

The Olive Branch

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Purpose and Vision

Peace Lutheran exists to serve and share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the local, national and world communities.

Our Vision is to provide opportunities for individuals and families to express their faith through the Lutheran expression.

Pastor's Message

Kingdom Principles

Jesus taught about the Kingdom. He said the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

What are Kingdom Principles? The prayer the Lord taught His disciples said:

Matthew 6:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

¹⁰ *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

He taught us to ask the Kingdom to come on earth. As we are asking for His Kingdom Come, should we not know the following?

- ◆ **Where do we find out what and where His Kingdom is?**
- ◆ **How we live in the Kingdom?**
- ◆ **What are the foundations or principles of the Kingdom?**
- ◆ **What is expected of us as we live in His Kingdom?**

Over the next month or two, we will be discovering the Kingdom Jesus is talking about beginning with a short teaching on Sunday; and on Wednesday evening we will expand upon that teaching and explore living in the Kingdom. Here are some of the principles we will be learning.

Principle 1	Peace be with you "Shalom"
Principle 2	His Kingdom Come
Principle 3	His will be done
Principle 4	All are Called
Principle 5	The Law

This is an opportunity to learn about these life giving principles God has given us through the scriptures.

Don't miss out of this opportunity to grow in faith and understanding. Join us each Sunday and Wednesday. Sunday—9:30 & 11:00, and Wednesday—6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Staff Messages



In This Season of Easter, Live in God's Presence Until Next Easter

Each Easter finds us poised in our pew, attempting to absorb the significance of His sacrifice that threw open the gates to paradise. Typically we approach the day with a mixture of sobriety and jubilation. The divine rescue story of Easter reminds us of a God who loves us, made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and offers never-ending grace and forgiveness to us. Even a glimpse into such an unreasonable act of love revives our wavering faith, and we recommit ourselves to serve this God of immoderate love. Then Easter day passes and we find ourselves slipping back into the routine of life once again. Business as usual takes over, sidelining our faith until next year's Easter service. But in reality what happens in between each Easter is where our faith is truly realized or lost. We

leave Easter day to walk into a world that constantly pelts us with difficulties. It's in this environment where we're pressed to discover whether the stuff of Easter truly makes sense and works in our lives.

Is God really in the business of scandalously loving misfits like us? Does He truly forgive and pardon us like the Easter story claims? We pay lip service to grace hailed on Easter, but truthfully, many of us still see God as a discerning judge bearing down on the sinners clogging His creation. Often we forfeit new life because we cling to those types of misconceptions about the Giver of grace. We run and hide, shamefully struggling with our sin, denying ourselves the very help we need. But He's longing to shower us with forgiveness and a fresh start. Ignoring or forgetting His clear offer to make us white as snow keeps us from enjoying His restoration and relief. First John 1:9 promises, **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness."**

Writes author Philip Yancey, "I believe what God accomplished on Easter is a great 'template' for His work on the entire planet. He took the very worst thing that could possibly happen — the murder of His innocent Son — and turned it into a day we call Good Friday." "That act of redemption, of taking catastrophe and creating out of it the salvation of the world, is a bright and shining promise of what God has in store for the entire planet ... and for individuals." A "template" for new life — this is the gift of Easter. It's not meant to be opened only once a year. Instead, this new life is to be opened and carried with you every day — serving more as a backpack than a gift filled with faith, hope, and continuous resurrection. The Easter message should constantly change us. The Apostle Paul challenges us to see ourselves as being continually transformed by the message of Jesus: "Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2). And he speaks of how we become a new creation in Christ: **"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come"** (2 Cor. 5:17).

This is the revolution of God through Jesus Christ: being transformed into a new creation. Yes, our world is a hard place, and the harsh nature of our planet shapes us to doubt the very power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. But the supernatural power of Easter is greater. We're called into a new place that is painted with brilliant colors of life. We're reconciled through Jesus, who takes our guilt. And because of Jesus, we're marked as ambassadors — people affected by the "template" of Easter in every area of our lives. "I know of marriages that are dying, and churches that are dying, and individual souls that are dying, and relationships between parents and children that are dying," observes Yancey. "Through Easter, we have the confidence that God's power — the very same power that raised Jesus from the dead, as Paul assures us — wants to bring life to those very situations." Easter becomes real in our lives through the supernatural activity of God and our intentional participation. Regarding the supernatural, we need only observe the work of God within and around our lives. Yancey often receives letters from people who remark on their "Easter events" in life: "Relationships can be restored. There is Easter hope for all of us."

All we need to do, when walking away from Easter day, is look around and notice the stories of grace that dot the terrain of life. People who walk (and struggle) with God show the amazing signs: lives changed, courage gained, addictions overcome, relationships revived, outlooks on life renewed — these all give evidence. We need only to look for them. At the same time, there's a call for intentional participation in the Easter revolution. Author Brennan Manning explains that Easter is more than simply making us feel good about God's love. Rather, Easter's message should drive us in a tenacious pursuit of faith. Christians must actively pursue the gift of Easter, choosing each day whom they will seek and serve. In Joshua 24:14-15 we are told: **"Therefore, fear the Lord and worship Him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the Lord. But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, chose for yourselves today the one you will worship ... As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord."** As much as God loves us, He doesn't press Himself upon us. Instead, He gives us the privilege of responding to His love and pursuing Him — of choosing to worship Him daily with our lives.

Finally, making Easter real requires an awareness of God's presence regardless of the storms of life, accepting a practice of ruthlessly trusting in Him. Manning states, "Ruthless trust is an unerring sense, way deep down, that beneath the surface agitation, boredom, and insecurity of life, it's gonna be all right. Ill winds may blow, more character defects may surface, sickness may visit, and friends will surely die; but a stubborn, irrefutable certainty persists that God is with us and loves us in our struggle to be faithful."

No matter how well or poorly you are doing, God is present. No matter the nature of the tragedy, God is present. In the sweet moments of joy, He is present. In the darkest and most embarrassing moments of life, He stands close.

God's presence shows us the tenacious nature of Easter. It's God's mercy, which follows us, whether we realize it or not. Yes, God is close, and this is our hope for our journey to the day of Easter once more. Indeed, Easter is with us every day.

Assistant Pastor Curt Peterson

Announcements

If you have an announcement (Baby, Engagement, Graduation,) please call the office and we will announce it in this section!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE O'BRIEN FAMILY

A new baby brings love to a family like nothing else can! May you all enjoy the love from your precious baby and may the Lord bless her abundantly in everything she shall do!

Ainsley Marie Steward

born 4/22 in Tampa.

Grandparents are Mike and Charlene O'Brien
along with Aunt Kelly, Uncle Mark and
Cousin Ross Baker.



Church Council

Council Members

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Members

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Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Corner

March was the first of two months where we have 3 paydays and as such expenses tend to overrun income. This was the case, however, with the extra payroll taken out our income was still short by almost \$1,700. This is the first time in 6 months where our income hasn't covered our expenses. I'm hoping that this is not a sign of a trend reversal as we see in the stock market. Going forward we can expect to see our expenses rise as we call on our air conditioners more and more to keep us comfortable in worship and meetings. Keep that in mind when your complaining about how warm it is.

Peace was blessed when one of our former members, Pearl Reid, left us \$6,910 as a bequest. There were no stipulations as to where it could be used, but I recommended that it not be used for day to day expenses. Perhaps this may offset

the maintenance of our Peace Bells. I made recommendations to the council at the April meeting and they voted to use it for our bell maintenance, purchase of bibles for VBS and a benevolence for one of our former staff. The remaining amounts will be deposited in the Thrivent Memorial fund which is used for unusual worship expenses.

For now, I do not foresee any significant expenses coming our way, however, I am waiting for the next air conditioner to give up. Every year they get older and noisier until they eventually give up. I fully expect to lose at least one of the sanctuary units this year so, please be aware of that.

For the most part, expenses remained in the expected range for the month with no surprise maintenance issues. The giving is what has fallen short of expectations.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to call me.

Don Hoffman

Treasurer, Peace Lutheran Church of Palm Bay

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Treasurer



Our initial call effort was unsuccessful and leaves the committee with just two of six original members. Moving forward, we'll continue to adhere to the process specified in our PLC Constitution and its end product—a single candidate and an up or down vote at a congregational meeting called for that specific purpose.

Next steps:

- ◆ **Schedule LCMC call committee training/orientation and nominate/elect 4 new call committee members from the trainees, ensuring that the entire congregation, i.e., both services, are well represented. This will require a single subject congregational meeting/vote.**
- ◆ **Re-advertise our open permanent pastor position, leveraging our original 'open position' posting and familiarity with recruitment resources; primarily church-centric job sites. We'll review the results of last year's surveys and develop an updated list of qualifications, frequently informing the council and congregation on the results.**
- ◆ **Develop a new list of pastoral candidates and narrow it down to a single candidate by reviewing resumes/qualifications, phone interviews, video interviews, again providing the church council and congregation with frequent, complete updates.**
- ◆ **Recommend final candidate to council. Achieving a church-wide consensus on a permanent senior PLC pastor, will require constant communication with the church council and the congregation. God already knows PLC's next senior pastor; by His grace, we will find this individual together!**

****Call Committee Training—May 20, 2017 (9AM—3PM) by:
Pastor Steven Lien
LCMC Coordinator for Pastoral Ministry**

All interested, please call the church office.

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—Linell Anderson

Contemporary Service 9:30 AM
Praise Band

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

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.

Worship Assistants and Communion Assistants

Thank you for volunteering to serve as one of our worship servants. I encourage you to always strive to improve the quality of your service, because the Gospel and God's people are worthy of your efforts.

We will always seek new worship assistants and communion assistants. If you are called to serve in this manner, please call the office or speak to one of our Pastors.



We Worship

Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

Altar Guild



Our Altar Guild is a wonderful ministry to be involved in. It is not just a clean up, but it is a preparation and continuation of our worship of our Lord. Preparation is covered in prayer and a biblical presentation of how we setup the altar. If you are interested, please call the office 321-727-3131. We will also establish the team and who to call as the lead for this ministry.

Acolytes



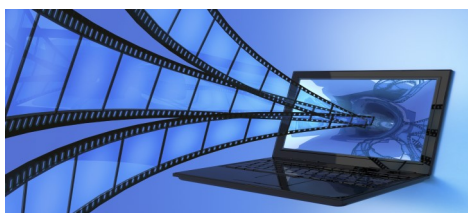
A valuable service to the Lord is our acolytes. As new people come to Peace, we should make available the training for their participation in our services.

Audio Multi-media

It is time to record our messages. Forming an Audio and Sound team to operate the sound system and ensure our audio recordings are of the highest quality. If you are open to learning sound systems and recording the services, and preparing them for broadcast, contact the office and let Pastor know or our administrator.



Video Multi-media



TLC needed for our Video Multimedia system. Looking toward to how we can reach others with podcasting and video services to bring to shut-ins as well and promote Peace. The pan-Tilt mechanism needs some care. We can then provide training for those who are called to the Video Multi-media Ministry.

April SHOWERS BRING May FLOWERS

Fresh flowers will once again be available for our worship services!! What a lovely way to honor a loved one's memory or a special occasion. We have negotiated a price of \$15 with our local Winn Dixie floral department on Babcock Street. This does not include delivery, however. Arrangements will be ready for pick up on Saturday morning after 10:00AM.

What to do:

- ◆ Sign up for the date you would like to donate flowers on the FLOWER CALENDAR located on the bulletin board on the left side of the narthex. Include the occasion for the flowers and there will be a notice placed in our bulletin. The office will place the order.
- ◆ Pick up your flowers and deliver them to church before 9AM on Sunday. There is a refrigerator available in the meeting room if you would like to leave them on Saturday. Let the office know that the flowers are in the refrigerator.
- ◆ Pay for the flowers when you pick them up.
- ◆ The flowers will be yours to take and enjoy after the 11AM Traditional service on Sunday morning. If you don't want them, please let a member of the Calling and Caring committee know so that they may take them to someone in the hospital or one of our home-bound members.

ENJOY THE SIGHT AND SMELL OF FRESH FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY!



We Learn

Kingdom Lessons

Pastor Paul will be teaching Kingdom lessons on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 PM. This is open to all people. We will have pot luck on the first Wednesday of each month, with a short class afterward.

During May and June we will be covering Kingdom Principles:

- ◆ **Principle 1** "Peace be with you" "Shalom" - Covered 4.26.2017 (Study Outline available.)
- ◆ **5.5.2017 Principle 2** "His Kingdom Come"
- ◆ **5.12.2017 Principle 3** "His will be done"
- ◆ **5.19.2017 Principle 4** "All are Called"
- ◆ **5.26.2017 Principle 5** "The Law"

This is an opportunity to learn about these life giving principles God has given us through the scriptures. Don't miss out of this opportunity to grow in faith and understanding, join us each Sunday and Wednesday. Sunday 9:30—11:00AM and Wednesday at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Church

April was a busy month for our young members. During Lenten season, families had the opportunity to enjoy soup and a sandwich on Wednesday evenings. The members then were challenged by the Bible study, Journey to the Cross, in age appropriate groups. Our Sunday studies also focused on events leading up to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord. We enjoyed an exciting Easter egg hunt after the 9:30 Easter Service. Thank you to Charlene O'Brien, Kelly Baker, our youth group and all the church members that donated items to help make this a memorable event for our youngest members.



Children's Church will be focusing on the following Bible scriptures in the month of May:

- May 7, 2017 John 10:1-10 - He Knows Your Name**
- May 14, 2017 John 14:6 - Finding the Way**
- May 21, 2017 John 14:15 - Show Your Love**
- May 28, 2017 John 17:16,18 - In the World, but Not of the World**

Mark your calendars and save these dates:

June 26-June 30, 2017, 9:00-12:30P.M. for Vacation Bible School. We invite all children that have **completed** Kindergarten through Sixth Grade to join us on a 5-day journey through the entire Bible. We are excited to introduce our program - **Buck Denver Asks , 'What's in the Bible?'**. Registration will begin in early May on our website: peacelutheranpb.org or in the church office from 8:30A.M.-12:30P.M. Register early to ensure a place for your child.

Conflicting family plans and obligations have delayed the start of our Communion classes. April 23, 2017 will be the new starting date and classes will continue through June. Call Donna Waininkainen 321-725-6251, if you have any questions.

We wish all the Moms a beautiful and blessed Mother's Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henrietta Pellecchia

We Learn

Vacation Bible School



June 26-June 30, 2017

9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Gospel Life and Peace Lutheran Church are inviting all children, that have completed Kindergarten through 6th Grade, to join us for a 5-day Vacation Bible School journey through the entire Bible. We will be presenting the innovative program- **Buck Denver Asks What's in the Bible?** Phil Vischer of Veggie Tales, has created a fun and interactive VBS that will have children and parents enthused about the Word of God and learn how it transforms the way we live our lives. Students will not only engage in the story of God (The Bible), but also learn how it was formed and why we can trust that it is divinely inspired. Videos, classroom learning, games, crafts, music and much more will be part of the 5-day experience. We hope you'll be there.

Registration will be available online at peacelutheranchurchpb.org and in the church office from 8:30 to 12:30 P.M. The weekly cost is \$5.00 per child-maximum \$15.00 per family. Register early to ensure a place for your child.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This exciting opportunity for our community will only be possible with the help of volunteers. We need teachers, teacher assistants, artists, musicians, photographers, sports enthusiasts, crafters, registration helpers, and snack helpers. Any days or hours you can help will be greatly appreciated. Please call Carolyn Richard—(321-676-4096) or Henrietta Pellecchia (321-725-6790) for any questions or information on Vacation Bible School.

Youth Group



Every 2nd Sunday of the month, the Youth Group does a Car Wash during the early service, as a fundraiser for different youth events throughout the year.

The next car wash is on **May 14, 2017.**

Thank you for all your support!

American Heritage Group 1776

April was an exciting month of service for our Troop. We put together 36 Easter Baskets for children that come to our Peace Lutheran Food Pantry with their families. We also participated in a Multi-Troop Event organized by one of our own girls, Samantha Filion, to put together 86 Blessing Bags for the homeless. Some of the items included in these bags were; toiletries, snacks, socks and band-aids. We celebrated Easter with our families and enjoyed Spring Break, as well. This was also the month that some of our girls spent time with the squads that they will be advancing to at the end of the year, as part of their Leveling Up requirements.

During May, we will finish up badges in preparation for our Court of Awards on June 3rd and the girls that are advancing will have the boards of review with their leaders. We will celebrate Mother's Day with our families. We will also plan our summer schedule this month.

We are so thankful to God for the Congregation of Peace Lutheran Church, that you have opened your home and hearts to us and keep our troop and families in your prayers. Our Troop meets in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Unfortunately, some of our families have moved, which included some of our leaders. Due to this transition, we are temporarily not able to accept any new scouts, while we reorganize our leadership. We do need adult volunteers with a love of children and willingness to share themselves and the love of Christ with our girls. If this speaks to your heart and you feel led by God to this ministry, please contact Bev Sandberg at missbevsand@yahoo.com or by phone, 321-725-7685. Anyone who is interested in more information may also contact us at AHGFL1776@aol.com.

We wish many blessings to our Peace Lutheran Church family!



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We Learn

Small Groups



John 15:4 (NKJV)
"Abide in Me, and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear
fruit of itself, unless it abides
in the vine, neither can you,
unless you abide in Me."

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm in The Fellowship Hall.
Sharing, Study / Teaching and prayer needs. Pot
Luck Fellowship the First Wednesday of every Month.
Leadership Training coming in January. If you would
like to be trained to lead a small group, contact Pastor
Paul or the office.

Never Alone

The Never Alone
group is a support
group and social

club for single people over the age of 45 years of age.

They meet the 1st Monday of every month at 6pm.
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



Via De Cristo



Via De Cristo is a short intense weekend course in Christianity. A Cristo weekend is effective in developing for leadership skills, to build faith and learn about the Love of Jesus is a powerful way.

There are four weekends held each year two for men and two for women, Spring and Fall. At Peace, we have many who have attended these weekends and they will be happy to share with you their experience.

Women's Weekend - May 4—May 7, 2017

We Serve

PANERA help needed!!

The calendar for the second half of the year is ready for your signature! Please be sure to sign up for the summer months. Don't forget to include your phone number so that you can receive a reminder call or notification of any changes. Thank you so much for everyone who has been helping with this important task.

We also need a coordinator for Panera pick-up for June, July, and August. The job entails making sure someone has signed up for pick-up, making a reminder call and running interference if no one is signed up or someone has to cancel!

Please contact Cindy at 676-3849 or cindyluwho57@yahoo.com if you are able to do this.

Outreach

Do you ever just take things for granted? I know that I do all the time. At the Good Friday night service, I noticed how bare the altar area looked. No color, no cloths, no flowers, no candles, and no banners...just the empty bare wood and the cross draped in black.

Each week and season, we have color, along with the communion wine and wafers all prepared for us for when we arrive. The altar is lovingly laid out for each and every one of us, by a team of faithful servants.....God's elves. The cups are filled, the flowers are placed, the candles are lit and we are invited to come.

I want to thank Jim and Vicki Wygant for quietly and lovingly transforming our altar area Friday evening after the service. They gave it grace filled new life. And also a thank you to Pat Rosbury, Kelly, Mark and (7yr. old) Ross Baker for staying and arranging the Easter lilies on the altar. Yes, Ross pitched in with his parents and helped without being asked. We appreciate ALL of our Altar Guild "elves", known only to God in many cases, who prepared for the special Holy Week services.

Thank you to the McVay family for replacing the faded STOP signs on our campus. Joy saw the need and stepped up with tools in hand.

Barbara Crain has offered to form a new team to plan and prepare memorial/funeral receptions, as the need arises. Donna Wainikainen faithfully and generously served in this position for many years. Barb Harmon and several others have also served in this capacity for many years. Please have a willing heart for service, if the new team calls on you for help. Hopefully this will only happen a few times a year. Thank you, Barbara.

The Via Da Cristo Women's #66 Team would like to thank the congregation of Peace for allowing them to have their Sunday afternoon team meetings and team social in the fellowship hall for 10 weeks. It was such a blessing for many of us to be able to use our home church! Mary Adiloff, Brenda Accola, Yonna Barnett, Betsy Witter, Kelly Baker, Charlene O'Brien, Joanne Demers, (from out of state) and Kiley O'Brien Pelchat along with 29 other team members from around the county participated each week. Plus several of the Cristo community, including pastors, husbands and family members were on our campus preparing for the weekend of May 4-7.

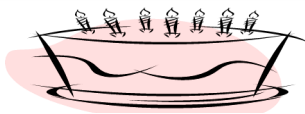
Thank you to the Heritage Girls for preparing Easter baskets full of goodies for the children of the Food Pantry. They also prepared "Blessing Bags" to be given to the homeless of our community. What a special ministry this is! These children, their parents, grandparents, leaders and families are inspiring. Peace Lutheran is so blessed to have these servants of the Lord on our campus.

Our very own extended Sandberg/James families are so committed to both the Heritage Girls and Boy Scouts and we thank them. They are also very committed to Peace Lutheran Church. As Ashlyn James told me Easter Sunday morning, "We are taught to give back and help others. It's the right thing to do."

Charlene O'Brien--Outreach



May Birthdays



CRUMP, Linda	05/01	DREHER, Shane	05/09	DITOTA, Bob	05/16
SIENKIEWICZ, Jamie	05/02	MOORE, Melissa	05/09	GILBERT, Cheryl	05/20
ANDERSON, Jordan	05/03	AMBROSE, Heather	05/10	ZASTROW, Debbie	05/21
CLIFFORD, Gail	05/03	PELLECCHIA, Richard	05/11	O'BRIEN, Michael	05/26
HOFFMAN, Greta	05/03	COOPER, David	05/12	SORENSEN, Elaine	05/26
SOUCY, Nancy	05/04	NORWOOD, Mary	05/12	MATTHEWS, Roxanne	05/27
SORENSEN, Mel	05/06	HATON, Nancy	05/13		
JAMES, Katie	05/07	LEINTHALL, Becky	05/14		
NELSON, Ronald	05/07	RAKEBRAND, Elaine	05/14		

May Anniversaries



GENRE-BERT, Ben & Elsa (28)	05/07
HARMON, Joe & Barb (39)	05/09
SANDBERG, Kevin & Amber (12)	05/21
SANDBERG, Kenneth & Kate (16)	05/26
WAINIKAINEN, Paul & Donna (35)	05/29
ANDERSON, Jeffery & Linell (35)	05/30

Terry Neumann	Gwen Newberry
Carolyn Richard	Marta Rodriguez
Mona Sprague	Richard Rump
Ariel Cook	Ryan Dasinger
Sally Cooper	Kristen Allen
Rosemary Good	Anastasia Pierce
Susan Hildebrand	Ainsley Dasinger
Ruth Madison	Karen Regan
	Peter Kativan

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

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 Contractor, Military Support—Germany
 Tim Faircloth, USAF, Shreveport, LA
 Ryan Faircloth, USAF, South Korea
 Kristen Hall AF, Iraq
 Sgt. Jamie Dorsett, USMC (Rsv), NC
 Capt. Brian Nailing, Co. Springs, CO

Josh Norwood, Ft Drum, NY
 SFC Paul Butler, Colorado Springs, CO
 Kristin Kowing Davis, USN, Gulfport, MS
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 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



2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 AM Communion Class 9:30 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM WORSHIP 12:00 PM AA Meeting 12:00 PM New Member's Training 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Youth Group PP	1 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM Never Alone FH	2 9:00 AM Food Pantry 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM AHG 1776 7:00 PM Via de Cristo - Men and Women's Groups	3 9:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Hand bell Practice 6:30 PM Home Group Pot Luck Fellowship 7:00 PM Stamp Club FH 7:15 PM Choir Practice	4 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 7:30 AM Space Coast Prayer Breakfast 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Club Esteem 5:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Tutoring - Anne B. 7:00 PM Peace Band	5 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Never Alone 9:25 PM Parera Pickup	6 12:00 PM AA Meeting
7 Gideon Report Presentation - Both Services 9:30 AM Communion Class 9:30 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM WORSHIP 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Youth Group PP	8 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM AHG 1776 7:00 PM Via de Cristo - Men and Women's Groups	10 9:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Hand bell Practice 6:30 PM Home Group Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir Practice	11 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Club Esteem 5:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Tutoring - Anne B. 7:00 PM Peace Band	12 9:00 AM Garden Club 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Never Alone 9:25 PM Parera Pickup	13 9:00 AM New York/NYSUM Ladies Mission Trip Fundraiser - Fellowship Hall 12:00 PM AA Meeting
14 – MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 AM Communion Class 9:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Youth Group Car Wash 11:00 AM WORSHIP 12:00 PM AA Meeting 3:30 PM Blue Grass Gospel Jam 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Youth Group PP	15 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM AA Meeting	16 9:00 AM Food Pantry 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM AHG 1776 7:00 PM Via de Cristo - Men and Women's Groups	17 9:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Hand bell Practice 6:30 PM Home Group Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir Practice	18 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Club Esteem 5:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Tutoring - Anne B. 6:30 PM VBS Meeting 7:00 PM Peace Band	19 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Never Alone 9:25 PM Parera Pickup	20 9:00AM – 3:00PM – Call Committee Training 12:00 PM AA Meeting
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28 9:30 AM Communion Class 9:30 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM WORSHIP 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Youth Group PP	29 – MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED! 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM AA Meeting	30 9:00 AM Food Pantry 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:30 PM AHG 1776 7:00 PM Via de Cristo - Men and Women's Groups	31 9:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Hand bell Practice 6:30 PM Home Group Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir Practice	1 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Club Esteem 5:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Tutoring - Anne B. 7:00 PM Peace Band	2 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Never Alone 9:25 PM Parera Pickup	3 12:00 PM AA Meeting 9:30 PM AHG Ceremony

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Peace Place for Academic Excellence

Tutoring Monday's & Wednesday's 2:30p—5:30p
Call 727-3131 for information.

Volunteer to be a tutor by calling
Linell Anderson at (321) 480-7885

Car Wash

The youth does a Car Wash as a fundraiser the 2nd Sunday of every month during the early service (9:30 AM) in the back parking lot. You can get your car cleaned and support the youth at the same time!



Blue Grass Gospel Jam every 2nd Sunday of the month, at the Peace Place!

All Acoustic Musicians—bring your banjo, fiddle, guitar, dobro, harp, uke, harmonica, bass and your voice and join us!

Next Gospel Jam is on: **May 14th at 3:30PM.**

John & Bev Perkins (321)433-9922



Did you know?

Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, the GAP, 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, "GAP" for the Gap, and so on.

Thank you for your contributions!

SNAP Food Stamp Help

Need to Apply for Foodstamps?



NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP APPLYING FOR FOOD STAMPS?

You can apply on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of every month, from **9:00AM to 1:00PM** at the Gap Office.

You can walk in to apply in person, or call (321) 727-3131 for more information.

Children's Hunger Project

The Children's Hunger Project distributes food to students on weekends in an effort to eliminate the growing problem of childhood hunger in our communities. They currently deliver about 1,200 packages of food monthly to participating schools. Please keep them in your prayers, and thank you in advance for your donations.

Remember, no child has to go hungry



VIA DE CRISTO GROUPS

Meet on Tuesday Nights at 7pm.

It is an ongoing process where we talk about spiritual challenges. Please contact Mark Baker (321)750-1958



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.



Never Alone

The Never Alone group is a support group and social club for single people over the age of 45 years of age. They meet the 1st Monday of every month at 6:00pm. 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

Panera Pick-Up

Please sign up for the Panera pick up.



We pick up every Friday night at 9:25pm at the Hammock Landings.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Sign up is in the Fellowship hall and we need to fill lots of Fridays!

WARNING! SCENT FREE ZONE

Fragrance sensitivity is an irritation or an allergic reaction to a chemical, or combination of chemicals, in a product.

Perfumes and colognes are generally what come to mind when discussing fragrance sensitivity, but fragrance is often added to a variety of products like shampoo, hairspray, soap, cosmetics, aftershave, and lotions and creams. Common reactions to exposure to these fragrances include headaches, respiratory problems, asthma, and skin irritations.



Please be sensitive to the members of our congregation with this condition avoid using scented products before coming to church. Thank you for keeping Peace a scent-free facility.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PALM BAY

The Olive Branch

Dated Material – MAY 2017

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Return service requested

Worship Times

9:30am

**Contemporary
Worship**

11:00am

**Traditional
Worship**



Opportunities to 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. Linell Anderson at 676-3577

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 or Orville Ritterling.

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

Please call the office to be a servant for the Lord by taking on one or more of these opportunities.
(321)727-3131

