

Peace Offerings

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Our Mission: We are a family of Christians called, equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed through God's holy Word and Sacraments.



To my Peace family

Easter Greetings!

Even though Easter was later this year it didn't seem we were out of the holiday season that long before it arrived. They say time flies when you're having fun. Holy Week is one of my favorite times of the church year; I hope it is for you also. The special services which start with Palm Sunday tie the season together and with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we bring it to a close looking forward to the Easter celebration. As we begin the month of May, we are well into the Easter Season. A special note, on May 25, which is Ascension Day we will again this

year have a worship service that evening at 7:00 p.m.

I hope you had the opportunity to be with us during our Lenten journey as we celebrated the Ten Commandments, finishing them up on Easter morning. As we looked at each commandment, we realized how we fail to keep them and how Jesus kept them perfectly in obedience to His Father and then gave His Life as a Good Friday Sacrifice for us. As we prepare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Ten Commandments made an excellent Lenten series.

Many of our snowbirds have already returned to their northern homes and many of you will be traveling to visit family and friends over the next few months. I pray God's blessings for each of you and safe travel.

A few "THANK YOU's" are in order. Many things happen during the week that most don't see or realize. We have a wonderful group of people who volunteer their time and talents here at Peace. How about our choir and director Lu Ann Cooke! They added so much to our worship services, now they will take the summer off. We thank you for sharing with us. I also want to thank Ron and Rita Cowan for beautifying our prayer garden for Easter, did you notice? And, have you noticed that the restrooms now have hot water, thanks Garry Kurth for that wonderful addition. Garry also put a hot water unit in the Sacristy; the Altar guild finally can stop taking the communion ware to the kitchen. And, my final "THANKS" goes to each of you for being part of our Peace family. We are truly blessed here at Peace and I'm sure with God's guidance will continue to be a blessing to the community around us.

God bless
Pastor

From the President

Gods Blessings! Peace family, I'm very pleased to say that were getting the Lords work done at Peace Lutheran. I want to thank Rita and Ron for preparing the Peace Garden; it looks so beautiful. I also wish to thank Chet, Diane and Little James for putting the pavers in front of the parking lot. It's so much nicer now walking in from that end of the church. Thanks also for fixing the pot hole at the end of the driveway. We have hot water in the Men and Women restrooms. Thank you Linda for handling the Easter Breakfast, The food was delicious. I'm glad to report we collected over \$ 800 for Bible Sticks, what a wonderful opportunity for our military and their families to hear the word of Christ, and to know we stand behind them. Thank you for all the donations given to the rummage sale. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Thelma Grams for coordinating the event.

I wish to thank the Council members, Pastor Terry, and our entire Peace family. It's been an exciting four months as President. I hope we can continue to make progress in all areas where the Lord calls upon us. May our friendships and our love for Christ grow stronger every day.

Garry Kurth

Summary
Peace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting
April 10 2017

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Rita Cowan, Ron Cowan, Jan Barker, Rebekah Williams, Doug O`Hara, Steve Cassan, Linda Williams and Pastor McKee.

President Garry Kurth called the meeting to order and Pastor McKee opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence: We received a card from St. Paul Lutheran in Jacksonsville. The card stated that they are lifting Peace Lutheran in prayer as we celebrate our partnership in ministry. Also received was a card from Janice Scheib thanking us for our prayers and help for her husband Donald who had passed on March 9 2017. Also, she thanked us for the prayer blanket. The minutes from March 13th's Council meeting was accepted with one correction. The spelling of Tom and LuAnn Cooke`s name was corrected as "Cooke". Not "Cook".

Reports:

Financial Secretary: Becky Williams Fund summary was accepted.

Treasurers Report: Rita Cowan`s reports were accepted.

Trustee`s Report: Linda Williams thanked Garry Kurth for installing hot

water in the washrooms. Linda also proposed hiring a cleaning service once a week. Linda will look into exactly what should be done and what the cost will be. Pastor Terry also stated that this should be discussed with the congregation to see if anyone in the church would like to take on this job for the same cost as the cleaning service would charge. Linda Williams also provided an article regarding a "Food Pantry" stand that looks like a birdhouse. It would hold non-perishable items for people in need who come to the church looking for food. All council members thought this was a good idea. Linda will look into it further. Ron Cowan stated that he put "Weed and Feed" down and mulch in the flowerbed. There was discussion about Pastor`s microphone. Ron Cowan stated that a new microphone would cost \$120. A service call would be \$220, and an entirely new system would be approx. \$540. Ron and Pastor will review additional options. Steve Cassan stated that Peace Lutheran Church is "Tax Exempt" with Ace Hardware and Walmart. Steve will obtain the "tax exempt" certificate so he can use it when buying supplies. In addition, he will set up a charge account with Ace Hardware so that they can bill us monthly for any purchases.

SCRIP: Pastor McKee advised that he has spoken to Barbara Meisen and she is concerned about the lack of participation from the congregation.

Pastor suggested bringing the SCRIP program up at the next Congregational Meeting to see if the program is worth continuing. It is possible that our members don't totally understand how the program works. There is a lot of work done by Barbara with little benefit.

Elder's/Pastor's Report: There will be three services during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. May 25 we will celebrate the Ascension Service.

Old Business:

Easter Breakfast will be "pot luck". Linda Williams will set up the tables Easter morning.

Bible Sticks: Becky Williams says that we have collected \$570 with one Sunday remaining. Hope Kurth has collected money for 13 additional Bible Sticks.

Spaghetti Supper: Scheduled for May 19. Steve Casson has volunteered to coordinate the event.

New Business:

Life screening: It was decided not to participate due to lack of participation last year.

Possible use of Scrip Funds: Pastor Terry advised that Cindy McKee works at The Inverness Club. It is a senior living facility with apartments. The seniors are supplied only one

meal a day. It was discussed that perhaps we can provide some funds for a food pantry. Pastor then spoke of the Youth Offender Program in Inverness. Chris, a Prison Guard there, is attempting to set up a Reading and a Track Program. First time youth offenders are only given boots when they are imprisoned. Pastor suggested donating funds to purchase running shoes. We need to research this more. We also need to address the congregation to see if any members know of other worthwhile causes.

The meeting closed with prayer and singing of the Doxology.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Barker, Secretary,

Scrip Fund for April

I would like to appeal to our Membership to support this Stewardship Program. It is so easy to do. Just pick up a blank order form from the Bulletin Board, check out our Vendor List, check your choices and give it to me with your check on Sunday, May 7. Our profit for April was \$47.85. Let's see how we can build on that. Thank you for your support.

Barbara Miesen,
Scrip Coordinator

First Saturday

We will be setting up our booth on Saturday, May 6th in front of the Lion's Club building. We have many items to give out: bookmarks, books, Bibles, candy, and various other favors. Our Spaghetti Supper will be publicized by handing out flyers. Thank you to all who participate in this monthly event.

Stop by and chat,
Jackie Hucker

If you are a Thrivent member, You're part of the Thrivent Member Network in the Florida & Georgia Region, which brings people together to do good works in their churches, communities and beyond.

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If you want more information, see Jackie for details.



**Best wishes on your Special Day
To:**

Birthdays

05.06	Peggy (Margaret) Buschman
05.09	Tricia Ruttinger
05.18	Linda Ryun
05.21	Barbara Miesen
05.29	Chet Rochette
05.29	Emily Boggess

Anniversaries

05.22.1989	Chet & Diane Rochette
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Hi! I have a question for you. Can you push a button?

If you said "YES" then you are **QUALIFIED! YIPPIE!**

I am looking for more volunteers to help with the music during Sunday services. Yes, it is as easy as pushing a button. Please see me if would like to help.

Thanks everyone, God`s Blessings.
Jan Barker



The Meaning of Luther's Seal

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. Luther's seal is perhaps the most enduring symbol of the Reformation.

But do you know what it means, this black cross on a red heart embedded in a white rose and surrounded by a golden ring?

In a letter to his prominent supporter Lazarus Spengler, dated July 8, 1530, Luther explains:

" First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace – it puts the believer into a white joyful rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal."

Those Serving in May 2017

Sunday, May 7

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeter: Linda Williams
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, May 14

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeter: Bill Langstaff
Lay reader: Ken Buschman
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, May 21

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Bunnie & George Daniels
Lay reader: Diane Rochette
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Williams

Thursday, May 25, Ascension Day

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan
Greeter: Sharon Zavertnik
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Becky Williams

Sunday, May 28

Ushers: Ken Buschman & Doug O'Hara
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Barbara & Wayne Miesen
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Bill Langstaff & Rosemary Sheehan

Altar Guild

Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams

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