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

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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends through Christ,

This is a story about four people. Their names were **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody**. Now there was a really important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it. Well, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody never asked him. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job, but Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. Well it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when actually Nobody asked Anybody. Are you confused? Why? It is simply sometimes the nature of the Church. We come to the Summer months when many of our active saints and sinners have gone to a place they call home. Of course we will miss them, but our bills still roll in and our ministry must continue. I'm not Nobody, but I do ask Everybody to step up. The Church does not slow down because of heat or missing saints and sinners. It is important for the ones who are here to be mindful of our giving and make certain Word and Sacrament are offered—to Everybody.

Peace Lutheran is not slowing down. We are in full blown mode of reaching out into the community. Our building project of Peace Place was moving along just fine, until an inspector of the air conditioner flagged us for not have a permit to install two non-bearing interior walls. However once we take care of the requirements we will be in good shape. I guess that's a summer slowdown? But we shall overcome! Working on drawings and permits as I write, but still so excited about the future. The carpet has been ordered. Our sound system also. Worship is the most important element of drawing closer to our Lord and Savior. How can we best serve Him?

One way to serve is that on June 15th there is a "Pray Sister" Tea, in which all the women of the church have one person they pray for weekly. (Don't have to attend the tea to have a sister) Simply put, you get a name of a person with their likes, concerns, birthdates and memorable moments. *(It is secret—your prayer sister does not know who you are)* But you pray for that person daily and acknowledge their moments.

Remember, one of the best ways we can serve our Lord, is through powerful Prayer! Call Sandra Trexler at (219)794-4424 for any information.

Finally, I want to offer a teaser. When summer is over, I will be offering a 26 week study on the New Testament. I have taught the course at Purdue and Catawba College. (These poor kids had to pay over \$3000 to take this course) I will be offering it for free!

Introduction to the New Testament examines how our Bible came into existence; how the books of the Bible were determined. We dissect each book of the Christian writings, examining when they were written and by whom. We look at the situation the writer is addressing and the overall theme of the book. Folks, this is a good class! I enjoy teaching and more importantly enjoy seeing people grow in their faith. So Everybody has something to do. Anybody can do it. I hope and pray Somebody will get involved, because we sure don't want Nobody to take over God's church.

In Christian Love,
Pastor David Trexler



The Christian League Youth Group (CLYG)

"A bridge to Jesus for our youth in the community"

"The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens." ~ Mark 4:26-27



The Christian League Youth Group is revisiting how we plant seeds. Seeds are remarkable things. In weeks to come you'll notice a variety of little containers on the East-facing wall near Fellowship Hall. And as we gather for CLYG meetings we'll mark their progress, watching in wonder as the little green shoots poke their way up through the soil and begun taking on characteristics that reveal their inner selves. Science can explain how it happens, of course; can map out the unique architecture of their DNA, predict the growth cycle, describe the soil medium that best encourages growth, graph the timeframe from seed to harvest. Yet, it remains, in our mind, a miracle that something which will produce fruit prolific enough to feed and nurture our family comes in such a small, unpretentious package.

There are several important "seed" projects being nurtured and tended by our youth. This month, one of those is being brought out again for all of us to see. The "Faith Comes By Hearing" sale of Military Bible Sticks promotes His Word for those whom so proudly protect our freedom, this great Nation, and most of all "In God We Trust." Another seed project is the development of our presence on the social media and the World Wide Web. A core group has begun working with a web designer on developing a presence that will enable our outreach and interface with the growing community of internet users. Look for new fruit this year as we grow our presence. A third project also has its origins beyond our congregation, but within the larger church communion of which we are part. The CLYG is raising renewed attention to the Backpack Program, and the special need for local children in the community this summer to know they have a support group. Many youth in this community are assisted after the school year ends when backpacks of food are available to help them from going hungry. These seeds will grow, as will our continued involvement in the Risen Savior Food Distribution Drive, support of the Peace Lutheran Food Pantry with donations of nonperishable items, hygiene products, and clothes articles, and, with the sale of CLYG T-Shirts. We hope you consider supporting one of these "seed" projects through the summer and remainder of the year.

The Spirit of God is afoot in the world, scattering Good News like seed into our lives, and who knows what will come of it? Sometimes we witness that seed being flung from God's hand and finding fertile soil; and we do our best to tend the seed, support the conditions that will enable its growth. But, as Jesus' parable suggests, at times we simply marvel, dumbfounded, at how the Spirit is working to bring about a harvest which will nourish the world.

Let's keep our eyes open for seeds of the Spirit within and beyond our community!

We invite you to our upcoming meetings. Our goal is to be "a bridge to Jesus for our youth in the community." The get-togethers are opportunities of spiritual fun and fellowship: upcoming meetings are Thursday, June 13th, 6pm, at Peace Lutheran Church, and Saturday, June 22nd at Andretti Park. Follow us, too, on Facebook at <https://m.me/loved1801/> or [Instagram.com/clyouthgroup](https://www.instagram.com/clyouthgroup)

Your servant's in Christ,

Paul Shwiner / Pastor Curt
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Treasurer's Report—APRIL 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

We had a good month for contributions in April (Easter). Please pray we can hold our own during the summer months. We are a little ahead for the year and almost even with our budget. We are proud of the ministries that we have here at Peace and it's wonderful that we support those ministries. But please don't forget that without this lampstand, Peace Lutheran Church, being here, those ministries may not continue.

In April we started paying our contractor, Gary Leinbach, Inc. to update Peace Place. Once we get it updated we will be able to rent it for weddings, anniversary parties, and community meetings. We also had some expense to file refinance paperwork with the County Clerk.

In April we received \$1,346.00 from Thrivent Direct. Thank you to everyone that directs their Thrivent Direct dollars to Peace Lutheran Church.

The refinance of our loan closed on May 1 and we did receive the \$100,000 by wire transfer that same day. Our loan will be a 4.95% fixed interest rate for 20 years only increasing our monthly payment by \$168. No one is happier than your treasurer to have that completed. Those monies will be reflected in the next newsletter.

Continue praying for Peace Lutheran of Palm Bay, our ministries, and your faithful treasurer.

**Your sister in Christ,
Faye Schill, Treasurer**

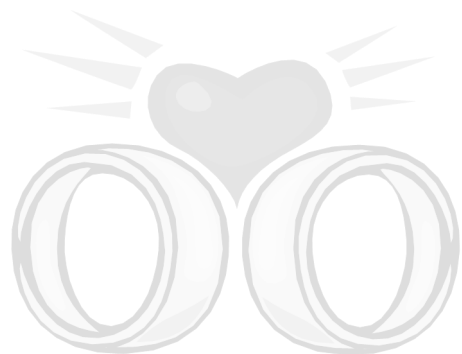


April 2019

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$19,785.00	\$74,367.46	\$66,666.68
Use of Facilities	\$1,755.00	\$7,218.00	\$15,000.00
Total Income	\$21,540.00	\$81,855.46	\$81,666.68
Expenses	\$16,979.93	\$75,790.22	\$81,843.48
Excess income	\$4,560.07		

June Anniversaries

ARNDT, Steven & Luisa (36)	06/11
DALE, Phyllis & Fred (64)	06/19
THOMPSON, Frank & Lona (48)	06/19
DAVIDSON, Russell & Ann (27)	06/20
KOWING, Janice & Richard (37)	06/26



June 2019



SANDBERG, Shayne	06/03
MITCHELL, Judy	06/04
CLIFFORD, Greg	06/09
TROTTER, June	06/09
BAKER, Kelly	06/11
BOYUM, Linda	06/12
COOK, Sally	06/13
RAMSEY, Sue	06/13
RUSCOE, IV Robert	06/18
COTTON, Rosita	06/19
HARVEY, Celeste	06/19
SCHILL, Faye	06/19
CRUMP, Richard	06/23
O'BRIEN, Charlene	06/28



***"For I will restore you to health and I will heal
you of your wounds, declares the LORD"
Jeremiah 30:17a***

June Trotter	Gloria Jones	Ann Beardslee
Susan Hildebrand	Rick Pellecchia	Malinda Liatos
Gwen Newberry	Karen DiCrocce	Robert G. Roddy
Lori Deaton	Bob Calarco	Tom DeMarse
V.B. & Lucinda Johnson	David Brunner, Sr.	Eric Schwartz
Ryan Dasinger	Herb Rakebrand	Rebecca Leinthall
Mary Norwood	Virginia Frohlich	Joey Rizzo
Larry Cannen	Kevin & Cindy Eikelburger	The Roddy Family
Jeanette Peterson	Patty Pritt	The Nelson Family
Pat Rizzo	Robert B. Elliott	

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Bits & Pieces

Check us out on Facebook @ Peace Lutheran Church

Give us a



and get updates, spiritual messages, events and any changes.

Or visit us on our website www.peacelutheranpb.org



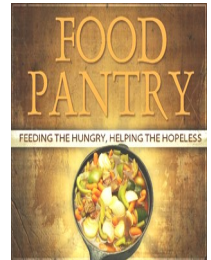
Did you know? Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for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

Thank you for your contributions!

Please help us keep our list of military personnel up-to-date! Call or e-mail the office with any changes in status, rank, or location!

E.J. Alcario, Iraq
John Bedford, Iraq
Kristen Hall AF, Iraq
Capt. Brian Nailing, Co. Ft. Hood, TX
Maj. AD Dennis Peoples, Rock Island Arsenal, IL
Cpt. Nathan Schill, Ft. Jackson, SC
USN FC3 Stephen Weaver, USS Dewey
Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen, Norfolk, VA
USN Lt. Laura Towle, Norfolk, VA
USN Lt. David Towle, Norfolk, VA
1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army, E. Africa
USN Tyler J. Azevedo—USS Harry 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 and Thursday's—5PM - 7PM.** 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.

Faith Comes By Hearing Military Bible Sticks

We will be doing the Military Bible Sticks once again and will be taking up a Noisy Offering in the month of June! Any questions, please see Pastor David Trexler for details.



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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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