Dear Friends through Christ,

As the Pointer Sisters sang—“I’m so excited!”

A few days ago, Thrivent Financial approved the loan to do some of the needed updates to our Lampstand. We also have a group of dedicated saints and sinners who will oversee the work of the Lord. Please consider serving on one or more of the following committees:

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Now is a wonderful time to be part of Peace Lutheran Church!

In Christian Love,
Pastor David Trexler
Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00AM
(Distribution of Palms in preparation for Holy Week)

Thursday, April 18th - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00PM
(Here we celebrate the first Lord’s Supper and strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday)

Friday, April 19th - Good Friday Services: 12pm & 7pm

Sunday, April 21st - Easter Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00AM
Please mark your calendars as we renew our minds and spirit preparing for the greatest event in human history.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR ON EASTER SUNDAY!!!
Extra! Extra!

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.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Peace Lutheran Church.

To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You will then be asked to pick your charitable organization. Make sure to pick Peace Lutheran Church in Palm Bay, FL. You may also want to share with your children and grandchildren as well when making their purchases on Amazon.com.

It may be helpful to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

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DIAL-A-STORY

The idea is to spread the Love of God and the stories of the Bible through short entertaining messages over the phone.

One simply calls 321-727-1048 and they hear a different story everyday about Flip the Flea, Dirty Windows, Phillip the Pig, and many other strange concepts and characters, all sharing a theme from Scripture. Granted some may seem a little off of the wall, but what better way to reach out? After all, aren’t most of us are a little off the wall?

Your task is to not only use the service, but share this ministry with those around you.

Gotta go. Bye now. Seeeeee ya tomorrow!

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SCRIP

Where do you buy groceries, gas, prescriptions? What restaurants do you like? Where do you purchase clothing or things for around the house?

Peace has a program called Scrip. 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.
Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

I am happy to report that between contributions and use of facilities, we almost met our expenses. Only $68.89 short for the month. Our use of facilities is very important for meeting our budget.

Our envelope loose offering are also very important to maintain this lampstand. Please consider using the Simply Giving program for your contribution. This continues your offering to God whether you travel, have company, leave during the summer or just forget your offering at home. You can also continue giving to multiple funds, such as Food Pantry, Youth, Children’s Hunger Project, Maintenance, etc. You can obtain the form for Simply Giving by calling the church office, asking me for the form, or email me at treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org. I have used this for our family’s contribution for the last 3 years and haven’t had any problems.

By the way, you only need to write ONE check if you give to multiple funds. Just write on your envelope or check memo section what funds you want credited. For example: **FP – Food Pantry, CHP—Children’s Hunger Project, Bldg Maint—Maintenance, Memorial, Newsletter, etc.** In the same vein, if you miss a Sunday, you don’t need to write two or three checks to catch up with your contributions, just write ONE check indicating the different funds you wish to credit. If you want your contribution to go into the General Fund, no indication is necessary.

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

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

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**Treasurer’s Report—February 2019**

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April Anniversaries

GRICE, Mark & Jennifer (43) 04/02
BARNETT, Steve & Yonna (47) 04/08
RAMSEY, Chris & Sue (36) 04/22
WITTER, Jerrold & Betsy (56) 04/27

April 2019

BARNETT, Steve 04/02  REGAN, Ryan 04/16
WAINIKAINEN, Paul 04/02  SEARCH, Lori 04/17
PETERSON, Cody 04/05  MERCADO, Danielle 04/22
SANDBERG, Kevin 04/05  JONES, Gloria 04/24
LEINTHALL, William 04/06
GENRE-BERT, Ben 04/08
PATELSKI, Jeffery 04/12

Prayer Request

June Trotter  Jeanette Peterson  Herb Rakebrand
Susan Hildebrand  Pat Rizzo  Virginia Frohlich
Gwen Newberry  Gloria Jones  Scott Shiener
Lori Deaton  Rick Pellecchia  Kevin & Cindy Eikelburger
V.B. & Lucinda Johnson  Karen DiCroce  Janice Nelson
Ryan Dasinger  Bob Calarco  Patty Pritt
Mary Norwood  David Brunner, Sr.
Maita I. Rodriguez  Emily Barr
Larry Cannen  Maryanne Sprengle

“For I will restore you to health and I will heal you of your wounds, declares the LORD”
Jeremiah 30:17a
The Christian League Youth Group (CLYG)

“A bridge to Jesus for our youth in this community”

The Christian League Youth Group celebrated the beginning of Lent with our “March” to the Cross.

Wow, what a month it’s been too. We met with Youth Pastor Eddie and The House Church Youth Group for a terrific night celebrating Him. We’ll be meeting together again before the academic school year ends. It’s truly a “Generation Connected” and we’re here because we have the desire to see, to know, and to experience a community of youth growing to appreciate His grace and live in His presence.

Our service project continues through April as the sponsors for the Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry collection drive and we hope that through the season of Lent, you’ll consider donating non-perishable food items, clothing, or hygiene products, leaving them in the narthex of the church. We are most grateful for your donation.

As we immerse ourselves in His Word, we read that “Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see…” and he showed them his hands and his feet. (Luke 24:36-40)

We’re asking the Youth, how are you at entering a completely new situation? Are you a “go with the flow” kind of person? Or do you avoid new situations like the plague? Do you enter a new context spontaneously or do you try to prepare yourself as much as you can? Most of us like to get information in advance so we’ll feel more confident when we cross the threshold into a new place. We all have different ways of meeting up with something or someone new. But sometimes, information is not available. Sometimes, the context is so radically new that nothing can prepare us for what we face.

In each of the gospels, the disciples’ first reaction to the resurrection is one of fear. That’s not surprising, really. Because in the face of things we don’t understand or can’t comprehend, in the face of questions that challenge our understanding of reality, fear and anxiety are almost always the first emotions to exert themselves. That’s why nearly every time in the Scriptures that divine messengers and human beings meet the first words spoken are: BE NOT AFRAID. God knows how paralyzing fear can be. God knows how fear diminishes our capacity to trust.

So it is no surprise that when Jesus speaks to his community as their risen Lord, he begins his greeting with the words, PEACE BE WITH YOU. He begins with PEACE, and slowly, ever so slowly, fear unwinds and anxiety lessens, and then, new possibilities begin to emerge. In back to back stories at the end of Luke’s gospel we can see how fear is finally overcome by faith and anxiety and despair are replaced by trust and confidence. But this transformation doesn’t happen instantly! It’s not a slam dunk!
When it comes to hearing the resurrection story and allowing the implications of that news to begin to register, once is not enough. The first disciples needed it, and we need it, again and again.

During the 50 days of Easter we’ll learn again what it means to be Easter people. We’ll learn what it means to encounter the Risen Christ and to be sent by him into new territory as witnesses and servants of the Risen One. But one Sunday, one worship experience, one trip to the Table, one Bible study, one conversation isn’t enough. We need to be reminded of God’s grace and God’s call again and again. We are Easter people, marked with the cross of Christ forever, and called to live our life in community in the context of a deep trust in our risen Savior. Easter people who are learning to look at the world and their own experience through the lens of Christ’s resurrection.

It took the disciples 50 days before they were ready to be witnesses, to bear good news in a form the world could recognize; to incarnate it; enflesh it; live it. But whether it takes us 50 days or 50 years to grasp the transforming power that God makes available to us, we’ll keep on coming back here to this community, to this Word, because this is where Christ promises he will meet us and will calm our anxieties and banish our fears. Not that fear and anxiety don’t try to creep back in. But when we feel fear slinking into our thoughts and anxiety trying to take hold of our minds, we need to recall the words of Jesus: PEACE BE WITH YOU. And as his peace takes hold of us, fear is once more set aside and faith rises up to take its place, declaring: See! What love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God and that is what we are!

Please consider joining us during one of our upcoming meetings. Our strategic goal is to be “a bridge to Jesus for our youth in this community.” The get-togethers are opportunities of spiritual fun and fellowship: upcoming meetings are Thursday, April 11th and April 25th, 6pm, at Peace Lutheran Church. Follow us, too, on Facebook at https://m.me/loved1801/ or Instagram.com/clyouthgroup

With you on the Way,

Paul Shwiner / Pastor Curt Peterson
Cell: 321-626-4751
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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 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.

PANERA BREAD

We need people to pick up at Panera Bread. If you are able to do so, please sign up in the Narthex, speak to Cindy Wagman, or call the office for more information at: (321)727-3131
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PALM BAY

The Olive Branch

Dated Material – April 2019

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Senior Pastor: David Trexler
Youth Pastor: Curt Peterson

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.
(321) 727-3131

The HOLY SPIRIT produces this kind of fruit: LOVE, PEACE, JOY, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23