

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

As June rolls around so does our summer schedule, the ladies group is on break until September. Sunday school and Bible class has officially ended but Bud and Liz will be here for anyone interested in getting together. Suggest a topic to Bud or bring your own. Many will be traveling to see loved ones and visiting grandkids as well as hosting as people come to visit.

Of course, even as many will be focused on summertime activities things will continue here at Peace. The lawn crew will be busy as the rains come so the grass will grow. If you would like to volunteer, let one of the trustees know. Our worship services

continue with the help of the many volunteers who give of their time and talent each week. Many others will continue to work behind the scenes to keep things going here at Peace. I want to thank all our volunteers for their dedicated service.

Many have asked about the class I attended this spring, "Emergent Leadership." The first part of the course was dedicated to learning about ourselves our family tree and how where and who we come from help make us who we are now. To know ourselves better helps us as we can interact with others. I found it interesting to learn more about my ancestors and my heritage. It helps to know where we came from in understanding where we are going and why we are who we are. We also learned more leadership skills and how to

implement needed change in organizations like the church. Over all I enjoyed the course and the opportunity to meet and interact with other church workers both professional and laity.

God bless
Pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

June already! A lot of our folks are gone for the summer or at least on vacation for a month or so. Our thoughts and prayers for a safe trip go with them all.

Church goes on season after season, and I'd like to THANK EVERYONE who makes that happen!

Jan Barker: Sunday music, council secretary, our Food4Kids coordinator, Altar Guild; Jean Bozak: puts all of the bulletins together each week and mails out CDs of our services to sick-and-shut-ins; LWML unit secretary; Steve Cassan: new Trustee, Lawn Crew, and Sharon Cassan: mans the phones, plus both are on the Counting Team and help at all events; Rita Cowan: church Treasurer, Altar Guild (and along with that, made those beautiful paraments for the piano to match those on the altar), making magic with our sign, phone manning, Usher & Greeter; Ron

Cowan: Trustee, Lawn Crew, helps at all events, Usher & Greeter; Pat Doan: Lay Reader, Counting Team; Thelma Grams: Prayer chain, leads us in all events (and we have a hard time keeping up with her), plus she is our LWML Treasurer and Bob Grams helps at all events; Jackie Hucker: Trustee, Stewardship Committee, Lay Reader, Newsletter Publisher, Counting Team, First Saturday Crew, phone manning, Thrivent Facilitator, Food4Kids, helps at all events; Liz Koehlinger: our wonderful PR person!- updates our website and Facebook posts , Lay Reader- and Bud Koehlinger: Head Elder, Communion Assistant, Lay Reader, Usher & Greeter (also both help at all events); Gene Lutz: Lawn Crew, Usher, Food4Kids, helps at all events; Janice Manning: Food 4 Kids while she's here for the winter; Pastor: "Pastor things", bulletins and service music discs; Cindy McKee who made that wonderful Spaghetti Dinner happen by doing all the cooking of the sauce, meatballs and sausage!, lots of stuff in the background, Head of Altar Guild; Sam McKee: Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Usher, Lay Reader; Jeremy McKee: Communion Assistant, Acolyte, Usher; "Mama Jean" Methlie: Counting Team, "money changer" for our events, Lay Reader "bus-bench greeter"; Barbara Miesen: SCRIP coordinator, helps with our events, she & Wayne greet; Doug O'Hara: Elder, Communion Assistant, Usher, Sunday music, helps at all events; Jay

Poffenbaugh: Lay Reader; Duane Robinson: Lawn Crew; Chet & Diane Rochette: Fix things!! All winter long! Diane- Lay Reader; Carla & Tricia Ruttinger: Altar Guild; Linda Ryun: Sunday School teacher, Counting Team, Greeter, Lay Reader; James Spiegelberg: Communion Assistant, helps at all events; Bob Sullivan: Elder, Communion Assistant, Lay Reader, Usher, Greeter, Adult Bible Study leader, newsletter Editor, Lawn Crew, Counting Team; Virginia Sullivan: sends those wonderful cards!, plus Lay Reader, Usher, Greeter, LWML Spiritual Outreach person, Food4Kids; Becky Williams: Financial Secretary, Lay Reader, LWML Bible Study Leader, First Saturday Crew, Food4Kids, phone manning; Counting Team; Linda Williams: LWML President, LWML Zone Secretary, Trustee, Altar Guild, Usher, Counting Team, phone manning; Sharon Zavertnik: Usher, Altar Guild, Garden Weeder, lots of stuff in the background.

Thank you, too to Sam McKee who has taken on meeting with the Kitchen Remodeling Committee to work up a wish list (plus those who have volunteered to be in this group!).

We also have the ladies and gentlemen who make casseroles and bake goodies for all events and I thank you all for that as well. (Being good Lutherans, we would never go hungry at a dinner, but those desserts- wow)!! We also have the Prayer Chain (Thelma) and Phone Manning Team (Rita). I'm not

sure who all are on those teams, but thank you as well. I apologize if I've missed anyone, and I heartily thank you, too!

I'm sure there are some folks who have not found a niche for themselves yet. Look over the list, and you might find something you feel you can do that will fit your abilities, time and/or talents. As you can see, a lot of folks are doing a lot of things, and might be looking for a break from some of them. Please pray about and consider volunteering some of your time.

Heads of committees/projects:

Altar Guild- Cindy McKee; Prayer Chain- Thelma Grams; Phone Manning- Rita Cowan; Counting Teams- Becky Williams; Kitchen Remodeling Committee- Sam McKee; Music and/or Vice President of Congregation- Sheryl Lutz; Food4Kids- Jan Barker; LWML and most dinners- Linda Williams; Reading, Usher, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Acolyte- Pastor; Lawn Crew- Ron Cowan; Garden Helper- Sharon Zavertnik; Website, FB, general PR: Liz Koehlinger; Greeting Cards- Virginia (Ginger) Sullivan (she sometimes needs cards, and always needs stamps).

I am still looking for a new Vice President to serve until December 31. Pray on this too, and see me if you'd be willing to step up-I will appoint you. (Read your Church Constitution if you want to check out your duties and what would be expected of you); I'm also still looking for about five folks to

play our Sunday music on the computer. I promise it's not hard, and I will teach you.

It's time to think about the positions open for election this November: President, Vice President, Elder and Trustee. The Nominating Committee will be forming in the next couple of months.

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

In Christ's Service, Sheryl Lutz,
Church Congregation President

**Peace Lutheran Church Council
Summary
May 9th 2016**

Present: Sheryl Lutz, Jan Barker, Rita Cowan, Rebekah Williams, Doug O'Hara, Bud Koehlinger, Bob Sullivan, Ron Cowan, Jackie Hucker, Vic Rochette, Linda Williams, Steve Casson, 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 Thank You letter from Military Biblestick for our donation of \$850.00

Minutes: Bud K. made a motion to accept the April 11 2016 minutes.

Linda Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report: Accepted.

Financial Secretary: Accepted.

Trustees: Accepted. Vic Rochette then submitted his resignation and left the meeting.

Pastor/Elders' Report: Pastor Terry advised that he have one more class next week. There will be no Bible Study class next week. He also stated that when we put people in church volunteer positions, that we give them the training and encouragement to do their job. It is also necessary to make sure the person is qualified to do their job. He thanked Rita C. for doing an excellent job with the church sign graphics. Bob Sullivan stated he has been doing the Sunday morning Bible Study class for at least 5 years and he needs a break. In the fall, we will need a new class leader.

SCRIP: Our order for 4-17-16 was \$1,185 and our profit for this order is \$52.40.

Old Business: Bob Sullivan made a motion to move forward with the new church website. Doug O'Hara seconded the motion. The motion passed. The contract is a start-up fee of \$200 with a monthly fee of \$40. Boomtown Days was a success. We made \$90, and used \$25 to purchase a

Bible Stick. The Spaghetti Dinner is on track. A sign-up sheet will be posted for members to make/bring desserts. Pastor brought up all the hard work Chet and Dianne Rochette did during the winter months. It was requested that the Secretary, Jan Barker, send the Rochette's a "Thank You" note.

New Business: Rita Cowan will be ordering the new copier from Xerox. Xerox will take the old machine. Thrivent will be having a "shredding" event in Tampa this Saturday.

President's Report: Sheryl thanked everyone for all that they do, both seen and unseen, for the church. She also reminded us that she is still looking for a Vice President.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Barker, Secretary

SCRIP ACCOUNT

This is my fifth month managing the Scrip Account and I am feeling more confident each month. My mentor, Don Dow, is been a good teacher. I have had a few "glitches" along the way and those of you involved have been very understanding. I appreciate that. I hope you all will continue to support us as we go forward. A new Retailer List is on the Bulletin Board. Please refer to it to be sure the Retailer you choose is still current. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please see me.

Barbara Miesen, Scrip Coordinator

Those Serving

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bud Koehlinger
Communion assistant: Sam McKee
Greeters: Linda Williams
Lay reader: Virginia Sullivan
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeter: Jackie Hucker
Lay reader: Pat Doan
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Bill Langstaff
Lay reader: Jean Methlie
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Williams

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Ushers: bill Langstaff and Ken Buschman
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeters: Doug O'Hara
Lay reader: Ken Buschman
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Jackie Hucker

Altar Guild June 2016

Carla & Tricia Ruttinger

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNTING SCHEDULE
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2016**

JUNE

| | |
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| 5 | Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie |
| 12 | Steve and Sharon Cassan |
| 19 | Jackie Hucker and Linda Williams |
| 26 | Linda Ryun and Jackie Hucker |

JULY

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| 3 | Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie |
| 10 | Steve and Sharon Cassan |
| 17 | Becky Williams and Linda Williams |
| 24 | Linda Ryun and Jackie Hucker |
| 31 | Jackie Hucker and Linda Williams |

AUGUST

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|----|-----------------------------------|
| 7 | Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie |
| 14 | Steve and Sharon Cassan |
| 21 | Becky Williams and Linda Williams |
| 28 | Linda Ryun and Jackie Hucker |

SEPTEMBER

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|----|-----------------------------------|
| 4 | Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie |
| 11 | Steve and Sharon Cassan |
| 18 | Becky Williams and Linda Williams |
| 25 | Linda Ryun and Jackie Hucker |

Sub: Pat Doan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!



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

TURN TRASH INTO CASH!
LWML is recycling to raise funds for our 2019 National Convention! We are collecting *empty inkjet printer cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, laptops, digital cameras, e-Readers, tablets, GPS systems, and Scientific Calculators (include power cords for everything you donate if you can, please)*. We'll turn them into a company – for cash- that will safely recycle them. If you are still working, ask the office where the printers are if you can take the empty cartridges for your church recycling program. Place your contributions in the inkjet recycling box on the “recycle/info table” in the Fellowship Hall, and we'll take care of them. **Thank you** to all who are helping with this project! See Sheryl if you have any questions.

Best Wishes on Your Special Day
To:

Birthdays

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| 06.06 | Carolyn Turner |
| 06.13 | Janice Manning |
| 06.28 | Virginia Sullivan |
| 06.29 | Robert Sullivan |
| 07.04 | Jennifer Rochette |
| 07.06 | Victor Rochette |
| 07.09 | Cindy McKee |
| 07.13 | Yvonne Conner |
| 07.26 | Jean Poffenbaugh |
| 08.02 | Rebekah (Becky) Williams |
| 08.05 | Garry Kurth |
| 08.08 | David Ruttinger |
| 08.24 | Bunnie Daniels |
| 08.28 | Jean Methlie |
| 09.07 | Robert Grams |
| 09.20 | Wayne Miesen |
| 09.26 | Rita Cowan |
| 09.29 | Hope Kurth |

Anniversaries

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| 06.03.1978 | Donald & Yvonne Conner |
| 06.18.1988 | Ron & Rita Cowan |
| 07.02. | Jim & Carole Tobin |
| 07.12.1947 | Donald & Janice Scheib |
| 07.20.2015 | Garry & Hope Kurth |
| 08.19.1951 | Bud & Elizabeth Koehlinger |
| 08.23.1958 | Robert & Alice Orens |
| 08.30.2014 | George & Bunnie Daniels |



WHAT IF WE TOLD THEM?

WE KNOW TWO THINGS:

- (1) The United States has become one of the greatest mission fields in the world as the statistic for the "unchurched" grows at a staggering rate.
- (2) Jesus commanded His disciples to proclaim a message of repentance and forgiveness of sins to the ends of the earth, starting from the heart of the local city. But what about little old me in my daily life. Does the thought of "being prepared to make a defense send chills down your spine? Take heart. You've been equipped to tell others the Good News of Jesus Christ, the reason for your hope. You know how to confess your faith, and practice it every week. The whole Christian Church confesses the ancient creeds handed down to us. Yes, the very creeds and confession of faith that you vowed to confess are at the core of bearing witness to Christ.
"But how do I use it?" you ask. It doesn't have to be staged or confrontational. It's not a debate. It's a confession that flows naturally from us through His Word and Sacrament. Our witness is an act of love and

mercy for the very people that God has placed into our lives.

How do I witness to my neighbor?

Just as we are told to love our neighbor, there are many possibilities to know and help them in our daily lives. We can witness to all that God has done in our lives, but don't be surprised if they seem guarded. We must build trust and establish relationships to get to know the real person, which helps to understand how to witness to them. Divorce, the death of a loved one, world suffering, all lead to a closing of ears to the Word. The Good News is that you don't need to answer for God. As Christians, we know we face tribulation in this sin-broken world. And yet God in His mercy sent His Son to make all things new. We know the cross is the greatest picture of the depths of God's love, that His Son suffered the consequences of our sins, bore our transgressions in His own flesh, and carried our cross on His own shoulders. We are drawing others into the life of the Church, where they also may receive God's Word and Sacraments for the forgiveness of sins. Where there is forgiveness, there is life and salvation, and that, my friends, is what we witness.

Adapted from What if We Told Them by Steve Schave, Lutheran Witness, May 2016. Please read the entire article.

Submitted by Liz Koehlinger

From the Editor:

Ginger and I are leaving the second week of June for an extended vacation to Minnesota and other points north and west. Therefore, "Peace Offerings" will not be published in July and August.

Keep an eye on the big bulletin board in the fellowship hall and the backs of the weekly Sunday bulletins for current and coming events or changes in scheduling.

Keep us in your prayers and we'll keep you all apprised of our progress and adventures throughout the summer. See you in September.

Bob and Ginger

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