

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

Sunday, December 21

3:00pm - Christmas at Peace
6:00pm - Pickleball Open Play

Monday, December 22

4:15pm - GPLS Basketball
6:00pm - Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm - Bells of Peace Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 23

9:00am - Quilters
6:00pm - Co-Ed Volleyball
7:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
3:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
5:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:15pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am - Christmas Day Service

Friday, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 28

6:00pm - Pickleball Open Play



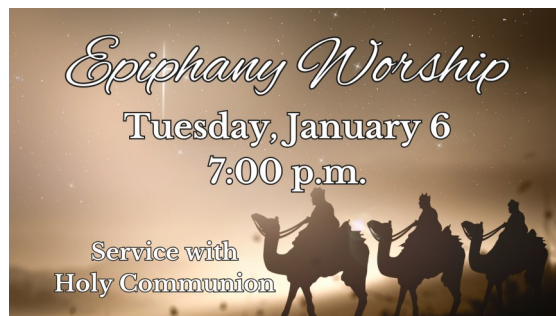
Christmas at Peace
A Candlelight Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 21
3:00 p.m
Featuring
The Orchestra of Peace and The Bells of Peace
A free-will offering will be received



MEN'S CLUB TREE LOT
NOVEMBER 28
TO
DECEMBER 21
MON - FRI 2:00-8:00PM
SAT 9:00AM-8:00PM
SUN NOON-8:00PM
ON THE WEST PARKING LOT



Christmas Worship Schedule
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Noon, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 11:15pm
Christmas Day - 9:30am
All services with
Holy Communion



Epiphany Worship
Tuesday, January 6
7:00 p.m.
Service with
Holy Communion



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THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 21, 2025

DECEMBER 13/14 ATTENDANCE

5:00 Service: 147
8:00 Service: 137
9:20 Service: 96
10:30 Service: 156
Total Attendance: 536
Sunday School: 71
German Service: 161
Midweek Advent 3: 237

During the Christmas season, poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary. A complete listing of contributors will be published in the Christmas Day bulletin, as well as on the Commons counter. Poinsettias will remain in the sanctuary through January 6.



OUR SUPPORT

Budget: 60,162.86
Help Offset Fees: 40.76
Adult Bible Class: 8.00
Alaska: 1,480.50
Boar's Head Festival: 100.00
Concordia Stud/Sem Scholarship: 93.75
German Service: 965.00
GP/LHSS Scholarship Fund: 188.84
Life Ministry: 10.00
NYG: 113.75
RFNG: 150.00
Social Ministry: 285.00
Special Music: 70.55
St. Trinity Cemetery: 150.00
Sunday School Offerings: 7.00
Synodical Missionary Support: 1,010.00
Youth Budget: 236.00

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name

JESUS

for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21



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► **CHRISTMAS AT PEACE - A CANDLELIGHT CONCERT** will be held THIS AFTERNOON, Sunday, December 21, 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This beautiful concert will feature the Orchestra of Peace and the Bells of Peace. Join us for an uplifting musical experience!

► **THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** this week, December 24 through December 26. Should an emergency arise and you need pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Furgeson or Pastor Brown on their cell phones. Their numbers are found on the back page of the News and Notes.

► **FAMILY ROLLER SKATING EVENT** on Tuesday, December 30, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, at the Rock Roll-O-Rena in Arnold. Families, enjoy winter break with us and come roller skating! The rink is reserved and the skates are free! Please sign up using this QR code.



► **MY FIRST CATECHISM CLASS FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASS** has been rescheduled. It will now be held on Sunday, January 18, 9:15-10:15, and the catechisms will be given to children at the 10:30 service. Information was mailed to parents. To register, please visit our Peace website.

► **GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS SEEKING** Christ-centered, mission-driven middle school teachers to join their dynamic ministry team as they prepare for the retirement of two long-time faculty members. They are looking for educators who joyfully integrate faith and learning, build strong relationships with students and families, and model a life rooted in Christ. Candidates should hold appropriate certification and a heart for Lutheran education. More details are on the Commons bulletin board.

► **MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will break for the holidays, Join us again on Thursday, January 15, 7:00 a.m. in Sanctuary Hall.

► **CHANGES TO THE PEACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER IN 2026** Beginning in January, 2026 our church newsletter, *The Peace Lutheran*, will no longer be placed in member's mailboxes. Instead, copies of the newsletter will be available on the Commons counter, to take if desired. Printing a limited number of copies each month will save time and money. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

► **NEW UPDATED PEACE WEBSITE IS HERE!** Our Peace website was updated this past week. The functionality is basically the same, but with a fresh, new look. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

► **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available now for pickup in your church mailboxes. Please note that only envelope numbers will be reassigned for 2026. Please discard all previous envelopes and begin using new envelopes after January 1, 2026. If you have a six-digit giving number, those numbers will not change. Families with multiple envelopes, please check the Commons counter for your additional envelopes. Members who no longer use envelopes due to making online donations or due to making a limited number of check donations each year, can email our financial secretary, Denise Grant, at finance@peacelutheranstl.org to request a six-digit giving number. If you did not receive envelopes but would like to have them, contact the church office.

► **PEACE'S 8:00AM SERVICE WILL BE LIVE ON KFJO AM 850** in February, March, and April. Thank you to all of our generous Peace members who have sponsored the broadcasts!

► **BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE** for those children baptized in 2025 will be held Sunday, January 11, 11:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. Invitations were mailed to parents. To RSVP, please visit the Peace website.

► **REFIT EXERCISE** will not meet on December 23 or 30. Class will resume on Tuesday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.

► **EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE** is Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion.

► **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** is on hiatus until Wednesday, January 7, at which time they will continue their study of the Book of Acts. Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall.

► **LADIES CLUB** will not meet in December. We invite you to join us in 2026 for fun activities! Ladies Club is open to women 21 and older. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month for fellowship, fun, appetizers, and dessert. It is a great way to meet new friends. Annual dues are \$12. Watch January's newsletter and future *News and Notes* for details about our next meeting on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you!

► **NEW CHURCH COMMUNICATION SYSTEM** Church360° is our new church software that gives us the ability to send out email and text communications to our members. If you would like to receive text messages and haven't opted-in, please contact the church office. If you have any questions, or if we do not have your current email or cell phone number, please contact the church office.

► **MEN'S CLUB HAS LEFTOVER UNCOOKED SAUSAGE** available to purchase for \$5 per bag (approx. 1lb. each). If you would like to purchase, please contact John Hooss.

► **THANK YOU TO ALL** who supported this year's Boar's Head Christmas Festival. Almost 1,500 people attended! It was a great outreach to our community. We are looking forward to our 30th annual presentation in 2026!

► **NEW LETTER FROM SEM. RYAN MILBRATH** is on the bulletin board in the Commons. We invite you to read it and see how his vicarage in Linn, Kansas is going.

► **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY TABLE** is located right outside the sanctuary. Parents can find books and small activities for their children to use during worship services. After services, please return all items to the table. Note: we are missing some items that had been placed on the table. If you could please look through your child's church bag, we would appreciate it. Items may be returned to the table. Thank you!

► **DO WE HAVE YOUR FAMILY'S UPDATED PICTURE FOR OUR ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY?** Christmas is a perfect time to take an updated photo for our Peace pictorial directory. If you have never submitted a photo, we would encourage you to do that soon! Need help, or have questions? Please contact the church office.



Join us for worship this week!

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services

Noon, 3PM, 5PM, 11:15PM

(Prelude for 11:15PM service begins at 10:45PM)

Christmas Day Service
9:30AM

Holy Communion celebrated at all services