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A Life-Changing Community, Sharing Christ's Love!

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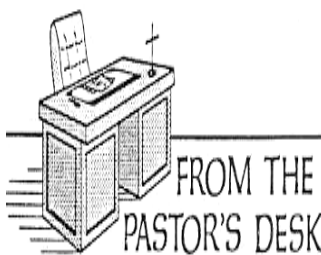
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Lori Search—Food Pantry



Dear Friends through Christ Jesus:

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

I am still wearing this stupid mask and walking the wrong way down the grocery aisles. However, Peace Lutheran is open to gather and worship our Risen Savior. Alleluia! It's a start, but we have a long way to go until we get back to whatever normal might be.

Reminds me of a story of a woman name Fanny Funhoffer. Fanny had five Funhoffer children, and they always had lots of fun together. Well, Fanny Funhoffer wasn't the best cook in the world, and one day she baked some biscuits. These biscuits were so hard that there was no way the children could even bite into them. The five Funhoffer children all looked at one another and asked, "What can we do with all these hard biscuits?" "I know," said one of the Funhoffers, "We can make wheels out of em!"

So they nailed them on some pieces of wood and made skate boards. "Whoopee," they yelled as they had so much fun.

Listen, sometimes things don't turn out like we wish...like mama's biscuits. But if we try, we can turn the bad things in our life into good things, if we only trust Jesus.

I may have used this story before, but a few hard biscuits is what Peace Lutheran Church has been served. What do we do with them?

Our opening consists of two worship—9:00AM & 11:00AM on Sunday. We will keep our distance of 6 feet, wearing masks and keeping at least one row/preferably two rows of separation between families. The main doors of entrance will be left open, hand sanitizers and mask will be available. Offering plates will be placed in the rear of the church. We will suspend the choir and Holy Communion until the World Council of Churches suggest otherwise. These are the hard biscuits we have been served.

The wheels made out of these hard biscuits are that Peace Lutheran will continue to place our weekly messages on the web, not only for those members who cannot attend, but as an outreach to those around us. The wheels made are that Peace Lutheran members have continued to support the ministry of this Lampstand, even during the stay at home mandate. The wheels made are that your council has continued to meet, visioning a glorious future. Next month, I will relay some of these visions.

In the meantime, I hope you will be patient with His Church and pray God will take all your hard biscuits and turn them into a whole bunch of Whoopee!

In Christian Love,

Rev. David Trexler



What a joy and a blessing to gather as a congregation on May 17th for the first time in eight Sundays! It was strange to avoid handshakes and hugs and to speak with each other masked and at a distance, but reassuring to be with familiar faces in person. Our thoughts and prayers turned to those for whom social gatherings are still too great a risk; we miss you and eagerly anticipate the day when we can meet together once again.

Working with Pastor David and our church council to keep Peace Lutheran alive and well during these trying times, has brought both challenges and blessings. Video recording Pastor David's sermons and our music staff in an empty sanctuary; conducting council meetings in "spread formation"; working with Jacqui to get our recordings on Facebook and our website. Not exactly how I expected to spend Spring 2020! But all for the greater glory of our Lord and Savior!

Tom Accola, Council President

IGNITE THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

Tom Accola, Gabriele DiTota, and Pastor David Trexler, joined 70 church leaders from 20 states at a February 3-day "Ignite the Church" conference at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Orlando. Ignite the Church is an annual gathering that, in the bold spirit of Martin Luther, seeks to further Kingdom-impacting conversation among leaders that will ignite the Church and help it live out its heritage of renewal in the years ahead! Key takeaways for our attendees:



"The conferences never answer all our questions, but they prepare and help us to do ministry. Now, as Christ's disciples, how do we process what we heard or learned? Church is not easy, yet we know the message of Jesus is our purpose and worth His promises. What is our vision? What is our purpose?"

"With an older congregation in an area that is rapidly expanding with working singles/families and new retirees, we have a few pitfalls and boundless opportunities before us. Will we allow the limitations to constrain our expectations or will we reach beyond them to a more ambitious vision?"

"We need to understand exactly what we perceive to be God's purpose for us in our corner of Palm Bay. We also need to build consensus for that vision. I am excited for the future. It is not easy to grow the church younger. We can hardly afford to alienate folks, however... it's time to invest in our church. There are many with a heart for Jesus... who will join with us?"

The Food Pantry is under "New Management"

The Food Pantry was closed for several weeks, but reopened on April 28th under the direction of Lori Search.

Lori has helped with our Pantry ministry from the very beginning. Lori volunteers every week at Second Harvest Food Bank and is able to get us many donations in exchange for her time. She has also been able to get free produce, purchase meat and has promised to spend our funds wisely. Lori gets us donations from WaWa, who works with the Food Donation Connection Program, each week as well.



We have opened gradually, but have already served 125 households in 10 hours. That is approximately 125 boxes of non-perishables and 625 lbs. of meat. The pantry is open every Tuesday 9am -11am and Thursday 5pm -7pm. We make sure to have on our masks and gloves, and we require masks on the clients; allowing only one client at a time to enter, while the food stations are spread out. It's a quick in one door and out another.

We re-opened with a STRONG group of volunteers. Some have been faithfully helping out for 2 years. The majority of the group are retired men and they are so helpful with lifting, setting up and tearing down the pantry. The shelves are stocked, boxes packed, and food is passed out. They are friendly and greet the clients and seem to just know what needs to be done and when. Things just seem to flow. There are no "slackers" in this bunch. We are so thankful for them.

Please, remember that God has been helping us in so many ways to provide for our community through the Food Pantry ministry. It will soon be 7 years since we first started to give out more than an occasional bag or two from the church office. Your gifts make it possible. We pay only 20 cents a pound to Second Harvest. Imagine what your dollar can provide for a household with 5 lbs. of meat. Thanking you in advance, as God blesses you in a way you can bless others.



A huge "Thank You" goes out to **Danielle Shwiner**, for her faithful and continuous dedication to our Food Pantry for nearly 6 1/2 years. She and her family were a part of this ministry from the very early days, when it was a very small operation, housed in the original church office/nursery.

Danielle has a big servant's heart and she helped Peace provide food to thousands in need over the years.





WE CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES:

- ♦ **Captain Nathan Schill** is receiving his Masters in Applied Statistics from University of South Carolina - Larry and Faye Schill
- ♦ **Cassidy Cutshall** has graduated from University of South Florida with a Bio Medical Science degree. She will be going to Podiatry school in Waukegan, Illinois. - Marion Bistarkey
- ♦ **Jackson McVay** is graduating from Melbourne High School. He will be attending USF in Tampa, FL. - Brian and Joy McVay
- ♦ **Sienna Pellecchia—Calamandrei** is graduating from the 8th grade in California - Rick and Henrietta Pellecchia



CDC Guidance for Faith Based Organizations

Prior to resuming Sunday services on May 17, PLC leadership carefully reviewed current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for faith based organizations. We measured our sanctuary, determining that we can safely accommodate approx. 60 worshippers. We also temporarily removed communion, passing the peace, and passing offering plates from our services. Here are CDC common prevention tips to help stop the spread of COVID-19 as we worship together:

- **Maintain good hand hygiene, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**
- **If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.**
- **Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in a no-touch trash can.**
- **Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms.**
- **Do not place protective masks on anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.**

Thanks to all for your dedication to Christ and devotion to PLC!



Treasurer's Report

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

Whoops! Last month I reported that we will have property taxes due in May. I meant property insurance. (Past Treasurer, Brent Doyle, pointed that out to me.) The property insurance bill did arrive the end of May. The total bill is \$15,814.94 with a down payment of \$3,716.52 and 10 payments of \$1,262.44. This includes a finance fee of \$483.63 because we can't pay this all at once.

It looks like we are doing OK financially at the end of April. A little over budget in income and under budget in expenses. I wish I could promise that every month. Under the circumstances that is good. Say a prayer that this report will remain on a positive note.

I also want to say that the sanctuary pews (wood parts), doors and other handles are being wiped down between services, the AC is low and the fans are on to circulate air, no one is shaking hands or sharing the peace of the Lord, and we have plenty of hand sanitizer to make everyone feel confident that it's safe to come back to service. Many of us wear masks (I know it's uncomfortable) and we sit at least 6 feet apart to make everyone feel safe. I feel this is a small act we can do to show how much we care for one another. I would hate to lose any one of you because we failed to follow recommended safety guidelines. Sadly, there are members who have lost relatives to COVID-19 and our hearts and prayers go out to them.

Please, if you have a complaint or a concern regarding this information or other church topics, please call or email. I come to church to worship and when someone has a complaint 15 minutes before service it sometimes does ruin the service for me.

My trust is in God to see us through this crisis and strengthen our faith. Keep Peace Lutheran Church's brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ, Faye Schill, Treasurer
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April 2020

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$15,827.02	\$70,796.91	\$68,266.68
Use of Facilities	\$2,000.00	\$12,069.00	\$13,300.00
Total Income	\$17,827.02	\$82,865.91	\$81,566.68
Expenses	\$18,229.52	\$80,010.87	\$81,566.68

Excess Expenses for April 2020 is: \$547.50

The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (FPL, utilities, salaries, lawn care, insurance, mortgage, etc.)

Did you know? Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for Children's Hunger Project, and so on.

Thank you for your contributions!



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH 2020

MASSEY, Steven & Julianna (6)	06/06
ARNDT, Steven & Luisa (37)	06/11
DALE, Phyllis & Fred (65)	06/19
THOMPSON, Frank & Lona (49)	06/19
KOWING, Janice & Richard (38)	06/26
RAPAKA, Sam & Sarah (32)	06/30

*(Years)

SMITH, Scott	06/01	COOK, Sally	06/13
RAPAKA, Sam	06/03	RAMSEY, Sue	06/13
SANDBERG, Shayne	06/03	RING, Katherine	06/13
MITCHELL, Judy	06/04	RUSCOE IV, Robert	06/18
SWARR, Ann	06/07	COTTON, Rosita	06/19
CLIFFORD, Greg	06/09	HARVEY, Celeste	06/19
D'ALESSANDRO, Ron	06/09	SCHILL, Faye	06/19
TROTTER, June	06/09	CRUMP, Richard	06/23
BAKER, Kelly	06/11	O'BRIEN, Charlene	06/28
BOYUM, Linda	06/12	RAHAMAN, Christopher	06/28



Susan Hildebrand

Gwen Newberry

Lori Deaton

V.B. & Lucinda Johnson

Ryan Dasinger

Mary Norwood

Larry Cannen

Jeanette Peterson

Gloria Jones

Rick Pellecchia

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Don Hoffman

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Emily Gossett

Mark & Cathy Butler

Ann Mease

Theresa Bradley

Gary Gossett, Jr.

William (Bill) Thomas

June Trotter

Ron Nelson

Deb Moleski

Frank Thompson

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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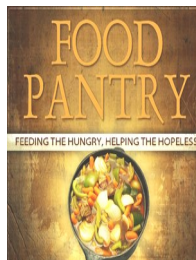
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Maj. AD Dennis Peoples, Rock	E. Africa
Island Arsenal, IL	USN Tyler J. Azevedo—USS Harry
Cpt, Nathan Schill, Ft. Jackson, SC	S. Truman

Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway we can. Your generous donations will allow us to continue to help them and together, we can see our community get stronger!



Our pantry is open on: **Tuesday's—9AM -11AM.**
We service zip codes **32905** and **32907.**

Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the food pantry. It truly makes a difference in our community.



Jesus says in Matthew 25, "For I was hungry and you gave me food... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Where do you buy groceries, gas, prescriptions? What restaurants do you like? Where do you purchase clothing or things for around the house? A couple weeks ago, Peace began a program called Scrip. Simply and I mean simply, purchase the cards following worship or order whatever you want for the following week. That's it. 100% of the proceeds will go toward our food pantry in feeding the poor.

We are going to shop no matter what. We might as well serve the Lord in the process. I love the program because it helps me think more about God. I don't always do that when I use my debit or credit card. When I'm out having a meal with family or friends, shopping at the mall with my wife, doing some work around the house, and I go to pay the bill with my Scrip card, I find myself lifting up a word of thanksgiving for being able to enjoy the blessings given by my Creator.

Give it try. See how you feel.

Tissues for Our Issues



Even though in the near future, none of us will be attending events at church when we have coughs, sniffles or when we might feel sick.....There are other times when a sermon or an old familiar hymn might bring us to tears. During memorial services, an emotional moment in time, or anytime tears might flow, we might be in need of a quick tissue.

We would like to fill the sanctuary with boxes of tissues for the ends of each pew. If you would like to help.....just adopt one pew and bring a box or 2.....more if you like.

Thanks in advance for helping in this way.



New Vacuum Cleaner



Thank you to Jude and Terry Zrutskie for supplying us with a much needed new vacuum cleaner for the sanctuary. Terry spends many days on campus making various repairs inside and outside of our church buildings.

They are heading back north for the summer and we will hopefully see them again in the fall.

Did you know that every time you order from Amazon you can make a contribution to Peace Lutheran? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Peace Lutheran Church every time you shop, at no cost to you.



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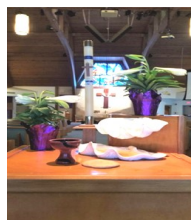
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Worship Service
9:00AM & 11:00AM



We Serve

Altar Guild—Set up and prepare for communion each week, usually serving one month at a time; more people are needed.

Worship Servants—Sunday Worship Assistants and Communion Assistants are needed.

Office Helpers—Those who help with mailings, preparing Welcome Packets, etc.

Chancel Choir—Sing to the Lord at 11am each Sunday, practice 7pm Wednesday evenings.

Bell Choir—Call Cindy Wagman to learn more about our choirs 676-3849.

Peace Band—Practice Sunday mornings at 9:00AM.. Come and try out.

Money Counters—Teams of two people working for one month at a time. Call church office if interested.

In the Nursery—Betty Sheller is our Nursery Attendant in the nursery for your children. If you are a parent leaving your children in the nursery during services you are welcome to join with them in caring for our little ones during worship.

Property/Grounds—There is always plenty of work to be done here. Please contact Steve Barnett.

Projectionists Needed—People that are in the projection room Sunday morning for our Sunday presentations. Please sign up in the projection room.

Panera Bread Pick-up—Each Friday evening people are needed to go to Hammock Landings to get the goodies for Sunday morning Café Peace. Cindy Wagman at 676-3849

Call Committee—Our team visits people who are in the hospital, nursing homes, and who are homebound. See Terry Neumann for more information.

Please call the office to be a servant for the Lord by taking on one or more of these opportunities.
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**May the Love & Favor
of the Lord Jesus Christ
rest upon you and yours.**

1 Corinthians 16:23,24

