

# Peace Offerings

The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church

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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***

I feel like I just wrote my monthly newsletter article, September really is flying by. Vacation was nice, Cindy and I had a nice time in the Bahamas. I will be taking a second week of vacation from October 15 to October 21, taking Cindy away for our 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. But October is upon us and the busy church season begins. Of course, none of the activities would happen if it weren't for you volunteering, giving of your time and talents. And this is a yearlong, lifelong endeavor. At this time of year, we are focused on preparing the new spending guide for 2017 and finding volunteers to

serve on the church council. We are truly blessed here at Peace but this task is becoming harder each year. As we go into 2017 we are already shy a vice-president and could use more trustees. The board of elders is down to three. Finding men to serve on the board of elders has become a daunting task as less men are involved in our Bible studies and other church activities and fellowship opportunities and if one is not active in the church life it is difficult to be a leader. Like I wrote, we are truly blessed here at Peace but the gentlemen who are active are for the most part are already serving in

some capacity. The nominating committee has a tuff task ahead of them. Without you volunteering, or more correctly accepting God's call to serve, we will not be able to fill the positions that will be vacant as of January 1, 2017. So as your Pastor, I ask for your prayers for the spending guide and nominating committees. , pray, see if God is calling you into service, and then come see me.

Our Wednesday morning Bible class is finishing up studying Revelation and will be starting Daniel. Everyone is invited to come learn and grow together. We're not sure what we are doing with the Sunday morning adult Bible class. I am currently teaching confirmation class on Sun-

day mornings so we need someone to lead the adult class.

We are hoping to take in new members before the end of the year. If you are new to Peace and would like to be part of this group and become part of our Peace family, please come and see me.

We will celebrate Lutheran Women Missionary League Sunday on October 16 with Pastor Ron Scheer filling in why Cindy and I are on vacation. And we will celebrate Reformation Day on Sunday, October 30.

God bless!

Pastor

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi, All,

Can't believe it's time to write another newsletter article- where did September go? We are getting into high gear for our upcoming Fall, Winter and Spring events. We had quite a bit happening in September. October is Pastor Appreciation Month and LWML Sunday to name two events.

One date that has changed (as you will see in the minutes), is that we decided to have our Annual Voter and Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 20 (after service) instead of the 27<sup>th</sup>, to make it easier for members who go away for the Thanksgiving weekend.

We are looking for more music players, and "Thank you" to Lu Ann Cooke, who has volunteered to play the piano for preludes and/or offerings, PLUS she is willing to lead a choir or any size group to sing now and then- yeah!! Also, please pray about the open positions on your council, that we have a complete slate on which to vote for next year. If you can't be on the Council as an elected officer, we also need help on the Stewardship and Outreach Committees. I appreciate and thank all those who are doing what they are- council members (officers, trustees and elders), as well as those doing the unnoticed jobs (Altar Guild, PR, mowing, etc.) and when we have a meal do anything between set up and clean up (and EVERYTHING that goes in the middle, especially desserts,

my favorite)! Actually, almost everyone in our congregation falls into one of the above, and I think that's pretty great!

We have a program called "Helping Hands", which is designed to help our members do things they can't do. This includes, but is not limited to: bringing you meals if you are ill or are recovering from surgery, or something different happens (say, in a storm, etc.), yard clean up, as a few examples. Please, if you have anything that you need help with, and you shouldn't really be doing it yourself, let Pastor or me know! One of us will be there! If you would like to help with cooking/baking, but can't deliver, let us know- we have "deliverers". Or, if you can't physically do anything, but would like to help, you could ride along to a delivery to visit with the member. Sick and shut-ins can't get enough of that sometimes.

I think that's all I have for this month. Please continue praying for each other, and God's Blessings to all!

In Jesus Christ's Service,

Sheryl Lutz, Congregation President

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**Summary**  
**Peace Lutheran Church Council**  
**Meeting**

**September 12, 2016**

Present: Sheryl Lutz, Jan Barker, Rita Cowan, Rebekah Williams, Doug O'Hara, Bud Koehlinger, Bob Sullivan, Ron Cowan, Jackie Hucker, Steve Cassan, Liz Koehlinger, Rev. Terry McKee.

President Sheryl Lutz called the meeting to order and Pastor McKee opened the meeting with prayer.

**Correspondence:** We received a "Thank You" note from Romeo Elementary School for our donation of backpacks. Also received was a request from the "Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall" for a donation. Lastly, Bud mentioned that October is Pastor Appreciation month.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the August 8 meeting were accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** The treasurer's report was accepted.

**Financial Secretary:** The fund summary report was accepted.

**Trustees:** The trustees report was accepted.

**Pastor/Elders Report:** Pastor Terry advised that in our board meeting of May 2015 it was mentioned that the Church's financial reports should be available for everyone in the congregation. Much discussion followed. Becky Williams and Rita Cowan will meet and determine how to implement this by October 1 and then it will be discussed further. Pastor then advised that we have not done an annual audit. Rita Cowan will investigate if someone will do this for us and how much it will cost. Pastor Terry brought up, that at a former Congregational meeting; it was discussed that the Thrivent Choice Dollars percentage could be changed to 20%. It was tabled at that meeting. Becky Williams made a motion to keep the current Choice Dollars percentage at 10%. Bob Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SCRIP:** No report.

**Old Business:** Sheryl asked what we should do with the profit from Oktoberfest. It was decided to wait until we know how much money it will be. fifty-one backpacks have been delivered to Romeo Elementary school. The smoke detector issue is addressed in the trustees report. Regarding the blood drive, Steve Cassan has made a phone call to Life South regarding their request for a blood

drive at our church. Steve has not gotten a return phone call.

**New Business:** Regarding Food 4 Kids, It was noted we have not found a replacement for Jan Barker to represent our church. We have been removed from their packing list. Pastor Terry asked if Jan Barker could write a report in the newsletter regarding this.

The Nominating Committee is set up, but we still need one more member from the congregation. It was voted on and passed to change the Congregation/Voters meeting to November 20, 2016 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Bob Sullivan advised that Liz Koehlinger suggested buying permanent signs for our "Oktoberfest" which would not show a date. We could state on the sign that it will be "Friday" and put the sign on display the Sunday prior so that the "date" does not need to be changed from year to year. It was also discussed having permanent signs made for our "Spaghetti Super" and our "Potato Pancake Super".

**Presidents Report:** Pastor McKee will be on vacation from October 15, 2016 thru October 21, 2016. Pastor Scheer has been called to see if he can fill in on Sunday October 16. There has been no response from Pastor Scheer thus far.

Doug O`Hara made a motion to adjourn. Bob Sullivan seconded the motion. The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Barker, Secretary

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**A Word from Financial Secretary**

**Scrip Program Report**

**Becky Williams**

I am scheduled for hand surgery on October 27, which involves three fingers and my wrist. I am right handed so I am moving up the October order date to October 16 and will deliver cards on October 23. I am hoping to keep on schedule for November. I am enclosing the dates for Scrip Orders for 2017, which have been coordinated with the Scrip 2017 calendar. Please keep these dates handy.

Our counting teams are in place, faithfully doing what they have been requested to do in preparing the offering deposits. My thanks to each of them for their participation in this ministry. This benefits all of us! And also, thanks to each of you who give to the Lord as He has blessed you!

Jan 15 - delivered Jan 22

If you are a regular worshiper here at Peace, but not yet a member, and would like to have personal offering envelopes, please request them using one of the pew envelopes. I'll be happy to issue a set to you at any time during the year.

Feb 12 - delivered Feb 19

Mar 19 - delivered Mar 26

Apr 23 - delivered Apr 30

May 21- delivered May 28

Jun 18 - delivered Jun 25

Jul 16 - delivered Jul 23

Aug 20 - delivered Aug 27

Sep 17 - delivered Sep 24

Oct 15 - delivered Oct 22

Nov 12 - delivered Nov 19

Dec 10 - delivered Dec 17

With several holidays coming up in this quarter, some of our counters may want to take a Sunday off to be with family. Please prayerfully consider being a substitute. The schedule can always be adjusted to accommodate the plans of our counters and subs.

Becky Williams, Financial Secretary

**Those Serving October 2016**

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

Ushers: Ken Buschman & Doug O'Hara  
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg  
Greeters: Bunnie & George Daniels  
Lay reader: Pat Doan  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: Bud Koehlinger  
Greeter: Barbara & Wayne Miesen  
Lay reader: Jean Methlie  
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

**Sunday, October 16, 2016**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Bud Koehlinger  
Greeter: Rita & Ron Cowan  
Lay reader: Liz Koehlinger  
Counting team: Bob Sullivan & Linda Williams

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

Ushers: Bud Koehlinger & Gene Lutz  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Linda Ryun  
Lay reader: Sam McKee  
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Jackie Hucker

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Liz & Bud Koehlinger  
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Altar Guild October 2016**

Cindy & Sam McKee

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**Best wishes on your special day**

**Birthdays**

- 10.01            Ron Cowan
- 10.02            Jay Manning
- 10.13            David Sokolowski
- 10.15            Bill Langstaff
- 10.22            Sharon Zavertnik
- 10.27            Ron Doan
- 10.28            Linda Williams

**Anniversaries**

- 10.02.1971      Gene & Sheryl Lutz
- 10.15.1978      Terry & Cindy McKee
- 10.31.1992      David & Carla Ruttinger

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***The Ladies of Peace L.W.M.L.***

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**TURN TRASH INTO CASH!**

Please remember your LWML's project to raise funds for its 2019 National Convention! All **you** have to do is donate your ***empty inkjet printer cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, laptops, digital cameras, e-Readers, tablets, GPS systems, and Scientific Calculators (please include power cords for everything if possible)***. If you work in an office or have friend still working, ask them to collect and bring you the empty cartridges from the office. We'll collect them and turn them into a company – for cash- that will safely recycle them. It's easy and it's the right thing to do. Just bring your contributions to Sheryl Lutz or leave them on the "recycle/info table" on the far side of the Fellowship Hall, and they will be collected. Your LWML thanks you, and so will the environment!

Sheryl Lutz LWML Society Facilitator



## **FIRST SATURDAY**

Jackie Hucker

After a summer break, we will be setting up our booth on October 1 in front of the Lion's Club building. Our September date was rained out. We were there to set up, but the streets were empty, and the weather looked drab. Then came the rain. We have lots of items to give out. Some of the items we pass out are bookmarks, books, Bibles, candy, and various other favors. This is a great opportunity to get out and greet our friends in the community. See you there!

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## **WhoWhatWhereWhyWhenHow?**

Submitted by Becky Williams

We are nearing the end of the Church Year at the close of November. For this month of October, the green paraments on our altar and pulpit continue to remind us of our growth in Christ as we study His Word as He ministered to His followers. We will use red hangings on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Let's plan on wearing red that Sunday!

When Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, to protest the practices of the church, it was not his intention to begin another church and certainly not to have it become known as "Lutheran". He

merely wished to debate his discussion points. He wrote lyrics or translated 32 hymns, many of which are in our Lutheran Service Book; wrote a Catechism of church doctrine in the form of questions and answers to assist parents in teaching their children; and translated the Bible from the Latin to German in order that everyone could read it, not only the priests.

There are a few other feast days and days which can be commemorated during the month. If we choose to emphasize the martyrdom of Jesus' brother James of Jerusalem, we would do that on Sunday, the 23rd, in which case the paraments would be red, the color of blood-shed in the name of our Savior.

Two other special occasions are also celebrated here at Peace. The entire month of October is Pastor Appreciation month. One Sunday will be LWML Sunday. On that Sunday, the ladies of Peace serve as ushers, greeters, acolyte and reader. The ladies of Peace are encouraged to wear purple on LWML Sunday.

Several times during the month of September, our Scripture readings used the word "fear", being in fear of God. The meaning of this word does not mean terror or being afraid in the sense of those readings, but rather that we are in awe of God and His power. Another phrase that may have caught your attention was in Hymn 686, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing", where stanza two begins "Here I raise my

Ebenezer..." Huh? There's no time to check out the small print below the hymn as we sing on and it may have caused you to wonder just what in the world we were singing about! "Ebenezer" means "Thus far has the Lord helped us" and was the name given to the stone of remembrance that Samuel raised to God's glory. No, it doesn't mean we may now throw stones!

This is a good time to remind everyone that there is a website available to check pronunciation of names, places and things in the Bible.

It is [www.betterdaysarecoming.com](http://www.betterdaysarecoming.com)

I want to encourage our Sunday readers to consult this user-friendly site to be certain they are pronouncing the names of Bible books, people and places correctly. As my dad used to say, "You are putting the em-FAH-sis on the wrong syl-LAH-bul! I have done it myself. The funniest was when I was a teenager. I was reading the paper after dinner (don't know how I got out of doing dishes that night) and re-read an article three times without figuring out the subject matter. Usually, the context reveals that. I finally asked my mom what "a-DOLE-sent" meant. She didn't know either, until she read the article and told me I was mispronouncing "adolescent". Aha! Now it all made sense. My favorite mispronunciation in a Bible text is the word "Babel". Because of the confusion of languages described in the story of the tower, most people say

"babble", however, the correct pronunciation has nothing to do with babbling, but refers to the location, which is "BABE-el". I promise not to call anyone out on any words, but only mention this because I know that I get distracted when I hear them and am concerned that someone less familiar with Scripture may mispronounce words assuming if they hear them in church, they must be correct.

"A mighty fortress is our God!"

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