

## 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.***



***To my Peace family***

Blessings to all as we begin another new year! We continue to be thankful for all of God's blessings and care. And we continue to deal with the Coronavirus. As the numbers once again are climbing you are encouraged to social distance and wash your hands frequently, using hand sanitizer when unable to wash. I know masks can be uncomfortable, but they keep us from spreading germs, not only coronavirus but as we are in the cold and flu season these germs also. And they also protect you.

We are planning to have our Shrove Tuesday Potato Pancake Supper, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can help, please talk to Linda Ryun or Sharon Zavertnik. We are so glad to be able to have the supper again, it was truly missed last year. Our supper ushers

in the season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday worship on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and each Wednesday throughout the Wednesdays in Lent.

It is also our hope to resume our monthly community meals. We have several volunteers who have signed up to help. We will need volunteers to host or coordinate each month so please pray about it. If you host a month you don't have to do all the work yourself. Please, let me know if you are willing to host. The meals will be on the third Monday of each month.

I know we are facing many challenges in our personal lives, in our country and the world but as we face these together as God's children let us never forget: ***"If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but gave him***

*up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-more than that, who was raised-who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, not height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 8:31-39

So, the battles may be hard some days but the victory is already ours in Christ our Lord.

God's blessings and Happy New Year!  
Pastor Terry

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#### **From our President**

Advent and Christmas are behind us now and I would like to reflect for a moment before we race into Lent and Easter, which are just around the corner. That first Christmas the angel proclaimed, 'Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, for unto you is born ... a Savior, which is Christ the Lord'. That proclamation is as wonderful today as it

was to the shepherds some 2000 years ago. Emmanuel – God with us! He came to us on Christmas morning then and, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit, comes to us today in Word and Sacrament. Rejoice, brothers and sisters, for everyday and in every way, God is with us!

Here at Peace, we are looking forward to a busy time in the coming months. A rummage sale planned for February, pancake supper in March, and Lenten services beginning also in March. Details for these events are hopefully included elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have new members on the church council: Robert Sullivan, serving as vice-president; Rebecca Williams, serving as secretary; and two new trustees, Bob Holloman and Chet Rochette. A big thank you to departing council members: Sheryl Lutz, Bill Langstaff, and Don and Yvonne Conner. You all helped me tremendously in my first year as president!

Our music ministry has been blessed with the addition of Lucinda Bornander who has been providing organ music and her husband Ron who is leading the choir. One last thought. At the end of the year Pastor made available volunteer sign up sheets (which are still available). I encourage everyone to pick one up if you haven't done so already, fill it out, and return it to Pastor or myself. Thanks to all of you who have given so much in service to our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave everything for us.

Randy Priem  
Soli Deo Gloria

## **Peace Lutheran Church Council Meetings**

### **November 8, 2021**

A quorum was established. VP Bill Langstaff called the meeting to order and Pastor opened with prayer. Thanks were expressed for the 15 members who helped clean the church facilities on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Contributions and expenses for the month of October were nearly even and those reports were accepted by a motion. Approval was given for the trustees to contract a plumber for a problem in the men's restroom.

Pastor indicated when we will hold Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas services. He will take vacation time 12/27/21-1/3/22. Barney, Joan and Bryan Reagan were accepted into membership by transfer from Our Redeemer, Ocala. The nominating committee will create a ballot for officers to be voted on at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Voters Meeting. Those elected will be invited to attend the December 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

We will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and Potato Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 1. A motion was made, seconded and approved that 10% of the profits from the Rummage Sale will go to missions and 50% of the balance to the LWML treasury which dispenses monies for mission requests.

The meeting closed with prayer.

### **December 13, 2021, Council Meeting**

A quorum was established. Newly elected officers for 2022 were present as observers. They are: Bob Sullivan, VP;

Becky Williams, Secretary; Bob Holloway and Chet Rochette, Trustees. President Randy Priem called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. He thanked the outgoing officers and welcomed the incoming ones. The income/expense ratio remains in the black. The plumbing has been repaired. When Pastor is on vacation Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Randy Priem will preach the sermon. Installation of officers will be on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor indicated that we will return to pre-COVID practices of passing the collection plates, communing with the chalice (and using the disposable cups until the supply is gone). The FL-GA District Convention will be June 16-18 in Jacksonville, FL.

The election of Council officers and approval of the Spending Guide for 2022 were voted on at the Annual Voters Meeting, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Williams was thanked for facilitating the church clean-up day Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and Cindy McKee was thanked for preparing and serving lunch to everyone.

Members of Peace who died in 2021 included Doug O'Hara, Ron Doan, Donna Race, Connie Smith, Donald and Barbara Thomas. Cindy Bornander is serving as organist and her stipend has been approved at \$50/service. Gene Lutz has been asked to build new bookcases and pantry item shelving in the Library. A motion was made, seconded and approved for him to submit costs for supplies. The meeting closed with prayer.

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## LADIES OF PEACE / LWML

***IT'S TIME TO COLLECT SOCKS!*** We need new socks for men & women for our Pantry Box, plus any local homeless shelter any of you know of. Our goal is **80 pairs before March 31**, but, as “more is more”, we will gladly accept more! (You only need to think about donating 1-2 pairs, not 80...).

We're so happy about our **Rummage Sale Saturday, February 19, and Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 1!** (We will need all the help you can bring for both events). There will be signup sheets for both. For our rummage sale, you can begin bringing any treasures you feel you can part with at, in boxes if possible.

We continue with “**Pew Sisters**” at Bible study, and enjoy it very much. **February 7 and March 7** are our next two studies, and we plan to go out for lunch after.

We'd love to have more of you!

**Mite Sundays** are **February 6 and March 6**. You are helping our District to fund current grants. Our own treasury has collected enough money (besides mite money, which goes to District) to give Pastor \$150 at Christmas for gift cards to help those in need in our community.

Again, thank you for all your help!

**Upcoming LWML events: Zone Prayer Service** Saturday, February 5, Our Redeemer, 10am. Let me know!

**Spring Rally-** Trinity Lutheran, Summerfield, Saturday, April 23.

**LWML FL-GA District Convention-** Tampa, Friday, September 23-25.

In His Service, Sheryl Lutz

## WhoWhatWhereWhyWhenHow?

**Happy New Year!** We're into January and already going at a fast clip as we publish this issue and have installed new officers to serve on our Church Council. We've been through nearly two most unusual years! It's important to remember that **God is still in charge!** The altar and pulpit paraments and Pastor's stoles were white for **January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** when we celebrated the **Epiphany** visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus as well as the **Baptism of Our Lord** and will be white again on the last Sunday of Epiphany on **February 27<sup>th</sup>**. Epiphany was first celebrated by the church in 361 AD. White symbolizes perfection, joy and purity. The Sundays in between these dates the color will be green, representing our abiding life in Christ and our growth in faith as we hear His Word.

On **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, we remember Aquila, Priscilla and Apollos, who worked with the Apostle Paul in the church at Corinth.

Of course, we know that **February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day** and Lutheran's commemorate his death because of his witness to Christ while serving as a Roman priest and bishop. He was stoned and beheaded on that date in 269 AD because he would not stop preaching Christianity.

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** is the date of Doctor Martin Luther's death. He never wanted a church body named after him, but he lost that argument. There are over 40 Lutheran church bodies in the United States alone, comprised of over 3.5

million members, and 80 million Lutherans in the world, represented on all continents.

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold a long-awaited **Rummage Sale**. We'll receive donated items, sort and set up every day during that week. Please help when you can. We need you! Sheryl Lutz is coordinating this event and will be happy to answer any questions.

Now, let's look at March, when our worship schedule and activities expand! January and February are just warm-ups! On **Shrove Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will hold our **31<sup>st</sup> Potato Pancake Supper**, which is being coordinated by Linda Ryun and Sharon Zavertnik. They'll be requesting assistance in many areas and will appreciate your volunteering for this special event. "Shrove" is Latin for scribe or to write and its past tense is "shrive", which means to confess. We celebrate it as Pancake Day, along with other Lutherans, Episcopalians and Catholics. Pancakes use up eggs, milk and sugar before the 40 days of Lent begin. Some people choose to give something up for Lent to remind themselves of Christ's giving His Life for theirs.

**Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Midweek Lenten Services** will be each Wednesday evening in March. The parament and stole color for the Season of Lent is violet, signifying royalty. Liturgical churches (Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Anglican) include the imposition of ashes on the forehead or hand to symbolize that God owns us and we belong to His Son and as a confession

of our own sinfulness and immortality. We do not use altar flowers during these weeks and we omit the singing of "Alleluia" and "Hallelujah", which in Hebrew mean "praise be to God", until Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Daylight Savings Time** begins on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, and we set our clocks forward one hour so we get to church before worship begins, not at the close of the service.

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, is St. Patrick's Day**, the date of his death in 461AD. During his ministry, he used a shamrock to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity. Irish Catholics wear green in his honor; Protestants wear orange. If someone wears neither of these colors, it is OK to pinch them!

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, is commemorated as **The Annunciation of Our Lord**, celebrating the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary with the news her child would be the Messiah. When we recognize that event in worship, the altar color changes to white.

**This column** is meant to be informative. If you have questions about a worship practice, unfamiliar terminology in a Scripture reading or hymn stanza, or clarification of a church teaching, please ask me as the answer might be of help to others and can be included in a future issue of *Peace Offerings*, with no indication of who asked. Your questions are always valid and will be answered or researched.

Have a most blessed New Year and celebrate **CHRIST**mas every day!

Submitted by Becky Williams



- 1/02 Pat Doan
- 1/14 Mona Bermudez
- 1/23 Eileen Nuce
- 1/29 Steve Cassan
  
- 2/02 Terry McKee
- 2/02 Sue Holloway
- 2/20 Sheryl Lutz
- 2/27 Rosemary Sheehan
  
- 3/12 Sam McKee
- 3/15 Cynthia Cotter
- 3/18 Trina Ruttinger
- 3/18 Sharon Cassan
- 3/19 James Spiegelberg
- 3/19 Carla Ruttinger
- 3/10 Eugene O'Connell
- 3/24 Ken Buschman



- 1/05/1957 Ken & Peggy Buschman
- 1/14/1956 Bob & Thelma Grams
  
- 2/10/2007 James & Jean Crapps
- 2/13/1997 Alan & Louise Plocharczyk
  
- 3/7/1987 Steve & Sharon Cassan

## Tis More Blessed to Give Than Receive

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”  
(Acts 20:35)

And indeed, it is. Does this not strike a chord that resonates in us all? Which of us can't recall the look of surprise and thanks for the Christmas gifts that we labored to give to those whom we love? And the joy written on their face when that gift is received with thanksgiving means more than all the gifts we have received. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Our Lord knew this because He practiced it. He gave of Himself – sparing not even His life in death – in order to give us back to our Father in heaven. He knew that in giving you get more because joy is multiplied in giving. The one who receives and the one who gives both rejoice in what is given and received. And, what is more, the one who receives only wants to give back to the one who gave so generously in thanksgiving. So it is with our tithes and offerings in church. We want to give because we have received from God all that we are and all that we have. Our giving does not originate in what we must do to earn God's favor. We have God's favor because of His gift of His Son, given through Word and Sacrament. Thus, we are made free from the compulsion of giving so that our tithes and offering are freely given in thanksgiving for what God has so generously given to us.

Why then does the church struggle to make budgets? Why does the church always seem stretched so thin when it is the place where God continually gives us His forgiveness of sins? Why does the church struggle when God, out of love for us, generously pours out His grace and mercy?

Because we are sinners. Our fallen nature makes us selfish and miserly. It leads us to believe that we can have our cake and eat it, too. Because of sin, we want God's grace and mercy; we want His blessings of body and soul. But we don't want to share it with those around us. We want to remain comfortable in our own self-contained, neat, and tidy lives – without the headaches of loving those around us by helping them in their time of need. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Remember that God has placed you in a church, not only to receive His grace and mercy, but to press His eternal and temporal blessings into service to your neighbor.

Your tithes and offerings ensure that those around you have a pastor to preach the life-saving and life-giving Word of God. They ensure that the lights, heat, and air-conditioning are working. They ensure there is water for Holy Baptism as well as bread and wine for Holy Communion. They even ensure that your pastor has food and clothing and presents for his own family. The gifts of God are immeasurable. They multiply and rebound to everyone's good as the fish and loaves in the feeding of the five thousand.

So, remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And remember the joy that attended the gifts you gave at Christmas. This same joy attends your gifts to the church. Submitted by Jackie Hucker

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## **ALTAR FLOWER NEWS**

Happy New Year to all! With the New Year arrival came the placement of a new Flower Chart in the usual spot on the bulletin board.

January has two dates still open, the 23rd and the 30th and then comes February. The chart is wide open should you have a special date on which you might want to add to the beauty of our Sunday service with a memorial or a special occasion in mind.

March will usher in the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, the 2nd.

No flowers are placed in the Sanctuary during Lent and it is reflected on the Flower Chart.

April 10, Palm Sunday, is a day of celebration! Palm Sunday and many Sundays to follow are still open.

If this makes you feel that this Cyndy is surely a sales person, I'm am not!

I just think our Sanctuary is beautiful and our Creator's flowers are one of the many joys that bless our lives and we get to share them with our Peace Family during our time together.

Again, Happy New Year!

Cyndy Cotter

## **Robert (Bob) and Virginia Ginger) Sullivan**

Bob was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. In 1956, at the age of 16, Bob and his family moved to Pompano Beach, Florida. Two years later, Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force, beginning a career which lasted 29 years. After completion of Basic Training in Texas and Technical Training as a Radio Operator in Mississippi, Bob served an 18-month tour of duty at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. Returning to the US in the summer on 1961, Bob was assigned to Lincoln AFB, Lincoln, Nebraska and retrained into the Airfield Management and Base Operations career field. It was in Lincoln where Bob and Ginger would meet and marry.

Ginger was born in David City, Nebraska in 1942. At the age of four, Ginger moved with her family to a cattle ranch near the small town of Avon, Montana, where her father worked as a foreman (Ginger often says "I grew up on a ranch"). She and her family returned to Lincoln in 1951.

Bob and Ginger met on a blind date in the spring of 1962 and were married in the fall of the same year. They will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. Two months after their marriage Bob reenlisted for four more years. Two months after that was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In 1963, shortly after the birth of their first child, Deborah, Bob was reassigned to Barksdale Air Force Base, LA, but their time at Barksdale was short. In the summer of 1965, Ginger was again pregnant, and Bob was again reassigned, and they drove across the country to Travis Air Force Base- Oakland, California, and boarded their flight to Honolulu, Hawaii, where Bob worked as Air Operations NCO for the 7<sup>th</sup> Direct Air Support Flight (DASF), Wheeler Air Force Hawaii. The 7<sup>th</sup> DASF's mission was to provide tactical fighter air to ground support to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. (Remember the movie "From Here to Eternity"?). It was here that Bob's and Ginger's second child, Patrick, was born in mid-November 1963. Bob spent a lot of time deployed in the field with the army. He was also deployed with a US Army unit (Americal Division) in Vietnam during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

In the fall of 1968, the now family of four returned to the mainland and traveled back across the country to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, NC. Bob worked as NCOIC of Flight Scheduling at the 4<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing headquarters and later as NCOIC of Airfield Management and Base Operations.

Once again, their assignment was short. And once again, Bob was to work with the US Army. In the summer of 1970, he received orders to South Vietnam as NCOIC of Detachment 3, 834<sup>th</sup>, at Hue Phu Bai, US Army Airfield (101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division). Ginger (once again pregnant) went home to Lincoln Nebraska while Bob was gone and their third child, Shaun, was born there just before Christmas. While in Vietnam, Bob was promoted to Master Sergeant.

Upon his return, he again found himself working with the US Army. This time his orders



took him and his family (now five in number) to Columbus, GA, home to the US Army Infantry School, Ranger School, and Airborne Training. Bob was the NCOIC of Det 1, 317<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing, Lawson Army Airfield, in support of the US Army Airborne Department. Bob, Ginger, and the kids were to spend the next six years in one place and to put down roots for the first time. They joined Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (LCMS) and sang in the church choir. Bob became a church elder and Chairman of the Evangelism Committee. In 1976, after 19 years of service and one year left to qualify for retirement, came a new assignment: Command Center, Headquarters, US European Command Headquarters, Stuttgart, Germany. Three years and a chance to see Europe. He reenlisted. He was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant in 1979 and shortly thereafter received orders to the 479<sup>th</sup> Tactical Training Wing, Director of Operations, Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, NM. In 1982 he was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant and in 1983 moved across base to the 49<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, Director of Operations.

In 1994 Bob received orders of reassignment to United States Air Force Europe Headquarters, Director of Operations, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. They had purchased a home in Alamogordo and had two children still at home: Patrick in college at New Mexico State and US Air Force ROTC, and Shaun in high school and a member of the Golf and Soccer teams. Debbie had moved to Charleston, SC. They decided that Bob would go unaccompanied for two years. He made it home only five times during the next two years, then got an assignment to Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM upon his return in 1986. He retired the following year.

Bob enrolled in New Mexico State University night school classes under the GI Bill and obtained a degree in business. He worked for the US Forest Service, Lincoln National Forest Supervisors office, in downtown Alamogordo, and then as a government contractor employee at an Air Force test site on Holloman AFB.

He retired permanently in 1996. He and Ginger bought a pickup and travel trailer and joined the LCMS Laborers for Christ volunteers. They assisted in the building of churches in Nebraska, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. Between builds they traveled around the United States visiting with friends and children. After three years, they agreed that the work and travel required by Laborers was too strenuous for them both. Bob got a part time job working at the city golf course, making minimum wage, but also unlimited free golf and cart.

In 2005, they visited Bob's sister in nearby Inglis, Florida, and decided they'd had enough of the dry heat and blowing sands of southern New Mexico. They sold their house, travel trailer, and pickup, moved to Dunnellon, rented a house, and joined Peace Lutheran Church. After nine months they bought their present house. They have always been active at Peace Lutheran: LWML, Men's Club, Church Council, choir, lawn crew. Ginger is the "Card Lady", and Bob has held office as council vice president, Elder and Head Elder. He also led Sunday morning Bible Studies for several years and is currently council vice president.

## WHO'S DOING WHAT?

If you've ever wondered how "stuff" gets done for services, or you are looking for a way to serve God with your own talents, this is a list of who is giving their time already. Even if something seems "filled" and you'd like to help, have no worries. There is plenty of room for you!! This list is mostly who currently OVERSEES each ministry (and they might be ready to "retire", so don't be shy!! If you want to know who else is involved in each one, check your newsletters and bulletins to see "Who-All's doing what". If you enjoy the benefits of ANY of these ministries/programs, let that person know!

**Newsletter: Caroline Turner:** This very newsletter you are reading comes to you because of the time she spends combining the articles written by ten or so members. The folks contributing articles spend quite a bit of time writing them, too. Pastor copies them, and Jackie gets them stapled and distributed. If you'd like to be involved in any of the above, I'm sure they would welcome your help and gladly teach you!

### **Service Related:**

**Altar Guild: Cindy McKee.** If you'd like to join our Altar Guild, Cindy will teach you how to set up before, and cleanup after Communion. This includes sacraments, paraments (which change with church seasons and special days) and "vessels". Cindy is looking for someone to take over as head of the Altar Guild, and she will teach you that, too. **Wine for Communion:** Another way you can help is to make sure there is wine in the Sacristy for services. This can be purchased as a one-time offering, or whatever works for you and your budget. You can look in the Sacristy or ask Cindy what we use.

**Flowers: Cynthia Cotter.** The Flower List (if you don't know) is on the bulletin board. Each week has 2 spaces where you can add your name for a special day in your own life. Each bouquet costs \$25, and you can add special colors after your name.

**Visitor Bags: Carol Hummel.** Take a look into one of the bags and see what goes in them. You can donate some of the items (or some other "welcome to our church" item that you might have access to). Crafty items are especially nice for the recipient!

**Music: Lucinda (Cindy) Bornander** is our organist (unofficially officially). When she can't be here, we need someone to play the CD in the player for that service. Currently, **Bob Holloway or Linda Williams** take over, but we can always use an extra "extra", so talk to either Bob or Linda if you'd like to learn. I promise you will be taught well, and if you can play a CD player, you CAN play the music, (and when the service is over, no one will remember any boo-boos...)

**Choir: Ron Bornander** is our Choir Director, and really knows his stuff! Cindy Bornander plays for the choir, and those of us singing would love more voices!

**Food: Kitchen Steward:** Currently, no one. We hope to restart our Community Meals soon and having a "go-to" person who will make sure what's needed is there is a great help to those of us hosting. It's a great spot for an organized person! For a church that likes food as much as we Lutherans do, we could surely use you (or even a team of folks)!

**Sunday Morning Fellowship Snacks: Bob Sullivan.** You can either show up with something on Sunday morning (currently need to be individually wrapped) or speak to Bob about “taking” a week. This is NOT paid for by the church, it is strictly member donated. So, if you eat any of the goodies on Sunday morning, think about bringing something!

**After Service: Offering Counters: Linda Ryun,** (our Financial Secretary). There are currently 5 teams of 2 counters each who count the money and drop the deposit at the bank. It does not take much time; usually we are finished by 11:30. We can always use 1 or 2 more counting teams, which all take a big load off the Financial Secretary, and the more teams, the less often we need to count!

**In-Church Ministries: Ladies’ Bible study: Becky Williams.** We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at church. If you would like to join us, add “Ladies’ Bible Study” to your calendar so you don’t forget! We also go out to lunch every month.

**LWML: Sheryl Lutz (Secretary/Contact)/Thelma Grams (Treasurer).** The first Sunday of each month is Mite Box Sunday. If you need a mite box to collect your change, ask Sheryl for one. Our group is currently not holding formal meetings, but by sending mites into our FL-GA District Financial Secretary regularly, we are considered active and can keep our charter. Sheryl is currently the LWML FL-GA Evangel (newsletter) Editor and goes to most Zone and District events. If you want to know about Zone/District/National LWML, speak with her, she’d love to talk with you!

**Greeting Cards: Virginia Sullivan.** She’s the one sending you all those Get Well and Birthday wishes with those beautiful notes inside. She could probably use some help with that, and if you can’t help with cards, you can always gift her with stamps!

**Lawn Crew: Bob Sullivan, Steve Cassan and Gene Lutz.** If you’d like to help keeping the grounds mowed and trimmed, let them know, and they will call you when they mow.

**Garden Weeding: Sharon Zavertnik.** You can let her know you’d like to help her, but ANYONE is allowed to pick weeds, and thank you!!

**Advertising:** If you’d like to help we would be happy to have you!

**Sign: Yvonne Conner**

**Newspapers and radio: Sharon Cassan.**

**Facebook: Need someone to keep our page updated**

**Website: Sheryl Lutz**

**Outreach:**

**Prayer Chain: Thelma Grams**

**Phone Chain: Sharon Zavertnik**

**Community Meals:** Served the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from 4-6pm paid for by Peace Lutheran as part of our outreach ministry. Once we start up again, we will need **someone to make sure there is are monthly hosts**, and a sign-up sheet for helpers. We will also need **monthly hosts**- the more, the better! (6 sets would mean only hosting twice in a 12-month period. You as a host decide what you will cook and serve (before COVID, we were up to 130 or so each month). Break out your best Family Reunion recipes! Everyone is welcome to come eat, no charge. They are a lot of fun, and we have met a lot of nice people from our community!

**Romeo School Supplies: Yvonne Conner.** If you'd like to donate, ask Yvonne for the list. You can also go onto Thrivent.com if you are a member and put in for a \$250 Action Team gift card that you can use to buy supplies. Ask Yvonne or Jackie for help with this if you need it.

**Gift cards:** We as a congregation (through Council) and our LWML ladies give Pastor money each year to purchase gift cards he can give to needy folks who come to our door. You can also purchase gift cards for stores/gas and give them to him as an extra bonus.

**Pantry box:** The brown box outside our front door (in case you didn't know) is a pantry with food and personal items anyone can take (or donate to). There is a list on the front of suggested items. Many people are involved with keeping this filled, some even from the community. You are welcome to leave any items missing or getting low. Canned foods with pop tops are the best, and/or plastic jars. Check the Library (right side behind office door) to see what all is there, what might be missing.

**Toys for Tots: Bob Sullivan.** If you would be interested in helping with this, speak with Bob. He is the Community Coordinator for Dunnellon, dropping off and picking up boxes to merchants in town, and delivering them to the warehouse in Ocala. Gene Lutz helps with big loads with his trailer, and if anyone else has one or just wants to go along with Bob to help collect, let him know!

**Things we collect (and for whom):**

**Aluminum cans: Toys for Tots.**

**Aluminum tabs: Thelma Grams for Ronald McDonald House.**

**"What's Your 80?": Sheryl Lutz.** This is to celebrate 80 years of LWML. She will let you know what's being collected when.

**Miscellaneous: If you see anything that you think should be done that is not being done (or any of the above ministries that pulls at your heart), please consider stepping up. We'd all love to have you! Also, don't forget this article doesn't even mention the elected/appointed positions that need to be filled. We really need to replace these folks when their terms are up each November. Please consider these ways to serve God as well. Submitted by Sheryl Lutz**

**Food Pantry Box (outside front door)**

BOXES/PAPER PACKAGING (Please place in individual Ziplock bags to keep bugs out)

Mac n Cheese, etc.

CANS (Preferably Pull Tabs)/ PLASTIC JARS

Vegetables; Meat (chicken, tuna, etc.); Ravioli, spaghetti, etc.,

Peanut Butter, Jelly

BOTTLES

Drinks (NO carbonated beverages, as they can explode)

Water in personal size bottles

PERSONAL

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Bar soap, Liquid soap,

Lotions, Shampoo, Conditioner

Clean, new wash rags

Deodorant (roll-on, stick, no sprays, can explode)

PLEASE, NO GLASS!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS, SERVICES & MEETINGS:**

Bible Studies- Sundays 9am, Wednesdays 10am

Choir Rehearsals- Wednesdays 6:15-7pm

Ladies Bible Studies- first Mondays 10am

Council Meetings- second Mondays 4pm

Rummage Sale- Saturday, February 19, 8am-2pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- March 1, 4-7pm

Ash Wednesday Service- March 2, 7pm

Lenten Services- Wednesdays 7pm (March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6)



## **Those Serving January 2022**

### **Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan  
Greeter: Virginia Sullivan  
Lay reader: Linda Ryun  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

### **Sunday, January 9, 2022**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: Randy Priem  
Greeter: Hope & Garry Kurth  
Lay reader: Randy Priem  
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

### **Sunday, January 16, 2022**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Sheryl Lutz  
Lay reader: Hope Kurth  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

### **Sunday, January 23, 2022**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Jackie Hucker  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Stephen & Sharon Cassan

### **Sunday, January 30, 2022**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter  
Lay reader: Cynthia Cotter  
Counting team: Pat Doan & Randy Priem

## **Altar Guild January 2022**

Sharon Zavertnik

**Those Serving February 2022**

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: Randy Priem  
Greeter: Sharon Zavertnik  
Lay reader: Randy Priem  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Linda Williams  
Lay reader: Becky Williams  
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Bill Langstaff  
Lay reader: Linda Ryun  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Hope & Garry Kurth  
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz  
Counting team: Stephen & Sharon Cassan

**Altar Guild February 2022**

Ruttinger Family

## **Those Serving March 2022**

### **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway  
Communion assistant: Randy Priem  
Greeter: Jackie Hucker  
Lay reader: Randy Priem

### **Sunday, March 6, 2022**

Ushers: Ron Bornander & Bill Langstaff  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Bob Holloway  
Lay reader: Hope Kurth  
Counting team: Pat Doan & Randy Priem

### **Sunday, March 13, 2022**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: Randy Priem  
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

### **Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Sharon Zavertnik  
Lay reader: Cynthia Cotter  
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

### **Sunday, March 27, 2022**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Linda Williams  
Lay reader: Pat Doan  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

### **Altar Guild March 2022**

Linda Ryun



