



The 2012 Peace Light is coming!

In the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem there are 15 oil lamps that have been burning continuously for over a thousand years. This is the Peace Light flame.



On Tuesday November 27 Khader Ballut, an eleven year old Arab Christian used a flame from one of these lamps to light two blast proof miners lamps. The lit lamps were flown by Austrian Air to Vienna Austria, where the light is maintained for distribution.

The flame will be distributed to Scout groups from all over Europe at a special ceremony in Vienna on December 12th. From there the

Scouts will take the flame by train to major European cities. Scouts from the Transatlantic Council of the BSA are very involved in this effort.

On Friday December 10th Austrian Air will bring the light on to New York. A chain of Scouters and other volunteers will bring the continuously lit Peace Light flame across the US arriving in Minnesota on December 14th

If you would like to receive the Peace Light, bring a lantern (smokeless paraffin preferred) or enclosed candle to:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 490 4th St. N., Bayport, MN Saturday, December 15th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM

We will have small candle lanterns available for purchase.

We encourage you to join the Scouts and Guides in Europe and share the light with your local community. If you would like us to help publicize your distribution event, we can publish it on our web site.

For more information see <u>www.peacelight.org</u> Or contact us at <u>peacelight@peacelight.org</u>