



Dear Friends through Christ:

A couple of weeks ago Peace Lutheran and twenty or so volunteers, hosted Vacation Bible School, VBS. Our task? To make known the Gospel to about 50 neighborhood children ages four to twelve, for five days in a row. Daunting, to say the least, but with the help of the Holy Spirit and others, Peace Lutheran pulled off the impossible. We not only taught these young ones the Love of God and Love of Others, we showed these miniature saints and sinners a wonderful week of fun and laughter. The kids look forward to VBS each and every year! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and their treasure to make this worthwhile ministry possible.

I say worthwhile, because some feel that the parents use VBS to farm off the children in the summer, you know, give them something to do and get them out of the house for an entire morning. And that's Ok. Because we are planting valuable seeds that can grow in that young mind at any time. I've seen it. Here they learn they are Loved! Plus, little people ask some of the best questions. On the very first day, when we were talking about all the miraculous birth of Jesus, this adorable little eight-year-old asked, "Well, what's the point?" Great question! And if the church doesn't try to answer their questions, who will?

On the last day of VBS, we served up pizzas to all the kids and family. Here I met the father of one the young students. He happened to serve on the board or council of the congregation that he attended, and this man was totally impressed with our sanctuary. He also mentioned, his congregation was looking for a new place that can worship about 65 French speaking Seven Day Adventist Church people.

Wait a minute, don't Seven Day Adventist worship on Saturday? Yes, they do. I was also informed that his church usually finishes worship around 3PM, and I don't start Saturday worship till 5PM. Why can't The Shekinah French Church of Palm Bay SDA start worshipping at Peace Lutheran on Saturday? We're not using it. The council says that is fine. So starting on August 9, 2025, about 65 French speaking Seven Day Adventist will be worshipping at Peace Lutheran. Our task? Their task? To make known the gospel. Plus, opening up our facilities to worship will generate \$12,000 worth of income, which is always needed.

The Seventh-day Adventist are one of the newer Christian denominations, formed just over 150 years ago in 1863. As of 2016, it is one of the fastest growing and most widespread churches worldwide, with a baptized membership of over 22 million people. For the most part Seventh-day Adventist believe the same about God, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit as Lutherans do, except they believe we should continue to worship on the Sabbath, the day of rest, the seventh day of week, Saturday. After all, Jesus worshipped from Friday night to Saturday and never told us to change that? (Just thinking out loud)

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The Seventh-day Adventist are also very evangelistic and focus upon the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead more than Lutherans. But they are similar with Lutheran in that they have a missionary presence in over 215 countries, with strong ministries in education, publications, humanitarian aid, and hospitals. So, while the Seventh-day Adventist may be a little different, our goals are the same, "To make known the gospel of Christ Jesus." Therefore, we welcome The Shekinah French Church of Palm Bay to Peace Lutheran!

Allow me to close by answering that adorable little eight-year old's question of, "Well, what's the point?" The point is that you are not alone in this process we call life. At the drop of His name, Jesus is with you. What do you need? Ask Jesus! Comfort? Guidance? Healing? Strength? Forgiveness? Ask Jesus! We do not walk through life alone! And we do not go through death alone! God is with us! Emmanuel! All we need to do is start using these beautiful gifts we have been given and try to share them.

Sure, our task can sometimes be daunting, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, you too can pull off the impossible. Love God! Love Others!

In Christian love,

Pastor David Trexler



So here we are, in the dog day's of summer! That period of time when it is punishingly hot and humid and we stay cool indoors with the AC running. The term 'dog days,' originates with the ancient Greeks and Romans who kept track of the seasons by looking up at the sky. The star Sirius was known as the Dog Star, because it made the nose of the constellation shaped like a dog. In those days, Sirius appeared in the sky just before the sun, near the end of July, marking the hottest days of the year.

We just finished up our Vacation Bible School, and there were times that it felt like we were in the dog days of summer. Luckily, the openings and closings, the Bible lessons, the science explorations and the arts and crafts all took place indoors where there was AC! We had right around 50 kids in VBS and they did not seem to mind the heat during their games time. During Wonder Junction VBS, the children explored key moments in Jesus' life, emphasizing the wonder of his birth, childhood, ministry, death, resurrection and return. So our VBS also had a star! We started our Wonder Junction with the Star of Bethlehem, and the baby Jesus.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped make this years VBS a joy-filled experience. You are all stars for helping tell the story of Jesus and His love.

Gabrielle DiTota

Vacation Bible School

PEACE LUTHERAN VBS WAS GREAT!

Peace Lutheran VBS was held on July 7 – 11th. The 'Wonder Junction' theme encompassed the birth, life and death of Jesus. We hope we have planted a few mustard seeds! *Matthew 13:31*.

We registered 57 children from all over Palm Bay and a number of churches. **Dr. Cooks** (Lifeline Academy) brought 27 children from the summer camp he holds on our campus. He also provided many volunteers and security personnel.

We want to thank all of the members of our congregation, that volunteered to make it a successful vacation bible school. This is the first year all our teachers were members of Peace Lutheran. We especially want to thank **Gabriele Ditota** for using craft squares, decorated by the children, for the beautiful quilt that now hangs in the back of the sanctuary. Wow!

Again, this year **Pastor David** did a fabulous job with the Wonder Junction theme. He had his giddy-up go on. I'm sure he was signing the theme some in his sleep. Thank you, Pastor.

The children had Children's Hunger Fund as their mission project and we'll be counting change for a while. One of the noisy offering buckets was filled with change and bills. There are extra Children's Hunger Fund banks on the narthex table if anyone wishes to use for their donations to Children's Hunger Fund. Those funds stay locally in our area to provide children with food on the weekends.

On Friday, July 11, we invited parents, grandparents, and friends to our closing day lunch. We filled the Fellowship Hall and had standing room only! To God be the glory.

Many of you donated monies toward VBS material, food, and bibles for the children and some of our volunteers. Thank you for all the support and prayers you have given our program.

God Bless you all and thank you God , for a safe and wonderful VBS.

Sincerely,

Deb Baumung and Faye Schill
Co-Directors



Treasurer's Report for August 2025

Happy August Peace Family!

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and staying as cool as possible. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart, for your continued support of our beautiful church and its mission. Your support helps to spread the Gospel, feed the hungry, and make our community a better place!

The Major Roof Fund stands at \$49,432.26 at the end of June.

The Building Maintenance Fund stands at \$4,519.95 for new Air Conditioners and other projects.

Wes Edwards, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Fund for June 2025

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	\$11,251.00	\$68,370.38	\$94,058.52
Loose Contributions & Other	\$767.00	\$7,825.09	\$4,000.02
Use of Facilities	\$2,075.00	\$26,070.00	\$34,999.98
Total Income	\$14,093.84	\$102,265.47	\$133,058.52
Expenses	\$21,634.03	\$139,609.56	\$129,609.56
Total income/deficit	(\$7,540.19)	(\$37,344.09)	(\$3,448.96)

Our Expenses exceeded our Income for June 2025: (\$7,540.19)

Year to Date (YTD) Our expenses exceeded income (\$37,344.09)

Year to Date (YTD) Budget of income over expenses (\$3,448.96)

We are budgeted to have an excess of income over expenses of \$3,448.96 by this time of year. The budget does not account for fluctuations in income and expense (i.e. we get more contributions in the winter and expenses go down in the winter).

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

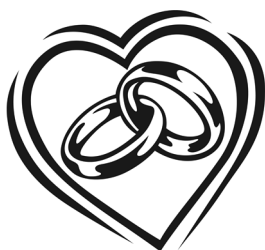
God bless all who give freely of their time, tithes and talents.

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.



MOLESKI, Debra & Charlie (46)	08/04
RIMMEREID, Peter (17)	08/09
WITTER, Michael & Dorothy (Dottie) (7)	08/15
SCHILL, Larry & Faye (44)	08/22
ROBINSON, Anthony & Jacqui (26)	08/28

(numbers of years married)



BAUMUNG, Deborah 08/01	LOTT, Susan 08/20
DOWE, Pat 08/01	PELLECCHIA, Henrietta 08/20
MARCUS, David 08/03	PADULA, Sarah 08/21
ZRUTSKIE, Jude 08/03	COTTON, Jessica 08/25
ARNDT, David 08/04	MADDEN, Stephanie 08/25
DOYLE, Brent 08/04	BENDER, Lynn 08/26
GOSSETT, Molly 08/06	PRIBELL, Joyce 08/29
SALMONS, Bob 08/07	BAUMUNG, Paul 08/30
DEESE, Mary 08/08	WAGMAN, Dan 08/30
ACCOLA, Brenda 08/14	WITTER, Dottie 08/30
STOLPE H., Christine 08/14	
ARNDT, Kristina 08/16	
WIKOFF, Kenneth 08/18	



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Tonita Diaz	Christian LaPlante	Mardelle Hansen	Patricia Robins
Theresa Bradley	Brenda Accola	Sherry Anderson	Finnley Ryan
Lori Deaton	Betsy Witter	Richard & Joanne Honbaugh	Rosita Cotton
Ryan Dasinger	Kaylie Trexler	Cristina Elliott	Bob Salmons
Rick Pellecchia	Suzie McKen	Karen Holzer	Gary Marcet
Jacqueline Darby	Dale McKen	Elizabeth Holzer	Rosita Cotton
Debbie Parks	Lou Madden	Patricia Null	Ron Mitchell
Matt Parks	Michael Adams	Denise Thomas	
Enid Rodriguez	Sylvia Elliott	Wes & Molly	
	Evelyn Rodriguez		

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	28 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	29 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	30 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	31 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	1 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	2 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
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Bits & Pieces

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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.



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.

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,
Ft. Cavazos, TX

Maj. AD Dennis Peoples,
Rock Island Arsenal, IL

Major Nathan Schill,
Pentagon, VA

USN FC3 Stephen Weaver,
USS Dewey

Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,
Norfolk, VA

1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,
E. Africa



Saturday Night
**CASUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM

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Worship

5:00PM—Saturday Night Worship
8:30AM—Bible Study
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 special mailings, etc. Please call Jacqui in church office (321)727-3131

Chancel Choir—Wednesday night rehearsals—7:00PM

Bell Choir—Call Cindy Wagman to learn more about our bell 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—We need people who can use the remote for our Slide Presentations on Sunday morning. Please see Pastor David Trexler for details if you would like to volunteer.

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