Pastor’s Message

October was a fun month. (Remember I’m Lutheran—so fun doesn’t always translate to normal people) Our noisy offering to feed the poor raised over $500—our holiday festival to do ministry over $1200—our new air conditioning over $18,000. (I know air conditioning sounds a little out of line, but it is a necessity in our society).

Yet money has nothing to do with fun. Fun was seeing our members gather together, accomplishing good things most people would feel was doubtful. Fun was watching little Ross Baker sell his homemade goods to the Glory of God. Fun was seeing “The Family of God,” negotiate prices and payment on jars of jam and homemade quilts. Fun was experiencing the Spirit of God through the desire to learn more about the Bible, realizing we as “The Family of God” have so much in common. (We are all searching—trying our best to become who we are meant to be)

Folks that is fun.

Yet the fun continues in November. This Sunday, November 3 at 10AM, Peace Lutheran is hosting a combined worship service with In Season Ministry, and Pastor Chips Davis—they have a fun worship. We are celebrating All Saints Day Lutheran style with a bit of Baptist style. This is a day where we honor and celebrate all those who have died and now are experiencing something we can’t even imagine.

Immediately following worship we will gather in our remodeled Peace Place for a potluck. Should be fun, so start thinking of a dish to bring.

Which brings me to the next topic.

At least half of our membership has talked to me about having one worship service on Sunday and the more I pray about this, the more fun the idea sounds. If we are “The Family of God” it seems logical that as family we would know all of its members. Currently, myself and my wife Sandy are probably the only members that are familiar with all of its members, and that is a shame. Lots of good people worship within these walls.

However, one service is not as easy as it sounds. What time? What style? What music? See the problem? I try my best to keep most people happy, but it is not always easy.

Dear Friends through Christ:

Greetings! Happy Reformation! Happy Halloween! Blessed Thanksgiving!

Writing newsletters is probably the most dreaded task of a pastor. Yet once we get writing, so much to say and so little time.

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Sunday, November 3rd
10:00AM

We will be having a joint worship service with “In Season Ministry” on Sunday, November 3rd at 10:00AM.

This special worship service will followed by a Potluck Luncheon with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Peace Place, to celebrate its grand opening

Put this special Sunday Service on your calendar. It won’t be the same without YOU!!!
The Christian League Youth Group (CLYG)

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

“Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” – Colossians 1:17

Beloved of God,

“Hold it together” is a key phrase for many. We say it often at our Christian League Youth Group meetings. It’s an appropriate phrase, too, at those times when we have so many balls in the air we have to struggle to avoid dropping them all.

The phrase is made of equal parts, encouragement and judgment. The encouraging part of this phrase is that “It’s not too late. Just chill. Pull back now and you can regain your balance; you can do it.” The judgment part of this phrase is “Here we go again…I can’t believe you’ve allowed yourself to be in this same situation again for the umpteenth time!”

Sometimes the voice carries the overtones of a parent or teacher, a coach or a boss. But most of the time many of us in the CLYG recognize it as our own voice, warning us that the steering’s about to go out and I’m not buckled in; that we’re approaching a limit, coming to an edge, about to lose our balance. The problem is, by the time that voice pops up, it’s often too late. Like old Wily Coyote, in his famous battles with Roadrunner, your feet have left terra firma and are frantically peddling out in midair. Then gravity takes over…and you get the picture. If I could only “hold things together.”

When Paul addresses the congregation at Colossi, he uses a huge canvas to paint with broad, sweeping strokes, his portrait of Christ. With the lyric of an early Christian hymn as his muse, he throws bold colors across the page:

- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation…
- For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created…
- All things have been created through him and for him…
- For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell…
- He is before all things, and in him all things hold together…

In case you haven’t got it, says Paul, Christ Jesus is God’s instrument for reconciling “all things” in heaven and on earth, and God gets it done, alarmingly, amazingly, ironically, dumbfoundedly, through the cross.

Coming at the tail end of the church’s year, November is a month in which we behold the sweeping promises of God coming to fruition in the lives of the saints, in St. Paul’s testimony to a community that’s worried sick about the future, and in the figure of the One who, from the cross, declares, “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” Paul’s testimony to the Colossians on Christ Reigns Sunday, the final Sunday of the Christian year, is a profound reminder that while we can’t ever seem to hold our lives together, the Crucified and Risen One does. And not only our lives but “ALL THINGS.”

As tempting as it is to become curved in on oneself and think “it’s all about me,” it’s not. Our failures, no matter how frequent or colossal, are no match for the grace God pours out upon us in Christ Jesus. God’s purpose and plan are much greater than we can imagine! We get little snippets, glimpses of what God has in store through the testimony of scripture, but scripture is not exhaustive by any means. As Paul says elsewhere, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

The upshot? We are LOVED, with a LOVE that far outstrips our ability to comprehend. A LOVE that encompasses and, finally, overwhelms the crises, large or small, that populate our days. Christ calls us through the waters of baptism to wade in that LOVE, and at the Table to eat and drink it so that we may become one with it, with him. Live in that LOVE, won’t you, with me?

Follow us on Facebook at https://m.me/loved1801/ or Instagram.com/clyouthgroup to learn of our next meeting or activity.

With you in the walk,
Pastor Curt
Cell: 321-626-4751
Treasurer’s Report

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

As of the end of September we had $13,035.76 in checking and $10,667.96 in savings ($6,266.81 in designated funds). At the beginning of October, I transferred $4,391.15 from Savings to Checking leaving just the designated funds in Savings. This was done to pay regular normal expenses.

God is good. Our church family at Peace Lutheran is a most loving and caring family. After Hurricane Dorian destroyed parts of the Bahamas we raised, through the noisy offering, $894.78 for Lutheran World Relief - Bahamas disaster aid. A check was mailed early October.

God is good. This church family has stepped up to the challenge of paying for the new AC in the sanctuary. As of writing this article, members have pledged $18,982 and $13,097 has been contributed. Any excess monies donated for the AC will be placed in the maintenance fund. Thank all that were able to step up to this challenge.

Here at Peace Lutheran we have so much to be thankful for; a caring and faithful Pastor, a dedicated Youth Pastor, our music groups, volunteers doing all sorts of jobs, and a loving and caring church family. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Your sister in Christ, Faye Schill, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

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September 2019

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Excess expenses for September  ($1,047.86)
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November Anniversaries

CLIFFORD, Greg & Janet (18)  11/17
DEMERS, Edward & JoAnne (13)  11/25
SPRENGLE, Maryanne & Gerald Jr. (30)  11/25
ELLIOTT, Sylvia & Robert (34)  11/30

November 2019

ZRUTSKIE, Terry  11/01  MCKENY, Sean  11/20
PETERSON, Susan  11/03  SANDBERG, Cheyenne 11/21
RODDY, Mike  11/03  FUCCI, Mariella (Ella)  11/22
HOFFMAN, Donald  11/04  PELCHAT, Kiley  11/23
SANTOS, Amanda  11/05  RICHARD, Bob  11/23
KING, Ivy  11/08  MCKENY, Dale  11/25
TUCKER, Pat  11/11  WYGANT, Jim  11/26
KOWING, Janice  11/12  RAMSEY, Jimmy  11/27
SHELLER, Betty  11/13
RAMSEY, Christopher  11/14
SEARCH, Virginia  11/15
DEMARSE Sr., Thomas 11/17

Prayer Request

Susan Hildebrand
Gwen Newberry
Lori Deaton
V.B. & Lucinda Johnson
Ryan Dasinger
Mary Norwood
Larry Cannen
Jeanette Peterson
Gloria Jones
Rick Pellecchia
Bob Calarco
Tim Calvin
David Brunner, Sr.
Robert B. Elliott
Ann Beardslee
Maita Rodriguez
Eric Schwartz
Rebecca Leinthall
Maryanne Sprengle
Bob Rusco
Velma Lutz
Tonita Rodriguez
Melba Ruascos
Al Faith
October 15, 2019

Peace Lutheran Church of Palm Bay
1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE
Palm Bay FL 32905-5438

Dear Peace Lutheran Church of Palm Bay,

Thank you so much for rushing your gift of $894.78 to the people of the Bahamas.

Hurricane Dorian was an historic storm that absolutely devastated parts of the Bahamas. Families will need food, water, shelter, and hygiene supplies for survival now – and help for a long time to come.

Your generosity provides the things families need right now and will continue helping them onto the road to recovery.

We could not respond so quickly to this disaster without compassionate people like you. Thank you! I hope you’ll stay in touch through our website, www.lwr.org, to see your gift hard at work. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

On behalf of our entire global staff, and those we serve together, please accept my thanks once more. God bless you!

With Gratitude,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of $894.78—Hurricane Dorian.

Happy Thanksgiving
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 9 AM.........THIS IS THE DAY WE WILL BE DECORATING OUR CHURCH INSIDE AND OUT FOR THE ADVENT SEASON. THIS IS A FAVORITE DAY FOR SO MANY OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY. FOR MANY IT IS A TRADITION TO SHOW UP YEAR AFTER YEAR AND WORK TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. LAST YEAR WE HAD OVER 30 THAT CAME OUT TO DECORATE AS A TEAM.

THIS YEAR WE WILL ADD A NEW TREE FOR THE SANCTUARY THAT IS DONATED BY THE BAKER FAMILY. A PRE-LIT, EASY TO ASSEMBLE BEAUTIFUL NEW TREE. NO SHEDDING...YEAH! THIS SHOULD ALSO CUT DOWN ON OUR TOTAL DECORATING TIME. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FINISH IT ALL IN AN HOUR OR SLIGHTLY MORE AND YOU CAN BE ON YOUR WAY WITH OUR THANKS.

REMEMBER THAT WE NEED A FEW "LADDER CLIMBERS" AND A FEW THAT KNOW HOW TO TRANSFORM THE ALTER. IMAGINE HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WILL ALL BE WITH OUR NEW CARPET.
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**Notes:**
- **CANCELED:** Bible Study with Pastor T. Canceled due to scheduling conflict.
- **Closed:** Various service times and events are closed or modified due to anticipated weather conditions.
- **Peace Place:** Various activities and events are held at Peace Place.

**Additional Information:**
- **Event:** Various events are scheduled for specific dates, including Fall Festival in Heritage, Thanksgiving Day Office, and Holiday Gathering.
- **Location:** Events are held at various locations, including Church Campus, Peace Place, and Panama.
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.

SHEPHERD’S CENTER

The Fall Shepherd’s session will be at Riviera United Church of Christ, 416 Riviera Drive, Palm Bay. The Basic Computer class will meet 10AM to12 Noon, Tuesdays, October 1st — November 19th. Thursday classes will meet between 9AM and 1:00PM, October3rd — November 21st.

On Thursdays, you will be able to select from the following 50 minute classes: American Mahjongg (a two period class), Aerial World Tour, Supreme Court, Writing Your Life, Musical History Tour, U.S. Constitution, TV Nostalgia, Stretching with Val, German Book Group and Revelations.

Tuition is $15.00 per person and you may take as many classes as you want on both days. Pre-registration by mail is required for the Computer and American Mahjongg classes. For all other classes, you may pre-register by mail or at Riviera UCC on the first day of class.

Brochures with class descriptions and registration forms are available in the Narthex and on the Shepherd’s Center website: www.shepherdcenterofsfb.org. For additional information or questions, speak with Helga Bromm.
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