

## 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***

Greetings Peace family,

Summer has arrived and with that our Ladies of Peace will be taking a break till September. Our Wednesday morning Bible class will take a break during July as some of our members will be traveling. I pray each of you has a safe and fun summer, especially if you are traveling to see loved ones. Our Sunday morning Bible class will continue as usual.

It is hard to believe that we have been dealing with this pandemic for over a year now. If all continues to improve with no setbacks we hopefully and prayerfully will be able to return to a more normal worship service and once again begin our community meals in September. In the meantime, we continue to social distance and wear masks when coming together

and mingling. Of course, for those who are fully vaccinated masks may be removed when worshipping. It is genuinely nice to have many of our members returning to worship as well as new friends to Peace. In the same note it is sad that we have a few members that will not be returning. Again, I plead with you to keep each other in your prayers and pick up the phone and call those you have not seen in a while or a year. If you are still struggling or in need, please let me know. I am here for you.

Thank you to those you so graciously donated our new sound system. It is wonderful not to have problems on Sunday mornings.

This Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> along with our regular worship service we will take time to thank God for the gift of this great country. We prayerfully ask God to help restore it to what He intended.

God's blessing to all, Pastor Terry

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### LADIES OF PEACE / LWML

**Hi, Ladies of Peace/Lutheran Women's Missionary League members!** If you are a member of our church, you are a member of LWML. First, thank you to all who gave to our May Mite collection! We received about \$210! You would be surprised to know what LWML can and will do with those pennies!

Our next couple of **Mite Sundays** will be July 4, August 1, and September 5. If the big Mite Box is not out, please ask Becky, Sheryl, or Thelma about it (we probably forgot it was the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday as we did June 6, and will thank you for remembering!). Bring your personal mite box and drop it into the big box or put it in Thelma Gram's mailbox. All Mite box money gets sent to the LWML FL-GA District, and is divided. A set percentage stays with the district for district grants, and the rest goes to the National LWML for those grants.

If you would like to give money for our own LWML **treasury** to be used for other things (money for missions, for example),

mark your check "LWML Treasury". We have not been able to send any mission money the last 2 or 3 years. We usually sent to Food 4 Kids, Toys for Tots, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), plus Pastor's Discretionary Fund for gift cards, and hope to send some again this year, with your help. It's a great way to help further LWML's missionary work, even if you can't be as active as you'd like to be.

Another way to help is to purchase a book of **1<sup>st</sup> class stamps for Ginger Sullivan** to send out all those "Get Well" and "Thinking about you" cards. She often does not have any except from her own supply. Every book of stamps allows her to send 20 more cards. (Just place them in Sullivan's mailbox if you don't see her).

We miss our monthly **Bible study/ladies' gatherings**, and can't wait to start our new book, "Pew Sisters"! This book was written by a pastor's wife about real "sisters" she met in the pews of their churches over the years, with different problems/obstacles to overcome, and how God helped them accomplish them. Our next study will be Monday, September 13, at 10am.

**Zone Rally:** Saturday, September 18 at St. John Lutheran, Ocala.

**District Retreat:** September 24-26 in Melbourne, FL at the Crown Plaza Hotel (on the beach)

**LWML Sunday:** October 17.

In His Service, Sheryl Lutz

OUR WEBSITE:

[www.peacelutheranonline.com](http://www.peacelutheranonline.com)

Do you ever look at our church website? Did you know Pastor's weekly sermons are on the **Pastor's Corner** tab as text, as well as a link to the video version on YouTube? If you are not sure what's coming up, you can look at the "**What's New**" section on the Home Page for dates and times of special services (Advent, Lent, etc.), or dinners/events we are hosting. The **Leaders** tab shows who your council members are, and the **Charity** tab has info about our outreach and charity missions. Check it out if you haven't yet!  
Sheryl

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### SPOT LIGHT

Jackie Hucker was born In Sublette, Illinois on April 20, 1932. She lived her life in Northern Illinois until the summer of 1985.

Jackie is the third child of Donald and Virginia Burd, and also the third girl. Two years later her brother was born.

Her mother was widowed when Jackie was 10 years old. After a couple of years, Mom met and married her step father.

After high school Jackie worked in an office doing payroll. She met her future husband, Don on a blind date in 1953. Her second date with Don was Sunday Morning Church at Faith Lutheran Church

in South Beloit, Illinois. Eleven months later she married him in that same church. Don was a high school principal and educator. Jackie went to work as an automotive parts specialist when the children reached high school age.

Don and Jackie raised three children. Twin daughters Karen and Kathleen. and son Kevin. The girls are both retired school teachers, and after Kevin retired as a computer programmer, He went back to school and got his nursing degree. He retired from nursing at age 62.

Karen has four sons and eight grandchildren. Kathleen has a son who was adopted from India when he was 3 months old.

After Don's retirement in 1985 they moved to Florida. They Joined Rainbow Lakes Lutheran Church, which is now Peace Lutheran Church. Don took a position teaching physics at Inverness High School, and Jackie worked as a parts person until retirement at age 60.

One of her fondest things is her collection of angels. Her favorite quote is "LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH"

Don passed away on October 1, 2009. after 55 years of marriage and a wonderful life with friends and family.

Jackie plans to live until she is 100.

## Altar Flowers

Thank you for subscribing for altar flowers! Except for August 22nd, every Sunday in July and August has at least one bouquet requested. Please remember to let Becky Williams know if you would like a specific flower or color. She places our next month's order towards the end of the current month with Blue Creek Florist so they can make note of any special requests when they place orders with their vendors. The sooner you can let Becky know your wishes, the better, as sometimes a last minute request cannot be accommodated. Bouquets are \$20 each and payment can be made by cash or check using the designated envelopes in your offering envelope box or the pew envelope marked for altar flowers.

Again, thank you for your donations! We all appreciate seeing the flowers each week. If you do not wish to take the flowers, please let Becky or an altar guild member on duty know so that they can be given to someone who isn't always able to join us in worship or is confined to home. They are always grateful to be remembered!

## WhoWhatWhereWhyWhenHow?

Submitted by Becky Williams

The altar paraments during the summer months are green, signifying life and growth. The readings focus on Jesus' earthly ministry, especially as He taught His disciples in parables for their spiritual growth. Because their feast dates fall on Sundays this year, we can recognize St. James the Elder (July 25)(red); St. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord (August 15)(white); and the Martyrdom of John the Baptist (August 29)(red). That will be Pastor's decision.

There is only one secular holiday during July and August and, of course, that is Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, which this year falls on a Sunday. It commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on that date in 1776. You knew that! But, did you know that both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers to serve as President, died on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1826? President Monroe died on that date in 1831 and President Coolidge was born on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1872. May God continue to bless our nation and its people.

Last month, we heard some seldom-used words in our readings and hymns. In case you were wondering, here are their meanings:

“Paschal” is the official name of the candle on the stand which we display from the Birth of Christ until His Ascension. The word relates to the Passover or our Easter and Jesus, the Lamb of God.

“Ebenezer” was what Samuel called the stone he set up to commemorate the help God gave Israel. It means “stone of help”. Each time an Israelite saw it, he recalled God’s help.

“Paraclete” is Greek for the Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Helper.

“fear” not only means to be afraid of but more often in our readings and hymns means having respect for or being in awe of God. It helps to look at the content of the sentence.

“A-men” or “Ah-men” The first is spoken, the second sung...most of the time! Just a little fun fact! Don’t think too hard about it!

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## Pastor’s Prayer List

Please if you have a few minutes make that phone call to our shut ins. It will make their day as well as yours.



- 07/05 Duane Zwick
- 07/09 Cindy McKee
- 07/13 Yvonne Conner
- 07/24 Connie Smith
- 07/26 Jay Poffenbaugh
- 07/28 Bob Holloway
- 07/29 Barbara Thomas
- 08/02 Becky Williams
- 08/05 Garry Kurth
- 08/08 David Ruttinger
- 08/28 Jean Methlie



- 07/02/1954 James & Carole Tobin
- 07/13/1991 Michael & Carol Hummel
- 07/20/2015 Garry & Hope Kurth
  
- 08/16/1968 Bob & Sue Holloway

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## **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the

passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Randy is joined by his grandkids and Cindy on Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>,2021



Talk to Randy if you would like to participate.

**BACK TO SCHOOL:**  
We will be collecting school supplies again this year. Any questions call Carolyn Turner 352-465-3261

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**NEW ADDRESS**  
Ken & Peggy Buschman  
21271 W Highway 40  
Dunnellon, FL 34431  
Lot 87

### **Those Serving July 2021**

#### **Sunday, July 4, 2021**

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan  
Communion assistant: Sam McKee  
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

#### **Sunday, July 11, 2021**

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

#### **Sunday, July 18, 2021**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bill Langstaff  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Jackie Hucker  
Lay reader: Randy Priem  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

**Sunday, July 25, 2021**

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

**Altar Guild July**

Sharon Zavertrnik

**Those Serving August**

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Sharon Zavertrnik  
Lay reader: Cynthia Cotter  
Counting team: Stephen & Sharon Cassan

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Carla & David Ruttinger  
Lay reader: Randy Priem  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie



**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway

Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee

Greeter: Bill Langstaff

Lay reader: Trina Ruttinger

Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee

Communion assistant: Randy Priem

Greeter: Linda Ryun

Lay reader: Becky Williams

Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Altar Guild August**

Ruttinger Family