

# PeaceTalk

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*From the Pastoral Staff...*

## **New Year, New You. Not so fast.**

**N**ew Year's Day is my least favorite holiday. Other holidays come with celebrating something: the birth of Jesus at Christmas, an empty tomb at Easter, the Independence of our nation on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Something has happened, and that something is worth remembering and celebrating. New Year's Day is different. It's as if we are celebrating something that is to come, and so with it comes all types of expectations for what the new year will bring. How it will be different from the last. How we will be different from before. But I have a hard time celebrating the unknown and what could be.

Maybe I have just tried

too many times before and know that my attempts at self-improvement are short lived and unsustainable. I'm sure there are lots of examples of those who have started January 1<sup>st</sup> with a new outlook on life and made a real change for the better. I'm just not one of them. But don't worry, I'm not in despair over my lack of love of this holiday.

It may also be true that because of my faith I don't need to celebrate possibilities. Instead, the only new beginning I need came at my baptism. That is the moment when "new me" came into being. A "new me" because of my new identity as a claimed child of God. And the "new me" wasn't a result of a successful exercise routine

or giving up gummy bears. No, it is the wonderfully free gift of God who has made a promise and claim over me.

Now, if you like to celebrate New Year's, I hope you enjoy the day. If you are looking forward to all the possibilities of a "New Year, New You" mentality, I pray for your utmost success in reaching your dreams. With all the dreams to come in 2019, I hope you will keep one truth foremost in your mind, you are already a beloved child of God. Nothing can change that.

*Pastor Jonathan Vehar*



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# A New Year Challenge to Make a Difference

## New Year: New World

By Cara Hetland



A New Year's resolution is a tradition where a person resolves to change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or improve their life. This might include goals to lose weight, stopping smoking, exercise more, work harder, work less, laugh more, make new friends, spend more time with family.

We would like to challenge peace members to resolve to make a difference. "This can be done in small ways as we take God's love out into the world," said Pastor Renae. "It could be contagious! I resolve to send a little note in the mail to someone who comes to mind EACH WEEK. It may be a friend from the past I lost

touch with. It may be someone I see doing something wonderful to let them know I noticed. It might be a simple thank you for a kindness done unto me. It might be a pick-me-up to someone I know is struggling. One note each week - no other rules."

Gretchen Jensen is a Stephen Minister. She says she had a good life growing up and she wants to help someone who needs it. Gretchen resolves to become a mentor for middle or high school students. "Maybe I can spring some positivity and life onto someone who needs it," she says.

Marcy Midtaune is also up for the challenge, but she's already making a difference. Thirty-five years ago, Marcy gave birth to a stillborn baby boy. "Because of that, I was drawn to rock babies who are in the NICU. I understand the fear and love their parents are experiencing. When I meet parents, I work hard to support and connect with them...without sharing my experience." Marcy will continue her work with parents and be present.

For me, I resolve to spend more one on one time with those I care about. The business of life makes it hard to just stop and talk in person. It's too easy for me to send a text instead of having a cup of coffee. The night before one of my friends was having surgery, I was driving home composing in my head the text I was going to send her - I ended up in her driveway and we shared a hug and a prayer in person. It moved me to want to do that more.

We want to hear your resolutions and how it's working throughout the year. Who knows, it may catch on and become a ministry all of its own where others can join in.

Reach out to [HetlandCara@gmail.com](mailto:HetlandCara@gmail.com) or [Dustin@peacelutheran.com](mailto:Dustin@peacelutheran.com) with your resolutions and stories about making a difference.

# FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

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UNIVERSITY

FPU will be starting again! It will go from January 8<sup>th</sup>-March 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday nights) from 7-8:30PM. Scott and Christine Hupke will be leading the course.

For more details and registration, head to [www.peacelutheran.com/FPU](http://www.peacelutheran.com/FPU).

*The Peace Endowment Team will cover \$50 of every Peace Member's registration cost!*

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## LUTHERANISM 101



What do Lutherans believe? What is at the heart of the faith? Maybe you thought about these questions in confirmation class, New Member Class, or in another forum. This year we're exploring our beliefs as we study the Small Catechism. Discussions have included the 10 Commandments with the Apostles' Creed. Join the group this January as we study the Lord's Prayer.

**We meet Mondays at 5:30PM in the Shalom Room.**

All are welcome to join at any time! Pastor Chris leads this study.

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## FAMILIES AFFECTED BY ADDICTION

Need support and encouragement—not judgment or condemnation? Peace is exploring ways we can be the body of Christ as we walk alongside families who struggle with all kinds of addictions. Would you like to be part of this discussion?

Please contact [PastorRenee@peacelutheran.com](mailto:PastorRenee@peacelutheran.com)

In the meantime, please take note of the many groups who meet at Peace on a regular basis:

- AA** Saturday mornings at 10AM in Room RST  
Thursday evenings at 7PM in Room RST
- Alateen** Saturday mornings at 10AM in Room A
- Al-Anon** Saturday mornings at 10AM in the PeaceCARE Room
- GA (Gamblers Anonymous)** Sunday afternoons at 4:30PM in Classroom B  
Monday evenings at 7PM in Classroom B
- NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** Thursday evenings at 8:15PM in Room RST



Have you thought about becoming a Stephen Minister? Someone could sure use your listening ear! A new training class begins on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Contact Stephen leaders Robyn Hanisch, Marcy Midtaune, or Pastor Renae for more information.

You can also find out more at [peacelutheran.com/stephenministry](http://peacelutheran.com/stephenministry).

## God's Work. Our Hands.

Contact Pastor Jonathan Vehar at [PastorJonathan@peacelutheran.com](mailto:PastorJonathan@peacelutheran.com)

### Necessities for Neighbors Distribution

**Date:** 1/6/2019 | **Time:** 2:30PM Set up

**Location:** Peace Lutheran Fellowship Hall

**Ages:** All ages, Middle school and younger should come with an adult.

**Project:** Peace gives away items that people cannot buy with food stamps the first Sunday of each month to 350-400 households.

**Project Coordinator:** Jackie Bailey ([jackie@peacelutheran.com](mailto:jackie@peacelutheran.com))



### Faith Through Frames

**Date:** 1/12/2019 | **Time:** 9AM-1PM

**Location:** Peace Lutheran

**Ages:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade+

**Project:** Faith Through Frames is a unique way that we care for and support families in our community. We offer a sense of welcome and hospitality as their family portrait is taken. This is one way that we recognize the needs of our neighbors beyond food.

**Project Coordinator:** Steve Johnson ([ronisam16@gmail.com](mailto:ronisam16@gmail.com)) and Pastor Jonathan



### Food to You at Augustana Lutheran

**Date:** 1/17/2019 | **Time:** Truck unload 4:15PM, set up 5:15PM

**Location:** Augustana Lutheran Church

**Ages:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade+

**Project:** Set up and distribute food to approximately 100 families. This mobile food pantry is jointly sponsored by the ELCA churches in Sioux Falls.

We are also collecting hearty soup to give away.

**Project Coordinator:** Pastor Jonathan



# Worship and Music Highlights

Contact Pastor Chris Matson at [pastorchrist@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastorchrist@peacelutheran.com) or Jackie Bailey at [jackie@peacelutheran.com](mailto:jackie@peacelutheran.com).

## What We Got for Christmas

It's always important to take a look at what you got for Christmas. In this series we'll take a look at what we all got for Christmas. These are four important stories about who Jesus is and what he is all about.



### January 5, 6, & 9 - A Baby — Matthew 2:1-12

Even as a young child, Jesus is recognized as a king of the Jews who has significance for the entire globe. Even the sky shows new light. Not only Jews, but also people from other religions see God's light in Jesus. Christians have seen their gifts to the poor and to the church as like the gifts of the magi. Herod's threat is a down payment on the cross.

### January 12, 13, & 16 - A Name — Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

At the beginning of the year we commemorate both Jesus' baptism and our own. The images of the Holy Spirit as fire and as dove balance each other, and both illumine the meaning of baptism. This gospel sums up the Christmas cycle, calling us into life with the triune God.

### January 19, 20, & 23 - More Than You Asked For — John 2:1-11

Christ establishes a new world order, symbolized by the details of this story: his attendance at a wedding, his messianic distance from his natural mother, his providing what the couple needs, the astonishing abundance of Christ's gifts, and the steward's words about "the good wine." Christ's "hour" is coming on the cross.

### January 26, 27, & 30 - The Best Gift Ever — Luke 4:14-21

Luke says that Jesus, filled with the Spirit, preaches that he himself is the fulfillment of historic hopes for the social transformation and physical healing that the messiah will bring. We still hear Jesus speaking through the word, and we are to join him in proclaiming God's good favor to all, experiencing this healing, and enacting social transformation.

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## A NEW YEAR - NEW MUSIC!

With all of the glorious music of Christmas behind us, our vocal choirs and instrumental ensembles will be digging into new music. This is a great time to join any of our groups!

New members are welcome at any time during the year, but joining in January puts you right at the beginning of something new. Contact Jackie for information on any of our youth or adult groups and she'll connect you with the director(s).

## THE PEACE SYMPHONIC BAND...

...will be playing on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** during the 8AM service with a warm up at 7:30AM in the Music Room. Be sure to contact [Bob@peacelutheran.com](mailto:Bob@peacelutheran.com) for copies of the music that he will email to you a week ahead of time.

This is open on a month-to-month basis for all band/orchestra instrumentalists from Middle School on up.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL VOCAL ENSEMBLE

We're looking for any middle school students that might be interested in singing for worship once or twice this Spring. This would involve rehearsing just 2 times prior to singing in church. It's not a weekly commitment. Email your name to [Jackie@peacelutheran.com](mailto:Jackie@peacelutheran.com) - this does **NOT** obligate you but will give us an idea on the number of singers who are interested. Let's make this happen!

# Small Groups & Adult Ministry

Contact Pastor Renae at [pastorrenae@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pastorrenae@peacelutheran.com) or Holly Marty at [holly@peacelutheran.com](mailto:holly@peacelutheran.com).

## BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP:



Scripture and ART combined – for people who are not even artists! Join this group of ladies for laughter, instruction, and time with Jesus! We meet the FIRST Thursday of each month and our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the office area.

## POWER OF PRAYER:

This monthly group meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9AM in the Shalom Room – this month that is on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Come talk about prayer, care for one another, and PRAY with us!

## WOMEN'S WEEKLY

### BIBLE CONVERSATION GROUP:

This conversation group meets every Wednesday at 6:30AM at Perkins on 41<sup>st</sup> Street just west of I-29. We are currently reading and discussing the book of Romans...join us anytime.

### MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:

Meets every Tuesday at 6:45AM at Fryn' Pan on 41<sup>st</sup> St. This group discusses the upcoming weekend's scripture reading.

### FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Meets every Friday morning at 10AM at Peace. This month we're going through the epistles.

## TERRIFIC TUESDAY BOOK CLUB:



Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6PM – on January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Want the schedule for the whole first half of 2019?

Talk to [Pastor Renae](#)!

## NEW AND EXCITING NEWS

### GOOD WORD WEDNESDAYS

Good Word Wednesday starts January 9<sup>th</sup>. The weekly Bible study that was on Thursday evenings has moved to Wednesday nights. The study will follow the Church calendar and will focus on the scripture for the following Sunday. Good Word Wednesday will be held each week following the Wednesday night worship service from 8-9PM in Classroom B. Please join us to connect with God's Word and with each other!

### ELIZABETH MINISTRY

Elizabeth Ministry reaches out to expecting and new parents to provide support during one of the most joyous and most challenging times of life. When pregnancies and childbirth go well, new parents have lots of questions. When there are bumps on the road, new parents need extra support. Want to learn more? Want to be part of this caring ministry? A meeting will be held on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM in the Shalom Room to share ideas and discuss the best ways to share this journey with one another.

Contact [Pastor Renae](#) for more information.

# Children's Ministry - Contact Pam Tetzlaff at [pam@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pam@peacelutheran.com).

**Thank You** to everyone involved with the Christmas Program!

It was a HUGE success!



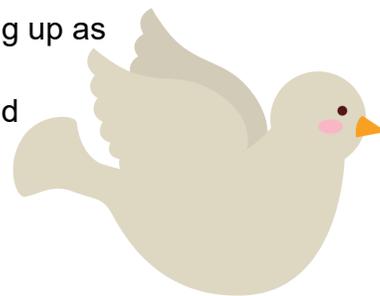
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## **Anniversary of Baptism**

*January 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> | All Worship Services*

All families who had a child baptized in 2018 are invited to meet near the baptismal banner in the Gathering Area prior to the worship service of their choice on the above dates. You'll be able to pick up your child's dove that was hanging up as well as a shell. Your family will process into worship with other families during the opening song in order to gather around the baptismal font and celebrate the incredible gift that God gives to each of us in baptism.

Watch the mail for more information!



## **3rd Grade Apostles Creed Milestone Event**

*Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>*

Join us for an opportunity to experience The Apostle's Creed through conversation, games, and activities with other parents and kids!

# Youth Ministry – Contact Katie Eul at [katie@peacelutheran.com](mailto:katie@peacelutheran.com).

## Middle School

Our Christmas Party and servant project was a success! With the donations given to us, we were able to pack around 100 teen kits for [Church on the Street!](#)



## **FIRST FRIDAY**

January 4<sup>th</sup> | Starting at 9PM | Sky Zone

Join us for a middle school lock-in! Our night will begin in the Fellowship Hall at Peace. We'll have worship, play games, and eat pizza. At **12AM**, we'll head over to [Sky Zone Trampoline Park](#) to spend the rest of the night bouncing around!

Pick-up will be at **6AM** at Sky Zone. Cost is **\$30.00**.

## High School

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Sunday Nights | 7-9PM



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# Confirmation – Contact Holly Marty at [holly@peacelutheran.com](mailto:holly@peacelutheran.com).

## **Here's what's happening in Confirmation in January, 2019:**

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Session

Students are invited to bring a parent or other caring adult to Confirmation!

- For Wednesday students, that will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:15-7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- For Sunday students, that will be January 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:10-11:00AM in Room C/E.

### 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday students and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Wednesday students

We'll be starting a new unit called "Everyday Samaritans" where we'll talk about coming alongside and caring for others.

-As part of this study, these students will be serving dinner at [The Banquet](#) on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at both the main and west side locations. Students, and a few parents, will be invited to help. We're also in need of some adults (6-8 people) to prepare the meal that afternoon from 2:00PM to about 4:00PM at the main Banquet location.

If you're interested in helping with meal prep, please contact [Holly@peacelutheran.com](mailto:Holly@peacelutheran.com).

## Seniors Ministry – Contact Pat Steele at 595-7444 or [pat@peacelutheran.com](mailto:pat@peacelutheran.com).

- **Potluck & Program on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM.**

**Program: Pastor Paul Stjernholm** - “There is more to Peace’s Ministry than high-quality worship! Come, catch a glimpse of the breadth of your congregation’s ministry.”



Guideline for food: A-H—dessert | I-P—hot dish | Q-Z—salad

If you’re unable to eat with us, you’re invited to attend the program starting at 6:00PM.

**All ages are welcome and please bring a friend with you!**

- **Game Days:** Cards and other games are played the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month from 1-3PM in Room CE. Join us for an afternoon of fun and games!

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## Transportation – Contact Ron Stout at [ron@peacelutheran.com](mailto:ron@peacelutheran.com) or 595-4081.

Call the receptionist at 361-3683 by Thursday noon if you need a ride to the **Sunday 10:10AM worship service** or a ride to the **Friday morning Bible Study**. Please call Ron at least 10 days in advance if you need a ride to your first medical appointment by Project CAR Healthy Rides. You’ll contact Project CAR directly afterwards.

Please let Ron know if there is an interest to expand our van service to include other events we have here at Peace Lutheran!

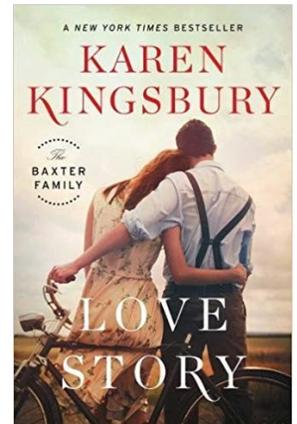
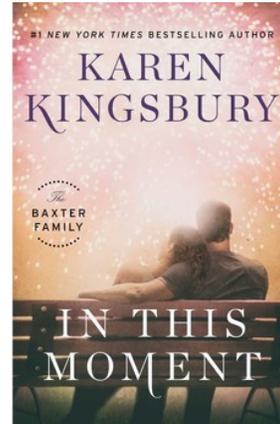
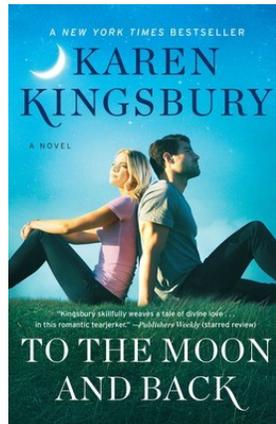
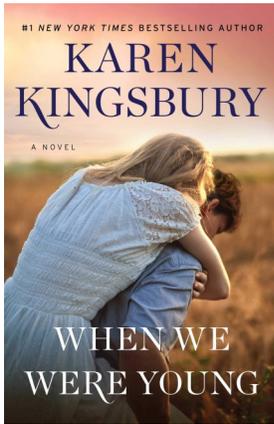
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# From the Library...

By Kara Vehar

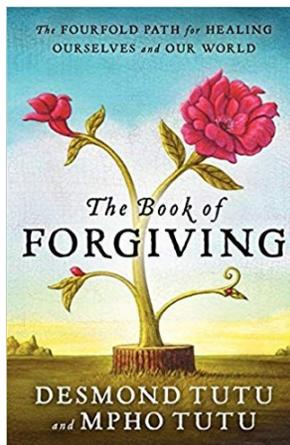
Check out the set of Karen Kingsberry Baxter Family books!



If you want to read the January book for the Terrific Tuesday Book Club (*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult), we have it!



“The Forgiving Book” recommended to the library by a Peace pastor.



Come check out all of our other new arrivals!



## Weekly in January

### Sunday:

8, 9, 10:10 & 11:20 AM – Worship  
 9:00 AM – Forum  
 9:00 & 10:10 AM – Sunday School  
 10:10 AM – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
 11:20 AM – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
 7:00 PM – High School Youth Group

### Monday:

5:45 PM – Lutheranism 101  
 7:00 PM – ASL 2

### Tuesday:

6:45 AM – Men's Breakfast  
 6:00 PM – ASL 1  
 6:30 PM – Peace Brass Rehearsal  
 7:00 PM – Financial Peace University  
 (starting January 8<sup>th</sup>)  
 7:30 PM – Lifeline Rehearsal

### Wednesday:

6:30 AM – Women's Breakfast  
 5:00 PM – Jubilation Choir & Youth Bells  
 5:30 PM – Celebration Choir & Hand Chimes  
 6:00 PM – Adult Bell Choir  
 6:15 PM – Wednesday School  
 6:15 PM – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
 6:30 PM – Good Word Bible Study  
 6:30 PM – Saved By Grace Rehearsal  
 7:00 PM – Adult Choir  
 7:05 PM – Worship & AWAKEN  
 8:00 PM – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
 8:00 PM – Spirit of Peace Rehearsal

### Friday:

10:00 AM – Bible Study

### Saturday:

5:30 PM – Worship

## Worship Schedule

### Saturday:

5:30PM – Traditional

### Sunday:

8:00AM – Traditional  
 9:00AM – Contemporary   
 10:10AM – Traditional  
 11:20AM – Contemporary

### Wednesday:

7:05PM – Contemporary  
 7:05PM – AWAKEN  
 (laid back and camp-style  
 High School Worship)

**January 1** – PEACE OFFICE CLOSED

**January 3** – 9am, Peace Quilters

1pm, Seniors Ministry Game Day

6pm, Stephen Ministry Supervision

7pm, Bible Journaling

**January 4** – 9pm, Middle School First Friday

**January 5** – 9am, Necessities for Neighbors Set Up

9:30am, Elizabeth Ministry

11am, Baptism Class

**January 6** – 11:20am, Families Flourishing in Faith

3pm, Necessities for Neighbors

**January 8** – 6pm, Terrific Tuesday Book Club

6:30pm, ALL IN Relational Ministry

7pm, Space Visioning Taskforce

**January 10** – 9am, Peace Quilters

7pm, Church Council

**January 12** – 9am, Faith Through Frames Photo Shoot

**January 13** – Anniversary of Baptism Celebration

2:30pm, New Member Class

6pm, Service of Healing Worship

**January 15** – 6:30pm, Prayer Shawl Ministry

**January 16** – 9:30am, Ruth Circle

1pm, Seniors Ministry Game Day

2pm, Hannah Circle

6pm, Food to You at Augustana Lutheran Church

6pm, Stephen Ministry Supervision

**January 19** – 9am, Power of Prayer

11am, Baptism Class

**January 20** – 11:20am, Families Flourishing in Faith

1pm, Peaceful Stampers

5pm, New Member Dinner

**January 27** – 12:30pm, Peace Lutheran Annual Meeting

**January 28** – 5:30pm, Potluck & Program