

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

It seems we just put away the Christmas decorations and here we are getting ready for graduations and summer time activities. I'm looking forward to the next few weeks and I'm especially proud because Sam and Grace both graduate from college. Many of us know young people who will be beginning new phases of their lives, some as young adults. They will be going out into the world for the first time looking for employment or going away to college. It can be a nervous time and even scary.

The disciples were getting ready to do the same and it was probably a time of trepidation for them.

Jesus led them out as far as Bethany and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he ascended into the heavens. Their teacher was no longer physically present with them; they stood there alone. But Jesus had told them, "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Jesus had been their teacher and now it was time for them to go out into the world and proclaim the message of salvation. They like us were now to carry on God's kingdom work, sharing the Gospel. Jesus would not send them out alone and He does not send us out alone either. The disciples were to wait till the Holy Spirit came to them. May the 20th is Pentecost and just as the Holy Spirit filled that room on the first Pentecost, so He is pre-

sent here with us in our daily lives to guide and direct us.

Jesus' work of redemption was complete, but there were and are more people with whom we have yet to share the good news of salvation. So, the Holy Spirit through the hearing of the Gospel brings us to faith and then moves in to live in each of us to be our councilor, to guide and direct us each day of our lives here on earth.

I am hoping we can take in new members in the next couple of months so if you have been worshipping with us and would like to know more about officially becoming a part of our Peace family please let me know.

If you are new to the Divine Service or have questions about it I have put some brochures in the rack that go through the service identifying the different parts. It's very informative and can clarify the different parts of the Divine Service. Please, help yourself.

On May 27 we will have an inside church picnic. Hamburgers, hot-dogs and drinks will be provided. Everyone can bring a dish to share.

This is a wonderful way to kick off our summer. Mark your calendars now!

Pastor

President's Letter

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters at Peace Lutheran,

It's been an exciting and challenging time. I first want to thank all of the congregation members that have stepped up at Peace. However, we still need volunteers, for council, cleaning, the grounds crew, etc... I have noticed less negativity lately, things seem to be moving smoothly, but more participation by church members would make a world of difference.

I want to give a huge thank you to the choir and Lu Ann for the beautiful music you provide us every week. It's always a Blessing to hear you sing and praise the Lord in your songs.

Members at Peace signed up for various duties such as Greeters, ushers. I feel that it's most important to make sure that those posts are filled, if you can't make it for your position please let Pastor or me know so we can have someone fill in for you.

We are still looking for the extra tags for our ushers and greeters, If you know where they are please let me know. It's important for visitors to know who the ushers and greeters are. And it's especially important to greet all the members of the church. You never know who needs a smile or maybe a hug.

Thank you Hope for playing the music during our service. And thank you to the congregation for your patience. Oh, And by the way, I think there are gremlins in the system. But Hope will never give up, if y'all just hang in there with her, maybe some prayers. OK not maybe, pray for sure.

Thank you to everyone that participates in the needs of Peace, it takes a congregation to raise a church, let's all get involved, remember were serving the Lord.

And I'm going to finish with kudos to Pastor McKee. Thank you for your perseverance while healing from surgery. It's a testament to your love of Peace Lutheran Church and your congregation.

Gods Blessings,
Peace Always,

**Peace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting
March 19, 2018**

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, Rita Cowan, Rebekah Williams, Rev. Terry McKee, Jerry Robertson, Donald Conner, and Yvonne Conner.

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

Correspondence: None

Minutes: The minutes of February's meeting were accepted as printed.

President's Comments: Garry Kurth complemented Linda Williams on her efficient handling of our septic system problem, which is now corrected.

REPORTS:

Financial Secretary: Becky Williams provided the Fund Summary for February.

Treasurer: Rita Cowan provided her report. She also informed us she received correspondence from LCEF asking for a donation to help fund Mission Churches. Discussion held.

Hope Kurth made a motion for Peace Lutheran to donate \$100 to LCEF for the Mission Church Fund. Seconded by Jerry Robertson. Motion Passed.

Trustees: Pastor mentioned two lights in the Sunday school room need to be replaced, the screen on the speakers in the sanctuary is loose, and the lights in our exit signs need to be checked to make sure they are all working.

Script: Orders will be taken on Easter Sunday.

Elders: No meeting since only one was present.

Pastor: Planning for our Easter Breakfast is coming along, set up will be on Saturday, March 31 at 10 A.M. Our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will start at 7 P.M. - be sure to invite others to these services. On Sunday, June 24, we will have a Lay Service with no Communion. (Pastor will be at the FL-GA District Convention.)

OLD BUSINESS:

FL-GA District Convention June 22-24, 2018: A delegate from our congregation is required. Garry contacted several individuals but none accepted the invitation. Cindy McKee volunteered, so Garry appointed her.

Linda Ryun made a motion for the council to approve the appointment of Cindy McKee as Peace Lutheran's delegate for the FL-GA District Convention. Seconded by Hope Kurth. Motion Passed.

Parish Nursing: Don Conner has received more information on this program and he is willing to proceed with this, but it will take time since he will be required to take some classes. Council encouraged him to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

LWML: Peace's group has voted to disband due to lack of attendance and officers. The ladies will still meet for Bible study and continue working on projects here at Peace.

Rummage Sale: Was scheduled for April 7, but nothing has been done. Discussion held.

Hope Kurth made a motion to postpone the Rummage Sale to a later date. (Possibly April 28.) Seconded by Don Conner. Motion Passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ryun, Council Secretary

SCRIP Newsletter

I'm very pleased with the orders we've received in the past few months. However, we still would like to have some new participants.

For each of you who use paper forms to order and would be willing to go on-line to input your own order, please see me or call me at home, so that I can give you the necessary information you need to do so.

It isn't difficult and it makes my job easier to finalize an order. I will start bringing the information to hand out to those individuals who would be willing to do it. Thank you for your orders and for those willing to input their own order.

Barbara Miesen
SCRIP Coordinator



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
05.29	Ken West
06.01	Trudy Kreuzer
06.06	Carolyn Turner
06.10	Jerry Robertson
06.13	Janice Manning
06.25	Janice Robertson
06.28	Virginia Sullivan
06.29	Robert Sullivan

Anniversaries

05.22.1989	Chet & Diane Rochette
06.03.1978	Donald & Yvonne Conner
06.08.1958	Donald & Barbara Thomas
06.13.1970	Dennis & Jae Ann Witzgall
06.18.1988	Ron & Rita Cowan
06.24.1967	Jerry & Janice Robertson



The ladies of Peace L.W.M.L.
DORCAS CIRCLE (LWML)

LADIES OF PEACE/ LWML

At our March 5 LWML meeting/gathering, the ladies present decided to give up our active participation in the LWML and become “Ladies of Peace”. Barbara Moehling, our Zone President followed up questions we had about where that leaves us with our charter (Do we have to give it up? What about my position as a Zone officer?).

She found out that if we continue to send mites to the District LWML, we can keep our charter, we are just taken off the Rally-hosting list. This gives us the option to become active again later on if we decide to without having to go through the re-chartering process. This allows me to stay on as the VP of communication at the Zone level, which I really enjoy doing!

So, even though I’m a little sad we won’t be part of the bigger picture, we will continue as Ladies of Peace, and

“get ‘r done” as usual. We will still be invited to attend rallies as guests.

And, we’ll continue to collect Mites, especially whenever there is a Fifth Sunday in the month. Watch for the large Mite Box! It is always on display in the Fellowship Hall or you may give Thelma Grams your mite box and take an empty one from inside the large box at any time.

Submitted by
Sheryl Lutz

The LWML ladies have been using a Bible study for women called “Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply”. I was not at the March meeting, but those who were expressed interest in continuing it. We will meet the first Monday of each month at 10:00, the usual LWML-scheduled time. May 7th, we will meet at church and plan to lunch together afterwards.

We will meet through the summer months and are anticipating that those gatherings will be in homes rather than at the church. There will be no formal meeting, but we’ll share information as to how we can serve the Lord here and in His Church at large.

Submitted by
Becky Williams

Just a Reminder:

www.betterdaysarecoming.com is an excellent site not only to check pronunciation of words in the Sunday readings, but also to research individuals and places mentioned in the Bible.

Altar Guild

Altar flowers can be placed in honor, remembrance, or thanksgiving. Because of the generosity of one of our members, there will always be two bouquets regardless of whether or not anyone has requested flowers for a given Sunday. If you would like to place flowers, please sign up on the flower chart posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to have a specific color or flower, please let Becky Williams know so that she can make that request when she places the order each month. Payment of \$20 per bouquet can be made using an envelope provided in your box of numbered envelopes or a pew envelope. Our flowers are arranged by Dunnellon Florist, 20607 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, across from the fire station. Their phone number is 352-462-7004. They will be happy to work with you for your personal flower needs.

Also, the wine, which we use for Communion, is Manischewitz Grape.

If you would like to provide this element, please place your purchase inside the lower cabinet in the Sacristy to the left of our sanctuary. Most often, those who are on altar duty for the month purchase and donate the wine. With Communion each Sunday, we use at least two bottles each month. Winn Dixie and Walmart both carry this brand. Please consider including this item when you grocery shop.

Thank you!



**PEACE
CHOIR
NOTES**

**Behind the
Music**

Flexing those vocal chords or dusting off that acoustic guitar may help you build new friendships and boost your health and well-being. Consider joining a community band or local choir, and reaping the rewards that being a member of a musical team can bring.

Singing in a choir or playing an instrument in a band or orchestra is about more than just making beautiful music. Participating in music groups has all kinds of physical, cognitive and psychological benefits as well.

Being part of a choir or band builds community and can even relieve symptoms for those suffering from depression. Participating in a group and creating something together has been found to improve well-being. And music groups have been shown to help quell symptoms of anxiety and improve overall mood--a bonus at any age.

Singing with others has also been shown to regulate heartbeat, lower blood pressure, improve lung stamina, as well as strengthen the immune system, according to a 2016 study by Tenovus Cancer Care and the Royal College of Music.

Such benefits have even made their way to the big screen, in the touching documentary *Young@Heart*, which follows a choir of seniors living in New England. The members--whose average age is 80--share how their lives have been transformed since joining the group. A first for many of them.

Being completely new to music isn't a barrier to reaping the health rewards. According to a study published in the *Hearing Journal* that tracked adults 60 to 85 years old, those without any musical experience improved processing speed and memory after just three months of 30-minute piano lessons and three hours of practice each week.

But there's good news for those who have played music earlier in life too. The cognitive and neural benefits of musical experience continue throughout life. It may even counteract negative effects of aging such as memory and hearing difficulties in older adults, according to reports shared at a symposium in Califor-

nia that explored musical experience and hearing loss.

So whether you want to learn an instrument or join a choir, decades of research has shown that music brings richness to our lives in more ways than one.

Brought to you by "Renew" from United Health Care. Thank you Jackie Hucker

We are nearing the end of our Wednesday rehearsals, the last being May 9. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. that evening and have fellowship at a nearby restaurant to wrap up the season. It has been such a pleasure to direct this choir of totally wonderful members of Peace. They have shared their time and talent with each and every one of you with hopes of giving you a spiritual boost to the glory of God.

During the summer, I will arrange to have special music. If anyone is willing to sing a duet, solo or play a musical instrument, please let me know.

In Christ's Service,
Lu Ann Cooke

"When words fail, music speaks." Hans Christian Andersen

FYI

If you are wondering who was playing the organ on Easter Sunday, it was Alan Riedel. Alan and his wife Linda joined our family several months ago.

Alan Riedel is not exactly who he says he is. That's because as the author of the Christian thriller I, Jetebias, he also goes by the name of Robert Martin Bishop. After a career in hardware sales in Connecticut, Alan moved to Florida in 2005 and started a new career teaching in a local private high school. It was during this time he met his wife, Linda. At her urging he finished the novel he has started back in college. He is now working hard to promote his book in between helping Linda run her Optometry office and substitute teaching at Trinity Catholic High School. Alan hopes his book will become a movie some day and finds it fun to imagine the actors and actresses to play the parts. Among his favorite pastimes are horseback riding, camping, and any time spent with family and friends. Alan is the father of two married children and three grandsons.

Linda Azwell Riedel is a native Floridian who has worked and lived in Dunnellon since 2008. She is an Optometrist who ran an office inside of the local Walmart for 8 years. In keeping with her motto, "You don't have to leave town for a great eye exam", she has now moved into a bigger office on E. Pennsylvania Avenue. Her office is currently hosting a book club for Alan's book, which was recently featured as part of a Bible Study at Dunnellon Methodist Church. Her other passion is for her two horses and her donkey. Linda has been horse-crazy ever since she was a child, begging her Mom to keep a pony on the back porch. She calls herself a "City Cowboy" and rides every chance she gets on the beautiful local trails. She also enjoys time spent with friends, family and her three grandsons.

Jackie Hucker

Those Serving in May 2018

Sunday, May 6,

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bill Langstaff
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Barbara & Wayne Miesen
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Thursday, May 10

Ascension Day,

Ushers: Hope & Garry Kurth
Greeters: Janice & Jerry Robertson
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Becky Williams &
Jackie Hucker

Sunday, May 13

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Rita & Ron Cowan
Lay reader: Jackie Hucker
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, May 20

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Hope & Garry Kurth
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Rita Cook & Linda Ryun

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Ushers: Dennis Witzgall & Rita Cook
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson
Greeters: Jae Ann Witzgall & Bunnie Daniels
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen
Counting team: Jerry & Janice Robertson

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Jan Barker & Linda Ryun

Those Serving June 2018

Sunday, June 3

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee
Communion assistant: Jeremy Robertson
Greeters: Janice & Jerry Robertson
Lay reader: Alan Riedel
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie
Hucker

Sunday, June 10

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Rita Cook & Jackie Hucker
Lay reader: Barbara Sadler
Counting team: Barbara Sadler & Linda Williams

Sunday, June 17

Ushers: Doug O'Hara & Gene Lutz
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeters: Virginia & Bob Sullivan
Lay reader: Pat Doan
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda
Riedel

Sunday, June 24

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Pat Doan & Sharon Zavertnik
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Bill Langstaff & Rosemary
Sheehan

Altar Guild June 2018

Carla, Tricia, Trina Ruttinger