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

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends through Christ:

As I write, it is Palm Sunday afternoon, and I find myself wanting to say, "He is Risen!" But it's not yet Easter.

However, each and every single Sunday is a celebration of Easter. So, I'll say it anyway, "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

Hopefully, you get to read the newsletter before Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Peace will offer worship on both Holy Days at either 12 or 7:00PM. These are two of the most important days in our church calendar. Maundy comes from the Latin word "mandatum" or commandment. The command Jesus gave was simply that "you love one another, just as I have loved you." We are to live here and now working toward the benefit of another—love.

And these are not just words coming from a Teacher's mouth. Jesus leads by example. He assumes the role of a slave, takes off his outer robe, gets down on his knees and washes his disciple's feet. You gotta admit, if more and more of us followed the example that Jesus set, the world would be a better place—that is a fact.

During the Passover, all the Hebrew people gathered to share a meal, celebrating their release from slavery and bondage. This Exodus was set in motion by marking the blood of a Lamb on their doorpost. On Maundy Thursday, the day of Passover, Jesus offers an even greater freedom through his own body and blood, through the Last Supper, The Great Thanksgiving, The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, or The Sacrament of Holy Communion; a "set apart fellowship," which is a true mystery, promising to Passover our sins and even our death.

The next day we follow Jesus to the Cross. A dark moment in human history. Because of our refusal to follow this Crucified One in our daily lives, one sees the painful outcome of our sin.

Please take time to walk with Jesus to the Cross, and allow His Holy Word to make this journey of life meaningful, filled with Hope and Promise, so in the end we know for certain, "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

Immediately following Easter worship, I will be traveling to the motherland of Ocean Isle, North Carolina, by my lonesome, to finish a project I started writing some 20 years ago, and in some ways a story that been planted in my brain since I was a little boy.

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For some reason I feel a connection with God through the vastness and sounds of the ocean. Always have. Since I will be spending 10-12 hours each day, every day, for 16 days, writing and scrambling my brain, I will at least be able to see, hear, feel and even smell the presence of something greater than myself. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this task.

I will be praying for you also. Seriously. Each day about two hours before low tide, there are shells to be found, if one is willing to walk the shallows. Here is where I find my peace and comfort, just walking. I collect shells and later go through our directory, picturing a name to a face, I mark the sign of the Cross in each shell with a black magic marker, and pray that person may live through the waters of their Baptism, named as a child of God, and given purpose in this glorious creation. Amen.

I guess the "Amen" means it time to sign out on this Palm Sunday evening. I hope everyone has a blessed Easter, and I pray you all stay safe.

In Christian Love,  
**Pastor Trexler**

**PS:** I almost forgot to mention, Meals On Wheels stages their pickup and deliveries in front of our sanctuary Monday through Friday. A wonderful "not for profit organization" that feeds mostly the elderly, a nutritious daily meal. They are in need of drivers to deliver these meals. We have a couple of volunteers from Peace, but they can use more. From my understanding a person can volunteer any day of the week or month. For example, if you wanted to deliver one or twice a month, you would simply set up the days you wish to serve humanity and the Lord. If you feel drawn to this ministry call 321-984-9270.

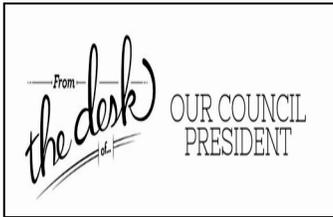
Thank you!

We would like to thank **Emily Barr**, for her donations of beautiful Croton plants for one of the gardens near the Main Office.

A huge thanks also goes to **Pastor David Trexler**, for all his hard work by planting the Crotons and placing red mulch all around the plants!

It looks beautiful!





Greetings Fellow Worshipers—

We are well into the New Year and good things are happening!

We have a “new” church council, having elected two additional members at our annual congregational meeting. This brings us to a full complement of 11 elected members.

We’ll gather on April 24th for a strategy session in lieu of a monthly meeting to look at our assets, vision, aspirations and how we can use what we have to further God’s kingdom.

We currently have two tenant church bodies: In Season Ministry and Kingdom Life Ministry that are based on our campus. We have an incredible Food Pantry that serves an ever growing number of needy local families. We also have numerous nonprofit organizations that leverage our facilities to perform community outreach: from Alcoholics/ Narcotics Anonymous to Meals on Wheels.

What a blessing to drive by our campus on any day of the week and see community related work being done. We don’t just hold Sunday/Lenten services: we use our web site and Facebook to extend our blessings to others. Pastor David’s bible lessons made Lent services this season very special for those of us able to attend. And don’t forget his “Dial-a-Story” recordings; another way to spread God’s blessings.

While we live in a social and political environment that often seems determined to divide us down the middle, we remain united as Christians determined to spread God’s love and grace. We usually achieve uncommon unanimity. We tend to do things by acclamation; I’m trying to remember the last time we actually had to count votes at a council or congregational meeting.

What a joy and a blessing to enjoy God’s Kingdom with Trust, Faith, and Peace filling our hearts!

Tom



### Food Pantry News



It is hard to believe, but by the time everyone reads this, the Food Pantry has been "reopened" for a whole year. We have served hundreds of families each month and have given food to thousands of individuals this past year. We have done this through the yearlong threat of the Covid virus, with the help of our faithful volunteers.

We appreciate your generous financial giving and donations. We continue to need and rely upon your support. We always need clean plastic bags. We take limited amounts of clean clothing, shoes, and small household items. We also get requests for adult size diapers.

We are open Tuesday mornings, 9—11 and Thursday evenings, 4:30—6:30.



# Treasurer's Report

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

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

I was asked a question regarding the 2020 Annual Report as to our Endowment Fund balance. I haven't gotten the end-of-year statement but I did ask our Western Southern representative. The current cash value is \$19,102.01. In September, 2021 we will be able to move or withdraw these funds without a penalty.

There are many financial decisions to be made this year and the council may ask some of you to serve on the financial committee (or you could volunteer) to recommend some smart ways to invest or use extra monies (should we ever have any). One idea I've had is if and when we have more income than expenses on a regular basis we could make an extra mortgage payment now and again to reduce our principle. I'm open to any ideas and will take my direction from the Church Council.

Anyone that would like envelopes for the remainder of the year, please let me know or call the office and leave a message for me.

We welcome back some of the snowbirds with thanksgiving. After a year without them it's great to see them return even if it's out of season.

Although some of us have gotten our shots, we continue to be vigilant in our cleaning between services and most of us are still wearing masks.

I want to thank the members at Peace Lutheran for their encouragement and support during the past three years. It's an honor to have your trust and to serve in this capacity.

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

Your sister in Christ,  
Faye Schill, Treasurer  
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## Treasurer's Report of General Funds

February 2021

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$10,238.64	\$53,012.26	\$35,450.00
Use of Facilities	\$3,000.00	\$5,750.00	\$6,500.00
Total Income	\$13,238.64	\$58,762.26	\$41,950.00
Expenses	\$17,976.67	\$37,556.98	\$41,950.00

Excess Expenses for February 2021 is: **\$3,738.03**

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!**



GRICE, Mark & Jennifer (45) 04/02  
 ZASTROW, Debbie (19) 04/06  
 BARNETT, Steve & Yonna (49) 04/08  
 ROWE, Robert & Mary (62) 04/11  
 RAMSEY, Chris & Sue (38) 04/22  
 WITTER, Jerrold & Betsy (58) 04/27  
 MITCHELL, Ronald & Judy (61) 04/30

MASSEY, Steven 04/01  
 BARNETT, Steve 04/02  
 WAINIKAINEN, Paul 04/02  
 PETERSON, Cody 04/05  
 SANDBERG, Kevin 04/05  
 LEINTHALL, William 04/06  
 GENRE-BERT, Ben 04/08  
 FLAHERTY, Janet 04/09  
 PATELSKI, Jeffery 04/12  
 YANTZ, Bobbi 04/16  
 SEARCH, Lori 04/17  
 JONES, Gloria 04/24



**(numbers are years married)**

Susan Hildebrand	Tim Calvin	Theresa Bradley	Todd Dent
Gwen Newberry	David Brunner, Sr.	Viola Forrester	Dan Rank
Lori Deaton	Ann Beardslee	Gary Gossett, Jr.	Courtney Hunter
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Ryan Dasinger	Don Hoffman	Ron Nelson	Woody Wells
Mary Norwood	Betty Sheller	Frank Thompson	Manolo Rodriguez
Larry Cannen	Rebecca Leinthall	Ariel Cook	Wendy DeLaney
Jeanette Peterson	Bob Rusco	Debra Garrett	
Gloria Jones	Tonita Rodriguez	Carolyn Tarkka	
Rick Pellecchia	Emily Gossett	Helga Bromm	



## 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 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!**



**NOISY  
OFFERING**

### **APRIL NOISY OFFERING**

Each month, our noisy offering will be going to a certain charity or organization. April's noisy offering will be going to **Daily Bread, Inc.**, who provide hot meals, showers, and clothing to homeless individuals.



Would you like to volunteer and do something that would help the community of Brevard County?

If you are retired/semi-retired and would like to help support seniors in our community, The Brevard County Aging Matters/Meals on Wheels program would love to have you join them in this rewarding opportunity.

The Aging Matters/Meals on Wheels program, are in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to seniors who are unable to go to the grocery store, or who live alone and need meals to help them for the day.

If this is something you would like to do, you can call them at: (321)984-9270



## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



### **THE EUCHARIST WINDOW**

This window has as its central point the Chalice of Holy Communion. We recall that Jesus took the cup and gave it for all his followers to drink, to remember his sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. The loaves of bread and fish remind us of Jesus' great compassion for his people. He took the offering of a young boy and fed the multitudes to show us the continuous celebration that Jesus has for all people in this sacrament.

### **THE BAPTISM WINDOW**

The cockle shell sends forth the waters of baptism. This water falls upon the sinful person, transforming this person from a sinner to a saint. The Greek letters of "Chi Rho" show the transformation that takes place with us in our baptism. When we are baptized, we begin "walking wet." We are united with Christ in our baptism, and the Holy Spirit begins the process of transforming us to be more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit of baptism is symbolized by the white glass surrounding the shell, stirring us up to be about our life and ministry. Also, in this window is Noah's Ark, touched by a rainbow. This is God's promise first made to Noah of a new covenant, which becomes ours in baptism.

### **THE CLERESTORY WINDOW**

The clerestory (second story) window is an artistic impression of Noah's rainbow. This window, while not visible to worshippers, spreads its light over the entire church. We the people of God, gather to worship Him and be fed by Word and Sacraments, and God's Peace "falls" upon His people. This window is also our "window to the world." The rainbow faces out into the world and symbolizes the message that we preach. God has gives us Peace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. That is the message that we proclaim to a world lost in the darkness, that in God, we can find Peace at last.



# April 2021

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11 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	12 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	13 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	15 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA 5:00 PM FOOD PANTRY	16 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA 9:25 PM Panera Pickup	17 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA
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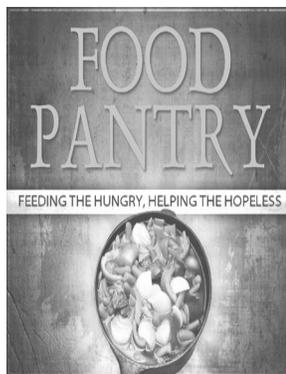
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Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway 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  
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 Co. Ft. Hood, TX  
 Maj. AD Dennis Peoples,  
 Rock Island Arsenal, IL  
 Cpt, Nathan Schill,  
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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.  
(321)727-3131



—Matthew 28:6