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**Sunday, December 6, 2020 - 10:45 a.m.**

The Annual Voters' Meeting of Peace Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, December 6, following the service. In addition to the usual business meeting matters, agenda items include re-branding of our church (logo, mission statement, etc.) and election of Church Council Officers. The Secretary position remains open. If you are interested please contact Pastor Mike or Hector Sanchez as soon as possible.

### Schedule of Worship Services for Advent & Christmas

**Sundays (December 6, 13, 20, 27): Worship at 9:30am**

**Wednesdays (December 2, 9, 16): Midweek Advent Worship at 7:00pm**

**Christmas Eve (December 24): Worship at 4:00 & 7:00pm**

**Christmas Day (December 25): Worship at 10:00am**

### **Operation Christmas Child: Goal Achieved!**

We extend heartfelt thanks to all who participated in our "Operation Christmas Child" project this year. We achieved our goal of brightening Christmas for children worldwide. Thanks to you, 200 children will receive a shoebox gift, and the best gift of all...**the Good News of Christ our Savior!**



### **Order Your Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will be ordered and placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to order poinsettias, please email Whitney at [secretary@peacelutherannaples.org](mailto:secretary@peacelutherannaples.org).

The cost per plant is \$8.00. All orders must be submitted by **Sunday, December 13th.**

# Christmas Star Tree



In the Narthex you will notice a tree decorated in stars. This is an opportunity to help families of Amigos en Cristo in Immokalee. Please select a star/s and purchase a gift card for either Walmart or Winn-Dixie. (The amount on the star is a suggested donation.) Attach the star to the gift card and drop in the decorated box next to the tree. You might even want to put the gift card in a Christmas card. The deadline is **Sunday, December 20**. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Aller at 239-250-7521.

## Reminder from Women of Peace/LWML:

Mite boxes are collected on the first Sunday of each month. Your donations are used to fund grants at both the district and national level. In previous years, Peace has received \$10,000 for the Early Learning Center and an additional grant for Mission Nation Publishing. We are happy to accept both your spare change and the "green stuff" too!



## Peace Kids

Our Veterans Day program was a success. The children sang beautiful songs for their parents and grandparents. Also, thanksgiving lunch was FUL-filling. The children ate lots of delicious turkey, mashed potatoes, and corn, and even asked for seconds!

During the special month of December we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Each family has its own special traditions. When I was growing up, my family roasted a pig on Christmas Eve, and enjoyed black beans and rice, salad, sweet plantains, with flan for dessert. We opened presents on Christmas Day and celebrated Jesus' birth by cutting a cake. What is your tradition? When you see me at church I would love it if you would share your tradition with me!

**The Children's Christmas Program**, an annual December favorite among parents, children, staff and congregation, will look a little different this year, due to present circumstances. The children will sing and dance beautiful Christmas songs in a Virtual Christmas Program on December 16-17. Thank God for modern technology!

### December Themes:

**Christmas Gifts:** The children will create beautiful Christmas gifts for their parents.

**Christmas around the World:** We will discover the different ways people celebrate Christmas around the world. Did you know that Christmas in Mexico includes breaking a piñata, setting up a nativity scene, and baking a plastic baby in a cake to honor baby Jesus? Our children will make a piñata as they learn new traditions.

**Baby Jesus is born:** The children will make different crafts of baby Jesus.

## Online Worship

We continue to offer live stream worship services each Sunday at 9:30 am. Worship with your church family *from a safe distance* until you are able to return to us in person. Visit [peacenaples.org](http://peacenaples.org) and click the

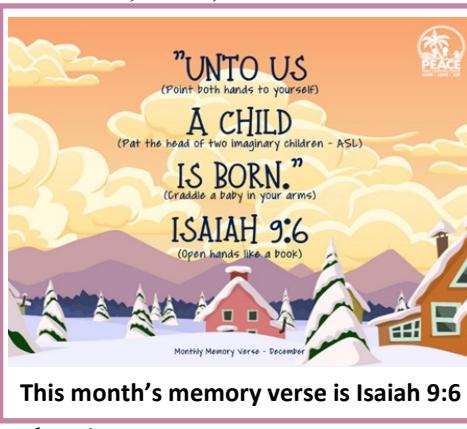
### YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM

button on the home page.

**Happy New Year:** New Year's hats, noise makers, and a New Year's countdown ball are among the crafts we'll work on to ring in the New Year.

### December Bible Stories:

**Mary Meets an Angel:** Our teachers will explain to the children that God sent the angel Gabriel to deliver a special message to Mary. Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God. What an honor! Mary was amazed that she was chosen by God to deliver the world's most important baby, Jesus; she was very excited to be the Lord's servant. The children will learn that God can do anything and He is worthy of our trust. We must be willing to serve God with all our hearts.



**A Baby Named John:** Our teachers will explain how the angel Gabriel gave Zechariah the incredible news that his wife, Elizabeth, would give birth to a son who would become a great preacher. They would name their baby John. God had chosen them as the parents of a boy who would grow up and help others follow God's own Son. We need to remember that God has a purpose for everyone.

**He's Here:** The children will learn about the Nativity. (Mary was blessed of God, her baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, animals surrounded the manger, and the Magi came to praise the new king.) They will discover that a manger, which served as a makeshift bed for Baby Jesus, is actually where cows and horses eat from.

**The Preschool Teachers and Staff wish you all a Blessed Christmas!**

*~Jasmin Rivera, PELC Director*



We are pleased to offer No-Contact Communion for those who are unable to attend church due to COVID-19.

**Wednesdays**  
**10:00-11:30 a.m.**  
**Under the canopy at the main entrance**

**Please call the office to schedule an appointment so that Pastor Mike will be ready when you arrive.**



**Fellowship Hosts Needed:** Now that we've begun having Coffee Hour again, hosts are needed to supply treats, make coffee, clean up, etc. Reimbursement is offered! Please contact the office or sign up at church to host a particular Sunday.

**Seeking Audio/Video Assistants:** Do you have a knack for A/V? We can use your help! We'd like to be able to add a few new people to the list of those who'd like to help "run the show" on Sundays. Contact Mark Greul at (239) 770-7873.

**Do You Like to Read?** We are in need of volunteers to read on Sunday mornings in church. Readings are emailed in advance so you can prepare. Contact Dan DeMorett at (239) 595-7912.

## Stewardship MATTERS

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2Cor. 9: 6-9 NIV

## PRAYER requests

Francis Stevenson  
Travis Aller (*son of Jane Aller*)  
Nancy Hall  
Steve Gauger (*brother of Peg DeMorett*)  
Steven Blaha  
Nancy Tyson  
Ivan Budinsky  
Bob  
Peter Krentz (*son of Tim & Jan Krentz*)  
Sadie Krentz (*granddaughter of Tim & Jan Krentz*)  
Jan Krentz  
Haley  
Suzanne Moore  
Tom Crombie & Pat Crombie  
Lynn Scudieri  
Rev. Wayne Gollenberg  
Lynn Saunders  
Janet Fuhrer (*cousin of Lynne Hall*)  
Bill & Vera Combs (*friends of Karen Shepard*)  
Sandra  
Betty Hernandez (*Asst. Director of our ELC*)  
Devon Raegen (*Cousin of Honey Lehman*)  
David Stevens  
Art & Jo Golab  
Linda & Tim (*daughter & son-in-law of Dorothy DeSimone*)  
Alyssa (*Michelle Jones' daughter*)  
Chris Dragomer (*sister of Nancy Hall*)  
Florence Fisk  
Emma Gifford  
Alexis Gioia (*future family of Lynne & Chuck Hall*)  
Chuck Hall  
Jane Harkey (*friend of Sharon Hathcock*)  
David Hilburn (*son-in-law of Ila Dykinga*)  
Ruth Hobkirk  
Michelle (*friend of Kay Smith*)  
Jane  
Jane Mazza  
Jean Mazzari (*family of Lynn & Bob Scudieri*)

*Please let us know when to remove your request.  
If you would like to add a request, please call the office  
at 330-1815. If you would like to include your request  
in the Prayer Corner on our website, visit  
<https://peacenaples.org/prayer-corner/>*

# This and That

## December Worship Assistants

Date	December 6	December 13 Communion	December 20	December 27 Communion
Elder of the Day	Dan DeMorett	Tony Mount	Jim Saunders	Dan DeMorett
Elder	Jim Saunders	Dan DeMorett	Mark Greul	Tony Mount
Ushers	Jim Bradley Bob Hathcock	Dennis Large Rich Fabrici	Ila Dykinga Joe Gregas	Jim Bradley Dennis Large
Reader	Jane Aller	Don Binner	Luanne Gregas	Chuck Hall

## Christmas Service Assistants

	Christmas Eve 4:00	Christmas Eve 7:00	Christmas Day 10:00
Elder	Dan DeMorett	Tony Mount	Jim Saunders
Usher	Ila Dykinga	Dennis Large	Jim Bradley
Usher	Bob Hathcock	Joe Gregas	Rich Fabrici
Reader		Luanne Gregas	

## December Schedule

### Every Saturday:

- ◆ *Spanish Ministry Worship* - 6:00-7:00 pm

### Every Sunday:

- ◆ *Worship (English)* - 9:30 am (also online)  
(Communion on December 13 & 27)
- ◆ *Fellowship/Coffee Time* - 10:30 am
- ◆ *Pastor's Bible Study* - 10:45 am
- ◆ *Haitian Ministry Bible Study* - 9:30-11:30 am
- ◆ *Haitian Ministry Worship* - 11:30 am-1:00 pm

### December Event Highlights:

- ◆ *LWML Meeting* December 12: Saturday, 9:30 am
- ◆ *Midweek Advent Worship*  
December 2, 9, 16: Wednesdays, 7:00pm
- ◆ *Christmas Eve Worship* 4:00 & 7:00 pm
- ◆ *Christmas Day Worship* 10:00 am

## Contact Information

Pastor: Mike Duchene (586) 922-3539

Church Office: (239) 354-9144

### Church Council

President: Hector Sanchez (262) 409-9877

V. P.: Linda Saunders (609) 707-1514

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Kent McWherter (740) 221-4987

Missions: Bob Scudieri (239) 770-5997

Education: Mark Greul (239) 770-7873

Stewardship: Rich Fabrici (908) 448-7714

Fellowship: Tony Mount (239) 896-2168

Witness/Outreach: Liz Sanchez (262) 408-0350

Trustee: Jim Saunders (609) 670-2207

Head Elder: Dan DeMorett (239) 595-7912

### Board of Elders

Dan DeMorett (239) 595-7912

Tony Mount (239) 896-2168

Jim Saunders (609) 670-2207

Mark Greul (239) 770-7873

## Connect With Us

### Church:

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### Early Learning Center:

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