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Peace Lutheran Church...

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



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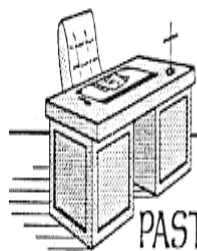
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Faye Schill, Treasurer
Curt Peterson, Youth Pastor
Danielle Shwimer, Food Pantry

Dear Friends through Christ:



A man fell from the top of the Empire State Building, as he plunged 102 stories a young woman on the 50th floor yelled out to the man as he came flying by, "Hey, how's it going." The man replied, "So far so good!"

2019 was my first full year as your pastor and "So far so good." We have accomplished a great deal in the Lampstand called Peace Lutheran Church in our first full year together. Our grounds are looking good. The breeze-

way by the offices have been painted and doors on fellowship hall. Thank you those who put many days into this project and also thank you to all who take part in "Adopt a Plot," yet remember adoption is ongoing.

We completed the remodel of Peace Place in 2019 and it is beautiful. Originally our thought process was to use Peace Place as an event center for parties and weddings. However, the opportunity arose to rent the space to "In Seasons Ministries" for worship. So for one year (2020) they will pay \$1400 per month to worship here, and they seem to treat Peace Place with reverence. We will revisit the possibility as an event center toward the end of this year.

Another section of our complex (the space next to the food pantry) for most of 2019 was rented to Holistic Health Center for \$750 per month, but just this month they informed me it wasn't working out the way they hoped. It is a lovely space with reception area, bathroom and four offices. It is perfect for a small company that does not need a lot of foot traffic—sort of hidden. So if anybody knows of a good fit, just call me.

We also replaced the carpet in the sanctuary and it looks great, along with a new sound system and it sounds great. To top that off in two short weeks we raised enough funds to replace the air condition unit in the sanctuary at a cost of \$16,000. Now we worship in a beautiful space, we can hear, and we are not too cold or hot. I realize our comfort and the beauty of our church is not the top priority of Christ, but in our world how ones takes care of His Church reflects directly to our commitment to the gospel.

The top priority of the Church is Word and Sacrament! The proclamation of Scripture through preaching and teaching, the administration of God's mysteries of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion will change lives and situations to the point where we begin to think more about the needs of others. Here too Peace has done a pretty good job. We open our property to all kinds of wonderful ministries. We now have two churches worshipping at Peace, food pantry, Meals on Wheels, Weight Watchers, AA, NA, Youth Group, and many other occasional groups. We have also seen a slight uptick in giving and attendance from last year, even brought in 15 new members.

Like I said, "So far so good!" Yet there is so much more to be done and I believe so much potential lies within these sacred walls. We just need to continue to focus upon Word and Sacrament and know in our hearts and minds that when this journey ends there is a huge safety net called Jesus that will save us with His loving arms.

In Christian Love,
Pastor David Trexler



**We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 23rd.
This meeting will follow a Combined Worship Service—10:00AM**

**Following the Congregational Meeting, we will all meet for a
Pot Luck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.**



**Let us all come together for this time with the Peace Lutheran
Church Family!**

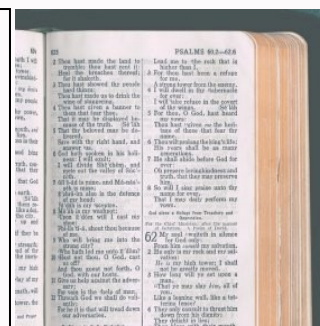
Bible Study

The Book of Ephesians

NEW TESTAMENT CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY

Monday's - February 3, 10, 17 & 24

11AM & 6PM



The Christian League Youth Group (CLYG)

"A bridge to Jesus for our youth in the community"



Beloved of God,

Our Christian League Youth Group (CLYG) is busy tackling barriers or boundaries during this Season of Light, a season we are called to follow Christ beyond our personal or corporate entrenchments. To remind us how difficult this can be, as February begins, we're reminded of the story of Jesus' sermon in this hometown of Nazareth. At first, the community seems to welcome his message, proclaiming liberty to captives and letting the oppressed go free sounds perfectly fine to them. But the ensuing conversation devolves into an argument about insiders and outsiders and the next thing you know, the hometown crowd is ready to throw Jesus over the cliff.

St. Paul, who planted many congregations throughout the Mediterranean world and who struggled to help them grasp the implications of being grafted into Christ, spoke powerfully about the importance of reconciliation, which at its heart is about breaking down barriers so relationships can be restored. In Ephesians he writes: "For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups (Jew and Gentile) into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." And in 2 Corinthians Paul testifies to the God "who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

A good deal of the opposition Jesus experienced in his ministry, including in his hometown, had to do with how he pushed the presumed boundaries of God's circle of care outward, so that it encompassed those whom law and tradition had looked away from or blocked from the desire to truly see. When at his crucifixion the curtains of the Temple are torn in two from top to bottom, the last divide between God and humanity is breached. But we human beings are good at building and maintaining barriers. Yet, however much we find ourselves tilting toward the task of erecting or reinforcing barriers that divide, Jesus shows us not to mindlessly accept the convention of accepting divisions amongst us, but to bend will and body instead to the task of their dismantling.

These barriers or boundaries we establish, not just amongst each other but inside ourselves, are the topics we're discussing this month. Join us to explore the subjects that concerns youth today, that this CLYG has asked about, and how His Word guides us to make choices that see barriers and boundaries for what they are for us. We're looking and talking about subjects like drugs, friends, neighbors, dating, attitudes, values, fear, gossip, school, bullying, and volunteering, to name just a few, where we very well see and hear "the dividing," "the hostility between us," and how we can reconcile every inert challenge in His peace, His hope, and His love.

We'd welcome you joining us at an upcoming meeting and/or following us on Facebook at <https://m.me/loved1801/> or Instagram.com/clyouthgroup to hear of all our activities.

Walking with you,

Pastor Curt
Cell: 321-626-4751



Treasurer's Report

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

For my full report see the bulletin board in the narthex.

The transfer of funds in the table above represents a transfer from Coffee /Fellowship Fund to the General Fund per the direction of the council.

We actually exceeded our budget in contributions and were under in budgeted expenses. As you can see where we fell down was on the Use of Facilities. The council is working hard on correcting this in 2020.

The council has approved the 2020 budget with a few changes and the budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

There are a few 2020 contribution envelopes and individual contribution statements for 2019 on the narthex table. Please call the church office if you did not received your 2019 contribution statement either by email or on the narthex table. If you have any questions about your statement, please call me at the church office and I'll try and answer your questions.

Keep Peace Lutheran Church in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ, Faye Schill, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org
office 321-727-3131



There is an opening in the money counter schedule in 2020 for a person that could work Monday mornings for 2 -3 hours serving the Lord. It would be probably be three (3) various months during the year. We can be flexible regarding which months.

No prior experience is required. The only pre-requisites is fairly good eye-sight and hearing. No tests are given and training will be done until the volunteer feels comfortable.

Compensation is knowing you are helping serve and meeting new and interesting people.

Call the office at 321-727-3131 or talk to Faye Schill on a Sunday.

December 2019

| | <u>December</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Contributions | \$29,192.20 | \$201,479.39 | \$200,000.00 |
| Use of Facilities | \$3,055.00 | \$28,045.00 | \$45,000.00 |
| Transfer of Funds | \$900.00 | \$900.00 | |
| Total Income | \$33,147.20 | \$230,424.39 | \$245,000.00 |
| Expenses | \$19,613.43 | \$243,095.31 | \$245,530.00 |

Excess expenses for December \$13,533.77

Excess expenses YTD (\$12,670.92)

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



February
BIRTHDAYS

2020

SORENSEN, Mel & Elaine (59) 02/04
ACCOLA, Thomas & Brenda (16) 02/07
NADEAU, Terry & Diane (28) 02/22
WHITLOCK, Gary & Allison (24) 02/24

*(Years)

MILLER, Brenda 02/01 WHITLOCK, Kristen 02/19
ADILOFF, Mary 02/03 THOMPSON, Frank 02/20
MCGINNES, Rose M 02/06 WAGMAN, Jason 02/20
COTTON, Steve 02/11 ANDERSON, Linell 02/22
STRITZINGER, Frederick 02/11 POTTS, Trudy 02/23
WILSON, Jack 02/13 DEMARSE, Lisa M. Overly 02/25
EGGERT, Kevin 02/14



Susan Hildebrand

Gwen Newberry

Lori Deaton

V.B. & Lucinda Johnson

Ryan Dasinger

Mary Norwood

Larry Cannen

Jeanette Peterson

Gloria Jones

Rick Pellecchia

Bob Calarco

Tim Calvin

David Brunner, Sr.

Robert B. Elliott

Ann Beardslee

Maria Rodriguez

Marlene Eggert

Terry Neumann

Robert Headley

Don Hoffman

Eric Schwartz

Rebecca Leinthall

Maryanne Sprengle

Bob Rusco

Velma Lutz

Tonita Rodriguez

Al Faith

Emily Gossett

Mark & Cathy Butler

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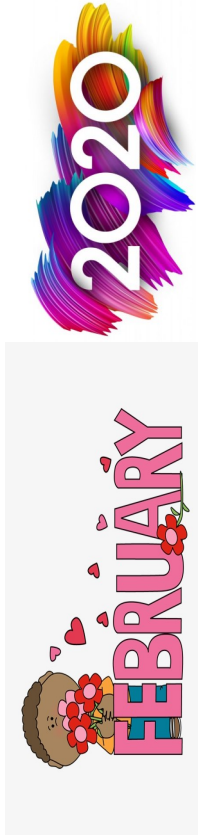
Tim Calvin

David Brunner, Sr.

Robert B. Elliott

Ann Beardslee

Maria Rodriguez



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Check us out on Facebook @ Peace Lutheran Church



Give us a LIKE and get updates, spiritual messages, events and any changes.

Or visit us on our website www.peacelutheranpb.org



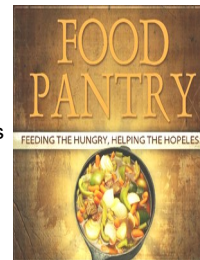
Did you know? Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for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

Thank you for your contributions!

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!

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. Jackson, SC
USN FC3 Stephen Weaver, USS Dewey
Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen, Norfolk, VA
USN Lt. Laura Towle, Norfolk, VA
USN Lt. David Towle, Norfolk, VA
1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army, E. Africa
USN Tyler J. Azevedo—USS Harry S. Truman

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, any way 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.

Shepherd's Center of South Brevard

Adventures in Learning

Winter 2020 Session

Enrichment classes on Thursdays for 8 weeks:

**Through—February 27th
at Wesley United Methodist Church**

To register and to find out more information, go to:

www.shepherdcenterofsb.org

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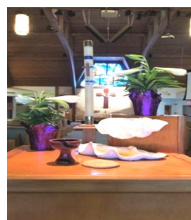
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Senior Pastor: David Trexler

Youth Pastor: Curt Peterson

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—Sing to the Lord at 11am each Sunday, practice 7pm Wednesday evenings.

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

Peace Band—Practice Sunday mornings at 9:00AM.. 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—Betty Sheller is our Nursery Attendant in the nursery for your children. If you are a parent leaving your children in the nursery during services you are welcome to join with them in caring for our little ones 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 Committee—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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