



# NEWSLETTER

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31)

These words stand in sharp contrast to the ways of a self-centered sinful world. This world would tell us that the service of self is to be the primary motivation for all our actions. This world would tell us that self-serving kindness and charity will satisfy a guilty conscience. This world would tell us that striving to attain ideals that will change the world for our benefit is enough.

As believers, each of us is both saint and sinner at the same time. As sinners, we are often tempted to infuse the ways of this world into our lives. We are tempted to be self-serving. We say to ourselves, "My lifestyle keeps me extremely busy. I am always on the go doing what I need to do, but I do set aside an hour for the Lord each week." "If asked, maybe once a year I volunteer to help a worthy cause and do my part." "Let's see, after everything is paid, what can I afford to give to the Lord's work at Peace With Christ Lutheran Church? What are the tax implications?" Thus, the temptation is great to put self first and God a distant second.

The letter to the Hebrews gives this admonition: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2) Through the Holy Spirit, we are brought to the realization at the foot of the cross that self-centeredness must be forgotten. We see that only with our eyes firmly fixed on Christ, who is seated in glory, can the promotion of God's glory be the object of all that we do.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, God is glorified in us. Christ's love flows from our hearts so all that we do benefits our neighbor, glorifying the name of God. We glorify God in our daily living and exhibit our faith by the proper use of all that God has given us, including our time, abilities, wealth and money. By the power of the Gospel, we do this as an example for the "good of many, so that they may be saved". (I Corinthians 10:33)

As Christians, we pray that Christ's love may more and more abound in our hearts. We pray that we may more and more use the perfect gifts - including our financial resources - God has given us to serve others and glorify His name. God help us to this end.

In Christ,

Pastor Hiller

### Worship Times and Styles

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.  
Contemporary

Sundays: 8:00 a.m.  
Traditional

Sundays: 9:15 a.m.  
Contemporary

Sundays: 10:35 a.m.  
Contemporary

Sundays: 9:15 a.m.  
Christian Education  
Sunday School  
The Source

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**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING !**

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES****9:15 a.m. Classes:**

*"Mere Christianity-Book Study"* – This six-week book study will focus on C.S. Lewis' *"Mere Christianity"* bringing together his broadcast talks of the war years, providing an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. His writings will help you to see your faith with fresh eyes. Books are available to purchase prior to the class at the Information Center in the lobby. Von Limbaugh is the moderator for this class, meeting in the Library.

*"Living in the End Times: 1 & 2 Thessalonians"* – As we proclaim the second coming of Christ in the Advent season and wait for His return, we find both encouragement from the Gospel and a reason for hope. This study in Paul's letters to the Thessalonians will lift our hearts and give us practical guidance as to how to persevere and be prepared in these times. Paul's words hold much truth for the followers of Christ then and now. John Paulus is the moderator for this course, meeting in Room 23.

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**CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING CORNER**

We celebrate all of you who have made food and monetary donations to the Family Care Ministry, for their special Thanksgiving food boxes that went out this week, and all the PWCCS students who have brought food offerings in their chapel. Also, thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a special grant to help cover expenses. Thank you for your generosity to serve others in need!

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**PRAYER FOCUS**

Pray for the families served through our Thanksgiving outreach by the Family Care Ministry. Pray that the special Thanksgiving food boxes provided this week to 102 families in our community will be a great blessing to them and that the Lord would continue to provide for their needs. Pray for our Guatemala Mission team as they prepare to go to Guatemala November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pray for physical and spiritual protection, safe travel, good health, good weather and that the Lord would use them in a great way to be a blessing to the people in need in Guatemala. May they be the hands and feet of Jesus as they serve others.

**ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Once again the church and school will be working together to provide Christmas gifts for approximately 100 children of families in need in Aurora, served through our Family Care Ministry and the Aurora Housing Corporation "Families in Transition" program. Each child will be provided with at least two gifts. The Angel Tree will be located at the Christmas Outreach Center in the lobby, beginning Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at our Thanksgiving Eve service. Choose an item and return it to the tree, wrapped or unwrapped, no later than Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Peace With Christ will host the First Annual Advent by Candlelight event. This special women's event will be a time of fellowship and worship with other women while also being an outreach to women outside of our church and to a local charity, Bridgeway Homes. Be sure to invite all the ladies in your life to join us for this beautiful event. Cost is only \$5 per person! Register in the lobby. Only a few seats remain, so register ASAP to ensure a seat. Please contact Kathy Boye at [303-263-0215](tel:303-263-0215) for more information.

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## WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU IN OUR FAMILY!

*"Joining the Church Family-101"* is for all who are interested in joining the church family here at Peace With Christ. This course, taught by Pastor Hiller, deals with the vision and purpose of PWC and the foundational teachings of our church. This course will be offered on Thursday nights, January 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Child-care will be available in the church nursery for all sessions. If you would like to sign up for these classes, please contact John Paulus at [john.paulus@pwclc.org](mailto:john.paulus@pwclc.org) or at 303-693-5618.

## CAN YOU HELP US

A great missional opportunity! Peace With Christ has an amazing opportunity to support Jr. High students at Columbia Middle School. The Blue Cougar Backpack Club provides middle school students with a bag each Friday, which holds food to help them get through the weekend. Our church staff and PWCCS second grade are currently feeding 49 students. To meet this goal and continue to build relationships with these students, we need your help! We need.....Individually wrapped oatmeal, Raman noodles, individually wrapped cheese and crackers, granola bars, can of Vienna sausage, individually wrapped Mac and Cheese, Slim Jim's and fruit cups. Financial donations are welcome as well. Food donations can be placed outside of the food closet in the basket labeled Cougar Backpack Club. We are asking that all donations be above and beyond current food ministry donations.

## FUNDRAISER FOR LUTHERAN COLLEGE IN BETHLEHEM

You won't want to miss the Advent Hymn Festival at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 East Alameda in Denver, on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature favorite Advent hymns sung by the congregation as well as a mass choir led by area organists, instrumentalists and directors, sponsored by the Colorado Chapter of the Bright Stars of Bethlehem. A freewill offering will be received, which will be matched in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in an effort to raise \$50,000 for a music room at Dar al-Kalima College in Bethlehem, the only Lutheran College in the Holy Land. For more information contact Margaret Hinchey at 303-773-9857.

## COLORADO GIVES DAY

Support Lutheran Family Services on Colorado Gives Day. When you give on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the value of your donation will be increased by the FirstBank Incentive Fund and 100% of your donation will go to Lutheran Family Services! Last year, Colorado Gives Day raised \$8.7 million for Colorado charities. Be part of this exciting day by donating to Lutheran Family Services, visit [www.givingfirst.org/lfsc](http://www.givingfirst.org/lfsc) anytime over the 24 hour period of December 6<sup>th</sup>.



## LUTHERANS IN BUSINESS

*Lutherans in Business* is a group of self-employed Lutheran men and women whose purpose is to advocate and promote the businesses of group members throughout the community. Members strive to foster and stimulate economic success, based upon sound Christian principles and practices. Please contact Art Rosenboom of Our Father Lutheran Church, at 303-881-7787 for further information, or go to [www.lutheransinbusiness.com](http://www.lutheransinbusiness.com).



# December 2011



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                              | Tue                                                                                                                                                               | Wed                                                                  | Thu                                                                    | Fri                                                                                              | Sat                                                                                                          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                      | 1<br>6:30 p.m. Celebration Arts<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game  | 2<br>No Events Scheduled<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game<br>6:00 p.m. Pisteuo Winter Guard | 3<br>8:00 a.m. Pisteuo Winter Guard<br>5:00 p.m. Worship/Communion<br>7:00 p.m. Open AA and Al-Anon Meeting  |
| 4<br>8:00, 9:15, 10:35 a.m. Worship/Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Christian Education<br>12:00 p.m. - PTP<br>6:00 p.m. The Journey                                                                           | 5<br>6:15 p.m. Friendship Ministry<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game         | 6<br>6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir<br>6:36 p.m. The Experience/Jungle<br>7:00 p.m. Grief Share<br>7:00 p.m. C.A.R.E. Meeting<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball                | 7<br>7:00 p.m. Advent Service<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game  | 8<br>6:30 p.m. Celebration Arts<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game  | 9<br>7:00 p.m. ELC - Full Day Christmas Program                                                  | 10<br>8:00 a.m. Pisteuo Winter Guard<br>5:00 p.m. Worship<br>7:00 p.m. Open AA and Al-Anon Meeting           |
| 11<br>8:00, 9:15, 10:35 a.m. Worship<br>9:15 a.m. Christian Education<br>5:00 p.m. Sr. High Merge - CICI's Pizza Night<br>6:00 p.m. The Journey<br>6:15 p.m. Souled Out!<br>7:00 p.m. Pre-K Christmas | 12<br>6:15 p.m. Friendship Ministry<br>6:30 p.m. ELC Preschool Christmas Program | 13<br>6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir<br>6:36 p.m. The Experience/Jungle<br>7:00 p.m. C.A.R.E. Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Grief Share<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game | 14<br>7:00 p.m. Advent Service<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game | 15<br>6:30 p.m. Celebration Arts<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game | 16<br>3:30 p.m. Basketball Game<br>6:00 p.m. Pisteuo Winter Guard                                | 17<br>8:00 a.m. Pisteuo Winter Guard<br>5:00 p.m. Worship/Communion<br>7:00 p.m. Open AA and Al-Anon Meeting |
| 18<br>8:00, 9:15, 10:35 a.m. Worship/Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Christian Education<br>11:45 a.m. Church Council<br>5:00 p.m. Sr. High Merge<br>6:00 p.m. The Journey<br>6:15 p.m. Souled Out!            | 19<br>6:15 p.m. Friendship Ministry<br>7:00 p.m. PWCCS Christmas Program         | 20<br>6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir<br>6:36 p.m. The Experience/Jungle<br>7:00 p.m. Grief Share<br>3:15 p.m. Basketball Practice/Game                               | 21<br>7:00 p.m. Advent Service<br><br>PWCCS - Start Christmas Break! | 22<br>6:30 p.m. Celebration Arts<br>6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal          | 23<br>6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal                                                                  | 24<br>4:00, 6:00, 8:00 p.m. Worship                                                                          |
| 25<br>10:00 a.m. Worship<br><br>Merry Christmas!!!!                                                                                                                                                   | 26<br>No Events Scheduled                                                        | 27<br>No Events Scheduled                                                                                                                                         | 28<br>No Events Scheduled                                            | 29<br>No Events Scheduled                                              | 30<br>No Events Scheduled                                                                        | 31<br>5:00 p.m. Worship/Communion                                                                            |

## DECEMBER SERVING TEAM SCHEDULE

**USHERS:** 5:00 p.m. John & Rhonda Westcott, Steve Hamilton  
 8:00 a.m. Jim Mahler, David Mahler  
 9:15 a.m. Mike Anacker, Dave Roberts, Bob Roth, Mark Simonds  
 10:35 a.m. Tony & Selma Rendon

**COUNTERS:** Ken Mills, Trudy Bennett, Lenore Weber

**INFORMATION CENTER:** The Care Crew

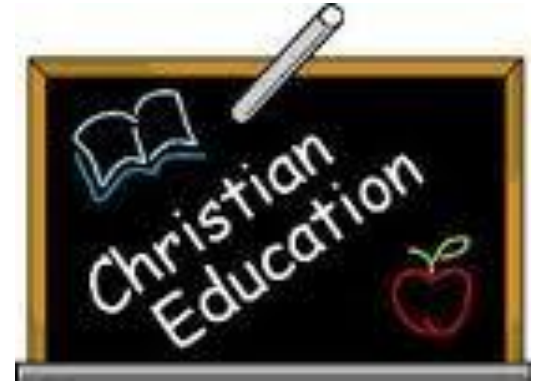


| SERVICE:                                  | Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                               | Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>                                                          | Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                            | Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>LAY READERS/ COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:</b> | 5:00 - R/C Mike Farley<br>C Tim Grauer<br>8:00 - R/C Phil Franklin<br>9:15 - R/C John Nierengarten<br>C Butch Hueske<br>10:35 - R/C Brian Franzen<br>C Troy Stelling | 5:00 - R Larry Wedding<br>8:00 - R David Dibbern<br>9:15 - R Bob Roth<br>10:35 - R Joan Van Noske | 5:00 - R/C Dennis Fodness<br>C Bob Miller<br>8:00 - R/C Ty Saucerman<br>9:15 - R/C Rod Germeroth<br>C Dennis Fodness<br>10:35 - R/C Darrell Johnson<br>C Jeff Kukuk | <u>Christmas Eve</u><br>4:00 p.m.- R<br>6:00 p.m.- R<br>8:00 p.m.- R<br><br><u>Christmas Day</u><br>10:00 a.m. - R<br><br><b><u>Pending the Holiday Schedule!!</u></b> |
| <b>ATTENDANCE:</b>                        | Dennis Bretting                                                                                                                                                      | Dennis Bretting                                                                                   | Gina Vodraska                                                                                                                                                       | Rose Martin                                                                                                                                                            |

**VIEW FROM THE EAGLES' NEST**

**PWCCS**

Butter Braids are back! These hand-braided pastries come in your choice of six delicious flavors: Cherry, Apple, Blueberry Crème Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, and Caramel Rolls. Classic Break Cookies - simply break and bake - are also available in five flavors including Chocolate Chip, M & M, Snickerdoodle, Macadamia Nut, and Oatmeal Raisin. Butter Braids can be purchased beginning November 16<sup>th</sup> and ending December 7<sup>th</sup>. Check the school's Scripts/ King Soopers table in the narthex or contact the school office at 303-766-7116.



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**ADVENT SERVICES**

Wednesdays, November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

Saturday, Christmas Eve at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.



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