

PEACE PIPELINE

*Our Motto: "This is the place where love reigns supreme,
God's love to us and our love to one another."*

DECEMBER 2010

From the Desk of the Pastor December 2010 Post 50th Church Anniversary Pastoral Musings

For my December 2010 news article, I am attempting the daunting task of writing a "post" 50th Church Anniversary article several days prior to the culminating worship service on Sunday, November 21, 2010. How can I do this you might ask? I am able to do this because my anniversary musings capture not only the culminating worship service, they also cover the entire year from last November till now.

My first musing is a reflection upon the greatness of God, which encompasses His plan, purpose, and destiny for us individually and corporately. Think about it in this manner, we live in a day and time when things change, people change, nothing remains the same. You and I are not the people we were 50 years ago, if you have been around that long, we are not the same people we were 40, 30 or even 20 years ago. Yet God in His infinite wisdom, according to His divine plan and purpose has blessed us and kept us in spite of self, circumstance and/or condition. I'm reminded of the words of Romans 8:28, **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."** And Ephesians 2:10; **"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."** Wow, God in His greatness, over the past 50 years of our history as Peace Lutheran Church, has kept, sustained, and empowered us to overcome sin and every evil.

My second musing is that God has blessed this church with members and leaders who sincerely love Him and His church. Fifty years ago, Pastor Schwandt was surrounded by a group of brothers and sisters-in-Christ, who loved the Lord and His church so much that they were willing to give of themselves over and beyond the call to duty to assure that the mission and ministry of the church were experienced in an awesome and powerful manner. When I look back upon all the activities, events and worship services that were connected to our Jubilee Year, that were an outstanding blessing to the glory of God and the edification of His people, I know this happened only because God continued to bless his church with amazing brothers and sisters-in-Christ who love the Lord and His church so much so that throughout the Year members of the 50th Anniversary Committee and many others gave beyond the call of duty, not for man, but for God. I thank each of you who did anything large or small, your contribution, your time, talents and gifts

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to preach
good news to the poor. He has sent me to
proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery
of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to
proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Luke 4:18-19 NIV

(tangible or monetarily, or both) were used by God in an awesome and powerful way.

My third musing is that the Jubilee did not end for us on November 21, 2010, it continues each and every day of our lives as the people of God. How do I know this to be true? This is true because Jesus Christ, in the New Testament came to fulfill all the requirements of the Old Testament law and its prophecies. Above in Luke 4:19, Jesus says, he came to "...proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." The year that he speaks of is not a particular calendar year, it is a reference to the fact that in Jesus, we have a continuing Jubilee, for in Jesus Christ, year after year, day after day, we are given the grace and favor of God, that is our "liberty," our freedom, from all that would seek to hold and keep us from having the daily "peace of God, that surpasses our human understanding."
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Peace Lutheran Church 2010 Christmas and Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 6:00pm

Sunday School Christmas Program and Children's Choir

First Sunday after Christmas, December 26

PLC College Students and recent grads Sunday

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31

Watch Night and Blessing of the New Year!

New Year's Eve Dinner – 8:00pm to 9:30pm

Praise and Worship – 10:00pm

PLC Drama Ministry – Faith Alive – 10:30pm

Watch Night and Blessing of the New Year! – 11:30pm

Please invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and give thanks to God for His favor in this past year of Jubilee and look forward to the fullness of His grace in 2011. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Pastor Wiggins

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My final musing is that we now have the wonderful opportunity to “walk and witness to others the liberation of God’s Jubilee power.” As we cast our faith and sight to Christmas and the birth of the Christ child, the Advent season, calls upon us to prepare, to make room, to ready ourselves for Jesus to enter our hearts and homes anew. Think about it, isn’t this a wonderful blessing that every year, is a Year of God’s favor, for we are invited to come and meet Jesus anew as the Messiah who was sent into our sinful and broken world to rescue us from self, Satan and sin.

That is why I love the last phrase of the first verse of the beautiful Christmas hymn, “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” which says regarding the birth of Jesus – **“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”** May God bless you, your family and our church family as we go forth as Jubilee people celebrating the never-ending Jubilee that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Wiggins

Congregation Meeting



All communicant members are asked to mark your calendar and make plans to attend the congregation meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2010. Registration is at 8:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:00am. Come to hear the exciting news about the renovation and remodeling of our church facility. This will also give you a chance to see firsthand some of the work that is being done. We will also have the election of church officers and Board of Discipleship Ministry members and others.

Pastor Wiggins

Sunday School’s Annual Toy Drive

The Sunday School's Annual Christmas Toy Drive is well underway. If you have it in your heart and are able to give, please purchase and drop off NEW (UNWRAPPED) TOYS in the designated collection box, or give the toys to a Sunday School Teacher, no later than Sunday, December 12th. All toys and gifts will be donated to the D.C. Child & Family Services Agency (CFSA) for at-risk children and youth. For more information, please contact Mrs. Dawn Doakes or Mrs. Carolyn Kimbrough.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." (John 3:18)

Submitted by Dawn Doakes



Senior News

D.C. Senior Citizens Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

DC Armory

2001 East Capitol Street SE

Washington, D.C. 20003

10 am – 2 pm

D.C. Senior Citizens (persons 60 yrs+) only

Call 202-724-5626 after October 16 for tickets

50 Years

50 Years of pure joy, 50 years of hearts being lifted.

50 years of fun, 50 years of gospel music.

50 years of happiness, 50 years of souls & spirits being lifted.

50 years and I'm still standing, I am Peace Lutheran Church.

I'm still standing and always will be because I would, I should, I could and I will always still be standing.

*--by Takema Keyes, member of Peace Lutheran Church Children Community Choir
Written for the occasion of Peace, 50th Church Anniversary, November 21, 2010.*

Metropolitan Police Department Sixth District Holiday Outreach Initiatives

On December 23, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church will be assisting the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Sixth District (6D) with one (1) of its three (3) holiday outreach initiatives in Ward 7. As the hosting organization, we will need volunteers to assist with this event. (See the specifics below regarding this upcoming event.)



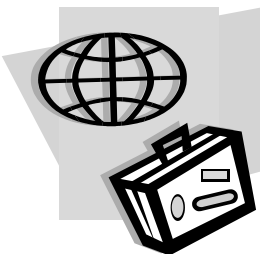
This is an Annual Holiday Celebration for 160 elementary school children from sixteen (16) elementary schools whose parents have demonstrated a commitment to the community as well as improved the quality of their life through participation at school activities, engagement in a community based organization programming and/or participation in the Sixth District initiatives to include 6D monthly community meetings and various outreach events. Each child attending the event would have completed a "Santa Wish List" that will be provided to an Officer (along with civic associations and faith partners who desire to adopt a child). Each child will receive a coat, hat, gloves, scarf and at least one (1) item from their wish list. The items will be placed in a Christmas gift bag with each child's name and transported to the holiday celebration for distribution by Santa. In addition, Toys for Tots will provide MPD with 10-25 bicycles to raffle off at the event which will be conducted by Commander Contee, Santa and his elves. Each child attending the event will also be provided a nutritious holiday meal that will include bar-b-que chicken, jerk chicken, turkey, meatballs, macaroni and cheese, string beans and an array of desserts. In addition, children between the ages of 4-12 years old will be provided with a brand new pair of tennis shoes/sneakers. As an act of service, assistance will be needed of volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the children's feet and placement of shoes on the foot of each child.

Your volunteer assistance is needed with eating with the families to just chit chat and assist Officer Santa and Commander Elf with the distribution of the Christmas goodies, cleaning of the children's feet and placement of shoes on the foot of each child.

Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for this child centered, family event which will help make this a memorable experience for the children of Ward 7. We will be having our initial meeting with 6D the first week of December 2010. Also, let me know if you are interested in purchasing a gift from the "Santa Wish List".

Submitted by Wanda Freeman

Travel and Learn With Concordia College-New York



HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY

Join Dr. Viji George and Dr. Ralph Schultz for a trip of a lifetime!

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For more information call: Rev. Greg Dwyer at 914-337-9300, ext. 2198

Concordia College-New York is a college of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Men's Network Web Is Brighter, Friendlier



More than 8,500 registered users of the LHM Men's Network (www.lhmmen.com) are enjoying a revitalized Web experience. While the online décor of the homepage and internal links is brighter and more colorful, the site still boasts the same high-quality ministry tools users have come to expect (or even suggested) since the site launched in January 2009.

From the homepage, users can access Bible studies, read the blog, drop in on Facebook, answer a quick survey question, register for a fishing tournament, find out how to promote the LHM Men's Network, and even send a donation. Favorites like "The Baloney Shop" and "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" are bold and easy to connect. Related items like "Men's Groups Near You," the "Regional Calendar," and "Impact Events" are clustered for speedy access.

More than 3,200 LCMS churches and over 1,000 churches from Lutheran Church-Canada and other church bodies use the LHM Men's NetWork. Test it yourself. We welcome your comments at mensnet-work@lhm.org. LHM Men's NetWork is a ministry of the Lutheran Laymen League



Wise Men
still
seek Him

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please remember our members below in prayer and send them a card:



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Kim Green	1	Gervais Edmonds	13	Kimberly Proctor	24
Cynthia Blue	2	Beverly Thomas	13	Harrison Dixon III	25
Sonia Adams	2	Geraldine Lewis	14	Michael Ford, Jr.	27
Allena Wesley	7	Sean McIntyre	14	Isaiah Woodruff	28
Jesse Zimmerman	8	Amber Freeman	15	Walter Woodruff	29
Doris Williams	9	Albert Adams	16	Barbara Winston	29
Pamela Vestal	9	Dawn Doakes	16	Michael Ross, Jr.	30
Tia Boykins	10	Yvette Tucker	16	Dorian Williams	30
Diane Bryce	10	Ronald E. Dixon	17		
Christina Ford	11	Shaleala Nelson	18		
Jalonte Brown	11	John Peters, Sr.	20		
Corinne Price	12	William Alexander III	20		
Epiphany Smith	12	Taylor Blue	21		
Janice Ford	13	Jeremiah Quigley	21		
Olivia Dixon	13	John Smith	23		



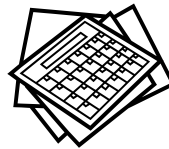
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Vision: Compelled by the Holy Spirit and the WORD we exist to be a growing and maturing church and community for spiritual empowerment, transformation, and the renewal of God's people. (Revised January 4, 2007)

Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor
Cora Boone, Church Administrator
Georgetta Watts, Assistant to the Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Adult Bible Class: 9:45 am
Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: 11:15 am
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UPCOMING EVENTS



December 21: First Day of Winter
December 24: Christmas Eve Sunday School
Christmas Program and Children's Choir, 6pm
December 25: Christmas Day
December 26: PLC College Students and Recent
Grads Sunday
December 31: New Year's Eve, Watch Night and
Blessing of the New Year, 8pm

Pipeline Publication Schedule: Articles for the **January 2011** issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on **December 12**. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at jo_dooley@yahoo.com.