

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.



To my Peace family

Blessings to all in the New Year!

We had a lot of challenges this past year and still have some ahead, but it will be okay. While the world around us spins out of control as Christians we know that God is still in control. While 2020 tested our faith in many situations we made it through. Many are still dealing with the fear of leaving their homes and that is understandable especially with underlying health concerns. But as we hopefully start to get back to somewhat a normal life, we look forward to being in fellowship with one another. For those who have been attending worship during the pandemic thankfully we have not encountered any problems. We social dis-

tance from one another but not from God.

Of course, finding volunteers to continue God's work here at Peace was also a challenge. Nothing new though. Hopefully, you have filled out your "I want to be part of God's Kingdom work in 2021" sheet and turned it in. I want to thank all those who have served so faithfully this past year and remind everyone that even though one task is finished there is always something else to do. I also want to thank Randy Priem for his willingness to serve as our President/Elder, Linda Ryun for her willingness to be our Financial Secretary and Cindy McKee for hers in being our Treasurer in 2021.

Pastor Terry

Peace Lutheran Church

The new offering boxes will be placed in your mailboxes on the 1st of the month, PLEASE discard your old boxes and use the new ones. Your member number may have been changed, so to get credit for your giving, only use your new number. Also, when using your envelopes, it is helpful to the counters to know the amount and check number. Please fill in the amount on the front, and the check number in the right upper corner. If it is cash, put the word cash in the upper right corner.
Thank you.

Many of our members are in the dark about our church. For instance, originally our church was located in Rainbow Lakes Estates. For more growth, we moved to our present location. Our building was built by Laborers for Christ, (with the help of our members) We are a membership of mostly senior citizens. We try to publish a pictorial directory every few years. (we are family, so should know each other) We would love every able member to be involved in the activities of the church. We have two Bible Studies every week: Sunday morning at 8:45 and Wednesday morning at 10:00. If you are not sure how you can volunteer, Pastor has a sheet with many opportunities for you to get involved. But wait, there's more! Did you know that we have a Memorial Garden? It is located by the cross on the north side of the front of our property. We have a few dear one's ashes there. As you enter the building is

our beautiful prayer garden. It is maintained by loving members. If you ever noticed the tower at the back, it is leased from us. Our property goes back to Highway 40.

Jackie Hucker

There are always more needs than willing workers. It is good to inquire of the church leadership regarding the needs of the church. Have a conversation with Garry or Pastor about what jobs are open and how they may or may not be suited for you. Personally, I think of these jobs as opportunities.

That said, If anybody is interested in the opportunity of filling the position of Financial Secretary, Please see Garry or Jackie. It is not a hard position, and takes very little time. We have counting teams that help count the weekly offerings. I would continue with this position, but with health and age, I feel the need to retire.

I wish to thank everyone who is keeping up with their offerings. When placing your envelope in the plate, please make sure you put the amount, and if it is cash or check. Also put the check number on the front upper right hand corner. This makes it easier for the counters to balance the deposit. Also thank you to our

counting team. It has been a pleasure working with you.

"We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be,
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O LORD, from thee"

Friends in Christ,

As I look back on your generosity in 2020, the words in this hymn flow through my heart and mind. Thanks for your wonderful response to God's grace, Peace Lutheran was once again able to sustain its ministry commitments and return a generous share of God's gifts to a world in need of good news. Thank you!!

Thank you for your partnership in ministry. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for sharing of faith in our community.

Jackie Hucker

LADIES OF PEACE / LWML

Hi, Ladies!

We have finished our Bible study book "Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic". We really loved this book, and if you would

like to read it, there will be a copy in the Library.

January 4th we will continue our Bible study with the LWML Quarterly studies we were using last year to finish out this season. We were all enjoying them until we had to stop meeting after our March gathering.

In September we will begin reading "Pew Sisters", true individual women's stories concerning different struggles we all go through.

If you use Amazon Prime, you may have been asked to have them send a couple of pennies to your favorite charity with each order you make through Amazon Smile. You can choose LWML as your charity. They recently received \$380.23, with a total of \$5,414.57. Not bad for pennies!

Ladies, looking for a way to reach out during this time? Quite a few of our Christian sisters have been secluded at home due to illness or injury or as care givers, or just not wanting to risk getting sick. They would ALL love either a call or a card. Their addresses and phone numbers are in your directories. These ladies include: Mona Bermudez, Jean Bozak, Bunnie Daniels, Pat Doan, Peggy Dow, Sandy Doudt, Eileen Nuce, Linda Priem, Louise Plocharczyk, Carole Tobin, Jae Ann Witzgall. Let them know how much we miss them! Please pray for them as well. Even the ladies who are home by them-

selves are more than welcome to call any of us, too...!

Virginia Sullivan, our "Card Warrior" does a wonderful job sending cards on a regular basis- thank you, Ginger!

Happy New Year!

In His Service, Sheryl Lutz

BOOKS AVAILABLE!

A member of our congregation has a LOT of James Patterson and John Grisham books she "inherited" when a relative moved away. She would like to lend them to anyone who would like to read them, or she will donate them to you for a donation to the church. See me if you are interested, and I will facilitate the "venture". Sheryl Lutz

WhoWhatWhereWhyWhenHow?

Submitted by Becky Williams

A Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year to everyone! It's been a most unusual year, but our God is still in charge! Here's what's happening in His Church and our lives during January and February 2021:

There are several parament color changes during these two months. White symbolizes perfection, joy and purity; Green

reminds us of nourishment from God's Word and growth in faith; Violet is used to mourn royalty and in repentance for sin.

Special days of the Church Year are recognized, too: Epiphany, January 6th, celebrates the visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus; St. Timothy is remembered on January 24th; Transfiguration Sunday is February 14; the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is February 17th.

Not to be forgotten is Valentine's Day, February 14th! St. Valentine is appropriately remembered for his witness for Christ, which ultimately condemned him to death by beating, stoning and beheading in the year 269. His feast day has been on Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran and other church bodies' liturgical calendars since the 1600s.

February 18th is the date of the death of Martin Luther, who never wanted a church body named after him. He lost that argument as there are at least 40 Lutheran church bodies in the United States alone, comprised of over 9,000,000 members...with 104,000,000 Lutherans worldwide (and these are 2012 statistics).

A reminder to our Sunday Scripture readers: www.betterdaysarecoming.com is a terrific reference site for pronunciation of names and places in our readings for the day. Select "Bible Words Phonet-

ic Pronunciation". The site has other interesting information, too, so knock yourselves out visiting it. If you like trivia, you'll lose track of the time! Another informative site is www.Christianity.com.

Have a question that is covered under WWWWWH?; something about a worship practice, a word from a hymn or Scripture reading? Let me hear from you. Maybe others would like to know, too. It may be material for a future issue of Peace Offerings and I won't name names!

Altar Flowers

Submitted by Becky Williams

The 2021 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board. Bouquets are \$20 each and there are two spaces for each Sunday. When you sign up, please indicate if you are remembering or honoring someone or celebrating a life occasion so that Pastor can note that in the Sunday bulletin. If you would like a certain flower or color, please let Becky Williams know so that she can make that request of the florist. There are Flower donation envelopes in members' offering boxes and pew envelopes are also available.

There are several open dates on the calendar. Except for the Sundays in Lent

beginning with February 21st, there will always be one arrangement. There is not a line item in our Spending Guide for flowers and we have guaranteed Blue Creek Florist that we will pay them a minimum of \$80 each month. Contributions towards flowers are appreciated to cover those dates where no one has requested any.

If you would like your arrangement given to someone unable to be at worship, please let the Altar Guild member on duty or Becky Williams know. The recipients are always so grateful to be remembered!

Teresa Tuttle of Blue Creek Florist will be happy to work with you on any personal orders. She can be reached at 352-489-5886.

Pastor's Prayer List

Following is a list of some of the Peace family that are on the prayer list.

Linda Priem is doing better and looks forward to attending services in the future.

Gene O'Conner is doing OK. Would love a phone call.

Pat & Ron will have a lot of family members visiting for Christmas



01-02 Pat Doan
01-10 Don Thomas
01-14 Mona Bermudez
01-23 Eileen Nuce
01-29 Steve Cassan

02-02 Terry McKee
02-02 Sue Holloway
02-20 Sheryl Lutz
02-27 Rosemary Sheehan



01-05-1957 Ken & Peggy Buschman
01-14-1956 Bob & Thelma Grams

02-10-2007 James & Jean Crapps
02-13-1997 Alan & Louise Plocharczyk



Non perishable food items.

Those Serving January 2021

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Greeter: Virginia Sullivan
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Sheryl Lutz
Lay reader: Jackie Hucker
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeter: Jackie Hucker
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Sharon Zavertrnik
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Stephan & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Carla & David Ruttiger
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Altar Guild January

Sharon Zavertrnik

Those Serving February 2021

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bill Langstaff
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Linda Ryun
Lay reader: Cynthia Cotter
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Bob Holloway
Lay reader: Randy Priem
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeter: Hope & Garry Kurth
Lay reader: Trina Ruttinger
Counting team: Stephen & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Altar Guild February

The Ruttinger Family

