Purpose and Vision

Pastor’s Message

ALL MY FRIENDS AT PEACE...

Some of you have been asking where I would be going next.

First, I want to say that I have enjoyed being at Peace Lutheran Church these past months as your Interim Pastor. I will also say that God did call me to Peace for this season, and I pray I have been a blessing to every one of you.

Some of you know what I was doing before I came to Peace, but many do not. Some know about the Tapestry Christian College and Academy. This is one of the ministries I have oversight of under an organization I became a part of when I departed the ELCA in 1989. My life and ministry has been devoted to spreading the Gospel wherever and whenever possible, and it will continue as I continue on my journey with the Lord. The fact is, I am the President and Spiritual overseer of sixty-plus Ministries and Pastors. A few of the Ministries I manage myself, and most are led by other individuals who have their own Board of Directors and staff. I have managed to keep up with these while being at Peace. I believe the Lord has much more for me to do with many ministries and assignments He will send my way.

Over the Summer, Pat and I will be doing some traveling and visiting. We may not be attending Peace on a regular basis, but we will continue to be involved with Tapestry Christian College and Academy and the Medical Clinic ministry. We will not be leaving the area and want you all to know we will miss seeing the friends we have made here on a regular basis. We will always be friends.

I am always available to my friends and to the Body of Christ.

Remember these words.

Pray Hear and Obey

Pastor Paul
Meet & Greet

Potluck Meet and Greet with Pastor David Trexler

Wednesday, May 16th from 5:30PM – 7:00PM.
Everyone is invited to meet the New Pastor!

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018
ONE SERVICE ONLY—10:00AM
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE....

Installation
OF OUR NEW PASTOR
Pastor David Trexler

Refreshments will follow after the service in the Fellowship Hall

Church Council

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At the request of the church council, I’m posting the Treasurer monthly report in the narthex (bulletin board) for members to review.

During the month of March, a new air conditioner was installed for the Food Pantry area. That $4,000 bill was paid in April. At the end of April, one of the air conditioners in the sanctuary will be replaced (before the hot weather returns). That bill of $5,000 approximately will be paid in May. After that we only have the Peace Place air conditioner to replace ($14,000 approximately). That will have to be delayed because our maintenance fund will be at $5,000 approximately. (If you would like to put a little extra in your offering to contribute to maintenance, just make a note on your envelope or check as to the amount and write maintenance.) One reason the Council could not plan on having Vacation Bible School this summer was because the air was not working in Peace Place.

For anyone who hasn’t pledged, attached is a pledge form. Pray on this and if God leads you, pledge above what you are currently giving in support of a new pastor, a renewed faith in what Peace Lutheran Church is doing in this community and moreover, in thankfulness and love to your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Complete the form and return with your offering on Sunday or mail/deliver your pledge to the church office.

As Treasurer, I am being extremely careful with your offering. Only expenditures that have been approved by the Church Council are being paid.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the church’s finances, please contact me at my email of TreasurerFaye@gmail.com.

Thank you for your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Faye Schill, Treasurer

**If you would like to volunteer to do a complete inventory of church property, please give your name to Jacqui in the church office. This is very important for insurance purposes.**

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**PLEDGE CARD**

It is time for Peace Lutheran Church to grow and support a new Pastor. To support growing the church, I am willing to increase my offering by $________________ per month which would be about a ________% increase in my giving.

__________________________________________  ______________________________
Print Name                                                                       Sign your name
The month of May brings us time to celebrate our graduates at all grade levels. Many of our students will be going off to new cities and lands. They will be learning new skills and knowledge they will need to prepare for careers and for the adventures God has planned for them. Our prayers for all young church members to remember that wherever you venture, at home or in a different land, God is always there to help and support you.

Peace Lutheran Church celebrates our students that will be confirmed on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018. Carolyn Richard and Joy McVay have devoted their time and worked tirelessly to prepare our young members for this important step of dedicating themselves to a Godly life. The congregation thanks you for this deep devotion to our Confirmation students at Peace Lutheran Church.

The students in Children's Church thank Cindy Wagman, and all the church members that donated treats and helped prepare Easter Treat bags. A thank-you to Rick Pellecchia and Connor Sandberg for their help hiding the eggs for our young members to discover. The students in Children's Church will be discussing and completing various activities centered around the following Gospel Verses during May.

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It has been an honor and a pleasure working with our students in Children's Church and Vacation Bible School for the last twelve years. I am not able to continue my service in a teaching capacity, in the future. I will be happy and available to assist in our Education Program. Please consider sharing or co-sharing teaching responsibilities with members of Peace Lutheran Church. We will be experiencing new leadership and I look forward to the ideas and strategies to help increase our student population. Children's Church will continue through the month of June. We will be taking a Summer Recess to regroup and plan for the new school year. Your prayers and support have been invaluable to the success of our Church Education Programs. Thank you for your service and may God lead us on the pathway to a future of exciting growth and new ideas.

Blessings and Peace,

Henrietta Pellecchia
Our confirmation class has been meeting weekly for the last year and a half, except for holidays and summer.

Our final blessing will be when the Confirmants make their confirmation and their commitment to God and the Holy Trinity. Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, May 13th** during the 9:00 AM service. All family and friends are invited to come and share with us on that day.

Those being confirmed are as follows: **Brianna McVay, Jackson McVay, Cody Peterson, Jeanne Peterson, Brennan Ambrose, Caleb Robertson, and Carolyn Richard.**

We ask for your prayers and to send praise and glory to our Lord God, Jesus His son, and the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Richards
“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 5-9, with the youthful young ages 10-16.

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

**May / June Meetings / Events before the summer break:** Our Meetings in May / June are below and from 6:00-7:30pm, at the Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall and Youth Room. Dinner is provided. Hope you can join us for some fun & fellowship!!

- **Wednesday, May 16th** – Next Christian League Youth Group Meeting at 6:00pm, in the Youth Room.
- **Sunday, May 20th** – Military Bible Stick display at Peace Lutheran Church between the 9:30-11:00am service’s
- **Friday, May 25th** – Christian League Youth Group Meeting at Andretti Thrill Park at 6:00pm
- **Sunday, May 27th** – Military Bible Stick display at New Hope Lutheran Church after the 9:30am service
- **Sunday, June 10th** – Military Bible Stick display at St Paul Lutheran Church after the 9:00am service

**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.

The Christian League Youth Group project in May / June celebrates Memorial Day and the men and women of our Military. In this, we’ll be raising awareness and seeking donations for **Military Bible Sticks**, a thumb drive and hearing device that speaks of God’s Word. Sponsored by the non-profit organization **Faith By Hearing**, each donated dollar supports the $25.00 cost for the Military Bible Stick, and 100% of every donation supports the cause. Over 500,000 have been issued to our Troops, and the demand is ever greater today. Every donation is appreciated.
This month’s Message: How Parents & Adults Reduce Grit in Kids? Recently we read Angela Duckworth’s book, “Grit.” Dr. Duckworth left a high-paying job in consulting to take a job teaching math to seventh graders in a New York City public school. She quickly realized that IQ isn’t the only thing separating the successful students from those who struggled. In her book, she explains her theory of “grit” as a predictor of success. She believes grit is a combination of both:

- **Passion** – “I love this issue and want to do it more.”
- **Perseverance** – “I want to do it long enough to master it.”

Today, as a professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, Angela also believes educators and parents need to understand how students develop from a psychological perspective. It’s not usually a lack of intelligence that prevents young people from development. It’s that we’ve removed most of the grit from their lives. We’ve stolen the need for grit in their childhood. Sadly, the single greatest predictor of success is grit.

Grit means sticking with something for a long time. It’s approaching life like it’s a marathon, not a sprint. Grittier kids are more likely to solve problems, to achieve goals and to graduate. Talent doesn’t make us gritty. IQ doesn’t make us gritty. In fact, they often diminish it. With talent and smarts, kids easily assume they can coast on their abilities. In one study, Duckworth found that smarter students actually had less grit than their peers who scored lower on an intelligence test. This finding suggests that, among the participants—all students at an Ivy League school—those who are not as bright as their peers “compensate by working harder and with more determination.” And their effort pays off: The grittiest students, not the smartest ones, had the highest GPAs. Dr. Duckworth believes we, adults, need to get grittier about building grit in our kids.

**Consider These Common-Sense Thoughts on Grit:**
1. The more we do for them, the less they learn to do for themselves.
2. The easier life is for them, the less they naturally develop grit.
3. The more we prescribe for them, the less they’re apt to develop grit.
4. The faster their solutions come, the less they tend to develop grit.
5. The more resources we give them, the less resourceful they become.

**The Role of Deliberate Practice**
Deliberate Practice is an idea we must re-introduce to students. It’s the idea that grit requires consistent, ongoing habits to be practiced, even when results are not fast and the activity is not fun. Jonah Lehrer, journalist for *Wired* magazine, summarizes this term for us:

“Researchers, such as K. Anders Ericsson, argue that talent is really about deliberate practice, about putting in those 10,000 hours of intense training (plus or minus a few thousand hours). Beethoven wasn’t born Beethoven, he had to work damn hard to become Beethoven. As Ericsson wrote in his influential review article, “The Role of Deliberate Practice in the Acquisition of Expert Performance:” “The differences between expert performers and normal adults are not immutable, that is, due to genetically prescribed talent. Instead, these differences reflect a life-long period of deliberate effort to improve performance.”

Our challenge to you? Stop doing the grit for the teens in your life. You’d be amazed at how they can build it themselves.

It’s a good article on how to help developing teens stick with things in life. See the full article here: [https://growingleaders.com/blog/adults-reduce-grit-kids/](https://growingleaders.com/blog/adults-reduce-grit-kids/)

Sharing His Love,
Paul Shwiner / Pastor Curt
Cell: 321-626-4751
MyHealth Shaw Medical Group and Medical Gap Ministries will have a soft Grand Opening on **Tuesday, May 1st** at 8:00AM for **Peace Lutheran Church Members only**.

**On Tuesday, June 5th**, we will have a Public Grand Opening! The Chamber of Commerce will be attending, along with many others to this exciting event!

Join us and invite your neighbors, family and friends to this event. We look forward to seeing your there!!!
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### Prayer Request
- Carolyn Richard
- Mona Sprague
- Susan Hildebrand
- Gwen Newberry
- Terry Neumann
- V.B. & Lucinda Johnson
- Ann Mease
- Phyliss Liatos
- Pam Bachtel
- Yvonne Wilson
- Bob Ritter
- Vernell Santa Maria
- Elizabeth Nash
- Ryan Dasinger
- Walter Froelich
- Martha Marsh
- Gary Snow III
- Frank Meier
- Robert B. Elliott
- Tyler J. Azevedo

### May Anniversaries
- GENRE-BERT, Ben & Elsa (29) 05/07
- HARMON, Joe & Barb (40) 05/09
- SANDBERG, Kevin & Amber (13) 05/21
- SANDBERG, Kenneth & Kate (17) 05/26
- WAINIKAINEN, Paul & Donna (36) 05/29
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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 contribution.

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.

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

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
Tyler J. Azevedo—Middle East

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.

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

Check us out on Facebook @ Peace Lutheran Church and get updates, spiritual messages, events and any changes.

Or visit us on our website www.peacelutheranpb.org

Bits & Pieces
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.

(321)727-3131

I have told you this so that MY JOY may be in YOU & so that your JOY may be COMPLETE.

John 15:11