

From the Pastor...

Happy New Year!

I, for one, am glad that 2024 is over. It was a tough year. I was unable to serve in my role as pastor for most of the year. There were rounds of chemo and a stem cell transplant. There were times it was challenging to find the energy to do much of anything! Feelings were hard to figure out and keeping a train of thought was elusive. I'm glad to have that (mostly) behind me.

Many people set resolutions for the New Year – goals for growth, weight loss, exercise, organization, time management... I heard recently, from a tech company commercial, that most people give up by the second Friday of January. There's even a name, "Quitters Day." I looked it up and found that to be true. Maybe I already knew that keeping resolutions can be somewhere between difficult and impossible.

We can be thankful in this New Year that God doesn't require us to set goals or show improvement. He loves us where we are. He forgives our shortcomings and faults. He makes us new.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Setting goals for growth is still a good idea. Getting better through the efforts we choose to make is important. Maybe losing weight or gaining strength would be helpful for our health. Who can't get better at managing time or communicating more effectively? None of us is perfect, so there is always room for improvement.

We are made new in Christ.
We can grow in the New Year.

God's blessings as we turn the page on the calendar.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT PEACE

Bible Study

Sunday mornings 8:30 am

Attend in-person in the Parish Hall ~~or via Zoom.~~

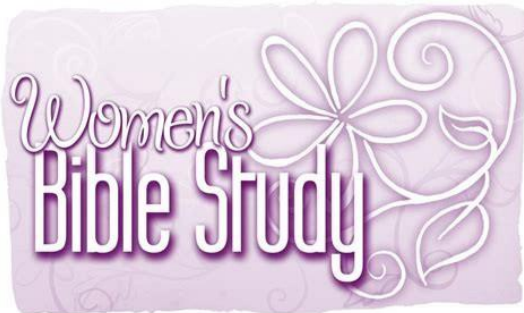
To Join the Zoom Meeting via the Internet, use this information each week:

Click [here](#) to Join (or launch Zoom and enter the ID and Passcode (below))

~~From any phone, dial 1 669 444 9171~~

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Current study – Old Testament



Women's Bible Study

Mondays, 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall

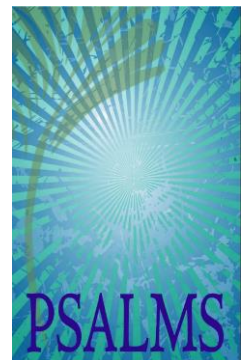
Good studies. Great discussion. Wonderful fellowship. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Community Bible Study

Outside the Red Dirt Café, near Walmart

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 am Topic: The Psalm of the Day

We study a selection of Wisdom literature (from Psalms, Proverbs, etc.) appointed as a reading for the day. After reading the text, we discuss its meaning and application. Men and women, believer and seeker, all are invited!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:30am - Bible Study 10am - WORSHIP 11:30am - Choir Practice	30 School Closed 12:30pm - Women Study	31 Church Office Closed 7:30am - Bible Study RD 10am - Prayer Warriors	1	2	3	4
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12 Communion Sunday 8:30am - Bible Study 10am - WORSHIP 11:30am - Choir Practice	13 12:30pm - Women Study	14 7:30am - Bible Study RD 10am - Prayer Warriors	15	16 9:15am - School Chapel 1pm - Board of Directors	17	18
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January Newsletter 2025



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**Chapel Every Thursday
at 9:15am.**

**Families are welcome
to join us!**

**Thru January 3rd:
SCHOOL CLOSED for
the Holidays
January 20: Martin
Luther King Day/
SCHOOL CLOSED**

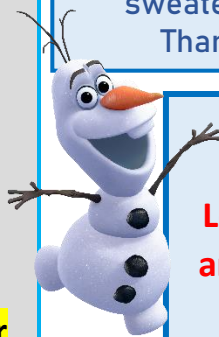
LOOKING AHEAD:

**Feb. 7 Early Closure
Day and Date Night for
Parents (Fundraiser)**

More info to come!!

WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to continue the school year and resume our daily schedules here at the school. We hope you had wonderful family time together throughout the holidays. Let's remember we are in our colder months and your child will need a jacket, sweater, or coat at school every day. Thank you! Please Label them!!!



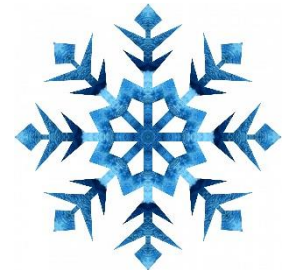
Safety Reminder

**Let's make sure our kids are safe
and secure on campus by making
sure our gates are latched and
closed while going in and out.**

Thank you!

1/3 Bryson M.
1/11 Sequoia W.
1/15 Ivy A.
1/17 Jayce M.
1/17 Sedona V.
1/30 Malakai F.G.
1/30 Avery E.
1/31 Isabella K.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Soccer Classes have ended and Coach Julian told me he will be putting up new sign-up sheets in January to start classes again. If there is enough interest he will do another session with the kids! The children really enjoyed their time with Coach Julian as he taught the basics of soccer!



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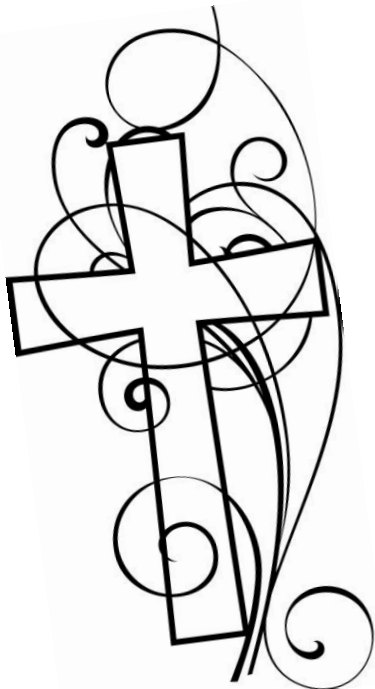
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Church & School Newsletter



Peace Lutheran Church
Mission Statement

In loving, caring fellowship, built upon the foundation of Word and Sacrament, we reach out with Gospel ministries to our community.