

January, 2019

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A constitution provides for the structure of the organization. It helps serve as a set of rules and principles that all people in an organization can agree upon as the basis of the way in which they want the organization to be governed. Another purpose of the Constitution is to spell out the ideals the members believe their organization should uphold.

I'm writing about a constitution, because member congregations of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) are asked to adopt a model constitution that helps the congregation function within the norms and expectations of the denomination. Peace adopted the model NALC constitution after joining the NALC. Since that time there have been some amendments to the model constitution that have been proposed by Annual Convocations and ratified by a 2/3 majority of member congregations. So far, these amendments have not been included in our congregation's constitution. It is time to consider whether or not we want to include these amendments in our governing document. The three amendments are:

- The congregation endorses the Confession of Faith of the NALC
- The congregation agrees to call only pastors who are members of the NALC or otherwise authorized by the NALC

- The congregation and its pastor(s) are subject to the disciplinary procedures of the NALC
- These

amendments, which are a series of clauses, will be presented at the Congregational Meeting in January. While it is not mandatory that we adopt these clauses, not adopting them has ramifications for our ministry. We will be making a statement that we do not desire to operate like the majority of congregations in the NALC. We will remove ourselves from being covered under our denomination's 501(c)3 umbrella. While we will still be recognized as a member congregation of the NALC, we will be on the fringe, not within the mainstream.

I understand the desire at times to want to go my own way, to not be accountable to anyone else. That independent streak has had a history within this ministry. While there are advantages at times, there is something to be said for joining the majority and agreeing on a set of rules and principles for how we are to be governed.



SENIOR PASTOR  
STEVE HARTTEN

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### Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

Sunday  
10:15 a.m. Worship

Tuesday  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday  
7 p.m. Choir

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 17, 2018

**Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. Kevin Kunst**

**Devotional and opening prayer Pastor Hartten**  
Psalm 16 - Prayer of wisdom

**Members present:** Josh Lochner, Ed Zajac, Barb Berry, Karen Richardville, Kevin Kunst, Virgil Bennett, Jerry Pliley, Bev So  
**Also present:** Jon Kooiman (Tri-County Acct Mgr), Pastor Hartten, Richard Steinbauer  
**Absent:** Mark Carpenter

### Approval of agenda

Karen made the motion to approve the agenda.  
Barb seconded. The motion passed.

**Review of the November 2018 Council Minutes** was made via email.

### Treasurer's report Jon Kooiman(Acct Mgr) October

|          | Current<br>Month | Budget    | Over(Under)<br>Budget |
|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Income   | \$ 15,865        | \$ 16,042 | \$ (177)              |
| Interest | \$ 16            | \$ 12     | \$ 4                  |
|          | \$ 15,881        | \$ 16,054 | \$ (173)              |

|          | YTD<br>Actual | YTD<br>Budget |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Income   | \$ 163,321    | \$ 160,417    |
| Interest | \$ 162        | \$ 12         |
|          | \$ 163,483    | \$ 160,537    |

### November

|          | Current<br>Month | Budget    | Over(Under)<br>Budget |
|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Income   | \$ 14,917        | \$ 16,042 | \$ (1,125)            |
| Interest | \$ 16            | \$ 12     | \$ 4                  |
|          | \$ 14,933        | \$ 16,054 | \$ (1,121)            |

|          | YTD<br>Actual | YTD<br>Budget |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Income   | \$ 178,238    | \$ 176,458    |
| Interest | \$ 178        | \$ 132        |
|          | \$ 178,416    | \$ 176,590    |

### Old Business

#### Building Manager Opening

Need to get a job description set up. Virgil and Jerry will work on the description. Discussed setting up the position as a congregational serving position/outsourcing/maintaining the position as is. After much discussion the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Josh to pay Virgil Bennett for the last two weeks he has served as interim building manager for a total of \$240, 24 hours at \$10 an hour. Ed seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Karen to hire an interim building manager for a period of 60 days, 12 hours maximum a week, at the rate of \$10 per hour.

During that time a formal position posting will occur with a full job description. The posting will be in the weekly bulletin and in the hallway. Pending an interview process, the position will be permanently filled. The pay scale will also be decided at that time. The motion passed.

#### Website changes

Tabled pending more information.

**Josh Lochner**

#### Cabinet for Name Tags

Several suggestions were made. Members will continue to look for ideas.

**Kevin Kunst**

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Worship/Music Ken Berry/Nan Hacker

Ken Berry will be leading the meetings starting January 2019.

Altar Guild will meet Jan. 13, 2019, after service to discuss weekly communion.

On All Saints Sunday, in addition to flowers at the baptismal font commemorating saints who have passed, it was recommended to have votive candles on the altar for any baptisms that had taken place during the year, signifying a new life in Christ.

The placement of the baptismal font in the narthex is seasonal and will remain until the end of Christmas.

Surveys on Advent/Christmas and Flags and Veterans have been compiled and will be sent after Christmas to 7 NALC churches in Michigan and a couple in northern Indiana. The surveys ask for their

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# Council

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customs and procedures. Based on the results, a recommendation will be made to Council for their consideration.

Men's Bible study is assembling 30 "goody bags" to be handed out to children on Christmas Eve.

Ken Berry prepared the route for Christmas caroling.

## **Fellowship**

**Chris Bennett**

Decorating the church is Sunday, Dec. 9, following the service. Pizza and cookies will be served following the decorating.

A potluck will precede the congregational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27.

The Valentine's Dinner will be held at Peace this year on Saturday, Feb. 9. A meal catered by Hardings will be served. The committee is also working on entertainment.

Soup Suppers will again precede the Lenten services, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Each committee member will be in charge of hosting either one or two evenings. Sign-ups will be posted for the congregation to bring soup.

## **Pastor's Report**

**Pastor Hartten**

The Greening of the Church was held after the service on the Second Sunday of Advent. About 35 people stayed and decorated. It was a great time for fellowship.

Pastor met with Sid Mohn, the director of the Interfaith Task Force of South West Michigan. The Task Force was convened across religious lines to address issues such as human trafficking, water quality, and poverty.

The prayer classes have now finished.

Bob Roberts has agreed to assist with a youth group beginning in late January.

The following are many of Pastor's activities for the past month: Carol's Hope open house, church council meeting, worship/music meeting, confirmation class, Family Fellowship, Greening the Church, home visits, hospital visits, Lutheran clergy text study, memorial for Lonna Collins, nursing home visits, office visits, prayer course, Thursday Men's Bible study, Tuesday prayer meeting, and worship services.

## **New Business**

### **Finance Committee update**

**Kevin Kunst**

Shawn Cahill, Jesse Spiker, and Barb Walker are the new members of the finance committee. They will be working on the budget for 2019. Shawn will email the committees for their budget requests.

The new budget will be presented at the congregational meeting in January.

### **Placing portraits of Jesus in the classrooms**

**Bev So**

Portraits of Jesus were found in one of the classroom closets. It was requested to have a portrait hung in each classroom and in the fellowship hall/kitchen.

Bev made the motion to hang the portraits of Jesus in the classrooms and fellowship hall. Virgil seconded. The motion passed.

### **Super Books**

**Kevin Kunst**

Jim Steinbauer and Tammy Steinbauer will be handling the sale of the Super Books. A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Ed for Jim and Tammy to handle the sale and documentation of the Super Books. The motion passed.

**Before adjournment,** Jerry thanked the council for his retirement party and for the time spent working on the council.

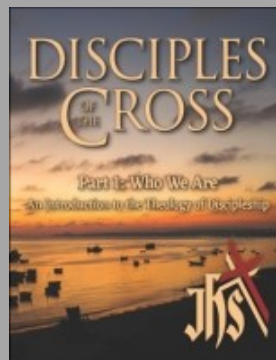
**The motion to adjourn** was made by Barb at 8:17.

**Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.**



**Mondays at 1 p.m.**

Sign up on the Bulletin Board if you are interested.



**Tuesdays  
2 p.m.  
or  
7 p.m.**

This course is the first in a two-part Sola Publishing series on Discipleship. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you are interested.



# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Monday, November 19, 2018

**Call to Order at 6 p.m.** Kevin Kunst

**Opening Prayer** Pastor Hartten

**Members present:** Barb Berry, Virgil Bennett, Jerry Pliley, Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter, Karen Richardville, Kevin Kunst, Beverly So

**New member present:** Rich Steinbauer

**Also present:** Pastor Hartten, Ken Berry

**Absent:** Ed Zajac

**Approval of agenda** Kevin Kunst  
Karen made a motion to accept the agenda. Mark seconded. The motion passed.

The October 2018 Council Minutes were approved via email. The September 2018 congregational meeting minutes were approved via email.

No treasurer's report this month.

### Old Business

**Weekly communion vote** Kevin Kunst  
After discussion, a motion was made by Josh to begin weekly communion. Barb seconded. The motion passed. This schedule will start at the beginning of Lent, March 2019.

**Website changes** Josh Lochner  
Amy is working on the changes.

**Name tag approval vote** Kevin Kunst  
Karen made a motion to accept the sample name tags and lanyards presented to the council by the worship committee. Virgil seconded. The motion passed.  
The council also discussed storage of the name tags. Virgil and Kevin will look for someone to build a storage unit.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Worship

The committee presented a proposed calendar for the council vote. A motion to approve the 2019 worship calendar for January- March was made by Jerry. Barb seconded. The motion passed.

The committee asked for the council to consider purchasing an extra music license.

#### CCLI License Discuss Vote Ken Berry

With the CCLI license, we would be able to download 100 songs, including more contemporary titles than we presently have available. The cost is approximately \$450 for the first year and then a renewal \$200 fee each year.

Why the worship committee is suggesting this service:

- We could have more variety in our worship music
- We were looking at a fifth Sunday of having more contemporary pieces, but we have a limited repertoire to choose from.
- We need to provide a variety of music for all ages.

Virgil made a motion to purchase the initial CCLI licensing fee with the money to be taken from the general fund. Mark seconded. The motion passed. The renewal fee of \$200 will be put in the budget for the next year.

#### Property Kevin/Jerry

All driveway stakes are in. They will be switched to the fiberglass when a sale comes up.

Alan Marks will be doing the plowing this year. The cost is \$52 a day to do the perimeter and \$156 for the entire lot, usually only on Sundays. If needed the entire lot will be plowed. It is only plowed when there is 4 inches or more.

#### Fellowship Chris Bennett

- Comments for the anniversary dinner have been very positive. The evening was enjoyed by all.
- The Autumn Harvest potluck is Sunday, Nov. 18 following the service. Chicken will be purchased from Hardings.
- The sanctuary will be decorated following the Dec. 9 service. A fellowship will follow with pizza, drinks and cookies.
- A Valentine's Day dinner has been set for Saturday

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# Church Council Meeting Minutes

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Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the church.

- The dinner will be catered. Members will have the opportunity to sign up and pay for their dinner in January. Entertainment is still being discussed.
- Soup suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6.
- The committee discussed other ideas for activities and fellowships.

## **Pastor's Report**

**Pastor Hartten**

The 25th Anniversary Banquet and the Festival Worship the next day truly were highlights. The 25th Anniversary Planning Committee and the Fellowship Committee put together a wonderful Saturday night banquet that was well received. Dr. David Wendel from the NALC, Pastor Philip Nordstrand, our Michigan Mission District Dean and his wife Linda, and Pastor Matthew Magera and his wife, Lane, from St. Thomas Lutheran, Trufant, MI joined past and present members for a wonderful celebration on Saturday.

We were able to welcome Dr. Tim Knauff at worship on Sunday as we continued to celebrate our Anniversary.

This past month witnessed the first Sunday we had to cancel worship during Pastor Steve's tenure. A power outage kept the property in the dark from Saturday afternoon through Monday morning. A few hearty souls still came to the church, so an informal worship was held in the dimly-lit Fellowship Hall.

On Nov. 5, a six-week class began that will discuss various Biblical models and thoughts about the importance of prayer, leading to the use of the Book of Psalms as a basis for prayer life.

The following are some of the pastor's activities for the month of October: Anniversary banquet, Sunday services, Council meeting, mutual ministry committee meeting, worship committee meeting, confirmation classes, hospital visits, home visits, Lutheran clergy text study, Michigan Mission District meeting, nursing home visits, office visits, prayer course, Thursday men's Bible studies, Tuesday prayer meetings, and tutoring at Upton.

## **New Business**

### **Advertising for Christmas**

**Kevin Kunst**

Mail Max- ¼ page for \$160 Saturday December 22, 2018. A motion was made by Karen to advertise in the Mail Max. Seconded by Virgil. The motion passed.

### **Upgrading Amy to Quick Books Admin/Bank Accts**

**Kevin Kunst**

With outsourcing to Tri County Bookkeepers, we need to have an inside view of the books. After discussion, it was decided to table until the December meeting. The council needs more information to know what to do. Mark will talk to Becky concerning the previous access to Quick Books.

### **Create a separate account for Scrip**

**Kevin Kunst**

Discussed creating an account that has deposits and withdrawals. Bev made a motion to open a separate account within the budget. Barb seconded. The motion passed.

### **Outreach inviters website**

**Pastor Hartten**

Pastor shared a flyer from Outreach.com. "The Star" (Who is Jesus, who is your Savior?) is geared towards a younger group of adults. It is not geared towards one denomination. Flyers would be made and given to members to share with the community. A motion was made by Virgil to use the Outreach inviters flyer with our printed name on the back side. Karen seconded. The motion passed. 100 flyers will be printed initially.

### **Create a new finance committee.**

**Kevin Kunst**

Shawn Cahill, Barb Walker and Jesse Spiker have agreed to be on the finance committee.

### **Christmas decor/songs and patriotic items on altar and in sanctuary**

**Kevin Kunst**

What, where, and when?

Should we follow the liturgical year or the secular year?

It was decided that the worship committee would discuss, research and report back to the council in the new year.

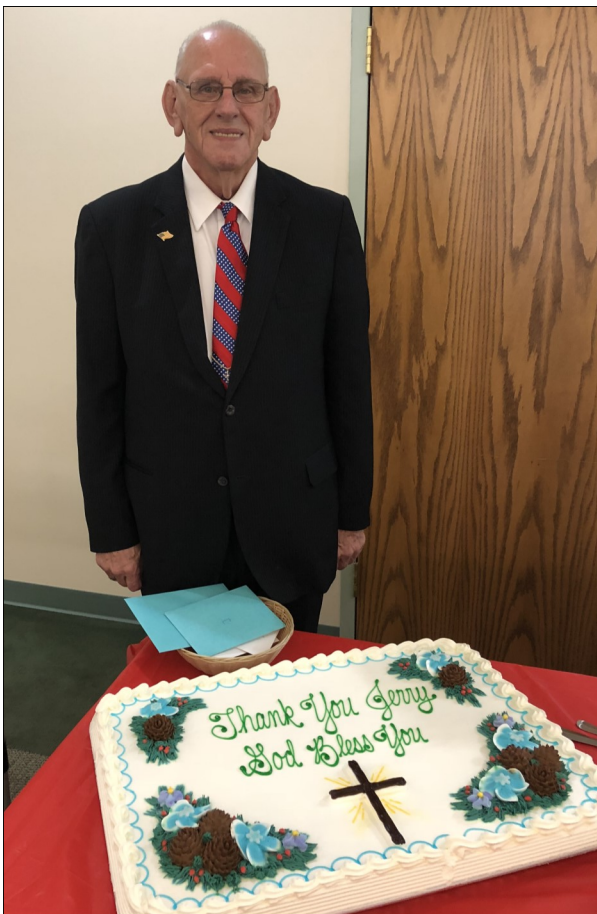
### **Replacement for Jerry Pliley**

**Kevin Kunst**

Jerry has decided to resign his job as building manager. The vacancy will be presented to the congregation before opening to the general public. Jerry noted that it was important for the person to have a strong commitment to clean and maintain our building.

The motion to adjourn was made by Barb Berry at 7:20.

Pastor Hartten closed with a prayer.



Dear Friends at Peace,

Thank you so much for honoring me at my retirement luncheon held Dec. 2. Your kinds words, cards, gifts and hugs will always be remembered. Special thanks to Church Council and Fellowship Committee for all of your work.

As many of you know, my retirement was due to health issues. Just wanted to let you know that I will be having my cancerous bladder and prostate removed on Jan. 7. Once again, Sandy and I ask for your prayers as we go through this next journey.

*Jerry Plisey*

## Where are you with God? Join Shari Schmidt for The Quest

Shari Schmidt will be hosting a women's Bible study based on Beth Moore's "The Quest" in her home from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays Jan. 10–Feb. 21.

A Quest is an act of seeking. As women, we are curious. We question and seek after things we do not know or understand.

As women, we are relational. We seek intimacy and relationships.

In this 6-week excursion with Jesus, Beth Moore uses questions from Scripture to lead you into intimacy with the One who knows you best...the One who created you to seek after Him. He desires to be found and known. The Quest study is an invitation for you to deepen your intimacy with Him as you ask, discuss and ponder questions of faith.

This is an in-depth personal study. It is your personal quest. The goal is to spend time with your Savior and explore what He is doing in your life and in your journey. He will ask questions of you and you will ask questions of Him. You will grow in your lifelong quest of faith.

The first question in the Bible is 'Where are you?'. It was asked of Adam and Eve. The first question in this study is 'Where are you?'. It is asked of you.

As you develop your intimacy with Him you will embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God.

Shari will provide beverages and a salad for the first session and the group will decide how it wants to handle lunch after that. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to participate in the study.



## Nursery now available on Sunday mornings

Beginning Dec. 30 we will now have a nursery available for children who are 5 and younger during our 10:15 a.m. worship service. The nursery will be staffed by volunteers from the congregation and parents are welcome to take their children to the nursery for all or a portion of the service. There are also activity bags available in the narthex for older children.

Amy Cahill is organizing a rotation of volunteers to staff the nursery. The goal is to have enough people so that volunteers only have to man the nursery every three to four months. The nursery has both audio and video feed of the service so you can still participate in worship if the nursery is not busy. For more information or to volunteer, contact Amy.





# Caroling, Decorating and Hats— Christmas cheer fills the air here at Peace Lutheran Church



# Southwest Michigan Interfaith Action- An Interfaith Peace & Justice Collaborative

This past year a group of religious leaders from different faiths (not just different denominations of Christianity) have joined together in an attempt to address some of the issues that plague Southwest Michigan. The collaborative has developed five (5) different working groups; each to address a specific issue. The collaborative is seeking volunteers to staff the working groups which meet every other month on the fourth Tuesdays of even months. Interest in one working group does not mean participation in all groups. If interested, contact Sid Mohn at [sidmohn@gmail.com](mailto:sidmohn@gmail.com)

**Green Faith Working Group:** (purpose: develop guidelines for faith communities in “greening” their environment)

1. Develop a checklist for faith communities to use to “go green”. Faith communities who successfully complete the checklist will be awarded a “Green Faith” designation.
2. In conjunction with Creation Justice Ministries, Michigan Power and Light, and the Noah’s Ark Caucus develop a policy promotion agenda based on our interfaith principles of “care for the holiness of creation”.
3. Provide worship guides to assist religious leaders in connecting current events to climate change.
4. Explore the concept of a summer youth Green Corps to assist with church and community green projects.

**Great Waters Working Group:** (purpose: promote the stewardship of God’s Holy Creation by advancing access to clean water for Michigan residents, preservation of the Great Lakes, and expressing concern about global issues of drought and corresponding poverty/migration)

1. Continue research into residential water quality in SW Michigan and identify any correlation between discrimination and poor water quality.
2. Monitor establishment of a lead pipe loan fund for low income residents.
3. In conjunction with SW Michigan Planning Commission develop a plan to assist in the clean up of Ox Creek (the most polluted body of water in Michigan).
4. In conjunction with Great Lakes Conservancy, develop a policy promotion agenda based on interfaith principles.

**Dignity of All Working Group:** (purpose: addresses situations in which social or economic characteristics of a person are used to exclude, oppress, or deny human dignity and rights — with a particular focus on those most vulnerable.)

1. Research anti-bullying policy and program efforts in schools in SW Michigan, and identify and promote best practice models.
2. Advance Tiny Houses for Big Change as an opportunity for children in faith communities to understand homelessness and poverty and commit to a shared project.
3. Monitor the status of expanded hate crime legislation in Michigan.

**No Longer a Stranger Working Group:** (purpose: advances faith-based commitments relative to welcoming migrants, refugees and immigrants)

1. Explore establishment of a Migration Emergency Assistance Fund with guidance from Berrien Immigrant Solidarity Network.
2. Monitor public policies on migration and advance faith-grounded perspectives relative to welcoming the stranger.
3. Develop a Spring Educational Series for faith communities, concluding with an Interfaith Prayer Service.

**Keep the Peace Working Group:** (purpose: addresses local issues relative to gun violence and the threat to human life, and monitors global issues in which violence is directed against persons because of their religion)

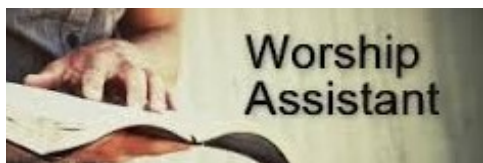
1. Utilize Interfaith Action’s Emergency Response Team to respond to hate crime incidents in SW Michigan.
2. In conjunction with Americans Against Gun Violence and the Michigan Coalition Against Gun Violence, establish a faith-grounded policy promotion agenda.
3. Contact Michigan congressional representatives with concerns about global situations of violence/war in which the US is involved and in which the conflict includes the violation of human rights of religious groups.

**General Collaboration:**

General Meetings of Interfaith Action will occur on the 4th Tuesday of the odd months of the year. Working Groups will meet during even months of the year.

The following Interfaith Action themes will be promoted on a quarterly basis during the year — with bulletin/newsletter inserts and worship aids: 1st quarter - migration; 2nd quarter - stewardship of creation; 3rd quarter - dignity of all; 4th quarter - violence and peace.





## SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP

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Serving this Month:

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Steve Hartten, Pastor Ron Schmidt  
**Organist:** Maria Tallman  
**Choir Director:** Debbie Kroening  
**Audio:** Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter  
**Video:** Jim Damaske  
**Usher:** Jerry Schlutt  
**Communion:** Margaret Schmeiding and Keith Chapman  
**Altar Guild:** Open

January 6  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Lee and Lynn Hornack  
**Lector:** Marty Tallman  
**Acolyte:** Ainsley Cahill  
**Nursery:** Sandy Schuermann  
**Fellowship:** Sandy Warren and Jim Steinbauer

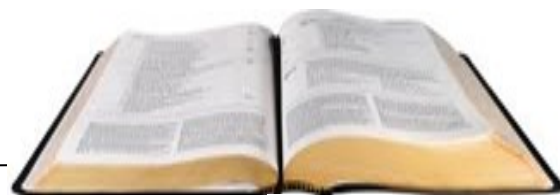
January 13  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Nan and Larry Hacker  
**Lector:** Larry Hacker  
**Nursery:** Denise Mahler

January 20  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Greg and Louise Solak  
**Lector:** Louise Solak  
**Acolyte:** Emily Sorensen  
**Nursery:** Barb Morgan  
**Fellowship:** Cahills and Sorensens

January 27  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Keith and Jill Chapman  
**Lector:** Keith Chapman  
**Nursery:** Heidi Sorensen

## THIS MONTH'S READINGS

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**Sun., Jan. 6 - Feast of Epiphany**  
Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-15  
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

**Sun., Jan. 13 - Baptism of Our Lord**  
Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29  
Romans 6:1-11, Luke 3:15-22

**Sun., Jan. 20 - Second Sunday After Epiphany**  
Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 128  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

**Sun., Jan. 27 - Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19:1-14  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:16-30



If you have a loved one serving in the military, we'd like to know about it! We recognize service members on a special bulletin board in the Narthex and include them on our prayer list. Please contact the church office or Ted Hollacher with a photo and details.

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                 | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------|-----|
|   |   | 1<br>Office closed  | 2<br>9-12 Office Hours  | 3<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>Pastor Steve off   | 4<br>Office closed  | 5   |
| 6<br>9 S. School<br>10:15 Worship<br>11:15 Removing decorations<br>11:15 Fellowship       | 7<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>1p Divine Drama<br>6p Fellowship<br>Committee Mtg | 8<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>11:30 Prayer Mtg<br>2p Disciple Study<br>7p Disciple Study  | 9<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>Pastor Steve off<br>2:30 Upton<br>7:30p Genesis | 10<br>9-12 O. Hours<br>Pastor Steve off<br>8 Men's Ministry<br>12p The Quest<br>7p Choir | 11<br>Office closed | 12  |
| 13<br>9 Sunday School<br>10:15 Worship with communion                                     | 14<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>1p Divine Drama<br>7p Worship<br>Committee Mtg   | 15<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>11:30 Prayer Mtg<br>2p Disciple Study<br>7p Disciple Study | 16<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>2:30 Upton<br>7:30p Genesis Study              | 17<br>News Due<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>8 Men's Ministry<br>12p The Quest<br>7p Choir     | 18<br>Office closed | 19  |
| 20<br>9 Sunday School<br>10:15 Worship<br>11:15 Fellowship<br>1p Tubing                   | 21<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>1p Divine Drama<br>6p Council                    | 22<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>11:30 Prayer Mtg<br>2p Disciple Study<br>7p Disciple Study | 23<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>2:30 Upton<br>7:30p Genesis Study              | 24<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>8 Men's Ministry<br>12p The Quest<br>7p Choir                 | 25<br>Office closed | 26  |
| 27<br>9 S. School<br>10:15 Worship with communion<br>11:15 Cong. Mtg.<br>11:15 Fellowship | 28<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>1p Divine Drama                                  | 29<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>11:30 Prayer Mtg<br>2p Disciple Study<br>7p Disciple Study | 30<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>2:30 Upton<br>7:30p Genesis Study              | 31<br>9-12 Office Hours<br>8 Men's Ministry<br>12p The Quest<br>7p Choir                 |                     |     |

### Birthdays

1 Jim Bauer  
5 Keegan Kutchie  
5 Karen Richardville  
7 Judy Konar  
9 Jill Chapman  
10 Dominic So  
13 Gloria Harbin  
14 Denise Mahler  
15 Dolores Kraklau  
16 Evelyn Chevrette  
16 Joe Moulton  
18 Kevin Kunst

### Anniversaries

18 Wayne Schuermann  
21 Margarete Hahn  
24 Hilde Boozer  
27 Shelley Wilson  
30 Mo Nurbhai  
  
19 Frank & Delores Gaul  
26 Bob & Linda Roberts

### Military

**Lt/jg Chad Knipschild**  
301 Maple  
Edgewater, MD 21037

### Shut-In's

*To keep our shut-ins safe, please call the church office for mailing addresses.*

Albert Beebe  
Marian Hogue  
Joe Naines  
Betty Robbins  
Barbara Southland  
Mildred Wantz



Choir practice: 7 p.m. Thursdays

The choir is already preparing for Lent and Easter. If this is your season, feel free to join us for practice on Thursday nights. The choir is always looking for new members and this year there is a special need for male voices.



# Tubing at Five Pines 1 p.m. Jan. 20

**Meet at Five Pines**  
6597 Smith Road, Berrien Center



Afterward, warm up with chili at the Cahills' house - 11671 Red Bud Trail, Berrien Springs  
*Don't want to tube? Enjoy the fire at the Five Pines lodge or just meet us for chili.*  
**Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend and bring a dish to share for dinner. Cost is \$10 per person for tubing.**



## ***PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING***

**Jan. 27 following the  
10:15 a.m. service  
Fellowship Hall**

**Peace**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

3590 Lincoln Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085

