

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

Our Sunday morning messages since the middle of July have been based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul reminds the members at Ephesus how it was God's plan of salvation and He accomplished it through His Son. It is ours as a gift. Ephesians contains some of the most quoted Bible passages especially for us Lutherans. Such as 2:8-10: ***For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his***

workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians is easily divided into two parts the first three chapters deal with God's gracious work and plan of salvation. The last three chapters deal with our response to God's grace and how we now live as His children and how we live with one another. One of the key problems Paul addressed was the division between members. In this case the Jewish and Gentile members. Paul emphasizes the themes of unity, Baptism and prayer throughout his letter.

Luther writes on Ephesians: "In this epistle St. Paul teaches, first, what the gospel is, how it was predestined by God alone in eternity, and earned and sent forth through Christ, so that all who believe on it become righteous, godly, living saved men, and free from the law, sin, and death. This he does in the first three chapters.

Then he teaches that false teachings and the commandments of men are to be avoided, so that we may remain true to one Head, and become sure and genuine and complete in Christ alone. For in him we have everything, so that we need nothing beside him. This he does in chapter 4.

Then he goes on to teach that we are to practice and prove our faith with good works, avoid sin, and fight with spiritual weapons against the devil, so that through the cross we may be steadfast in hope." (AE 35:385)

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians offers so many blessings to the reader. It is by grace through faith

and not by works that we are saved, and we are one in Christ. Chapter 5 starts out telling us to be imitators of God and how as husbands and wives we should live. Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church. And we know things can get rough in this world so in chapter 6 God gives us the shield of faith, the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

So if you are looking for you next book to read try Ephesians, it's only six chapters.

God bless
Pastor

President's Message

Blessings,

Time has sure flown by, my term as President is almost over. I'm going to get right to the point. We need new council members, so put on your thinking caps and let's get more members involved. If you know of someone that may fit into one of the roles on the council let the current members know so we can get moving on recruiting them. I'm hoping members will come forward to fill these positions. We are looking for more trustees, more volunteers for cleaning the church, folks to help with the outside chores, etc... There are so many things to be done. Please don't be afraid to speak up, if you are interested in becoming more involved with our church activities.

I want to thank everyone that has helped with the many functions since I became President. It does a heart good when folks step up and participate. We've had so many new members, over the past two years. I hope to see many more in the future. Let's keep moving in a positive direction for the Grace of God and all his children.

Gods Blessings, Brothers and Sisters
Garry Kurth

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 2018

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, Rita Cowan, Rebekah Williams, Doug O'Hara, Dennis Witzgall, Jerry Robertson, Yvonne Conner and Linda Williams.

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

Correspondence: Letter and entry form from John P. Deakins, Chairman of the Dunnellon Charity BBQ Cook-Off Committee. They plan to make this event an annual activity to help raise funds for the Emergency Relief Ministry, which helps needy people throughout our area. This event will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Saturday, October 13th from 11 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Discussion was held. Although the council felt our church should not enter the competition; we decided to donate to the Emergency Relief Fund. (Amount to be decided at September council meeting.) We will also encourage members to attend this activity and we will post the entrance information/form on the bulletin board in case anyone would like to enter the contest (which needs to be done before September 14th.)

Minutes: The minutes of May's meeting were accepted as printed.

President's Comments: Garry Kurth commented things are going smoothly, and feels communications are much better than when he first took office. It is nice to see members talking and smiling before and after worship.

We will be receiving 9 or 10 new members on Sunday, July 29th, but Garry did not have a list of them.

REPORTS:

Financial Secretary: Becky Williams provided the Fund Summaries for May & June. Becky mentioned that although the amount of offerings was down, they are still more than we had last year at the same times, and the offerings so far in July are up again.

Treasurer: Rita Cowan provided her reports for May & June.

Rita will be ordering copies of the Lutheran Witness for our members at Peace. She will put a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to receive the Lutheran Witness and order the appropriate number.

Trustees: Linda Williams reported the tractors are working again, a battery was replaced and a switch was

replaced on the John Deer. Yvonne Conner asked about the floodlights on the side of the building, the one set was not on the other evening as she drove past. They will check to see if the bulbs are burned out.

Scrip: Becky Williams said the bank did not have a deposit slip for Scrip when she went to the bank this morning, but she got the information from Barbara Miesen and she will check with the bank again on Tuesday morning.

Elders: No report since they did not have a meeting.

Pastor: Receive into membership by letter of transfer, Bill and Linda Neblock.

Release via transfer of Tom and LuAnn Cooke to Faith, Lecanto.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Monthly Community Meal: Rita Cowan suggested Peace sponsor a free meal open to the public once a month, as a way to help those in need. Hope Kurth made a motion to present the plan, to have a monthly free dinner for the public (on the 3rd Monday of each month), to the congregation for approval. Seconded by Dennis Witzgall. Motion passed.

Hope Kurth made a motion to adjourn, Yvonne Conner seconded. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Doug O'Hara, and the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Ryun,
Council Secretary

SCRIP Newsletter

Orders for Scrip Card for September will be on Sunday, September 9 because of Labor Day Holiday.

FedEx was to blame for not delivering our cards on time last month. They will credit our account for \$8.50 for the delivery charge.

I have been your Scrip coordinator for almost three years and I will be turning responsibility over to a new coordinator in 2019. I also hope you will support the new coordinator as you have supported me.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact me at church or call me at home (352-465- 5989). I will be happy to train the new coordinator and be here to help when needed. You would have four months to train which would be very helpful. I have sincerely

enjoyed working on this fundraiser for Peace Lutheran Church and appreciate all of you who were so faithful.

Barbara Miesen
SCRIP Coordinator



Best wishes on your Special Day

To:

Birthdays

- 09.07 Robert Grams
- 09.10 Richard Dillman
- 09.11 James Crapps
- 09.20 Wayne Miesen
- 09.26 Rita Cowan
- 09.29 Hope Kurth

- 10.01 Ron Cowan
- 10.13 David Sokolowski
- 10.15 Bill Langstaff
- 10.22 Sharon Zavertnik
- 10.22 Linda Riedel
- 10.24 Charles Beyerlein
- 10.27 Ron Doan
- 10.28 Linda Williams

Anniversaries

- 09.02.1960 Jerry & Rita Cook
- 09.15.1962 Robert & Virginia Sullivan

- 10.02.1971 Gene & Sheryl Lutz
- 10.02.1959 Ken & Bev West
- 10.04.1986 Duane & Pamela Zwick
- 10.15.1978 Terry & Cindy McKee
- 10.23.2010 Alan & Linda Riedel
- 10.31.1992 David & Carla Ruttinger

Reminders

Altar Flowers

There are several dates available for placement of bouquets to adorn the altar during the Fall months. The cost is \$20 per vase, payable by cash or check in either an envelope in your numbered box or a pew envelope. If you would prefer a specific flower be included or have a favorite color, please let Becky Williams know and she will make that request when she places the orders.

Dunnellon Florist can provide for your personal need for fresh or silk arrangements, live plants or gift baskets. Contact them at 462-7004 or at www.dunnellonflorist.com They are located 20607 W. Pennsylvania Ave., across from the downtown Fire Station.

Those Serving in September and October 2018

Those Serving September 2018

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Bill Langstaff & Linda Ryun
Lay reader: Jackie Hucker
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Ushers: Rita Cook & Doug O'Hara
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson
Greeters: Barbara & Wayne Miesen
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen
Counting team: Jerry & Janice Robertson

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Carla & Trina Ruttinger
Lay reader: Samuel McKee
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeters: Peggy Buschman & Sharon Zavertnik
Lay reader: Trina Ruttinger
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Dennis Witzgall
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeters: Janice & Jerry Robertson
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Jae Ann Witzgall & Bunnie Daniels

Altar Guild September 2018

Rita Cowan

Those Serving October 2018

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Rita Cook & Bunnie Daniels
Lay reader: Alan Riedel
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Rita Cook

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Jackie Hucker & Pat Doan
Lay reader: Pat Doan
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Riedel

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Ushers: Bill Langstaff & Doug O'Hara
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson
Greeters: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams
Lay reader: Barbara Sadler
Counting team: Becky & Linda Williams

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeters: Barbara & Wayne Miesen
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Jae Ann Witzgall & Bunnie Daniels

Altar Guild October 2018

Jan Barker & Linda Ryun