

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.

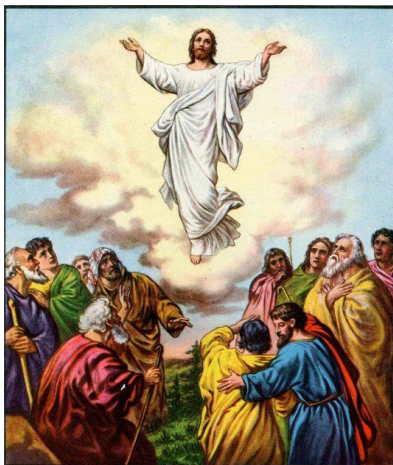
To my Peace Family:

He Is Risen! He
Is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia

Yes, even as we
begin the month
of May it is still
Easter. May 14th
is the last
Sunday of

Easter. So, on Thursday May 18th we
celebrate our Lord's Ascension, worship at
7pm.

We won't be having our Spaghetti Supper
fund raiser on May 19th as we didn't get
any volunteers to be in charge- so our
community meal on the 15th will be
spaghetti and meatballs. Thank you, Linda
and Randy Priem, for hosting this meal!
If you would like to host a community
meal the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin
board next to the water fountain. Hosting



isn't that hard since we have such a
wonderful group of volunteers so, please
consider being a host for one of our
community meals. I would like to thank all
the volunteers here at Peace for your
service. It is always such a pleasure to see
the many hands who volunteer to keep up
the church property and help out with our
meals and other events. THANK YOU!!!
As we enter the month of May we begin
our summer season which means the
Women of Peace will take a break until
September.

We will be hosting the circuit Pastors on
May 16th. Cindy and her helpers will
provide lunch, which the pastors all look
forward to.

In closing I want to thank Randy, Jeremy,
Sam and all of you once again for your
help, prayers and support as I recovered
from my knee replacement.

Blessings to all!

Pastor Terry

Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
a/k/a WWWWWH?

Scripture tells us that while we are in the world, we are not to conform to its ways, as we are not of the world, but of God's creation. We honor Him in our service to one another whether it be in our family, our church family or the community in which we live. In May and June, we have many opportunities to witness what it means to be a Christian servant of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Monday, May 1, at 10:00, the monthly **Women's Bible Study** continues their study of "**Chosen**", the story of Esther. Their next meeting will be on Monday, September 11.

Thursday, May 4, ours will be one of three church choirs to sing during the **National Day of Prayer Service** from 12:00-1:30 pm at the Dunnellon Library. This celebration has been held on the first Thursday in May each year since its inception in 1972. Its purpose is for the people of the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders.

Thursday, May 4, the **Church Council** meets at 4:00 pm. Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, September 11.

Friday, May 5, is **Cinco de Mayo** and a great excuse to indulge in Mexican food and beverages. It celebrates the unlikely defeat of the French, 8000-strong, by the Mexican Army, 4000-strong at the Battle of Puebla.

Sunday, May 14, is **Mother's Day**. It is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of May. It unofficially began in

1858 as "Mother's Work Day" to recognize mothers organizing for sanitation awareness. President Wilson established it in 1914 to honor all mothers.

Monday, May 15, we host a **Community Meal** with spaghetti on the menu. (Check the bulletin board to see how you can help.)

Thursday, May 18, is **Ascension Day**, which concludes the Easter cycle of the Church Year. It is celebrated 40 days after Easter, so is always on a Thursday. The celebration dates back to the year 68 recalling Christ's ascension from the Mount of Olives. The Christ candle which remained when the Advent Wreath was removed is extinguished after the reading of the Gospel and lit again on Christmas Eve.

Saturday, May 20, is **Armed Forces Day**. It was established in 1949 to thank all members of the military for their service, replacing individual days recognized by each service. The first celebration was in 1950 and is now on the third Saturday each May. Please remember to thank both those who are serving and those who have served.

Sunday, May 28, is **Pentecost Sunday**. We use red paraments which represent the tongues of fire over the heads of the Apostles when they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. How incredible that must have been and then that the message they spoke was heard by each person in their native language! We wear red proudly!

Monday, May 29, is the official celebration of **Memorial Day**. It was formerly called Decoration Day and established to honor those who died in

service to their country. It is on the last Monday of May, enabling a three-day holiday weekend. We are encouraged to pause at 3:00 each Memorial Day to honor the fallen.

Sunday, June 4, is Trinity Sunday. On this Sunday, we use the **Athanasian Creed** rather than the more familiar Apostles' or Nicene Creed. The work "Creed" is Latin for "I believe". A creed is a confession of the one, true faith of the Christian church, which identifies us with all believers in Christ throughout the ages. This creed was written in the fourth century to teach the distinction between the Persons of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and 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.

Wednesday, June 14, is Flag Day. It has been celebrated since 1885, the 108th anniversary of the Stars and Stripes as our nation's flag. President Truman signed an Act of Congress in 1949 setting that date each year.

Sunday, June 18, is Father's Day. It has been celebrated since 1910. President Lyndon Johnson signed a declaration designating the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate fathers, stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends.

Monday, June 19, will be a Community Meal with fried chicken on the menu. (Check the sign-up sheet to see where you may be able to help.) This date is also known as **Juneteenth**, commemorating the

date in 1865 when African Americans in Texas were informed of their freedom, which had actually been granted two years earlier. It was made a Federal holiday in 2021.

A NEW WEBSITE TO CHECK OUT

www.biblespeech.com is a new reference tool especially for those of us who are reading the Scripture lessons during worship services. It is easy to use and will speak the name of a Bible book, character, city or unfamiliar word. Please check it out even if you think you are pronouncing words correctly. It is useful for personal devotional readings, too.

SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign-up postings for Coffee Hour, Community Meals, and other events are now located along with the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall near the water fountain.

Synopsis of March and April Council Meetings

Council meets monthly to conduct the business of our church. They will take a break during June/July/August. As of mid-April, spending is in line with receipts. The Trustees continue to maintain our facilities. The roof may need to be replaced in 2025 for insurance coverage. Community Meals continue to be provided to 80 or more individuals on the third Monday of each month. The Rummage Sale date was set for Saturday, April 29. Respectfully submitted,
Becky Williams, Council Secretary

LADIES OF PEACE / LWML



Hi, All,

Thank you to all who donated and/or helped with our **Annual Rummage Sale** last week! We always have fun looking into the boxes to see what has been donated, and hearing from our customers how happy they are we do this every year! Anything that does not get sold goes to **Annie Johnson Thrift Store**, that (if you didn't know) is right on Pennsylvania Ave in downtown Dunnellon and helps many needy folks in the area through their sales and donations, so the proceeds from the sales stays locally, as well as the donations of what is left over.

Thank you for all the baby items that have come in already for the **Dunnellon Family Hope and Resource Pregnancy Center!** I've loaded up my car to deliver them this week. Pregnancy Centers (abortion alternative information) have made a HUGE impact toward saving babies' lives, and it is wonderful that you all have gotten behind this mission. At our LWML Rally on April 22 at Faith- Lecanto, the Gifts from the Heart recipient was the **Citrus Pregnancy Center** (the baby bottle with money in it on the mite box table was for them- thank you for that, too!). Since the leak concerning the Supreme Court Roe vs. Wade decision, 78 pregnancy centers across the U.S. have been vandalized, with two burned to the ground. Satan does not want us to stop murdering these innocents,

but by supporting these centers, we can do our part against him.

Thank you, also, for your continued donations to our **Mite Box Sundays!** Our April deposit was \$98! Our next two Mite Sundays are **May 7 and June 4.**

We have begun a new Bible study from the book "Chosen: A Study of Esther", by Donna Snow. We will meet again **May 1 then not until September 11.**

District LWML Retreat- September 22-24, at the **St. Augustine Golf Hall of Fame**. Registration will begin May 1. You can go onto www.lmwflga.com if you are interested. Registration is \$135 for the event, and \$149 for the rooms for up to 4 people.

In His Service, Sheryl Lutz



05. 10	Joan Hulse
05. 23	Korene Clemings
05. 29	Chet Rochette
06. 01	Trudy Kreuzer
06. 06	Carolyn Turner
06. 17	Nicole Martinez
06. 28	Virginia Sullivan
06. 29	Robert Sullivan



05. 01. 1986 Bill & Linda Bohannon

ALTAR FLOWER NEWS

“April Showers Bring May Flowers”; but, only if it rains, and, then, it’s only outside in your flower gardens!

Thank you to all those who have ordered flowers for the Sanctuary since January! I certainly hope you enjoyed them because I frequently hear about the JOY others in our congregation feel just seeing their beauty gracing the background of the altar. Remembering special occasions in the lives of a beloved family member- the birthday of a grandchild, daughter, or son, or a memorial for someone special who has passed from this life to live on with our Lord Jesus, our Savior.

I do realize that we all have definite increases in all our daily expenses and maybe hesitate to spend money on flowers for the sanctuary, and I don’t want anyone to think I am trying to manipulate folks into spending money for Altar flowers. That is your individual choice, and only if it has special meaning to you. I myself have put gas in my car so I could get to church, foregoing buying flowers for the altar! I thought getting to church was money better spent.

If you’re new to Peace Lutheran and have a question about the flowers, ask anyone, “Do you know who Cynthia Cotter is?” Once you find me, I will be happy to answer your questions regarding the purchase of flowers for our church. Cyndy Cotter, with fondness for this family.



Coffee Hour

When there’s something to enjoy along with coffee, especially after Sunday worship, some of us are spending a bit more time getting to know our guests and one another. Please stay awhile, if you can. And, if you can bring something to share one Sunday, that would be great, too!

Those Serving May 2023

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Bob Sullivan
Lay reader: Cynthia Cotter
Counting team: Pat Doan & Ron Bornander

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Joanie & Rich Hulse
Lay reader: Randy Priem
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Bohannon

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Ushers: Ron Bornander & Sandra Doubt
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Becky Williams
Lay reader: Laurie DeChello
Counting team: Gene & Sheryl Lutz

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: Randy Priem
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter
Lay reader: Pat Doan
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Carol Hummel

Altar Guild May 2023

Linda Williams

Those Serving June 2023

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Carol Hummel
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Linda Williams & Jan Barker

Sunday, June 11, 2023

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

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Sandra Doudt
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Sharon Zavertnik
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Pat Doan & Ron Bornander

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: Randy Priem
Greeter: Linda Williams
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Bohannon

Altar Guild June 2023

Sharon Zavertnik

