

# The Olive Branch

Peace Lutheran Church...

*A Life-Changing Community, Sharing Christ's*

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Paul Shwiner, Youth Church  
Danielle Shwiner, Food Pantry

## Purpose and Vision

## Pastor's Message



### APRIL SHOWERS, BRING MAY FLOWERS

April, a month during the Spring of the year. Some would say we are already in Spring and many have started to plant flowers and gardens looking toward a summer harvest.

Spring is about sowing and reaping. The Bible speaks about sowing and reaping in a spiritual sense; it also applies to money we invest and look to reap the reward of that investment. It also applies to time, energy, what we do and what we expect. In fact, life is about sowing and reaping.

As Peace looks toward the future and the possibility of a permanent Pastor for the congregation, it will also be about sowing and reaping. About expectations or what the benefit is. This new adventure for all the members of Peace, will be as different as all the past adventures. But as you, the members of Peace begin on this new adventure, I would like to share or suggest something that may be beneficial to you and the New Pastor.

- ◆ First, you all need to encourage him as he begins to get acquainted.
- ◆ Second, you need to pray for him always.
- ◆ Third, offer to help him as he gets adjusted to his new congregation. You see, he is not only new to you, but you are new to him.
- ◆ Fourth, do not compare him to anyone else; he is unique and not like anyone else. He will bring new ideas, fresh insights, and strategies to complete His mission at Peace.
- ◆ Fifth and last, receive him as a new friend and skilled leader for you and your fellow members.

It will be like April showers...he will come and water and care for the seed sown, and you will see the benefit of the nurturing he brings.

Remember these words.

Pray, Hear, and Obey

## Treasurer's Report

At the request of the church council, I'm posting the Treasurer monthly report in the narthex (bulletin board) for members to review. At the end of February, the Food Pantry was running in the negative. Part of the reason for this is the Food Pantry is now responsible for the expense of the truck (gas, insurance, registration). Please have patience while the Food Pantry volunteers make necessary adjustments for these extra expenses.

I'll be learning the payroll program in April. Please say a prayer for the employees, our generous congregation and your faithful treasurer.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at my new email of TreasurerFaye@gmail.com.

Your Treasurer in Training,  
Faye Schill

February Income		YTD
Contributions	\$11,855.37	\$35,068.37
Use of Facilities	+1,277.00	+2,304.00
Total Income	\$13,132.37	\$37,372.37
Expense	-18,286.48	-35,402.35
<b>Deficit for February</b>	<b>\$5,154.11</b>	<b>YTD Surplus \$1,970.02</b>

### Call Committee Update

Reverend David Trexler was issued a call following approval of the call committee's recommendation at the March 18 congregational meeting. Pastor Trexler is 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 him to our church.

The call committee thanks the church leadership and congregation for their patience and prayers during the call process.

## Church Council

### Council Executive Board

Steve Cotton    President, Outreach—2/2020  
Lori Search    Vice-President—2/2020  
Joy Olsen-McVay    Secretary—2//2020  
Faye Schill    Treasurer



### Members

#### Term Expiration

Joanne Ritter—Personnel	2/2019
Chris Ambros—Fellowship	2/2020
Lynn Bender	2/2021
Terry Zrutskie	2/2021

# 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.

# We Learn

## EDUCATION

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

#### April

The students in Children's Church culminated their Lenten studies with family worship on Easter Sunday and participation in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Springtime brings many new beginnings in nature: baby animals being born, leaves returning to the trees, Spring flowers blooming and pleasant weather. Each year, as our students mature, the story of the Resurrection of our Lord brings new understanding to their lives. The realization that Jesus is with them everyday and will love them and be there for them is a wonderful comfort. As they face the struggles in their own young lives, we as a church family need to let them know their church family will be there to support them. The love and interest we model will help bring meaning to their Bible lessons .

Our April Bible studies will be centered around the following Gospel passages. The time in Children's Church is short. Students read or watch video clips and discuss the weekly Bible passages. Depending on the time we will work on a craft activity or Gospel puzzles as follow-up. We would appreciate your help in reviewing and finishing any activities that we have not completed. during Children's Church.

April 8, 2018

John 20:19-31

It' Empty

April 15, 2018

Luke 21:36-48

Believe It or Not

April 22, 2018

John 10:11-18

The Good Shepard

April 29, 2018

John 15:1-8

A Branch on the Tree or a Stick in the Mud

Thank you for your help and prayerful support.

Henrietta Pellecchia

# Extra! Extra!



## Peace Lutheran Church

Friday, April 13, 2018

7:00PM

(doors open at 6:45pm)

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

FEATURING THE MOVIE: **"MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN"**

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



*\*Concessions will be available to benefit our Youth Ministry.*



Carolyn Richard	Phylliss Liatos	Roger Sandberg
Mona Sprague	Pam Bachtel	Walter Froelich
Susan Hildebrand	Yvonne Wilson	Martha Marsh
Gwen Newberry	Bob Ritter	Gary Snow III
Lucy Foss	Vernell Santa Maria	Frank Meier
V.B. & Lucinda Johnson	Elizabeth Nash	Mark Thoe
Ann Mease	Ryan Dasinger	

## April Anniversaries

GRICE, Mark & Jennifer (42)	04/02
ZASTROW, Debbie (16)	04/06
BARNETT, Steve & Yonna (46)	04/08
RAMSEY, Chris & Sue (35)	04/22
WITTER, Jerrold & Betsy (55)	04/27
MITCHELL, Ronald & Judy (58)	04/30



**BIRTHDAYS**  
THIS MONTH

**April 2018**

BARNETT, Steve	04/02	PACHECO, Delia	04/08
WAINIKAINEN, Paul	04/02	PATELSKI, Jeffery	04/12
PETERSON, Cody	04/05	RITTER, Bob	04/12
SANDBERG, Kevin	04/05	SEARCH, Lori	04/17
LEINTHALL, William	04/06	MOORE, Matt	04/17
GENRE-BERT, Ben	04/08	MERCADO, Danielle	04/22
		JONES, Gloria	04/24



**MEDICAL GAP MINISTRIES**  
Bridging the Gap between No Insurance and High Co-Pays for Healthcare Services



**Medical Gap Ministries, Inc** has teamed with **MyHealth Clinics**, to provide a unique service to bridge the gap between No Insurance and high Co-pays for Healthcare Services.

This is accomplished by providing Concierge Medicine, to a membership base who are with or without insurance.

Medical Gap Ministries is a Christian Membership Ministry designed to provide for the General Practice medical needs of Christians, and provide an outreach opportunity to the member congregations.

Medical Gap Ministries plan is to build a base of clientele to maintain fixed costs and provide a contribution to the participating members Home Church. This enables the Church or congregation to use these funds as they so choose. We do recommend that each congregation reserve a portion of the contribution they receive for what we call "Compassion Care Services."

Compassion Care Services is a service the Clinic provides to those who either cannot afford co-pays, have no insurance or cannot afford a membership but need to see a physician. The ministry will ask on a case by case basis to the congregation, to assist with these expenses through a Compassion Care ministry. This will help the people in the congregation to be part of the care given ministry provided to the person in need, and an opportunity to minister to the individual or family with a hand up and not just a handout. More information will be available at the Grand Opening.

In Celebration of the MyHealth Clinic opening at Peace Lutheran Church during the month of April 2018, **All members of Peace Lutheran Church** are invited to a **"co-pay waived"** office visit; to include Blood pressure, prescription review and general check. All co-pays will be waived. This is our way of introducing this new and valuable ministry to the community. **A Grand Opening is scheduled for May 1, 2018 from 8:00AM—12Noon.**

Call today to set your appointment: (321)593-6999. This **"co-pay waived"** offer is for **Peace Lutheran Church Members.**

## You're Invited!

### Upcoming events:

Our Meetings in April are on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm, at the Peace Lutheran Church Youth Room.  
Dinner is provided.

## *The Christian League Youth Group*



**Christian League Youth Group** provides opportunities for youth, their families, and friends to participate in fellowship, Bible study and worship, and service with and to the church and surrounding community. Ages 5-16 are invited.

**Fellowship:** each meeting is a step with friends and The Lord.

**Youth Bible Study and Worship:** At our April meetings we'll be discussing "how to live every day in Easter." Join us and share your ideas and thoughts and compare them to how His Word is a help.

**Youth Service:** The Christian League Youth Project in **March** raised over \$350.00 in hygiene merchandise (shampoo, shaving cream, soap, razors, toiletry items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, cloths, and deodorants) that were used to organize "kits" for the homeless.

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial, who supplied t-shirts for the night, the 42 totaled kits were 24x24" bags that were distributed through the Peace Lutheran Food Pantry as well as the Soup Kitchen in Melbourne. The 14 kids in attendance enjoyed dinner and the night at Andretti Thrill Park.

Our next project in **May** celebrates Memorial Day and the men and women of our Military.





## ***The Christian League Youth Group***

“Christian League Youth Group” 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 5 - 16, we hope you consider joining us. Our youngest group is ages 5 - 10, with the youthful young ages 11 - 16.

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

### **April Meetings / Events:**

- \* In April we're meeting on Wednesday, the 11th and 25th, from 6-7:30pm in PLC Youth Room
- \* Discussion subject's that help in our Youth's daily life (i.e., Living everyday in Easter)

Christian Youth League: PLC is leading the way, joining with churches around our community to help, to guide, and to foster kids' relationship with the Lord and each other.



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## THIS MONTH'S CONNECT MESSAGE: HELP YOUR KIDS "OWN" THEIR FAITH

As kids hit adolescence, one of the key issues for developing a genuine faith (or in other words, "owning" their faith) is the extent to which they are able to think critically about it. The teenage brain is developing, and adolescence is the typical time when kids who have grown up in church begin to process what they believe, wrestling with tough questions, nagging doubts, and more complex issues of faith.

Rather than repressing doubts and questions, wise parents will embrace and foster this season in a teen's life, creating an atmosphere where critical thinking is encouraged along with providing heavy doses of acceptance and coaching. Parents can express acceptance by sending their adolescent the message that genuine doubting and questioning is a normal, positive aspect of the spiritual growth process. And parents can coach their kids by coming alongside to walk with them as they work through their doubts and questions.

Encouraging and facilitating teenagers to think critically about faith issues may produce a measure of fear and trembling in parents as it means loosening the reigns of control and protection. It means embracing the possibility that their child's faith may not turn out to be a carbon copy of their own. Kids may end up holding different beliefs on issues of faith. They may even move away from the community of faith they have grown up in because they've been allowed to think critically.

But consider the alternative: a disinterested church kid who may intellectually know facts about the Christian faith, but who is unable to authentically connect faith and life. Some of these young adults walk away from church as soon as they are able.

Knowledge about the facts of Christianity alone will not make for a personal, vital, and real faith that equips kids to live out their faith in the real world. Rather, when parents who encourage their kids to think critically; to wrestle with the complex issues of Christianity and provide them with a supportive, encouraging, and safe environment to do so, will ultimately help them to develop a genuine and enduring "owned" faith that will serve them well throughout their adult years. Learn more at <https://homeword.com>.

Sharing His Love,

Paul Shwiner / Youth Pastor Curt Peterson



# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Easter Sunday 6:45 AM Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>2</b> Easter Monday - Office Closed 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Never Alone FH 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 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	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stamp Club FH	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Food Pantry	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Never Alone 9:25 PM Panera Pickup	<b>7</b> 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](http://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!

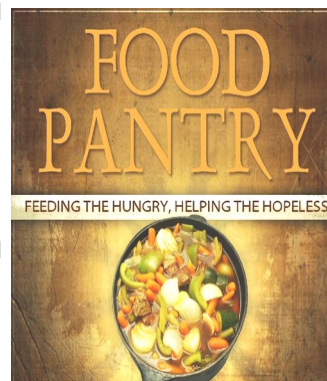
## Calling & Caring Ministry

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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Return service requested

**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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