



# Peace Notes

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

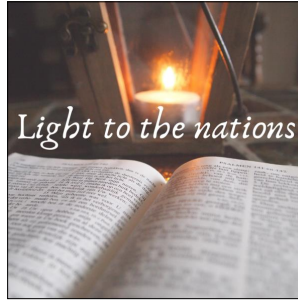
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December 2  
Greening of the Church  
9am



December 9  
Christmas Pageant  
9am



December 16  
Music Festival  
9am



December 23  
Fourth Advent Sunday  
9am



December 24  
Christmas Eve  
3pm & 4:30pm

***"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel."***

The season of Advent is upon us once again. How will you prepare for Christ's coming this year?

Like years before, we will decorate our church and our homes, we will sing familiar songs, and we will tell the Christmas story, starting with the Greening of the Church.

The CROSS+Generational Christmas Pageant reminds us that it's Christmas again, a time to remember and sing. We remember God's great love for us, that Jesus Christ was sent to earth to save us from our sins.

Jesus came to be a Light to the Nations, which we remember at our December Music Festival. This year we welcome the Watercress String Trio to lead worship with the Peace music ensembles.

May the peace of Christ enter all of our hearts as we wait and prepare through these four weeks of Advent.

**Stefanie Fiser Kleven, Minister of Music**

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

-Joshua 24

Thank you! The Capital Appeal has been a great success. We have raised \$150,000 to do improvements that will further Peace's mission within our walls and in the community. Because we are currently short of the \$200,000 goal, priorities are based on mission and voices heard in the cottage meetings last summer.

Current projects include: Upgrades to the audio and visual equipment in the sanctuary, and bids for parking lot and a sign on County Road 101.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Pastor Kjell Ferris**

## INSIDE

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- Peace Giving Tree

- Advent at Peace
- January Forums

## Stewardship at Peace

What we give to Peace Lutheran is not tied to a budget—this is us giving back to a God that has so graciously blessed us. It is this counter-cultural way of living that Peace seeks to share. How can you help grow God's mission through Peace's ministry of **Welcome, Worship and Service**? Annual pledge cards have been mailed and are available in the office; it gives you the ability to communicate your participation in Christ's mission.

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By Sunday, December 2 please place your pledge card in the offering plate at worship, drop it in the mail or stop by the church. Thank you for your support of Christ's work in the world!

**Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Kjell**

## Update on the chaplaincy program in Latvia

Peace received a report from Dana Kalnina-Zake in Latvia. Dana is one of the first certified chaplains in Latvia. Our former Pastor, Andris Sedlins, was a member of the certifying board. Peace Lutheran Church supported the education and certification of chaplains in Latvia after Latvia's independence from the Soviet Union. Peace planted the seeds and helped nourish those seeds. The seeds have taken root, but the Latvian chaplains still face many challenges as Dana describes the success and challenges in her article. Please enjoy an excerpt of her article here.

### **Challenges and Hopes after 20 years - Hospital Chaplaincy of Latvia**

The Association of Professional Health Care Chaplaincy of Latvia (LPVAKA) was founded in 2005 as a result of a long history of greatly inspired and hard working group of hospital pastoral care givers in Latvia and our friends and supporters in the USA, among whom there is a special place for Peace Lutheran Church. Without you our work and achievements would not be possible!

I have been with LPVAKA since the beginning; I am a hospital chaplain for over 14 years now and belong to the Lutheran Evangelical Church of Latvia. My daily work is

to head Spiritual and Social Care Services in the main university hospital in Riga - Paul Stradins Clinical University Hospital. Since 2005 I, together with 9 other hospital chaplains from various denominations, founded the Association of Professional Health Care Chaplains, most of us - women theologians. Some of us are still trying to collaborate and trying to find ways to support each other. Unfortunately it becomes more and more difficult with each year for us to sustain ourselves and to get professional support (supervisions) or financial. This year I have started a formal training for supervision in a three year course accredited by the Association of National Organization for Supervision and Coaching in Europe (ANSE). All those years since 2005, I was among just a few in LPVAKA, in my church and in fact all of Latvia who lead clinical pastoral education program and supervised hospital chaplains and diaconal workers. But the time has come for us to seek more grounded and elaborate education in supervision as our professional, psychological and spiritual demands and challenges have grown greatly!

### **Board Member**

**Dana Kalnina-Zake**

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**Peace Notes is a monthly newsletter.**

**Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.**

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Childcare Specialists — Brenna Kylo & Olivia Akhigbe

## **Giving Tree at Peace** *Bloom Early Learning*

This year for the Peace Giving Tree, we are partnering with Bloom Early Learning & Child Care out of Plymouth. On the tree, in the gathering space, you'll find ornaments with gift requests from two family. These individuals are supported by Bloom, who helps families outside the IOCP area.

Bloom Early Learning & Child Care was established in 2000 and is an accredited center with the mission to make quality childcare fun and affordable for the community. Bloom aims to save half of their capacity for single-family and low-income families; the cost of high quality childcare is often extremely difficult or impossible for these families to achieve. In order to provide quality education to these families, Bloom provides scholarships.

The children at Bloom range from six weeks to five years and come from all backgrounds, which fosters a strong and diverse community. The curriculum and programing is value-based that often results in children leaving the Bloom program well equipped both in school and social situations.

A non-profit and 501(c)(3) organization, Bloom is partially supported by faith communities such as Peace, businesses, individuals, and civic organizations. They partner with a number of other entities such as Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners, Caring for Kids, the Wayzata School District and government agencies to help support and empower families who struggle financially.

Bloom is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is 4-Star Parent Aware rated. For more information about Bloom, check out their website at [www.bloomearlylearning.org/](http://www.bloomearlylearning.org/)

Pick up an ornament with a family member's request and return the gift wrapped and labeled to the church office by December 16.

Please note that if you would like to help the Bloom families, but do not want or do not have time to go shopping, you can bring in a monetary donation and the office will use that to purchase something from the Giving Tree for you.



### **BLOOM HELPS FAMILIES**

All types of families seek assistance from Bloom to help give their children quality education; Bloom saves half their capacity for single-families and low-income families.



### **GIFTS CAN BE A BURDEN**

For low-income families or individuals, gift-giving can be more a burden than a fun activity. Worrying how to pay for life essentials as well as give loved ones gifts can overwhelm and stretch an already thin budget.



### **YOUR GIFTS ARE NEEDED**

Sometimes it may seem that items are asked for but may not be tailored to a family's actual needs. The gifts on the Giving Tree however, have been specifically asked for by Bloom families.



### **YOU SUPPORT THE FAMILY**

In buying a gift for a Bloom family you are not only helping the parents, but you are supporting the family. The money a family would spend on a gift can now be used for food, utilities, rent, or other life essentials.



**PICK UP AN ORNAMENT FROM THE GIVING TREE AND SUPPORT A BLOOM FAMILY!**







### **January, 2019: Resolve to Complete Your Health Care Directive and other Important Documents!**

#### **Important forums on January 6 and 13<sup>th</sup>**

As the new year arrives, we often make resolutions about our health. But this year, I want to encourage you to take care of the critical documents you may have been putting off completing. These documents are your

- Health Care Directive (often called Living Will or Health Care Power of Attorney)
- A will and/or trust
- Durable Power of Attorney for Financial Affairs

**Please don't put this off any longer!** Whatever your age, you need to have a document that indicates your wishes if you should suddenly become unable to communicate your health care choices to others. This document is called a Health Care Directive and it's not just for older people! Anyone 18 years and over needs this document. What if you were in an accident or experienced a serious illness? Would your parents, spouse, children know what type of treatment you would want? If not, your loved ones would struggle to know your wishes and may make decisions you would not want them to.

Your will, Power of Attorney for Financial Affairs and other documents will indicate who should take care of your children if you're unable to pay your bills or take

care of other financial matters. If you die, who will take care of your possessions and estate no matter how small or large?

Did you realize that, without planning, your loved ones could end up in the courts for long periods of time and spend a lot of money to obtain legal permission to take care of your children or financial affairs? And the chance of conflict and hard feelings greatly increases without these important documents.

Peace is giving you an opportunity to complete your Health Care Directive and learn about other aspects of advance planning. **On Sunday, January 6 from 10-11:30 a.m.** attend a session where you can complete your directive and have it witnessed so it is legal. On Sunday, January 13 from 10-11 an attorney will speak about the other documents mentioned above. Even if you have documents from the past, this new year is a perfect time to take a look at these documents to be sure they are still appropriate.

Please put these dates on your calendar now and make plans to attend so you can take care of these critical actions early in 2019!

**To your health, Sondra**

**January 6, 2019**

**Forum at 10am**

**COMPLETING YOUR  
HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE**

**Led by Sondra Weinzierl, Faith  
Community Nurse & health care  
directive facilitator**

**January 13, 2019**

**Forum at 10am**

**LEGAL ASPECTS OF ADVANCE  
PLANNING - WILLS, TRUSTS, AND  
DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**Marjorie Austin will lead the  
forum. She is the sole proprietor  
of MJ Austin Law.**

# HOT NEWS

## DECEMBER



December 2 : Greening of the Church @ 9am

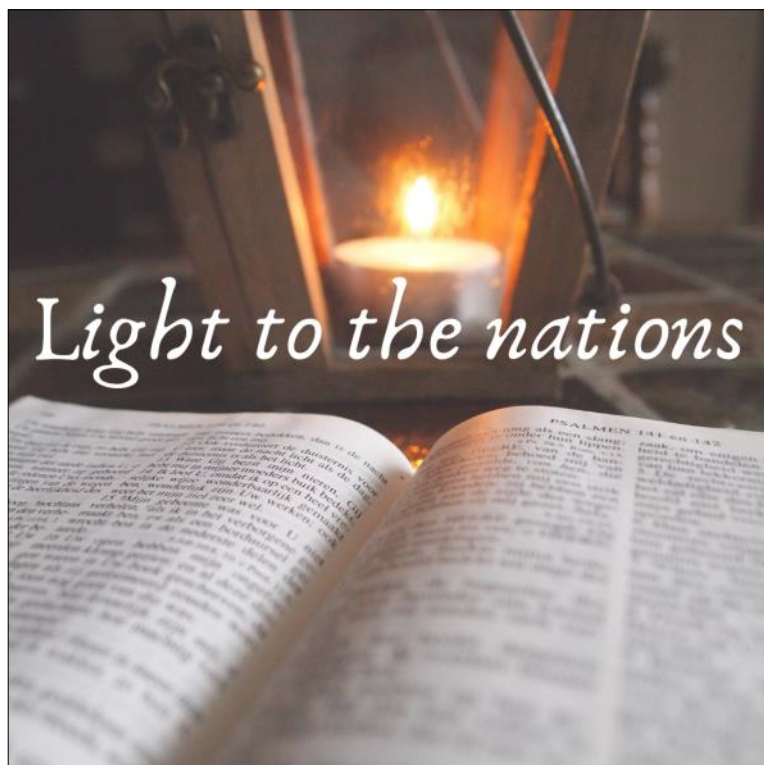


December 9 : Christmas Pageant @ 9am

## Join Peace for Advent!

December 16 : Music Festival @ 9am

December 24 : Christmas Eve @ 3pm & 4:30pm





# Events & Notices

## Christmas Giving Tree

This year Peace is supporting Bloom Early Learning and Childcare with a Christmas Giving Tree. Visit the tree to pick up an ornament and support a Bloom family this year. **Please return gift wrapped and labeled to the church office by December 16.**

## Advent at Peace

Join Peace during Advent on Sundays at 9am for the Greening of the Church (Dec. 2), CROSS+Generational Christmas Pageant (Dec. 9), Christmas Music Festival (Dec. 16), and the fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23). Christmas Eve services are on December 24 at 3pm and 4:30pm. All are welcome!

## It's time to decorate

Many hands are needed to prepare our Sanctuary for Advent. Please consider lending a hand decorating the Christmas tree at noon on Saturday, December 8 (after the pageant rehearsal) Please tell Stefanie if you can help out! Thank you!

## Women of Song Concert

Women of Song will be performing a concert at Peace again this year! Come enjoy their Candlelight Carols program on December 15th at 7pm. The concert is free, but there will be a free-will offering.

## National Lutheran Choir Christmas Festival

The National Lutheran Choir performs their Christmas Festival at Basilica of Saint Mary on Friday, Dec. 7 at 4:30p and 8p, and Saturday, December 8 at 8p. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.nlca.com/18-19season](http://www.nlca.com/18-19season).

## January 6 - Forum on Health Care Directives

Join our Faith Community Nurse, Sondra Weinzierl, as she leads you through information on how to complete your Health Care Directive and why it is important to have one. The forum starts after worship at 10am.

## January 13 - Forum on Legal Aspects of Advance Planning

Marjorie Austin will lead a forum on the legal aspects of advance planning such as wills, trusts, and durable Power of Attorney. She is the sole proprietor of MJ Austin Law. The forum will start at 10a after worship.

## January 20 - Budget Forum

On Sunday, January 20 after worship there will be the annual budget forum with Lance Novak. Your presence is appreciated.

## January 27 - Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 27, the annual meeting will take place. Your presence is appreciated.

## Advent at Peace Word search

### Activities

#### >ROMEO BREAKFAST

Monday, Dec. 3 @ 8a; Perkins

#### >BREWING FAITH

Monday, Dec. 10 @ 4:45p  
Rock Elm Tavern

#### >QUILTING

Thursday, Dec. 13 & 27 @ 9a

#### >WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Dec. 19 @ 8a; Panera

#### >KNITTING & NEEDLEPOINT

Thursday, Dec. 20 @ 7p; Panera

#### >BUNDLES OF LOVE

Thursday, Dec. 27 @ 3p

#### >YOGADEVOTION

Mondays @ 5:30p  
Saturdays @ 9a

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Bethlehem  
Forgiveness  
Joseph  
Messiah  
Shepherds  
Birth  
Grace  
Love  
Peace  
Star  
Family  
Jesus  
Mary  
Poinsettia  
Tradition

# December 2018

## Saturday, Dec. 1

9a YogaDevotion  
3p Women's Tea

## Sunday, Dec. 2 : Greening

9a Worship with  
Holy Communion

## Monday, Dec. 3

8a ROMEOs  
5:30p YogaDevotion

## Tuesday, Dec. 4

10a Faithfully Fit  
7p Committee Night  
Budget Meeting

## Wednesday, Dec. 5

5:30p PeaceFull Nights

## Thursday, Dec. 6

9a Ruth Bible Study

## Friday, Dec. 7

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## Saturday, Dec. 8

9a YogaDevotion  
10a Pageant Rehearsal  
12p Sanctuary decorating

## Sunday, Dec. 9

9a Worship  
CROSS+Generational Pageant  
10a Second Sunday

## Monday, Dec. 10

4:45p Brewing Faith  
5:30p YogaDevoion

## Tuesday, Dec. 11

10a Faithfully Fit  
12:30p Faith & Hope Circles  
7p Council Meeting

## Wednesday, Dec. 12

5:30p Brewing Faith

## Thursday, Dec. 13

9a Quilting

## Friday, Dec. 14

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## Saturday, Dec. 15

9a YogaDevotion  
7p Women of Song  
Concert

## Sunday, Dec. 16

9a Worship with  
Holy Communion  
Christmas Music Festival

## Monday, Dec. 17

5:30p YogaDevotion

## Tuesday, Dec. 18

10a Faithfully Fit

## Wednesday, Dec. 19

8a Women's Breakfast

## Thursday, Dec. 20

7p Knitting & Needlework  
*Newsletter Deadline*

## Friday, Dec. 21

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## Saturday, Dec. 22

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## Sunday, Dec. 23

9a Worship

## Monday, Dec. 24

3p Christmas Eve Service  
with Holy Communion  
4:30p Christmas Eve Service  
with Holy Communion

## Tuesday, Dec. 25

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## Wednesday, Dec. 26

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## Thursday, Dec. 27

9a Quilting  
9a Newsletter Help  
3p Bundles of Love

## Friday, Dec. 28

Annual Reports due

## Saturday, Dec. 29

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## Sunday, Dec. 30

9a Worship with  
Holy Communion

## Monday, Dec. 31

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## DECEMBER 2018

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# Welcome!

At Peace , people of all ages — children, teens and adults—are a very important part of the faith community. You'll see children in worship, teens serving, and families exploring their faith together in Jesus Christ.

Ministries for all ages help people grow in faith, connect in the community, and share their strengths by serving others.

**At Peace, there is a place for you!**



## Adults:

- Men's & Women's Breakfast groups, Brewing Faith, Hope Circle
- YogaDevotion, Faithfully Fit & Health Forums
- Knitting, Quilting, Bundles of Love and Needlepoint groups
- Adult Choir & Adult Bells
- Serving, Community Garden & Peace Retreat

## Children & Youth:

- Sunday School & Nursery
- Confirmation & Youth Group
- Children's Music Ensemble & Youth Handbells
- Summer Youth Trip & Children's Day Camp

## SUNDAY MORNING

9:00-10:00am—Worship

10:00-11:00am—Fellowship & Education for All Ages



*Peace is social!*

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay connected.

**Welcome. Worship. Service.**