



The Messenger of Peace

January 2011



From the Pastor:

Christmas Giving

This past Christmas season was an unusual one for the Salvation Army and its Red Kettle Campaign. Yes, they had a few of their kettles stolen, but they also received some incredibly generous gifts. There was

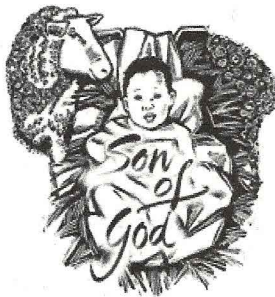
- an anonymous giver in Bloomington, Illinois, who continued a 20-year tradition of giving a gold coin;
- the owner of a local coin exchange in Frederick, Maryland, who gave five, gold South African Krugerrands and then bought them back for \$9,000;
- an anonymous donor in Spokane, Washington, who threw in a dollar bill -- a dollar bill wrapped around a \$5,000 diamond ring.
- They also received a \$30 silver coin, which came wrapped inside a note. The note read, "I've saved this ounce of silver for twenty years, I'm unemployed for 13 months, my house is in foreclosure, I'm filing for bankruptcy, and at 61 my retirement is shot, but I still know there are families in worse shape."

Steve Schroeder, development director for The Salvation Army said, "It's a true Christmas spirit when you get the coins just because somebody cares enough to really make a sacrifice to donate."

True, the centuries have seen many wondrous Christmas gifts given: the jeweled eggs of Faberge and the presents contained in the Neiman-Marcus catalog are all reflections of the Christmas spirit of giving. But none can compare with the fact that unto us a Child was born, unto us God's Son was given.

The true Christmas spirit is found in a Bethlehem manger. There we see a wonderfully unique Child, a Child who is both the Son of God and of humankind. By God's will, command and promise, Jesus was born to seek and save the lost, to redeem those under the Law, to lay down His life as a ransom for us all. Jesus was born to change the world, our lives, our eternal destinies. He lived, died and rose to accomplish that purpose.

Lutheran Hour Ministries January 2012



Dear Lord, in my lifetime I may receive many great and thoughtful gifts. May each of them keep me mindful of Your Gift, the Gift of Your Son, who saves me. This I pray in my Savior's Name. Amen.

Pastor Larry

From Your President:

Garry Laaker

Welcome to the first issue of the Messenger of Peace for the New Year, 2012. As president, I look forward to working with you and the Church Council. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Peace, please feel free to ask me, the Pastor or any member of council.

During 2011 we lost 10 members. Hazel Pabst, Lucille Fancher, Ron Stoll, Jane Lipez and Lillian Succop were taken to their heavenly home. The Fetzers and Lubecks transferred to other congregations and we released one member. Our membership is 184 baptized members and 154 communicants.

Please remember that you are all welcome to join our Voter's Assembly (you need to be at least 18 years old) and you are also invited to attend our council meetings. The Voter's meeting are the 2nd Sunday of March, June, September and December and the council meets on the 2nd Monday of the months when there is no Voter's meeting.

Please continue to keep Peace and our members in your prayers.



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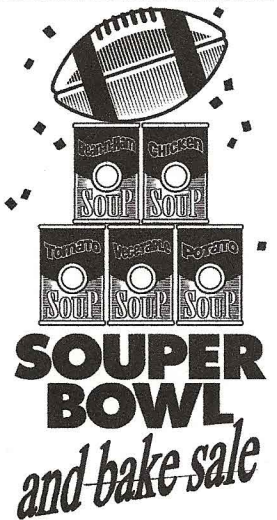
Sunday Morning Schedule
Christian Education Hour
9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

2012 Elected Officers of Peace Lutheran Church	
President	Garry Laaker
Vice President	Scott Somers
Secretary	Losi Lade
Treasurer	Doug Guenther
Stewardship	Pat Laaker
Board of Elders	Bob Wood
Board of Fellowship	Mary Senger
Board of Community Relations	Dave Ringshauser
Board of Trustees	Dick Keller
Other Positions of Peace Lutheran Church	
Organist	Judy Brown
Reporter: Cincinnati Lutheran	Berdie Marsh
Editor: Messenger of Peace	Sandie Rodencal

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES	
31	Doug & Lori Keller

Peace Lutheran Women

We will again hold our annual "Souper" Bowl & Bake Sale on Sunday, February 5th immediately following the service. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex for those individuals wanting to donate to this event. Proceeds for this and all PLW projects support the mission of PLW.

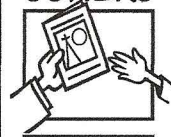


Kitchen update - we are in the process of replacing the stove top in the kitchen. Stay tuned for further details.



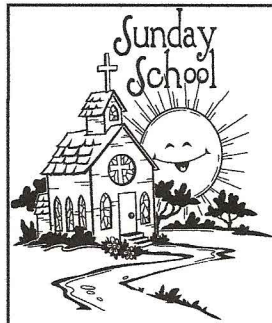
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Tim Miller
Mike Seibert
Gary Sprague
Shawn Somers

HEAD ELDER: Chuck Ausman



The Children's Christmas program was one of our best ever! We thank the entire Sunday School staff for all of their help and support. The parents worked hard helping their children learn the speaking parts and music. Thank you to Pastor for the program, Donna Seibert, Sean and Amanda Kaufenberg for the music, and Chuck Ausman for copying the cds for the children.

Our teaching staff, Pat Laaker, Lisa Selmeyer, Miriam Sheline, and Dick Keller devoted their lesson time to rehearse. Sandie Rodencal baked all of the star cookies and Donna Seibert put together all of those packets everyone received. Peace is so blessed to have this dedicated staff!

Now if you are already tired of the cold weather, come with us on a desert journey. That's right VBS is going to the desert. It's never too early to start planning. The board will be meeting soon to decide on a date. Watch for the details and consider how you would like to help us this year.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Bobby Selmeyer
2	Miriam Sheline
6	Brad Hill
8	Steven Lipez
14	Shawn Somers
16	Harry Ringshauser
22	Jacob Meinecke
25	Fay Blersch
25	Claire Kessler
26	Molly Guenther
27	Jack Craven
28	Marcus Lade
28	Deborah Sprague
28	Lauren Sprague
30	LaVerne Juengling
31	Bob Miller

