

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor: Opportunities and Challenges in 2019

Every New Year brings opportunities and challenges for us as individuals and families. We don't know what the New Year will bring, but we look forward to it with hope. 2019 will bring both opportunities and challenges to the family we call Peace. While we don't know all of the opportunities before us or the challenges we will face, we do have some ideas about what this New Year will bring.

We have the opportunity to grow in faith and to grow God's family at Peace. The whole range of outreach events and activities in the New Year will give us a chance to introduce people to Jesus Christ, the Son of God who loves us, forgives us and gives us a new life. We should look for those opportunities and be ready to tell our personal faith stories. We can let people know how God has helped us face our personal challenges and the difference His Love and Grace make in our lives. There should be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved and serve our friends and neighbors.

One of the challenges we face is the need to grow our income to support the ministry that we share together. The building addition that opened in the fall of 2016 has given us an open door to serve our community. But it has also given us a challenge to meet the added expenses associated with the building (utilities, mortgage payment, insurance, etc.). We know God never sets us up for failure. The challenge is to be faithful in supporting the ministry of Peace with our financial resources.

We have the opportunity and a challenge to be faithful to God in an increasingly secular society. That is why the New Testament tells us not to conform to the ways of the people around us but to be transformed by Christ. We also have the challenge and opportunity to raise youth and children to be people of faith in our constantly changing world. One of our goals for 2019 is to better equip our families for this in a variety of ways. (Take a look at things coming up early in this New Year to get an idea of how we hope to help.)

Regardless of the Challenges or Opportunities this New Year will bring, we know the Lord is with us and the Holy Spirit will empower and guide us. So we can look forward to the future holding onto God's Promises, working together for the good of all and living to the glory of the Lord.

Thanks for being partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year!



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Worship Schedule
8:30 AM Traditional Service
9:45 AM Sunday School &
Bible Class
11:00 AM Praise Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship
6:45 PM Youth

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Morning Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:45 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Confirmation & Youth: 6:45 PM Youth Praise Band: 7:45-8:15 PM

January Message Theme: “Jesus’ Firsts”

Parents and Grandparents are fascinated with a Baby’s First. You probably have a “Baby’s First Christmas” ornament that belongs to you or one of your kids. We listen for a baby’s first words and watch for a baby’s first steps. As we enter into this New Year, we are going to take a look at some of the “Firsts” in Jesus life.

January 6 th	“Jesus’ 1 st International Visitors (Wise Men)”	Matthew 2:1-12
January 13 th	“Jesus’ 1 st Public Appearance (Baptism)”	Luke 3:15-22
January 20 th	“Jesus’ 1 st Miracle (Wedding @ Cana)”	John 2:1-11
January 27 th	“Jesus’ 1 st Rejection (In Nazareth)”	Luke 4:16-30

Sunday Evening Worship Service

Join us at 6:00 PM Sundays in January. The 6:00 service is a casual, abbreviated version of the 11:00 AM Service.

Sunday (9:45) & Wednesday (10:00) Adult Bible Studies: “Cultures in Conflict”

How do we live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity? Historian Ray Vander Laan will help us learn from the Apostle Paul’s presentation of his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and lived among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, who valued wealth, class, worship of multiple gods, and pleasure seeking above all else. Our goal is to discover how to live in our own Athens or Corinth, in an increasingly secular world, in a way that glorifies God. The five part series is as follows:

January 6th & 9th	“Engaging the Mind: Paul in the Stoa of Athens”
January 13th & 16th	“Engaging the Heart: Paul before the Areopagus”
January 20th & 23rd	“Turning Weakness into Strength”
January 27th & 30th	“The Lord’s Supper: Discerning the Body”
February 3rd & 6th	“Transforming the Chaos”

Parenting & Grand-Parenting Class Begins January 6, 2019, 9:45 AM

Rev. Michael Ruhl will be leading an 8-week course, *The Conscience-Based Approach to Biblical Parenting* Sundays at 9:45 AM beginning January 6. The Bible contains practical concepts and guidelines for effective parenting of our children. Attendance at this course is by registration only, and is best suited for parents with children still at home. To register for this class, email Rev. Michael Ruhl at mrrmultiply21@gmail.com.

Topics:

Week 1	<i>The Conscience-Based Approach to Parenting</i>	Week 6	<i>Honesty and Relationships</i>
Week 2	<i>Internal Prompters and the Conscience</i>	Week 7	<i>Power of a Clear Conscience</i>
Week 3	<i>Doing What's Right Starts with Convictions</i>	Week 8	<i>30-Day Plan for Change</i>
Week 4	<i>Caring about Others - Beyond Selfishness</i>		
Week 5	<i>Clearing Up Mistakes and Offenses (Sin)</i>		



Confirmed Youth Meet Sundays at 6:45 PM!

The Youth of Peace are looking forward to an exciting New Year. Nick and Maxine Santoro and Alexander Kauffman will continue to provide leadership and direction for the youth. They would love to have a couple parents join with them in working with our youth and inviting their friends to be part of the special events and activities. The Youth meet Sunday evenings from 6:45—8:00 PM.. Food is provided. This is a great time for the youth of Peace and their friends!

Tentative January Schedule

January 6th Time with Pastor Larry
January 13th
January 20th
January 27th All Youth Whirlyball

Confirmation Classes, Sundays at 6:45 PM

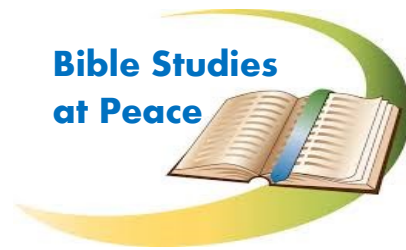
Confirmation classes and Middle School Youth Events are held on Sunday evenings at 6:45 PM, following the 6:00 PM Worship Service. Parents are invited and encouraged to sit in on the sessions with their son or daughter. Classes in January will be held on January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th (all youth whirlyball on the 27th).



Youth Praise Band, "God Squad", Sundays at 7:45 PM

Any interested teen musicians are welcome to join the Youth Praise Band, "God Squad". Whether you play an instrument or like to sing we would love to have you!

The group meets most Sunday nights from 7:45 - 8:15 in the youth room. We are planning a really fun year, so we hope you will check it out! Questions? Contact Juliette Harrison: juliette@sweetwoodfarm.org



The Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study will be the same as Pastor Courson's Sunday Morning Bible Study

"Cultures in Conflict" is the Bible Study theme. Topics are listed on the second page of the Newsletter.

Thursday Morning Women's Adult Bible Study, 9:30—11:00 AM

The Women's Bible Study will continue meeting at Peace Thursday mornings in January. The group meets at 9:30 for chatter and prayer, beginning the study close to 10:00 and finishing up about 11:00. All are welcome. Contact Dorothey at 426-1535 or familyofpauluns@charter.net if more information is needed.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast, 8:00—9:30 AM Beginning January 12th

Pastor Courson will lead the study, "The Making of a Godly Man" with Tim Brown—How Men and Boys Honor God and Live with Integrity" select Saturdays starting January 12th at 8:00 AM

In this six session video based study, NFL All-Pro and sports analyst Tim Brown teaches men the principles and priorities for leading a life that honors God. He addresses what true manhood is, how guys attain it, and how they should live with honor and integrity – two essential cornerstones for being godly men. Men of all ages will be challenged to measure their lives by a higher standard.

Pastor Larry will lead the study and discussion. Dates and topics are as follows:

<i>A Man Utilizes His Talents</i>	Jan. 12	<i>A Man Overcomes Temptation</i>	Jan. 19
<i>A Man Takes Responsibility</i>	Feb. 2	<i>A Man Forgives Others</i>	Feb. 16
<i>A Man Has His Priorities in Order</i>	Feb. 23	<i>A Man Builds a Godly Legacy</i>	March 2

THREDS – An Online Dialog about today's important issues and concerns

At THRED® we believe your perspective and your experiences are valid and important. We believe we can learn things through dialogue with each other that we can't learn any other way. And we believe the hardest topics should be talked about more, not less.

That's why we're tirelessly creating opportunities for important conversations to happen online—from articles to videos, from our forums (coming soon) to your own social media—and we're always asking how we can start better conversations in more places.

We are Christians, and we believe Jesus still has a lot to offer people today, so most of our material will include a Christian perspective. But we are also open-minded, and we are listening—we think that's the only way to talk about faith or life or anything else truly important.

So join the conversation at www.Thred.org You will discover a wide range of topics.

Peace Directors and Elders

The members of the Board of Directors are elected by the members of Peace at the Annual Voter's meeting in December. Each Director serves a two year term. The terms are staggered so that there are always Directors serving with prior experience on the Board. Their duties are to oversee the business of the church and to be accountable to the Voters. The 2019 members of the Board of Directors and their terms of service are as follows:

President: Matt Burr (2 years)
Vice President: Todd Stites (2 years)
Treasurer: Nate Lamb (1 year)
Secretary: Rebecca Luken (1 year)
At Large: Jessica Towers (2 years)
Head Elder: Carroll DeLancey (2 years)

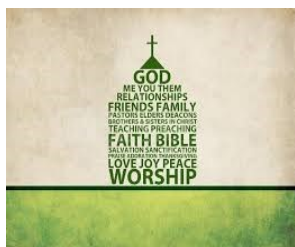
Thanks to Mark Korinek and Kathie Piatek for serving on the Board

The members of the Board of Elders are also elected by the Voter's of Peace. Their primary responsibility is to oversee the spiritual and worship life of Peace and to provide support and oversight of the Ministry staff. The Elders also serve on two year, staggered terms. The members of the Board of Elders are as follows:

Mark Bacon, Carroll DeLancey, Charlie Yuan (2 years)
Tom Arbaugh, Edward Krzysik, Ken Visel, Larry Jones – 6:00 PM Service (1 year)

Thanks to Craig Lennon for serving on Board of Elders past 6 years.

Please keep these men and women in your prayers as they serve together to lead Peace in our mission to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to grow together in faith in God's family.



Leadership Workshop at Peace, January 26, 2019, 8:30—Noon

The Elders, Directors and other leaders of Peace will meet on Saturday morning the 26th to review our mission, vision and values. Then the group will look at some key thoughts from the book "Who Broke My Church" to help us in setting goals for 2019 & 2020. Thanks to Pastor Mike Ruhl for helping to lead the Who Broke My Church study. Participants are asked to read the book before Jan. 26th. We'll begin with coffee, juice, fruit & donuts at 8:30 before the 1st session at 9:00. Incoming and outgoing officers and other people in leadership positions at Peace are invited and encouraged to join us.

The 2019 Budget was Approved at the December 16th Voter's Meeting



2019 Offering Envelopes have been placed in your Peace Pockets. Please begin using these in January 2019.

If you have any questions, or did not receive envelopes, please contact Jane Harlow at jharlow@umich.edu.



All of us have someone in our lives who has strayed away from faith in Jesus Christ. How can we reach out not only to the prodigal but to the parents, families and friends of prodigals who struggle to know what to do? Join us for a seminar on these important issues and an introduction to a ministry opportunity that churches everywhere can easily implement. Paula Isakson (Founder of Faith Family Reunion) will share the Faith Family Reunion curriculum which she and her father Dr. Jakob K. Heckert (theological Editor) co-wrote together that addresses the subject matter head on. Additional resources will be presented from the Faith Family Reunion interactive website: www.faithfamilyreunion.com. Help families' welcome home family members who have wandered away.

Agenda:

- 9:00 am to 9:45am Arrive and Sign In with coffee, juice & rolls
- Opening Prayer and Introduction
- 9:45 am to 12:00 am Introduction video from Lutheran Hour Ministries: Regrets, Reality and Restoration.
- Go over introduction of class curriculum, presentation
- 12:00 am to 2:30 pm Working lunch, class curriculum and presentation
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Wrap up, comments, concluding remarks and prayer.
- Afterward Paula will be around for one-on-one discussion

For Registration & Directions contact Peace Lutheran Church at 734-424-0899 or email Peace at peacelutheran@peaceaa.net.

Cost for the day is \$30.00 per person, includes continental breakfast and box lunch, plus workshop material and handouts.

Click on this link for more information: <http://www.faithfamilyreunion.com/Peace-Lutheran-Church>

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Spanish Classes at Peace

Interested in learning Spanish or refreshing your skills? Classes are held Tuesday evenings at Peace. Beginning Spanish is held at 6:30 PM, Advanced at 7:30 PM. For more information about the classes or to register, please email Juan Ramos at seat.dude@yahoo.com. Classes resume January 8th.

To our family at Peace. . . .

Thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers and gifts we received this Christmas.

We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

The Staff of Peace Lutheran Church



Communion is offered the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of each month at all services. For those with mobility issues, you are welcome to sit on the aisle chair and communion will be brought to you. Because of the cold and flu season we are not using the Common Cup. The Common Cup will return in the Spring.



Sitting Volleyball Clinic at Peace, January 12th, 1:00-3:00 pm

Sitting Volleyball has the same rules as its non-disabled counterparts with few exceptions such as a lower net and smaller court which make for a

faster game. Not only can an athlete with a disability play this sport, but any person can. Youth and adults are invited to come and watch, assist and even play!

Dexter Special Olympics Basketball 2018—2019 is looking for Boys and Girls of all ages to join!



The team practices Thursdays at Peace from 6:00—7:30 PM.

If you are interested, would like to help coach or would like more information, please contact Craig Lennon at dexterspecialolympics@gmail.com.



Winter Gym Use at Peace when Dexter Schools not in session

Dexter Schools are on break through Jan. 6th. Families/individuals are welcome to use the gym for play time during the break. If you are interested in using the gym, please call the church office (734.424.0899) to see if someone is available to open the gym. If you have a key, the alarm may be set and you will need to disarm. When you are finished using the gym, please sweep the floor, make sure the lights are off and lock the door. If you would like to schedule the gym for any events during the year, or when the church office is closed, please email Damon Cappelli at cappelli27@yahoo.com.



Donate to Peace!

Peace opens its facilities to a variety of groups, agencies and sporting events at no cost. You can help us pay for the utilities and other related costs. Please donate using this PayPal QR code. Thanks!



A Note of Thanks from UMAISE ~

*Dear Peace Lutheran Family,
Words cannot express how grateful we are of your continued support of all things UMAISE. Thank you so much for opening your doors so generously and willingly so we can continue to bring inclusive sports experiences to all. We truly appreciate all that you've done and continue to do for the UMAISE and the Rollervines.*

Sincerely, UMAISE Team 2018

UMAISE "Rollverines" Basketball Team



Pastor's Courson's Daily Blog

You have been invited to join Pastor Larry in reading through the New Testament in 2019. He plans to begin the New Year reading the Book of Proverbs and reflecting on them. This is the Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament. Instead of a list of daily readings, Pastor Larry will write about how ever many verses he reads each day. So please join in the search for God's gift of wisdom.

<http://www.larrycourson.wordpress.com/>

January Daily Bible Readings

If you would like to read through the New Testament in the New Year, the daily verses will be posted in the weekly Sunday bulletins.

1. Matthew 1:1-25
2. Matthew 2:1-23
3. Matthew 3:1-17
4. Matthew 4:1-25
5. Matthew 5:1-26
6. Matthew 5:27-48
7. Matthew 6:1-18
8. Matthew 6:19-7:11
9. Matthew 7:12-29
10. Matthew 8:1-22
11. Matthew 8:23-9:8
12. Matthew 9:9-34
13. Matthew 9:35-10:15
14. Matthew 10:16-33
15. Matthew 10:34-11:15

16. Matthew 11:16-30
17. Matthew 12:1-21
18. Matthew 12:22-45
19. Matthew 12:46-13:23
20. Matthew 13:24-46
21. Matthew 13:47-14:12
22. Matthew 14:13-36
23. Matthew 15:1-28
24. Matthew 15:29-16:12
25. Matthew 16:13-17:9
26. Matthew 17:10-27
27. Matthew 18:1-20
28. Matthew 18:21-19:12
29. Matthew 19:13-30
30. Matthew 20:1-28
31. Matthew 20:29-21:22

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Larry Jones
Edward Krzysik
Ken Visel
Charlie Yuan



Christmas Decoration Take Down Day ~ Sunday, January 6th at Noon (following the 11:00 service) We can use your help following the 11:00 worship service to take down the Christmas decorations. With many helpers, it should go quickly.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries
If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please contact the Church office so we may update our records



Lydia Weinburger	1/2
Brian Hackett	1/4
Cathy Ponitz	1/4
Ann Miller	1/5
Jim McCrea	1/9
Rachel Melody	1/9
Carol Nowroski	1/11
Rebecca Arbaugh	1/12
Ann Schebor	1/14
Erik Cabble	1/18
Emilie Polens	1/18
Shannon Cummings	1/21
John Engstrom	1/22
Bill Koch	1/22
Sam Pappas	1/22
Laura Zahn	1/22
Bill Miller	1/23
Sara McCrea	1/24
Kendall Korcek	1/27
Alice Jopps	1/30
Brady Arbaugh	1/31
Avery Stites	1/31
Alice Talbot	1/31



Pastor Larry & Joan Courson 1/29 36 Years

◀ Dec 2018	January 2019						Feb 2019 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	4 7:00 PM AA Group	5	
6 <i>Communion</i> Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class Noon ~ Take Down Decorations 6:00 PM Evening Worship 6:45 PM Youth 6:45 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM 12 Step Grp	7 10:30 AM Jackson Trippers 5:30 PM Daisies 6:00 PM UMAISE Basketball 6:30 PM Directors Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Basketball	8 8:30 AM Pastor Courson at Tri-Circuit Mtg. 6:00 PM UMAISE Basketball Spanish Classes 6:30 Beginning 7:30 Advanced 7:00 Dexter Co-op Meeting	9 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class	10 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Special Olympics	11 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 PM AA Group	12 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 1:00 PM Sitting Volleyball 6:00 PM Saturday Night Bible Study	
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Peace Helper List for January 2019

Sign up online:

<http://goo.gl/APhYGZ>

January 6 — Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: Carroll DeLancey
Usher: R. Ponitz & T. Biggs
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Jason Biggs
Greeter: Aufdemberge
Altar Guild: Diane Bacon
Coffee Setup: John Schultz

11:00 Service

Elder: Charlie Yuan
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Arbaugh
Altar Guild: Tracey Melody
Coffee Setup: Bill Koch Cleanup:
Counters: C. Roberts / N. Woodruff

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones
Altar Guild: E. DeLancey

January 13

8:30 Service

Elder: Carroll DeLancey
Usher: Mark & Amanda Bacon
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Cayden Cappelli
Greeter: Biggs
Coffee Setup: Ann Schebor

11:00 Service

Elder: Edward Krzysik
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Lennon
Coffee Setup: B. Klaus Cleanup: B. Klaus
Counters: Ruth & Ted Aufdemberge

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones

January 20— Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: Ken Visel
Usher: R. Ponitz & B. Stone
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Chartlotte Wetzel
Greeter: DeLancey
Altar Guild: Eileen DeLancey
Coffee Setup: Debbie Stone

11:00 Service

Elder: Tom Arbaugh
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Koch
Altar Guild: Alice Jopps
Coffee Setup: Cleanup: B. Argaugh
Counters: K. Piatek / P. O'Hara

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones
Altar Guild: Joan Courson

January 27

8:30 Service

Elder: Ken Visel
Usher: R. Ponitz & C. DeLancey
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Jason Biggs
Greeter: Ramos
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: Edward Krzysik
Usher: Bill Miller
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Waldron
Coffee Set Up: Cleanup: B. Argaugh
Counters: Ray & Karen Essell

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones