

# The Olive Branch

Peace Lutheran Church...

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

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Dear Friends through Christ:

We have entered the season of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit and the work of the Church. It is the longest season of the Church year—26 weeks. Wow! That is a lot of work, especially when you consider we are coming up on summer. Our snow birds have flown home. Now that the virus seems to be mostly under control, people are traveling more. Plus, it is hot! Yet Pentecost is the season for the work of the church.

Looking back, in the season of Advent, we got ready for the coming of Jesus (four weeks). Christmas we celebrate His arrival (three weeks). In the season of Epiphany, Jesus is revealed as the Messiah, Son of God, Savior, and Word of God (six weeks). We walk to the Cross with Jesus during Lent (six weeks). And finally, we celebrated His resurrection through Easter (seven weeks). Now, we should know the whole story of Christ Jesus and God's saving gift! If we believe or want to believe, during the season of Pentecost our work will begin (twenty-six weeks). You simply decide for yourself, with the gift of freedom, if this story, if this way of life is something you feel is worth your time, talent and treasure.

As I have gotten older and hopefully wiser, I have begun to realize there is little I can do to convince anyone of this life-giving, life-saving truth story. That is between you and God. All I can do is share the story and hope and pray you experience God's love daily, knowing you always have a Helper for this long journey. It truly makes a difference.

Speaking of the work of the church, the painting of the entire complex is complete. Peace Lutheran now has two coats of fresh paint to protect her against the Florida weather for the next ten years. Plus, she looks more inviting. We do all of this because Peace Lutheran is to be a place of physical support offering a safe place to gather, to worship, to learn, to eat, to serve, and to have abundant life. In other words, we offer a church family, especially to those are alone. It is also a place offering spiritual support through Word and Sacrament, helping others to understand the nature of God and feel the love of Christ Jesus. What we do is important in our world. In order to carry out our purpose we need everyone's support. Thank you to all who believe the story, or want to believe. These are the ones who give of their time, talent and treasure. Thank you!

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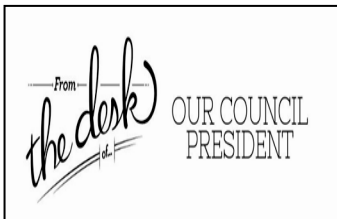
Yet there is still a lot of work to be done. Allow me to share what I see. By the end of 2021, I see one worship at 10AM and Christian education for all ages at 9AM. We will start this process on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Since Covid is winding down, I can see by the end of next year, 2022, Peace worshipping between 125 and 150 saints and sinners. We get there by advertising in our surrounding community and more importantly by each of us inviting our friends and neighbors to a meaningful worship and good fellowship. Simply ask those you know to, "Come and see!"

I can see and almost taste the monthly gatherings for potluck, sharing a meal in our fellowship hall, with conversation and laughter, and even expanding these gatherings to the community in our new picnic shelter located in the courtyard, built mostly with the money saved on our painting project. I can see the Shepherd Center offering learning experiences to the aging population. I see the two beautiful rooms behind the food pantry, both with small kitchens and bathrooms, being used to offer ministries to our men and women of the church, and as always, to the community. I can see events like the Blessing of the Animals on October 3<sup>rd</sup> this year and Trunk or Treat on Halloween next year. I can see our entire membership getting together this Christmas season to form "FGFG," or "Friends Gathering for God," where we start gathering in smaller groups to study Scripture, share a meal together, or simply have fun and get to know each other a little better. I can also see us realigned with the ELCA, where there can be fellowship and cooperation with our brothers and sisters in Christ and protect our Lutheran heritage for the future. I can see these things, all while maintaining and improving on the ministries already offered at Peace Lutheran.

Yes, we have entered the season of Pentecost, the work of the Church. It is the longest season because there is so much to do. While I cannot convince anyone to believe in this life-giving, life-saving truth story, I can say, if this way of life promised is something you feel worthwhile, then Peace Lutheran says thank you for your time, talent and treasure. You will always have a home with friends.

Happy Pentecost and many blessings,

**Pastor David Trexler**



The Peace Lutheran Church walk with Christ continues! Every time I put pen to paper for these Olive Branch notes, I want to begin with, "It's an exciting time for our church!" I feel that way every time I drop by the office, enter the Sanctuary on Sundays, or prepare for a council meeting. Since I joined the council in February 2019, each month has presented a different challenge; a new opportunity. Thank God for a pastor, staff, council and congregation ready, willing and able to move our church forward!

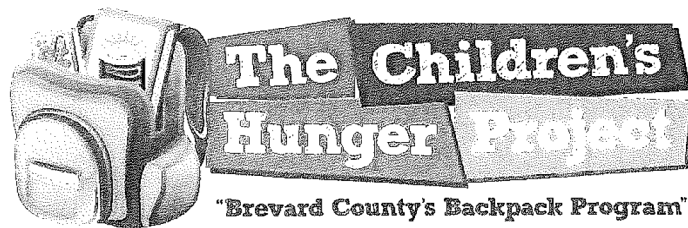
We're moving beyond the difficult circumstances caused by the pandemic and the situation with our rental home. Selling the home and our unused property was complicated and time consuming, but ultimately successful. Our new neighbors are rehabbing our former parsonage and clearing land for the new home they plan to build for their family.

Most of the COVID-19 restrictions imposed upon us are lifting. The improvements to our church continue, with the repainting of our entire campus complete. As we work our way through the list of programs and projects we've planned, we'll keep the congregation fully informed and seek concurrence when necessary (any non-budget expenditure greater than \$5,000). We're reestablishing PLC as a place where we can more freely gather to worship, break bread, spread God's word and share his grace with others.

Each time I visit our church campus, community-focused activity is in progress. Meals on Wheels and Alcoholics & Narcotics Anonymous members reaching out to each other. Our amazing Food Pantry serving individual and families. In Season, Kingdom Life in Christ and soon Shepherds Center ministries members come and go. When I enter the sanctuary on Sundays, review the Worship Assistant binder, then walk to the front of the church, I look out on an ever-so-slowly growing body of 9 am worshippers.

What an exciting time for our church, indeed

**Tom**



April 12, 2021

David Trexler  
Peace Lutheran Church  
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of \$2,000.00 to The Children's Hunger Project. Your gift enables us to further our goal of providing essential weekend nutrition to Brevard County students. We started by feeding 27 kids at one school ten years ago and have grown to serving over 2,400 kids each weekend at 45 elementary schools throughout the county.

The number of children on the free and reduced lunch program exceeds 60% in Brevard County. In some schools that we serve, this number is over 80%. These figures are key indicators of hunger and poverty in a geographic area. With your help, The Children's Hunger Project is providing vital nutrition to help children be successful in school and in life.

Evaluations by educators show that, because of programs such as ours, students with lessened hunger risk have marked improvement in a number of areas: school attendance, reading skills, test scores, behavior and health. Food is the foundation and is truly a blessing, especially to a hungry child.

Thank you again for your generous support. Please help us spread the importance of our mission by encouraging your friends and family to "like" us on Facebook.

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.

Sincerely,

**Cheryl Cominsky**

Cheryl Cominsky, Executive Director

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Bruce Nelson Child Hunger Center  
1855 West King Street, Cocoa, FL 32926  
A 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit ID #36-4686823  
Cheryl Cominsky - Executive Director

# Treasurer's Report

At the end of April we continue to be over budget in our contributions and under budget in expenses. That makes us feel good and hopefully we can continue this trend.

After the sale of the property and parsonage east of our campus, \$153,000 was paid to Thrivent Mortgage toward reducing our mortgage. They have re-amortized our mortgage and reduced our monthly mortgage payment to \$1189. For the time being we will continue to pay our previous payment of \$2,263 to reduce our mortgage further since we have budgeted this amount for 2021.

In May \$100,000 was transferred to our Thrivent Financial Account to be put in 3 separate areas. 25% to money market, 25% to moderate risks funds, and 50% to limited maturity bonds, all which are fairly conservative. More may be added to these accounts in the future.

Other funds from the sale will be used to update our facility as our council approves.

Our noisy offering is going to different good causes each month. April noisy offering raised \$179 for the Daily Bread. May's offering was for Faith by Hearing. This helps fund Bible sticks for our military personnel. At the printing of this newsletter that amount has not been determined. In June the noisy offering will be going to our Food Pantry. Please help to support these worthwhile causes.

Please keep Peace Lutheran Church in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

**Faye Schill, Treasurer**

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## Treasurer's Report of General Funds

**April 2021**

	<u><b>April</b></u>	<u><b>YTD</b></u>	<u><b>Budget</b></u>
Contributions	\$13,237.45	\$77,393.28	\$70,900.00
Use of Facilities	\$3,090.00	\$11,715.00	\$13,000.00
Sale of Property Income	\$152,532.49		
Total Income	\$168,859.94	\$251,661.91	\$83,900.00
Expenses	\$18,802.59	\$77,468.44	\$83,900.00

**Excess Income for April 2021 is: \$150,057.35**

**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!**



BRADLEY, Theresa & Scott (26)	06/10
ARNDT, Steven & Luisa (38)	06/11
FLAHERTY, David & Janet (38)	06/11
LAPLANTE, Christian & Dina (14)	06/13
DALE, Phyllis & Fred (66)	06/19



(numbers are years married)

SMITH, Scott	06/01	COOK, Sally	06/13
SANDBERG, Shayne	06/03	RAMSEY, Sue	06/13
MITCHELL, Judy	06/04	RING, Katherine	06/13
SWARR, Ann	06/07	RUSCOE, Robert	06/18
CLIFFORD, Greg	06/09	COTTON, Rosita	06/19
TROTTER, June	06/09	HARVEY, Celeste	06/19
BAKER, Kelly	06/11	SCHILL, Faye	06/19
BOYUM, Linda	06/12	O'BRIEN, Charlene	06/28
BRADLEY, Scott	06/13		

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Thank you!

Susan Hildebrand	Tim Calvin	Theresa Bradley	Molly Gossett
Gwen Newberry	David Brunner, Sr.	Viola Forrester	Emily Gossett
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Jeanette Peterson	Bob Rusco	Debra Garrett	
Gloria Jones	Tonita Rodriguez	Carolyn Tarkka	
Rick Pellecchia	Emily Gossett	Abel Thomas	



## CDC Guidance for Faith Based Organizations

PLC leadership continues to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for faith based organizations. The most recent CDC guidance simply says: **"Infection/ transmission is minimal for fully vaccinated people; prevention measures are still recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart from people who don't live with you, avoiding crowds and washing hands often."**



Most PLC worshippers are fully vaccinated; others are not. We are blessed with plenty of space in our sanctuary for attendees to do what is comfortable for them as far as masking and distancing.

Thanks to all for your dedication to Christ and devotion to PLC!

- **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.**
- **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.**

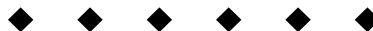


The idea is to spread the Love of God and the stories of the Bible through short entertaining messages over the phone.

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

### **JUNE 2021 NOISY OFFERING**

Each month, our noisy offering will be going to a certain charity or organization. June's noisy offering will be going to **Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry**. Our food pantry services between 10,000—15,000 people a year, which is a blessing to our community and says so much for our church family and others who donate their time, money and food donations to help those less fortunate in our community!





## Memorial Garden

Have you seen the new Memorial Garden located near the Meeting Room and the Main Office?

The statue of Saint Francis of Assisi and benches were originally in the woods and was relocated to this area. You can sit on the benches and reflect on the goodness of the Lord.

If you have not seen it yet, stop on by and get a chance to see how beautiful it is amongst the garden.

The Ibis birds sure were enjoying their time in the garden!



The Food Pantry will have a new schedule for the summer months. After Thursday, June 10th, the Pantry will close on Thursday nights. **We will be opened Tuesday mornings, 9-11 only.**

In September, we will re-open on the **1st Thursday night of every month, from 4:30pm-6:30pm only.** Tuesday's will remain the same.



# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> The Holy Trinity 9:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	<b>31</b> Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED! 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	<b>1</b> 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	<b>2</b> 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA 2:00 PM Stamp Club FH 4:30 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA 9:25 PM Panera Pickup	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA
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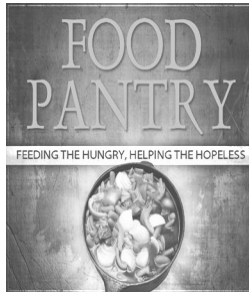
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Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway 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—4:30PM—630PM. AFTER JUNE 10TH, NO PANTRY ON THURSDAY'S DURING THE SUMMER. PANTRY WILL BE OPENED ON THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER.**

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  
Cpt, Nathan Schill,  
Ft. Leavenworth, KS

USN FC3 Stephen Weaver,  
USS Dewey  
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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.

**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

