

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo
Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell and Mary Nitzsche

7:45 Elder: Mark Schneider Ushers: Paul and Joey Schneider,
Acolyte: Nathan Schneider Marc Schneider

10:30 Elder: Alex Scheler Ushers: Ted Dhein, Eric Kütemeier,
Acolyte: Savannah LaFore Dave Aumann

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

Treats are given by the Martin family

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, December 30 – 121 (7:45) 96 (10:30) 102 Bible Class
New Year's Eve – 74
New Year's Day – N/A
Wednesday, January 3 – 26 (6:45)
Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – 36

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund: \$8,383.60
(Loose Plate \$375.60; Gen. Env. \$8008)

Other:

Goehner Schl. Fund: \$300.00

Parking Lot Fund: \$12,750.00

Mercy Fund: \$50.00

Wokoma Fund: \$200.00

Nigeria: \$500.00

Last Week's Total: \$16,683.60

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DEC.:

Reduce the Debt Received in December: \$100.00
Other Funds Received in December: \$3,055.00
Wokoma Funds Received in December: \$200.00
Nigeria Funds Received in December: \$875.00
General Fund received in December: \$32,705.07
\$36,965.07

TOTAL PARKING LOT FUND: \$38,042.50 = \$76,085.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 6, 2019

THEME: THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: THE SAVIOR OF ALL PEOPLE
The magi from the East who came to worship Jesus, the King of the Jews, were ancient astronomers, scientists, or "wisemen" as they are sometimes called. The star that they saw rise in the East was a sign from God, according to the Scriptures, which led them to Jerusalem and then Bethlehem to worship Jesus. The Holy Gospel for Epiphany reveals Jesus the dramatic contrast between faith born of the Word of God and the wickedness of unbelief which refuses to hear the call to repentance and trust in the Messiah of Holy Scripture. The amazing gifts of the wisemen illustrate that they knew who He was. Gold confesses Him as the King of Kings and was used in Jewish worship in the construction of the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. Frankincense confesses Him as the priest of all priests and was used by the priest in confessing sin and crying out to the Lord before the Altar of Incense. Myrrh was anointing oil used for the anointing of kings and priests, and for the preparing of bodies for burial. It confesses Him to be the Messiah who came into the world to make the ultimate sacrifice for sin. Epiphany reveals Jesus as the Savior of all people, Jew and Gentile alike.

Guests—Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us. 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. Before you leave this morning, 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—“*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!*” (Matthew 17:5) Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

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 Service 7:45 and 10:30 The Epiphany of Our Lord

Bible Class 9:15: The Sixth Commandment (Part 1)

Daily Chapel this week Monday through Friday: 8:00 to 8:30am

Youth Catechesis Monday 4:30: Lesson 16 – Moses' Birth

Didache Monday 7:00: Lesson 13 – The Lord's Prayer

Wednesday Divine Service 6:45: The Epiphany of Our Lord

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 – 2 Samuel

Funeral for our brother Guenther Bollmeyer is tomorrow, January 7, at 11:00, at Peace, with visitation from 9-11:00.

2019 Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle sign-up sheets are now available on the board outside the church kitchen.

Youth Group meets Sunday, January 13 and Sunday, January 27 at 12pm.

News and Notes

Sunday School Teachers Meeting Postponed for Thursday, January 10 at 7pm.

\$200,000 Parking Lot Matching Fund Gift! Moved by the Gospel, an anonymous donor has pledged \$200,000 to be used in a “dollar for dollar” matching fund program for the parking-lot fund. This means that every dollar that is contributed to the parking-lot fund will be matched up to 200,000. This program will continue through 2019. We give thanks to God for this wonderful opportunity!

Board Meetings – Elders meet Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30. Elder packets are available. Properties and Education meet on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00pm.

Family Fish Fry— Friday, January 18, 2019 from 4:30-7:00pm. The video “Foundations in Genesis” begins at 7:00. It focuses on the importance of the first 11 chapters of Genesis for understanding the world in which we live. Posters and flyers are available in the narthex on the scrip counter for anyone to take and post for public viewing. Please help yourself. If more are needed, please let the office staff know. **Volunteers are also needed to help during the fish fry. Please sign up today.**

Parish Council meets Tuesday, January 22 at 7pm.

Anyone who purchased an altar poinsettia can take them home today.

Thanks to everyone for the cards and gifts during this holiday season — from the staff and faculty of Peace Lutheran Church and Academy.

Donations needed for the Academy Auction!

We are in need of donations and sponsors for the 17th Annual Goods and Services Auction to support the Academy! Items that have been donated in the past include tools, gift certificates, sports/event passes, tree cutting services and much more. If you need ideas of what to donate look at the “community chest” table in the hallway. Donation and sponsor forms are available online at www.plaauction.com. Please bring all donations into the church office by January 14, 2019, and if you have any questions contact John Bender at 262-247-5335.

A Girl and A Gun, Saukville Chapter, in conjunction with MPD, will be presenting a 2 hour Active Shooter Preparedness Class on Jan 19th at 6:30pm in Loehe Hall. Taught by law enforcement, you will learn how to react in an emergency in public places. This class is open to adults and teens. Cost is \$30 per person, payable in cash the night of class. Please **RSVP on the sign-up sheet** in hall or on the Facebook event. Questions? Contact Theresa Schneider at tacpjs@yahoo.com or 262-424-4788.

Academy Thought of the Week: Christmas trivia: On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me ... seventh and eighth grade are having fun answering Christmas trivia!

Scrip Update for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2018)
Year-to-Date Profit: \$ 4,050.51

Looking for volunteers to help man the Scrip counter, especially after late service. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Laurie Vogt at lehrerin.laur@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sunday Order of Service
 The Epiphany of Our Lord
 January 6, 2019
Divine Service Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book p. 184

“**And with thy spirit**” 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 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Preservice Music: “Light Eternal” –Kevin Sadowski
Suggested for meditation: The Queen of Chorales, “O Morning Star” LSB 395
“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” Rev. 22:16

Hymn of Invocation **412**
 “The People That in Darkness Sat”

Introit *Sung by the choir, congregation sings the Gloria Patri from Setting 3.*

Antiphon *(Liturgical Text)*
 Behold the Lord, the ru-|ler, has come, *
 and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in His hand.

Psalms *(Ps. 72:1-2, 10-11)*
 Give the king Your judgments, | O God, *
 and Your righteousness to the | king’s Son.
 He will judge Your people with | righteousness, *
 and Your poor with | justice.
 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring | presents; *
 the kings of Sheba and Seba will | offer gifts.
 Yes, all kings shall fall down be-|fore Him; *
 all nations shall | serve Him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. *(Antiphon is repeated.)*

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 60:1-6**
 The Light of the Gospel shines in the darkness of this world

Choral Response “O Chief of Cities” Melby/Vieregge
 O chief of cities, Bethlehem, Beyond the sun in splendor bright,
 Of David’s crown the fairest gem, Above you stands a wondrous light
 But more to us than David’s name, Proclaiming from the conscious skies
 In you, as man, the Savior came. That here, in flesh, the Godhead lies.

The Wise Men, seeing Him so fair, The golden tribute owns him king,
 Bow low before Him, and with prayer But frankincense to God they bring,
 Their treasured eastern gifts unfold And last, prophetic sign, with myrrh
 Of incense, myrrh, and royal gold. They shadow forth his sepulcher.

O Jesus, whom the Gentiles see,
 With Father, Spirit, One in Three:
 To you, O God, be glory giv’n
 By saints on earth and saints in heav’n.

Epistle **Ephesians 3:1-12**
 The mystery of God’s grace: salvation for all nations.

Alleluia-Verse *Sung by the choir*

Alleluia! We saw His star when it rose *(Matt. 2:2b)*
 and have come to worship Him. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**
 The Visit of the Magi

Hymn of the Day **395**
 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Choir sings stanza 4

Offertory Hymn **370**
 “What Child Is This”

Distribution Hymns
 “As With Gladness Men of Old” **397**
 “Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star” **872**
 “Arise and Shine in Splendor” **396**
 “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here” **399**

Hymn to Depart **832**
 “Jesus Shall Reign”