

The Olive Branch

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A Life-Changing Community, Sharing Christ's

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Purpose and Vision

Pastor's Message

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY



Each month is another important step in the growth of Peace Lutheran Church. How do we measure growth?

There are many ways to measure growth. I evaluate growth in two ways.

The first to me is the most important. That is Spiritual Growth. Are the members of Peace growing spiritually? How do you measure that? Many would think it would be measured by the individual member's activity, or how their prayer life is, how they care about their fellow members. All are excellent indicators of Spiritual Growth. But the most significant measure is this: are they living out the Great Commission, making disciples and teaching people to obey what Christ teaches us?

The second is an indicator of satisfaction and if the congregation is receiving some benefit from the church. It is attendance and offering. In church growth class, we learned that people vote in two ways: in their satisfaction in the church and the leadership, and with their pocketbook and with their feet.

Today, we find in many people groups that Church is less meaningful for many. The question is: how do we make being part of a Christian group or congregation significant and a vital part of a personal life? This is especially true for the youth or young adults.

I was speaking with a couple of young men a few weeks ago and asked what would the age group from say 18-30 be looking for in church service or Christian gathering. Immediately I got the answer. "Young people need to be engaged in the activity; they don't want to sit and listen to a boring presentation (Sermon)."

So how do we respond, should we say you must conform to a tradition, or do we work to understand and take the opportunity to share our faith in different ways?

I have always believed in small groups as the vehicle to minister to people and have the opportunity to be ministered to. PLC has some small groups and perhaps they are sufficient for those in those groups.

We might even consider a small group outreach plan. Maybe we should think of ways to include new people into the PLC existing small groups.

There are many ideas and opportunities to build stronger relationships and family ties to one another.

I would be open to suggestions and input as well as those who feel called to work in including new people into the life of the church.

As the congregation continues to consider future Pastors and leaders, consider this: If Peace Lutheran Church were gone tomorrow, who would miss it?

Pray and Obey

Pastor Paul



Beloved of God,

Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

The lyrics and melody of certain songs touch me to the quick. Herb Brokering’s hymn Stay With Us (“Blue Book - With One Voice #743) is one of them. His poem is a meditation on the road to Emmaus journey (Luke 24) that two disciples of Jesus take on the evening of the Resurrection. As they walk together, struggling to come to terms with the reality of Jesus’ death, a stranger comes and begins to walk beside them; a stranger who not only becomes their companion on the way but their teacher and, as they finally discover during their shared meal, is none other than their Risen Lord! Brokering takes the experience of their longing, grieving, and joyous hearts and makes them our own, with marvelous result.

Luke is the only gospel writer to share the story of this resurrection walk with Jesus. Walking with Jesus, the Emmaus story tells us, is a journey full us surprises and unexpected grace! What does your walk with our risen Lord Jesus look like in these post-Easter days? How is the surprise and deep joy of the proclamation, HE IS RISEN, animating your daily existence? How can you share that joy transparently with those with whom you share your Monday through Saturday life?

It’s true that every day is a day spent in the presence of our Risen Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day in which we walk with Jesus. Of course, on some days we feel Jesus’ presence powerfully, while on others the pressures of life leave us feeling quite a distance from him. The Good News is, regardless of what we may feel on any given day, the spirit of the risen Jesus is here. Jesus walks with us every day, just as he promised he would. His accompaniment is something we can always count on, no matter what the circumstances of our lives may be.

As the month of March unfolds, we will experience Christ’s accompaniment in our Sunday worship when we, like those Emmaus travelers, gather around bread and wine. But we will also experience it on numerous other occasions: when we share a smile, or listen to another’s troubles; or make a meal for someone in need; when we stand up for someone who’s being taken advantage of; pray for someone who has offended us; bless our loved ones before bed. For we who are people of the Empty Tomb, Easter isn’t a once a year event but a way of life.

Much of the news that dominates the air waves works to pull us toward the dark, drag us back toward the tomb. But we are Easter people and we won’t allow that to happen! We have glimpsed the end of the story, the prize, and we accept with gratitude the joyful life that our risen Lord unfolds before us, day by day. Thanks be to God!

With Easter joy,
Pastor Curt

Church Council

Council Executive Board

Steve Cotton President, Outreach—2/2020
Faye Schill Treasurer



Members

Term Expiration

Joanne Ritter—Personnel	2/2019
Chris Ambros—Fellowship	2/2020
Joy McVay—Personnel	2/2020
Lori Search—Food Pantry	2/2020
Lynn Bender—	2/2021
Terry Zrutskie—	2/2021

Treasurer's Report

As you can see from below, January was a great month for giving. We can only pray the following months will be similar. God bless your generosity.

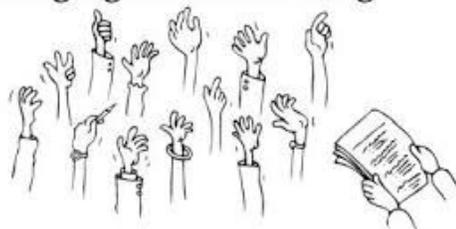
I continue to learn the job under Don Hoffmann's guidance. Don and I meet twice a week to discuss the details of the job.

Your Treasurer in Training,

Faye Schill

<u>Income</u>	
January Contributions	\$23,213.00
Facilities Use	\$1,027.00
Total Income	\$24,240.00
Expense	\$17,115.87
Excess Income	\$7,124.13

Special Congregational Meeting



Sunday, March 18th
One Service Only
10:00 AM

This special congregational meeting will be called for the purpose of voting on a pastoral call.

There will be one worship service at 10:00AM followed by a vote.

Calling & Caring Ministry

Our group is striving forth to bring the word of God to people in the hospital, in nursing homes, and also to those who are not able to come to church. We welcome anyone who wants to bring hope and joy to folks who are lonely and depressed, and who are sick in body and spirit. I hope and pray we will continue to make a difference in our church and community. The folks who are now serving in this ministry, have been a blessing to our church by helping the pastor visit the sick and comforting those in need. The greatest gift we can give to God, is serving Him, and by showing our love for one another.

Remember, we are all going to need a helping hand from our church brothers and sisters at some point in our lives. If you are interested in serving with us, please contact Terry Neumann at (321)728-1886. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

Call Committee Update



*News
from
the
Call
Committee*

As of the due date for submission of Olive Branch articles, the call committee has identified a new pastor to recommend to the PLC congregation. We introduced this candidate to the church council and discussed terms of employment and compensation on Feb 22nd. Concluding successful discussions with the council and the new pastor candidate, we'll present this candidate to the PLC congregation.

Final step is to issue a call to the new pastor following a 2/3 majority vote of voting members present and voting at a congregational meeting officially called for that purpose.

The call committee thanks the church leadership and congregation for their patience and prayers during the call process. We sincerely believe that God has graced us with an experienced, passionate man of God with a specific calling to Peace Lutheran Church. We look forward to unity and new beginnings as we welcome a new senior pastor!

We Worship

Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

Minister in Music—Lorry Held

Praise Band

Contemporary Service 9:00 AM

Rehearsal—Monday's 6:30PM



Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

In the Peace Band, we practice so we can lead the praise of His people as we worship Him together on Sunday morning. Loud or soft, fast or slow, many types of music are appropriate for praise.

Hoping you keep singing!

Minister in Music—Cindy Wagman

Traditional Service 11:00 AM

Chancel Choir

Bells of Peace

Rehearsal—Wednesday's 7:00PM

The Traditional music department provides music for the 11:00am services and special services throughout the year.



The Bells of Peace practice and provides preludes for the Traditional service and special services throughout the year.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH March 2018

Peterson, Jeannie	03/01	Harmon, Joe	03/23
McVay, Brianna	03/03	Schill, Larry	03/25
Richard, Zachary	03/03	Burns, Yvonne	03/27
Love, Bill	03/04	Kowing, Levi	03/31
Brunner, Luke	03/18	Neumann, Ed	03/31
Baker, Ross	03/19	Patelski, Steven	03/31
Clifford, Janet	03/23		
DiTota, Gabriele	03/23		



Carolyn Richard
Mona Sprague
Lucy Foss
Susan Hildebrand
Sally Cooper
Rosemary Good
Gwen Newberry
V.B. & Lucinda Johnson
Ann Mease
Martha Marsh

Pam Bachtel
Ryan Dasinger
Vernell Santa Maria
Walter Froelich
Elizabeth Nash
Phylliss Liatos
Frank Meier
Jack Wilson
Gary Snow III
Bob Ritter

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

March Anniversaries

HATON, Chuck & Nancy (39) 03/16

ROSBURY, Pastor Paul & Pat (42) 03/27



We Learn

EDUCATION

During Lenten Season, the students in Children's Church will be continuing study with our theme "What I want to do for Jesus?" In our journey to the cross, we will be discussing the ways we can show our gratitude and share the love that Jesus demonstrated in His life. Our daily lives are filled with work, school, activities, and family responsibilities. During this Lenten season, let's give Jesus our time to pray, share a daily devotion, come to Sunday School and church, read a Bible story, watch and discuss a Bible themed video, start a daily gratitude journal, and help with family chores. There are many other ways we can praise and take time to share what Jesus taught us about loving and caring for each other. Make time for Jesus. Our Savior gave his life for us, let's make time to show him our gratitude and praise.

The following Gospel verses will be the subject of study during March Children's Church:

March 4, 2018	John 2:13-22	Spring Cleaning
March 11, 2018	John 3:14-21	The Gospel in a Nutshell
March 18, 2018	John 12:20-33	My Soul is Troubled
March 25, 2018	Mark 14:1-15:47	The King is Coming

As adults, let's model how we use our time to praise and demonstrate our love for Jesus. We can try to schedule time to attend Lenten Services followed by Bible study in Fellowship Hall. Reflect on giving some of your time to help with needs at Peace Lutheran Church and be a faithful example for our students.

Church Needs

Altar Guild	Worship Servants
Office Help	Chancel Choir
Peace Band	Money Counters
Nursery	Work Groups
Projectionists	Panera Bread Pick-up
Sunday School	Youth Group
Pantry	

May this quote from Our Daily Bread - February 11, 2018 , guide us in our mission:

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."

During this Lenten season, we send our prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide us and bring us together to demonstrate God's word in our church, home and community.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrietta Pellecchia

Extra! Extra!

Blue Grass Gospel Jam

Sunday, March 11, 2018
3:00PM – 5:30PM

Come on out and
join us!
Invite your friends,
family and your
neighbors!
See you there!



Seasoning of the Saints Classes will be held on:

Tuesday's, March 6, 13, 20, and 27th - 10AM
Wednesday's: March 7, 14, 21 and 28th - 7PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we grow in God's
Word! The classes are FREE!



“Youth Connect” is our youth ministry for the next generation!

Our discipleship strategy with our youth is a vision of “partnering to see the next generation come to faith in Christ and follow Him in their daily lives.” If you are between the age of 11-16, we hope you consider joining us.

Location: We meet in the Youth Room and are connected on Facebook Messenger.

March Meetings / Events:

- ◆ Meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th (Joint Christian League), 6-7:00pm in PLC Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Trip to Andretti Park, (TBD – but planned for Friday, March 23rd)
- ◆ Discussion subject that help in daily living (e.g., How to talk about the Gospel)

Youth Connect: PLC is leading the way in the formation of a local Christian League, joining with churches around the South Brevard area to help, to guide, and to foster kids’ relationship with the Lord and each other. Ask us about Peace Lutheran’s participation in “The League” and about attending one of the meetings.

This month’s Youth Connect Message:

On April 1st, we celebrate the great news of Easter, that Jesus was raised from the dead and that He gives us new life through His sacrifice. Our youth ministry thought it was appropriate to mark this time with an opportunity to have gospel conversations with people in our community.

One purpose of our planned trip to Andretti Park is intended to assist our youth to step out in boldness and initiate conversations with people about Jesus. We know that this can be challenging and we’ll discuss just how “outreach” is done as Jesus does it.

We encourage you to pray that God work’s in the heart of people that we meet in the days ahead. We hope to also see you at our upcoming Easter celebration services. Let God use you this Easter season; “For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13)

Because He Lives,

Paul Shwiner / Pastor Curt Peterson



Peace Lutheran Church

Friday, March 9, 2018

7:00PM

(doors open at 6:45pm)

You are invited to our **FREE Family Movie night...**

FEATURING THE MOVIE: **"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"**

Come out and enjoy a night of family fellowship. Invite your neighbors, family and friends.

Concessions will be available to benefit our Youth Ministry.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dalm Sunday Service

Sunday, March 25, 2018

9:00AM & 11:00AM



Good Friday Service

Friday, March 30, 2018

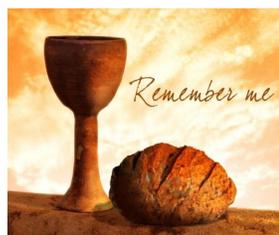
7:00PM



Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:00PM



Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Sunrise Service—6:45AM

Easter Breakfast (Youth) - 8:00AM

Contemporary Service—9:00AM

Traditional Service—11:00AM



MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting - One Service 10:10 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Confirmation Class	26 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	27 9:00 AM Food Pantry 10:00 AM S.O.S. Class 12:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Via de Cristo 7:00 PM Women's Via de Cristo	28 9:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Lenten Soup and Sandwich 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM S.O.S. Class	1 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Food Pantry	2 8:00 AM Garage Sale 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Never Alone 9:25 PM Panera Pickup	3 8:00 AM Garage Sale 12:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Worship at The Gate and Healing Service
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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!



DONATE YOUR GLASSES AND HEARING AIDS!

If you have old glasses or hearing aids that you do not use any longer, please bring them to the Narthex. There is a recycle box from the Lions Club on the table!

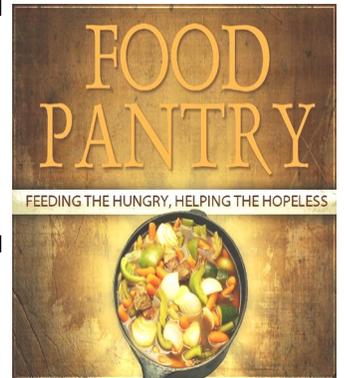
Calling & Caring Ministry

Our team visits people who are in the hospital, nursing homes, and who are homebound. The rewards that we all receive are much greater than what we give.



Please prayerfully consider joining our team, especially for the Summer months, since two couples are gone up North to visit their families. Contact the church office or call **Terry Neumann** if you can give a little of your time to the sick and lonely.

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** only at this time.

***Please note: We no longer need to save Egg Cartons for the food pantry.** We are no longer getting eggs from the warehouse at this time.

Thank you to everyone who has saved the cartons in the past few years.

Never Alone

The Never Alone group is a support group and social club for single people over the age of 45 years of age.

The group meets on the **1st Monday** of every month at 6:30pm. They also

host a "Game Night" every Friday at 6pm.

For more information contact:

Gloria Jones 321-723-1649 for game night

Anneliese Mikes 321-723-0251 for Mondays



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! Thank you!

E.J. Alcario, Iraq
 John Bedford, Iraq
 Tech Sgt., Keisha Moe, Fort Bragg, NC
 James Faircloth, Civilian Gov't Contractor, Military Support—Texas
 Tim Faircloth, USAF, Scott AFB, IL
 Ryan Faircloth, USAF, Scott AFB, IL
 Kristen Hall AF, Iraq
 Sgt. Jamie Dorsett, USMC (Rsv), NC
 Capt. Brian Nailing, Co. Ft. Hood, TX

SFC Paul Butler, Colorado Springs, CO
 Lt Col Freddy Koegler, Washington, D.C.
 Maj. AD Dennis Peoples, Rock Island Arsenal, IL
 Cpt, Nathan Schill, Ft. Jackson, SC
 USN FC3 Stephen Weaver, USS Dewey
 AIC Austin Cundiff, Keesler AFB, MS
 Joe Trammell, Army, Ft. Campbell, KY
 Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen, Norfolk, VA
 LTJG Laura Towle, Kings Bay, GA
 1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army, E. Africa

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Worship Service

9:00AM & 11:00AM

Sunday School -10:10AM



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 at 7pm on Thursday evenings. 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.

Work Groups—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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