



December 2015 - by Kristi Duensing, Youth Director

Peace and joy to all of you, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 24! As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together." I

wonder how often we have read that verse? What a chill it gives me to know how much my heavenly Father loves me! Christmas is coming soon!

December 2nd is Youth night at the YOP house with supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by Christmas program practice. This service is different from other years. You will be inspired by it!

On Sunday, December 13th, a hayrack ride around town will transport carolers, starting at 1:00 p.m. singing & delivering Christmas baskets to shut-ins, or to those who have lost a loved-one this year. Would anyone like to help drive? What a blessing we can be to others, just by putting smiles on their faces! It is so fun. I love to see the expressions, and sometimes tears, from those we carol to. It is a great tradition that Peace Lutheran has participated in for many years. If you would like to go along with us, you will love it. Sharing love with others who are hurting is a true Christmas pleasure!

We will practice for the program on Dec. 23rd, at 5:30 p.m., starting with supper, and working through everything that night. We won't leave until we get it done! It's going to be awesome! The youth feel so honored to once again, lead the Christmas Eve Service for the congregation. **The Youth service is at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.** Another service, led by Pastor Rich, will be held at 6:30 p.m. There will be NO Youth night on Dec. 27th. Enjoy the time with your families!

Jesus is very much on display this Christmas. As we encounter people through this season, let our thoughts and actions display the heart of Christ. Even the little things we do for others, in the unexpected, everyday expressions of faith, we are sharing the joy of the Christ child. What a privilege we have to do so! Merry Christmas!

Your sister in Christ,

Kristi Duensing

We are excited to welcome our new pastor, so the youth decided to spruce up their front yard. Welcome Pastor Rich and Anita!

