

Peace Offerings

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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

As I prepare to write my article for the newsletter, I am reminded that 2019 is coming to a close. Only two months left. Reformation Day is fast approaching and thus the busy holiday season. We start with our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 27th. It is good that we take time to remember and give thanks for all of God's blessings both individually and as a family here at Peace. Of course we should do this each and every day because we are so blessed even in the darkest of days. So, I pray you will take time to come together in celebration remembering what God has done for each of us this year and of course does each day of our lives.

Saturday the 30th of November at 10 am we decorate for Advent and Christmas because Sunday, December 1st begins Advent and the beginning of

the Church year. We will celebrate this special day by taking in new members as the season of Advent and new Church year begins. If you are interested in officially joining our Peace family, please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. During the month of December, we have mid-week Advent worship on Wednesday's at 7pm on December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Our Christmas Eve service is also at 7pm and Christmas Day is at 10am.

Our community meals continue the 3rd Monday of the month. We need host for the upcoming meals in 2020. Our community meal has become an excellent outreach tool and we would hate to have to stop providing it for our neighbors. We always have plenty of help, if you would like to become involved please, talk to Rita Cowan.

And yes, it's that time of year, we need volunteers to fill positions on our church council and help with all the other areas of ministry, you will have the opportunity to sign up to help out in many areas on November 24th which is also the annual voter's

meeting. That same Sunday will be pledge Sunday and you will all have a chance to pledge your financial support to do God's work here at Peace and in our community. In 2018 our expenses exceeded our income by \$4362.00. Our income in 2018 was \$106983.00. In 2019 our projected income with two months left is \$105586.00. I ask you to prayerfully consider your support so that we can continue to do the Lord's work here at Peace in 2020 without cutting any programs or ministries.

As we begin the holiday season my family wishes you and yours a blessed holiday season.

God bless
Pastor Terry

President's Message

Dear Peace Family,

The year is flying by, we will be in the Christmas season before we know it. I am asking Congregation members to look into your hearts and ask yourself a question, " Can I do more at Peace Lutheran"? Yes you can. For starters, join us at Bible Study every Sunday Morning at 8:45 AM, followed by our Church service at 10 AM, fellowship after Church. There is always a call for more ushers, greeters and readers. We need someone to learn how to play

the music for Sunday. We are so blessed that Jan Barker has been so gracious to continue playing our music, but we need another person to learn so we can give Jan a reprieve. We have weekly Bible Study at 10 AM on Wednesday mornings, Women's Bible Study on Mondays. There is an opening for Council Secretary, for the next term of two years. (2020 - 2021). You can host a community meal on the third Monday of the month, or come help serve. These are just a few ways you can become more involved and learn more about our Lord and Savior. I want to thank everyone that helps at Peace, as you know it takes more than just the Pastor and Council members to have a successful Church. Each and every member at Peace has a role, I hope you can look into your hearts and find yours.

Gods Blessings,
Garry Kurth, President, Peace Lutheran.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, David Sokolowski, Jackie Hucker, Karen Sokolowski, Donald Conner, Yvonne Connor, 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 Randy and Linda Priem to the congregation. (Letter Attached and will be included in our Newsletter.)

Minutes: The June minutes were accepted.

President's Comments: We need to get ready for our voters' meeting. Looking for volunteers to become part of our Peace Council. More will be discussed in our New Business section.

The letter from the Priems was awesome. Our congregation does do a good job of welcoming our visitors.

REPORTS:

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Reports were provided.

Trustees: Linda Williams reported things are going well, the lawn has been mowed as needed. Donald Conner reported he and his granddaughter checked all of our lights and replaced bulbs where needed.

Elders: None.

Pastor: Requested approval for his second week of vacation October 14th – 20th. Council Approved.

The 2020 medical insurance will increase about \$75.00, we don't know about the retirement and disability.

OLD BUSINESS:

June 30 Cook Out: Was a success and all enjoyed the beginning of our summer.

LWML National Convention: Linda Ryun thanked the Council for the \$250 to help pay for her expenses. The convention was very uplifting with our Bible Studies, Singing, Praising God, Servant Events, and being together in a large mass learning about all the different missions paid for by the gifts from our Mite Boxes!

Community Meals: We need more members to step up and volunteer to sponsor a meal. It isn't hard and our guests are very appreciative.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oktoberfest, September 28th:

Motion made by Jackie Hucker to give the profit from our Oktoberfest to the Matthew Snodgrass family to help with expenses due to 1 year old Matthew's fight with leukemia. Seconded by Hope Kurth. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: President Garry listed the members he is appointing to the committee: Pastor McKee, Hope Kurth, David Sokolowski, Karen Sokolowski, Mona Burmudez, Linda Neblock and himself.

Budget Committee: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Doug O'Hara, Jackie Hucker, David Sokolowski, Karen Sokolowski and Linda Williams.

Lutheran Life – Our District's Publication, can be mailed to the members' homes at no charge. Pastor will send a copy of our directory so all members can receive this magazine.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer, and the Council

members joined in singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ryun, Council Secretary

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2019**

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, David Sokolowski, Jackie Hucker, Karen Sokolowski, Yvonne Connor, and Linda Williams.

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

Correspondence: Letter from Lutheran Church Extension Fund requesting a donation for the Laborers For Christ Mission. Motion made by David Sokolowski to send \$100 to LCEF for Laborers For Christ. Seconded by Linda Williams. Motion Passed.

A thank you note was received by a couple who attended our Oktoberfest. The note was put on our bulletin board for all to see.

Minutes: The September minutes were accepted.

President's Comments: Garry Kurth said things are going well.

REPORTS:

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Reports were provided.

Trustees: Linda Williams reported things are going well. Yvonne Conner reported we had a few woes this summer due to lightening strikes hitting our WiFi and sign. The WiFi is back up, but still trying to get the sign to work correctly. Gene Lutz will be working on it again on Tuesday. David Sokolowski will be checking out the well and pump to determine if everything is working properly.

Elders: None.

Pastor: No report, Pastor Terry is on vacation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Meals: Jackie Hucker reported she completed the paperwork for the last meal. 90 were served, 70 at church and 20 take out meals. Bills totaled \$224.28, which calculates \$2.49 per person. The paperwork will be filed in the church office for help in planning other Community Meals.

Oktoberfest, September 28th:
Our Oktoberfest was a success! After paying the bills, over \$1,200 was donated to the Matthew Snodgrass family.

Nominating Committee: Garry Kurth reported the members on this committee are: Pastor McKee, Hope Kurth, David Sokolowski, Karen Sokolowski, and himself.

Offices to be filled:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustee(s), Elder(s).

Spending Guide Committee:

Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Doug O'Hara, Jackie Hucker, David Sokolowski, Karen Sokolowski and Linda Williams. They will get together this week to work out a Spending guide for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Appreciation Dinner: Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Salad, Cake and Beverage to be served following Worship Service on Sunday, October 27th
Linda Ryun will invite Pastor and family and notification will be sent out to the members. Set up will be on Saturday afternoon, October 26th.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. Hope Kurth closed the meeting with prayer, and the Council members joined in singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ryun, Council Secretary



Best wishes on your Special Day
To:

Birthdays

- 11.04 Thelma Grams
- 11-10 Jean Crapps
- 11.12 Carole Tobin
- 11.18 Carol Hummel
- 12.02 Jean Bozak
- 12-09 Linda Neblock
- 12.12 Douglas O'Hara
- 12.14 Peggy Dow
- 12.20 James Tobin
- 12.21 Gene Lutz
- 12.25 Donald Conner
- 12.29 Jeremy McKee

Anniversaries

- 11.14.1974 Lew & Sharon Zavertnik
- 12.18.1965 Larry & Audrey Stichman
- 12.16.1972 Bill & Linda Neblock
- 2.28.1990 Donald & Peggy Dow

LADIES OF PEACE/LWML

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry
Christmas!

Ladies of Peace' Bible study will be on Monday, November 4th. There will be invites in mailboxes next week. Bring your Bibles! We have begun reading the Bible study lessons were printed in our LWML Quarterly magazines. Becky has been doing an excellent job (as usual) leading us.

Sunday, November 10th is LWML Sunday. Please remember to wear purple and bring your mite boxes in that day! We will have envelopes in the bulletins for a few Sundays.

I enjoyed spending the weekend with my daughter at our LWML FL-GA District Retreat. Next time, would love to have more of us go!

I am the new Evangel Editor. 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.

Keep filling your mite boxes! You can turn them in to Thelma Grams at any time. I've gotten some new mite boxes with our newest logo on them. If they are not on the shelf under the mail boxes, they are in the Library on the shelves on the right. Grab some for yourselves, and/or give them to friends or relatives!

In His Service,
Sheryl Lutz

Stewardship
Submitted by Jackie Hucker

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would

dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

Proposed 2020 Spending Guide

Account:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Pastor – Payroll	52,260.00	54,270.00
Pastors Mileage	1,500.00	1,602.00
Pastors Health	19,000.00	18,913.00
Pastors Disability/Ret.	6,419.00	5,731.00
Pastors Medical Expense	2,400.00	2,511.00
Worship Music	300.00	300.00
Liability Ins.	8,200.00	7,218.00
Electricity	4,000.00	3,329.00
Contracts & Services	2,500.00	1,841.00
Telephone & Internet	2,200.00	1,744.00
Advertising	1,500.00	978.00
Kitchen Supplies	500.00	649.00
Maintenance & Repair	7,500.00	3,739.00
Christian Education	750.00	600.00
Professional Fees	600.00	500.00
Subscriptions	1,200.00	1,200.00
Outreach/Missions	2,000.00	5,000.00
FL/GA Assessments	400.00	400.00
Conf. & Seminars	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
Alter Supplies	400.00	300.00
Corp. Taxes	0	0
Worship Supplies	500.00	400.00
District Commitment	2,500.00	2,500.00
Pulpit Supply	1,250.00	750.00
Church Sexton	3,900.00	3,900.00
Flowers	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 Total:	 \$12,379.00	 \$119,875.00

Annual Voter's Meeting
Proposed October 27 2019
Ballot

President: Garry Kurth

Write-in: _____

Vice President: Hope Kurth

Write-in _____

Secretary: Linda Ryun

Write-in: _____

Treasurer: David Sokolowski:

Trustee: Linda Williams:

Write-in: _____

Write-in: _____

Elders: (No write ins)

These officers terms are for 2 Years (2020 – 2021).

Floor nominations are allowed , with the consent of the nominee for all offices except Elder. Please make sure the person being nominated is willing to serve.

Those Serving November 2019

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Bunnie Daniels & Linda Neblock
Lay reader: Linda Azwell
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Williams

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Ushers: Bill Langstaff & Bob Sullivan
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Bob Sullivan & Linda Ryun
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Lay reader: Linda Ryun
Counting team: Linda & Bill Neblock

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Mona Bermudez
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Trudy Kreuzer & Bill Langstaff
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, 2019

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Greeters: Rita & Ron Cowan
Lay reader: Jackie Hucker
Counting team:

Altar Guild November

Carla & Trina Ruttinger

Those Serving December 2019

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Mona Bermudez
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Carla & Trina Ruttinger
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Eugene O'Connell

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Peggy & Ken Buschman
Lay reader: Trina Ruttinger
Counting team: Linda Williams & Becky Williams

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Hope & Garry Kurth
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Ushers: Bill Langstaff & Bob Sullivan
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Azwell

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Greeters: Bunnie Daniels & Linda Neblock

Christmas Day, December 25, 2019

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Barbara & Donald Thomas

Sunday, December 29, 2019

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Mona Bermudez
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Bob Sullivan & Sharon Zavertnik
Lay reader: Randy Priem
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Eugene O'Connell

Altar Guild December Cindy & Sam McKee

