Dear Friends through Christ:

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

This is not just some phase we as Lutherans happen to say on Easter morning. This is why we exist! Because he is Risen, we can have our hopes and dreams restored. We are now called to go out into the world and serve this risen Savior in our daily lives. That’s what I call some mighty Good News!

Do you want some more Good News? Of course you do!

During Holy Week, Peace Lutheran worshipped with over 300 Saints and Sinners. There is a positive Spirit spreading throughout this Lampstand. Praise the Lord! The best way by far to continue reaching out, is for each of us to be proud of God’s Lampstand and invite our family members, co-workers and neighbors to a place offering a wonderful worship experience, feeding people with Word and Sacrament.

This is our starting point—Word and Sacrament. To build anything, one must start with a firm and strong foundation, otherwise no matter what one builds, it will fall down around them. All our decisions must focus upon the Word of God, be centered around our Baptism, where we are named as children of the Most High, and always strengthened by the gift of Jesus’ body and blood of Holy Communion. If we continue with these principles, Peace Lutheran will grow to the glory of God.

Not only is there a positive Spirit, there are a few exciting events that are happening right around corner!

First, we just paid Leinbach Construction the first installment for the remodel of Peace Place. I am so excited! This weekend Paul Wainikainen is converting the bathroom to handicap accessible. The air conditioner has already been replaced and now the work begins for a facility that will not only be beautiful, it will allow us to do so much more ministry, and at the same time enable us to generate income to help maintain God’s house. The possibilities for Peace Place are numerous! It will be a showcase for wedding receptions—where hopefully, I can perform the ceremony—and invite people to church. We can host birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, youth functions, movies nights, potlucks, and concerts, corporate meetings—only to name a few. We also plan on converting the breezeway into a type of peaceful garden setting.

Another thing I am excited about is a few days ago I met with Dr. Kilday and Dr. Mair regarding the Health Clinic that never got off the ground. They are interested in starting a “Holistic Health Center.” They have developed an eight month drug rehabilitation program with a success rate of 80% using a spiritual and nutritional approach. Dr. Kilday and Dr. Mair also specialize in using proven natural solutions to fight cancer and other chronic disease. However, what excited me personally is their mission “to promote healthy body, mind and spirit” using all natural supplements and herbs, not only treating sicknesses but preventing a person from becoming sick. Pretty cool, uh? We still have to iron out the details through council, but I’m fairly confident this should be a ministry by July.
One last thing to get excited about is an upcoming ministry my wife Sandy has championed for close to twenty years and that is...“PRAYER SISTERS.” This is a ministry that enriches our Christian Sisterhood by purposefully raising up women of the church in prayer.

First, you fill out some basic information about yourself: birthday, anniversary and other interesting facts, such as favorite color, hobbies, food, Bible verses. Second, an exchange is made during a Saturday Tea, and you are given “a sister” to pray for throughout the year. Third, while only prayer is required, if you would like to remember your sister throughout the year, or on special days, a designated space will be set aside to leave a card or small gift. Finally, and importantly, “It is a Secret.” You will have your Secret Prayer Sister for approximately one year and then we will have another Prayer Sister Tea and reveal who we have been praying for and will receive a new Prayer Sister for the next year.

We are planning our first event in June. If you are one that heads north for the Summer, call Sandy Trexler at 219-794-4424 and let her know you want to participate. After all, if you are sitting up in Wisconsin or Michigan, you can still pray and send cards.

So there you have it. My fingers are getting tired. But as you can see, the Spirit of God is most definitely blowing through Peace Lutheran. Please find a place to serve and feel the breath of God blow into your life.

In Christian Love,

Pastor David Trexler

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Food Pantry News

I'm happy to announce that the food pantry is doing well. We are very blessed to have Fresh market, Lucky's, Wawa, and bread from Publix's. Without these suppliers, our bills would be much higher.

The youth had a food drive for us, netting more than four shopping carts. Over 400 non-perishable items of food! Well done YOUTH!!!

Our staff is truly incredible and has become a family. With everyone working so well together, we are able to care for more people much more efficiently. They go way beyond for our clients, and are always there when needed.

As the need for our services continues to grow, we have arranged a garage sale for May 3rd & 4th. We need some volunteers for Thursday, May 2 for setup. We'll start at 7pm. Also if you bake, we would also like to sell baked goods during the sale.

On Nov 9th, we will be having a Craft Fair. If you craft, booths will be available for rental. More info to come.

If you would like to volunteer or want more information you can contact me at the food pantry. Tuesday 9am—11am or Thursday 5pm—7pm

Thank you for all of your support. This pantry could not run without you.

The Food Pantry Staff
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.

Volunteers are needed to serve by setting up the coffee and pastries for Sunday morning early service (9AM).

As of right now, there are only 2-3 people who serve every Sunday and if there were more people to help, it will allow these folks to be able to go to a church service.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. You can also speak to Carolyn Tarkka for more information.

Many hands does make light work. Your help is needed. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help!
Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

Our big expense for March was the repair of Peace Place roof costing $2,955.00. We have that done, now we can began working on Peace Place. In April, a new air conditioner was put in and some interior tear out was done. By the time the newsletter comes out, we should see some improvements being made. It's hard not to be excited about this venture.

Our refinance will close on May 1. Our loan will be a 4.95% fixed interest rate for 20 years only increasing our monthly payment by $168. All our paperwork has been done, signed, filed and returned to Thrivent. Thrivent was very interested in this project as this was the 1st event center they have helped finance.

Welcome to our new members. Please made sure the church office has your information on file so we can contact you by email, address, and phone. We also would like to remember you on your birthday and anniversary. Please contact me or the church office if you wish to receive contribution envelopes. You will receive a contribution number.

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—March 2019**

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

- June Trotter Pat Rizzo Janice Nelson
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- Gwen Newberry Rick Pellecchia Robert B. Elliott
- Lori Deaton Karen DiCroce Ann Beardslee
- V.B. & Lucinda Johnson Bob Calarco Malinda Liatos
- Ryan Dasinger David Brunner, Sr. Robert G. Roddy
- Mary Norwood Emily Barr Tom DeMarse
- Maita I. Rodriguez Herb Rakebrand Eric Schwartz
- Larry Cannen Virginia Frohlich
- Jeanette Peterson Kevin & Cindy Eikelburger
The Christian League Youth Group (CLYG)

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

The Christian League Youth Group is living as Easter people, with Our Father reforming us so that we stand as emblems of His beauty and grace.

In our Lenten walk we have talked about the cross in front of our sanctuary and how it is the Tree of Life. God’s act of raising Jesus from the dead transforms what the world forever intends to be the tree of crucifixion into the Tree of Life! This is the new reality we celebrate on Easter. The final verdict God pronounces upon us and on all creation is not a sentence of death but rather a sentence of life!

This doesn’t mean that all the wounding’s that life inflicts on us magically disappear on Easter; they don’t. The risen Jesus himself reveals this truth to us. In his appearance to the disciple community after his resurrection, both in Luke and in John, Jesus shows them his wounds. His hands, feet, and side still bear the marks of the nails and spear. And yet, these wounds no longer hold him captive, for they have been healed. “The world breaks everyone,” wrote Hemingway, “and afterward, many are strong at the broken places.” The resurrection makes all who put their trust in the God of Jesus strong in the broken places.

Recently a colleague introduced us to a centuries-old Japanese art for fixing broken pottery. It’s called kintsugi or “golden joinery”. Instead of discarding broken bowls, plates and vases, this approach to pottery, and to life, celebrates the artifact’s unique history by emphasizing the fractures and breaks instead of hiding or disguising them. The pottery is bound in its broken places with a special lacquer and then dusted with powdered gold, silver, or platinum. The result: beautiful seams of gold glint in the cracks of ceramic ware, giving it a truly unique appearance. It is often the case that this approach to repair makes the repaired piece even more beautiful than the original, revitalizing it with new life. The art of kintsugi, which dates back more than 500 years, is related to the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi: finding beauty in the flawed or imperfect.

Franciscan Richard Rohrer calls imperfection “the organizing principle of the entire human spiritual enterprise.” St. Francis, says Rohrer, wore patches on the outside of his habit so everyone would know what he was like on the inside. “Imperfection,” says Rohrer, “is not to be tolerated, marginalized, excused, or contextualized, or even forgiven, it is the framework in which God makes the Godself known and calls us into union.”

As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, and God’s promise that we, too, will be raised with Christ to new life, we rejoice! For we now know that the Master Potter who formed us in the beginning will reform us in all our broken places, repairing the fragile vessels of our lives so that they stand, even now, as emblems of beauty and grace: the broken made whole. Halleluiah!!!

On another note, our service project continues through Easter Sunday as the sponsors for the Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry collection drive and we hope 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.

Please consider joining us during one of 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 meeting is Thursday, May 9th, 6pm, at Peace Lutheran Church. Follow us, too, on Facebook at https://m.me/loved1801/ or Instagram.com/clyouthgroup

Living in resurrection hope,

Paul Shwiner / Pastor Curt
Cell: 321-626-4751
Dear Peace Lutheran Family,

You have given me so much support and friendship in my journey to join your church. What a Blessed Gift!

I finally found my way after years of wandering. “In Search of...” I joke that I was a lost lamb and Tyler, my Service dog, herded me right to Peace Lutheran.

Thank you for accepting me and my dog. We are richly BLESSED.

God bless you,

Deb & Tyler

“Knowing people nice as you gives life a brighter touch, and so, to each and all of you—thanks very, very much!”

April 10, 2019

Peace Lutheran Church
1805 Port Malabar Blvd, NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905

Dear Friends,

The Salvation Army would like to thank you once again for your outstanding support this past year. As always, we are very grateful for the relationship we have with community partners like you.

Although you were unable to attend our Annual Appreciation Breakfast, the generosity of all supporters was acknowledged and commended during the event. Please accept this certificate as a reminder of our gratitude.

Thank you for partnering with The Salvation Army as we are “In This Together - Doing the Most Good”. You truly make a difference in our commitment as agents of change in the lives of those we serve.

God bless you!

Sincerely,

Lt. Carlos & Diana Rojas
Lieutenants Carlos & Diana Rojas
Corps Officers
Melbourne, FL Corps
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*Note: The schedule includes various events and meetings throughout the week.*
Bits & Pieces

Check us out on Facebook @ Peace Lutheran Church
Give us a like 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 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
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