



# Prints of Peace

December 2023

# SUNDAY SNAPSHOT

**Sunday, November 29, 2023**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46**

## Worship Assistants

|   | <b>9:00 AM</b>                         | <b>9:00 AM</b>                              |
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|   | <b>November 26</b>                     | <b>December 3</b>                           |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>               | Karen Dahlke                           | Terry Koncel                                |
| <b>Reader</b>                           | Stan Sanderson                         | Bridget Heroff                              |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                         | Braxton Dahlke<br>Braydon Dahlke       | Ellory Madsen<br>Harper Blaylock            |
| <b>Ushers</b>                           | Tom Hanna<br>Bob Foltin                | Mark Cleary<br>Harper Blaylock              |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>             | Sue Koenig<br>Kirk Swanson             | Jim Michael<br>Melissa Michael              |
| <b>Greeters</b>                         | Stan Sanderson<br>Diane Sanderson      | Brian Madsen<br>Andrea Madsen               |
| <b>Communion set/clean<br/>Counters</b> | Chris Holub<br>Sue Koenig<br>John Piff | Beth Papke<br>Bill Koenig<br>Doug Ratajczak |
| <b>Altar Guild<br/>Bread Baker</b>      | Julie Cohen<br>Diane Sanderson         | Jean Foltin<br>Kris Weathered               |

Unable to serve? Please switch with a team member or arrange a substitute.  
Notify the Office and Worship and Music of any changes for the bulletin  
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Worship and Music Team: [worship@peacelutheranlz.com](mailto:worship@peacelutheranlz.com)

## Service of Holy Communion

**Sunday School** Join your friends in Fellowship Hall from 10:15-11:15 as we explore stories from the Old Testament. A special Avent Event will take place on 11/26, no Sunday school lesson on that dates.

**Preschool Sunday Circle Time:** Join us for a time of play for our 2 1/2 to 5 year olds from 10:15-11:15AM! This is a time for free play with a brief circle time to share a greeting, song and a story from the Frolic Preschool Bible.

## NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### **Tuesdays**

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Sunday, 11/26**

8:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:00 Service of Holy Communion

10:15 Advent Fellowship Event

10:15 Choir Practice

### **Tuesday, 11/28**

7:30 p.m. Monthly PPC Meeting

### **Saturday, 12/2**

3:00 Miracle on Main

### **Sunday, 12/3**

\* RaiseRight Gift Card Order Due

10:15 a.m. Peace Talks Café "3 steps to turn everyday get-togethers into transformative gatherings"

### **Saturday, 12/9**

10:00 a.m. Prime Timers

### **Sunday, 12/10**

8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

4:00 p.m. H.S. Youth Group

### **Saturday, 12/16**

9:00 a.m. Peace Quilters

5:00 Holiday Happenings

### **Sunday, 12/17**

10:15 a.m. Cookie Walk Fundraiser to Benefit H.S. and Adult Mission Trips

\*Peace Talks Café "Where joy hides and how to find it"

\*January Green Sheet announcements due

### **Thursday, 12/21**

7:00 p.m. Longest Night: Blue Christmas Evening Prayer

### **Saturday, 12/24**

9:00 a.m. Advent 4 Service of Holy Communion

8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

4:00 Christmas Eve Family Service

9:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### **Sunday, 12/31**

9:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10:30 am in the church fellowship room. We will be reading articles from the ELCA Gather magazine along with their Bible study. We will also be studying Psalm 119. These are all individual studies so you won't miss anything if you are unable to attend each week. Bible Study will not meet on December 26 or January 2. Contact Carol Wojnarowski with any questions.

### **Handbell Choir**

Handbell Choir meets every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Advent Fellowship Event 11/26**

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the beginning of Advent by coming to the Advent Fellowship Event on Sunday, November 26 from 10:15-11:15AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our fellowship will include a pot-luck style continental breakfast. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost per jar is \$6 and includes all supplies needed to make a sweet and tasty gift. Make a jar for your family for when the holidays get busy. Maybe make a jar or two to give as gifts as well! Please sign up in the Narthex by November 19th so supplies can be purchased. Reach out to Samantha with any questions.

### **Choir Rehearsal - 11/26, 12/10 & 12/24**

If you enjoy hearing choral music and singing hymns during our worship services, give our vocal choir a try! It isn't necessary to read musical notation if you can learn your harmonizing vocal part by hearing it played and sung during practices. During our new Sept. to mid-May choir season, practices will normally be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays monthly from 10:15-ish to 11:30 am in the sanctuary. We will also hold a brief practice at 8:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to rehearse the anthem being sung during the 9:00 am service. Talk to Jeff or accompanist Joan Precilio if you have questions. The next practices are scheduled for November 26, December 10 & December 24.

### **Monthly PPC Meeting 11/28**

The PPC meeting will be Tuesday, November 28th at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. PPC will not meet in December.

### **Miracle on Main 12/02**

Miracle on Main 2023: Saturday, 02-Dec from 3:00-6:30 pm. PLC will have a booth at Lake Zurich's Miracle on Main celebration and we need you to help share the great things about Peace! If you can either spend some time at the booth or help with setup/teardown, please let us know on the attached SignUp Genius or contact

[connections@peacelutheranlz.com](mailto:connections@peacelutheranlz.com) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAAA62EAAFACF8-46267828-plcbooth>



### **RaiseRight Gift Card Order Due 12/3**

Submit your orders to Samantha (text or email [samantha@peacelutheranlz.com](mailto:samantha@peacelutheranlz.com)) by Sunday, December 3rd to be included in the monthly order. This will be the last order prior to the Christmas holiday. RaiseRight is a great way to purchase gift cards to places you are already shopping or even plan ahead for some holiday gift giving! A percentage of all gift cards purchased goes toward the H.S. Youth Mission Trip. To view available gift cards and what percentage of purchase we would receive, visit [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)

### **Peace Talks Café**

Come for coffee, treats, and conversation on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month! This month's topics include:

#### **Dec. 3 - "3 steps to turn everyday get-togethers into transformative gatherings"**

Hosting this holiday season? Discover how to create an environment where meaningful connections flourish in this TED Talk by conflict mediator and author Priya Parker.

#### **Dec. 17 - "Where joy hides and how to find it"**

Find joy in the midst of holiday stress and busyness with this TED Talk by designer and author Ingrid Fetell Lee.

### **Prime Timers 12/9**

Have some fun with watercolors at the December meeting of Prime Timers. We'll be painting bookmarks which make a lovely gift for the readers in your life. Our meeting is December 9 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions contact Jean Foltin at [jfoltin5@comcast.net](mailto:jfoltin5@comcast.net).

### **H.S. Youth Group 12/10**

Join us from 4-6PM for our Christmas Party! Ugly sweaters optional. Feel free to bring along a holiday treat to share. We will also be playing White Elephant and doing a Christmas craft.

### **Peace Quilters**

The Peace Quilters will meet on the third Saturday of every month in the fellowship room from 9 to 12 am. We work on a variety of projects. In the past we have made quilts for Project Linus (quilts go to sick or traumatized children), Lutheran World Relief, (quilts go to disaster victims or families in need) Gigis Playhouse (Down syndrome children) and battered women, just to name a few. You can come quilt with us or bring a project of your own to work on. The Quilters will not meet in the month of December. If you have questions about our group, contact one of the quilters or Carol Wojnarowski.

### **Holiday Happenings 12/16**

You are invited to celebrate the holidays with your Peace Lutheran Church family enjoying an evening at the Franklins' house. This is a potluck-style party for adults - so come share your special holiday dishes and enjoy some joyous conversation and possibly singing! Festivities begin at 5:00pm. Ugly sweaters welcome!

RSVP via the SignUp Genius or email [connections@peacelutheranlz.com](mailto:connections@peacelutheranlz.com):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAAA62EAAFACF8-46267573-holiday>



### **January Green Sheet Announcements Due 12/17**

Do you have a Save the Date for January? Please email it to the main office along with any other information you want included in the January Green Sheet by Sunday, December 17. The January Green Sheet will be available in worship on the last Sunday of December.

### **Cookie Exchange Fundraiser 12/17**

We will once again be holding a Cookie Exchange to benefit the H.S. Youth and Adult Mission Trips. Be on the lookout for the sign up to bake your favorite cookies to donate for the event. Following the 9am service, you can choose to purchase cookies by the dozen from the assortment of donated cookies with proceeds from the event being split between the youth and adult mission trips.

### **Longest Night: Blue Christmas Evening Prayer**

7:00 p.m Thursday, 12/21

You are not alone this holiday season. Feel the warmth of God's love in this special Christmas service on the longest night of the year. We will begin in the sanctuary as we hear the promise of God-With-Us with fellowship to follow. Please bring a baked good to share.

### **Christmas Eve Services & Candlelight Service Time Change**

Thank you for your feedback on our Christmas Eve service times. We are officially changing the Christmas Eve Candlelight service to 9:00 p.m. We will have services at the following times on December 24, 2023.

### **9:00 a.m. Advent 4 Service of Holy Communion**

Get ready to celebrate the birth of Christ among us as we gather around God's gifts of word and sacrament this last morning of Advent.

### **4:00 p.m. Family Service**

Celebrate the birth of Christ among us as we gather to hear the Christmas story in this carol-based service of Holy Communion specially geared towards families with younger children.

### **9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service**

Celebrate the light of Christ born among us in this carol-based, candlelight service of Holy Communion.

### **Christmas Lessons and Carols**

Did you know there are 8 days in the Christian week? Sunday is the 8th day of the old creation and the first day of the new creation. Celebrate the imminent creation of a new year on as we gather at 9:00 a.m. on the 7th day of Christmas (Sun, Dec. 31) for a service of Christmas lessons and carols!

## **CARES & CONCERNS**

### **Pastoral Appointments:**

You are always welcome to drop by Pastor Daniel's office Tuesday through Friday for a conversation or appointment. Appointments can also be scheduled by phone or by email.

### **This Sunday in worship we will pray for...**

We pray for those who need healing, safety and God's watchful care. We especially pray for: Mike, Bonnie, Wally, Linda, Dory, Chuck, Stephen, the Tulange family, the Vanderbilt Family, Roberto, LouAnn, and Miguel.

Please email [pastor@peacelutheranlz.com](mailto:pastor@peacelutheranlz.com) or [office@peacelutheranlz.com](mailto:office@peacelutheranlz.com) to update, add, or remove names for the Sunday prayers.

**Prayer Circle:** Please send prayer requests to [PeacePrays@mail.com](mailto:PeacePrays@mail.com). They may also be communicated to Pastor Daniel ([pastor@peacelutheranlz.com](mailto:pastor@peacelutheranlz.com)) or Jean Foltin ([jfoltin5@comcast.net](mailto:jfoltin5@comcast.net)). Additionally, if you would like to become a part of the Prayer Circle group, contact Jean. Thanks!

**Caring Tree:** Our Caring Tree Coordinator is Jayne Handley. Thank you Jayne for stepping up to perform this much needed role. You can contact Jayne Handley at [handley52@icloud.com](mailto:handley52@icloud.com).

## OUTREACH

**LSSI Christmas Gifts:** We are collecting Christmas gifts for children in the LSSI programs. There are still a few gifts looking for sponsors. See the tree on the bulletin board in the hall or contact Sue Koenig.

### **Adult Mission Trip 2024**

We are headed back to western Kentucky, June 16-22, 2024, so please mark your calendars now! A signup sheet will be available after the first of the year. This trip is open to all adults, 18 yrs. and older. We will be going to help in the rebuilding/recovery of the area after a severe tornado. Please consider joining the trip! For questions, contact Sue or Bill Koenig.

### **Noisy Offering PADS Coin Collection**

Gather your change and bring on the 1st Sunday of each month for our Noisy Offering! All proceeds will be donated to PADS of Lake County to support their rotating shelters. If you are also interested in volunteering overnight at any of their shelters, contact Anne Blaylock or Sue Koenig for more details.

## Thank You

### **Christmas Eve Survey**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Eve survey! In response to the feedback you provided, we will hold our traditional candlelight service at 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

### **Peace Giving Garden**

The Peace Giving Garden had a great growing season! We donated 375 lbs. of Veggies to the St. Francis food pantry here in Lake Zurich. This is an increase of 150 lbs. from last year. Thank you everyone who helped...plant, water, weed, harvest & deliver the produce.

We couldn't have done it without you!

If you would like to help next year, this is a wonderful way to volunteer & make a difference for families here in our community.

### **H.S. Youth Group**

Thank you to Evan Mrazek for chaperoning our Friendsgiving event this weekend! We had a great time enjoying a potluck style Thanksgiving meal with the Confirmands. The teens even made each of the dishes they brought! We wrapped up the night planning ahead for our spring outing and fundraising ideas for the mission trip.

## REFERENCE

### PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL 2023-2024

**President:** Bill Koenig

**Vice President:** Mark Cleary

**Treasurer:** Chris Blaylock

**Secretary:** Beth Papke

**Director of Spiritual Ministries:** Karen Dahlke

**Director of Connections:** Brian Madsen

**Director of Operations:** Kirk Swanson

**Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Morris

### TEAM LEADS

#### Spiritual Ministries

**Christian Formation:** Liz Hopman

**H.S. and College Ministries:** Samantha Rozema, Youth Director

**Confirmation:** Rev. Daniel Morris

**Altar Guild:** Kari Mrazek

**Worship & Music:** Rev. Daniel Morris & Karen Dahlke

**Adult Choir:** Jeff Horvath

**Bell Choir:** Ben Dahlke

**Youth Choir:** Open

**Social Ministries:** Open

#### Connections

**Social Outreach:** Sue Koenig, Anne Blaylock

**Membership:** Mark & Jayne Handley

**Social Media:** new -open

**Fellowship:** open

**Evangelism:** open

**Caring Tree:** Jayne Handley

**Prayer Circle:** Jean Foltin

**Mutual Ministry:** Jean Foltin, Paul Bennett,  
Beth Piff, Samantha Rozema

#### Operations

**Properties:** Beth Piff, John Piff

**Safety/Security:** Bill Koenig

**Staff Support:** Allison Fishman

**Church IT/systems:** Paul Bennett

#### Finance

**Finance:** Mark Dice

**Stewardship:** Mark Cleary

#### Offering Instructions

Thank you as you continue your generous contributions to the virtual offering plate we pass. If you have an offering envelope, you may mail it in or drop it off in the church office before you leave. You may contribute electronically using your own bank website "sent-payment" feature or by downloading and using the app we recommend: <https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

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