



Share, Serve, Celebrate

Week of January 23, 2022

“The joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). Having returned to the land of their ancestors following seventy years in exile, the people of Jerusalem quickly rebuilt the walls of the city. Following that monumental task, the people gathered together to hear Ezra the priest read from the book of the Law of Moses. Ezra praised God and the people cried out “Amen, Amen” and bowed their heads and worshipped God. Yet, there was something missing for these people. Yes, they were back in Jerusalem, but the temple had not yet been rebuilt and the glory of God was not among them, as it had been during the time of Moses and when the first temple had been built.

Because of the turmoil in their lives, the people of Jerusalem felt unsettled and incomplete. Ezra and Nehemiah remind them that God is indeed with them. The joy of God still abides with them. The joy of the Lord would guard and protect them from the assaults of those who opposed them.

The same is true for us. Our lives can, at times, feel very unsettled. We are faced with monumental tasks or decisions and it seems that much of the world (at least in our own minds) is against us. Yet, we find confidence to face our days. Our confidence comes from our God. He has called us and redeemed us through the blood of Jesus. He strengthens us and nourishes us through the Word and Sacraments. “The joy of the Lord is *our* strength!”

~Pastor Kevin Mann

IN OUR CONGREGATION...

Baby Bottles: The Baby Bottle Campaign for A Hope Center is here. Pick up a bottle and fill it up with your coins, cash, or check (payable to A Hope Center). Bring back to Peace for a blessing before Feb 6.

Concordia Visits Peace: The CLHS A Cappella choir and administration is joining us today to share some wonderful music and updates from the high school. Please plan to join us and participate in this wonderful education ministry. A door offering will be taken after service.

2022 Altar Flowers: The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board across from the office for this year. If you would like to donate flowers during 2022, the cost is \$30/week. Envelopes are available below the chart. There is still one week available in both January and February.

Sharing Peace Café, a mission of Peace Lutheran Church is hiring a part-time Sharista (a barista who shares the love of Christ) for Tuesdays, and possible other days in the near future, from 8am-1pm (allowing up to 30 minutes before and after shift), and an occasional Sunday from 8:30-11:00am. There are opportunities to work café, church and private events at the Café as well. If you or someone you know may be interested, please email resumes to cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org. Feel free to call Rose at 260-744-3869 for any questions.

Small Group Bible Study: Here at Peace Lutheran, there is a great emphasis on learning and understanding how to live our lives by doing the work of God in Christ Jesus. One way we do it is by having small groups meeting once a month to study the word of God. At present, there is a group meeting the first Tuesday of every month at the church at 1:00pm. Another group is meeting once a month on a Friday at a member's residence. We encourage anyone who is interested in joining or starting another group to contact the office so arrangements can be made.

IN OUR CAFÉ...

Café Hours: The hours for Sharing Peace Café are Monday-Thursday, 8am-1pm and Sunday, 8:30-11am.

Sharing Peace Art Gallery features the creations from the students at Lutheran South Unity School (LSUS). Their work will be displayed in the Café through January 2022. Taking an interest in the talents of a student can brighten and encourage a young heart.

Cards in the Café: Join in on the fun with a friendly bunch of people who love to play Euchre! They meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 1-3pm. Bring your friends, and a snack to share (optional). Come a little early to order your favorite beverage from the Café (closes at 1pm).

Exercise Class Schedule:

Exercise classes are held in the Wellness room below the stairs. Enter via doorway #3 off the parking lot. No previous experience necessary. Everyone is welcome for fun, fitness, and fellowship. \$5 per class session.

- Chair Yoga: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11am-12pm
- Yoga: Tuesday, 6-7:00pm
(Bring a yoga mat if you have one, otherwise we have mats available for your use.)
- CardioTone: Monday, 5-5:45pm & Thursday, 6-6:45pm
- Zumba: Friday, 9-10am

YOUTH NEWS...

Youth Ice Skating: Let's go skating Sunday, February 6 from 1-3pm at Headwaters Park Ice Rink. Be sure to dress in layers and bring extra socks. The cost is \$4 - age 13 & under; \$6 - age 14 & over; \$3 Skate Rental (or bring your own). Bring extra \$ if you want concessions!

Young Adult Ministry on Zoom (YAMz): Young men and women (age 18-25 & out of high school) come together on the 3rd Sunday each month at 7pm on Zoom to stay connected as they share and discuss what is going on in their world and encourage one another through listening and scripture. Contact Rose at 260-402-1679 for more information on how to connect.

Sr. High Cross Talk: Senior High youth meet on Tuesdays from 6-8pm in the Café. Please enter through door #3 (preschool entrance).



IN OUR SCHOOLS...

Concordia Lutheran High School:

- **Girls Basketball Grade School Night:** Saturday, January 29, the Girls Basketball Team is hosting a Lutheran grade school night. Each rostered grade school player will receive free admission to the game. Come and celebrate our Lutheran grade school teams!
- **Fundraiser for the Weber Family:** Central families have organized a fundraiser for the family of John Weber who passed away earlier this school year. He was the principal at Central Lutheran School and a Concordia parent. They are selling T-shirts as well as taking donations. His daughter, Naomi, created the design on the t-shirt in memory of her father. Visit <https://johnweberfund.itemorder.com/shop/sale/> to learn more.
- **Job Opportunity:** CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as the Head Football Coach. Experience coaching in an education-based athletic program is required, and a certified teacher preferred. Playing and/or coaching experience preferred. To view the description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.
- **Open House on Jan. 30:** This "Last Chance" Open House on January 30 is for any family interested in sending their student to Concordia. All grades welcome! It's a safe and healthy environment for you to see the school and learn more about the programs offered and meet with teachers. Register at www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/open-house to pick a time for your guided tour.
- **Come and see "Joseph" at CLHS:** Join CLHS for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on February 25 & 26 at 7:30 p.m. and February 27 at 2:00 p.m. One of the most enduring shows of all time, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors. Preorder tickets at www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/theatre-pro
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Lutheran South Unity School:

Teachers Needed: Three teachers and a principal are retiring after many years of service. We are in need of a third-grade teacher immediately. The needs for next Fall are a kindergarten teacher, 6th and 7th grade homeroom teachers with backgrounds in any of the areas of math, science, social studies, or PE. Finally, we also need a principal. Call committees have been formed and are working on these needs now. If these openings sound exciting and interest you, let the school office know. There also may be someone you know that might fit into the LSUS mission. Please call the office with the names. We are accepting any and all suggestions that you may have. Continue to keep all of these call committee members in your prayers as they plan for the next exciting adventure for Lutheran South Unity School. **A nomination form is available in the narthex and online, under Media/Worship Bulletins.**



I urge that
SUPPLICATIONS,
PRAYERS,
INTERCESSIONS,
and THANKSGIVINGS
be made for everyone ...

1 Timothy 2:1, NRSV

This Week at Peace 1/23/2022-1/30/2022

Sun Jan 23	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour (new adult series: Cosmic Mountains)
Mon Jan 24	11:00am 1-3:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm	Chair Yoga Cards in the Café CardioTone Board of Christian Ed
Tues Jan 25	3:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	Board of Worship SH Youth Group Yoga
Wed Jan 26	11:00am 6:30pm	Chair Yoga Worship Service with Communion
Thurs Jan 27	6:00pm 7:00pm	CardioTone Choir Rehearsal
Fri Jan 28	9:00am 11:00am	Zumba Chair Yoga
Sat Jan 29		Girls Basketball Grade School Night at CLHS
Sun Jan 30	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service Education Hour CLHS Open House
Next Sunday Scripture Readings (The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany)		
Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13 Luke 4:31-44		