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A Life-Changing Community, Sharing Christ's Love!

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Dear Friends through Christ:

Finally, the virus seems to be in our rearview mirror, and prayerfully, there is not a war down the road. Yet along the uncertain winding, up and down highway, with its many potholes, the church moves forward. And that is exactly what Peace Lutheran Church is trying to do; move forward.

This past month has showed signs of normalcy. Peace was much busier than she has been in time that I have been here. Many of you reading this see the church on Sunday morning and perhaps on a Wednesday evening for Lent or Choir. At these times the streets are typically quiet, and the attendance is low. However, if one stopped by the church during the week, they might be surprised to see so much activity and life. Truthfully, there's seldom a dull day.

All during the month of March, from 8AM to 1:00PM on Thursdays, Shepherd Center occupied most of the campus, teaching all kinds of fun and interesting classes, keeping our aging minds sharp and active. I taught the book of Genesis, but they offered Art History, Music History, German, Internet, Astronomy, Bells, Poetry and other guest speakers. These are four-to-six-week, one-hour classes. Shepherd Center will be hosting another session beginning on May 5th here at Peace. Try to join us, it's a good time and you just might learn something new.

Our food pantry is running like a well-oiled machine. The amount of people served, and food distributed is incredible for a church our size. Lori Search and Charlene O'Brien, along with a group of dedicated volunteers work very hard to provide this ministry to our community. Stop by some Tuesday morning between 8:30AM and 11:00AM and see firsthand the work being done. Say, "Thanks."

Speaking of food, Meals on Wheels that meets at our front doorsteps Monday through Friday, could use some help. I don't know exactly how many meals they serve per day but it's a lot—like 150-200? But I do know they have close to 100 people they cannot serve, because they do not have enough volunteer drivers. Folks, here's a wonderful ministry for a couple of hours to provide a meal to an elderly or disabled person.

Pastor Chips and his flock at In Season Ministry, seem to be doing well and taking excellent care of the facility. Our long time AA brothers and sisters have rebounded from Covid, as have the other groups, and the rentals of our fellowship hall have picked up. Speaking of In Season Ministry, they along with Peace will be hosting VBS the week of July 11-15. Here is another opportunity a person could lend a hand. Call the office or speak with Faye Schill. And hopefully, next month I can announce some really great news about another possible new ministry.

Like I said, it's been a while, but Peace Lutheran is making a comeback. Stop by sometime around lunch and one might be pleasantly surprised at the ministry being done by your church, Christ's Church.

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Yet, all of us realize that being Christ's hands and feet in the world takes people and funding, that is why you guys and gals hear me talk so much about "time, talent and treasure." It is the only way that the work Jesus, started some 2000 years ago can continue. Peace Lutheran is a place where Word and Sacrament are freely given, and the community is served. The church makes a huge difference in the world today! Please keep Her mind.

In the meantime, I will continue to try my hardest finding ways to share this much needed gospel to more and more people. Our internet presence is strong, but so far has not translated into disciples of time, talent and treasure. However, Peace has seen an increase of new faces these past few months, and a few of you have even brought a family member or friends. Way to go! That's how we grow to glory of God!

This year for Easter and Holy Week, Peace Lutheran will offer Maundy Thursday (04/14) and Good Friday (04/15) worship at 12noon and 7:00PM. On Easter Morning at 6:30AM, Peace will offer the community an Easter Sunrise Service by the Three Crosses on the east side of the campus. Bring your own chair, if possible, if not one will be provided. Cindy Wagman has graciously volunteered to play the flute and communion will be served. Following worship, a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall.

Then at 10AM on Easter morning, Peace will gather with song and praise to worship our Risen Lord. We considered offering two services but came to the conclusion it would be nice and encouraging to see and hear what Peace should and will look like in the future. The talent of our music department, the sounds of choir and bells, a beautiful message, with Holy Communion, possibly 100-150 saints and sinners singing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," will be a day can touch lives.

In order to promote these worship opportunities, I am hoping to "borrow" a sign to inform the surrounding community, (will be nice when we get our new one), and then I going to make a video with a song I rewrote to the theme of "The Beverly Hillbillies," inviting up 15000 people, living in a 15-mile radius, through Facebook to Come and See. Here's another small task a person could do—when you get ad, forward it to your friends and family, better yet actually bring them to church.

Yes, sometimes the journey seems to have its share of obstacles and roadblocks, but hopefully, you can see Peace Lutheran Church is trying her best to move forward and her hard work is beginning to show signs of life. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

**In Christian Love,  
Pastor David Trexler**



Thanks to everyone for the encouragement and support during our recent annual congregational meeting. The commitment to emerge from "pandemic purgatory" and pursue an expansive vision for Peace Lutheran Church is fundamental to our growth and outreach.



Soon after our congregational meeting, our council met, electing officers per our constitution for the new church year. Council members confirmed their confidence in our 2021 leadership lineup, retaining me as council president, Gabriele DiTota as VP, and Stephanie Madden as secretary. We affirmed Faye Schill as Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

I've been blessed to serve PLC as a council or call committee member pretty much continuously for the past ten years: council, constitution, and call committee member. Each period of service involved a different challenge: leaving ELCA to join LCMC; finding the right interim, then permanent pastor for Peace; surviving a pandemic. I tell you with all sincerity: within that 10-year span, I've never been more optimistic or enthusiastic about the way forward for our church

Looking forward with you to a blessed year of growth and outreach for Peace Lutheran Church!

**Tom**



# Holy Week

service schedule

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 10, 2022

Sunday School - 8:45AM

Worship Service - 10:00AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES - APRIL 14TH - 12NOON & 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - APRIL 15TH - 12NOON & 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30AM

BREAKFAST - 7:30AM

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00AM

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*JOIN US!*



# Treasurer's Report

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Your faithful treasurer has been working on the refinance of adding \$80,000 to our mortgage to support getting a new church sign and pavilion. The paperwork for the refinance was submitted in late March.

Our luck with AC replacement has run out. The AC in the office of our renter, TLC Energy Consultants, is beyond repair. We have two bids and will discuss these at the next council meeting. The other bad news regarding ACs is the large AC outside the sanctuary on the west side needs repairs in the amount of approx. \$7,000. We will need a congregational meeting to approve any expenditure over \$5,000. If you wish to give additional monies toward AC repair, mark your envelope or check "Major Repair Fund" (Fund 13) or AC repair.

Our noisy offering is going to a different worthy cause each month. February noisy offering in the amount of \$169.50 went to Daily Bread providing meal and showers to homeless individuals. March noisy offering will be directed to the Food Pantry. April noisy offering will support our Vacation Bible School Program.

The excess income you see below is due to some members giving their yearly tithe in one lump sum. You may think that we can use that extra money for the ACs, but we will need these extra funds (to pay salaries, utilities, insurance, mortgage, lawn care) during our summer season when giving is light.

Please keep Peace Lutheran Church members and finances in your prayers. Call or email me with any questions.

Your sister in Christ,  
**Faye Schill, Treasurer**  
[treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org](mailto:treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org)

<b>Treasurer's Report of General Funds                  February 2022</b>
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	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Contributions	\$25,162.46	\$42,856.03	\$30,300.00
Loose Contributions	\$46.00	\$234.64	\$2,600.00
Other	\$11.60	\$83.66	\$500.00
Use of Facilities	\$2,910.00	\$5,895.00	\$8,000.00
Total Income	\$28,130.06	\$49,069.33	\$41,400.00
Expenses	\$18,022.48	\$36,302.70	\$41,400.00

**Excess Income for February 2022 is: \$10,107.58 (Total Monthly Income less Monthly Expenses)**

**The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (FPL, utilities, salaries, lawn care, insurance, mortgage, etc.)**

**Did you know?** Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for Children's Hunger Project, and so on.



GRICE, Mark & Jennifer (46) 04/02  
 BARNETT, Steve & Yonna (50) 04/08  
 ROWE, Robert & Mary (63) 04/11  
 RAMSEY, Chris & Sue (39) 04/22  
 WITTER, Jerrold & Betsy (59) 04/27  
 MITCHELL, Ronald & Judy (62) 04/30



(numbers are years married)



MASSEY, Steven 04/01  
 BARNETT, Steve 04/02  
 WAINIKAINEN, Paul 04/02  
 PETERSON, Cody 04/05  
 LEINTHALL, William 04/06  
 FLAHERTY, Janet 04/09  
 PATELSKI, Jeffery 04/12



Susan Hildebrand	David Brunner, Sr.	Gary Gossett	Dan Rank
Gwen Newberry	Ann Beardslee	Molly Gossett	David Pinkerton
Lori Deaton	Marta T. Rodriguez	June Trotter	Pastor David & Sandy Trexler
Ryan Dasinger	Don Hoffman	Ron Nelson	Carolyn Tarkka
Mary Norwood	Betty Sheller	Ariel Cook	Helga Bromm
Rick Pellecchia	Bill Leinthall	Manuel Rodriguez	Beverly Sandberg
	Rebecca Leinthall	David Flaherty	Gabrielle DiTota and family
	Bob Ruscoe	Viola Forrester	Brad Kelly
	Tonita Diaz	Mickael Chadwick	Betty Lou Nielsen
	Theresa Bradley	Gary Gossett, Jr.	Bill & Nancy Love

## CDC Guidance for Faith Based Organizations

PLC Leadership routinely reviews COVID-19 guidance posted by the state of Florida and by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We will continue to practice sensible routine hygienic practices as we worship and gather for Sunday school/services and other church meetings. General guidance on everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:



- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then trash the tissue.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

**The COVID-19 Call Center is available 24/7 | 1 (866) 779-6121 | [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov)**



In March, the Food Pantry underwent an inspection by Second Harvest Food Bank. On the Tuesday afternoon before the inspection, 6 of our volunteers stayed after closing to tackle a major cleaning of the Pantry. Shelves were moved, floors were moped, and freezers cleaned. We decluttered the room and reorganized the shelves. When we finished we celebrated with a pizza lunch provided by Lori. The Pantry passed the inspection with "flying colors"!



One of our faithful volunteers is recovering from a major health concern and continues to show up each week. We are making sure that he does not overdue. Another one of our wonderful volunteers experienced the sudden death of his son in California. Our prayers and thoughts have been with him and his family. Our hearts break for what they have been going through. He is missed and we look forward to his return in April.

The numbers of the families that we continue to serve seems to be on a slight rise. We appreciate all of the generous donations of both food and money that we continue to receive to support this community ministry.

## EXTRA! EXTRA!



The idea is to spread the Love of God and the stories of the Bible through short entertaining messages over the phone.

One simply calls **321-727-1048** and they hear a different story everyday about Flip the Flea, Dirty Windows, Phillip the Pig, and many other strange concepts and characters, all sharing a theme from Scripture. Granted some may seem a little off of the wall, but what better way to reach out? After all, aren't most of us are a little off the wall?

Your task is to not only use the service, but share this ministry with those around you.

**Gotta go. Bye now. Seeeeee ya tomorrow!**



We are planning VBS for this summer, **July 11 -15th**. Please invite those children and grandchildren around you. The noisy offering in April will help with funding the VBS (VBS material, art supplies, snacks, etc.). Thank you for your help.

We have gotten help from our sister church, In-Season Ministry, for teachers and helpers. We will still need your help. If God has given you gifts in teaching, music, art or working with young people (age 5 – 12) we need you to volunteer your time and talents. This is a huge undertaking for our small congregation and the more shoulders we have doing the lifting the load will be less for all.

Please call Rick & Henrietta Pellicchia (321)725-6790 or Faye Schill (321)327-7559 if you wish to help in any way.

***Mark 10:13-16 People were bringing little children to Him in order that He might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them. "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.***



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 4th Sunday of Lent 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	28 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	29 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	30 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 12:00 PM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Lenten Study	31 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	1 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	2 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Susan Hall 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch
3 5th Sunday of Lent 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	4 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	5 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 9:00 AM The Shepherd Center Board Meeting 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	6 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 12:00 PM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Lenten Study	7 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 2:00 PM Stamp Club FH	8 9:00 AM Garden Club 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	9 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch Anniversary Luncheon
10 Holy Week Begins Palm Sunday 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	11 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	12 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 Maundy Thursday 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 12:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	15 Good Friday 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 12:00 PM Good Friday Service 7:00 PM Good Friday Service 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	16 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 12:00 PM Lynn Bender Gathering - FH
17 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:30 AM Easter Sunday Breakfast! 10:00 AM Easter Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	18 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 2:00 PM Turkey Creek Mig - FH	19 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	20 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	22 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	23 Celebration of Life Service - Arfst Lorenzen 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch
24 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	25 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	26 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	27 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	28 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	29 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	30 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch

# Bits & Pieces

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Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway we can. Your generous donations will allow us to

continue to help them and together, we can see our community get stronger!

Our pantry is open on: **Tuesday's—9:00AM -11:00AM**

Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the food pantry. It truly makes a difference in our community.



Jesus says in Matthew 25, "For I was hungry and you gave me food... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Where do you buy groceries, gas, prescriptions? What restaurants do you like? Where do you purchase clothing or things for around the house? A couple weeks ago, Peace began a program called Scrip. Simply and I mean simply, purchase the cards following worship or order whatever you want for the following week. That's it. 100% of the proceeds will go toward our food pantry in feeding the poor.

We are going to shop no matter what. We might as well serve the Lord in the process. I love the program because it helps me think more about God. I don't always do that when I use my debit or credit card. When I'm out having a meal with family or friends, shopping at the mall with my wife, doing some work around the house, and I go to pay the bill with my Scrip card, I find myself lifting up a word of thanksgiving for being able to enjoy the blessings given by my Creator.

Give it try. See how you feel.

Please help us keep our list of military personnel up-to-date!  
Call or e-mail the office with any changes in status,  
rank, or location! Thank you!

E.J. Alcario, Iraq  
John Bedford, Iraq  
Kristen Hall AF, Iraq  
Capt. Brian Nailing,  
Co. Ft. Hood, TX  
Maj. AD Dennis Peoples,  
Rock Island Arsenal, IL  
Major Nathan Schill,  
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

USN FC3 Stephen Weaver,  
USS Dewey  
Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,  
Norfolk, VA  
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E. Africa



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Worship

8:45AM—Sunday School  
10:00AM—Worship Service

## We Serve

**Altar Guild**—Set up and prepare for communion each week, usually serving one month at a time; more people are needed.

**Worship Servants**—Sunday Worship Assistants and Communion Assistants are needed.

**Office Helpers**—Those who help with mailings, preparing Welcome Packets, etc.

**Chancel Choir**—Because of Covid-19, there is a break.

**Bell Choir**—Call Cindy Wagman to learn more about our choirs 676-3849.

**Money Counters**—Teams of two people working for one month at a time. Call church office if interested.

**In the Nursery**—Nursery is available during worship.

**Property/Grounds**—There is always plenty of work to be done here. Please contact Steve Barnett.

**Projectionists Needed**—People that are in the projection room Sunday morning for our Sunday presentations. Please sign up in the projection room.

**Panera Bread Pick-up**—Each Friday evening people are needed to go to Hammock Landings to get the goodies for Sunday morning Café Peace. Cindy Wagman at 676-3849

**Call and Caring**—Our team visits people who are in the hospital, nursing homes, and who are homebound. See Sally Christensen for more information.

Please call the office to be a servant for the Lord by taking on one or more of these opportunities.  
(321)727-3131

