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Peace Lutheran Church...

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

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Danielle Shwiner, Food Pantry

Dear friends through Christ,

This past Sunday I sat in the back of church during our congregational meeting. I heard how things are going well. We are covering our budget. We have brought in new members. We are surviving. Yeah!

I was sort of depressed, because God doesn't want survival, He wants us to Thrive. In the same breath, I was also excited, because I believe Peace Lutheran has 12 council members/leaders that have the same vision as God—to thrive.

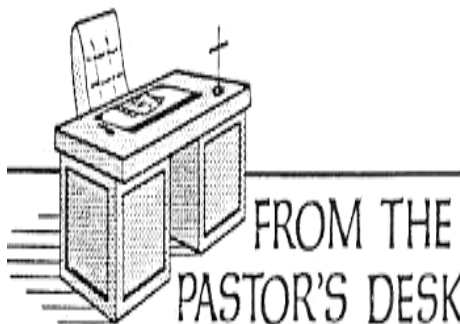
However, with this vision comes change. Change—a dirty word too many. We do not like change! But if we are to thrive rather than survive, change is part of life. Change is what the Spirit does!

In the upcoming weeks our council will meet and hammer out what direction God is leading.

We will always communicate what is going on, because this is first God's church and then yours.

Please keep us in your prayers,

Pastor David Trexler





LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICES

Wednesday, March 4th through Wednesday, April 1st



Soup and Sandwich Meal - **6:00PM**

Lenten Worship Service - **7:00PM**



*A Very Special
"Thank You!"*

My Dear Peace Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and gift card you gave me for my 20 Years of serving in the nursery. I hope the children enjoyed it as much as I did and to have God in their lives.

Thank you again and God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Betty Sheller

The Christian League Youth Group (CLYG)

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



Beloved of God,

The most rewarding thing about being a participant in the Christian League Youth Group (CLYG) is seeing youth in the community run after God's heart. This is a group between the ages of 7-16 who get excited to share the Bible month-to-month, but seeing them live for Jesus is even more rewarding! Our strategy of "A bridge to Jesus for our youth in the community" is growing and developing a footprint we know has only just begun.

As Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach once said, "In youth we learn, in age we understand." Here's some shared reasons the youth attend our Thursday night gathering's:

"To know others who love God"
"To help me be what Jesus wants me to be"
"To listen to His Word"
"To serve as He served"
"To know He exists"
"To share what I learn with others"
"To help my neighbor"
"To love Him with all my heart"

We see hope, peace, and especially love in these statements. Although we average between 8-12 at our meetings, our connections in this Palm Bay community is catching attention. More than 75% of the youth in our group are unchurched or are looking for a home church to attend. This past year we've met youth leaders from "The House," and have joint activities planned with "Truth Revealed Ministries" as our community outreach efforts expand.

The CLYG has held service projects, too: helping a family member, helping a neighbor, or helping a classmate, to name a few. We're looking more and more at opportunities where the youth serve as Jesus served. It's all being accomplished in His time.

We've explored the spirituality side of subjects that concern youth today, that this CLYG has expressed interest in learning about, and how His Word guides us to make choices that see barriers and boundaries for what they are within us. We've explored the Biblical interpretation about subjects like drugs, friends, neighbors, dating, attitudes, values, fear, gossip, school, bullying, and volunteering, to cite a few, where we very well see and learn ways to reconcile every inert challenge in their life.

We'd welcome you being a volunteer to help, or by joining us at an upcoming meeting. You can also follow us on Facebook at <https://m.me/loved1801/> or [Instagram.com/clyouthgroup](https://www.instagram.com/clyouthgroup) to hear of all our activities.

Please share the news with a friend, a neighbor, a new acquaintance! This CLYG is alive!

**Walking with you,
Pastor Curt
Cell: 321-626-4751**



Treasurer's Report

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

I'm writing this after the Annual Meeting in which the 2020 budget was approved. I very much hope we can stay within our budget regarding expenses and exceed our expectations in contributions and use of facilities.

The reason for the high expenses for January was the three paydays that came out in January. That happens twice a year.

What I forgot to say at the Annual Meeting was that I felt we had a great year in 2019. We accomplished many things last year and I hope that can continue that trend in 2020. That will take all of us, new ideas, prayer and God's help.

Keep Peace Lutheran Church in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ, Faye Schill, Treasurer

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Treasurer Report

January 2020

	<u>January</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$26,965.43	\$17,066.67
Use of Facilities	\$3,610.00	\$3,325.00
Total Income	\$30,575.43	\$20,391.37
Expenses	\$24,733.50	\$20,391.37

Excess income for January 2020 is \$5,841.93

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



March
BIRTHDAYS

2020

MADDEN, Louis & Stephanie (16) 03/02
HATON, Charles & Nancy (41) 03/16
CRUMP, Rich & Linda (41) 03/24

*(Years)

PETERSON, Jeannie	03/01	BAKER, Ross	03/19
SPRENGLE, Regina	03/01	SWARR, Peter	03/21
MCVAY, Brianna	03/03	DUCOTE, Ginger	03/22
RAPAKA, Sarah	03/03	MARCUS, Barbara	03/22
WILSON, Roger	03/03	DITOTA, Gabriele	03/23
LOVE, Bill	03/04	HARMON, Joe	03/23
ANDREWS, Audrey	03/07	SCHILL, Larry	03/25
ROBERTSON, Sylvia	03/10	BURNS, Yvonne	03/27
SWANSON, Gerard	03/10	KOWING, Levi	03/31
MCGINNIS, Don	03/11	NEUMANN, Ed	03/31
BRUNNER, Luke	03/18	PATELSKI, Steven	03/31



Susan Hildebrand	Rick Pellechia	Rebecca Leinthall	Gwen Newberry
Gwen Newberry	Tim Calvin	Maryanne Sprengle	Mike Roddy
Lori Deaton	David Brunner, Sr.	Bob Rusco	Gary Gossett, Jr.
V.B. & Lucinda Johnson	Robert B. Elliott	Velma Lutz	William (Bill) Thomas
Ryan Dasinger	Ann Beardslee	Tonita Rodriguez	June Trotter
Mary Norwood	Maria Rodriguez	Al Faith	Ron Nelson
Larry Cannen	Marlene Eggert	Emily Gossett	Deb Moleski
Jeanette Peterson	Don Hoffman	Mark & Cathy Butler	Frank Thompson
Gloria Jones	Eric Schwartz	Susan Hildebrand	Chip & Karri Edwards
			Joel Richards



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM AA Meeting	2 12:00 PM AA Meeting	3 9:00 AM Food Pantry 12:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Via de Cristo 7:00 PM Women's Via de Cristo	4 9:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:00 PM AA Meeting 6:00 PM Lenten Soup and Sandwich 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service 8:00 PM Chancel Choir	5 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:00 PM Stamp Club FH 5:00 PM Food Pantry	6 12:00 PM AA Meeting 9:25 PM Panera Pickup	7 12:00 PM AA Meeting
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Bits & Pieces

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



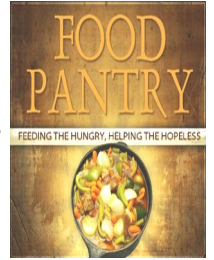
Did you know? Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for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



If you are a member of Peace Lutheran Church and you have a business and you would like to advertise in the **Olive Branch Newsletter**, please let us know. You can email your information (with a picture of your business card) at: office@peacelutheranpb.org or bring one of your business cards into the office, and we will highlight your business!

Peace Lutheran Supports our Members!

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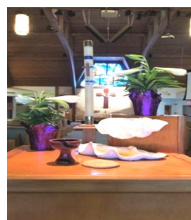
Return service requested

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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