

Jesus said, "The water that I will give will become in them a spring gushing up to eternal life." – John 4:14

Waterfall

Peace Lutheran Church

Celebrating, Discovering, Sharing Christ-Connected Community

Winter 2012

Pastor's Note

Dear Water Family,

Our Advent preparation has served us well these past weeks and now we are fast approaching the coming of Christ in the Celebration of birth, story, and song.

Jim joins me in wishing you all the blessing and joy that comes with God's love-giving, peace-bringing presence into our lives!

We are alive in worship and spirit in this place and it is a grand gift – thank you! I pray your Christmas season celebrations will include worship and I hope you'll be able to enjoy each other's company at our next Fifth Friday Feast! The schedule and demands of family and friends don't often allow us to spend holiday time with our water family and friends – but this year it just might work for you on New Year's Eve **Eve!** And since it's Christmas – I suspect we'll be doing a bit of carol singing!

The following prayer authored by Katherine Hawker has captured the full wonder of the season for me. May it do so for you.

God spoke in the beginning; out of darkness came night and day, out of emptiness came creation, out of loneliness came humankind.

And God said, "This is very good."

God spoke when the world was troubled; giving voice to prophets from the earliest days, moving through Mary as she gave birth to her child, crying as a vulnerable baby lying in a manger.

Still God said, "This is very good."

God speaks today; breathing energy into our weary lives, challenging our celebrations and sharing our pain, dancing with songs of justice and peace. Now we know that, "This is very good! Amen

Live gently and love greatly!

peace,

Pastor Debbie

Upcoming Events

Pastor Class: "Theology Spoken Here" Winter Session
Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 8 pm: **Jan. 11 thru Feb. 8.**

The subject is *Heaven on Earth – Studies in the Gospel of Matthew*. Each week is self-contained.

Christmas Celebrations at Peace

Saturday, December 24 - Carols, Candles & Lord's Supper

7:00 pm - Featuring: Children's Story & Youth Musicians

10:00 pm - Featuring: Adult Musicians & Vocal Ensemble

Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 am - Spoken Holy Communion Service – a Quiet & Calm Welcome of the Christ Child

Next Fifth Friday Feast at Peace

New Year's Eve Eve! - December 30: 5-7 p.m.

Menu: Party Fare & Treats

Music & Fun Activities too

Free community Event

All are welcome!



Prayer Group is a safe gathering and expression of prayer, centered in trust and openness where joys and concerns, certitudes and doubts are shared and held in confidence by those gathered. The group meets the 3rd Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.; and the first Saturday at 10 a.m.

Cast-off creates handmade items of care to cast off to others, especially those experiencing significant need. These include prayer shawls, lap blankets, and caps. Meets 3rd Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 1st Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

9:30 a.m. - *Traditionally Progressive*
(Song time begins at 9:20)

11:00 a.m. - *Casual, Contemporary*
Staffed Nursery Available