

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

What were you doing 11 years ago? I picked the year 2008 because it was a year of firsts and a year of lasts. As a family here at Peace we were very busy. As I looked back at the minutes and newsletters it was joyful to see how active we were both in the community and here at church. As we made our Lenten journey we gathered for pre-service meals. On Palm Sunday we celebrated to Sacrament of Baptism and received into membership Doug & Marion O'Hara, Martha Lentz and Jean Bozak. We celebrated Easter on March 24th that year. We even had an Easter Sunrise service. We had an Easter egg hunt and breakfast between services, which was hosted by the men's club.

Do you remember signing in as you came into church each Sunday? 2008

was the year we switched to the pew attendance books, the Sunday after Easter. With the activities of Lent, Holy Week and Easter finished the ladies and men of Peace prepared for the annual rummage sale (April 5, 2008). We also prepared to host the district LLL/Lutheran Laymen's League convention on April 11-13, 2008, having already hosted the board meeting in February. We participated in Dunnellon Boomtown Days on April 19, 2008 by having a bake sale and mission outreach booth. This was just the first 4 months of 2008.

Other notable activities and achievements in 2008:

Purchase of our new organ
New sound system

Annual God and Country celebration with the Front Porch Singers (sadly our last celebration and about the last time the Front Porch Singers performed)

New Altar ware and paraments
We sponsored a local Little League Baseball team

*We hosted both girl scouts and
boy scouts*

*We had a local church using
our Sanctuary on Tuesday evenings
We were a host site for SHARE*

***So, where were you 11 years ago?**
So many blessings and opportunities
that God gave back in 2008? The good
news is, He still is blessing us here at
Peace and there on so many opportu-
nities yet to come. Are you ready?*

*And on a personal note April 2008
was the year God blessed Cindy, Jer-
emy, and I with our new home. It's
hard to believe we've been in our
home for almost 11 years.*

*May God bless and use us here at
Peace!
Pastor Terry*

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 11, 2019

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth,
Linda Ryun, David Sokolowski,
Jackie Hucker, Doug O'Hara, Donald
Conner, Karen Sokolowski, Linda
Williams and Pastor Terry McKee.

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

Correspondence: Letter from Lake
Tropicana Volunteer Fire Department
inviting members to attend their meet-
ings, which are held at 7 P.M. every
Thursday evening, especially if you
are interested in becoming a volunteer.
The letter also encouraged contribu-
tions to help pay for needed supplies;
any amount would be greatly appreci-
ated.

We also received a packet with a
Starter Guide from Financial Peace
University since we will again host
this program on Tuesday evenings
March 12 – May 7 from 7:30 – 8:45
P.M.

Minutes: The February minutes were
accepted.

President's Comments: Garry Kurth
commented things are going well and
he was pleased to see the attendance at

our Ash Wednesday Service, 36 people attended.

REPORTS:

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Reports were provided. David Sokolowski stated Cadence Bank has been removed from our report since we have moved that money into an LCEF Education Account.

Trustees: Donald Conner reported he has gone through all of the pews, checked out the hymnal/Bible holders and needs to purchase some screws to anchor the seats. He also repaired the light in the Sacristy, but it didn't work again on Monday, so he will check it again.

It was noted the Potato Pancake Supper sign needs to be taken down and stored in the shed. Also, there were items in the hallway we no longer need inside the church since we have our new shelves, so the trustees will remove them this week. David Sokolowski received a new water tester kit so we can meet the EPA requirements. A test needs to be made twice a week, but not on consecutive days, and the testing results need to be entered into a special ledger.

Elders: Doug O'Hara reminded us we have entered into our Lenten season, and we should encourage others to attend these special services. We also need to rededicate ourselves to

enhance and promote Christ and His Kingdom.

Pastor: Reported Alan Riedel has requested a transfer to Faith Lutheran in Dunedin, FL.

Motion by Doug O'Hara to have Pastor process the appropriate paperwork to transfer Alan Riedel to Faith Lutheran in Dunedin, FL.

Seconded by David Sokolowski. Motion passed.

In filling out reports for 2018, our membership for Peace is down by one from 2017 (due to a death), but our average Sunday Worship Service Attendance was 66 in 2017, and dropped to 58 in 2018. We all need to encourage our members to attend our Sunday services!

OLD BUSINESS:

Office Chair: Pastor now has a new chair.

Shrove Tuesday Potato Pancake Supper: Jackie Hucker reported we served 224 people and made a profit of \$1,482.00. 10% will go into our Mission Fund.

It was recommended a Committee Meeting should be held to make up a complete report setting up a schedule of what needs to be done and when so next year's committee will have

guidelines. (This should be done for every meal we plan at Peace.)

Shade for Cross Window: Garry Kurth mentioned his sister will sew a banner to be used as a shade for our Cross Window.

NEW BUSINESS:

Large Sunday School Room: Since we now have the storage cabinets built, we plan to clean up the room and repaint it.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer, and council joined in singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ryun, Council Secretary

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2019**

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, David Sokolowski, Jackie Hucker, Doug O’Hara, Yvonne Conner, Karen Sokolowski, Linda Williams and Pastor Terry McKee.

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 donation of \$100 to help support Laborers For Christ.

Minutes: The March minutes were accepted.

President’s Comments: Garry Kurth commented the banner is completed for our Cross Window, and was used at our Wednesday evening Lenten service to shade the setting sun. Chet Rochette has completed the cabinets (with help from Gene Lutz) in the large Sunday School Room and in the Secretary Office, and the large Sunday School Room has been painted.

REPORTS:

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Reports were provided.

Trustees: Water is running in the one toilet, wasting water, so the floater, etc. will be replaced. The front door lock is sticking again, so that will be looked into. Gene Lutz and Bob Sullivan have been working on the Cross Flower Bed and will be purchasing mulch to beautify the church grounds.

Elders: Doug O'Hara stated we are in the mist of our Lenten season and we should be praying more, thanking God for sending Jesus to be our Savior, especially as we enter Holy Week and attend our special services.

Pastor: We will again be showing the film, **The Passion of Christ**, on Good Friday at noon. The film will begin at 12:10 and end at 3 P.M. (just when Jesus died!)

Sunday is Palm Sunday, and both our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7 P.M.

Pastor plans to take a week of vacation from Monday, May 20-26. (May 27th is the Memorial Day holiday.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Rummage Sale Update: Thelma has put a sheet on the bulletin board regarding times we will be working. Pastor reminded us our facilities are used every day, so the fellowship hall cannot be fully set up until Friday, April 26th.

Donation for Lake Tropicana Volunteer Fire Department:

Last month we received a letter encouraging donations, which was read under correspondence, however, we forgot to discuss it under New Business, Motion made by Hope Kurth to donate \$100.00 to the Lake Tropicana Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Jackie Hucker. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pledge to District: We received a notice requesting a pledge for 2019. David Sokolowski will send in the pledge card for \$2,500.00 as per our 2019 Spending Guide. We currently mail a check to District each month for support of the District's work.

LWML National Convention: Linda Ryun will be attending in June. Jackie Hucker recommended we assist with the expenses. Council decided to table this until next month so we know how much to reimburse.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer, and council joined in singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ryun, Council Secretary



LADIES OF PEACE/LWML UPDATES

Best wishes on your Special Day To:

Birthdays

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| 05.06 | Peggy (Margaret) Buschman |
| 05.09 | Tricia Ruttinger |
| 05.18 | Linda Ryun |
| 05.23 | Korene Clemings |
| 05.29 | Chet Rochette |
| 06.01 | Trudy Kreuzer |
| 06.06 | Carolyn Turner |
| 06.25 | Janice Robertson |
| 06.28 | Virginia Sullivan |
| 06.29 | Robert Sullivan |

Anniversaries

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| 06.03.1978 | Donald & Yvonne Conner |
| 06.08.1958 | Donald & Barbara Thomas |
| 06.13.1970 | Dennis & Jae Ann Witzgall |
| 06.18.1988 | Ron & Rita Cowan |



Our ladies' Bible study has been so much fun! It's been a great time for us to share a little of ourselves with each other as well as studying God's Word. We will meet at Becky's house on May 6th, and then not meet June, July and August. Due to Labor Day on September 3rd, we will meet on the 10th instead that month. We expect to finish our current book ("Mirror, Mirror") this month, but since we cancelled April's study to go to Tom Cooke's memorial service, it may go into September. Our next Bible study lessons will be from our LWML Quarterly magazines, so hang onto them if you get these issues.

Our Zone LWML Spring Rally at 1st, Inverness was very nice. We actually had 4 ladies there! Our **Fall Rally will be at Faith, Lecanto on October 26.**

Our own District Past President Bunnie Koelsch is running for National Treasurer at the Convention in Mobile, AL in June. She also is a past District Treasurer, as well.

September 27-29 (Friday-Sunday) is our **FL-GA District Retreat** at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg. I have heard nothing but great things about our retreats, and this year I'm planning to go. It costs \$185 for the weekend, includes room, retreat and 5 meals (Friday dinner-

Sunday breakfast). Let me know if you'd like to go along. Deb Burma, who wrote our last 2 Bible studies, "Living a Chocolate Life" and "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply" is our retreat leader!

If you are interested in receiving the FL-GA LWML District **Evangel** (newsletter) which comes out quarterly to your email, go to: www.flgalwml.com, and on the left side in the menu is a link (says Evangel) to click on and download it if you don't already get it. There is also a link to get onto the email list for next time's issue. I am going to help create the next one, and if I feel comfortable, will take on the position of Editor.

Also, if you'd like to read the **Zone Spring newsletter**, I have a hard copy you can read and return to me when you're finished, or I can send a digital copy to your email that you can read. Remember to continue filling your **mite boxes** and turning them in to Thelma Grams. Every penny helps- and goes a long way in places our grants go to! I have gotten some new mite boxes with our newest logo on them. They are in the Library on the shelves on the right. Grab some for yourselves, and/or give them to friends or relatives!

Happy Mothers' Day!

In His Service, Sheryl Lutz

WhoWhatWhereWhyWhenHow? By Becky Williams

Throughout the month of May, we are still in the Season of Easter until Ascension Day. The paraments on the altar and pulpit are white, representing Christ's purity. They will be red on Pentecost signifying the blood and righteousness of Christ.

On Trinity Sunday, we again use white paraments. The Sundays following we'll use green, symbolizing life and representing our spiritual growth nurtured through the Word and Sacraments. This time of the church year coincides with the growth of crops during our summer months and into the fall.

One of the significant secular dates to remember during May is the National Day of Prayer celebrated on the first Thursday (May 2nd, this year). It has been declared by Congress each year since 1972 and its purpose is for the people of the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders.

Cinco de Mayo is on Sunday, May 5th, but I don't think Pastor is going to be preaching on that subject. Feel free to indulge in Mexican food and beverages at lunch!

Another special day is Mother's Day! It is always on the second Sunday of May and began unofficially in 1858 as

“Mother’s Work Day” (for sanitation awareness). It was established as “Mother’s Day” in 1914 to honor all mothers. Happy Mother’s Day!

Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 18, a day to thank all members of the military for their service.

Memorial Day is celebrated this year on Monday, May 27th. Formerly called Decoration Day, it was established to honor those who died in service to their country, and has been celebrated in one form or another since the 1860s.

Ascension Day has been celebrated in the Christian church since the year 68 and is 40 days after Easter, this year on Thursday, May 30th. We remember the Risen Christ’s bodily ascension into heaven.

Pentecost Sunday is June 9th. The first Pentecost must have been an incredible day with flames of fire on the disciples’ heads and their message being heard by each person in their native language!

Flag Day began in 1885 to remember the establishment of the Stars and Stripes as our nation’s flag but wasn’t celebrated nationwide until 1916 and was set as June 14th in 1949.

Trinity Sunday is June 16th. We traditionally use the Athanasian Creed rather than the more familiar Apostles’

or Nicene creeds on that day. A creed is a confession of the one, true faith of the Christian church, identifying us with all believers throughout the ages. It contains words spoken to us by God in His Word and teaches the distinction between the Persons of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It uses the term “catholic faith” (with a lower-case “c”). In other words, it is the confession of the true Church in all times and all places; not the Roman Catholic denomination, but the universal Church which confesses Christ as Lord and Savior.

This year, Father’s Day is also on June 16. It was first proposed in 1909. Set as the third Sunday of June in 1966, it is intended to celebrate not only fathers, but also stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers and adult male friends. Happy Father’s Day!

This column is intended to inform. If you have questions about worship practices at Peace, want to know the meaning of a word used in Scripture, or just about anything else, I’ll be glad to discuss it with you. If I don’t know, I’ll check with Pastor or do some research and if it might be interesting to others, I’ll include it in a future article.

Altar Flowers

After a solemn Lenten season without flowers, it is so nice to see them once again!

There are many open dates on our flower chart, including Mother's Day. Please consider donating a bouquet in memory or honor of someone. The cost for one remains \$20. If you would like a specific flower or color, please let Becky Williams know (304-7674).

Dunnellon Florist very graciously promotes our special events by making our fliers available to their clientele. If you have personal need of a florist, please consider using them. They are located on Pennsylvania Avenue across the street from the fire department. Their phone number is 462-7004.

Coffee Hour

Each Sunday, before Bible study and our worship service, we provide coffee and sweets. This is an opportunity for each of us to greet one another and especially to meet our guests.

If you're able to provide cookies, rolls, or other sweet treats, please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall near the water fountain. Our coffee

hour is not funded through our giving. Your donation of sweets (or coffee) is very much appreciated. If we have more than we need, we'll freeze it for use on other Sundays when no one has brought anything. Some of our members prefer to donate a few dollars to Becky Williams rather than shop or bake.

See you there!



The family of Thomas Cooke would sincerely like to thank everyone at Peace Lutheran Church for all the cards,

kinds words and prayers we received during our time of sorrow. May the love of Christ be with you all.

Respectfully submitted, Lu Ann Cooke

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Rebekah “Becky” Williams is the oldest of nine siblings born in Cleveland to a Lutheran School principal and his wife. She attended 12 years of Lutheran school. Becky married Victor Bohlmann when he was pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Avon, Ohio. Before her marriage, Becky worked as a legal secretary; then as a secretary and statistical typist in the Transportation Department of Eastern Greyhound Lines, typing bus schedule drafts (with seven multi-colored carbon copies) from Maine to the Mississippi and Canada to south Florida.

After two years of marriage, the Bohlmanns moved to a church on the south side of Chicago which was facing integration. Vic left the parish ministry to become Field Education Director and teach preaching and parish administration at Concordia Seminary in Springfield, IL. Becky worked there as an administrative assistant/bookkeeper for the Illinois Council of Churches and then as Office Manager of a CPA firm. When Vic returned to the parish ministry after nine years as a professor, Becky worked for friends who owned Hallmark stores in the Dallas area.

Being told six years into their marriage that Vic would not be able to father children, the Bohlmanns began

the adoption process in Springfield, but had to restart the process when they moved to the Dallas area. Half-sisters Jennifer (4) and Heather (3) were adopted on their 16th anniversary. When their girls were in elementary school, Becky returned to work as Executive Secretary to the President of an HCA Hospital in Plano, TX, and a few years later as a secretary in Human Resources for Atlantic Richfield’s International Headquarters, ending her employment there as Assistant to the President of ARCO International.

After 30 years, Vic had to retire from active ministry because of issues relating to the autoimmune disease scleroderma and then served for thirteen years as an interim pastor throughout East Texas. The couple enjoyed those years living on a golf course, but Vic got the itch to move and they began exploring relocation to Florida. They bought a home in Rainbow Springs in early 2004 and were told the very same day that Vic had lung cancer. They moved to Dunnellon in June 2004, and although the research drug had eradicated his tumors entirely, Vic died of a heart attack only 32 days after the move. During those few weeks, Randy and Linda Priem were frequent visitors. The Lutheran community being a small world, Randy’s aunt and uncle were friends of Vic and Becky’s through their church in Tyler, TX!

The day Becky and her daughter Heather and then 10-year-old grandson Isaac were leaving to drive to Texas for Vic's memorial service was the day Pastor Terry was confirmed to serve as vicar at Peace and complete his education to become an ordained minister. His mentor brought him to the house to meet Becky. The rest is history!

Becky has served two terms as Church Council Secretary and two as Financial Secretary, but wears many hats.

In November of 2008, Becky married another church member, Dave Williams, who was a widower. They served together on the Council, Dave as President. The Lord called Dave to Himself in July of 2011. Ask Becky about their marriage counseling with Pastor Terry! It is classic!

Becky's daughter Jennifer Cameron has two sons, Luke (15) and Ryan (10). Heather and Ted Uhlemann's son Isaac will be 25 the end of May. All of them live in Austin, TX. She considers Dave's son Jeff and his two sons Alex and Jonathon, and his daughter Tami and husband Robert, their daughter Jennifer and her sons Andrew and Garrett, and their son Chris and his wife Nikki to be family, too. They live in Georgia.

Thrivent Faith Day with the Rays!

It's time to start group orders for the 16th Annual Thrivent Day with the Rays! This year's game will have the Tampa Bay Rays taking on the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday, June 15th at 1:10pm and Rays players will speak about their faith after the game. We've got excellent seats reserved in the Baseline Box section again this year. Each ticket includes a Rays hat of your choice. Group tickets cost \$33 (up to a \$60 value!).

A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit Habitat of Humanity of Hillsborough County. Thrivent is partnering with Habitat Hillsborough and local churches on a Faith Build project this year to build a new home for a deserving family. Learn more about Habitat Hillsborough here: www.habitathillsborough.org

We hope that we can count on your leadership to help promote this game to members of your congregation! Attached to this email, you will find the following:

Flyer/Ticket order information
Group ticket orders (10 or more) will be placed directly with the Tampa Bay Rays group sales office (see contact information below), so congregations will need a member to coordinate groups and handle sending in orders with one payment per group. Payment

for groups may be made by church check (no personal checks) made out to Tampa Bay Rays or credit card. We encourage you to ask a member of your congregation to promote the game and to serve as ticket coordinator. Ticket coordinators can be a congregational advocate, a Thrivent member or anyone in the church who is a baseball enthusiast.

To purchase group tickets, contact Bob Windheim - (P): 727-825-3220 (E): BWindheim@raysbaseball.com This is a great family event and we encourage you to organize your own group. You may wish to organize a bus trip from your area to transport members and others to the game. This makes for a great youth outing as well. Just remember that individuals will need to order tickets as part of a group to be seated together. Seating is limited and we anticipate a great turnout for this special Faith Day event, so we encourage everyone to order soon. If you have any questions about the game, feel free to contact me at 813-293-5043.

Thank you,

Tom Reagin, Community Engagement
Leader, Southeast Region, Thrivent
Financial

Those Serving May 2019

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Ushers: Bill Langstaff & Bob Sullivan
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Peggy & Ken Buschman
Lay reader: Jackie Hucker
Counting team:

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Trudy Kreuzer & Linda Williams
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Ron & Rita Cowan
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Eugene O'Connell

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Mona Bermudez
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeters: Hope & Garry Kurth
Lay reader: Trina Ruttinger
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Becky Williams

Ascension, May 30, 2019

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Greeters: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan
Counting team:

Altar Guild May 2019

Jan Barker & Linda Ryun

Those Serving June 2019

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall
Lay reader: Charles Beyerlein
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Neblock

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Ushers: Dennis Witzgall & Doug O'Hara
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Bunnie Daniels & Linda Neblock
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team:

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeters: Bob Sullivan & Trudy Kreuzer
Lay reader: Linda Ryun
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Ushers: Bob Sullivan & Bill Langstaff
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Barbara & Donald Thomas
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Riedel

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Lay reader: Randy Priem
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Eugene O'Connell

Altar Guild June 2019

Cindy & Sam McKee

