

The Dove

"While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

(Luke 2:6-7)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Several pastors and I were in the Sports Betting Bar at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada. We were supposed to be at a local congregation sharing communion with our brother pastors. Unfortunately the organizers of the conference had scheduled the service during the airing of the NLCS Championship series between the San Francisco Giants and the Washington Nationals. That night the Giants won the championship to go to the NLCS Playoffs.

As if to justify the fact that a dozen pastors chose to watch the game, one recommended a book, "Baseball as a Road to God".

I purchased the book on Kindle. I haven't read it yet, but I understand it is a great book. It even has a forward by the historian and avid baseball fan, Doris Kearns Goodwin.

I think many of us are searching for God in our lives. Even those of us born and raised in the church if not looking for God, are at least looking for God's purpose and meaning in our lives on this planet and in the universe.



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Service
9:30 am

Fellowship
10:30 am

Sunday School
11:00 am

Adult Bible Class
11:10 am

December 2014

Another pastor friend of mine, who was not at this conference, in the past would sponsor an after Christmas gathering at his house. I believe it was to show off his wine collection and Christmas tree. Both were exceptional.

I especially like his Christmas tree. The tree was upside down. It hung from the ceiling in his front room. It was decorated as many trees. However, as the tip of the tree pointed down, there were two ghostly ceramic figurines below the bottom (top?). One was a figurine in the shape of a woman. The other was a figurine in the shape of an infant in a manger.

The meaning was clear. God came to earth in that infant.

That is where we find God. I believe it is more correct to say that is where God comes to us.

My question for myself is do I see God as he comes to me? Or do I miss him because I am looking among all the silver and gold that seems to overtake the Nativity of Our Lord?

Have a blessed Christmas

Pastor Ricky Adams

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE

TREE AND CHURCH DECORATING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

(After Service and Congregational Meeting)

PASTOR AND NANCY ADAMS OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

11AM to 3PM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 7PM

POINSETTIAS \$10.00

DECORATE THE TREE AND CHURCH

Everyone is invited to help decorate the tree and church on December 14th following the Congregational Meeting.

If you would like please bring an appetizer/finger food to share. Beverages will be provided.

Mary & Martha Holiday Gathering
Tuesday, December 9th, 7:00 P. M.
Luther Lounge
Bring your favorite appetizer or beverage and let's celebrate!

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for decorating the altar for Christmas please sign up on the board in the narthex.

A donation of \$10.00 would be appreciated.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 14th following our 9:30AM Worship Service.

"Angel Tree" Small Christmas Gifts for Seniors & Families

Delivery date: December 17th

This year, Fireside residents will be the recipients of our "Angel Tree" gifts. *For the majority of the seniors, this will be THE ONLY gift they will receive. For families, the children will be given a present from another organization, but other family members will not receive anything.*

We Need:

For the Seniors
32 ~ \$15 Walgreen Gift Cards

For Families
18 ~ \$15 Target Gift Cards

The tree will be up in the Narthex. If you would like to make a monetary donation, make your check out to Peace Lutheran, and in the "memo/subject line" state it's for "Angel Tree".

Fireside Holiday Party Volunteers Needed

Date: December 17th

Time: 5:00 – 7:30

Volunteers are needed to help serve a special holiday meal to the seniors and families. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. *This is a fun night, and the residents are all so appreciative of our help!* Come and be part of this very special evening.

A Note From Marlene

To my Peace Family:

While most of us are thinking of turkey and all the fixings for Thanksgiving, we suddenly have red and green Hershey kisses on television imitating hand bells and playing Christmas music. All of this serves as a reminder of time passing but for those of us at Peace Church, it is also a reminder that the end of one church year is upon us and we are starting to prepare for Advent, a new church year and Christmas.

A new year and a new church year are exciting.....new beginnings and planning for our future. It is at this time of year when the call goes out for people to serve in various capacities, both on the Council and in the role of Lay Minister. It is my hope that if you are approached to serve on the Council in any capacity or as a Lay Minister, you will prayerfully consider serving our Lord in this manner. Those who accept a role will be announced and elected at the Congregational meeting which will take place on Sunday, December 14th. Many already serving in their various positions will be returning and we hope to have a full slate to present at the meeting.

In the meantime, the Council will have worked on a new budget for 2015 and that, too, will be presented at the Congregational meeting. The suggestions for use of the Peace property currently for sale are interesting and varied. Gary Glover, Peace Council member in charge of Properties, has been on the forefront of the discussions with the realtors and interested parties and these ideas will be brought to the Congregational meeting for discussion.

I would hope that by now you all will have had the opportunity to view our newly painted Peace Hall. The entire upstairs has been rejuvenated and looks fresh and new and we look forward to opportunities for music, services, luncheons, etc. in 2015. The Sunday morning Bible class has already taken advantage of meeting in the airy space.

As we come to the end of this church year, I am optimistic about the future of Peace Lutheran Church. We DO have a mission in Mill Valley and Southern Marin and that is "To Help All People Know, Believe and Follow Jesus Christ." With His help, we can continue to not only support our own church family with Christian love, but reach out to those who do not yet know Him.

See you at church,
Marlene Halden Rice

2015 CALENDARS

NEW ADDRESS

Edie Walters
15827 Sweetrose Place
Houston, TX, 77095

We are collecting 2015 calendars for Fireside Brown Bag Meal Program. If you get extras in the mail we would love to have them to distribute to Fireside.

Please leave them in the basket on the "Fireside Shelf" in Luther Lounge.

FINANCIALS

| | Oct. 2014 | Year to Date |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| APPROVED BUDGET INCOME: | \$ 13,285 | \$ 171,700 |
| Income | \$9,928 | 138,707 |
| Expenses | -15,688 | -157,126 |
| Net Gains/Loss \$ | -\$5,760 | \$ -18,419 |

Peter Pardini, Treasurer

2014 Officers, Council & Lay Ministers

OFFICERS

President - Marlene Rice
Vice President - Jim Sides
Treasurer - Peter Pardini

COUNCIL

Evangelism: Gary Glover
Education & Youth: Sharon Sides
Fellowship: Dahlia/Sebastian Stein
Properties: Gary Glover
Social Ministry: Mary Ann Griller

LAY MINISTERS

Jane Green
Beverly Erbel
Gary Glover

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Sunday Bulletins

The Sunday Bulletins for Peace Lutheran Church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

PLC Website

Visit our website:
www.plcmarin.org

We encourage you to click around and see what upcoming events are going on, where you can volunteer, and it even gives you the opportunity to hear our weekly sermons or make a prayer request right from your own computer desk or smart phone.

PLC Twitter Account

(Social Media)

Find awesome announcements in the Lutheran community by visiting our own PLC twitter account: [marinplc](https://twitter.com/marinplc)

The hyperlink is:
<https://twitter.com/marinplc>

December Birthdays

12-2

Jackie Stoneking

12-5

Janice Hellman

12-7

Isaiah Clark-Hexter

12-7

Linda Swanson

12-21

Marlene Rice

12-27

Betty Kerrigan

12-31

Sheri Maier

December Anniversaries

12-9

John & AnaHilda Mosher

12-12

Charles Kiene & Kathy Doyle

12-16

Dave & Betty Erickson

2014 - December Calendar

DECEMBER

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| | 1 2:45-4:45 VL (LL) 6:15-8p SD (PH) | 2 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N) | 3 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) | 4 | 5 10a Women's Bible Study | 6 8:30-9:30a PC-SD (LL) 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) |
| 7 9:30am-Worship Service | 8 2:45-4:45 VL (LL) 6:15-8p SD (PH) | 9 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 10:30am Fireside Meal Program 3:30-4:30a LL (N) 7p Ladies Bible Study | 10 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) | 11 | 12 10a Women's Bible Study | 13 8:30-9:30a PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) |
| 14 9:30am-Worship Service 10:45 CONGREGATIONAL MTG. DECORATE CHURCH | 15 2:45-4:45 VL (LL) 6:15-8p SD (PH) | 16 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N) | 17 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) 5-7:30 Fireside Holiday Party | 18 | 19 | 20 8:30-9:30 PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) DOVE article deadline |
| 21 9:30am-Worship Service Adams' Open House 11a.m. - 3 p.m. | 22 2:45-4:45 VL (LL) | 23 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N) | 24 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) 7P CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | 25 CHRISTMAS DAY | 26 | 27 8:30-9:30 PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) |
| 28 9:30am-Worship Service | 29 2:45-4:45 VL (LL) | 30 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N) | 31 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) | KEY: PC-Philates Class SD-Stage Door VL-Violin Lessons LL-LoLo Nursery | 9H-Parish Hall LL-Luther Lounge N-Nursery S-Sanctuary P-Parking Lot | OFFICE HOURS M-Thurs. 9AM-12N M-Pastor's Day Off F-Secretary's Day Off |

2014

SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2014

| | December 7 | December 14 | December 21 | December 24 (Christmas Eve) | December 28 |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Altar Guild</u> | Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr | Betty Erickson Jane Green | MaryAnn Griller Vicki McGowan | no communion | Jeanine Hillebrandt Marlene Rice |
| <u>Coffee Hour</u> | Jane Green Jeanine Hillebrandt | Vicki McGowan | Nancy Adams Sally Erickson | no coffee hour | John & AnaHilda Mosher |
| | <i>Coffee Hour Supplies for December: Vicki McGowan</i> | | | | |
| <u>Counters</u> | Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear | Dave Erickson Marlene Rice | Don Erbel Ulla Kerr | put in safe | Vicki McGowan Beverly Erbel |
| <u>Flowers</u> | Beverly Erbel | Rusty Rush | Marlene Rice | Poinsettias | Poinsettias |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Peter Pardini | Jane Green | John Moorhead | Vicki McGowan | Ulla Kerr |
| <u>Lay Ministers</u> | Beverly Erbel | Gary Glover | Communion Assists. | | Jane Green |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Gary Glover John Moorhead | Don & Beverly Erbel | Vicki McGowan John Moorhead | Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger | Keith & Jackie Stoneking |
| <u>Lay Readers</u> | Jane Green | Beverly Erbel | Art Strassburger | | Sharon Sides |
| <u>Cantor</u> | | Ernie Au | | | |

(If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a substitute and inform the Church Office, 388-2065)

SERVERS FOR JANUARY 2015

| | January 4 | January 11 | January 21 | January 25 |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Altar Guild</u> | Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan | Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr | Betty Erickson Jane Green | MaryAnn Griller Vicki McGowan |
| <u>Coffee Hour</u> | Lee & Janet Rosevear | Don & Beverly Erbel | Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan | Jane Green Jeanine Hillebrandt |
| | <i>Coffee Hour Supplies for January: Billie Zepp</i> | | | |
| <u>Counters</u> | Dave Erickson Marlene Rice | Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear | Don Erbel Ulla Kerr | Sally Erickson |
| <u>Flowers</u> | Beverly Erbel | Rusty Rush | Marlene Rice | Sally Erickson |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Laureen Schneeberger | Rick Kenney | Lee & Janet Rosevear | Ernie & Marilyn Au |
| <u>Lay Ministers</u> | Jim Sides | Communion Assist. | Marlene Rice | Beverly Erbel |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Gary Glover John Moorhead | Jim & Sharon Sides | Don & Beverly Erbel | Rick Kenney Vicki McGowan |
| <u>Lay Readers</u> | MaryAnn Griller | Nancy Adams | Rick Kenney | Janet Reese |
| <u>Cantor</u> | | Ernie Au | | |

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