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Dear Friends through Christ Jesus:

I guess, I'm back to my familiar greeting, "Dear Friends through Christ Jesus." You know, most of us like familiar. We feel comfortable with familiar. Yet, if we call ourselves Christian, Jesus is calling us to step outside, to the unfamiliar. I don't know if any of you have watched the TV series titled "**The Chosen.**" At first, I was a little leery, but so far the show is well worth the time. It is the story of Jesus, told in a manner that brings the characters alive. Their reactions to what is going on around them almost seems too familiar. In the scene I just watched, Jesus has just sent the disciples out two by two. They are to proclaim the good news, heal the sick and cast out demons. Holy Moly, you should have seen the looks on their faces. Their faces are the familiar faces when we are informed that is what we should be doing—going to our friends, our family (aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grandkids), even strangers, proclaiming the good news. Why? Because you are sharing a gift which can bring you and that person peace. By simply being familiar with Jesus and his teachings, a person can have peace. Folks, how simple does that sound?

Some of you might be saying, "Hey, pastor, simple for you. You're a pastor." But guys and gals, that has nothing to do with having Jesus on your mind and living out of your baptism. Case in point, of course right now I'm thinking about Jesus, and also in a little bit when record my message for the internet, but what about the next two or three days (hopefully two), when a few of us at church will be painting the old food pantry, then stripping and waxing four thousand square feet of dirty floors. Oh, by the way, our fire alarm system is being installed as we speak, and the food pantry is now located in the building right next to the church offices. We are moving forward, even if, ever so slowly. Anyway, when I am waxing floors for the next few days, doing something familiar, (I was a custodian at a church while in seminary), while waxing, sweating and hurting, slipping and sliding, having fun at the same time, Jesus will be very close—a thought away. You see, I can walk and chew gum at the same time. We can always be close to Jesus, no matter what we are doing—our Lord is a thought away.

Want to carry this concept of familiarity and peace a little farther, or is it further? Think of all the stuff that is happen-

ing in the world today, overwhelming a person might say. I could mention the war in Israel or the war in Ukraine, or the other eleven wars. Have you ever seen our political divisions so bad? Our country seem to want to live in the extremes of the right and left. Climate really does seem to be getting quite weird, don't you think? And I don't know about you, but our youth really do act differently. I could probably ramble for pages about all the stuff that is not good. But why? Why in the world would I waste my mind, time, energy, getting in arguments, getting mad, worrying, about something that I can do nothing about, nothing. These things take my peace. The world has been having stuff happen since the beginning of history, and if WWII, or something like that breaks out, guess what? I still have Jesus very close—a thought away. I still have peace.

After all, where would you rather spend your time and energy, your life? Thinking about stuff that is out of your control or thinking about Jesus, who is close, very close—a thought away? God is offering a peace that passes understanding through believing in the words of Jesus. Folks, again how simple does that sound?

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Sure, I can and should pray for all the stuff that is out of my control, but then I must let it go, let God. Now I can focus upon what I can control—right now. How, in this moment do I live to the glory of God? I live through my baptism—today—right now—I think about Jesus.

Am I being kind to my spouse, child, neighbor, the guy who just honk his horn at me—am I kind—right now? Do I make snide remarks to my brother-in-law because it makes me feel better, knowing that Jesus disapproves? Do I take care of creation, the best way I know how—today? But most of all, do I love, do I work toward the benefit of those I am around—right now? I actually make a small contribution to the good of a world in God's hands. Anytime I realize Jesus is close—a thought away, I have peace.

Basically, in a nutshell that is what I do for a living, I share peace. I am a minister of Word and Sacrament, helping people become more familiar with Jesus and his teachings, helping people to use the mysteries of Baptism and Communion, so that, they too may understand Jesus is

always close—a thought away. Think Jesus and there can be peace. Nothing else to worry about. Now the unfamiliar is much less frightening, and we can go and share this peace!

In Christian Love,
Pastor David Trexler



Sermon Series

Genesis and Revelation!

Saturday—5:00PM

Sunday—10:00AM

A Dialogue with the Bookends of Scripture



Already November! Fall is here and winter approaches. Cooler, drier weather; snowbirds returning. Our church calendar fills with familiar inflection points reminding us of the blessings with which our Lutheran heritage and American roots grace us.

We'll celebrate Reformation Sunday on Oct 31, the date in church history that Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Data suggest that 31 October was also the day when Luther sent his work Archbishop of Mainz—the start of the Reformation.

From the 4th century, there existed in certain places and at sporadic intervals a feast day to commemorate all Christian martyrs. After the Reformation All Saints Sunday was added to the liturgical calendars of the Lutheran Churches. It is held not only to remember Saints but also members of the local church congregation who have died in the year past; a bell is rung as each person's name is called out by the clergy.

We'll celebrate Veteran's Day on Nov 11 and Thanksgiving on Nov 23. So many have defended our freedom and we have so very much to be thankful for.

The world is kind of a mess right now. Don't let that spoil the feeling of joy and gratitude that the coming month includes.

This is a time of celebration, remembrance, and thanksgiving; savor it; let it calm your heart.

Blessings,

Tom

EXTRA! EXTRA!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

REMINDER:

**DON'T FORGET TO
TURN YOUR CLOCK
BACK ON SATURDAY
NIGHT!**



The Space Coast Flute Orchestra will be presenting our fall concert on Sunday, November 5 at 3 pm at Suntree United Methodist Church on Wickham Road.

As always, it is a free concert.

Hope to see you there.

Cindy

Fellowship

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**



It happened again! Lots of fun and laughter was shared during our second trivia night. And the Chili was fabulous. Thanks to those who participated and especially to those who brought food to share.

PAC-A-SACK is underway. Please bring your bag filled with the items listed to help a family in need have a 'thankful' Thanksgiving.



We have received our Christmas Angels, both children and seniors. They will be available after Thanksgiving.

Blessings,

Sandy Trexler

Treasurer's Report

God's blessings to all members, visitors, and friends of Peace Lutheran Church.

As you can see below, in September our expenses outpaced our income. Our YTD expenses are high because we paid the entire 2023-2024 property and liability insurance in June and July. Our thanks to all who contribute and give with a joyful heart. God bless you.

We have a fund called Major Repair Fund where we will be putting contributions for the roof replacement for our sanctuary. Please make this contribution in addition to your regular General Fund contribution. We still need to pay our regular bills and payroll. One quote that I have received on the sanctuary roof came in at \$40,000 and \$81,000 for both the sanctuary and Peace Place roofs. Both roofs need to be replaced. The Major Repair Fund, after paying for the fire alarm system in the Education Building, will be at \$8,562.00.

When we replaced our carpet in the sanctuary and updated Peace Place, we borrowed money. When we wanted a new church sign, we borrowed money. That ship has sailed. This time we need donations above and beyond our regular offering or a fund raiser. If you have any ideas how we can raise money for this large expense, please talk to Tom Accola, Council President. We can do this if we all work together and give extra according to our incomes.

If you have been visiting Peace Lutheran for a while and want to join, we would love to have you as a member. Anyone wishing to join Peace Lutheran Church please fill out a membership form (located on the narthex table) and give to the Pastor or drop in the offering plate on Sunday. We would love to have new members and increase our church family.

I continue to seek a replacement for the job of Treasurer. I'm willing to spend more than a year training if necessary.

Please keep Peace Lutheran Church members and finances in your prayers. The undersigned appreciates your prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Faye Schill, Treasurer

treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Funds for September 2023

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$10,445.00	\$124,266.79	\$146,712.78
Loose Contributions & Other	\$204.00	\$5,751.11	\$13,150.91
Use of Facilities	\$2,150.00	\$19,720.00	\$24,000.03
Total Income	\$12,784.96	\$149,737.90	\$184,863.78
Expenses	\$16,752.08	\$195,472.18	\$184,863.78

Excess Expense for September 2023: \$3,967.12
(Total Monthly Expense less Monthly Income)

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

Please help! As of late, our money counters get the job done in less than an hour, but we pray for the day that it will take them two hours minimum!

Also, invite friends and family to hear our Pastor's excellent message and commune with God's family here at Peace. Thank you and God bless our money counters and all who volunteer and support Peace Lutheran Church of Palm Bay.

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.



WIKOFF, Kenny & Holly (38) 11/07



(numbers of years married)



DALE, Phyllis	11/01
ZRUTSKIE, Terry	11/01
HOFFMAN, Donald	11/04
WITTER, Michael	11/05
KING, Ivy	11/08
LAPLANTE, Christian	11/12
SHELLER, Betty	11/13
RAMSEY, Christopher	11/14
SEARCH, Virginia	11/15
MCKENY, Sean	11/20
ROBINSON, Jacqui	11/24
MCKENY, Dale	11/25
RAMSEY, Jimmy	11/27



Lori Deaton	Don Hoffman	Ariel Cook	Pastor David & Sandy Trexler	Karl Bromm
Ryan Dasinger	Betty Sheller	Manuel Rodriguez	Gary Witter	Paul Bickford
Rick Pellecchia	Bill Leinthall	David Flaherty	Carolyn Tarkka	Frank Miller
Ann Beardslee	Rebecca Leinthall	Viola Forrester	Helga Bromm	Sally Cook
Jacqueline Darby	Tonita Diaz	Gary Gossett, Jr.	Phyllis Dale	Suzie McKeny
Debbie Parks	Theresa Bradley	Dan Rank	Bill & Nancy Love	Megan O'Neal
Kris Friant	Gary Gossett	David Pinkerton	Christian LaPlante	Lou Madden
George Robbins	Deb Moleski	Maliaka Singleton	Matt Parks	Allison Patton
	The Bistarkey Family on death of Marion Bistarkey	Yvonne Burns & Family on the death of husband, Robert Ruscoe	Betsy Witter	Kris Friant
	June Trotter			

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord For He is So Good

- O**—Only what you do for Christ will last.
H—Humble yourself before the Glory of God.
- G**—Give and it shall be given unto you.
I—Intercession come only from the Spirit of God.
V—Victory today is mine.
E—Eternal God, is our refuge...give thanks.
- T**—Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
H—Holy, Holy is His Name, God almighty!
A—Accept Christ as your Savior and you shall live.
N—Never give up, keep pressing forward.
K—Kingdom blessing is afforded to each of us.
S—Strength comes daily from the power of God.
- T**—Time is winding up. He is coming for the Church.
O—Others should come before ourselves.
- T**—Thirst for His righteousness, you shall be filled.
H—Hope deferred makes the heart sick.
E—Endure Hardship as a good soldier.
- L**—Listen, hear and obey the Word of the Lord.
O—Overcoming trials and temptation.
R—Rejoice and be glad for this is the day the Lord has made.
D—Discipline yourself and always stay in the Word.
- F**—Fear not for I Am with you always.
O—One for the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
R—Repentance means to turn around.
- H**—Holiness is commanded of all Believers.
E—Every day should be a day of Thanksgiving.
- I**—Imitating Christ humility.
S—Sinners will not enter the Kingdom of God.
- S**—Serving God as you serve others.
O—Occupy until I return.
- G**—Giving yourself to God by prayer.
O—Oneness is joining together with one another.
O—O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.
D—Daily confessions of faith. I believe!



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HAPPY
Thanksgiving!

MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH BOTH
THANKS AND GIVING



FOOD PANTRY NEWS



Happy Anniversary Food Pantry!

Celebrating over 10 years of Ministry to the community and the Food Pantry is on the move again!!!!

Does anyone remember when Nancy Love headed up the "Feed My Sheep" event? A cute little sheep pen of stuffed animals, where we brought our donations of non perishable food for a community food drive. And then when we had the food donation barrel in the entrance of the church. Bags of food were given out "occasionally" back then in the church office by the secretary. After that we became associated with Second Harvest Food Bank and with NO government assistance, the Peace Food Pantry Ministry was launched. We were located in the original church office. We soon realized that we had to limit the distribution areas to area codes 32905 and 32907, because of the growing traffic we had.

We soon moved the whole pantry to a larger space, where we added more freezers and refrigerators, several tables and shopping carts. We started to increase the amount of meat we were giving out. The cost for the pantry was 19 cents a pound. It is now 20. We also added pet food, free clothing and household goods to the list of things we offered. We added WaWa, Panera donations, Lucky Market and Melbourne Beach Publix as well. We expanded to getting produce.

We stayed open during ALL of COVID. We made many adjustments. We wore our masks and handed out hundreds. We drew chalk lines each Tuesday for social distancing.

The congregation put together "homeless bags" to give out from our cars. The Children's Church put together candy bags to pass out for Christmas and Easter. The kids of Children's Church even stocked shelves occasionally on Sunday mornings for lessons in service to others. Grandchildren and school children have shown up to help during summer breaks for both fun and service hours. The pantry assisted another church with paper products after hurricane Ian.

Many fundraising and outreach events have been associated with the pantry in the 10 years. These include the 2 years we planned "Trunk or Treats" and the many Sundays we set up desserts at Texas Roadhouse for donations. A Bunco party, garage sales, silent auction baskets and homemade baked bread all involved the whole congregation in a big way. The Food Pantry has also helped in providing snacks and breakfast for many years of Vacation Bible School.

The current number of families that are registered is over 430 since January of this year. WOW!!! A family can be as little as a single person or 2 and some are 7 to 8. The majority are elderly with disabilities or health issues and several are raising grandchildren. More come every week.

Some of the 9 faithful volunteers that show up each week have been around for the 10 years. The others for at least 6-8. We thank them. We have become a little family with a heart for service.

We are open every Tuesday 9-11. We operate through the generous contributions of the congregation and friends. We thank you.

By the time you read this, the Food Pantry will have moved back to its original home in the original church office in the breezeway. The hours we will be open are the same and our volunteers will continue to give care and service to the community.

We hope that we can count on you to continue to contribute, to what we think is very important ministry to our nearby community. Please pray for the continuation of this ministry, that is housed at Peace, while we bless so many people in need.

"Feed my Sheep".... Happy Anniversary Peace Food Pantry!!
And again.....WOW!!!!

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Reformation Sunday 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	30 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	31 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo - WW Room	1 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 2:00pm Stamp Club FH 5:30pm Country Club Lakes HOA - FH 6:00pm CODA	3 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	4 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 12:00pm Women's Tea Event - FH 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
5 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	6 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	7 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo - WW Room	8 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA	10 Veteran's Day Holiday - Office Closed! 9:00am Garden Club 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	11 Veteran's Day! 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
12 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	13 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	14 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 6:00pm Turkey Creek Meeting HOA - FH 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo - WW Room	15 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA	17 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	18 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
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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



Church DIRECTORY

Pictures for the new directory will be taken the month of November. We have many new members, new cell phone numbers and some members that we have lost over the last five years. Please help up by signing up on a Sunday before church or after church to have a family picture taken. We'll "shoot" to get pictures of 100% of our members. (Including our Saturday night members and shut-ins).

This new directory will help us get to know one another better (especially names) and should have up to date phone numbers, addresses and photos. You will have the option of keeping your address and phone number unlisted if you wish. Our Administrative Assistant, **Jacqui Robinson**, is very careful giving out member information. She will always check with individuals if she has a question.

Anyone wishing to help with the new directory can volunteer by calling the office or speaking to **Faye Schill**.



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.

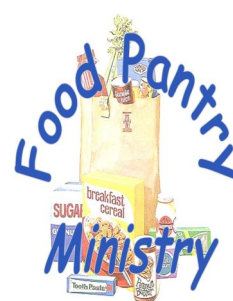
We are going to shop no matter what. We might as well serve the Lord in the process. I love the program because it helps me think more about God. I don't always do that when I use my debit or credit card. When I'm out having a meal with family or friends, shopping at the mall with my wife, doing some 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
 Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,
 Norfolk, VA
 1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,
 E. Africa



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.

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Worship

5:00PM—Saturday Night 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

