



## THE GIFT THAT IS YOU!

### 2024 Christmas Message



As I reflect on my time in Malawi back in early November, I had so many experiences that merit being shared. As I write this letter, perhaps the most important lesson I can offer was that of my new reality as a guest overseas.

Everywhere I turned, I truly felt like I was the most important person present. Yes, there were times where I was the honored guest as a bishop. I was granted the best seats in the church, in the van, on the stage. When I walked the grounds at the Lutheran Compound in my purple clerical, EVERYONE immediately stopped what they were doing to greet me, even if that was their first encounter with me. I was fed better than most and I never had to carry my own luggage. I had women pour water over my hands before certain meals (including communion) much like Christ did during the Last Supper in washing the disciples' feet. And despite my innermost desires to remind them that I was just another guy, I simply could not insult them in that manner. The way in which they treated me was at the core of their faith practice.

Thankfully, Deacon Laura taught me a valuable insight that helped my understanding more clearly. They didn't treat only bishops that way, they treat all guests that way! Having been to Malawi five times before she took me, Laura has experienced that generous hospitality time and time again. And now that I'm a few weeks removed from their genuine welcome, I still firmly believe that their faith has taught them to love their neighbor and lift them up no matter how far away we may come.

What if we all treated our neighbor as though they are the most important person present at that time? What if we lifted the spirits of the people God places in our lives each and every day? As we prepare for the Christmas story once again this year, we emphasize the gift that comes in the Christ child, God made flesh to live among us mortals. Just think about the lives that the Christ child touched! It started with Mary and Joseph, continued to the shepherds in the fields, and even gave the heavenly host something to praise!

Of course, Jesus went on to touch so many lives - people in need of healing, children in need of welcoming, outcasts in need of community, sinners in need of redeeming. Jesus became the gift who helped them all feel that they were the most important person present at the time, people worthy of his unconditional love, people whose spirits were uplifted.

As we march through the season of Advent toward the birth of God Emmanuel, Jesus the savior of the world, remember the gift of God's presence in your lives. Recognize that God is even present within you and that you are a gift as well! And much like my new friends in Malawi, be that gift for others. Reveal Christ's presence to others through your continued faithfulness and dedication to the God of love because that love can overcome division. You are a gift to this synod and to God's church when you let God's light shine in and through you! May this Christmas also reveal to you the light of Christ through others.



### ***Upcoming Special Services***

December 15: ***Children's Program with PLC Choir at 9:00am***

December 24: ***Christmas Eve Worship 3:00pm & 5:30pm***



### **WHAT IS ADVENT?**

Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival “advent” of Jesus Christ’s Nativity at Christmas time as well as Christ’s expected return in the Second Coming. During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on Hope (the Prophecy Candle), Peace (the Preparation Candle), Joy (the Shepherd’s Candle) and Love (the Angel’s Candle). All the focus is on the anticipation of waiting, expectation, preparation for and celebration for the arrival of Jesus Christ on Christmas. To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ’s second coming and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ’s first coming.

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays, and the four white candles were lit on Sundays. Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of the circular shape of the wreath which represents eternity and the unending nature of God’s love. The evergreen branches symbolizes life and growth even in the midst of winter when most other plants wither and die. The Advent candles are nestled in the evergreen wreath. Other decorations, like holly and berries are sometimes added and symbolize Christ’s blood. The red color also points ahead to Jesus’ sacrifice and death. Pinecones can symbolize the new life that Jesus brings through His resurrection. The candle lighting begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and a candle is lit each subsequent Sunday.

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Hello Sunday School families

I am excited to share a few important notes with you and your children



First, thanks to the Forster family for bringing their heifer "Linda" to church on November 3rd. We celebrated reaching our goal of \$500.00 collected during the noisy offering to purchase a Heifer from International.

We can be proud (the children and the congregation) that we are helping to eliminate hunger and create sustainability in families across the globe.

I included a picture of the students and teachers with Linda the heifer.

A reminder that PLC will be in the Menomonie Winter Daze parade on Thursday December 12th

We hope you will join us!

The theme this year is Fairy Tales, so Peace has decided our float will be Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs.

Please note the attached flyer for additional information

And lastly, The Sunday School Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday December 15th

We will begin practice this Sunday (November 17th)

More information to come

Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me  
God's blessing to each of you, Patty Bosse

A Big Thank you to the Men of Peace for assisting in the purchase of 2 new tables for the Sunday School classroom. Much appreciated!!





**Quilters**

Lutheran World Relief has expanded to reach neighbors in the U.S. and Internationally. After hurricanes Milton and Helene, 10 shipping containers of Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits were sent to hard hit areas across North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee in record time.

This included 60,000 quilts plus hygiene kits, baby care items and school bags. For families who had lost everything, these items offered comfort, dignity and a bright spot of hope in the midst of tragedy.

Hopefully Peace Lutheran will continue to supply quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief in the coming year. It is nice to know they will be helping our neighbors both in the U.S. and internationally. The Quilters will be taking a break from quilting during the winter months and will hopefully resume this ministry in March of 2025.

Thank You

To all crocheters and knitters!  
We have a special project for you,! Crocheting and knitting Prayer Shawls. These special Prayer Shawls are shawls are for anyone. They are a wearable hug used for prayer, meditation, song, comfort, celebration...

Those interested please see and sign the sheet that is located on the table nearest to the office. Please contact Sharon Wold for patterns or questions.

There is also a bin for yarn donation. Thank you for your donations! We appreciate your gifts and talents!  
Thank you!



Our bazaar was a great success thanks to the work and donations from so many people. The theme baskets were beautiful--- cards were very generous---baked goods looked delicious --- wonderful old

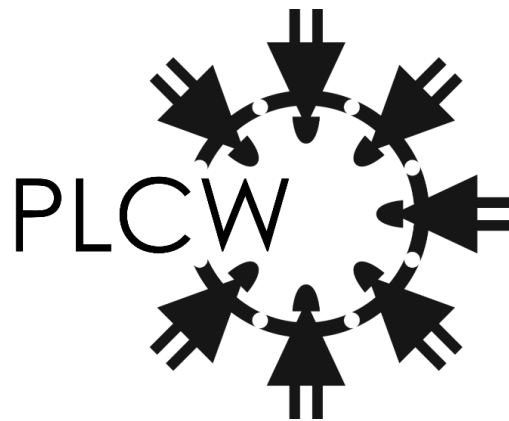
and new items---silent auction items were great.

Thank you for everyone who purchased raffle tickets and bought many items that we had for sale. Thanks so much to all the workers who helped put our bazaar together.

We make a profit of \$2769. This money will go not only to support for our missionaries but also for our local community Services.

We couldn't have had this success without the help of ALL of you.

Thanks So Much, Peace Lutheran Church Women



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Remembering Through Generosity	
In Memory of	With Love:
John & Lois Hitz	Debbie Hitz
Jeanette(Tick) & Kenneth Drake	Steve & Peggy Hintzman
Hazel & Donald Hintzman	



Deaths	
Arlene Kraft	10/31/2024

# Poinsettias

In Memory Of	Given By	Donating
Wendy Evan Hastings	Cheryl & Tom Johnson	3
Robert Johnson	Cheryl & Tom Johnson	
Adrienne Evan	Cheryl & Tom Johnson	
Lois & Hub Fisher Emily & all Family in Heaven	Sally Gates	
Wayne & Lois Neubauer	The Forsters & Samuels	
Janet Lemke	The Forsters & Samuels	
Owen & Nona DeLong	The Forsters & Samuels	
Rowena Buckley	Jerry Buckley	
Scott Hillstead	Kory, Ariana, & Lincoln Sonnemann	
Bruce Winberg	Amy & Tianna Canfield	
Bruce Winberg John & Lois Htiz Matthew Baskin	Patty & John Winberg	
Francis & Vi Elseth	John & Linda Lenz	
Wendell Ranney, Husband, Dad, Papa	Mary Ranney	
Randy Larson	Tina & Rich Pastor Stacey & Andy Evans Elliana & Barrett Kim Dicks	
Edie Mittelstadt	David Mittelstadt & family	
Esther Bird	Bill Bird	
Mary Lu Bird	Bill Bird	
Gale & Neitha Swenson	Ann Larson	2
Loyal & Gunda Larson	Ann Larson	
Peter Schneider, Husband	Dorothy Schneider	
Robert Schneider, Son	Dorothy Schneider	
Loved Ones	Luanne Reckin	1
William Way, Husband Earl & Leona Buss, Parents & Family	Earlene Way	
Loved Ones	Myran & Kathy Siler	
Becky Nelson	Annella Wolbert	
Sandy White	Mandy Wolbert	
Meron & Wilma Erickson	Rhonda & Allen Erickson	2
Paul & Nina Pederstuen	Rhonda & Allen Erickson	
James & Katherine Frank	JoAnn Trainor	
Arlen Beckworth; Harold & Irene Gonitzke	Jane Beckwirth	
Leonard & Ferne Helgeson	Ginny Helgeson	
William & Melda Kuehnhold Frank & Phyllis Konieczny	Dennis & Carol Kuehnhold	1



The Christmas Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary during the Christmas Worship Services for all to enjoy.

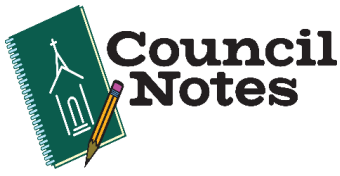
Those who purchased and picking up poinsettias may do so after the Christmas Eve Service or the following Sunday after Christmas.

The In Honor or Memorials will be posted in the Bulletin and in The January Messenger.

Thank you for purchasing, blessing us and brightening our church with these festive beautiful poinsettias!



In Honor Of	Given By	Donating
Beautiful Grandchildren	Sally Gates	
Our Children & Grandchildren	Gus & Nancy Myran	1



Minutes approved by e-mail on November 20, 2024  
Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
November 19, 2024

Present: Anastasia Black, Kevin Hintzman, Luanne Prochnow, Pat Mikesell, Marlene Schultz,  
Al Erickson and Shawn Swaenepoel  
Guest: Vicar August Hohl

Meeting called to order by Council President Anastasia at 5:30 pm.  
Devotions given by Pat.

Luanne made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Kevin. All approved.  
October minutes were approved by e-mail vote on October 17, 2024. All approved.

Vicar Augie attended the meeting and accepted the position as Pastor. He updated the Council on his Ordination/Installation on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Peace Lutheran. Kevin made a motion to approve Vicar Hohl's Ordination/Installation on January 18, 2025 at 1:00 at Peace Lutheran Church. Shawn seconded the motion. All approved.

Kevin reviewed the financial reports with Council.

Shawn made a motion to approve \$1200 for sheet music for the choir. Seconded by Al. All approved.

Kevin updated Council on partnering with Mabel Tainter on sponsoring gospel entertainment.

Kalani requested her e-mail be changed to [office@plcmenomonie.com](mailto:office@plcmenomonie.com). All approved.

Annual meeting will be February 2, 2025 after church service.

Kevin made a motion to approve \$500 towards Vicar Augie's Ordination/Installation service. Seconded by Shawn. All approved.

Luanne will do devotions next Council meeting.

Marlene made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Al. All approved.

Meeting ended at 7:20 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Marlene Schultz, Secretary

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A Special Council meeting was held on October 29, 2024.

Present: Anastasia Black, Kevin Hintzman, Luanne Prochnow, Pat Mikesell,  
Marlene Schultz, Al Erickson and Shawn Swaenepoel



Meeting called to order by Council President Anastasia at 5:34 pm.

Kevin made a motion to accept Call Committee's recommendation to accept Vicar August Hohl as pastor at Peace Lutheran Church. Seconded by Al. All approved.

Luanne made a motion to accept the compensation package for Vicar August Hohl to be employed as pastor at Peace Lutheran Church. Seconded by Pat. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.



Peace Lutheran Church Special Congregation Meeting  
November 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:15 by President Anastasia Black.

- **Declaration of a Quorum**  
According to our constitution and bylaws, 50 active members of Peace Lutheran Church constitute a quorum for a meeting of the congregation. Quorum was met.
- **Opening Prayer**  
Luanne led us in an opening prayer.
- **Purpose of the Special Meeting of the Congregation**  
The purpose of this special congregation meeting is to act upon a recommendation from the Congregation Call Committee and Congregation Council to extend a Letter of Call to Vicar August Hohl to be our Pastor.
- **Report of the Call Committee**  
Tom Johnson, Call Committee Chair, provided a brief overview of the work of the committee, shared biographical and ministry history information and the committee's support for the recommended candidate.
- **Letter of Call and Recommended Compensation package**  
Kevin reviewed the Letter of Call and recommended compensation package.
- **Motion by the Call Committee and Congregation Council**  
Motion on the floor to extend a letter of call to Vicar August Hohl to become Peace Lutheran Church pastor. Myron Siler seconded the motion. All approved.
- **Report of the Vote to Extend a Letter of Call**  
Voting was open to all active members of Peace Lutheran Church. Ballots were handed out. Voting was Yes to accept and No to decline. Voting was closed. The vote was unanimous to Call Vicar August Hohl.
- **Motion to Destroy Ballots**  
Jeff Eckert made a motion to destroy the ballots and Myron Siler seconded the motion. All approved.
- **Adjournment**  
Anastasia made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 am.
- **Closing Prayer**  
The Congregation prayed the Lord's Prayer together.  
Minutes recorded and submitted by: Marlene Schultz, Secretary

*Call Extended to the*  
**PASTOR**  
*Vicar Augie Hohl*



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Members of Peace Lutheran Church of Menomonie, WI

21 November, 2024

I'd like to start by saying that I sincerely appreciate your votes of confidence and choice to offer me a First Call position as your Minister. Thank you so very much. I look forward to serving you and the Menomonie area community for the years to come.

I've met with your Council and have agreed with them on many things. During the month of December I aim to move into my new office as well as serve you at each of the services (except for the 29<sup>th</sup> of December) and as part of the community Christmas parade group on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Because of this I will probably be at the church one or two days per week in order to prepare for what is coming.

My first official day is the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2025 and I'll definitely be in the office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in order to finalize preparation for Sunday service on the 5<sup>th</sup> and following weeks.

Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, 2025 is my ordination and installation service at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

I will have access to the church pastoral e-mail very soon and will be glad to start answering questions and scheduling visit with members of this wonderful family of Christians.

Blessings on the week to come.

Sincerely, Vicar Augie Hohl



# ✓ DISCIPLESHIP & STEWARDSHIP - DECEMBER 2024

PLCW Coordinators, Ginny Helgeson & Sharon Wold

## Reminders

### December 2024 gather Bible Study Devotional:

**“In God’s garden: What fig trees teach us about Advent”**

**by Hannah Hawkinson**

### Monthly Circle Meeting

The Hannah/Priscilla Circle Meeting is held on the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month @ **1:00 p.m.** at the church. All are welcome!  
Contact:: Kathy Siler 715-235-5207

This Advent, we’ll learn from some surprising teachers: fig trees. Astonishingly vibrant, fig trees have a zest for life. Their roots have even been known to bust through plumbing and climb walls like ivy! Yet fig trees also have a dormant period—a time when they do not grow or bear fruit. But this period of waiting and rest isn’t a time of waiting around. It’s a time of pruning and fertilizing and watering; a time to prepare for the fruitful season ahead. As we prepare the way of the Lord in this season, we are in our own dormant period of waiting and anticipation. Still, Jesus calls us to “keep awake” and to prepare ourselves for God’s coming. Join us to explore what fig trees can teach us about waiting and preparing for God’s coming!

## Looking Ahead

Copies of GATHER MAGAZINE will be available for checkout to Hannah/ Priscilla Circle Bible Study members! Look for the trays located on the Church Library shelves. Sign-out is on the clipboard.

### DECEMBER

3 PLCW Board – 9:30 a.m.

16 Circle - 1:00 p.m.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

### JANUARY

No PLCW Board Mtg.

20 Circle – 1:00 p.m.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Mission Festival and Bazaar 2024 – A Great Success!

We want to thank EVERYONE who helped to make this annual event a great success, from Kathy Siler, who oversees the entire event (every year) to our custodian, Aaron for placing the tables and making the chairs disappear and all those who came to the event, purchased raffle tickets, donated items, and served! You are all one in a million! As of this writing, the amount earned is \$2,764.50.

What is done with this money you ask? The money earned from this event goes in part to support our missionaries – the Benkes in Japan and Diane Brask of Global Seed Planters, to the general fund at Peace Lutheran, as well as support of many local entities such as Stepping Stones, Bridge to Hope, Menomonie Free Clinic, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Tuesday's Table, and much more! So THANK YOU one and all! We are grateful.

And special thanks to Anastasia Black, for making the colorful “Remember your Blessings” jars available for purchase at the Bazaar. They are used throughout the year to give our coins or bills at the Thankoffering Service. Some Blessing Jars are still available for \$4.00 through December. They will be located on the table under the big bulletin board in the Narthex.

### Quips, Quotes & Other Notes:

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." —"

--William Arthur Ward



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR WITNESS & SERVICE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2024

CURRENT MEMBERS: Deb Bell, Patty Bosse, Jan Harvey, Linda Lenz, Luanne Prochnow (Council Rep), Barb Sand, Sharon Wold (Chair)

### WHAT IS WITNESS & SERVICE ALL ABOUT?

“The committee must develop and increase awareness of witness and service opportunities within the congregation. It should educate members on the importance of outreach opportunities in our community. It may engage in shared ministry opportunities by working with area ELCA congregations and Lutheran Campus Ministry in witness and service activities.” *Taken from PLC Constitutional By-Laws*

*In other words - We are the hands and feet for Jesus! To know Jesus is to make Him known!*

### GROCERY CART MINISTRY – STEPPING STONES

We delivered 57 pounds to Stepping Stones in November – Awesome! Thank you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The first Sunday of each month the grocery cart will be brought forward with the general offering for God's blessing. **DECEMBER 1 IS THE FIRST SUNDAY**

### LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY (LCM)

Barb Sand and Kari Samuel are serving pizza on December 2 - thank you ladies!!

### THANKS GIVING MEAL BASKETS

We want to thank people of Peace Lutheran for their support and generous response in donating items for the Wednesday's Table Thanksgivings Meal at Christ Lutheran Church.

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Jan Harvey has contacted a counselor at River Heights School regarding giving gift cards rather than purchasing gifts. So this year instead of asking for specific gifts, we will be seeking gift cards in the amount of \$10 and \$20 or more if desired. The cards will be given to the counselor and distributed to specific families thus allowing them to purchase their own gifts. Our list of preferred businesses includes, but is not limited to: Market Place, Dick's Fresh Market, Dollar Tree, Fleet Farm and Walmart.

WANT TO HELP??? Check out the Angel Tree located in the Narthex next to the office. Just select an Angel from the tree, return it with the gift card attached and place it in the locked box next to the tree **DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. at church.**



### **ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED IN DECEMBER!!**

To: Peace Lutheran Volunteers

From: Julie Bendel

Dear Peace Lutheran Tuesday's Table Volunteers:

I know it is a busy time of the year! The first three weeks in December could use some more volunteer power! If you are free by any chance, the sign up link is below. We are also planning noon meals on December 24 and 31. Holidays, so tricky. If you are free the 23rd or 30th for any prep. assistance, we can negotiate!

Questions??? Contact me at [juliebendel@yahoo.com](mailto:juliebendel@yahoo.com); 715-232-8549 (home); 715-0126 (cell).

**PLC DECEMBER RECIPE OF THE MONTH 2024**

**Submitted by Earlene Way**

**Pumpkin Bread**

By Mrs. Adolph Swanson, Grant Homemakers



Sift together:

1 ½ cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda

½ tsp. baking powder

¼ tsp. Salt

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/8 tsp. cloves

Beat together (may use electric mixer):

2 eggs

1 ½ cups sugar

1 cup pumpkin

½ cup oil

½ cup water

Mix the dry ingredients with the wet ingredients. Put mixture in a greased bread pan. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Let cool. Remove from pan, Enjoy!

**A Poem to warm your day**

**TUESDAY'S TABLE an opportunity to volunteer**

**December 2024**

November was the last time for Peace Lutheran Volunteers to serve at Tuesday's Table in 2024! As the coordinator and volunteer, I want to express my sincere gratitude to these faithful and dedicated volunteers: Sandy Eckert, Debbie Hitz, Carolyn Knutson, Jeannine Peterson, Luanne Reckin, Barb Sand, Debbie Verdon. Thank you, Thank you!

I also want to welcome a new volunteer Jodi Bird! We look forward to working together in 2025!

Tuesday's Table is a free meal served every Tuesday at St. Joe's Catholic Church to anyone who wishes to partake.

Various churches in the community support this effort through volunteers.

PLC serves the second Tuesday of the odd-numbered months (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.)

**ONLY 6 TIMES A YEAR!**

Salem Iron Creek Lutheran will again serve alongside Peace Lutheran volunteers.

Here's what's needed from Peace:

2 prep cooks from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

3-4 to help with clean-up from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S TABLE DATES FOR 2025**

**JANUARY 14, MARCH 11, MAY 13, JULY 8, SEPTEMBER 8, NOVEMBER 11**

Thank you to November's Volunteers  
Jeannine Peterson, Debbie Hitz, Luanne Reckin, Sandy Eckert  
Thank you ladies – couldn't do this without YOU!



**Community Connections**

by Brit Blankenheim

In the heart of the small town,  
we find stories woven in silence,  
eyes that speak of struggles,  
and dreams tucked away.  
  
We sit together on the curb,  
sharing food, laughter,  
moments that bridge the gap,  
reminding us of our shared humanity.

Each smile, a spark of hope,  
each gesture, a step toward connection,  
as we walk beside them,  
building a path to brighter tomorrows.

Purchase a group of tickets of 10 or more and save



presented by **OneFEST**

2024  
**SIDEWALK PROPHETS**  
GREAT BIG FAMILY  
**CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 13**  
EAU CLAIRE, WI  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Great Big Family Christmas - Sidewalk Prophets.** Join us on **December 13th at 7:00 PM** for a heartwarming evening at **Calvary Baptist Church** as OneFest presents the **Great Big Family Christmas** featuring the Dove Award-winning band, **Sidewalk Prophets**.



**SYNOD-WIDE  
CREATION CARE  
ZOOM MEETING**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH @ 11AM**

Does your Church have a Green Team or is interested in starting one? Connect with other Synod Churches as they share what they have done and their ideas for the future. We are also excited to share information about our Synod Creation Care Team. Please join us!

PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/FY1SPP8XJS4KZT1L9](https://forms.gle/fy1spp8xjs4kzt1l9)




Join us for our meetings on the **Third Wednesday** each month at **1pm on Zoom**.

Meeting ID: 811 4473 3838  
Passcode: 739625



Email: [creation.nswi@gmail.com](mailto:creation.nswi@gmail.com)

## HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

### SPIRIT LUTHERAN FOUNDATION TO MATCH "DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR"

Spirit Lutheran Foundation is pleased to announce that they have created a Hurricane Relief Fund to assist those persons who have been affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton in the southeast region of the United States.

All gifts will be matched by the Foundation "dollar for dollar" to a maximum of \$50,000. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

We have chosen ELCA's "Lutheran Disaster Response" as the recipient of our collective donations for a number of reasons; they are a "faith-based" organization that is committed to using 100% of our donations going directly to their relief efforts, plus they are a proven organization that will be there for the long haul, well beyond the initial efforts.



We hope to close this campaign by mid-November so act now, thousands of people need our support.

Let's all come together and make an impact for those people in need.

### HOW TO DONATE



Spirit Lutheran Foundation  
1310 Main Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

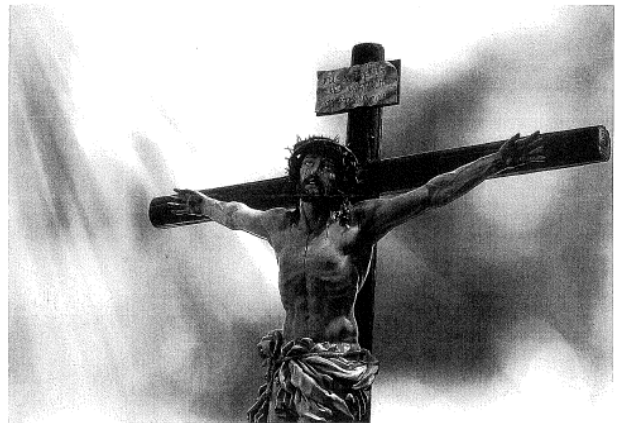


[spiritlutheran.org/foundation](http://spiritlutheran.org/foundation)



**Memo Line:** Hurricane Relief Fund

## Passion of Christ Musical



Auditions: December 27, 2024, 5:30-8:00

December 28, 2024, 11:00-3:00

December 29, 2024, 2:00-6:00

Rehearsals: Start the week of January 6th

Performance dates: April 3-6<sup>th</sup> & April 10-13

Location: Spring Valley Stagehands Theater. No need to prepare music. For more information contact

Luke Hayes 715-220-9453 Email [RBLC2013@gmail.com](mailto:RBLC2013@gmail.com) or

Gary Lukes [Spikeit875@gmail.com](mailto:Spikeit875@gmail.com)



# READERS, USHERS And COMMUNION ASS'T

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Make Updates and Changes on Church Bulletin board

Greeters	December
Mary Hendrickson/Jan Harvey	1st
Earlene Way/Jeannine Peterson	8th
Helen Thomas/ Dorothy Schneider	15th
Cheryl Johnson/Mary Ranney	22nd
Rhonda Erickson/Sharon Behling	29th

Greeters	January 2025
Helen Thomas/Dorothy Schneider	5th
Cheryl Johnson/Mary Ranney	12th
Rhonda Erickson/Sharon Behling	19th
Sandy and Jeff Eckert	26th

Greeters	February
Patty Winberg/Stacey Rogers	2nd
Linda and John Lenz	9th
Earlyne Young/Marlys Fahl	16th
Pat and Keith Pickerign	23rd

Greeters	March
Barb and Court Sand	2nd
Cindy Langland/Nancy Myran	9th
Betty Nyseth/Pat Mikesell	16th
Patty Bosse/Marlene Schultz	23rd
	30th

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Readers	December
Patty Bosse	1st
Shawn Swaenepoel	8th
Pat Mikesell	15th
Kalani Krautbauer	22nd
Luanne Prochnow	29th

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Linda Lenz	5th
JoAnn Trainor	12th
Sharon Wold	19th
Jan Harvey	26th

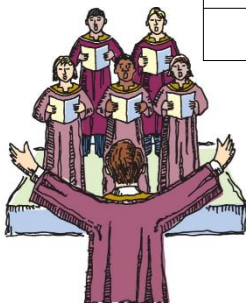
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Kevin Hintzman	2nd
Jodi Bird	9th
Gladys Waller	16th
Jeannine Peterson	23rd

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Luanne Prochnow	2nd
Kathy Forster	9th
Court Sand	16th
Gus Myran	23rd
Mary Ranney	30th

Readers	April
Stacey Rogers	6th
Patty Bosse	13th
Shawn Swaenepoel	20th
Pat Mikesell	27th

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Shawn Swaenepoel Curt Hagberg	1
Court Sand Keith Pickereign	8
Josh Forster Kari Samuel	15
Julie Halama Kevin Hintzman	22
Al Erickson Jeff Eckert	24 <sup>th</sup> , 3:00
Tom Johnson Court Sand	24 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30
Cindy Langland Kevin Hintzman	30

Communion Assist	December 2024
Cindy Langland	1
John Lenz	8
Court Sand	15
Sharon Wold	22
Court Sand	24 <sup>th</sup> , 3:00
Mary Hendrickson	24 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30
Josh Forster	30



CHOIR

Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:30

Dec. 15 - "Soon and Very Soon" Setting by Jack Schrader

Dec. 24 - "O Holy in Love Come Down" By Joel Raney



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# December 2024

**The Worship and Property Committees will be starting to decorate the church.**  
**Date: Thursday, 12 December 2024**  
**Time: Beginning about 2 pm**  
**All our welcome to help decorate! Come join us in the fun!**  
**Snacks will be provided**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Cart for Stepping Stones Spring Valley Comm Choir ● 9a Worship with Spring ● 10a Sunday Funday BAI	2	3 ● 9:30a PLCW Board mtg	4 ● 3:30p Confirmation ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	5	6	7	
8 ● 9a Worship service	9	10 ● 9a Property Comm. ● 5:30p Executive	11 ● 3:30p Confirmation ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	12 ● 12p Worship Cmte ● 2p Decorating Christmas ● 6p Holiday Parade	13	14	
15 ● 8:30a Confirmation ● 9a Kids Christmas Prog ● 9a Choir at worship ● 9a Worship service	16 ● 1p Hannah Circle	17 ● 5:30p Council mtg	18 ● 3:30p Confirmation Newsletter deadline ● 6:30p Choir rehearsal	19	20	21	
22 ● 9a Worship service	23	24 ● 3p Christmas Worship ● 3p Choir at worship ● 5:30p Christmas Worsh	25	26	27	28	
29 ● 9a Worship service	30	31	1	2	3	4	

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