

Share, Serve, Celebrate

Week of January 17, 2021

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" This is Nathanael's question to Philip when he is told that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised one of God. So, can anything good come out of Nazareth? Nathanael confesses Jesus to be the Son of God and King of Israel when he meets Jesus. Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Savior.

Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Out of Nazareth comes our Father's compassion, our Immanuel ("God with us"). To answer Nathanael's questions, Philip replies, "Come and see." That is our invitation to those who might wonder what good can come out of the sorrows of life. "Come and see." Forgiveness of sins, life, salvation – all these come from Jesus of Nazareth.

This Jesus of Nazareth heals our wounds – physical and emotional. This Jesus of Nazareth brings comfort amidst troubles. This Jesus of Nazareth brings hope out of hopelessness. This Jesus of Nazareth soothes our sorrows and our mourning.

Yes, something good comes from Nazareth. Something good comes from our toils and tribulations. Something good comes in the flesh and blood of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, who brings grace, mercy, and peace to each and every one of us.

~Pastor Kevin Mann

IN OUR CONGREGATION...

New Bible Study: Our new Bible study continues, led by Rev. Ted Hoham. We will explore how we can defend the Christian faith in our daily lives. We will look at various topics and how we rely on what God has spoken and revealed in His Word to defend the faith. Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall for this enriching study. Social distancing and other precautions will be utilized.

Baby Bottle Campaign - for A Hope Center

The Baby Bottle Campaign for A Hope Center starts today! This campaign is an easy way to participate in the ministry of A Hope Center. Pick up a bottle as you leave today and fill it up with your coins, cash, or checks (payable to A Hope Center), then bring them back by January 24th.

Offering Counters Needed: Can you spare an hour, one Sunday a month? If so, Peace needs your help as an Offering Counter. If you can help, you will be assigned one Sunday per month to work on a team of three counters. Don't worry, we are a friendly group and no experience is necessary! Please call Dick Rutkowski, the Financial Secretary at 760-8529 or the church office at 744-3869 to volunteer.

2020 Year End Statements are in your mailbox.

Altar Flowers: We are in need of Altar Flower donors for February 28, March 7 and April 25. If you would like to "sponsor" the flowers for any of these weeks just let the church office know (secretary@peacelutheranfw.org or 744-3869) or add your name to the Flower Chart on

the bulletin board across from the office. The flowers, which cost \$30, are yours to take home after the Sunday worship service.

Partners in Prayer: Partners in Prayer meets in the Café on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month from 5:30-6:30pm. Dedicated prayer time will begin at 5:30pm. Those needing to come late or leave early are welcome to do so. Teresa Bower will be available at 5pm for those who would like to visit and share before prayer time begins. Verbal praying out loud is optional for each attendee; we just ask that you bring a prayerful inner spirit. Call or text Teresa at 433-7404 with any questions.

IN OUR CAFÉ...

Sharing Peace Café - Hours are Monday—Thursday 9am-1pm.



Café Art Gallery – Come in anytime during cafe hours or on Sundays after church to view and/or purchase beautiful works of art created by Hannah Wenndt and Rachel Evans.

Cards in the Café – Still on hold. Can't wait for the fun to begin again!

Exercise Classes UPDATE! – Walk 15 is on Wednesday nights at 6pm and Saturdays 8:30 am Contact Cheryl Erickson for information Other classes are still suspended but we're just waiting for the day we can meet

to move and groove again! Watch for more information from our parish nurse, Cheryl

YOUTH NEWS

Sr. High Cross Talk: Sr. High Youth will return to meeting on Zoom. We meet on Tuesdays at 6pm. If you are in high school and would like to be added to the text or email distribution list for zoom information and other announcements, contact Rose at 260,402,1679.

Young Adult Ministry: Young men and women come together on the 3rd Sunday each month at 4:00pm on Zoom to keep connected as they share and discuss what is going on in their lives, communities and around the world. If you are 18-25, out of high school and would like to join in on these conversations, contact Rose at 260-402-1679 for information on how to connect.

IN OUR SCHOOLS...

Concordia High School

- Job Posting—Director of Development and Marketing: See the posting information on the bulletin board in Founders' Hall.
- **Download Their App:** We have relaunched our Concordia App with new content! Visit the app store to download the app. Search for "Concordia Lutheran Fort Wayne." Have direct access to the school news, daily schedules, lunch menu and news updates! Make sure and sign up for notifications to stay up to date on the latest information.
- Apply now for admission Application Fee waived: Spread the word! We are waiving the application fee for enrollment. If you have an incoming 9th grader or a transfer student, let them know to use code "cadets" to waive the \$35 application fee. Enter the code in the "For Office Use" box. We are excited to meet all of our new Cadets! Apply online at www.clhscadets.com/apply.

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This Week at Peace 01/17/21—01/24/21

Sun Jan 17	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour
Mon Jan 18		
Tues Jan 19	6:00pm	Bulletin Items Due SH Cross Talk via Zoom
Wed Jan 20	6:30pm	Worship Service
Thurs Jan 21	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Fri Jan 22		
Sat Jan 23		
Sun Jan 24	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour

Next Sunday Scripture Readings (The Third Sunday after Epiphany)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20