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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends through Christ Jesus:

Sometimes it seems all I do is write—sermons, classes, reports, newsletters. The most difficult part of writing is having something to say, and hopefully what is said is

somewhat useful. Remember back to my annual report, where I mentioned that one of the assets of Peace Church is our Lutheran Heritage and your Lutheran pastor trained in one of the ten seminaries throughout the United States. Today's letter shares the process of becoming a Lutheran pastor. Hopefully this information might be somewhat useful in the future.

I was a steel broker for almost 20 years, quite successful I might add. Drove corvettes and Lamborghinis, bass boat, big home, but in 1997, on the shores of Ocean Isle North Carolina, I experienced a "call" to ministry. What now? Do I simply go find a church and say, "Here I am! I'm ready to preach and teach, and do whatever, because that's what I feel called to do? In many churches this is not far from what happens. Not in the Lutheran tradition! That "what now," was a long, tedious, hard, sometimes frustrating, very expensive endeavor, with lots of sacrifice for myself and family?

The very first step was having my "home congregation" endorse my call. They had to agree that David Trexler would make a fine pastor, based on what they knew about my lifestyle and personality. Next, I had to fill out paperwork that would make one's head spin, detailing everything about me, my faith journey, education, struggles—you name it—it was there. The paperwork is then sent to the synod office. A standard eight hour psychological test is given. A meeting with the bishop is scheduled, and from there, my life over the next four years was in the hands of the "candidacy committee," made up of twelve members who review the information, question, challenge and support this journey.

In my first experience with this committee, they postponed my entrance to seminary because of a "checkered past." I was pretty wild for the first 40 years of living. So off I went for more psychological testing. The results came back, "Applicant presents high aptitude and strong assets for pastoral ministry. Has trouble with authority." Back to the candidacy committee, where they finally issued their approval, allowing me to attend seminary. Folks that was just the first step. Now I had to find a seminary, get in, and figure out how to pay for this education, which would cost over \$50,000 per year. I chose The Lutheran School of Theology At Chicago or they chose me.

I have included my Official Academic Record to give a better idea of our education and training. Please take my word, there was not once single class that was easy, and each and every class has a story. The professors were the great minds of religious studies and challenged us constantly. The actual motto for LSTC was, "A place where all your answers are questioned."

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Following the first year of seminary, when one feels like their brain is going to explode, each student is shipped off, away from family, to serve in a large teaching hospital as a chaplain for the next four months. We actually pay the school to work 60-70 hours per week and be on call 24-7.

Following the second year of seminary, when finally one feels like they are getting the hang of it, each student is shipped off again for one full year, serving a congregation as an intern or vicar, working again 60-70 hours per week, under the supervision of the pastor. At least now we were paid \$9000 per year. My experience was delightful and eye-opening. I would love to implement this ministry at Peace.

Then it is back to seminary for the fourth and final year of classes, always reflecting, always discerning in community. Upon graduation, I once again had to receive "approval" from the bishop and committee, through a grueling final interview. Then the entire "call process" begins—another task filled journey. I accepted a call to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jasper, Indiana. And on June 1, 2002, David Lee Trexler was ordained as minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving Christ Jesus and His Holy Church.

So now you know what it takes to become a Lutheran pastor in the ELCA. But how might this information be somewhat useful in the future?

Allow me to continue the story. My first call in Jasper, Indiana was wonderful, a perfect fit, a match made in heaven. The synod looks at the pastor's strengths and weakness and tries their hardest, with guidance from the Spirit to find a church that would thrive with his/her leadership. Redeemer was a small congregation in a farming community, worshipping between 50 and 60 saints and sinners. Within five years, through the work of the Holy Spirit, our attendance grew to 175-225 in a brand new sanctuary. Looking back I sometimes wonder why I just didn't stay put, but it seems to be built into my nature that I get this like five-year-itch. Was like this even before the ministry.

There was a church in upstate Indiana, right outside Chicago, Gloria Dei Lutheran. My father had served Gloria Dei some 25 years earlier. It was also a church my wife Sandy was baptized and confirmed in. A church we were married in. Gloria Dei had worshipped 350-400 when my father served in the early 80's, and now just a handful were attending. They were on the verge of closing their doors. After spending close to a year through the established call process, the synod determined I could help. I tearfully left Redeemer, packed our bags and headed north. Again, a good fit and good ministry was done. Within five years, through the work of the Spirit, Gloria Dei was strong. Did I say, five years?

Time to move. But where? I was born and raised in North Carolina and I absolutely love the coast. Maybe, I could get there somehow? The process through the ELCA to change synods takes time and patience. Two things I lacked. Plus remember, I have problems with authority. Actually, I became selfish, thinking about my wants and needs ahead of the Church.

There just so happened to be a beautiful church in Salisbury, NC, my father and grandfather's home town. However, this 1000 member congregation was part of LCMC. They wanted me and I wanted them. So we both bypassed the entire process, and I became a pastor at Saint Paul's Lutheran in Salisbury, NC. Did not work out the way I or Saint Paul's envisioned. Sure I learned a great deal in that eight month period about human nature and the nature of the church, but trust me, it was a painful learning experience.

So what now? Remember I am no longer an ordained pastor in the ELCA, but I learned there were quite a few LCMC churches throughout the country looking for qualified pastors, steeped in Scripture and educated in the Lutheran tradition. Yet, I also learned those pastors were hard to come by, seeing that the LCMC has no established Lutheran seminaries. At least this should make the task of finding a church to serve relatively simple. It was. Now, I can simply choose where I want to live—somewhere warm—and focus my efforts there. Yet, how will I know if it's a good fit? See the selfishness again?

My first stop was Guam. You read right, Guam. Sandy and I spent ten days on that beautiful island stuck out in the middle of the Pacific, but I could not convince her to move 32 hours by plane away from her children. Granted they are mine also, but I was ready to go in a heartbeat. Over the next eight years, The Lutheran Church of Guam struggled to find a pastor and currently has one that is Methodist.

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So, how about Florida? It's warm and in the continental United States. We accepted a call to a small congregation in Titusville. The church had been without a full time pastor for almost three years. Every candidate seemed to peel away a few more members. However, once we got the conflict and pent-up frustration under control and focused upon Word and Sacrament, along with the assets at hand, Trinity became a beacon of hope, mostly to the older population in the area. Take one guess how long I served Trinity. That's right five years. Upon leaving they went through a strange Catholic priest for a few months, and now they also have a Methodist pastor leading the flock. (What's up with the Methodist?)

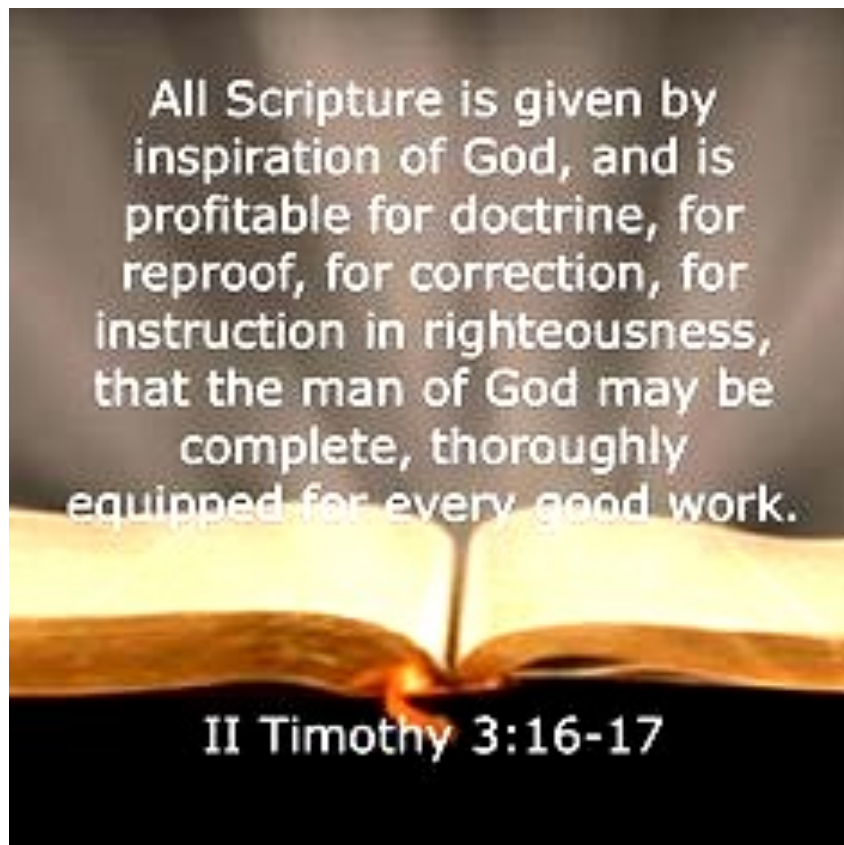
Which brings me full circle to Peace Lutheran Church in Palm Bay. From my understanding the "call process" could have gone much smoother. A portion of the congregation felt "Lutheranism" was optional and another portion felt it was important. Some were willing to consider Lutherans who felt they were ready to preach and teach without the sacrifice of seminary. Over time, layers of good people felt betrayed and left Peace Lutheran, and here I am. As the 70's song goes, "Stuck in the middle with you."

I still believe deep down that Peace Lutheran Church has a strong future ahead. If we focus upon Word and Sacrament and what we do well, using our assets to the Glory of God, we can make a difference in the community. I do not know how long I will serve as your pastor. Shoot, I don't know how long I will live, but as long as I serve and as long as I live, I will always try my best, with the help of Holy Spirit to make certain the church is ready to move forward.

Over the next few months or longer, the leadership of Peace Lutheran will begin to examine our options, pleading with the Spirit to guide our path, making more certain that Peace will continue to be a strong Christian presence. My prayer is that the most powerful theology the world has to offer, through our Lutheran heritage will be part of that conversation.

I hope this information might be somewhat useful in the future.

In Christian Love,
Pastor David Trexler



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School	Course	Title & Instructor	Unit	Grade	Score	Course	Title & Instructor	Unit	Grade
	H310A	Early-Medieval Church History (Hendel)	1	B		M340B	Preaching (Jensen)	1	P
	B307B	Biblical Greek I (Rossing)	1	A			WINTER 2000 (cont.)		
	T301E	Unity & Diversity-Experiential (Rhoads)	1	A			SPRING 2000		
	T301A	Unity & Diversity-Academic (Rhoads)	1	B		M300H	Junior Colloquy Leader 1999-2000	1	P
	B310B	Pentateuch (Michel)	1	A		T313B	Christian Theology III (Westhelle)	1	A
	M310	Junior Colloquy (Staff)	.33	A		M500	Mission Leadership (Kleingartner)	1	B+
		WINTER 1999		P		H468	Feminist Theo. in Christian Tradition (Jurisson)	1	P
	H330	Reformation to Modern Church History (Hendel)	1	A		M370B	Intro to Church & Society (Perry)	1	A
	B335	New Testament Methods of Study (Rhoads)	1	A			SUMMER 2000		
	B308A	Biblical Greek II (Rossing)	1	A-		SSB336	The Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel (Brawley)	1	B
	M310	Junior Colloquy (Staff)	.33	A		SSB338	Reading Romans: The Gospel in Xn Unit (Krentz)	1	A-
	M380A	Worship (Bangert)	1	A			WINTER 2001		
	B313A	Israel's Prophets (Klein)	1	B		MTS	Epistles of Paul (Kelhoffer)	1	A+
	H360A	Lutheran Confessional Heritage (Hendel)	1	A-			INTERNSHIP: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Worth, IL; Supervisor: Rev. Jay Trystad; 9/00-8/01		
	M320A	Ministry in Pastoral Care (Billman)	1	P			FALL 2001		
	M310	Junior Colloquy (Staff)	.34	P		CTS	Reading Genesis (Stone)	1	A-
	B331B	Jesus & the Gospels (Rossing)	1	B+		M450A	Senior Sem: Theo & the Church's Min (Pero)	1	A
		FALL 1999				MP414	Prsns/Fmls Struggling w/ Addiction (McClone)	1	A+
	B300	Biblical Hebrew I (Klein) (Pre-Term)	1	A		B660	GBSV: II Corinthians: Problems/Prom (Krentz)	1	A-
	T311A	Christian Theology I (Hefner)	1	A					
	W453	Finality of Jesus & Religious Pluralism (Thomsen)	1	A					
	H350A	American Lutheran Church History (Jurisson)	1	A					
	M360A	Educational Min: Teaching & Learning (Blount)	1	A-					
		WINTER 2000							
	T312B	Christian Theology II (Westhelle)	1	A					
	B311A	Old Testament Methods of Study (Klein)	1	A					
	E310B	Christian Ethics (ELCA) (Stumme)	1	A-					
	T456	Epic of Creation (Gilbert)	1	A					

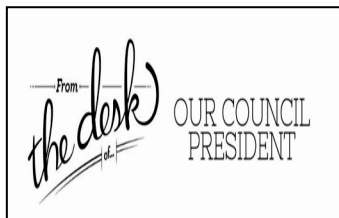
LSTC is a member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, an ecumenical association of eleven seminaries allowing cross-registration. Students may also register at the University of Chicago. Courses taken in other schools are indicated as follows:

BTS — Bathany Theological Seminary
 CTS — Chicago Theological Seminary
 CTU — Catholic Theological Union
 M/L — Meadville/Lombard Theological School
 MS — Mundelein Seminary
 MTS — McCormick Theological Seminary
 NPTS — North Park Theological Seminary
 SWS — Seabury-Western Theological Seminary
 TEDS — Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
 IIC — University of Chicago

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So much has changed since we last celebrated Lent and the events leading up to Easter. So many distractions—diversions from normalcy. What plans have you put on hold as we wait out the pandemic? Face-to-face visits with beloved friends and family? Leisure travel and vacations—perhaps a cruise or a deep sea fishing voyage? Concerts, conferences, sporting events, theme parks, weekend retreats?

For many of us, daily routines now involve masks and avoiding or disinfecting touchable surfaces. Relationships are now limited by the need for many of us to reduce group/face-to-face contact; even with our closest friends and family. We're all concerned regarding the timing and effectiveness of vaccinations; where, when and how to obtain them. Our hearts ache for the physical closeness that helped bind us together as families, friends, and Christian brothers and sisters.

The good news is that we are coping. Our faith and commitment remain active and strong. Witnessing our Christian vocation—or calling, in action: the unselfish expression of our love and concern for one another—is something I'll remember most about of this most unusual time in the life of our church. The imagination and persistence of our worshippers. The careful preparation of our sanctuary for services; and the efforts to make communion and the application of ashes on Ash Wednesday as safe as possible. The outreach to isolated individuals; the response to Pastor's on line sermons. The continued collection/distribution of Panera baked goods. The colorful collection of donated masks in our narthex. The dedication of our church staff and church council members, and the volunteer efforts of the men and women who maintain and upgrade our campus and food pantry. The careful disinfecting of each occupied pew following our services.

We are tested, as never before, as a nation a community and a church. We continue to reach beyond the walls of our building to spread God's love and celebrate our Lord's goodness and grace. We continue to find joy and purpose in our everyday living.

Hallelujah! Our Lord reigns!

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



REREDOS WINDOW -- The Window of Peace

The stained glass window above the altar is the focal point of the sanctuary. The central figure of this window is the "Dove of Peace." We first hear of the dove in Genesis, when Noah sends the dove out into the world to see if there is yet Peace on earth. The dove returns with an olive branch in its beak to say that the time of punishment is over, and peace is God's plan for the world. The dove also reminds us of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. The descending dove reminds us that God has come to live in our life. He comes to us with his grace and power.

The rainbow reminds us of the New Covenant of Peace promised to Noah from God. God had punished his people, and promised never to flood the world again. The rainbow gives of its rays of Peace, reminding us that God has given us the "Son of Righteousness," Jesus the Christ, to be the source of our Peace.

THE LUTHERAN HERITAGE WINDOW

This window shows us the story of Martin Luther as he nailed to the church door in Wittenberg the 95 theses for reform. Luther's Seal expresses the faith of the reformer. The black cross within the heart helps to remind us that faith in Christ crucified saves us from eternal Hell. The heart is fixed in the center of a white rose to show that faith brings joy, consolation and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal color of all angels and the blessed spirits. The castle is the Wartburg Castle, where Luther spent many days translating the Bible into German, the language of his people. The notes of "A Mighty Fortress" remind us of Luther's love for music and the many fine hymns he wrote.

THE WORD OF GOD WINDOW

Standing closest to the pulpit is the window that depicts God's Holy Word. The rising flames show us that the Word of God is divinely inspired. The tablets remind us that it is only in the Bible that we hear of God making a covenant with his people. God kept his oral promise to Abraham by bringing the captives out of bondage in Egypt, and wrote his covenant promise to his people at Mt. Sinai. The Hebrew letter, "Yod," stands at the center of the window. Yod is the first letter of the Hebrew word, "Yahweh," God's Name.

Inside the Bible is a Communion host containing the traditional monogram, IHC, which means, "Jesus, Savior of Men." This reminds us that the Word is more than words in a book, but that "the Word took flesh and lives among us" in Jesus.

Treasurer's Report

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

Peace of the Lord to all my sisters and brothers in Christ.

As you can see, we did very well in January thanks to some members who gave their entire 2021 tithe in January. This income also reflects the Brevard Small Business and Non-Profit Economic Relief Program Grant that we received in January. This is wonderful and I wish we could do that well every month. Please don't think we are doing so well that Peace doesn't need you. Peace Lutheran needs you now more than ever.

There are still some contribution envelopes that are on the Narthex table. If you don't see your name on a box and wish to have contribution envelopes for 2021, please contact the undersigned. If you don't pick your envelopes up, I will assume that you no longer wish to have envelopes. Those envelopes will be moved to the office early March. Using envelopes does make it easier for our counters.

We continue to be vigilant in our cleaning between services.

Please give thanks for all our blessings and keep Peace Lutheran Church in your prayers.

**Your sister in Christ,
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Treasurer's Report of General Funds

January 2021

	<u>January</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$42,773.62	\$16,250.00
Use of Facilities	\$2,750.00	\$3,250.00
Total Income	\$45,523.62	\$20,975.00
Expenses	\$19,580.31	\$20,975.00

Excess Income for January 2021 is: \$25,943.31

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.

Thank you for your contributions!



MADDEN, Louis & Stephanie (17)	03/02
HATON, Charles & Nancy (42)	03/16
CRUMP, Rich & Linda (42)	03/24



PETERSON, Jeannie	03/01
MCVAY, Brianna	03/03
BRUNNER, Luke	03/18
BAKER, Ross	03/19
SWARR, Peter	03/21
DUCOTE, Ginger	03/22
MARCUS, Barbara	03/22
DITOTA, Gabriele	03/23
HARMON, Joe	03/23
SCHILL, Larry	03/25
BURNS, Yvonne	03/27
NEUMANN, Ed	03/31
PATELSKI, Steven	03/31

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Susan Hildebrand	Tim Calvin	Theresa Bradley	Terry Neumann
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Rick Pellecchia	Emily Gossett	Sean Green	



CDC Guidance for Faith Based Organizations

PLC leadership continues to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for faith based organizations. There is plenty of space for worshippers to spread out. As we continue to social distance in our sanctuary, here are CDC common prevention tips to help stop the spread of COVID-19 as we worship together:



- **Maintain good hand hygiene, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**
- **If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, tissues, and no-touch trash cans. (We have hand sanitizer readily available for your use)**
- **Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in a no-touch trash can.**
- **Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. We do encourage for you to wear masks in our sanctuary, please.**
- **Do not place protective masks on anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.**

Thanks to all for your dedication to Christ and devotion to PLC!



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 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!

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Lenten Worship

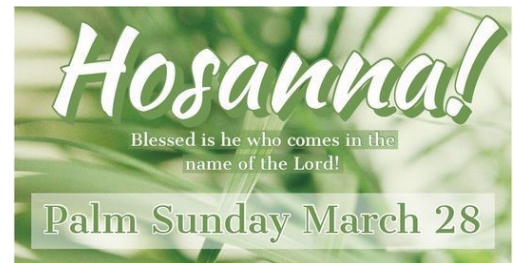
Peace Lutheran offers the opportunity for Lenten Worship, every Wednesday, through March 24th at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

Here, we will examine the lives of a few of the intriguing characters of the Bible, learning from their examples and mistakes.

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 28, 2021

9:00AM & 11:00AM



Maundy Thursday Services

Thursday, April 1, 2021

12:00PM & 7:00PM

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 2, 2021

12:00PM & 7:00PM



Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 4, 2021

9:00AM & 11:00AM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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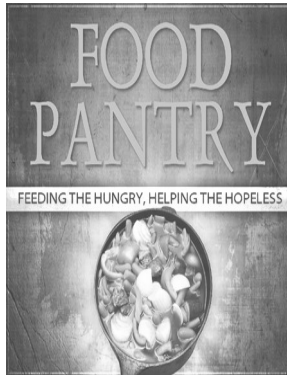
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Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway 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—9AM -11AM and Thursday's—5PM—7PM.** We service zip codes **32905 and 32907.**

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
Cpt, Nathan Schill,
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

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Senior Pastor: David Trexler

Worship Service
9:00AM & 11:00AM



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.

Peace Band—Come and try out.

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 Terry Neumann for more information.

Please call the office to be a servant for the Lord by taking on one or more of these opportunities.
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