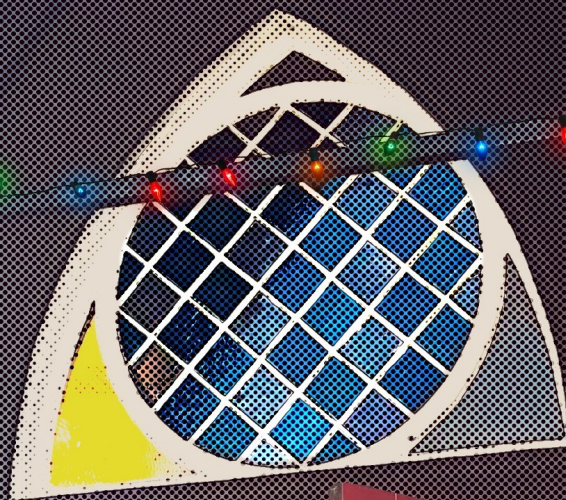


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DECEMBER
2019



You Will Be Honored Here.



Advent: Waiting for the Dawn

*"Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near."
-Romans 13:11-12*

*"O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight."*

-Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710

Have you ever been up before sunrise – packing up a camp site, or preparing for travel, or resigning yourself to a sleepless night – and stopped to notice the signs of daybreak? The sky turns gray as faint color begins to emerge on the eastern horizon. Minute by minute, the obscurity of night gives way until the sun finally strikes everything in view. *Light dawns on a weary world.*

In the northern hemisphere, Christmas, the festival of God's incarnation, occurs at the time of year when the nights are longest. Advent, therefore, "is a time to meditate on the darkness in the universe, the social order, the lives of many people, and our own hearts,* and to pray for God's salvation and wholeness for all" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Keeping Time*). It's a season of both honest lament and hopeful anticipation, of waiting for Christ to come not only as a child in first-century Bethlehem, but also in our midst now and in God's reign of peace to come.

In the Gospel of John, Christ refers to himself as "the light of the world" (8:12), reflecting the prophetic promise that God would shine a light of hope on "those who lived in a land of deep darkness" (Isaiah 9:2). In Advent, we acknowledge the shadows cast across the land in which we live, yet we hold to the hope that although "weeping may linger through the night," nevertheless "joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

And, even as we wait for the dawn, God rouses us to faithfulness; anticipating Christ's advent, we stay awake. "You are the light of the world," Christ insists, "a city built on a hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14). In

other words, our waiting is not passive, but active. “In the promises,” writes Jürgen Moltmann, “the hidden future already announces itself and exerts its influence on the present through the hope it awakens.”

This Advent, stop for a moment to look for the signs of daybreak. Where is the obscurity of night giving way, and the “Sun of justice” drawing nearer to us? Where is God’s salvation, embodied in Bethlehem’s baby boy, already illuminating the world?

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I invite you to come explore the themes of Advent with me at adult formation on the third and fourth Sundays in December (15th and 22nd).

Peace,

Pastor Nate Sutton

* Black theologians have pointed out the church’s propensity to associate darkness as a symbol of evil with dark skin, consciously or unconsciously. Therefore, I take care to use language that explicitly avoids that association. For example, in place of “darkness” or “blackness,” I use “shadow,” “obscurity,” or “night.”



Thank you to everyone who made this year's youth dinner and auction a success! We were able to raise over **\$4,000** that will go directly back to our youth. This night would not have been so successful if it wasn't for everyone that came out to support.

A BIG thank you to:

- Karen from The Savory and Sweet for catering the event and all of her generosity
- Becky VonWahlde for spending all of her "extra" time planning, coordinating and executing a successful event
- Jenny Wicklander for stocking the bar and keeping us well hydrated
- Deena Jamison & Pippa Simpson-Younger for managing the bank
- Jennifer Dvorak for running the kitchen and manning the dishwashing team
- Sara Fowler for designing our auction signage and all her help planning the auction
- Our youth and their families for their hard work and support
- Everyone who donated a delicious dessert
- All of our auction sponsors and silent auction donors
- YOU! For continually supporting our youth!

We look forward to seeing you all at our auction next year!



December: Advent

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Children, Youth, Family & Intergenerational Ministry (CYFI for short) is a new approach to the 9:30 Education Hour here at Peace Lutheran. We hope you will join us and we look forward to growing ALL together in faith, hope, and love!

Here is a lineup of events and classes for the month of December:

»» 1st Sunday (December 1st): Advent Fair

- Join us for the advent fair for some activities, crafts, and maybe even some singing! Advent Fair is for all ages.

»» 2nd Sunday (December 8th): Biblical Storytelling

- Come hear and read stories related to this month's theme, Advent! These activities are meant for children of all ages and adults.

»» 3rd Sunday (December 15th): Peer Group Instruction

- Elementary Youth: Meet in Koinonia to sing with Ms. Jill and Mr. Dennis and then go to Sunday School
- Middle and High School Youth: Meet in Shalom and Hesus for Sunday School
- Adults: Join Pastor Nate in Koinonia for adult formation

»» 4th Sunday (December 22nd): Peer Group Instruction

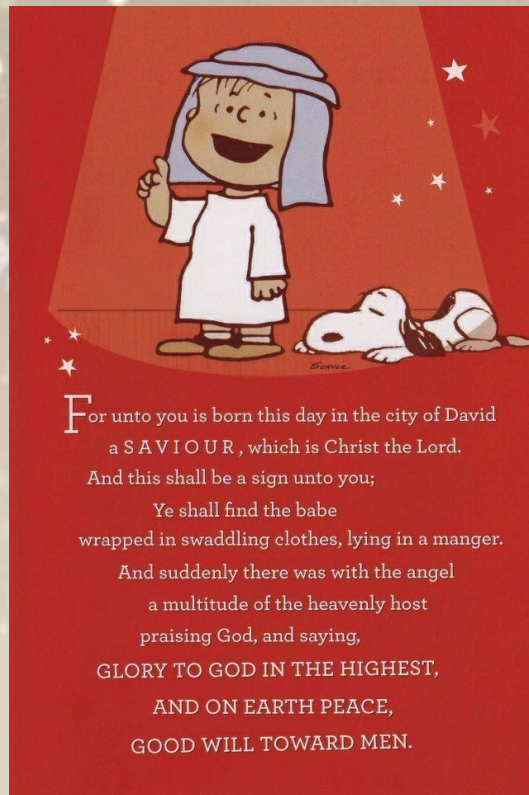
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»» 5th Sunday (December 29th): All-Church Brunch Potluck

Join us for some good food and interesting conversation with your favorite church friends.

- Last Names A-C – Juice/Milk/Beverages
- Last Names D-H – Main Dish
- Last Names I-M – Fruit/Veggies/Salad
- Last Names N-S – Bread or Treat
- Last Names T-Z – Main Dish

If you have any questions about upcoming activities or CYFI in general, please reach out to the members of the CYFI Task Force - Pastor Nate, Becca Johnstone, or Ellen Aronson.



Living Stones Prison Ministry

Visiting the Washington Corrections Center in
Shelton for Worship

*"...you also, like living stones, are being built
into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ. . ."*

1 Peter 2:5

"I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:36

Living Stones Prison Congregation offers a Word and Sacrament ministry to incarcerated men. The congregation is a member of the of the Southwestern Washington Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and exists inside the walls of the prison in Shelton, WA. Every Saturday evening this congregation meets for worship and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Every Saturday up to 10 visitors have the opportunity to worship and visit with the men of the Living Stones Prison Congregation

***Peace Lutheran Church will be visiting and
worshiping with the Living Stones Prison
Congregation on Saturday, January 11th, 2020.***

If you are interested in attending please speak with Karen Ekse.



January 9th

Peace Lutheran will serve at the Armory

January 12th - 2:30 p.m.

Weekend Food Packing Project



Vernell Doyle is offering upward of 2,000 items in her family's estate, to include new and antique furniture, luggage, glass, and Asian artifacts, for sale. Please contact her at 253.906.7777 to arrange a visit.

*Senior/Retiree
Potluck*

Wednesday, December 4th
12:00 p.m.



Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday,
Dec. 4, 11 & 18
6:30 p.m.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 7th
8:30 am

**CHRISTMAS ISN'T JUST A DAY
IT'S A FRAME OF MIND**



HOCKEY LOVERS UNITE!

We are so excited to have a hockey player in our midst. Eli Wicklander plays for the Tacoma Rockets 14U Rec. To show him our support, we have designated Saturday, February 1st, Peace Lutheran Church Hockey Night! Please join us at the Tacoma Twins Rink (2645 S 80th St Tacoma) as we cheer Eli on! (time is to be determined still)

If you are interested in carpooling, please let Diane Dean know by 1/15/20. If we have enough people attending, we may be able to utilize the church van.

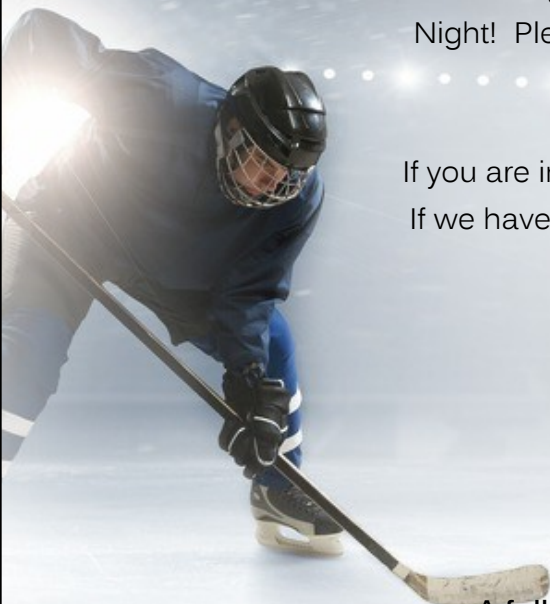
Peace Lutheran Church Hockey Night!

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Time: tbd

Cost: Free!

A full schedule of games will be posted in the Gathering Area



Women of the ELCA Thankoffering

"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."
—Women of the ELCA Council

In the early year of Peace, the women saved pennies for an offering to help others in the community. The first time "thankoffering" is found in the minutes of Ladies Aid (in German) was in 1935. The collection boxes help \$16.75 to be used for mission work.

Thankoffering 2019

Thank you to the women who participated in the annual in-gathering on November 17th. Your offerings will be sent to Churchwide for scholarships and many other projects world-wide supporting women and girls. The total this year was \$485.32! Mat God bless you all as we begin a new year!

Women of the ELCA 

Ladies Aid

Wednesday, December 11
10:00 a.m.

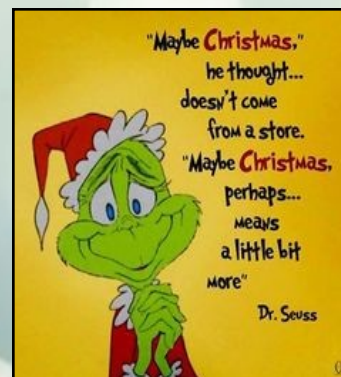
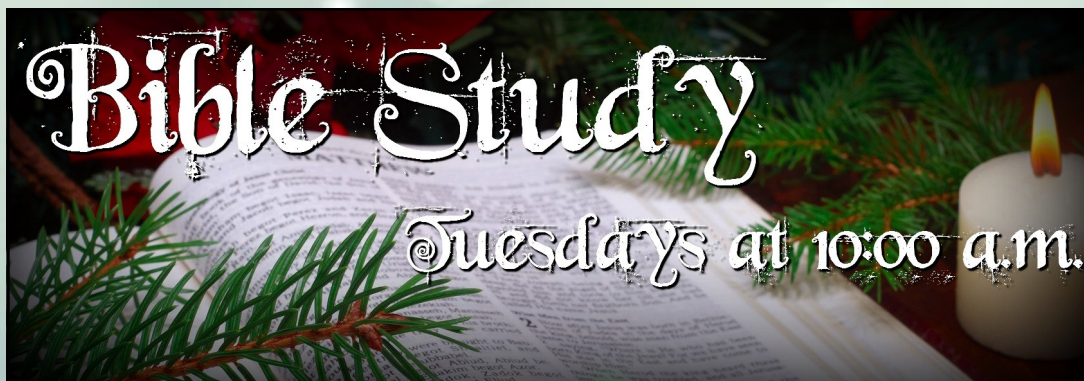
STUDY: Watch, Wait, Create
Advent Devotional - Isaiah

Potluck Lunch

HOSTESS: Nancy & Barb

*Dear George:—
Remember no man
is a failure who has
friends.
Thanks for the wings!
Love Clarence*

It's a Wonderful Life



General Fund October 2019

October Giving	\$24,090.12
October Expense	\$22,552.13
October Difference	\$1,537.99

YTD Giving	\$308,388.05
YTD Expense	\$310,243.34
YTD Difference	(\$1,855.29)

2019 Budget	\$312,237.00
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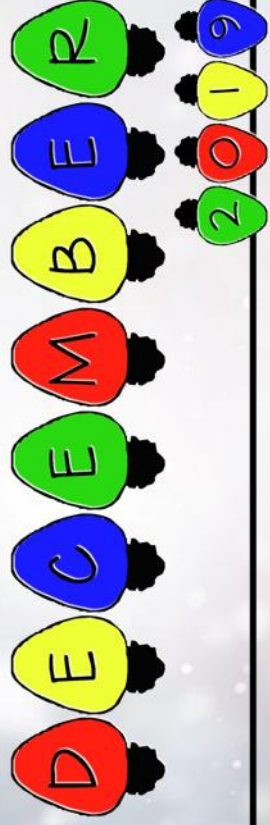




happy birthday

Amy Randall-Vradenburg	2	Jackie Pifer	15
Cooper Mahaffie	3	Becky Henson	18
Denise Mace	3	Eli Wicklander	21
Jennifer Berube	4	Sara Fowler	22
Darlene Olson	5	Kyrah Carlson	23
Christine Rowan	5	Darla Anderson	26
Robert Gordon	7	Nathaniel Mace	26
Werner Boettcher	9	Megan Rabe	26
Jakob Steinberg	10	Irie Tait	30
Andy Casillas	11	Troy Culpepper	30

happy baptismal anniversary

Matthew Mace	Leonard Barrett
Jan Johnson	Rae Carbone
Donna Richardson	Paul Cheek
Paula Schulz	Eralow Kropelnicki
Rob Butler	Lauren Storm
Janet Storm	Bobbi Van Alstyne
Kristen Albenesius	Eric Anderson
Barb Hamry	Lily Mace
Charlene Cook	Christine Rowan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 - Worship (CS) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 9:40 - CVFI 10:45 - Worship (Jill) 3:30 - O.A.	2 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	3 10:00 - Bible Study 5:30 - Finance Committee 6:30 - Executive Committee 7:00 - Boy Scouts	4 12:00 - Sr./Ret. Potluck 5:00 - Quilting 6:30 - Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 - Choir	5 9:30 - Quilting 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	6	7 8:30 - Men's Breakfast
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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.



Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

9:30 a.m.



First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 29th

9:30 a.m.



It's Time To Get
FESTIVE

Wednesday, December 11th

11:30 a.m.

SH Mall Food Court

**WEAR YOUR SILLIEST, UGLIEST MOST
"CHRISTMASSY" THINGS YOU HAVE**



December 25 - 27



YOUTH

FEATURING...
GAMES
PIZZA
&
FUN AT
TRAMPOLINE
SPORTZ

FRIDAY, DECEMBER
20TH

MEET AT PEACE @
6:00PM
RETURN TO PEACE
@ 10:30PM

COST:
\$25

SIGN UP BY
DEC 15TH

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (6-12TH)

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT

We will be joining the youth of Mt. View, Celebration, and Pilgrim!

JUNE 25-29, 2020



WESTERN STATES YOUTH GATHERING

California Lutheran University
Office of Congregational Relations
60 W. Olsen Road #2125
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

WSYG is:

Large gatherings with amazing speakers and musicians, learning and small group times, worship that leads in new directions; immersion experiences in Los Angeles; lots of fun to be had all in the beauty of Southern California!

COST:

Oct. 3 - Jan. 2 (\$450)
Jan. 3 - March 2 (\$475)
March 3 - June 1 (\$500)

Registration closes on June 1, 2020.

All registration costs include program, housing and food.
\$100 non-refundable deposit due at registration.

More Information:

Email: info@wsyg.com
Web: www.wsyg.com
Phone: 805-493-5936, leblanc@callutheran.edu

JUNE 25-29, 2020

WESTERN STATES YOUTH GATHERING

#WSYG2020   

YOUTH HOSTED
KID'S

CHRISTMAS *party*

• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH •
5:00-6:30 PM
AT JOHNSTONE RESIDENCE

YOUTH RSVP
TO LILY MACE





Youth Serving at Freezing Nights



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Sunday, **December 8th** youth aged 12-18 have the opportunity to serve Step By Step at their annual Christmas Celebration. We will be volunteering from 4:00-8:30 pm at Lighthouse Christian Center. Stay tuned for an email with more information!

Sunday, **December 15th** from 5-6:30 pm Young-ish Families are meeting at the Johnstone's house. The youth will be there to decorate gingerbread houses and host holiday fun for the kids.

Thursday, **December 19th** 7:15-8:30pm youth will be serving dinner for Freezing Nights at Immanuel Lutheran

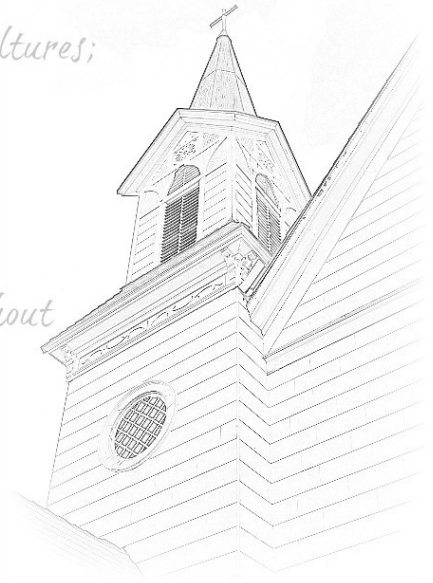
Middle and High School Christmas Night Out on Friday, **December 20th**! We will be joining the three other Lutheran youth groups in Puyallup for a fun evening of pizza, games, and fun at Trampoline Sportz in Federal Way! We will meet at Peace at 6:00 pm and be back around 10:00 pm. Cost is \$25.

People of all races and ethnicities, countries of origin, ancestries, and cultures;
People of all religious backgrounds, including no religious background;
People of all gender identities and sexual orientations;
People with differing physical and/or intellectual abilities;
People of all ages and from all family structures;
People who are single, partnered, married, widowed, or divorced;
People of all economic backgrounds, homeowners, renters, and people without permanent homes;
People of diverse political views; and
People with all kinds of gifts and challenges.

Join Us!

You will be honored here.

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.



PUYALLUP
SANTA PARADE
— AND —
HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH!
MARKET: 12:00 - 7:00 P.M.
PARADE: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.