

# 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**

Summer is here, and many activities are on break for the summer but not all. The ladies of Peace monthly Bible study is still meeting at Becky William's home the first Monday of the month. This is for all ladies of Peace, a great Bible study, fellowship and lunch. Also, our Wednesday morning study of Hebrews is continuing. Our Sunday morning class is using the Men's Network from Lutheran Hour Ministries "The Intersection of Church and State." We will be finishing up with this series sometime in July and then taking a break for the summer.

July 29<sup>th</sup> is our fifth Sunday luncheon and we will be receiving new members. On the menu is spaghetti and meatballs. Make plans on staying for the lunch so you can officially welcome our new members as we fellowship and break bread or meatballs together.

We have many of our Peace family dealing with health issues, some long term. Please, keep one another in your prayers and if you notice someone missing on Sunday morning its okay to give them a call to tell them you missed them. Even ask if you can pray for them or with them. Prayer is one of God's special gifts and He wants us to use it. We all can use and be prayer warriors.

In our study of Hebrews this past week, we were reminded that we are all part of the priesthood of believers and as such responsible for one another. It's nice to know we have each other in those rough times and in the good times.

May God continue to bless each of you and our Peace family!  
Pastor Terry

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**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 14, 2018**

**Present:** Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, Rita Cowan, Rebekah Williams, Rev. Terry McKee, Dennis Witzgall, Jerry Robertson, and Donald Conner. Guest: James Spiegelberg.

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

**Correspondence:** Letter from Lutheran Church Extension Fund thanking us for our monetary gift in support of Laborers For Christ mission service.

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

**President's Comments:** Garry Kurth commented things are going well. He also expressed a sincere thank you to the Elders, Jeremy and Sam McKee, and James Spiegelberg for all the help they have given to assist Pastor in our services since his surgery.

**REPORTS:**

**Financial Secretary:** Becky Williams provided the Fund Summaries for March & April.

**Treasurer:** Rita Cowan provided her reports for March & April.

**Trustees:** Have been changing and fixing lights throughout the church as needed.

**Elders:** Jerry Robertson reported they had their meeting just before the Council Meeting. They are updating their name lists and will proceed to do God's work. They also thanked James Spiegelberg for stepping in to assist Pastor while they had some health issues.

**Pastor:** We have 75 baptized members, eight attend our Wednesday morning Bible Study, and we continue to have our Sunday Bible Study prior to our church service. We confirmed one adult and one youth, received six adults through profession of faith, six through transfers, lost six through moves, and had three deaths.

We continue to stay strong, pay our bills, and do God's work.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**FL-GA District Convention June 22-24, 2018:** Pastor will be attending and Cindy McKee will be our delegate, so Sunday, June 24 will be a lay service (no communion.) The Elders will conduct the service and Alan Riedel will deliver the sermon.

**Rummage Sale:** Proceeds of \$1,141.20 with \$127 going to Missions.

**Spaghetti Supper:** Rita reported the sauce is made, sausages are in the refrigerator, the meatballs will be made on Thursday, and then all will be reheated on Saturday. Members helping serve are asked to wear white tops and black pants or skirts so they are more easily identified as the ones to ask for assistance.

Becky reminded us Saturday is Armed Forces Day.

Jerry Robertson made a motion to offer a free meal for all Veterans who come to our Spaghetti Dinner. Seconded by Hope Kurth. Motion Passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lawn Crew:** Ron Cowan volunteered to form a crew to ready our grounds for upcoming services and dinners. President Kurth appointed Ron Cowan to be the lead of the Lawn Crew.

**Handicapped Parking Signs:** Our present signs are looking sad. Hope Kurth made a motion to get new signs and posts to replace our current ones. Dennis Witzgall seconded. Motion Passed.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party:** Besides celebrating Memorial Day, we also want to honor our three graduates: Tricia Ruttinger is graduating from High School and going to Navy Basic Training, Sam McKee is graduating from College with a major in Bio-chemistry, and Grace Cassen is getting her two-year degree from Community College in Associated Arts.

**Website:** We have paid for service for the next year, and received a report. We have had over 800 Hits – 343 in May - with 11 downloading our Newsletter and nine reading our sermons.

**Guest:** James Spiegelberg reported the new directory is almost ready to print. Just a few minor adjustments and you will receive your new copy.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Ryun, Council Secretary

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## SCRIP Newsletter

Summer is here and many of you may be traveling. Please, remember to purchase your SCRIP cards before you leave. I posted a notice on the bulletin board identifying new retailers and those that have discontinued, along with a new Retailer List.

SCRIP Sunday in July will be on the 8th due to the July 4th holiday.

Barbara Miesen  
SCRIP Coordinator

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**Best wishes on your Special Day**

**To:**

**Birthdays**

- 07.02 Jerry Cook
- 07.09 Cindy McKee
- 07.13 Yvonne Conner
- 07.20 Barbara Sadler
- 07.26 Jean Poffenbaugh
- 07.29 Barbara Thomas
- 07.30 Karen Sokolowski

- 08.02 Rebekah (Becky) Williams
- 08.05 Garry Kurth
- 08.08 David Ruttinger
- 08.24 Bunnie Daniels
- 08.28 Jean Methlie

**Anniversaries**

- 07.02 James & Carole Tobin
- 07.13.1991 Michael & Carol Hummel
- 07.20.2015 Garry & Hope Kurth

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**Reminders**

**Altar Flowers**

Please consider placing flowers to celebrate a special occasion, remember a loved one, or in thanks and praise to God. The flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Bouquets are \$20 each. If you would like a certain flower or color, please let Becky Williams know.

And remember, too, that Dunnellon Florist, 529-7352, will be glad to work with you for your personal orders.

**Sunday Coffee Hour**

If you can provide sweet treats for Coffee Hour, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Homemade or store bought items should be brought to the church kitchen in time for someone to put them out before the 8:45 class begins. They'll be there after church, too! This is a great time to get to know our guests or fellow members.

Thank you!

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## **Monthly Bible Study for Women**

Our study of “Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply”, focusing on how God fills our cups as we drink deeply of His Word, will be held at the home of Becky Williams on Monday, July 2, at 10:00 am, with lunch afterwards. We will also meet on Monday, August 6, same time and place...and with lunch. If you need directions, please contact Becky at 304-7674. Looking forward to sharing a “sip” with you!

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## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **Talking with Yvonne Conner**

Donald and Yvonne moved to Florida in 1990. Warm weather was more favorable than the cold and snowy winters in Michigan. Don and Yvonne grew up and attended school in Warren, a suburb of Detroit. They were high school sweethearts, and married 40 years ago.

After high school, Yvonne attended Macomb College, in Michigan. She finished her degree in Florida at St. Leo University. At present she teaches third grade science and math at Romeo Elementary School.

In her spare time, her favorite hobby is STAMPING. She is also an avid reader. Her favorite author is Nicholas Sparks, who writes romance and drama novels.

Don was born on December 25 (how cool is that?). He attended and graduated from the University of Florida, where he earned his Masters degree. Don works as a Nurse Practitioner. His hobby is coin collecting and he also likes to read. He prefers to read action and mystery novels. His favorite author is Clive Cussler.

The Conner's have one son, and one granddaughter. Madison, their eleven-year-old granddaughter often attends church with Don and Yvonne. When not working they are taking care of their small farm. They live on 20 acres and raise livestock. They have six cows and two chickens. Yvonne says the chickens are old, but still laying eggs. The steer will end up in the freezer, while the heifers will produce more calves when they are old enough.

Peace Lutheran Church is blessed to have Don and Yvonne as members. They have recently become Trustees, and are truly an important part of our Church Family.

Jackie Hucker

## Those Serving in July and August 2018

### Those Serving July 2018

#### Sunday, July 1, 2018

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson  
Greeters: Linda Williams & Bill Langstaff  
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

#### Sunday, July 8, 2018

Ushers: Gen Lutz & Dennis Witzgall  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Barbara & Wayne Miesen  
Lay reader: Hope Kurth  
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

#### Sunday, July 15, 2018

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg  
Greeters: Rita & Ron Cowan  
Lay reader: Alan Riedel  
Counting team: Jerry & Janice Robertson

#### Sunday, July 22, 2018

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Carla & Trina Ruttinger  
Lay reader: Samuel McKee  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Williams

#### Sunday, July 29, 2018

Ushers: Rita Cook & Doug O'Hara  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeters: Linda Ryun & Peggy Buschman  
Lay reader: Barbara Sadler  
Counting team: Jae Ann Witzgall & Bunnie Daniels

#### Altar Guild July 2018

Cindy & Sam McKee

### Those Serving August 2018

#### Sunday, August 5, 2018

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan  
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson  
Greeters: Virginia & Bob Sullivan  
Lay reader: Pat Doan  
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Rita Cook

#### Sunday, August 12, 2018

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall  
Lay reader: Becky Williams  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Riedel

#### Sunday, August 19, 2018

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Sharon Zavertnik  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Rita Cook & Bunnie Daniels  
Lay reader: Linda Ryun  
Counting team: Becky & Linda Williams

#### Sunday, August 26, 2018

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee  
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg  
Greeters: Jackie Hucker & Pat Doan  
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz  
Counting team: Jae Ann Witzgall & Bunnie Daniels

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Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams