80:1-7
- Heb. 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

Dec. 30 – 1st S. a. Christmas

- Ex. 13:1-3a, 11-15
- Psalm 111
- Col. 3:12-17
- Luke 2:22-40

Youth Christmas Program

Sunday School Students: We are all looking forward to seeing the annual youth Christmas program. Do you feel like you are ready?

Our schedule is as follows:

- **Sunday, November 25** –Practice
- **Sunday, December 2** –Practice & Costumes given to students
- **Sunday, December 9** –Dress Rehearsal and Christmas program presented to the congregation.

If you have any questions, please see Colleen or Sally. We are looking forward to the big show!



Men's Breakfast

Remember to mark your calendar for December 1st, time for the First Saturday Men's Breakfast. The topic will be "Health Insurance: Why and What Now", lead by our own Rick Durling. Bring your questions regarding today's health insurance concerns. Coffee on at 8:00, breakfast served at 8:30 and topic discussion at 9 - 10. As the official egg counter, please let me know whether you CAN or CANNOT attend. Thanks. Oscar Gutbrod - 541-231-3954



Pieces by Peace



We meet most second Monday's of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Our first one was held Feb. 12th, 2018. So, you can see there are projects going on all year long. Everyone is invited to join in, we'd love to see this group grow. It's a great time to get to know one another and learn crafting in all forms. It's fun for me to see everyone come together and bring their projects to show and teach. From there we see the finished items displayed at the bazaar for the public to enjoy and purchase. Many hands make light work!



You are invited
to the
Annual Youth Christmas
Program
December 9
starting at 11:00 AM

Please bring finger
food to share with
our guests!





**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

Guild News

The next Guild meeting will be Thursday, December 6 at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. After our regular meeting, where we will be electing officers for the new year, we will have a Christmas ornament gift exchange. The ornament should be in the \$5.00 price range. We invite all women at Peace to come join in the fellowship and fun.

Prayer Warriors

Please consider becoming a prayer warrior. Every Wednesday a list of those needing prayer is sent to each prayer warrior. They pray for these people. We know our prayers have been answered. We try to acknowledge with thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior all answered prayers. If you would like to be a prayer warrior, please contact Peggy Krueger at kruegerpeggy888@gmail.com or 541-602-1890 or just tell her.



Freezer Meal Update



Last Saturday the Freezer Meal Team of Peace Lutheran Church sprang into action. Our church kitchen was filled with savory smells created by team members cooking a whopping 118 dishes to go!

Our energetic chefs du jour included: Ellen Holroyd; Janette and Joe Payne; Lindy Young; Ruth Moser; Joyce Long; Betty Iverson; Bob Glathar; Joyce Holroyd; and Bruce DeYoung.

The church's freezers also played a key role in making the cooking day a success. One freezer now stores the prepared meals, while the other keeps ingredients frozen for future use in meal preparation.



Decorating the Christmas Tree!



December 7 is the day to decorate for
Christmas!

Come to Peace at 5:00 PM

and enjoy dinner

with friends

and

Decorating the Sanctuary and
Christmas Tree!

Come make the season bright!

Holiday Shopping with a Smile!

Peace Lutheran Church has set up a link on smile.amazon. When you use smile.amazon, 0.5% of the cost of eligible purchases are donated to our church quarterly. This may not seem like a lot, but it all adds up.

To use smile. amazon all you need to do is to go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0584921> and sign in, or you can go in to smile.amazon.com, sign in and select Peace Lutheran Church—Philomath, OR.

When you log in through smile.amazon you are in the same data base as Amazon, there is no difference in prices or items. The only difference is that Amazon will donate to Peace Lutheran Church based on the total amount of your purchases.

Please share with your friends and family. Anyone can use Smile and have their donations go to Peace Lutheran Church. If you have questions, you can contact Jim Holroyd.



Vina Moses Tree

The Vina Moses Tree is up in the Narthex. Bring the joy of Christmas to a child. Select a tag. Purchase a gift. Place the gift unwrapped under the Giving Tree no later than December 7. Last year the Vina Moses Christmas program provided food baskets and gifts to 900 families in Benton County. Peace's goal is to provide 45 gifts for boys and girls age 1 to 12.

Blessing Board

Check out the windows exiting the church from the narthex. You will notice tangible opportunities (on the hands and angels) to bless the community with your presence. No meetings and no long term commitments are required! It's fairly straight forward. Select a hand or angel. Contact the person listed on the hand or angel if you have questions. Give one or two hours of your time to be a blessing on the date or time for the opportunity.

Advent Mid-Week & Sunday Worship

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| Sunday, December 2 | 11:00 am | Sunday Communion & Worship |
| <i>Wednesday, December 5</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i> |
| Friday, December 7 | 5:00 pm | Dinner & Decorating |
| Sunday, December 9 | 11:00 am | Youth Christmas Program |
| <i>Wednesday, December 12</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i> |
| Sunday, December 16 | 11:00 am | Sunday Communion & Worship |
| <i>Wednesday, December 19</i> | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i> |
| Sunday, December 23 | 11:00 am | Sunday Worship |
| Monday, December 24 | <i>7:00 pm.</i> | <i>Carols, Communion and Candlelight</i> |
| Sunday, December 30 | 11:00 am | Sunday Communion & Worship |
| Monday, December 31 | <i>7:00 pm</i> | <i>New Year's Eve Communion and Open Hymn Sing</i> |



