

# Words of Peace

NEWSLETTER OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2022

## GOTCHA COVERED!

Did you know that Jesus has YOU covered? We recounted recently from our traditional Nativity readings in Luke, how they wrapped, or covered, Baby Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. With affection we recall that memorable scene. But did you ever make this connection: because He who was true God came also as true man this Jesus can now cover all who receive Him with *His* clothes? He "swaddles us" in His robe of pure righteousness. Don't take my word for it. This was one of Isaiah's beautiful Messianic prophecies:

*I delight greatly in the Lord;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness.*

-Isaiah 61:10

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## Happy New Year!

### January

1/1 Welcome 2022!  
1/6 Epiphany  
1/7 F&FF  
1/9 Jesus Baptism  
1/16 New Worship Times  
1/18 Church Council  
1/29 Sr Hi Snow Day

### February

2/4 F&FF  
2/8 SuperTuesday  
2/11 Confirmation  
2/15 Council  
2/21 President's Day  
2/19 Confirmation

### March

3/2 Ash Wednesday  
3/4 F&FF  
3/8 SuperTuesday  
3/9 Soup Supper  
3/15 Church Council  
3/16 Soup Supper  
3/23 Soup Supper



It's all part of a wardrobe exchange, so to speak. Emanuel, God with us, takes on the tattered cloths of our poverty, our filthy rags of unrighteousness and in exchange adorns us in His garments of salvation. Talk about receiving a new "Christmas sweater". What a gift! He blankets us with His robe of pure righteousness - as pristine as virgin snow.

Have you seen some of the footage recently of the record snowfall in the California Sierra's? God knows we need that snowpack in a big way to combat this prolonged drought we're in. And, in His mercy, God has, indeed, providentially supplied us with nearly 200" inches of fallen snow so far this year - the greatest snowfall the state has seen since 1970!

Those pictures of deep, white powder blanketing the forest landscape are good news of great joy to parched valleys and dried riverbeds. Underneath the blanket of snow is a now unseen record of blackened and barren hills - signs of the destructive force of forest fires gone wild that ravaged the land. This snow coverage becomes a vivid picture of how God no longer looks at the damage we've done to ourselves and others. Through forgiveness in Christ, His divine love covers a multitude of our sins.



Meteorologists in California still worry that when even such a big snowpack as this year's melts in spring it may yet be deficient to make a dent in the enduring drought. Time will tell. By contrast,



however, the righteous covering God provides in Christ will never melt or fade away. This makes these garments of salvation truly Good News of great joy for us! Again, we delight in Isaiah's words,

*“Come now, and let us reason together,”  
Says the Lord,  
“Though your sins are like scarlet,  
They shall be as white as snow;  
Though they are red like crimson,  
They shall be as wool.”*

### **-Isaiah 1:18**

This means Christians need never worry again or get anxious like those California meteorologists. "As far as the east is from the west - so far has He removed our sins from us." (Psalm 103:12)

So, let us bundle up this winter, and indeed over the course of our whole lives, in the comfort of this "warm blanket of snow" that never melts or fades away. This unique blanket melts our cold hearts, ignites faith in God and stokes fervent love toward one another. And, in the end, by God's grace, we come out pure as the driven snow!.

*- Pastor Mike*

PEACE & THANKS IN THE

# Frosty Air!

*Thank You!*

Dear Peace Lutheran,  
Thank you for letting us use your  
Coffeeshouse for our meetings! God's mission  
at CSUCI is blessed by partners like you!  
Thank you!  
Inter Varsity  
at CSUCI

*Thank You!*

Thanks for all your support re: my broken patella  
(knee cap). The doctor is happy with what he sees  
on the X-ray. I'm getting around much better now.  
I appreciate all the prayers, meals, cards, emails and  
phone calls from Peace people during my recovery!

- Tina Gingerich

## FRIENDS OF LORNA...

A service for former Peace member Lorna Randall is  
online: [www.stmatthewrocklin.com/lorna-randall](http://www.stmatthewrocklin.com/lorna-randall)  
(all lower case; please note hyphen).

(You may wish to fast forward through the first 10  
minutes of the church setting up).



*Holidays  
at Peace*



# Happy Anniversary...

Mike & Lori Schultze 1/10

Jim & Kerry DeVries 1/26

Stuart & Norma Regalia 1/27



## January Birthdays...



Anna Pettit  
1/6

Edith Anderson  
1/7

Derek Oleviler  
1/7

Steve Rusch  
1/7

Nicholas Pettit  
1/10

Jim Pederson  
1/10

Livia Lourenso  
1/11

Dan Harden  
1/12

Eunice Harter  
1/13

Camille Farrell  
1/16

Bill Ullerick  
1/19

Al Fox  
1/20

Shane Muller  
1/23

Matthieu Ullerick  
1/24

Clint Harding  
1/25

Tim Force  
1/30

Jim DeVries  
1/31

Dale Sieber  
1/31



## ELDER'S CORNER

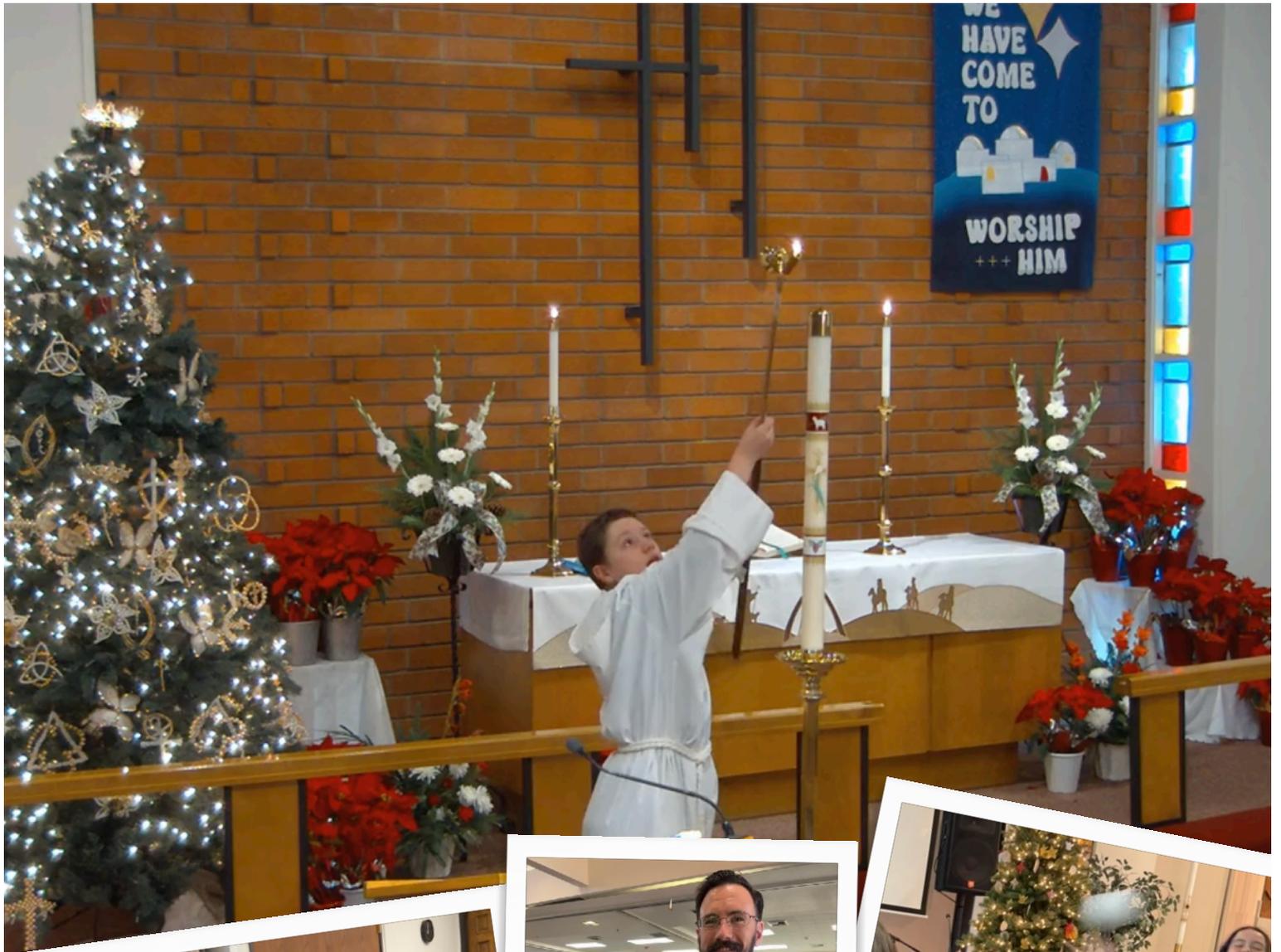
When gold seeker Edward Jackson set out for California during the Great Gold Rush in the US, his diary entry on May 20, 1849, lamented his grueling wagon journey, marked by disease and death. “O do not leave my bones here,” he wrote. “If possible let them lay at home.” Another gold-seeker named John Walker penned, “It is the most complete lottery that you can imagine . . . I cannot advise any person to come.”

Walker, in fact, returned home and succeeded at farming, ranching, and state politics. When a family member took Walker’s yellowing letters to the American TV program Antiques Roadshow, they were valued at several thousand dollars. Said the TV host, “So he did get something valuable out of the Gold Rush. The letters.”

Even more, both Walker and Jackson returned home after gaining wisdom that caused them to take hold of a more practical life. Consider these words about wisdom from King Solomon, “Blessed are those who find wisdom . . . . She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her” (Proverbs 3:13, 18). A wise choice is “more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold” (v. 14)—making wisdom more precious than any earthly desire (v. 15). “Long life is in her right hand . . . and all her paths are peace” (vv. 16–17).

This is the beginning of a new year. People often make New Year’s resolutions. These are usually well intentioned, but how often do we succeed? Our challenge, therefore, is to choose God-pleasing resolutions based on His wisdom, not shiny wishes. But how do we take advantage of God’s wisdom? The best way is to join a Bible study. Most have taken a break during the Advent season but are starting up again. Just check your Sunday bulletin for all the opportunities. This is a path God will surely bless.

PEACE ELDERS



## *Need another reason to ring in the new year with fresh hope?*

The Israel Antiquities Authority revealed on December 22<sup>nd</sup> that they had discovered treasure from two ancient shipwrecks off the Roman port of Caesarea. They included figurines, brass bells, other artifacts and hundreds of Roman coins. One wreck dated from the mid third century, over 1700 years ago, and the other from the Middle Ages, some 600 years ago. The oldest is of special interest to Christians.

The trove included a gold ring inset with a green gemstone that had been carved with the figure of a shepherd in a tunic carrying a sheep on his shoulders. The image is well-known from the Scriptures and ancient Christian art as a symbol of Jesus and salvation. Some of Jesus' best known parables concern a shepherd and his sheep.

In Luke 15 he tells the story of a shepherd from him and yet he leaves the others behind and Then, rejoicing and carrying it on his shoulders,. Such is his love for us, not wanting anyone to be

In John chapter 10 he tells the Pharisees that his sheep know him. He talks about how he church leaders of his day were failing to do. They and those who wanted to become a part of his following him. They worked to discredit him. shepherd who was calling them. Jesus calls himself lay down his life for his sheep. And on Good Friday, he did.



who has a 100 sheep. Just one of them gets away searches until he finds the one that was lost. He returns it to the others. He brings it home. lost.

how a true shepherd knows each of his sheep and leads them and protects them, something the were actually putting themselves between Jesus flock, his sheep. They tried to keep them from They were even plotting to destroy the very the Good Shepherd in those verses, the one who will

Of course the story didn't end there. Not in a sealed tomb. The Easter Gospel assures us that he rose from that grave on Easter morning, the large stone sealing the tomb entrance left standing open. It was our assurance that he would continue to be our Good Shepherd in this world and beyond.

It's likely that by the time someone was wearing this beautiful ring Christianity had been made legal, or at least officially tolerated by the Roman Empire. That happened under Emperor Constantine the Great, the first Christian emperor in the year 313. Rome had tolerated many different religions throughout its history for the sake of peace as long as its followers didn't allow it to interfere with their allegiance to Rome.

Of course that created problems for Christians, whose first loyalty was to the triune God and Jesus Christ. Tolerated officially or not, there were still places their meetings were held in secret.

We have so many connections to those early believers. Archaeological discoveries like this ring and historical sites mentioned in the Scriptures that had been lost for centuries. More all the time. Ancient hymns like, *Of The Father's Love Begotten*. It was a poem written by the Roman Christian poet Aurelius Prudentius Clemons, who was born in 348 A.D. He had served as the Roman governor of modern day Spain.

His Epiphany hymn, *Earth Has Many A Noble City*, is still sung today. It tells the story of the magi following the star to Bethlehem and offering the baby Jesus and his parents their gifts. The last verse goes:

*Jesus whom the Gentiles worshipped,  
at Thy glad Epiphany,  
unto Thee, with God the Father,  
and the Spirit, glory be.*

The ancients made it all so simple, didn't they. Pure and simple. And that core of our faith hasn't changed. Saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone, not by perfect works we could never accomplish. Lucky (read blessed) for us.

God continues to bless us even in the face of own modern day challenges. In the toughest of times, we're reminded that God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. That Jesus has overcome this world, and by faith in him, so will we.

In pandemic times that make some people want to doubt God's goodness and love, it's more important than ever to cling to him all our days. We don't face this new year alone. We've never had to and we never will. We are blessed, shepherded through life by the Good Shepherd himself. God bless you all in 2022,

**- PASTOR ROB**



GOTCHA COVERED! Has Covid kept you back from worship in person? Well, we've got all 12 holiday service videos lined up for you! Just a click a way:

[PeaceCamarillo.com/december-2021](https://www.peacecamarillo.com/december-2021)

1. MIDWEEK-1 ADVENT 2021

2. DECEMBER 5, 2021 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3. DECEMBER 12 PRAISE SERVICE - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4. MIDWEEK-2 ADVENT 2021

5. DECEMBER 19, 2021 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6. DECEMBER 26, 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY

7. DECEMBER 27, 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY

8. DECEMBER 28, 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9. DECEMBER 29, 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10. DECEMBER 30, 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY

11. DECEMBER 31, 2021 - CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONAL

12. DECEMBER 31, 2021 - CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONAL

2022

# 2022

# January Servers

Date	Elder	Ushers	Altar	Readers	Greeters	Acolytes
Jan.2 2022 Communion	Blaine Wanke +++++++ Al Bosman	Craig Frye* Karen Taylor Gary Taylor +++++++ Rick Poore*	Bill & Nancy Fitch	Linda Young +++++++ Al Bosman	Karen Taylor +++++++ Connie Morris	Shane Muller +++++++ Teagan Curtis
Jan.9	Blaine Wanke +++++++ Al Bosman	Jim DeVries +++++++ Dave Schmidt Roy Poehler	Bill & Nancy Fitch	David Hudnell +++++++ Susan Klein	+++++++ Carol Yung	Lucas Williamson +++++++ Marisa Denninger
Jan. 16 Communion  9AM	Blaine Wanke +++++++ Al Bosman	Ken Anderson* Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers +++++++ Scott Klittich* Steve Rusch Mike Elbert	Bill & Nancy Fitch	Roy Poehler +++++++ Bob Hutchison	Todd & Janet Harter +++++++ Susan Klein	Michelle Ullerick
Jan. 23  9AM	Blaine Wanke +++++++ Al Bosman	Blaine Wanke Keith Hedrick Todd Harter +++++++ Mike McCracken Tom La Jeunesse	Bill & Nancy Fitch	Toni Radle +++++++ Mike Elbert	+++++++ Luci Pommers	Mason Vigiano
Jan. 30 Communion  9AM	Blaine Wanke +++++++ Al Bosman	Craig Frye* Karen Taylor Gary Taylor Bill Young +++++++ Rick Poore*	Bill & Nancy Fitch	Blaine Wanke +++++++ Craig Frye	Karen Taylor +++++++ Donna Pickler	Lincoln Curtis

11am Service

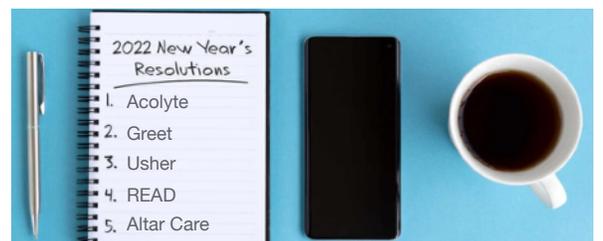
1/2/22  
1/9/22  
1/16/22  
1/23/22  
1/30/22

Elder

Tom Waddell/Bob Weaver  
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Dave Hutter/Greg Olewiler

Reader

Stacy Hunter  
Jeff Magill  
Tom Waddell  
Brian Nomi  
Peter Lee





# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31	1
<b>2</b> <b>8&amp;11am</b> Traditional Services <b>9am</b> Praise Service <b>9:30am</b> Bible Class <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>1:30pm</b> New Life	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10am</b> Luther's Attic Volunteers <b>6pm</b> Sr Hi Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Women's AAA Family Support	<b>6</b> <b>6:45pm</b> Men's Bible Study <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>10pm</b> Zoom LifeLight	<b>7</b> <b>6pm</b> Faith 'n' Fun Friday	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> Praise Band Practice
<b>9</b> <b>8&amp;11am</b> Traditional Services <b>9am</b> Praise Service <b>9:30am</b> Bible Class <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>1:30pm</b> New Life	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7pm</b> Super Tuesday	<b>12</b> <b>10am</b> Luther's Attic Volunteers <b>6pm</b> Sr Hi Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Women's AAA Family Support	<b>13</b> <b>6:45pm</b> Men's Bible Study <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>10pm</b> Zoom LifeLight <b>5:45pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>6pm</b> Confirmation	<b>15</b> <b>10am</b> Praise Band Practice
<b>16</b> <b>9am</b> Traditional Service <b>10am</b> Adult Bible Class <b>10am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Praise Service <b>1:30pm</b> New Life	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10am</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7pm</b> Church Council	<b>19</b> <b>10am</b> Luther's Attic Volunteers <b>6pm</b> Sr Hi Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Women's AAA Family Support	<b>20</b> <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>10pm</b> Zoom LifeLight <b>5:45pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>6pm</b> Confirmation	<b>22</b> <b>10am</b> Praise Band Practice
<b>23</b> <b>9am</b> Traditional Service <b>10am</b> Adult Bible Class <b>10am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Praise Service <b>1:30pm</b> New Life	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10am</b> Ladies Bible Study	<b>26</b> <b>10am</b> Luther's Attic Volunteers <b>6pm</b> Sr Hi Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Women's AAA Family Support	<b>27</b> <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>10pm</b> Zoom LifeLight <b>5:45pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>6pm</b> Confirmation	<b>29</b> <b>Sr High Snow Day</b> <b>10am</b> Praise Band Practice
<b>30</b> <b>9am</b> Traditional Service <b>10am</b> Adult Bible Class <b>10am</b> Sunday School <b>11am</b> Praise Service <b>1:30pm</b> New Life	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10am</b> Ladies Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>10am</b> Luther's Attic Volunteers <b>6pm</b> Sr Hi Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Women's AAA Family Support	<b>3</b> <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>10pm</b> Zoom LifeLight <b>5:45pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal <b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>6pm</b> Faith 'n' Fun Friday	<b>5</b> <b>10am</b> Praise Band Practice



⚡ Please notice worship time changes starting 1/16/22