



WELCOME

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. We believe that God calls everyone to the gospel, gathers us by the Holy Spirit and sends us out into the world for the sake of others. If you would like to know more about Peace Lutheran or are interested in membership, please fill out the card in your pew or contact the pastor or church office. Everyone is welcome!

THE DAY

On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. Luke recounts the familiar story of shepherds and angels; John's gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. It is in the liturgy that we encounter the Word made flesh—in the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ, and in the meal around the holy table. We go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim this good news to all the ends of the earth.

HOLY COMMUNION

At Peace we invite all baptized believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to come to our Lord's feast of his presence in, with and under the bread and wine. Those not desiring communion may come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Children may also commune. For information contact the pastor or youth minister.

For those who desire Gluten-free wafers, please inform the pastor when you are at the rail. If you are unable to commune at the rail, please inform an usher before the service begins.

2012 FLOWER CHART

If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion during the year, please write your name and phone number on the flower chart located on the bulletin board in the narthex. (Only one family per Sunday, please.) If you have any questions call Judy in the church office.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION DECEMBER 31ST

We will meet for dinner at Peppers Restaurant on Fairmont Parkway & Strawberry at 5:00 pm. After dinner we will travel to the church for an evening of fellowship and games, and at Midnight we will ring in the New Year – 2012. If you like, please bring your favorite game to share with all. Please join us for this wonderful evening. So that we can determine who will be joining us in these festivities, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. Should you have any questions, please contact Lin & Bob Peterson at (281) 476-0632.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH GOD

We hope that you will plan to join us next Sunday when we will have one worship service with Holy Communion at 9:00 am. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Classes on January 1st.

CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2012

Beginning on Sunday, January 8, 2012, we will have only 2 worship services. Along with our current 3 Adult Classes, Pastor Kelly will also be teaching a class during the Sunday School hour.

8:30 am Blended Contemporary "Mass of
Creation" (Communion)

9:45 am Sunday School & Adult Classes

11:00 am Traditional ELW10 (Communion)

END OF YEAR GIVING

According to IRS requirements, checks must be dated and postmarked December 31, 2011 in order to claim a charitable deduction for 2011. If you are considering a donation to the church before the end of the year, please keep this in mind.

As always the church continues to be blessed and is a blessing by the ministries we offer. Please consider making a special Christmas Gift to your church to support the work we do. We have much we would like to accomplish on behalf of Christ.

NOTE: The last deposit for the year will be made at noon on Friday, December 30.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

NO Sunday School

9:00 am ONE Service (Communion)

Monday, December 26

Pastor Kelly - Vacation

(Church Office Closed)

Tuesday, December 27

Pastor Kelly - Vacation

Church Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

7:00 pm Prayer Group (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 28

Pastor Kelly - Vacation

Church Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

7:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group

Thursday, December 29

Pastor Kelly - Vacation

Church Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

7:00 pm Young Adults

Friday, December 30

Church Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Pastor Kelly - Vacation

Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

5:00 pm New Year's Eve @ Peppers & Peace

Sunday, January 1, 2012 – New Year's Day

NO Sunday School

9:00 am ONE Service (Communion)

Shankle (USMC), Scott Smith (Navy), Caleb Threadgill (Air Force), Cameron Waters, Blake Windsor (Iraq)

Rehab & Nursing Homes

Pauline Baker (Jacinto City Healthcare), (Paramount), **Judy Roese** (Tuscany Village Nursing Home)

Special Concerns

Deborah Appleby, **Barbara Armstrong**, John & Donna Bateman, Carlos, **Jimmy Carpenter**, **Peace Call Committee**, **James & Donna Carver**, Ronnie Ckudre, **Bill Cook**, Gail Cox, David Cumbie, Sue Denmon, **Bill Dickson**, Esther Dubose, **Jason Elliott**, **Bill Ferguson**, Thomas & Paula Gibson, Pauline Hammerschmidt, Bill Hassell, Dawn Heath, Johnette Hodgins, Dee Hogue, Trey Hollinger, **Mary & Merrell Hughes**, Mike & Bobbye Johnson, **Mary Koester**, Chester Lambert, *Jeanne Lutz, *Joseph McZeal, Dale Medlin, **Caleb Monroe**, **David Pilkington**, **Mildred Rath**, Ella Mae Schlechte, **Ruth Schmidt**, **Delores Schnell**, **Marilyn Seich**, **Tasha Shelby**, **Helen Shoppa**, Jean Skates, Dena & Wes Skinner, **Cindy Smith**, **Daniel Speck**, Margie Stevens, **Pearl Stockum**, **Christian Thornton**, Fallon Tienda & Family, Javier Villareal, Roy Wagner, B.J. Waggoner, **Walter & Norma Ward**, Barbara Walton, **Elly Wells**, Delta Wernecke, **Hilda Wiederhold**, Louis & Lillie Wiederhold, *Coen Foster Willis, **LaVerne Wolff**, **Vanessa Zambrana**, and Weston Zucha.

**Hospitalized*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE APPRECIATED

Our Members and Friends in the Military

Daniel Bricker, **Jason Brown** (Army) Afghanistan, Ethan Brinkley. Steven Bush (Army), Michael Butcher, **John Carpenter** (Army) Kuwait, **John & Karla Cumbie**, **John Ethridge**, Andrew Eubanks, **Bryan Dwyer** (Army), Bryan Ellis, Chad Gygi (Air Force) Afghanistan, Jared Higgins (USMC), Ryan Holder, Robin King, Chris Munoz, Bryan Murphy (Marines), Darwin & Erica Quinteros, Gary Rainer, Hailey Scherer, Chris Schroeder, Matthew Sewell (USMC)-Afghanistan, **Aaron**