



# Herald of Peace

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The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church  
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## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to start by thanking all of you for the many ways you helped to make our Advent journey and Christmas celebrations so special. Many have gone the extra mile to clean, spruce up as well as decorate our buildings, plan and cook special meals, organize the Advent Tea and service projects, prepare the altar and worship space each week, preach, make visits, make music, produce and act in drama productions, prepare bulletins, and attend the usual, as well as not so usual, meetings. You have all been very busy. There is an energetic buzz about this place that tells me the Holy Spirit is alive, well and working through all of you.

Riding that high energy or spirited wave we move from Christmas into Epiphany and into a whole new calendar year. The light of Christ beckons to us and leads us. The light of Christ shines in and through us. The light of Christ is transforming us.

The Interim Task Force and the team that attended Church Days are working towards helping us discover what God's purpose for Peace Lutheran Church is. The ITF is updating already available demographic information as well as gathering other information related to presenting needs in the community. They are also working on combining what was learned at the History event with information to be gathered from Peace's leadership groups to establish a current identity statement for the congregation. Opportunities for input from members will be given at some point, in the form of parlor talks and surveys. It all takes time. Please trust God to work through the process, trust the process itself and pray without ceasing.

If you can imagine riding that spirited wave, think about what it might be like to see how many others you could help catch the wave. January's faith practice for discipleship is spreading the Word and inviting people to share in your excitement. What excitement am I talking about? I am talking about the excitement and hope we have because of our relationship with God who through Jesus Christ came to be light for the world, who through Jesus Christ, came so that all who believe may not perish but have eternal life. And God is excited about working through all of us to share the desire to bless and save the world.

Catch the wave with me and ride into the New Year towards the light, ready to be transformed from the inside out by a God who is making all things new!

May you have a blessed 2008!  
Pastor Phyllis Hormann

**P.S. Thank you so very much for your cards and gifts!!**

## From Don's Desk

How would you act, if you won the lottery, or discovered buried treasure in your back yard? I don't know about you, but I'd be whooping and yelling with joy. I'd throw a party. I'd have to let everyone know about it, and celebrate the discovery of it.

That's sort of how I felt, after attending Church Days last November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was an event put on by Kelly Fryer, and sponsored by our Synod. It took place on a Friday evening and all day Saturday. They compressed a four-day program into a day and an evening. It was like eating bullion cubes or concentrated soup. We got so much rich information so fast, that we were all exhausted by the end of the day. In spite of the exhaustion, I also felt excited, and I wanted to share that excitement.

We learned exactly the sort of stuff that we at Peace *all* need to understand and embrace, in order to rejuvenate our church. I am convinced that if we all learned these things, and lived them out in our faith-walk, our main problems at Peace would be parking and seating. Here are a couple of jewels from the treasure chest I discovered that Saturday:

- ❖ We must forget about what we want, and think about what God wants.
- ❖ "It is not about the congregation." God does not call us to increase church membership; he calls us to go out, share the news, and care for his people. Inwardly-focused churches die. Churches which do what God wants thrive.
- ❖ Changed people change churches. Change begins with you. (No change equals continued decline.)

I'll expound on the first bullet point ("We must forget about what we want, and think about what God wants."), to give you an idea of how earth-shattering this stuff is. We all talk about how we want young people to attend our church. Problem is, we only want them when it is on our terms:

- ❖ Our music
- ❖ Our liturgy
- ❖ Our views

These young people do not exist. *We must forget about what we want, and think about what God wants.*

- ❖ Does He care about which music or liturgy we use, or does He care that all ages glorify and praise Him?
- ❖ Does He care about our petty differences regarding frequency of communion, and the details of our ritual practice, or is He more concerned about what is written on our hearts, and what comes out of our mouths?

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- ❖ Does He care that we maintain 60 year-old traditions, or does He care more that we expend our energy making his Word more accessible to those around us?
- ❖ Does He even care which denomination we are, or does He care more that we love Him, and can't help but share that love with others living in our community?

That weekend, Kelly Fryer taught us that Jesus has left the building. Not only is He here inside our precious walls, but he is "out there"—on Fort Street, or on Sycamore... or Superior. We need to break out of our brick shell, and engage Jesus in our community. Share Jesus with those who need Him most.

One more thing. The word "change" appears frequently in this report, as well as in Kelley's hand-outs.

**That weekend, she made one thing very clear—the change that is most effective isn't the change that we make to a new schedule, worship form or anything like that. The change that is most needed is the transformation that must come from within us.**

The point is that we need to quit focusing on ourselves, and start focusing on what God wants. If we look towards renewing ourselves in this way, I'm convinced that we really would have a parking and seating problem on Sunday mornings.

## Notes from the Side

*By Albert Le Blanc Jr., Seminarian*

Can you believe it? 2008...WOW! As we look back at the end of our past year and begin to reflect upon this New Year, I write to you this month about resolutions. It is my hope that this year's resolutions will involve Christ and our personal relationship with Him.

As I write this, the year 2007 draws to a close. What kind of year has it been for you? Has it been a year to cherish or a year to quickly forget? This year for me has been a mixed bag of items. From the joy and privilege of working with many of the leaders at the church during our pastoral vacancy, to the sorrow and grief of experiencing several losses of family members, I have been at both ends of the emotional spectrum. I have watched with awe and joy as my children continued to grow and develop (I know you all have heard how Jakob's voice is getting louder and louder and louder! Ironically, it seems to be the loudest on Sunday mornings around 10:30-ish!) I've had the surreal experience of seeing my daughter, Emilee, reading and doing homework for school as I sit next to her reading and doing homework for school!?! Through all of this, my wife and I have continued to focus our energy on our relationship, our family, and our Lord.

Whatever 2007's tone was for you, let us fill our hearts with hope this month; a hope that a new year will bring positive change for us – both personally and as a worship community. This year can be a fresh new start – a new beginning. In that spirit, many of us make New

Year resolutions – pledges or promises to ourselves or to God that we will personally be different this year.

I want to focus upon some resolutions that each of us should consider for ourselves. Now, I know that when we speak of 'resolutions', many people just groan and roll their eyes; however, regardless of past successes (or failures) I want you to give a new year resolution one more try but this time realize that keeping this promise is a team effort; invite the Holy Spirit to join you this year and help you to work on the resolution.

As we contemplate developing a resolution, we must do so realizing that we cannot be successful in keeping it apart from God. "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5b – NIV). And the 'me' is clearly God. So you're not alone. With these thoughts in mind, I would like to offer to you a few resolutions to consider.

First, find time for God to build that personal relationship with Christ. In the course of each day, be creative in finding the time to spend with God. In this time you can read your Bible, read an inspirational magazine or book, pray, sing, walk, journal, etc. Do something to grow and deepen your relationship with our Lord.

Second, become active in our church's worship, Bible studies, and/or boards and committees. We shouldn't expect to grow by just coming on Sunday mornings or once a month. I strongly believe that, in order to become all that we can be spiritually, we need each other. We need to be with each other in a small group Bible study, in a Sunday school class, or a weekday prayer group. I know I have personally grown by being involved with my small groups at seminary; reviewing the Word, praying, and discussing our personal journeys has helped me tremendously.

Third, make a promise to regularly pray for our Interim Task Force and our church leaders. They will be working hard this year on forging a path for the future of Peace and will need your support in both participation and in prayer. May this year bring about a clear direction for this congregation; a renewed focus on Peace's mission and purpose.

So, those are just a few. You can take 'em or leave 'em but I pray that you truly focus on deepening your relationship with Christ in some way during the coming year. I also pray that we all open our hearts and minds to the possibilities that 2008 holds for us and for our beloved Peace congregation. Let us rely on Him who said, "I am making everything new" (Rev. 21:5 – NIV).

Heartfelt blessings to all of you for a healthy, happy, and spiritually uplifting New Year!

## Choir Notes

It's the new year, and there are new schedules being made for all of us. As you create your new schedule, please think about coming to sing in one of the choirs. The Sr. Choir meets Thursday evenings at 7:30 for an hour and a half rehearsal, and the Jr. Choir meets Sunday afternoons following the Sunday service for about half an hour to forty-five minutes.

We'd love it if you'd come fill the rest of our robes and pews to sing with us! (We only bite on Halloween, so you're safe for the rest of the year.)

If you would like more information, please contact me at (313) 573-0022. Thanks!

Bonnie Schippling, Choir Director

## Board of Christian Outreach

**Giving Tree** – Thank you to all those who participated in our “Giving Tree” outreach project. We started with 55 ornaments and ended up on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with 55 boxes filled with love. We worked with Blessed Hope on this outreach effort and they were amazed by the caring and sharing of our blessings. The blessings of this project continued when the love boxes were incorporated into the service project at our December 5<sup>th</sup> Advent service. We had chili for dinner and all who attended service assisted with the wrapping and filling of our boxes. We had good food and great fellowship while doing God's work. Thanks to all who helped either by shopping, giving cash donations (\$185.00) or wrapping.

**Soup and Bread** -Please mark your calendar for February 3, 2008 so you can attend our next Soup and Bread lunch. We had 13 different soups and lots of great bread at our last Soup and Bread in November. Our February Soup and Bread lunch will be a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for Lent. We will have a simple meal of soup and bread to help us remember that for many this simple meal is all they have to eat. Please consider joining us for this great outreach effort. Your cash donations and non-perishable items will be donated to The Downriver Food Pantry. You will enjoy great soup and bread, the wonderful company of your church family and help those in need by your donations. We are applying to Thrivent for matching funds which means that each of your cash donations will be matched and that is a blessing for all.

## Five Characteristics of Thriving Churches

1. God is real, and in the room
2. The Bible matters
3. My purpose is connected to God's mission
4. We are willing to do “whatever it takes”
5. We expect transformation. We expect miracles.

## Voters' Assembly Minutes November 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Silsbe at 12:20 p.m. The opening devotion was from Acts 6:1-7.

It was moved by Stan Lozon and seconded by Albert LeBlanc that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

### Reports:

**Membership**—Board of Elders had no changes.

**Interim Task Force**—Pastor Hormann—They are in the process of looking at the history events and coming up with a meaning statement. They are also in the process of planning another event around a meal. The group from the Church Day event will be working with the Task Force as well. The congregation members will be asked to do something in the future and should prayerfully consider helping out.

**Treasurer's report**—Don Pushman presented the profit and loss comparison and the balance sheet with a previous year comparison. A copy of both of these are attached to the minutes and placed on file.

**Board of Education**—no report

**Board of Christian Outreach**—Bev Helms reported that we have finished the giving tree and are starting the gift boxes.

**Stewardship**—Kaye Davies—We have begun the process of spotlighting on a family and we are doing monthly birthday celebrations. Commitment Sunday is November 18. We will be giving each person three copies of their commitment. They will fill them out and give one copy to the church, one copy to the Board of Finance, and one copy will be mailed back to the person in about three or four months.

**Elders**—Rob Montie—We went over the budget and put some areas that didn't seem to have a category under Board of Elders so they have a board category. Membership lists are being gone over. After this is completed, areas of responsibility will be posted under the pictures of the Elders. Articles telling what the Elders' responsibilities are will be coming out in the future. The purpose of the membership list is to find people who haven't been here for a while and invited them back. A request was made for the calling cards to be updated and made available. The Elders are trying to do a better job of visits.

**Correspondence**—none

**Election**—none

**Unfinished Business**—none

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**New Business**—Don Pushman presented the 2008 Budget. Two handouts were available: the proposed budget for 2008 and a budget comparison for 2007 and 2008.

Goal for the budget is to increase the participation and involvement of the Boards. The question was asked under which the pastor's discretionary fund falls.

It was moved by Stan Lozon and seconded by Don Pushman that we add a line item to the Elders for the pastor's discretionary fund set at \$1,000. Discussion followed and these questions were addressed: Why not under benevolence instead of the Board of Elders? In 2007 it was under the Board of Elders so why wouldn't it stay? New funds would have to be approved by the Board of Finance. Food cards would be additional.

It was moved by Albert LeBlanc and seconded by Dawn Bernard that the above motion be amended to place the pastor's discretionary fund under benevolences. Motion carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Question was asked as to why the grounds keeping expense was down from last year. Only \$575 was spent since January. Robert Bernard indicated that the Board of Trustees is satisfied with the bottom line of the budget for them.

Other areas of comment—custodian and one helper—glad to see the additional help; pastor's salary and benefits; worship enhancement allows us to make changes to the sanctuary such as sound enhancement, banners, etc.

Budget as amended was accepted unanimously.

Karen McNeil expressed thanks for the development of the budget and asked how the boards are kept accountable. The Church Council covers many of the boards' reports.

It was suggested that the Church Council minutes be made available after each meeting at the next Sunday's service and/or in the newsletter.

It was moved by Dawn Bernard and seconded by Stan Lozon that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Don Silsbe closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth E. Schmidt  
Recording Secretary

## From the Peace Board of Elders

As we begin this New Year, your Peace Elders would like to remind everyone of the family that we have here at peace. For many of us, Peace is *our family*. As for the Monties, our immediate family worships here with us, our friends worship here with us and we enjoy doing the Lord's work together at Peace. We feel so blessed because of our extended Peace family. Just before Christmas, the Elders sent out a letter to welcome home the entire family of Peace for the holidays. This was not a hollow gesture to fill the

pews for Christmas but a sincere invite for the entire year and beyond. It has been said that a large family is a blessing that is larger than just the size of the family. This axiom has proven to be true of the Montie's relationship with the family of Peace.

Please take some time this year to reflect on your relationship with your Peace Family. How much it has meant to you in making the good times better and the sad times easier to get through. We have an awesome family here and with the Lord as our patriarch, we can truly be a blessing to the world as well as a blessing to each other.

God's blessing to all

## January Birthdays

1/1 Mary Ann Buchau, Robert Sendo, Patricia Martin, Michael Townsend  
1/3 Maxine Biro  
1/4 Loretta Mitchell, Chloe Sisneros  
1/5 Zachary LeBeau, Laura Campbell  
1/6 George Elsner, Lisa Mitchell  
1/8 Esther Gray, Carol Kaleugher  
1/9 John Demyon  
1/10 Jerry Russell  
1/11 Madison Brandt  
1/12 Charlene Gyuszi, Peter Montie, Stephen Roth  
1/13 Stan Lozon  
1/14 Raymond Lambert, Emily Heyde  
1/16 Emily Harmon  
1/17 Karen McNeil, Bev Helms, Jessica Monear, Jace Chadwell  
1/19 Sydney Evans  
1/20 Scott Townsend  
1/22 Mark LeBeau  
1/23 Frank Harcas, Don Jacobs, David Kaminski, Sr., Alyssa Simonson  
1/25 Karen Osborne  
1/26 Elnora Ebendick, Ashley Aldridge, Samantha Ford, Darian Papineau, Michael Corby  
1/27 Adele Devlin, Paul Schultz  
1/28 Jennifer Johnson  
1/29 Stanley Stull  
1/30 Al Varga, Cody Straka  
1/31 Mary Ziesmer, Donna Knaggs, Brianna Simonson

## Special Anniversaries

1/27 ARTHUR & KAREN RIDGE 35 years

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Many items were donated. Money wise \$210 was toward boxes sent to our soldiers in Iraq. We also received \$210 in cash donations. On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> you helped send 20 boxes to our troops.

Dale & Jan LeBeau

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>New Year's Day!</b> 	2 <b>Office Hours: 9am-1pm</b> 6:00: Key Topics Class 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: Worship Unplugged	3 <b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b> 10:00: Bible Study <b>NO Sr. Choir</b>	4	5
6 9:00: Just Reading the Bible 9:00: "No Experience Necessary" Study 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION Jr. Choir after Service	7 <b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b> 7- 8pm: Elders Meeting 7:30: Altar Guild 8-9pm: Norms Review Meeting	8 <b>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</b> 6:15: Church Days Group 7:00: I'd Rather Be Reading at Carolyn Racklyeft's	9 <b>Office Hours: 9am-1pm</b> 6:00: Key Topics Class 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: Worship Unplugged	10 <b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b> 10:00: Bible Study 6:30: Finance Mtg. 7:30: Sr. Choir	11	12 2:00-6:00pm: Confirmation Retreat  6-10pm: Youth Event
13 9:00: Just Reading the Bible 9:00: "No Experience Necessary" Study 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION Jr. Choir after Service <b>Voters' Assembly – after service</b>	14 <b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b>  7:00: Interim Task Force	15 <b>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</b>	16 <b>Office Hours: 9am-1pm</b> 6:00: Key Topics Class 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: Worship Unplugged	17 <b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b> 10:00: Bible Study 7:30: Sr. Choir	18	19
20 9:00: Just Reading the Bible 9:00: "No Experience Necessary" Study 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION Jr. Choir after Service	21 <b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b>	22 <b>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</b>	23 <b>Office Hours: 9am-1pm</b> 6:00: Key Topics Class 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: <b>Worship Unplugged</b>	24 <b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b> 10:00: Bible Study 7:30: Sr. Choir	25 <b>Pr. Hormann will be attending Bishops Conference – Jan. 24-25 –</b>	26
27 9:00: Just Reading the Bible 9:00: "No Experience Necessary" Study 10:30: COMMUNION	28 <b>Office Hours: 10am-12pm</b> 7:00: Interim Task Force	29 <b>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</b>	30 <b>Office Hours: 9am-1pm</b> 6:00: Key Topics Class 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: Worship Unplugged	31 <b>Office Hours: 9am-11am</b> 10:00: Bible Study 7:30: Sr. Choir	<b>Pr. Hormann's Office Hours are Mondays -Thursdays, 10-12 and by appt.</b>	<b>Kris can be reached at 734-671-8726 (home) or 734-775-7886 (cell). Kris is in the office Wednesdays from 9-12.</b>

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# Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers	Sound Tech	Trustee	Altar Guild	Reader(s)	Organist
1/2	Don Silsbe									
1/6	<b>Celebrant:</b> Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Rob Montie	C.J. Morse, Shelby Morse, Stephania Andrews, David Kaulbars	Mike & Bev Helms	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Jerry Gnadt	Dale LeBeau	Mary Ziesmer	Diane Wright	Mary Tollefson
1/9	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									
1/13	<b>Celebrant:</b> Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Janet LeBeau	Kevin Mulligan, Amanda Mulligan, Stacy Catalano	Fred & Deb Harmon	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Tonya Cade	Peter Montie	Lise Corby	Terri Silsbe	Jennifer Rosati
1/16	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									
1/20	<b>Celebrant:</b> Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Terri Silsbe	Connor Winton, Kevin Bogusz, Alex Wayt	Colin & Nancy Harvey	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Janet LeBeau	Robert Bernard	Nancy Harvey	Rob Montie	Mary Tollefson
1/23	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									
1/27	<b>Celebrant:</b> Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Barb Pushman	Andrew Campbell, Laura Campbell, Britnie Ford	Jan Scherbarth	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	John Cade	Dale LeBeau	Jan Scherbarth	Barb Pushman	Jennifer Rosati
1/30	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									

**Bread Baker for January is Fran Gerhardy**

## Church Council Minutes December 10, 2007

Present: Don Silsbe, Al McNeil, Ruth Schmidt, Dawn Bernard, Bev Helms, Pastor Hormann, Kay Davies, Kim Bogusz, Rob Montie, and Rob Bernard

Chairperson Don Silsbe opened the meeting with prayer. We shared what we would be doing if we weren't here.

The opening devotional was Acts 2 1:13. After reading the selection out loud, some of the questions for discussion were used.

Reports:

**Christian Outreach:** Dawn Bernard talked about Acts in Common. The Board is planning a Life Line Screening for the first or second week of April. The Soup and Bread line will be February 3. March to the Manger will be July 27. We have contact cards now and will be putting them in the welcome packages.

**Stewardship:** Kaye Davies said that they would like to be called the Stewardship Team. Spotlight on the family has gotten off the ground. Reception from the congregation has been good. They will try to do one of these every other week.

**Education:** Kim Bogusz said that Rob Montie and Carolyn Racklyeft have been working with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older group. Response has been great. They are working on a play now. The younger children will be singing and serving at the play. They are also making decorations and gifts. After the new year, a new play may be forthcoming. The youth went to the corn maize in lieu of having a Halloween party. Jan LeBeau has volunteered to help with the youth. They are looking for ideas for activities that would involve other age groups besides the youth. The Soup and Bread line made \$330.25. They now have over \$1,000 in their account.

**Elders:** Rob Montie reported that they are meeting and working out issues. In January they will be working on the church directory and membership. They are trying to get back to doing what they feel elders should be doing. Elders have areas posted now. The church now has three lavalier mikes. This makes it easier when there are more participants in the service. December 15 is the day for decorating the church. Please let the elders know if you know of someone who would like to be contacted.

**Trustees:** Rob Bernard said that the playground cleanup is just about complete. The hallway floors are looking good now that they have been stripped and waxed. We passed the health requirements for the kitchen. We are now looking into getting new weather stripping for the outside doors, replacing lights, and hope to work on the basement floor from Christmas to New Year's.

**Financial Secretary:** Al McNeil said that at the end of the year he will give a report on membership and giving to the elders.

**Pastor Hormann:** The Task Force has been meeting more than they had initially planned. They are

working on demographics and on an evening on norms. January 7 has been set aside for that meeting. Confirmation is being done with the help of Karen McNeil and Terri Silsbe. Two retreats are coming up, one in January and one in April. Confirmation will be May 18. Pastor will not be here the first week of January.

**Facilities Use Agreement:** The current fellowship hall guidelines were reviewed. A committee comprised of one elder, one trustee, Kris Jaskula, Tonya Cade, and Ruth Schmidt will meet in January to come up with a usable facility use agreement.

**Key Topics Class:** Don Silsbe said about 8 to 10 people have been attending. The class will continue. Don said he will look into getting copies of Seeds for the Parish for Council members.

### Calendar:

January 2	Wednesday classes and Confirmation resumes Key Topics Class resumes
7	Elders at 7 p.m. Norms review from 8-9 p.m.
8	Book Club Church Days at 6:15 p.m.
10	Board of Finance
12	Confirmation Retreat & Youth Event
13	Voters' Assembly
24 and 25	Bishop's conference for Pastor Meeting closed with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Schmidt, Recording Secretary

### "Prayer changes things"

**Fran Gerhardy, Charles Buchau, Bill Racklyeft, Loramae Welch, Barb Albert, Adele Devlin, Norman Porath, Marilyn Andrews, Delores Singstock, Jennifer Stroehmann, Terry & Jean Koons, John & Nancy Demyon, Jerry Gnad, Shirley Balger, Bev Brewer, Kaye Davies, Laraine Hustler, Isaac Anderson, Ron Davis, Janet Sage, Mary Ann Buchau, Dave & Ruth Taylor, Mike Ziesmer, Robert Vallade, Lainey Miller, Ruth Tonks, Gail Andrews, Barb Byrd, Julie Rettke, Norman Kaminski, Dolores Kaminski, Betty Rehbein, Elnora Ebendick, Rosa Fox, Jeff Thomas, Al Varga, Wilma Looker, John Balger, Blessed Hope and Peace Lutheran Church.**

Richard Wright, JoAnn, Paul, Bob, Ed Klopp, and Crystal.

Please pray for the family of former Peace member, Don Weber, who died on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral service was in Ohio between Christmas & New Year's Day.

Also, please pray for the family of Peace member, Richard Wilson, who died early on Christmas morning and whose funeral service was here at Peace on December 29th.

Members are in **Bold**

Telephone Prayer Chain Contact:  
Mary Jacobs, 734-283-7792

E-prayer chain: Todd Pushman at [tpushman@yahoo.com](mailto:tpushman@yahoo.com)

## Many Thanks

Thank you to Dick & Jean Geiser for the evergreen roping for our holiday decorating.

Thanks also to Jerry Gnad, Kevin Bogusz, George Elsner, Sean Morse, Shelby Morse, C.J. Morse, Fay Winton, Connor Winton, Todd Pushman, Dorothy Pushman, Robert Bernard, Rob Montie, Peter Montie, Ruth Schmidt, Stacy Catalano, John Catalano, Carolyn Racklyeft, Pastor Hormann and Deanna Demgen for helping to decorate the church for Christ's birthday.

## Blessed Hope

Look for the shopping carts in the long hallway where you can place your donations for Blessed Hope. They are in particular need of canned meats, vegetables, fruits, shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper and paper towels.

## Want our newsletter via e-mail?

To have this happen send your e-mail address to [office@peacesouthgate.org](mailto:office@peacesouthgate.org). If you want to receive e-mail at more than one address that is fine too – also members of your family can each receive their own e-mailed copy. All other members, non-computer users, will of course, receive newsletters by mail if they haven't been in church that Sunday to pick up their copy.

## Bottle and Can Returns

We have been able to collect a total of **\$1,152+** from your generous donation of bottles and cans. Since you're coming to church anyway, why not just bring the bottles and cans along and drop them in any of the three boxes provided. Thank you to all who have participated in this project. If this sounds like something that you would like to help with, please contact Gwen Montie.

## Stop and Greet Your Neighbor

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month we're asking everyone to wear a nametag. When the service is finished, stop and greet 3 to 5 people you haven't met before. Over a cup of coffee, get to know them a little. Continue to greet each other in the following weeks. Be surprised at how much you have in common.

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