

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kristine Ellestad

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell and Shawneen Schmitt

7:45 Elder: Jim Verage

Ushers: Dale Stratil, Paul Schneider,

Acolyte: Joseph Schneider

Marc Schneider

10:30 Elder: Alex Scheler

Ushers: Ted Dhein, Ed Lemke,

Acolyte: Hannah Hardenbrook

Erich Greschner

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Schneider

Treats are given by the Theilacker family

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Thursday, December 31 –51 (6:30) Friday, January 1 – N/A (9:30)

Sunday, January 3 – 102 (7:45) 88 (10:30) Bible Study – 89

Wednesday, January 6 – 78 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 38

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$4,408.00

(Loose Plate: \$120.00; Gen. Env.: \$4,288.00)

Other Funds: \$627.00

(Seasonal: \$502.00; Mortgage: \$50.00;

Preus – Dom. Rep. Mission: \$75.00)

Last Week's Total: \$5,035.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DEC.:

Other Received in December: \$8,908.00

General Fund received in December: \$40,879.05

\$49,787.05

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JAN.:

Reduce the Debt in January:

Other Received in January: \$4,408.00

General Fund received in January: \$627.00

\$5,035.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2016

TODAY'S THEME: JESUS BAPTIZES WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The gift of the Holy Spirit is the promise of Holy Baptism. When the minister pours water upon the head of the baptismal candidate with his ordinary human hands, he, the congregation, and the baptismal candidate have the full assurance that Jesus shall give the Holy Spirit, as John also testified, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Jesus is the source of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, who preserves us in the true faith. Jesus continues to pour out His Spirit upon us through the ongoing preaching of His Word. His Word of Law and Gospel is like the fire of heaven. It calls us to repentance. It bestows forgiveness. It "purges the threshing floor" and "gathers the wheat into His barn." At the Baptism of Jesus, we see the supernatural realities of our own Baptism into Christ and we see Jesus as our substitute in whom the Father is well pleased. In His Baptism He aligns Himself fully with sinful humanity and is declared to be the righteous sin bearer, our Kinsmen Redeemer who will redeem us with His very blood.

Guests—Welcome to Our Divine Service! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please sign our guest register in the narthex

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender



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Divine Service: Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:45 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—“*Hear, and your soul shall live*” (Isaiah 55:3b). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord. Ongoing catechesis—passing on the Lord's Word by which faith lives—is the way of life for all the baptized.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel when school is in session, or by appointment.*

Call pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189

Sunday Divine Service 7:45/10:30: Sunday's Gospel

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

Daily Chapel Monday through Friday 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Monday N.T. Youth Catechesis Lesson 16

Monday: Didache at 7:00 p.m. **Lesson 14: The Lord's Prayer**

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study Colossians

Coffee Break Bible Study: Christmas and Epiphany Gospels

Coffee Break Bible Study will explore the Gospel narratives chronicling the birth of our Savior and His epiphany to the nations. We will spend several weeks exploring the history of our Lord's nativity and how the Evangelists proclaim the Gospel for the comfort and strengthening of our faith in Christ.

To Everyone An Answer Study- Today, Sunday, Jan. 10 at 5:30pm

Freedom of Religion and the Church's Response to Persecution

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution declares that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof” — Does this civil right actually exist? Where does it come from? What if it is undermined or taken away? How should the church prepare for and respond to the loss of religious freedom and persecution from society? Pastor Peter Bender will lead a Bible study on this topic followed by a panel discussion with Professor Jason Lane of Concordia University Wisconsin, and Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Wolf Dietrich Knappe, who grew up during the rise and fall of Nazi Germany. The presentation will follow a chili and soup supper, served at 5:30pm. Childcare is available. All is offered at no cost.

Issues Etc. Lutheran Radio Broadcast on Contemporary Issues may be heard over the internet at www.issuesetc.org. This week's topics include: Demon Possession & Spiritual Warfare, Martin Luther's "On Good Works," Christianity & Philosophy, The Presentation of Jesus and more.

News and Notes

Pick up your 2016 offering envelopes today!

Altar Poinsettias—if you purchased a poinsettia for the altar please take them home today.

Joint Board Meetings—Boards of Elders, Education and Properties will meet Tuesday, January 12. The study is at 6:30, business meeting at 7:00pm.

Congregational Assembly— will be Sunday, January 31 at 9:15am.

Game Night (During the Fish Fry) ***Friday, January 15, 2016***

What should we do on a cold winter's night? Play games! Sheephead, Board Games, Activities for young and old alike will be offered for an evening of Christian friendship and good-natured camaraderie.

Peace Lutheran Academy Potluck/Open House – January 24 at Noon

Everyone is invited to our annual Academy Potluck Open House on Sunday, January 24 at 12:00 p.m. The Open House will model a mini school day (not including preschool) and give an opportunity for our members and guests to visit classes and observe, first hand, the wonderful students, teachers, and curriculum of our Academy in action. Bring a dish to pass and join us for the noon luncheon. There is a signup sheet located on the bulletin board next to the church kitchen. Students will be dismissed at 3:00pm. There **will be NO** school on Monday, January 25 for Preschool through eighth grade. This is a uniform event.

Christians Generously Give as a Confession of Their Faith in Christ

We give thanks to God for His generosity to us in the Gospel of His Son by confessing our faith in Christ in the offerings we give to support our local congregation. As you look forward to 2016, consider regular auto-withdrawals from your checking account. It's simple and helps our congregation meet its regular monthly expenses throughout the year. “Simply Giving” pamphlets are available in the track rack on the wall by the narthex doors. If you have questions, contact Randy Kirk, our financial secretary, 414-405-7475.

Upcoming Auction. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Goods and Services Auction on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Please sign up to donate an item or service for the auction. Auction donation forms are located in the Narthex at the SCRIP counter. **The deadline for auction items is February 12, 2016.** Bringing guests and friends to bid on items is a tremendous benefit to the academy. To make reservations, please pick up a reservation form at the SCRIP counter in the Narthex or in the office. Thank you.

PLA Thought of the Week: Those buzzing Bees are upon us! This past Friday all the sixth through eighth graders competed in the Academy Spelling Bee attempting to advance to the District Spelling Bee later this month. Flying right behind that is the National Geographic Bee which will be held Friday, January 22, at 1:00pm. in Loehle Hall. Come and cheer on our students!

Scrip Update for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2015)

Year to Date Profit: \$4,947.66

Last Week's Profit: \$207.55

Participating families last week: 23

Sunday Order of Service

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2016

Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

“**And also with you**” is the response in this service to the salutation, “The Lord be with you.”

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 405
“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

Introit *Sung by the choir, congregation sings Gloria Patri*

Antiphon (Is. 42:1a)
Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

Psalm (Ps. 2 v. 7-11, 12c)
I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have be- | gotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”
Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7
The LORD is the Redeemer of Israel

Gradual *Sung by the choir*

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Romans 6:1-11
Baptism reckons us dead to sin and alive in Christ.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia! You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-22
The Baptism of the Kinsman Redeemer

Hymn of the Day 406
“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”
Choir sings stanza 2 and 4

Distribution Hymn 590
“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

Distribution Hymn 404
“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”

Distribution Hymn 403
“O Savior of Our Fallen Race”

Hymn to Depart 603
“We Know That Christ Is Raised”