

**Baptism of Our Lord
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
January 12, 2025**



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

**We are called to be an inclusive community,
sharing God's grace through worship, service,
and hospitality.**

**We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to
full participation in the life of the church regardless of race,
ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression,
or physical or mental disability.**

Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.

**It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week
and we invite you to worship with us again soon.
If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.**

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation

PRELUDE

Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie

--Maurice Duruflé (1902 - 1986)

⊕ ----- GATHERING ----- ⊕

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(ACS p. 10)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
‡ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God,

C: **for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

Crashing Waters at Creation

ELW 455



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**



FIRST READING

Isaiah 43: 1-7

- ¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- ⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

- L: The Word of the Lord
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- 11 O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 8: 14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- L: The Word of the Lord
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p.102

Repeat alleluia

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL**

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Hannah DiPasquale

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

ACS 916



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

Saints of Peace:

John Wendel, Yvonne Swinford, Ben Burma

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.

Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat .

⊕ -----MEAL----- ⊕

OFFERING

Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Raise a Song of Gladness

--Taizé Community

***OFFERTORY**

Doxology

(Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye



hea - v'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: God of grace,
C: **your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.
Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

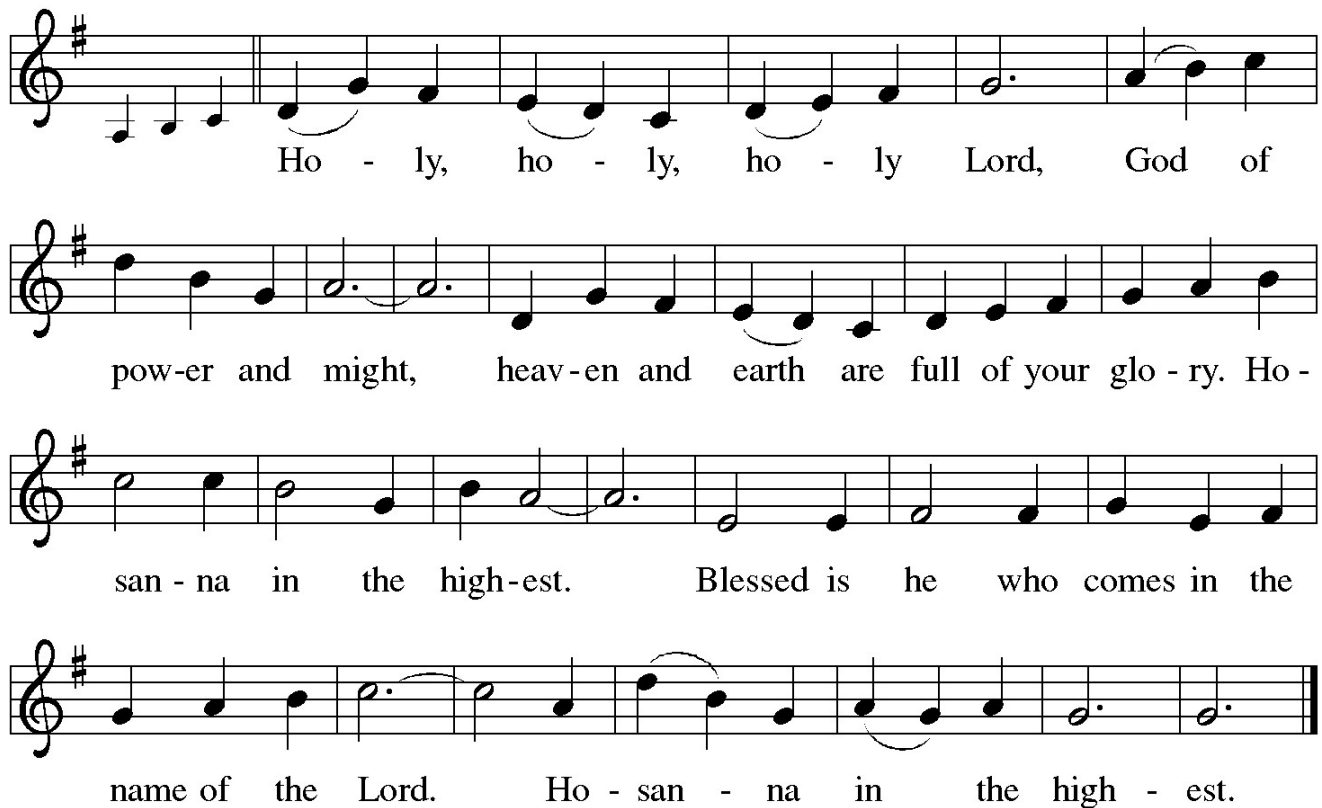
P: The Lord be with you!
C: **And also with you!**
P: Lift up your hearts!
C: **We lift them to the Lord!**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive
those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu Reino,
hágase tu voluntad
en la Tierra como en el Cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,
y tuya la Gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

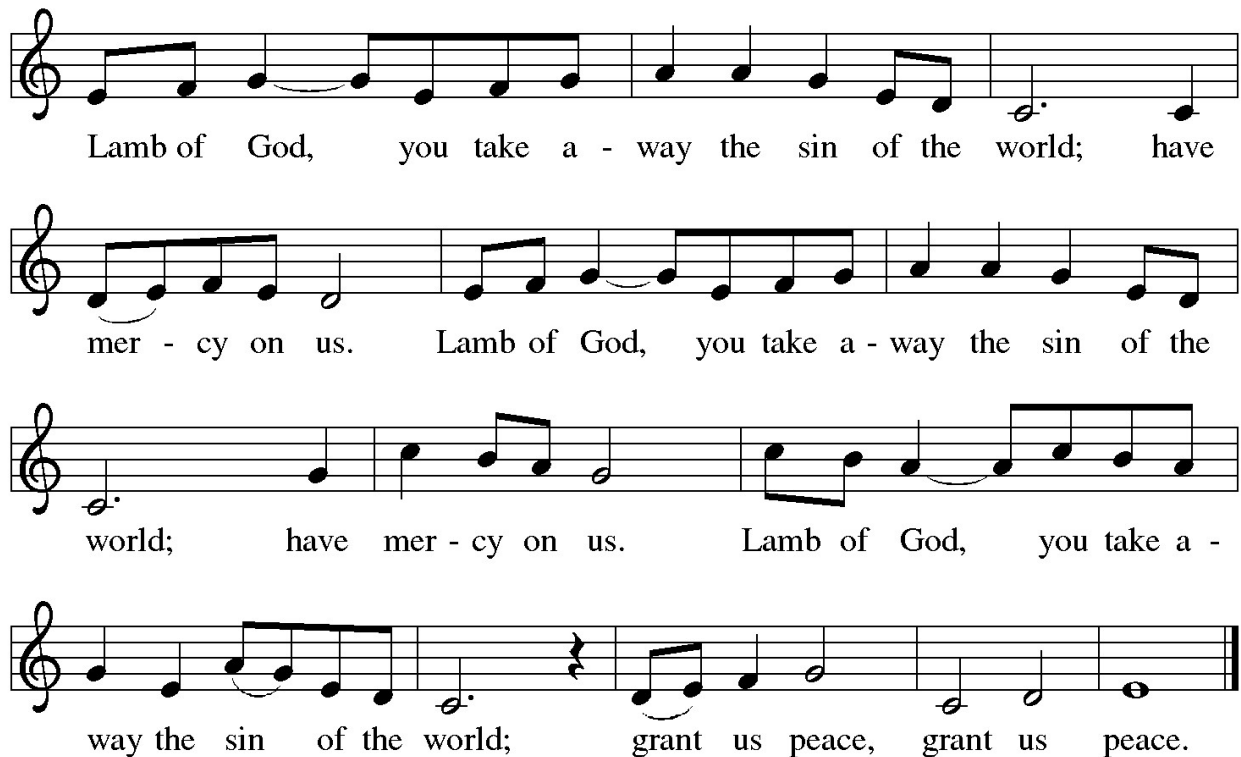
All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.

If you choose not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.

*LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesus dulcis memoria

--Walford Davies (1869-1941)

*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A: Nourishing God,
C: **at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.**

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

***THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God
 † bless you with joy
 Anoint you with compassion,
 And send you in love.
 C: **Amen**

***SENDING HYMN**

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

In dir ist Freude 'In Thee Is Gladness' BWV 615

--J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Peace values music highly, so some may choose to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude.

Others may choose to leave quietly at that time.

All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - January 12

If you have **Prayer Requests to be included in the Prayers of the Day**, please write them before the service on the Prayer Request sheet found on the stand in the narthex.

The Flower Chart for 2025 is posted on the Kiosk in the Narthex. Sign up to donate for coming Sundays. The cost is \$45.

Flowers in the sanctuary were generously donated
by David Owens and Dennis Morin in loving memory of Keene Owens
And a second arrangement
is from the Memorial Service held for Steve Baumgarn on Friday.

Vegan/Vegetarian Cook Off! Try some of the vegan and vegetarian foods in the fellowship hall after worship today! Feel free to ask for recipes. Don't forget to vote for your favorite dish!

Our Mobile Food Pantry is this Thursday. Please join the group of hardy volunteers as we set up and distribute the food. We begin setting up at 7:00 and can use volunteers from that time (or later) until we finish -- usually around 9:30. We are warmed with the knowledge of the families we are feeding; with enough volunteers we can also take warm-up breaks inside.



Border Servant Corps is in need of volunteers as they continue to assist migrants for the weeks until inauguration day. Email: volunteer@bscnm.org

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains is receiving a high number of refugee families and individuals within the next several weeks and is in need of support from volunteers.

There are many opportunities to volunteer, whether it be an in person role like grocery shopping with a new arrival, or a behind the scenes role like cooking a hot meal for a newcomer. If you are interested in volunteering in anyway, or have questions about volunteer opportunities, please contact Linda Lardner at linda.lardner@lfsrm.org or 575-323-1818.

Christian Unity Prayer Service - Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 PM here at Peace. The World Council of Churches encourages churches around the world to observe the Week of Christian Unity each January. Join us on January 22nd for an ecumenical service here at Peace in partnership with other Christian communities from around Las Cruces. Plan to join us for the service and stick around afterward for refreshments and fellowship with our visitors from other churches.

Interested in helping with home and hospital visits? There will be an orientation on Sunday, February 2nd at 10:30am after worship for anyone who wants to take on a more active role as a church home visitor. Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Pastoral Care Committee should also plan to attend. This meeting is for any Peace people who would like to learning about visiting our homebound and other in-need church members, as a way to train, equip, organize, and coordinate our visits and care efforts.

 **Green Team Tip**  **Eco-friendly dish soap!** - Did you know that dish soap comes in bar form, too? These dish soap blocks are supposed to last longer, cut down on the weight of transportation costs, and usually use natural ingredients and packaging. Get yours from **TheEarthlingCo.com, LoveofEarthCo.com, Suds.eco, Meliora, No Tox Life, Circular Bodies Dish Soap, Bestowed Essentials, Kirk's Castile Bar Soap, Geffen Kosher Soap Bar, or the Marseille Soap Cube. Blueland.com** has dishwashing powder you can mix into their provided silicone bottle to wash dishes in the sink. **Grove** sells their natural dish soap in aluminum bottles at Target. You can always cut your remaining dish soap with water to make it last longer, too!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! See the open slots on the podium in the narthex. Anyone is welcome to sign up to help! If you need training, see the bulletin board as you enter the Fellowship Hall, or ask Pr. Hannah.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES AND sending your year-end statements by mail or email: SEE PENNY in Narthex

Worship Assistants - TODAY

Assisting Minister: Kathie Rich
Lector: Debbie Sweem
Greeters: _____
Communion Server: Ron Odegaard
Ushers: Glenn & Donna Kuehn

Technology (2): _____, _____
 Lisa Bates, Clare Scheffer
 Bob Treulich

Altar Care: Hilikka Byrd
Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

Worship Assistants - January 19

Assisting Minister: Lynette Schurdevin
Lector: _____
Greeter: _____
Communion Server: _____
Ushers: _____, _____

Technology (3): _____, _____
 Betty Lindsey, Kathie Rich,
 Sandy Johnson

Altar Care: _____
Bulletins: Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

SCHEDULE - January 12-19

Sun., Jan. 12	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:15 a.m.	Vegan/Vegetarian Cook-Off
Tues., Jan. 14	3:00 p.m.	Green Team
	6:30 p.m.	Peace Council
Wed., Jan. 15	2:00 p.m.	AARP
	5:00 p.m.	Choir
Thurs., Jan. 16	7:00 a.m.	Mobile Food Pantry
	11:30 a.m.	Women in Motion
	1:00 p.m.	Alzheimer's Support Group for Women
	4:00 p.m.	Bells
	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place
Fri., Jan. 17	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place
	Gettysburg College BSC Immersion Group departs on Saturday	
Sun., Jan. 19	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour

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OA - Overeaters Anon: 9:30 a.m. - Sa
 AA - Downtown Group: 5:30 p.m. - Su, M, Tu, Th, F, Sa
 7:00 p.m. - W
 8:00 p.m. - Sa
 AA - Primary Purpose: 7:00 p.m. - F