

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

Lenten greetings,

As we begin the month of March our Lenten season begins, during our mid-week services (Wednesday's at 7:00 PM) we will be looking at the Ten Commandments. This year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. So, to use the Ten Commandments as our theme during Lent seemed a natural choice.

Lent is "a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection," which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. The Ashes visually confess that, "the wages of sin is death." Lent is a time to consider how destructive sin is in our lives and the lives of others. As God's baptized children, we don't need to live like this. So we live lives of daily repentance but we live for holy absolution, which is the only way one can truly live.

As we reflect on our sinfulness and mortality we can focus on the work of Christ which brings us forgiveness of sin and the certain hope we now have. It seems like we just began the Advent

season, looking forward to the celebration of Christ birth. But here we are already looking to the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. But before we get to Easter we must first travel through the time of Lent, a time of reflection and repentance. With this I once again invite each of you to our Wednesday evening worship.

May God bless
Pastor

From the President

Wow this has been the longest year of my life, just kidding. Very happy to be serving Peace Lutheran. Would like to thank everyone who participated in Shrove Tuesday, Those were some fine potato pancakes, and all the fixins, that went with them, were awesome. I don't have the totals yet but I'm sure we did very well. Gods will.

Thanks to everyone who helped research the things for the kitchen and in making the decisions for picking out the floor, cabinets, the counter-top and the door. It looks beautiful. What a blessing to have a new kitchen, it's been long overdue, and now we are up to code. Thank you Lord for all the different talents that we have at Peace Lutheran.

One final thought: My ultimate goal at Peace, is to bring us closer together as a congregation. I see dissent, and we as a congregation need to work on our communication skills and don't hold things in. All suggestions are always welcome, but ultimately we have to do what is best for Peace and our Community. Please keep a positive attitude on Sundays when we all come to gather in the name of Christ.

Thanks for your support,
Garry Kurth
Congregation President

**Peace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting
February 13, 2017**

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Jan Barker, Rita Cowan, Becky Williams, Doug O`Hara, Steve Cassan, Ron Cowan, Linda Williams and Pastor Terry McKee.

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

Correspondence: We received a "Thank You" card from Bill and Judi Brooks for giving them our discarded kitchen cabinets.

Minutes: Pastor Terry noted that we received six new members on January 29th, not four. The minutes were accepted with this correction.

Reports:

- **Financial Secretary:** Becky Williams report was accepted.
- **Treasurers Report:** Rita Cowan`s report was accepted.
- **Trustees:** Linda Williams noted that she has received many compliments on the new kitchen. Chet and Dianne Rochette have replaced the kitchen window. A new door is needed for the kitchen. The door will be installed in the near future.

Lastly, the Cleaning list is posted on the bulletin board. Ron Cowan advised that our sound man will be coming in a few days to install a new CD player to replace the computer that plays the music. (The council had already approved the purchase of the CD player.)

- **Scrip:** February`s order was \$815, with a profit of \$20.17. The balance is \$1555.05. It was noted that Barbara Miesen will look into taking SCRIP orders on the first Sunday of every month.
- **Elders:** Nothing to report.
- **Pastor`s Report:** Pastor Terry stated that the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce will be merging with the Dunnellon Business Associates. It is not known now if renewing Pastor`s membership with the Chamber of Commerce will produce any benefits for the church. Therefore, we will hold off on renewing the \$60 membership until more is known.

Old Business:

- **Shrove Tuesday:** Rita Cowan has purchased 114 pounds of ham at .99 a pound. 140 pounds of potatoes and 20 pounds of onions have been

purchased from the local produce stand for \$40. Becky Williams has printed 350 tickets. The volunteer list is on the bulletin board and is filling up.

- **Church Office Computer:** Rita Cowan provided three estimates from PC-N-PARTS and Best Buy. Much discussion followed. Hope Kurth made a motion to purchase Option 1 from PC-N-PARTS. Linda Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

- The Church's insurance cost has increased to \$852.00 per year.
- The Synodical Convention Information Meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19th at 4:00 PM at St. John Lutheran Church in Ocala.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Barker, Secretary.

Scrip Program

Scrip orders will now be received on the first Sunday of every month and cards will be delivered the second Sunday. We are hoping this new schedule will be more convenient for everyone.

I hope last month's article in the Newsletter explained the Program so that those who were hesitant to try it will now place an order. I encourage you to use the paper form first to get a feel for how to do it. Let us make March a banner month.

Barbara Miesen
Scrip Coordinator



The Ladies of Peace LWML.

March 2017

PEACE LWML NEWS

The Ladies of Peace had a wonderful meeting on Monday morning the 6th of February. It was well attended by our ladies. As usual Becky Williams presented a wonderful Bible Study. I announced the LWML Spring Rally that will be held at Forest Lutheran Church in Silver Springs on March 25th. I hope there will be a good turnout of Peace members. Zone rallies are wonderful events that are both inspirational, and in most cases a blessing to the church's surrounding community through their servant events. Following our meeting we enjoyed a lunch of left-over spaghetti and birthday cake from a surprise Sunday lunch we had for Pastor McKee on his 60th birthday.

Our next LWML meeting is scheduled for Monday the 6th of March. Please attend if you can. I'll be reminding everyone again about the Spring Rally. We also probably need to start our planning for the Rummage Sale.

Our new church kitchen should be complete for Shrove Tuesday. The pancake dinner plans are well underway. We all need to mark our calendars and get a good night's sleep before the 28th.

First Saturday in Dunnellon is March the 4th. For the most part Jackie Hucker and Becky Williams have been manning our "church outreach tent" month after month. It would be very nice to see more of us helping them. (I admit guilt, myself in this area).

I hope everyone has taken a look at the amazing LWML banner we at Peace are privileged to display this month. It was made by Pauline Short of St. John in Ocala. It is our Zone banner that was carried into the Florida / Georgia LWML convention last year. It will travel from Peace to Forest Lutheran next month.

I'd like to conclude this up-date of the Peace LWML activity's by thanking all the woman of our wonderful church for putting their confidence in me and being so very gracious by overlooking my shortcomings. I am truly blessed.

God's Blessings On all of my Peace Family: Linda W.



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

Birthdays

- 03.06 Robert Orens
- 03.12 Samuel McKee
- 03.18 Trina Ruttinger
- 03.18 Sharon Cassan
- 03.19 James Spiegelberg
- 03.19 Carla Ruttinger
- 03.20 Eugene O’Connell
- 03.24 Kenneth Buschman
- 03.26 Rita Cook
- 03.31 Audrey Stichman

Anniversaries

- 03.03. 84 Wayne & Barbara Miesen
- 03.07. 87 Stephen & Sharon Cassan
- 03.16. 63 Ronald & Patricia Doan
- 03.17. 00 Douglas & Marion O’Hara

PEACE CHOIR

We continue to sing each Sunday, as attendance allows, and would like to invite you to sing with us. Our rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

During Lent we will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. worship services.

Does anyone play a musical instrument and would like to share their talent? Please let me know and we will include it in our musical praise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lu Ann Cooke, Choir Director

An Open letter
From
Bud Gerhardt (Bud) Koehlinger

When Liz and I moved from Indiana to Florida we looked for a location that was quiet and easy-going. Of paramount importance was to find an active LCMS congregation that takes the Lutheran Confessions seriously. We visited churches in the area, and found good doctrinal sermon content. However, there was a lack of the friendliness we were used to. Peace was different. We found an atmosphere of sound preaching and a caring, welcoming membership.

Now, more than 17 years later, Peace has been our home. If we had any family in Florida, we would undoubtedly have spent our God given remaining years among our Peace family. But two of our daughters (and families) in Arizona convinced us to join them while we still have time.

In leaving the friendly confines of central FL, I have a couple (or more) comments to offer:

1. If you aren't attending Sunday or Wednesday Bible Class, why not? You can afford to spend a little time to "sharpen your sword." You won't have to read or answer questions unless you want to. Listen! Learn!
2. Volunteer for an office. You have skills that the Lord has given you and needs you to use. When you begin to volunteer and become active you may discover you have God given talents you never recognized. Don't hide your experiences and talents "under a bushel."
3. Your pastor is not only a student of scripture, he is wise in many areas of life. 23 years in the business world means a lot. I have found him to be a good friend. Talk to your pastor; let him be your friend.
4. We always enjoyed the way you come to church and mingle in the fellowship hall. When it was time to gather in the sanctuary, Liz and I sat in private prayer. If we needed to say anything, we whispered and sat in silence.

I am going to miss you all very much. My eyes are moist as I write. If we don't meet again on this earth, Liz and I look forward to a reunion in heaven.

God bless you all. Love in Christ,
Bud Koehlinger

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNTING SCHEDULE
APRIL – JUNE 2017**

APRIL

Sunday 4/2	Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie
Wednesday 4/5	Jackie Hucker and Becky Williams
Palm Sunday 4/9	Steve and Sharon Cassan
Maundy Thursday 4/13	Jackie Hucker and Becky Williams
Good Friday 4/14	Jackie Hucker and Becky Williams
Easter Sunday 4/16	Jackie Hucker and Linda Williams
Sunday 4/23	Bill Langstaff and Rosemary Sheehan
Sunday 4/30	Jackie Hucker and Becky Williams

MAY

Sunday 5/7	Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie
Sunday 5/14	Steve and Sharon Cassan
Sunday 5/21	Jackie Hucker and Linda Williams
Ascension Day 5/25	Jackie Hucker and Becky Williams
Sunday 5/28	Bill Langstaff and Rosemary Sheehan

JUNE

Sunday 6/4	Sheryl Lutz and Jean Methlie
Sunday 6/11	Steve and Sharon Cassan
Sunday 6/18	Jackie Hucker and Linda Williams
Sunday 6/25	Bill Langstaff and Rosemary Sheehan

Subs: Pat Doan; Becky Williams

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

Those Serving in March 2017

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Counting team: Jackie Hucker &
Becky Williams

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Ushers: Ken Buschman & Doug O'Hara
Communion assistant: Bob Sullivan
Greeters: Bunnie & George Daniels
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Bob Sullivan &
Linda Williams

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik &
Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Linda Ryun
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz &
Jean Methlie

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Barbara & Wayne Miesen
Lay Reader: Linda Ryun
Counting team: Jackie Hucker &
Linda Ryun

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeter: Hope & Garry Kurth
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Steve &
Sharon Cassan

Altar Guild March 2017

Carla, Tricia, & Trina Ruttinger

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