

# 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 feels appropriate as September begins that we focus on new beginnings both in our daily lives and in the church. The new school year has begun teachers and students are getting back in the swing of things as they begin anew. For many students, this means beginning the school year in a new school going from middle school to high school. Some younger children are beginning school for the first time. For college age students, it might mean beginning the school year away from home. Whether beginning school for the first time or going

away to school, this can be a scary or frightening time in a person's life it is also a time of excitement. Or maybe the frightening part applies to the parents more than to the children. Nonetheless, new beginnings can be a joyful time in a person's life and should be. Many can remember the first day of a new job; it was exciting and may a little unsettling at the same time.

As Christians, we too deal with new beginnings; every day is a new beginning as a child of God. Luther reminds us to remember our Baptism each day and by doing this we start anew. The sins and haunts of yesterday are history, yes, I know that often we are still facing some of the challenges and illnesses but we still begin

new each morning as forgiven children of God.

In the world, we live in sadly many cannot let go of the past. They spend their time and energy rehashing events of yesterday or yesteryear. If we continue to look backwards, we will never move forward. Our relationship with God is all about moving forward. In Hebrew chapter 12 we read:

***“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”***

As we begin the new school year, Sunday school and Bible class, as our groups begin anew let us, as a family, run the race together focusing on what lies

ahead. Let us focus on what God has called us together to do, live the Gospel and share the Gospel. Loving and caring for one another we stay focused forward.

As we begin a new Sunday school year I have been asked to teach the Sunday morning Bible class. And, as we are getting ready to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, I thought it would be good, especially as Lutherans to learn more about the man God used to reform His church. The series is a combination of short videos and some discussion. Sunday school and Bible class will begin on September 10 at 8:45 am. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. I would like to thank Bob Sullivan for his faithful leadership of the Sunday morning Bible class these past several years.

May God’s peace and joy surround you and yours!

Pastor

**Peace Lutheran Church Council  
Meeting Summary  
August 14<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Jan Barker, Rita Cowan, Becky Williams, Doug O`Hara, Ron Cowan.

President Garry Kurth called the meeting to order and Doug O`Hara opened the meeting with prayer.

There has been no correspondence received.

The minutes from the July Council Meeting were accepted.

President Garry Kurth stated that at the end of the year the Treasurer and Secretary`s terms will be over. We need volunteers to fill these positions. Doug O`Hara suggested making weekly announcements on Sunday to the congregation.

**Reports:**

Financial Secretary: The Fund Summary was accepted. Becky finalized our Church`s advertisement for the new Dunnellon Map. Becky Williams also advised that she would like one more counting team or some subs available.

Treasurers Report: The General Ledger and the Check Register Reports were accepted. The spending guide was accepted with the correction of changing "June" to "July." Rita Cowan received a brochure from Cadence Bank regarding a Money

Market Fund that would produce more return for the Kapitski Estate Fund. Discussion followed. A Motion was made by Hope Kurth to move the funds to this separate account. Doug O`Hara seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Trustees Report: Ron Cowan stated that Linda Williams had our vacuum repaired. Gene Lutz repaired the leaf blower. Several light bulbs were replaced. Weeds were sprayed. Ron said that Linda Williams is suggesting buying a used Kirby vacuum for \$200. This would be used as a backup or it gives us the ability to have two people vacuuming at the same time. Hope Kurth made a motion to purchase the used vacuum. Doug O`Hara seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SCRIP: The total order was \$1,635 with a profit of \$62.91.

Elders: Doug O`Hara reminded us of the signup sheet for Oktoberfest. We have several people in the congregation who have signed up already.

**New Business:**

The Spending Guide Committee: The following members were suggested: Rita Cowan, Doug O`Hara, Garry Kurth, Ron Cowan and Hope Kurth. The spending guide needs to be presented to the Council in October and then put in the November newsletter for the congregation to vote on.

Nominating Committee: Garry Kurth advised that according to the constitution, we need at least two people from the congregation. He asked us to think of who might want to be on this committee.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Barker, Secretary

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### Scrip Cards

It is hard to believe Fall and Winter are approaching. I hope everyone has had a pleasant summer. Now is the time to start thinking of the holidays. I'm already planning on using Scrip Cards for gifts. The best part is NO POSTAGE, NO EXCHANGES, NO PROBLEM WITH SIZES, etc.

We've had a pretty good year thus far and several new members have joined our small group of regular supporters, and that is promising. We need more!

Please continue to refer to the Vendors List. Last order, Walgreens was not on the list, as apparently they ran out of cards. They didn't send me notice. However, I printed a new list and posted it Sunday and Walgreens is back on. I had blacked out Walgreens

on our order forms, so if you to order their cards, simply add it to the bottom of the order form.

If you have any questions, please see me at church or call me at 465-5989 anytime. I also welcome suggestions.

Barbara Miesen  
Scrip Coordinator

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### ***The Ladies of Peace L.W.M.L. September 2017***

Ladies of Peace:

Being as hot and humid as it's been this summer, it's hard to believe it's time to gear-up for our fall gatherings already. Normally our first meeting would be on September 4th, but the 4th is Labor day, so the meeting has been pushed back to the 11th at 10:00 a.m. Right now I don't have any plan other than all of us getting together and discussing future events and projects. I look forward to seeing everyone, and that includes any new

Peace ladies who might enjoy our fellowship. Naturally, we`ll go to lunch after the meeting.

Even though October-fest isn`t an LWML function, we all still need to keep September 23 open and do everything we can to help Rita make it a success.

Take a look at your calendar`s and keep October 21st open. That`s the date of our 2017 Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran Summerfield. The Ladies of Peace always make a good showing.

I don`t have too much more to add at this time, except to remind everyone to keep Thelma in our prayers. Thelma and Bob have been such a blessing to our Peace Family. Thelma and Bob serve God, LWML, and our Church tirelessly. Pray for Thelma`s fast and complete recovery.

God`s Blessings to all,  
Linda Williams

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## **READY, SET, RECYCLE!**

Your LWML is collecting *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)* to redeem for cash. The cash will be used to pay for some of the expenses associated with hosting the LWML`s National Convention to be held in Birmingham in 2019. Just bring your contributions to church and put them in the box (on the back table in Fellowship Hall). It`s easy and it`s good for the environment, too. See Sheryl if you have any questions.

We (as a church) also collect can tabs & used eyeglasses (also on back table), aluminum cans (outside back door) and paper (dumpster in parking lot). Everything we collect brings in money for us, and helps the environment, too.

Thanks! Sheryl Lutz

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**Best wishes on your Special Day  
To:**

**Birthdays**

09.07 Robert Grams  
09.20 Wayne Miesen  
09.26 Rita Cowan  
09.29 Hope Kurth

**Anniversaries**

09.02.1960 Jerry & Rita Cook  
09.15.1962 Robert & Virginia Sullivan

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**First Saturday**

Saturday, September 2, we will be setting up our booth for First Saturday. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet the folks in Dunnellon. Along with the books, markers, Christian trinkets, and brochures about Peace Lutheran Church, we will be handing out flyers advertising our third annual Octoberfest. Our booth is located in front of the Lions Club. You're all invited to come and join us. We set up at 8:30 am and take down at 1:00 pm. If you have never attended First Saturday, you may be surprised at how much fun it

is. Meeting new people is a great experience for us. See you there!!

Jackie Hucker

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**PEACE  
CHOIR  
NEWS**

We are reforming the choir Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing, please join us. No special talent needed, just a willing heart and voice. This includes all ages, 12 to 112. If Wednesdays do not work out for you, please let me know. We are flexible and willing to bend a little.

***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16***

Blessings

Lu Ann Cooke,  
Choir Director

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THRED,  
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES  
NEWEST MINISTRY!

You should check out this new digital ministry/outreach program called "THRED", located at:

[www.facebook.com/ourTHRED!](http://www.facebook.com/ourTHRED!)

You can also go to: [www.thred.org](http://www.thred.org).

The main idea behind THRED is to engage believers, questioners and unbelievers alike in "what I believe"-type conversations. There are links to articles and faith-based ideas and/or answers to questions about Jesus Christ and our hope in the things He promised, and our belief in eternal life. Trained volunteers answer questions, and a moderator keeps discussions from becoming antagonistic. Even if you don't participate in Facebook, going to the THRED website might be an easier way to see what your Church is doing. *Excerpted from two articles in The Lutheran Layman magazine for July-August 2017.*

Submitted by Sheryl Lutz

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The Chuckle Corner

A Pastor was famous for his sermons lasting exactly 22 minutes. Then, one unfortunate Sunday, the sermon went on for 45 minutes.

At dinner, his wife asked what had gone wrong. "It was just one of those things" the pastor replied moodily.

"My trick is to slide a cough drop under my tongue just before I start the sermon. It always melts in exactly 22 minutes and that way I know when it's time to stop. This morning, I was 40 minutes into the sermon before I realized my cough drop was a suspender button."

Some people are funny. They want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and the back of the church (*must be Lutherans?*)

**A Message from the Financial Secretary**

Becky Williams

A huge "Thank you!" to everyone for using their numbered contribution envelopes, and especially those who remember to write the amount in the space provided and put their check number in the upper right-hand corner! This helps our counting teams tremendously and saves me many minutes when I post your gifts to the Lord's work here at Peace to your account. I realize that occasionally you may forget your envelope and appreciate that you provide as much information as you can on the pew envelope.

The boxed sets contain envelopes designated for "Flowers". If you've used all of yours, please include payment for flowers in a regular Sunday envelope or a pew envelope and make a notation on the front that the monies are for altar flowers. It helps, too, if you'll indicate on your check that your gift is to be used to purchase altar flowers.

It is not necessary to be a member of Peace to have an assigned set of envelopes. Worshipers may request them on a pew envelope or of me in person.

If you have ten fingers and ten toes, you are qualified to count our offer-

ings! Seriously, it would be wonderful to have another team of members willing to serve every few weeks. We currently have teams for four Sundays and I ask someone to help count with me on fifth Sundays or for special services. Because I am responsible for inputting each individual's offering, I would prefer to not have also prepared the deposit. Please consider this needed ministry. You are welcome to review a copy of the procedures in order to make an informed decision. Training will be provided.

*"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." 1 Corinthians 16:2*

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