

## 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.*



HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### *To my Peace family*

Fall greetings to my Peace family! Well at least October greetings. I know it doesn't feel like fall for those from up north. As I am writing this, I look forward to receiving new members on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We welcome the DeChello family, Robert, Laurie and Glenn and Zander, William and Linda Bohannon and Richard and Joan Hulse.

Summer breaks are over, school is back in session and we are getting back to our normal schedule. All Ladies of Peace are invited the first Monday of each month to attend the monthly Bible studies followed

by lunch. Our Wednesday Bible study has resumed, currently working our way through Genesis. Hope you will come and join us. Our choir has resumed and what a blessing they are and wonderful addition to our worship services.

As we continue to return to normal after the Covid pandemic let us be thankful for our Lord's care and continued blessings and let us encourage one another. Let us also keep each other in prayer. Our membership and attendance declined during trying times the last few years but with God's guidance we will bounce

back. We have come a long way and still have a way to go.

Every one of you is important. As I said last week you are more than a number. You are precious and needed. Hopefully together we can return to being involved in our community. Our community meals reached a lot of people in need, and they have been missed. If you can give a little time each month to get this program going again let Randy Priem or myself know. Our pantry box has also been a great blessing and it is emptied out almost every day, the need is still great.

As we enter the last quarter of 2022 we look forward to the special celebrations and holiday season. Reformation Sunday is October 30<sup>th</sup> a day to wear your red. The 505<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther posting his 95 thesis and joyfully my 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary being here at Peace. We will celebrate All Saints' Day on November 6<sup>th</sup>, remembering of loved ones who have transferred to the Church Triumphant this past year.

We will kick off our Wednesday evening services with our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our mid-week Advent services will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Christmas Eve Candlelight service and Christmas Day service will conclude our 2022 holiday season. But God still has plans for Peace in the New Year. That's the good news: we don't know what the future holds but we know who holds our future. God's blessings to my Peace family!

Pastor Terry

## From our President

Dear Peace family,

It appears we have just about survived another Florida summer. The days are getting shorter (and cooler!) and as summer passes us by, we also look forward to the new church year. We will soon be into Advent, and I pray that you all will attend Advent services.

Some things to bring you up to date on: The parking lot has been patched and we are waiting to have it resurfaced. The organ was struck by lightning, and we are in the process of finding a new one. Our choir is back and sounds better than ever.

Church council will have open positions and the nominating committee is preparing a slate of candidates. The finance committee will be meeting to set next year's spending guide. Sunday morning Bible Class will study the Lord's Prayer. Won't you join us? That's all for now. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel to call, text, or email me.

In His service, Randy Priem  
Soli Deo gloria



## **We Are the DeChello Family**

Hi Peace Lutheran. I've been asked to tell you about our family so you can get to know us better. My name is Laurie, and I'm one of the people who has been bringing eggs to church lately, although my girls are a little tired of this heat and haven't been producing as many eggs. They'll pick up again in cooler weather. My husband's name is Bob. He and I work together at our respiratory medical equipment repair company, Altra Service Professionals. You probably have never heard of it unless you needed us. I'll get into that later.

We have two sons. Glenn is the oldest at 17 and goes to Crossroads Academy as a junior in Ocala. It's an amazing school that has helped Glenn come out of his shell and really learn. He is on the autism spectrum, but he doesn't let it limit what he wants to do, which is usually gaming. Zander, short for Alexander, is 14 and a freshman at Dunnellon High School. He has embraced the high school culture, is in the advanced placement program and wants to go to every home game at the school as possible (now I can't wait until he can drive). Zander is the one you see lighting the candles every Sunday we are there. He likes the spotlight.

Bob and I met through a mutual friend when living in Connecticut. I had just finished college at the University in Connecticut and was working at the

Uconn Health Center as a statistician. He was working for a medical delivery company delivering oxygen and medical supplies. We got married in 2000. We had Glenn just after I finished my Master's in Public Health (thank goodness I finished, because a child changes everything). I continued working as an epidemiologist as Bob moved up in his company becoming a manager at the homecare company.

Every winter, Bob would look for jobs in warmer climates. I had been teaching in the public health program and was tired of the politics and he finally convinced me. His company heard he was looking to move and offered him a Director of Purchasing position in their parent company; they told him he could live wherever he wanted. So, we moved to Orange Park, FL in 2007. All of our family still lives in CT, although my parents eventually became snowbirds. Zander was born a year later. I think it was when my mom spent a month with us waiting for Zander's arrival that she decided that being a snowbird would be a good idea.

Bob was doing a lot of traveling and I was teaching online courses for Kaplan University in the late 2000's. When Bob's company was bought out and their ethics didn't match up with his, he decided to look for a new job. After many crazy ideas that he brought me, I felt at peace

when he said he wanted to purchase a medical repair company. This was right up his ally. So, in 2010, we purchased the company that was then in Pinellas Park and we were still living in Orange Park. He would drive there and stay for several days and drive back, which was not sustainable. So, we moved the company to Ocala, to be closer and to be centralized in Florida. Shortly thereafter, I mentioned I could help out if we lived in Ocala. Bob got to selling our house and looking for a new place to live immediately.

Altra Service Professionals specializes in repairing CPAPs (that treat sleep apnea), oxygen concentrators, liquid oxygen tanks, and ventilators. Yes, we were very busy through the pandemic. Bob's the big boss, president of the company and makes sure we have all the parts we need and is the brains behind the business. Our friend, Tony, who used to work with Bob in CT, is our business partner. I'm the third partner and split my time between invoicing, human resources, and ventilator and CPAP repairs. This is never where I thought my career would go, but I'm happy to work with my husband and have the flexibility I need with the kids. I can work while Glenn is in school, bring him home and get more done after dinner. We enjoy the perks of owning a company, but it makes it hard to get away. We also opened another location in CT in 2013.

We now have two of our nephews working there and gives us a good excuse to get to CT and visit our family.

We moved to Dunnellon three years ago. I have always enjoyed goats and Bob told me he would make it happen to have them some day. So, we found a house in Lake Tropicana, put up some fences and bought me some goats. We loved them so much that now we breed Nigerian Dwarf and Mytonic (fainting) goats. I've built them all kind of structures to jump around on and Bob built them some shelters. We have added Kunekune pigs (we hope our sow is pregnant), have six chickens, and last Christmas I got a pair of emus. They are kind of like donkeys, protecting my goats, but they are so much more fun to watch.

We look forward to getting to know all of you further. The boys will be taking confirmation class, and I'll be joining the Bible class on Sunday mornings. We ask for prayers for our business to help as many as we can (from our employees to our customers). I also ask for prayers for my health; I have chronic kidney disease, which causes a whole host of other issues. And pray for our boys, Glenn and Zander; pray that they made good decisions and stay safe as they approach adulthood. I look forward to learning from your wisdom as we study the Bible together.

Submitted by Laurie DeChello

## LADIES OF PEACE / LWML

**Hi, All,**

Thank you to all who have been donating to our Pantry Box! Those that need and use it are very appreciative, as Pastor has spoken to some of them. Our community has folks that use the items, and some that bring items if they can.

Our next three **Mite Sundays** are **October 2, November 6, and December 4.**

Thank you again for filling and bringing your mite boxes regularly! Our August and September totals were \$74! We are still reading “**Pew Sisters**” at Bible study. We read about a choir lady who lost her voice, and how she thought she now had no identity in Christ, as her gift and (imagined) value was singing for Him. We all often identify ourselves by our gifts, and when they no longer “work”, we feel we have no value. We will meet again on **October 3 at 10am.**

**Upcoming LWML events: LWML Sunday- October 16. Wear purple!** We will also put out the mite box that day.

**Zone Fall Rally- First, Inverness, Saturday, October 29. Wear purple!!**

We will carpool, so if you'd like to go, let me know!

In His Service, Sheryl Lutz

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\*\*Thank you from Jean Methlie's family for all the love, support, and cards!\*\*

## WhoWhatWhereWhyWhenHow?

There are many special days and dates, both sacred and secular, for us to recognize over the next three months. The parament colors change often and are indicated with their reasons for change. Explanations are included for honoring saints or traditions. There are a few weeks remaining to close out the Church Year and then we begin another.

**Sundays, October 2, 9 and 16,** the color is green, as we are still in the season of spiritual growth in Christ, even as the growing season closes, and we look forward to the harvest.

Monday, October 10, is recognized nationally as Columbus Day **Sunday, October 16,** we'll celebrate **LWML Sunday.** The ladies of Peace will serve as ushers, greeters, acolyte and reader. The international organization's colors are gold and purple. Wear purple to church!

**Sunday, October 23,** the color is **red** in recognition of St. James of Jerusalem, Jesus' Brother, and a Martyr who died by stoning in AD 62 or 69. Red is for fire (Pentecost), blood, the truth of Christian teaching (Reformation) and righteousness in Christ.

**Sunday, October 30,** the color remains red as we celebrate **Reformation Day.** It will also be **Pastor Appreciation Day** at Peace and there'll be a Potluck to honor him. (Red is also used at the ordination of a pastor. Pastor McKee was both Ordained and Installed as our pastor on Sunday, October 31, 2004.) Wear red!

**Monday, October 31**, is the actual date on which Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg seeking to debate discussion points regarding the practices of the Roman church.

Tuesday, November 1, is **All Saints' Day** in the Christian church calendar.

**Sunday, November 6**, the paraments are white for the celebration of All Saints' Day, as white symbolizes the perfection of Christ, joy and purity, and we remember those who were martyred for their faith.

**Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night, November 5!**

If you forget, you'll be an hour early for church and can enjoy fellowship with others who've forgotten.

Friday, November 11, is Veterans Day, which is set aside for thanking and honoring living members of our services in wartime and in peace.

**Sundays, November 13 and 20**, the color reverts again to green as we are still in the season of growth in our Christian life.

**Wednesday, November 23**, we gather for a **Thanksgiving Eve Service** as

Thursday, November 24, is **Thanksgiving Day**, which was first proclaimed a nationwide day of thanksgiving by George Washington in 1789.

**Saturday, November 26, it's time to decorate the Church facilities for Christmas!** The Advent candles and Chrismons (ornaments based on Christian symbols) on the tree help us remember the reason for our celebrations.

**Sunday, November 27**, the paraments change to blue, for repentance and hope, as Advent begins and with it the first Sunday of our church year. The Advent candles help us focus on Christ's coming. They represent hope (blue), peace (blue), love (rose), and joy (blue).

**Wednesday, November 30**, will be the first **Midweek Advent Service**.

**Sundays, December 4, 11 and 18**, the color remains blue

**Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, Midweek Advent Services** continue

**Saturday, December 24**, our paraments are white for **Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 25**, is **Christmas Day!**

*Glory to God in the Highest! And, peace to His people on earth!*

Submitted by Becky Williams



10.03	Maggie Santos
10.15	Bill Langstaff
10.18	Bill Neblock
10.22	Sharon Zavertnik
10.22	Linda Azwell
10.26	Randy Priem
10.28	Linda Williams
11.04	Thelma Grams
11.07	Robert DeChello
11-10	Jean Crapps
11.12	Carole Tobin
11.18	Carol Hummel
11.21	Bryan Reagan

12.02 Jean Bozak  
 12-09 Linda Neblock  
 12.14 Peggy Dow  
 12.14 Ron Bornander  
 12.17 Barney Reagan  
 12.20 James Tobin  
 12.21 Gene Lutz  
 12.29 Jeremy McKee



10.02.1971 Gene & Sheryl Lutz  
 10.15.1978 Terry & Cindy McKee  
 10.18.1975 Randy & Linda Priem  
 10.31.1992 Dave & Carla Ruttinger

11.14.1974 Lew & Sharon  
 Zavertnik

12.16.1972 Bill & Linda Neblock  
 12.24.1976 Ron & Lucinda  
 Bornander  
 12.28.1990 Donald & Peggy Dow

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### ALTAR FLOWER NEWS

Fall is slowly approaching, meaning cooler weather, seasonal changes and, once again, some changes in the creative talents of a new floral designer for the added enjoyment of our Peace family. In our last edition of Peace Offerings, we knew that Kami would be leaving to begin school for the mission field. I asked for help to find a new florist. Before, I go any farther ....., Thank you, Louise Plocharczyk! You took the time

while grocery shopping to gather some most worthwhile information, and very exciting news. I was feeling overwhelmed at the price of floral shops and how few there actually are in the area.

What excited me was that the price for the flower arrangements would remain at the same \$25.00 per bouquet. WOW! It was, and still is, exciting to me and surely must please you, also. Prayers have been answered and, once again, I am most grateful.

I called the store, spoke with Ginger in their Floral Department and after a brief chat, we arranged a date and time for me to meet her at the store. Then, I took Ginger over to our church, so that she could see and get a feel for the area in which her design work would be placed. If you shop in the Winn-Dixie on Route 41 in Dunnellon on a regular basis, you surely have seen their outstanding floral department. Perhaps you have purchased an arrangement from the big coolers there. Perhaps you've spoken with Ginger! She runs that department and we are fortunate to have her doing the flowers for our weekly service.

Before we know it, the old Flower Chart will be removed and a new Chart for 2023 will take its place on the bulletin board. Meanwhile, thank you. Flowers are always a joy to see, whether swaying gently in a field of wild flowers, climbing on an arbor, entwined in someone's braid or set into a vase. They are part of our Father's love for us all to enjoy and frequently through others.

Submitted by Cynthia Cotter

**The Lutheran Church—MS**  
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**New Testament Standard Giving**

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**“We Are All Beggars”**

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.” And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn’t it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we’re uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven’t gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don’t like being in someone’s debt like that. But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we’re not just anyone’s beggars. We’re God’s beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here’s the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn’t because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On

account of Christ’s death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn’t because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn’t pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ’s sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God’s grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God’s beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise. LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Submitted by Jackie Hucker

Misc., Important: Thelma Grams is looking to hire someone willing to pull weeds in her flower gardens. Give her a call!

House: 352-465-3877

Cell: 352-362-3963



**Those Serving October 2022**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

Ushers: Ron Bornander & Bill Langstaff  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Jackie Hucker  
Lay reader: Hope Kurth  
Counting team: Pat Doan & Randy Priem

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: Randy Priem  
Greeters: Bob Holloway  
Lay reader: Randy Priem  
Counting team: Sheryl & Gene Lutz

**LWML Sunday, October 16, 2022**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams  
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter  
Lay reader: Pat Doan  
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Sharon Zavertnik  
Lay reader: Cynthia Cotter  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

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

**Altar Guild October 2022**

Linda Williams

**Those Serving November 2022**

**Sunday, November 6, 2022**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Bob Holloway  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Linda Priem  
Lay reader: Pat Doan  
Counting team: Pat Doan & Randy Priem

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**

Ushers: Ron Bornander & Bill Langstaff  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Hope & Garry Kurth  
Lay reader: Becky Williams  
Counting team: Sheryl & Gene Lutz

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: Randy Priem  
Greeter: Jackie Hucker  
Lay reader: Randy Priem  
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeter: Bob Holloway  
Lay reader: Linda Ryun  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Altar Guild November 2022**

Cynthia Cotter

## **Those Serving December 2022**

### **Sunday, December 4, 2022**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Cynthia Cotter  
Lay reader: Sam McKee  
Counting team: Stephen & Sharon Cassan

### **Sunday, December 11, 2022**

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee  
Communion assistant: Randy Priem  
Greeters: Sharon Zavertnik  
Lay reader: Sheryl Lutz  
Counting team: Pat Doan & Randy Priem

### **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

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

### **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022**

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Pat Doan

### **Sunday, December 25, 2022**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeter: Linda Priem  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Linda Williams & Linda Ryun

### **Altar Guild December 2022**

Cindy & Samuel McKee

