

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.



**He is risen,
indeed-
Alleluia!**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord!

Summer is fast approaching, and many will be travelling north or to other vacation destinations. We pray you have a safe summer. For many of us we will be remaining close to home. God continues to bless our Peace family and we look

forward to the opportunities and even the challenges as we walk in faith trusting in our Lord to guide and keep us. But before we pause our Women's Bible study, our Sunday school, choir and our Church council meetings, we need to finish the journey. Many churches celebrate Easter and that is it. Jesus needs to ascend so that the Holy Spirit may come. So, on May 9th

at 5pm we gather to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. May is a pretty busy month church wise and family wise. We celebrate our moms on May 12th, then May 19th is The Day of Pentecost and May 26th is Trinity Sunday.

Again, a reminder that our community meals on the 3rd Monday of each month are so appreciated by those who attend and by you wonderful volunteers who joyfully give of your time and talents to make the meals happen each month. We have a great time of fellowship.

A little bit of history: this year Peace celebrates its 62nd anniversary. It all started on January 14, 1962. Originally, known as Rainbow Lakes Lutheran. Having outgrown the facility in Rainbow Lakes it was decided to move to our current location. The groundbreaking for our

current facility took place on December 13, 1987. The structure was dedicated on July 17, 1988. We still have three remaining members from the days at Rainbow Lakes, Jackie Hucker, Eileen Nuce and James Spiegelberg. God has truly blessed us as we continue to serve Him and our community.

⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:9-11)

Pastor Terry



Palm Sunday, 2024

L-R Back Row:
Suzanne & Stephen Lane
Edward DeCastro
Mike Sarmiento
Mike Ferrier
Dave Mullinix

L-R Front:
Michael Sarmiento
Amanda Sarmiento
Cyndy Ferrier
Angie Mullinix
Zander & Glenn DeChello

WELCOME!

LADIES OF PEACE / LWML

Hi, All

Thank you to all who faithfully bring in their mite boxes every Mite Box Sunday! We've been collecting about \$80 every month to send into the LWML FL-GA District for grants, so we're doing our part to help! Our next four collection dates are: May 5, June 2, July 7, and August 4.

Thanks in advance!

Our ladies' Bible study has been from the book, "Chosen: A Study of Esther", by Donna Snow (a Lutheran LWML-er as well). What a great book! Donna makes Esther (herself) come alive and you understand what she was REALLY up against in her mission! (Being a woman who would normally have no voice in anything, and a Jew to name two important things). We just finished last week (there is a lot of "stuff" we don't "get" just reading it in the Bible, and Donna focused on a lot of that). May 7 will be our last study until

September 3. On May 14 we plan to go to lunch at Juliette Falls.

In the fall we will begin "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust" by Sharla Fritz. (She was our Retreat '23 Keynote Speaker). Each chapter is of a different woman in the Bible who waited, hoped, and trusted for God to do what she was praying for in His timing. We are ordering them through the church office, and you can donate to offset the cost (about \$15) by putting money and your name in an envelope marked "LWML Bible Study" into the collection plate.

I am going as a Delegate to the LWML FL-GA District Convention in Orlando September 13-15, and would love to have at least one more lady go along! We're allowed two delegates per church to vote Ladies of Peace' selections for grants and officers. Let me know, I have the info!

In His Service, Sheryl Lutz

OUR CHURCH PRAYER LIST

"Come to me..." Have you ever gotten a very nice invitation? Doesn't it mean please come to an event or to come to share an experience? Isn't it a wonderful feeling to be included? As we find that Jesus has spoken this invitation, "Come to me..." in Matt 11:28, we can all come together to be with Jesus!

I am thankful we are together to pray as a church. We are all invited to come to pray

to God. Isn't it wonderful! We all share in God's great and fabulous loving care!

Our prayer list is open every day, and if you'd like to be part of this ministry, send me an email, I will add you to the distribution list, and you will know when someone from our church needs prayer. You can also email me with a personal prayer request anytime, whether you are on the prayer list or not!

Linda Priem (my email):

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RECAP OF MARCH AND APRIL 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recording Secretary Becky Williams

March 11 Council Meeting:

Donations to the Improvement Fund to cover the non-budgeted outlay following the recent facility flooding exceeded the \$1000 goal. Donations over the needed amount will be designated for future Improvement Fund expenditures. New pump parts are being installed, sidewalks have been repainted and seasonal lawn maintenance has begun. Rick Pascoe has accepted an appointment to the Trustees. Pastor reported that Glenn and Alexander DeChello and Michael and Cynthia Ferrier will be confirmed on Palm Sunday and Pastor Stephen and Suzanne Lane, David and Angela Mullinix, Michael and Amanda Sarmiento and their sons Edward DeCastro and Mikey will be added to our membership by transfer.

April 9 Council Meeting:

In response to a request from Phil's Friends for support in bringing Christ-centered support and hope to cancer patients through care packages, \$300 was donated from our Designated Missions account. Income and expenditures to date were on target. Weekly attendance and donations reflected increases.

The Trustees reported on general maintenance of the facilities and grounds. Interior painting and staining of moldings has begun. Tidewater made pump repairs at no cost to us.

Pastor announced we will have an Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 9, at 5:00 pm. The Circuit Pastors will hold their monthly Winkel meeting at Peace on May 21st.

Sheryl Lutz will produce the May-August newsletter. Cindy McKee indicated that the Food Pantry is in need of items and funding is appreciated.

The Council will not meet during the summer months unless official business needs to be conducted.



Our Prayer Garden
on Palm Sunday

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry –
lcms.org/stewardship

Newsletter Article – May 2024

More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie? Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that.

There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the

Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income.

This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

Submitted by Jackie Hucker

Birthdays

5/10	Joanie Hulse	7/08	Zander DeChello
5/23	Korene Clemings	7/09	Cindy McKee
5/29	Chet Rochette	7/10	Cynthia Ferrier
		7/10	Sherry Dee
6/01	Trudy Kreuzer	7/18	Bill Bohannon
6/03	Amanda Sarmiento	7/28	Bob Holloway
6/06	Carolyn Turner		
6/11	Suzanne Lane	8/2	Becky Williams
6/14	David Mullinix	8/14	Stephen Lane
6/17	Nicole Purrazzi	8/24	Joan Reagan
6/23	Richard Myers		
6/28	Virginia Sullivan		
6/29	Robert Sullivan		

Anniversaries

5/1	Bill and Linda Bohannon	8/12	Stephen and Suzanne Lane
5/23	Rick and Jeanette Pascoe	8/16	Bob and Sue Holloway
7/02	Jim and Carole Tobin		
7/06	Bill and Becky Dellinger		
7/13	Michael and Carol Hummel		

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The need for our food pantry is higher than ever. I am currently stocking the box 4 to 5 times a week. We do have people who take some and leave some and we do get some donations during the month. But as the demand grows, we will need more in the future.

Since I have been taking care of the pantry, I have been using money given to Pastor from a family friend and other donations but that money has now been used up. I do have a Thrivent grant coming from a member. Unfortunately, with prices as they

are we will be needing extra help through fall and winter. Cash donations can be made by placing the donation in an envelope marked food pantry. Or you can drop off canned goods or hygiene products in the library. No glass! Please. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Cindy McKee

Food Pantry Items Needed Include:

Canned vegetables: any kind

Canned soup: any kind

Canned meats: spam, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, ect.

Canned pastas

Canned fruit

Canned spaghetti sauce

(The Dollar Tree has small jars of Peanut butter and instant coffee and small packages of crackers)

Also travel size:

Shampoo

hand lotion

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

soap and wash cloths

Deodorant

toilet paper

Bottled water

Submissions

Please submit all articles to Bryan Reagan
by e-mail at **RYANCELT@HOTMAIL.COM**.

SPECIAL DATES COMING THIS SUMMER

5/2 National Day of Prayer 5/26 Trinity Sunday 7/4 Independence Day

5/9 Ascension Service 5pm 5/27 Memorial Day

5/12 Mother's Day 6/14 Flag Day

5/19 Pentecost 6/16 Father's Day

COMMUNITY MEALS

May 20 Hamburgers & Hotdogs

June 17

July 15

August 19

Those Serving May 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Ushers: Sandra Doudt & Shirley Runke
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Sharon Zavertnik
Lay reader: Pat Doan
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Bohannon

Ascension, May 9, 2024

Ushers: Ron Bornander & Linda Williams
Greeter: Becky Williams
Lay reader: Randy Priem
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: Randy Priem
Greeter: Pat Doan
Lay reader: Rebecca Dellinger
Counting team: Gene & Sheryl Lutz

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Carol Hummel
Lay reader: Shirley Runke
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Carol Hummel

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Sandra Doudt
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Linda Williams & Jan Pinkerton

Altar Guild May 2024

Linda Williams

Those Serving June 2024

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Ushers: Sandra Doudt & Shirley Runke
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Jackie Hucker
Lay reader: Laurie DeChello
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: Randy Priem
Greeter: Becky Williams
Lay reader: Randy Priem
Counting team: Paulette Arnold & Ron Bornander

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter
Lay reader: Joanie Hulse
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Bohannon

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Sharon Zavertrnik
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Paulette Arnold & Ron Bornander

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Ushers: Sandra Doudt & Shirley Runke
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Carol Hummel
Lay reader: Cynthia Cotter
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Carol Hummel

Those Serving July 2024

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: Randy Priem
Greeter: Sandra Doudt
Lay reader: Randy Priem
Counting team: Linda Williams & Jan Pinkerton

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Jackie Hucker
Lay reader: Laurie DeChello
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Becky Williams
Lay reader: Pat Doan
Counting team: Paulette Arnold & Ron Bornander

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Ushers: Sandra Doudt & Shirley Runke
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter
Lay reader: Rebecca Dellinger
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Bohannon

Altar Guild July 2024

Cindy McKee

Those Serving August 2024

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: Randy Priem
Greeter: Sharon Zavertnik
Lay reader: Shirley Runke
Counting team: Gene & Sheryl Lutz

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Pat Doan
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Carol Hummel

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Linda Williams
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz
Counting team: Linda Williams & Jan Pinkerton

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Ushers: Sandra Doubt & Shirley Runke
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeter: Carol Hummel
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Altar Guild August 2024

Sharon Zavertnik

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