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Happy Thanksgiving to my Dear Friends through Christ Jesus:

Last month I wrote about all the good work stemming from the faith filled people at Peace. I wrote about how we have accomplish these ministries with limited funds and wise stewardship. Toward the end of the letter, I asked the question, "With all that the Lord does through this Lampstand called Peace Lutheran, for as shrewd and frugal as we can be in carrying out Christ's ministry, with all the saints and sinners we currently have, how can we not have enough, when we all know we have plenty?"

I finished the letter oddly by claiming, "I do not have the time or desire to worry about financial matters, I'll leave that one up to you." You see, if I have money, I'll either spend it or give it away. If I don't have it, I don't spend it and give away less. I'm definitely not the person to give financial advice, nor do I have even a remote say so, in how another person spends their hard-earned dollars. That my friends, is up to you, giving is between you and God. However, being a minister of Word and Sacrament I can/must/will teach you about what the Bible says regarding the giving of your time, talent and treasure. You might be a little surprised at the conclusions.

We need to go way back in time, to the beginnings, Genesis, where Adam and Eve are given the world on a silver platter and commanded to be "Fruitful!" Do something, anything with the life God has given, take care of this world and the people around you." Wow! What a gift. Granted, human beings make this task harder than it should be, but still, what a gift.

Anyway, the very first people born on this good green earth are given the names of Cain and Able. Both of them are doing the will of the Creator. Cain is growing crops and Able is raising sheep. And get this, the two of them bring to God the first fruits of their labor. Think about that... Are there any commands from God to do this? No. No one forced or even asked Cain or Able to make a sacrifice. Giving back, giving to God is built right into our human nature. It is just one more thing that makes us unique within glorious creation. You and I have been created to be a giving people, just like God is a giving God. Why? Because giving is the only way to take care of the world we have been put in charge of. God gives. We give.

When we come the formation of the Jewish faith, laws were put into place, detailing tithes and sacrifices as a ritual, but when Jesus enters the picture, all the legalistic requirements of giving are criticized quite harshly. To Jesus, it all comes from the heart. Once a person sees Jesus and all that God has done, a human being will give from the heart. Yes, Jesus talks about giving quite often, more than he talks about love, faith and prayer, combined. But from Jesus, we learn that giving is always a matter of the heart and always out of gratefulness. It is the nature of God to give. Everything you have, everything you do, everything you are, is a gift from God. Therefore, it is your nature to give.

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In all the churches I have served, six to be exact, and probably most all churches in the country have a certain time of the year when they reach out to their flock, trying to determine how many donations it will take to keep their doors open and continue doing ministry for the next year. Sometimes they call it “A Stewardship Drive.” However, I can’t “drive” a single person to be a good steward. A good steward only comes when God touches your heart, and the work of Christ becomes a priority. Jesus teaches plainly in Matthew’s gospel, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” All I can do is proclaim the message of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament and pray that the Holy Spirit touches your heart with God’s rich treasures. I can only pray that more and more will begin to embrace our human nature of being a giving people.

That is why I do something quite different for our “Stewardship Drive.” I inherited this practice from Rev. Floyd Columbus Trexler, my father, a saint and sinner that died twenty-four years ago. I have used it ever since. Through a combined sixty years of ministry, between the two of us, every church has continued to do the Lord’s work and grow stronger in their faith. It is a process that shows “what you give” is between you and God—it is about growing closer to your Creator—and growing closer to God brings Peace.

Later this month, you will receive a “Love Letter to God,” actually you will receive two of them. Pray about what you truly want to leave behind when this blessed life comes to a close, and how you can be that giving person, just like your Father created you to be. Write that promise down. Just like Zacchaeus made those promises to Jesus, write it down, just like God’s promises to us are written down.

During the season of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior, there will be two decorated boxes by the altar. Simply place one of those promises in the envelope provided, seal it tightly and drop the promise into the box, as a Christmas present to Jesus. These Christmas gifts will remain unopened and returned to you about the same time next year. Simple as that. No one sees it, but you and God.

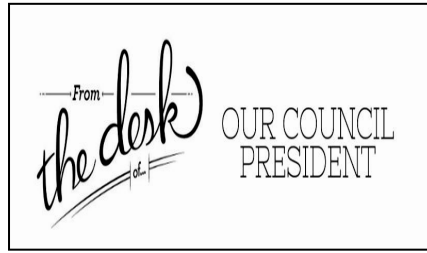
Remember I mentioned two Love Letters? Write that same promise down on the second letter and keep it as your reminder. Afterall, we are not omnipotent like God. We sometimes can’t remember from one day to the next. Now your Heavenly Father has one and you have one. At the end of next year, when you receive your unopened letter back in the mail, reflect if God has kept the promises made to you and have you kept yours?

Like I said earlier, I am not the person one should seek out for financial advice, because using a “Love Letter to God,” to set a budget for the following year may not make the best financial sense to some, but you got admit folks, it makes for a wonderful spiritual journey. Hope you come along.

Happy Thanksgiving,

**Pastor David Trexler**





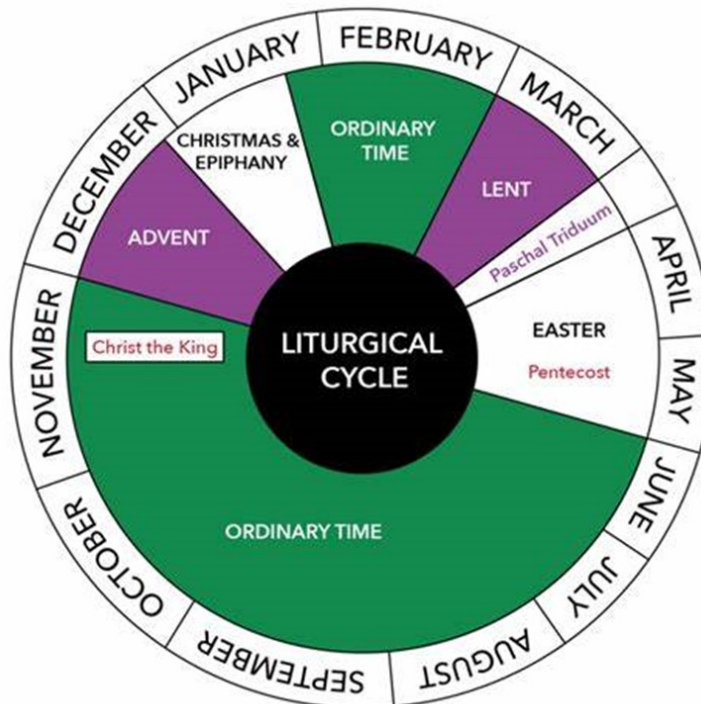
Autumn greetings, fellow Peace worshippers! Summer has flown by, with the holiday season at our doorstep. I was blessed to visit Guatemala, Utah, Colorado and Hawaii over the past seven months. What contrasts in climate, geography, history and lifestyles! Brenda and I returned from a September vacation extended by two days by Hurricane Ian to find store shelves already stocked with Christmas items. Really? Is it that time of year again?

One of our recent Sunday school topics (you really should join us at 8:45 am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall for these short, meaningful sessions) was the church calendar—not the one in this newsletter, but the liturgical calendar common to all Christian faiths. Simply put, it weaves important events from the life of Jesus into the fabric of our lives. As we considered the origin and events associated with the church calendar, I was reminded of the rhythm it brings to my week-to-week, month-to-month activities and how my lifestyle is driven by it.

The church year begins with Advent. 4 Sundays prior to Christmas Day. We set aside this time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Sanctuary banners and altar hangings are changed to blue – a color that reminds us of royalty, repentance, and beauty. Immediately after Advent is the season of Christmas, lasting for 12 days. We hear the wonderful nativity stories of Luke 2 and Matthew 2-3. We remember the visit of the Magi. With white and gold decorations, we remember the birth of our King and the holiness of the child born in a manger. Christmas celebrations end on January 6 with the festival of Epiphany or Tres Reyes.

May this joyous time in our Christian calendar bring you peace, happiness, and love!

Tom



# Treasurer's Report

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Financially, the good news is the new freezer (\$800) for the Food Pantry has been paid 100% from your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

At the end of September, the Sign Fund is in the red \$3,110. As a church family we voted to get this sign and as a church family we should help pay for the sign. When this fund is in the negative it's a drain on our bank balance. Please help pay for the sign.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but September's General Fund income was \$9,896.48 (see below). This is not enough to pay salaries for the month. If you appreciate the job Pastor David, Cindy Wagman (choir, bells, flute), Sally Cook (organist/pianist) Jacqui Robinson (Administrative Assistant) and Dina LaPlante (janitor) do to keep Peace Lutheran a wonderful place to worship, study the word of God and receive the sacrament, please ask God to guide you regarding increasing your offering.

It's very discouraging for this Treasurer to keep our expenses as low as possible and to see our bank fund low. (It is no surprise I'm trying to get out of this job. Maybe someone else will do a better job at inspiring people to open their hearts and wallets.) Do not get me wrong, I know God is in charge and His will be done. I told the Pastor I would welcome a bunch of Pharisees and Sadducees who weren't humble or pious but gave 10% of their income to the temple. I could learn to be around more braggarts. Pastor David laughed!

If you have monies invested with Thrivent the church can always use your Thrivent Choice dollars. This fund currently has \$564.78. You just need to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to be directed to Peace Lutheran Church of Palm Bay, FL. Also, if you are a Thrivent member, you are also eligible to ask for seed monies/Action Teams to help with a fundraiser. Please contact the undersigned if you can assist with seed money thru Thrivent. You would not want to let these funds go unused.

The Council continues to look for a new treasurer. I consider myself average, so at least 50% of you are capable to do the Treasurer's job of paying bills, recording the bills in Power Church, writing a newsletter article, reporting to council, and carefully watching the bank balance. (You would not be responsible for counting the offerings on Monday morning). If you are interested, please speak to Thomas Accola, Gabriela Ditota, or me. I will gladly work with/train someone for as long as it takes. The job requires some computer experience and a servant's heart. The job could be done in your home.

Your sister in Christ,  
**Faye Schill, Treasurer**  
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## Treasurer's Report of General Funds September 2022

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$7,372.62	\$127,006.10	\$136,350.00
Loose Contributions	\$648.86	\$4,467.20	\$11,700.00
Other	\$0.00	\$97.44	\$2,250.00
Use of Facilities	\$1,875.00	\$25,565.46	\$36,000.00
Total Income	\$9,896.48	\$157,136.20	\$186,300.00
Expenses	\$20,380.98	\$180,940.93	\$186,300.00

**Excess Expenses for September 2022: \$10,484.50**

**Excess Expenses for YTD 2022: \$23,804.73**

**The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (utilities, salaries, lawn care, insurance, mortgage, etc.) This does not include the sign monies, reimbursables (like Food Pantry, noisy offering, worship, memorial), or Building/Maintenance.**

**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.



11/17 CLIFFORD, Greg & Janet (21)  
 11/17 DEMERS, JoAnne (16)  
 11/25 SPRENGLE, Maryanne & Gerald Jr. (33)



(numbers of years married)



DALE, Phyllis	11/01	RAMSEY, Christopher	11/14
ZRUTSKIE, Terry	11/01	SEARCH, Virginia	11/15
RODDY, Mike	11/03	ROWE, Robert	11/16
HOFFMAN, Donald	11/04	MCKENY, Sean	11/20
KING, Ivy	11/08	FUCCI, Mariella (Ella)	11/22
TUCKER, Pat	11/11	PELCHAT, Kiley	11/23
LAPLANTE, Christian	11/12	ROBINSON, Jacqui	11/24
SHELLER, Betty	11/13	MCKENY, Dale	11/25
		RAMSEY, Jimmy	11/27



Marta T. Rodriguez	Ron Nelson	Carolyn Tarkka
Don Hoffman	Ariel Cook	Helga Bromm
Betty Sheller	Manuel Rodriguez	Phyllis Dale
Susan Hildebrand	David Flaherty	Bill & Nancy Love
Gwen Newberry	Viola Forrester	Christian LaPlante
Lori Deaton	Gary Gossett, Jr.	Matt Parks
Ryan Dasinger	Dan Rank	Betsy Witter
Rick Pellecchia	David Pinkerton	Karl Bromm
Ann Beardslee	Pastor David & Sandy Trexler	Larry Kilcullen
	Gary Witter	Paul Bickford
		Lori Stottlemire



## 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)**



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. Seeeeeee ya tomorrow!**



# EXTRA! EXTRA!



## Pack-A-Sack

It is that time of year again. We think of all our blessings and remember those less fortunate. We will be packing sacks filled with fixings for a Thanksgiving meal (less the turkey) for our neighbors who are less fortunate.

Pick up a Sack in the Narthex and fill it with the listed items and return it the next week.

## Christmas Angels

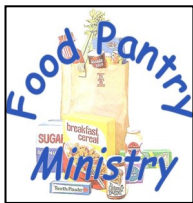
We will once again have Christmas Angels. Children as well as Seniors who have few or no one to remember them. We can bring joy to someone in the mist of what could be a lonely season. Select your Angel, purchase your gift and return it unwrapped with the tag attached to our Angel Tree in the Narthex.



## Scrip

Please take a look at the list of Retailers that participate in the Scrip program and consider purchasing your Christmas gifts using the gift cards or giving the gift cards as a gift themselves. ALL proceeds go to support our Food Pantry. This is an easy way to give to our community without having to buy/spend more, these are things you would already be spending money on, just now it will help benefit our church Food Pantry.

## The Food Pantry Helps the Victims of Hurricane Ian



Just a few short days after hurricane Ian hit the west coast of Florida, we heard that Center Point Church on Emerson in Palm Bay was collecting items to deliver. We didn't hesitate to give a closet in the Food Pantry room a good cleaning. We loaded this "Transit" and delivered much needed personal care items to Center Point for "transit" to a collection center at a church in Ft. Myers.

We didn't send food. We just sent personal care items. We were so blessed to already have these random items on hand and to be able to help so quickly. Jeff had just made up hundreds of bags of items for the homeless. This was sooooo helpful. We will never know who needed our help, but God knows.



# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>31</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> 9:00am <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>2</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 9:00am <b>Shepherd's Center</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 2:00pm <b>Stamp Club FH</b>	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	<b>5</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch
<b>6</b> <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> <b>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</b> 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>7</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm Turkey Creek HOA - FH	<b>8</b> 9:00am <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm <b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>9</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 9:00am <b>Shepherd's Center</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> 9:00am <b>Garden Club</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	<b>12</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch
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<b>27</b> <b>1ST ADVENT</b> 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>28</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>29</b> 9:00am <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>30</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 2:00pm <b>Stamp Club FH</b>	<b>2</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	<b>3</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch



# Bits & Pieces

## Check us out on Facebook @ Peace Lutheran Church

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

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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  
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1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,  
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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**—Wednesday night rehearsals—7:00PM

**Bell Choir**—Call Cindy Wagman to learn more about our choirs 321-830-4207.

**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 321-830-4207

**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

