

# 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**

Lenten Greetings to my Peace family,

Before we enter the special season of Lent we gather for our annual potato pancake supper on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Rita Cowan is coordinating the supper this year and is looking for volunteers to help, before during and after. The sign-up sheets are on the large bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Last year was one of our biggest to date, let's see if we can make this one even bigger and better, invite your friends and neighbors.

Our Lenten season then begins the next day on Ash Wednesday. Our mid-week sermon series is entitled "Return to the Lord." We will be using Old Testament lessons to see how God calls to his children through the prophets of old. In the midst of plagues and slavery God called to his people. In the midst of our trials, wondering and addiction God calls us back and in faith we return to the Lord. I hope you will take this special time during Lent to return. Sunday is the focus on our worship life as we come together to be fed and nourished, but God calls to each and every day of the year to come and let Him feed and nourish us. Wednesday evenings during Lent are a special time, a time God calls us together to focus on the special

blessings of Holy week and Easter. Lent is an opportunity for us to return to the days when church life was more than just a Sunday morning thing. I remember, when I was growing up how my family's activities were based on the church calendar not what program was on television that night.

We are so blessed as children of God individually and together. To be part of a church family that truly cares for one another is something many can't imagine. To be able to come together and worship freely without fear of persecution or threat of violence is something for many people throughout the world is but a dream. I close with these words of encouragement from Hebrews.

***19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the***

***house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.***

***(Hebrews 10:19-25)***

May God bless our Lenten journey together!

Pastor

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**President's Letter**

Greetings Peace Family.

Just a few words to let everyone know that things at peace are doing great. For those who stepped up and became part of the council, I applaud you. It takes many of us to make the Church run smooth. We are very blessed to have such good folks in our Congregation. We will be busy again this year, its already time for the Shrove Tuesday. Hope to see everyone there and giving a hand. Thanks to all those in the congregation that help make Peace the great church it is.

Peace to all,  
Garry Kurth

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**Peace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting**

**January 8, 2018**

**Present:** Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, Rita Cowan, Rebekah Williams, Rev. Terry McKee, Doug O'Hara, Dennis Witzgall, Donald Conner, Yvonne Conner, and Linda Williams. Guest: James Spiegelberg.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes:** The following additions or corrections were made to the minutes from the December meeting:

1. Also present: Linda Ryun,
2. Correction in spelling under New Business: "Purchase of new safe" – from "Century" to "Sentry".
3. Under Financial Secretary: The amount moved from the General Fund to the Dinner Fund (profits from the Pancake Supper and the Spaghetti Supper) was \$1,784.50, making the total profit from our dinners in 2017 \$2,490.50.

Hope Kurth made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Seconded by Linda Williams. Motion passed.

**President's Comments:** Garry Kurth welcomed everyone and looks forward to the year ahead as we do work for the Lord.

**REPORTS:**

**Financial Secretary:** Becky Williams provided the Fund Summary for December and the Fund Summary for 2017 and both were accepted.

**Treasurer:** Rita Cowan provided the report. Discussion held and the treasurer's report was accepted.

**Trustees:** No Report

**Scrip:** Becky reported a deposit was made for the January Scrip orders of \$2,738.00

**Elders:** There are now three Elders and in February they will begin having monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month at 6 P.M.

**Pastor:** Pastor thanked everyone for taking care of our expenses and again thanked James Spiegelberg for the purchase of the Shepherd's Staff Program. Pastor will be attending a NALIP class (National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors) from February 5-9.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Dave Ramsey Finance Class:** No one from our congregation has signed up for this course, but there are six that are registered for the class, which begins tomorrow, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Shrove Tuesday Potato Pancake Supper February 13, 2018:** Rita Cowan will chair this event, but lots of help is needed! Cost: \$8.00 per Serving from 4-7 P.M. Becky will print the tickets. Signup sheets will be placed on the bulletin board.

**Rummage Sale:** Becky Williams made a motion to hold the Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>; Seconded by Linda Ryun. Motion passed.

**Spaghetti Supper:** Becky Williams made a motion to hold the Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>; Seconded by Doug O'Hara. Motion passed.

**Oktoberfest:** Becky Williams made a motion to hold the Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>; Seconded by Doug O'Hara. Motion passed.

**Maps of Dunnellon:** The Chamber had new maps of Dunnellon printed, and Becky Williams recommended you stop by the Chamber of Commerce and pick up one. Cost \$1.00

**Parish Nursing:** Don Conner asked if we have a program here and said he was interested in checking into the program for Peace.

**Thrivent:** Dennis Witzgall asked if our congregation has a contact person here at Peace. He reminded us that all members of Thrivent can receive up to \$250 two times a year for an event that will help the community.

**New Picture Directory** of our Peace Family: James Spiegelberg commented it was time for an updated version, and volunteered to work on

it. Linda Ryun will again be taking pictures for this directory.

Hope Kurth made a motion to adjourn, Yvonne Conner seconded. The meeting was adjourned with prayer and the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Ryun, Council Secretary

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**Scrip Cards**

Our Scrip order for January 8th was \$2,738 and our profit to Peace Lutheran Church was \$115.85. I am pleased with the support and look forward to having more people give me orders on February 4th.

Barbara Miesen  
Scrip Coordinator

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**Best wishes on your Special Day**

**To:**

**Birthdays**

- 02.02 Terry McKee
- 02.20 Sheryl Lutz
- 02.27 Rosemary Sheehan
- 01.29 Stephen Cassan

**Anniversaries**

None

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***The Ladies of Peace LWML***

***January 2018***

**DORCAS CIRCLE (LWML)**

Hello, Ladies of Peace!

Hate to be a broken record, but we still need a president! We can even have two “co-chairs” if you are nervous about being there by yourself. Pray on it, talk to another lady you might feel can be your “other half”, and let me know. Believe me, it’s not as overwhelming or daunting as it might appear. If Mondays don’t work for you to hold meetings, we can and will accommodate YOUR schedule!

If you’d like a subscription to LWML Women’s Quarterly Magazine, please see Thelma, cost is \$6.50 per year, and needs to be in by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We held our first 2018 Bible Study and meeting on January 8. Becky led us through the second chapter of “Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply”. This book compares our lives, spiritually and otherwise to an empty mug as well as a full-to-the-brim cup of coffee. If you’d like to join us in this study and

can’t come to our meetings, you can purchase a book from Thelma for \$8 and read it, too! The money for the books goes back into our treasury, which helps us do more mission work.

Our Zone Spring Rally will be on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Good Shepherd in Chiefland. Please think about going with us- we carpool, which makes the trips seem shorter.

Our Biennial FL-GA District LWML Convention will be in Orlando, September 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. I always have a great time there- I have been to 4 already, and looking forward to my 5<sup>th</sup>! EVERY lady member of Peace is a member of LWML, so even if you can’t normally come to meetings, you are eligible to go as a delegate (we get two per church), or as part of the General Assembly. Think about it!

Peace Lutheran is hosting the Fall LWML Zone Rally on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for ideas for a mission mini servant event-making Christmas cards for soldiers to use to send their loved ones was one suggestion but looking for others; lunch (what and how to serve); Gifts from the Heart (Toys-4-Tots maybe rather than Food-4-Kids this time); Theme- Jackie suggested using our Bible Study as a basis. We’d love to hear from you!

“A Seventeenth Century Nun’s Prayer” was handed out to all, and was enjoyed so much, we decided to send it in for inclusion in this newsletter.

We’d love to have more ladies join us for meetings and Bible studies, and it’s a great way to know each other better as Sisters in Christ!

God`s Blessings,  
Sheryl Lutz, Secretary

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### **Seventeenth Century Nun's Prayer**

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not

ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint-some of them are so hard to live with-but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

Anonymous

### **TURN TRASH INTO CASH!**

I wanted to let you know we have collected another 30 pounds or so of ink jet cartridges and cell phones, etc. that I am going to send out this week!

As you know, LWML FL-GA District is recycling electronics to raise funds to co-host our 2019 National Convention in Mobile, AL. The District goal was to make about \$7,000, but we have already exceeded that number! If you haven't heard, we collect *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).* If you are still working, ask 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. If your laptop still has the hard drive in it, you can give it directly to me, and I will remove the hard drive and return it to you. Tablets you can reset to factory settings. For cameras; make sure your photo cards are removed.

**Thank you!** See Sheryl if you have any questions.

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## PEACE CHOIR NOTES

We are approaching the Lenten season, which starts with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our music will reflect a more somber sound and prepare us for the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It would be wonderful to hear some different instruments in our worship services. If you have a hidden talent you are willing to share with us, please let me know.

If you have a voice you can sing, ladies and gentlemen. And we are still in need of more men. Tom and Bob would sure appreciate it. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for an hour of fun and fellowship via music. Starting Ash Wednesday and continuing through Lent, we will have choir practice Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

***“Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with timbrel and harp.” Psalm 149:3***

Serving Christ,  
Lu Ann Cooke