

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

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! What a glorious time in the Church year as we celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior and also the new life and hope we now have in Him. But what do we do now? Did anything actually change in our daily lives or do we just continue on as usual? The message of Easter is one of peace, joy, comfort and hope something we won't know fully until our Lord returns and takes all believers home for ever. But we still have these wonderful gifts (peace, joy, comfort and hope) here and now through faith in Christ Jesus. So again I ask what do we do now?

As Christians we are called to share the Gospel as we live upon

this earth. We are to care for and work together to grow God's Kingdom. And all this out of love and thankfulness. One of the things that get in the way, or I should say sins that get in the way is the sin of arrogance. We all have heard the saying; "pride cometh before the fall" but sinful arrogance keeps us from having a proper relationship with our Risen Lord and Savior, as we read in Psalm 5:5 "**The arrogant cannot stand in your presence**" NIV. And if we look at the other translations we can get a more complete picture of how sinful arrogance can hurt one's faith life, in the King James the word is "foolish," in the New Living Translation it is "proud," and in the New American Standard it is "boastful." No matter how we look at it, it does not build up the church or one's faith. Now we are

all sinful creatures and we need to repent so that our faith may grow and our sins be forgiven.

God has called each of you here and made you a family, a family of believers who support, encourage and love one another. And God has placed me here to be His under-shepherd to guide, nourish and encourage you in Word and Sacrament. But when we forget why we are called and gathered together God's Kingdom work suffers and Satan smiles. When we cease to work together that is exactly what Satan wants, (the old adage divide and conquer).

So as we begin anew this Easter season let us recommit ourselves to work together and communicate better so that we make God smile and not Satan. Each of you have gifts that can be used to glorify God. Let us be so focused on serving and pleasing Him that we have no time for sinful arrogance and pride.

May God continue to bless our Peace family!

Pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can you believe it is April already? I sure can't! This winter went so fast (at least I think so). We've already turned our winter gardens over and planted our spring gardens- and they are coming up!

We lost another friend this past month, but have gained NINE new friends now members- thank you, Lord! Welcome to Ken and Peggy Buschman, Steve and Sharon Cassan, Don and Yvonne Conner, Garry and Hope Kurth, and Bob Orens!! Saturday, April 9th is our Rummage Sale, and we really have a lot of fun emptying all the boxes to see what's in them. You can bring your own "stuff" any time- you can ask a Trustee to unlock the shed for you- and, you can even ask them to unload your car if you can't. Thelma usually is willing to tell us when to show up for setup during the week (we have to set up around the groups that meet), so I deem her in charge of that again. We will need the most help Friday and/or Saturday, so if you can come either or both of those days- thank you! Saturday, April 16th is Boomtown Days in Dunnellon, and we as Peace Lutheran will be a part of it with a booth. LWML is planning a Bake Sale, and the men will hand out New Testaments and be a great help to us all. For anyone baking, we will need goodies by Friday at 1pm, so we can bag/package and price them. As in the past, please, no icing on anything (it

melts terribly in the heat). Cookies, brownies, mini loaves (of anything), pies and cakes all work great, and I'm already thinking about them, and thank you all in advance for your help!!

My Vice President has had to resign due to health, so I need a new Vice President. Pray on this, and see me if you'd be willing to step up to this position-I will appoint you. (Read your Church Constitution if you want to check out your duties, and what would be expected of you).

Also, I am **still** looking for at least three more people to take turns playing our service music. It is really easy to learn and do, but if there were more of us, it would be easier yet! Please see me if you are interested.

I think that's all for now. Please continue praying for each other, and God's Blessings to All!

In Jesus' Service, Sheryl Lutz, Church Congregation President

**Peace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Summary
March 14th 2016**

Present: Sheryl Lutz, Jan Barker, Rita Cowan, Becky Williams, Bud Koehlinger, Ron Cowan, Jackie Hucker, Vic Rochette, Linda Williams, Liz Koehlinger, Rev. Terry McKee.
Guest: Jennifer Rochette.

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

Correspondence: A letter was received from FLGA District, LCMS regarding "Operation Barnabas Task Force." President Sheryl Lutz stated she will make note of this letter in our April Peace Offerings Newsletter. Also received was a letter from Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries. Again, Sheryl will make a note of this letter in our April newsletter.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted for the February 8th meeting.

Treasurer Report: The report was accepted.

Financial Secretary: The report was accepted.

Trustees: Vic Rochette submitted his report. He checked with the Building Dept, and we cannot close off the egress door to Pastor's office. The new bookcase is on hold pending approval to move forward.

Vic was advised by the Building Dept. that the contractor who installed the sign should have received a letter from the Building Dept. by now to correct the defaults. The contractor will not be able to pull any more permits until this matter is resolved. The parking lot work is still in progress. Stop curbs have been repaired.

Automatic scheduling and advance notice of cost by E-Mail has been set up with Marion County Water Testing Lab. This quarter cost is \$105.00 and

is scheduled for April 11th. The Board of Trustees agreed to have a general monthly meeting on 3-14-16

Pastor`s Report: Pastor Terry advised that Vice President, Tom Victory just resigned immediately. Bud Koehlinger made a motion from the Elders that 9 new members be inducted into the church. Becky Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor. The new inductees are as follows. Ken Buschman, Peggy Buschman, Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Stephen Cassan, Sharon Cassan, Bob Orens, Don Conner, and Yvonne Conner. Pastor stated that at the end of 2015 we had 60 baptized members.

Pastor stated that he will be attending the Emergent Leaders Classes on the following dates. March 29th thru April 1st. April 19th thru April 21st. May 17th thru May 19th. There will be no Bible class on the Wednesday`s of these weeks. Also there will be no worship at Brookdale on these weeks.

Pastor spoke about our new church sign. He said it would be nice to have some graphics/pictures on the sign. He requested that someone with computer skills step up and try to figure out how to do this.

SCRIP: Our deposit for 2/21/16 was \$1285.00 and our profit for this order was \$43.17.

Old Business: LWML has decided not to do a bake sale on the day of our yard sale.

New Business: Boomtown Days will be held on April 16th. The LWML will have a bake sale and the men will hand out New Testaments. Becky Williams stated she called the Chamber of Commerce to see if they have a booth available for us.

Sheryl Lutz asked if we want to do our annual Spaghetti Dinner in May. Vic Rochette made a motion to have the Spaghetti Dinner on May 20th. Ron Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding members donating items such as plastic silverware, wine, etc. It was stated that some of these donated items are not exactly what we use. Sheryl Lutz will address this in the April newsletter. She will ask our members who wish to donate money, to use our "Designated Offering" envelopes stating specifically what they want their offering to be for.

President`s Report: Nothing additional to report.

Linda Williams made a motion to adjourn. Jackie Hucker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology. Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Barker, Secretary

Those Serving April 2016

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Bill Langstaff
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeter: Bunnie & George Daniels
Lay reader: Ken Buschman
Counting team: Ron & Rita Cowan

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Ushers: Ken Buschman & Doug O'Hara
Communion assistant: Bob Sullivan
Greeter: Barbara & Wayne Miesen
Lay reader: Diane Rochette
Counting team: Bob Sullivan & Linda Williams

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Linda Ryun
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Jackie Hucker

Altar Guild April 2016

Jan Barker & Linda Ryun

Counting Schedule for April, May and June 2016

APRIL

Sunday 4/3
Sunday 4/10
Sunday 4/17
Sunday 4/24

Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie
Ron and Rita Cowan
Bob Sullivan and Linda Williams
Linda Ryun and Jackie Hucker

MAY

Sunday 5/1
Thursday 5/5, Ascension Day
Sunday 5/8
Sunday 5/15
Sunday 5/22
Sunday 5/29

Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie
Becky Williams and Jackie Hucker
Ron and Rita Cowan
Bob Sullivan and Linda Williams
Linda Ryun and Jackie Hucker
Steve and Sharon Cassan

JUNE

Sunday 6/5
Sunday 6/12
Sunday 6/19
Sunday 6/26

Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie
Ron and Rita Cowan
Bob Sullivan and Linda Williams
Linda Ryun and Jackie Hucker

Sub: Steve and Sharon Cassan; Pat Doan; Becky Williams

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

SCRIP Report

Thanks to all who gave us Scrip Orders on Sunday. Our order this month was \$1330 and after shipping our profit was \$69.43. I hope you will review the new Scrip Poster on the Bulletin Board explaining the steps necessary to place your order on line. Some of you prefer to use the paper order forms. If you have any questions I'll be happy to get the answers for you. A new Retailer List will be on the Bulletin Board next week and changes are made to it as we

receive them from Scrip. A big thank you to Vic Rochette for making and hanging the new holder for the Order Forms; it was much appreciated. Our next order will be taken on April 17th and cards will be delivered to you on April 24th.

Thank you for supporting the Scrip Program.
Barbara Miesen
Scrip Coordinator



The Ladies of Peace L.W.M.L. March
2016

The ladies of Peace enjoyed one another's company during a short meeting on the 14th. This was one week late due to my being on jury duty. Our meeting opened with prayer to God and welcome to everyone. Becky Williams continued our bible study from our study book "Living a Chocolate Life". She also provided chocolate-chip cookies to help our study along. After bible study we turned to the business portion of the gathering. The month of April is going to be a full one with a lot to get done.

The first thing on the list is the Spring Zone Rally at "Our Redeemer" in Ocala. It's so close I hope a lot of us can go. It is on Saturday the 2nd at 8:15. We have a few new members to our Peace family; you would be so welcome to join those of us who will be attending the rally. L.W.M.L. rallies

are very rewarding and a wonderful renewal of faith; I'm sure you would enjoy the day. The ladies of Our Redeemer choose "The Hands of Mercy" in Belleview for the "Gifts of the Heart". They are in need of gift cards from CVS, Publix and K-mart to help with the needs of 18 babies in their care. A luncheon is also planned.

Please keep the 2016 District Convention in mind. Sheryl and I will be going as voting members, but I'd like to have at least two more of you to join us. It will be September 30th to October 2nd at the PGA Resort and Spa which should not be too hard to endure.

The next thing in this busy month of April is the "Peace rummage Sale". Set-up is on Friday the 8th, with the sale on Saturday from 8:00 to 2:00. Any and all help is greatly welcome. We won't be doing a "bake Sale" this year. There's just too much going-on by the front door of the church at that time.

We WILL be having an "L.W.M.L. Bake Sale" at our Peace Tent on the 16th which is "Boom Town Days". Please bring baked things to the church to be packed shortly before or on the 15th. With hot weather coming on fast we need to only sell

things like cookies or small breads. Anything with frosting will melt. Packing will be at 1:00 on Friday. Our next Peace L.W.M.L. meeting will be April 4th at 10:00am. I`d love to welcome any of our new female members of Peace to join us on that morning. As I`m sure the "Men`s Club" would welcome new male members. Our March Meeting closed with thanks to God in prayer.

God`s Blessings to all: Linda W.



Best wishes on your special day

To:

Birthdays

- 04.02 Marion Conerly-O'Hara
- 04.08 Donald Dow
- 04.09 Duane Robinson

- 04.20 Jacqueline Hucker
- 04.22 Jan Barker
- 04:26 Gloria Robinson

Anniversaries

- 04,03.2012 David and Karen Sokolowski
- 04.12.2015 Tim and Jan Barker
- 04.18.1959 Jay and Janice Manning

FIRST SATURDAY

Our canopy will be set up in front of the Lion's Club on April 2nd. Come out and meet and greet the community. Our last outing was very successful! We gave out crosses for people to display in their yards. This is a great way to share with the people in our area. Our table is always filled with Christian materials which we give to anyone who is interested. Thank you to all who help us with this important outreach program.

Jackie Hucker



Hi Peace Family.

Thank you all for contributing to the "Change for Change" Basket. Every penny counts! Just a reminder that Peace will be picking up the backpacks from the schools on Wednesday April 27th at 2:30 and delivering them to the food pantry. On Thursday, April 28th, we will be packing the backpacks at 1:30 at the food pantry. If anyone would like to know more about "Dunnellon Food 4 Kids" or would like to help, please don't be afraid to ask me! Happy Spring everyone!

Thanks! Jan Barker

Mouse Droppings . . .

How pretty the little white flowers are in the Prayer Garden! Mrs. Littlemouse is enjoying being able to grab a few moments of solitude now and then. She'll share the bench with you!

April is going to be a busy month, isn't it? The Mousekids have noticed that bins and boxes are accumulating for the Rummage Sale. They are very curious to see what's in them and it is

going to be a real challenge to keep them focused on their schoolwork while you are sorting and pricing everything.

I have already volunteered to help on Friday afternoon, the 15th, to package sweet treats for the ladies to sell at Boomtown Days. They probably won't accept my help except when it comes to cleaning up the crumbs. Mrs. Littlemouse is looking through her cookbooks to see what she can make. The little ones suggested trail mix. Hmmmm?

We heard that Pastor Terry is going to continuing education classes. Were our kids ever surprised at that! They think he's pretty smart already. Now, they're asking when I'm going to take a class! Hmmmm?! I'm tempted to say, "Zip it!", but then they'd start pestering me to take them zip-lining. One thing always leads to another!

Looking forward to April's showers to keep the garden lush, I am, as always,

Your faithful Churchmouse,

Little Mouse

**WhoWhatWhereWhyWhenHow?
Submitted by Becky Williams**

Each time I type the title of this column, I think about sitting in

class working on a writing assignment and being so very careful to address each of the components indicated above in order that the contents would be complete. Hopefully, these articles do the same!

One Sunday in mid-March, two hymns had words which we don't use in every day conversation but that do relate to our understanding of our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. "Paschal" was the first. It is usually used in front of "feast", "candle", or "lamb". It is another word for Passover, which Jesus celebrated with His disciples, the "feast" we call the Lord's Supper. The Paschal candle symbolizes the Resurrection and stands inside the chancel area until Ascension Day. Jesus Christ is referred to as the Paschal Lamb. He is often depicted as a lamb with a halo, carrying a banner with a cross imposed on it.

The second word was "Paraclete". This Greek-based word means advocate or intercessor and refers to the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us. We are now in the Easter cycle of the Church Year. The paraments remain white for six Sundays after Easter to continually remind us of Christ's purity and ours through His saving grace.

Wednesday, April 6th, is a day on which we may commemorate the life of the artist Albrecht Dürer. One of his most familiar paintings is of an elderly man praying over a loaf of bread. Dürer is listed in our service

book because he gave all glory and praise to Jesus Christ for his abilities. Monday, April 25th, is a Festival Day remembering St. Mark, the Evangelist. If his day falls on a Sunday, the paraments are red.

www.betterdaysarecoming.com is a good resource for the pronunciation of names of persons and places in Scripture and is very helpful if you are going to be reading the Sunday lessons. There is other interesting information on the site and you may want to spend a little more time acquainting yourself with it.

Our Alleluias have returned after being absent during the Lenten Season! He is Risen! Alleluia!

REDEEMING LIFE MATERNITY HOME

Redeeming Life Maternity Home is a frontline ministry in the Sanford-Orlando area, to single pregnant and post-partum women who lack the support of a loving, caring, Christ-centered home and family. They are also a Recognized Service Organization of LCMS who also supports pro-life, working with our FL-GA District.

If you would like to help support them (as all their supplies and materials are donated) as a pro-life supporter, you can give a donation in your "Designated Offering" envelope, with "Redeeming Life" in the memo line.

**OPERATION BARNABAS-
CALLING ALL MILITARY!!**

Pastor McKee received a letter from our FL-GA District President, Rev Gregory S. Walton, concerning Operation Barnabas, a Task Force dedicated to supporting our military and their families during these times when our Christian faith is so often challenged and threatened.

Rev. Dr. Mark J. Schreiber CAPT, CHC, USN (ret.), has been placed in charge of this Task Force, FL-GA District. He is looking for names of Military personnel (Veterans, Active Duty at home, or even spouses or family of military personnel), who would be a good link to:

1. Establish a network of people connected to the military (active or retired), so the LCMS Church can better care for and serve these families (need to know who they are)
2. Recruit members with a passion for supporting military families to the Task Force.

We have a lot of military vets and families in our congregation, so if you feel called to this, please let me know. I believe this would be a GREAT ministry for us!

Thank you in advance for your love and care!
Sheryl



Our Mission Field

Every time we leave the church we see the sign which tells us, "You are entering the mission field."

While attending an outreach training session a couple of years ago, we learned that our church building is also a mission field. Many people use our facilities for Al-Anon, AA meetings, yoga classes and Weight Watchers meetings. People who perform services for us also are in our church building, as well as guests who may visit our worship service. Some of these people undoubtedly attend some church. Others probably do not have a church home, and some may not even know that Jesus loves them.

The board and easel by the water fountain were placed there as an "Outreach Board," because that spot is most likely to be seen by non-members entering our church. If you think of anything that might be added to this board, please let me know.

Liz Koehlinger

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