



# PLC NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church



## Pastor's Pen: Pastor's Favorite Bible Verse Luke 19:10

BY PASTOR WILLIAM NELSON-LOEFKE

### Faithfully Present Always

*The Son of Man came to find  
the people who were lost and to save them.  
Luke 19: 10*

*Our God is the God who follows. Have you sensed Him following you? He is the one who came to seek and save the lost of this world. Have you sensed Him seeking you ...carefully walking your road to bring you back home?*

*Have you felt His presence through the kindness of a stranger? Through the majesty of a sunset, or the mystery of unconditional love? Through the question of a child, or the commitment of a spouse? Through a word well spoken or a touch well timed, have you sensed Him?...*

*God gives us Himself. Even when we choose our hovel over His house and our trash over His grace, still He follows. Never forcing us. Never leaving us. Patiently and with persistence. Ever faithfully present. He uses all His power to convince us that He is who He is and that He can be trusted to lead us home.*

***God, we trust that You never give up on us ...ever. Be present,  
both in our joys and our many mistakes. Even though we often  
run from You, somehow, by love and grace, Your desire is to  
lead us back home ...to You. We are thankful that You are faithfully  
present in our lives, for it is by your Son that the lost are saved!  
Amen.***

# 2022 Church Council

President - Jeff Rehder '24  
Vice President - Russ Gradert '24  
Secretary - Tim Huffman '23  
Treasurer- Ryan Ranschau '25  
Benevolence - Sandy Heuer '23  
Head Usher - Tim Winterfeld '25  
Education Liaison - Ryan Ranschau '25

Please pray for our Council as they serve our church

## 2022 Deacons

Cal De Ruyter Mary Schmidt  
Darrell Vermeer Terry Winterfeld

## Building Committee

Dave Heuer Warren Gradert  
Steve Rehder

## November Treasurer Report

### General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$101,082.21
Income	
General offering	\$ 7,616.00
Organ Donation Fund	\$10,000.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 2,500.00
Mission Festival Offering	\$ 2,724.00
Expense	
General Expense	(\$ 10,323.38)
Thanksgiving Offering to:	(\$ 11,725.00)
The Banquet, Love Inc, Hope Food Pantry	
Mission Festival Offering to:	(\$ 2,724.00)
New Life Church, Ukraine	
Ending Balance*	\$108,374.83

### Benevolence Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 1.00
Income	\$ 3,375.00
Expense	(\$3,375.00)
Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries Inc	
Ending Balance	\$ 1.00

### November 2022 Congregation Report

Communion - 48

Average attendance - 71

January 2023 Sunday Benevolence\* will be directed to  
**Family of Nikki M & 5 children, Kingsley IA.**

\*See article page 4

## Member Ministry

WORSHIP services on Sunday at 10:15am, Sacrament of Holy Communion first Sunday of month (second Sunday if holiday weekend). Next Communion: Jan 8.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ages 3 through high school meets Sundays at 9am. (Holiday recess through 1/1; classes resume 1/8.)

CONFIRMATION students meet Wednesdays at 6pm (no class this year, will resume Sept 2023).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets Sundays at 9:15am. (Holiday recess through 1/1; class resumes 1/8.)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets third Wednesday of month, supper 6:30pm, Bible Study 7pm (next meet 1/18).

LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) students in Confirmation and High School meet second Wednesday of month for worship, fellowship and activities. See bulletin for info.

PLAY (Peace Lutheran Active Youth) young adult group does special projects and activities for the church. See bulletin for announcements.



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# Schedules

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## Lectors / Prayers

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Jan 1 - Tim H / Darrell V

Jan 8 - Sharon H / Cal DR

Jan 15 - Jeff R / Terry W

Jan 22 - Ali R / Mary S

Jan 29 - Cal DR / Darrell V

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## Scripture Readings

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Jan 1 - Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7

Jan 8 - Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43

Jan 15 - Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9

Jan 22 - Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9; I Corinthians 1:10-18

Jan 29 - Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; I Corinthians 1:18-31

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## Praise Team\* / AV Techs / Organist(s)

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\*Next Praise Team rehearsal: Jan 4 6:30pm

Jan 1 - no praise team/Steve Neil / Gin

Jan 8 - Steve Jeff Mary Tasha others / Tim Ryan / Gin

Jan 15 - no Praise Team / Jeff Neil / Matt

Jan 22 - Trent Marissa Leah Jeff others / Steve Tasha / Becky

Jan 29 - no Praise Team / Jeff Tasha / Matt

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PLC Ministry and Talent Opportunities

We welcome musical talent, vocal and instrumental; contact Tasha W 712.449.5036.

To train on the soundboard, or with AV, contact Neil R 712.470.2710.

To join the Children's Ministry team, contact Lindsey DZ 712.470.1639

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## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

**4 Muriel Koedam, Kenna Ranschau**

**6 Delenn Huffman**

**12 Elsie Ranschau, Steve Rehder**

**13 Dustin Reid**

**14 Shirley Moore**

**16 Katie & Lance DeJong, Roger & Muriel Koedam, Wayne McDaniel**

**19 Lindsey DeZeeuw, David Heuer, Judy Yates**

**23 Mackenzie DeZeeuw**

**25 Shari Koopmans**

**27 Lisa Miller**

**30 Kara Jensen**

**31 Arleen Miller**

## **Funds in Place for Organ Purchase, Held in PLC General Funds Account Organ Install Date Remains Pending**

The PLC Treasurers Report notes a larger-than-normal balance for the end-of-November report. This is explained by the undispersed funds in the Organ Donation Fund, which are part of the general fund. This amount totaled \$74,100.00 at month's end (November). Further funds have come in for December, but are pending reporting for the month's end.

As of publication date of this Newsletter, there is no firm date for installation of the new organ, although it is anticipated to be January. The new organ is the same instrument as that currently on the alter which has been played for the past few months. Additional associated expenses with the organ purchase will include electrical and carpentry work.

For questions about a donation to the Organ Fund, contact Council president Jeff Rehder (712-551-6444). For further information on the Treasurers Report, refer to page 2 in this Newsletter.

## **PLC Accepts Opportunity to Assist Family in Need Kingsley IA family to Receive January '23 Benevolence Offering**

At its last meeting, the PLC Council voted that the benevolence offering for January '23 would be designated to a Kingsley IA family. Mom Niki M, who herself has had serious health issues, lost her husband to cancer in November '22. She is now the widowed mother of five children ages 18, 16, 13, 8 and 6. The congregation purchased gifts for the children for Christmas, and intends for the January offering to assist the with easing their financial burdens.

## **PLC Annual Meeting Scheduled for January 18 7:00pm Motions, Reports and Election on Agenda**

PLC Council president Jeff Rehder will preside at the PLC Annual Meeting on January 18 7:00pm.

Agenda topics for voting will include replacing the current roof with steel roofing during 2023. Other information will include reports from the Pastor, Treasurer, Deacons, and Grounds Committee.

The congregation will vote for two members to serve two-year terms on the Council. To date, the slate includes Matt Lammers, Vicki Ranschau and David Winterfeld.

All PLC members are encouraged to attend.

## **"Three Days of Prayer" January 2-4 Pick Up Your Prayer Page from an Usher**

PLC will participate in "Three Days of Prayer," sponsored by LCMC, to pray on topics affecting our congregation, community, nation and world. Pastor Bill has prepared hourly prayer topics for our congregation, ongoing January 2, 3 and 4. This topic sheet is available from an usher and also on our website, [www.peacelutheranlcmc.org](http://www.peacelutheranlcmc.org).