



# NEWSLETTER

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## Jesus is...Prince of Peace

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called...Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)*



Are you ready for the frenzy? By now, we all know that it's coming. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and that means turkeys to carve, tables to set, guestrooms to prepare—the list seems endless. And when it's all said and done, what is waiting for us but...Christmas! And that means presents to buy, trees to trim, cookies to decorate—that list is even longer than Thanksgiving's! It kind of makes us long for when it's all over, doesn't it? For a time when we can finally sit back, relax, and say, "Peace, at last!"

Peace. That is a concept the Bible talks about too. Only when the Bible talks about peace, it is referring to something far greater than a little bit of rest and relaxation after a frantic holiday season. It is referring to peace with God.

So do you have it? Do you have peace with God? Or perhaps a better question is this: Is it even possible for unholy, imperfect, sinful people like we are to have peace with a holy, perfect, and sinless God? After all, God himself demands in his word that, if we are to have peace with him, we must be holy and perfect just like he is. So is peace with God even possible?

It sure is. And not because we are somehow going to become holy and perfect on our own. It is because we have one who has been holy and perfect in our place. His name is Jesus, the one the prophet Isaiah so aptly calls the "Prince of Peace." Through his perfect life and innocent death, Jesus removed all of our sins and gave us his perfection. In doing so, the Prince of Peace has given us exactly what our holy and perfect God demands of us. Through faith, we now have peace with God as our personal possession forever.

Perhaps you are looking forward to the peace you will experience after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is all over. As you do, never forget about the peace that the Prince of Peace brought you. Jesus brought you peace with God. And that peace will last forever.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Our Jesus Cares Program:** We have had a great start to our Jesus Cares Ministry program this fall. Our theme for the year is: *“Special Gifts From Jesus”* focusing on the Holy Spirit and the fruits he continues to grow in the lives of God’s people. Our next meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup> and we will learn more about the second fruit of the Holy Spirit (See Galatians 5:22). Our annual Christmas program is on December 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a program where all St. John's members are invited as well as all parents and guardians.

Everyone is welcome and we continue to look for more volunteers for this community outreach ministry. If you are willing to spend about 2 ½ hours every third Thursday, please speak to Arvid & Judy Schwartz, Joyce Koepf, Mavis Graupmann, or Pastor Reichow. There is a guarantee that you will go home feeling better than when you arrived.

**Special Thanksgiving Worship:** Join with us in giving thanks to our God on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. As our gracious Lord has blessed us with many good things, so we worship him in thanksgiving.

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**A GIFTING/TAX ADVANTAGE SEMINAR** has been organized by WELS members and will be held on November 20, 2014 – 1:30pm at the Redwood Falls Community Center in Redwood Falls. The seminar will cover techniques the government allows that are good for supporting our families and our local congregations. It will help participants learn how to reduce or even eliminate taxes when marketing highly appreciated assets, liquidating depreciated assets, gifting grain, etc. It will also teach about using charitable trusts and improving cash flow during retirement. Contact Pastor Reichow if you have any questions. The cost of registration is \$10 to help cover expenses for the seminar. To register, please rsvp by Sunday, November 16 to Roger Heller at 320-523-1050, or 320-522-1040 or by email, [rheller31@yahoo.com](mailto:rheller31@yahoo.com).

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**SPECIAL REFORMATION SERVICE:** The annual Area Reformation Service will take place on Sunday, November 2, at 3:00 pm in the Chapel of the Christ at Martin Luther College. Prof. Paul Koelpin's message will focus on the importance of

a proper distinction between law and gospel, and the MLC Chorale will provide musical selections.

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## HARVEST PARTY

“Fun 4 All Fall Festival” gathering for young and old, will begin at 6:30pm here at St. John’s. A light supper will be furnished along with games, activities and a haunted garage. See you on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for the festivities. A special thank you to Jael Schmieg and Kris Siers for setting up the Fall Festival.

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## LADIES AID

St. John’s Ladies Aid will have Christmas Cards available for purchase before Thanksgiving. Watch for a display set out in the narthex. The Ladies Aid is also hosting its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. An invitation is extended to the entire congregation to celebrate the joy of Christmas at this event. More information will be posted in the Sunday bulletins.

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## YOUTH NEWS

We are in the process of organizing regular meetings for our high school age youth group members. Watch for email notices and bulletin announcements for the latest information. Occasionally, we will also have activities for the 5–8 grade youth members.

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joyce Koepf
5 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Ortloff
6 <sup>th</sup>	Trenton Bratsch
7 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Schultz
9 <sup>th</sup>	Marni Daugaard and Herbert Schuth
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Schuth
14 <sup>th</sup>	Brian and Laurie Litzau (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Micah Scherer
16 <sup>th</sup>	Cordelia Milbrand
18 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Siewert
20 <sup>th</sup>	Joel and Elynn Lepel (33 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Earl Stuedemann and Zachary Reichow
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard and Betty Gorr (46 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Keith and Pauline Schmidt (24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Dammann
27 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Raddatz, and Blake Ortloff
28 <sup>th</sup>	Donald and Carol Dammann (39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
30 <sup>th</sup>	Alexandra Siewert