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

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Dear Friends through Christ:

Last month I was all excited about vacation in Ocean Isle NC, claiming that it's about as close to heaven as one can get on earth. It was! I was with the people I love the most, didn't watch TV or pick-up the phone, walked close to 50 miles along the shoreline, brought back enough baptismal shells to last for the year, fished for about 30 hours, and finally feasted on good food and fine wine for nine full days. Heaven on earth! But now vacation is over, I'm rested and ready to return to my passion, fishing for people, always using Word and Sacrament as my bait.

Speaking of bait, the next line I throw in the water will be a study of the gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The class will begin at our wonderful Sunday morning Bible Study, June 11th @ 8:45AM. Here we will examine how these precious books ended up in our hands. Yes, they all tell the story of the life/death and resurrection of a man named Jesus, yet they tell their stories in different ways. We will look at those similarities and differences. We will examine how the authors frame their stories in order to convey how they see understands Jesus. But more importantly, hopefully this study will increase our own understanding of Jesus, so that each of us may grow a little in our faith. However, we are baiting the hook with something a little extra—a lite breakfast and some great fellowship. Lesley and Sandy have graciously volunteered their time/talent and treasure to feed our hungry body with donuts, yogurt, cereals, fruits, coffee and juice, as we feed our hungry souls with God's knowledge. So please, come and join us as we seek to grow in faith and have a little fun at the same time. What a great way to start a week!

Yet, Peace Lutheran is not done fishing for people. Just this past week, a lease agreement was drawn up for our back building, allowing Lifeline Academy to use the facility as a Christian based college prep school for up to seventy-five, 8th – 12th graders. This lease will begin August 15th. We had an arrangement with Lifeline back in 2022 but it fell apart because the City of Palm Bay had too many requirements that made the lease null and void. But with the willingness not to give up and some good investigative work by our own **Ed Neuman**, we are able to sign a lease. Ed dug up an old Peace document from the past that would "grandfather" us in, so we do not have to install a sprinkling system. Thank you, Ed!

Before I forget, you also may want to thank our former law enforcement officer, Ed Neuman, for digging up other old document and convincing the right people to "exempt" Peace Lutheran from the storm water taxes levied against the church early this year, saving us close to \$3000 each year. Again, thank you Ed, and while you have abandoned us, we all hope you enjoy Michigan.

Back to Lifeline Academy. I am excited that our campus will be filled with young people who are preparing for their future. Dr. Cooks and I have been working together to bring chapel to all of his students every Wednesday in our sanctuary. There is also the possibility that I may teach some religion classes to these young minds. So, keep this possible ministry of teaching in your prayers.

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The only downside to a school moving in is that the food pantry must be moved out. State and school board regulations govern this decision. However, we are seeking a solution. While I'm thinking about it, you might want to thank **Lori Search** for all the time, talent and treasure she donates to keep this ministry going. If it weren't for Lori, we would not have a food pantry. The idea at the time is that we move our food pantry to our building right next to our sanctuary, where AA meeting daily. The two will share the space. There's still work to be done, but what a fitting combinations of ministries, we are feeding the hungry in both body and soul, once again. So, also keep this ministry of the food in your prayers.

Some may wonder why all the changes. Well, the answers are simple. First, it is our responsibility to be a light shining in our community and ministry is what we are all about. Two, the changes are a financial necessity. Since the pandemic, most all churches have struggled financially, and we are no different. The past few years Peace has operated with a \$35,000 deficit. Lifeline Academy will bring in approximately \$40,000 per year, hopefully eliminating our deficit and enabling us to move forward.

Speaking of moving forward, another line that Peace just tossed out was to the great-grandmother of Jeremiah Brown who was shot and killed this past Christmas Day. He was only fourteen. Sister Della Scott, the great-grandmother, called trying to raise funds to rent a place large enough to hold a "Celebration of Life/Community Outreach Event." I said, "Why don't you simply hold it here at Peace?" She asked, "How Much?" I said, "Nothing. It is the least we can do." So, on Saturday June 10th, Peace will be hosting this celebration. Sister Stella, a real sweetheart is organizing the event, inviting all the youth in the area to pay their respects to young Jeremiah and hear various community leaders share their wisdom and possible solutions to end this vicious cycle of gun violence in our neighborhoods. Please mark your calendars for this date because I have no clue as to how many may show up at our doorstep. So, also keep this ministry of hospitality in your prayers.

Speaking of showing up at our doorstep, on July 17th through July 21st, Peace will once again host a community VBS. We can use all the time and talent available to make this event meaningful for the very young who do not yet know the stories of the Bible and the Love of God. Please contact either Faye Schill or myself and we will put you to work for the Lord. So, as always, please keep all these ministries in your prayers.

Finally, there is one last thing I would like to mention. Hopefully, you get this newsletter on time, our office manager Jacqui has pneumonia. So, pray for her also. On Sunday June 4th, immediately following the worship, Peace will hold a "PPP meeting," (Peace Pow-Wow and Pot-luck) to update everyone on what is happening and try to answer questions people may have regarding all that is in this letter. Another topic that will be addressed is a decision regarding our property insurance. It has gotten to the point of insanity, \$33,000 per year, giving us little choice but to remove the coverage for hurricane damage, keeping our basic property coverage and bringing the insane number down to approximately \$10,000 per year. I've been told by a few of our long-time members that Peace has never filed an insurance claim. Wow, that's a lot of wasted money. But what if? So, join us this Sunday for this discussion and then put on the old feed bag and walk next door and pig out on a good ole fashion pot-luck. Good food and great fellowship. Like I said earlier, what better way to start a week.

As Porky Pig says, "That's all Folks!" Long letter but some good fishing going on at Peace Lutheran.

In Christian Love,

Pastor David Trexler



I was in London, England last month for the coronation of King Charles III. It was a thoroughly Christian event, with Bible words threaded through it from beginning to end. Here are just a few:



King Charles is welcomed 'in the name of the King of Kings, responding, 'In His name and after His example, I come not to be served but to serve.' See Revelation 19:16 and Matthew 20:28.

The King prays a personal prayer. It reflects the theme of service, and uses the language of Galatians 5 and Proverbs 3:17.

The Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, reads Colossians 1:9–17, in which Paul speaks of the supremacy of Christ.

Luke 4:16–21, Jesus stands up to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth about healing for the broken-hearted and freedom for the captives.

The 'Veni Creator', known in English as '*Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire*' is sung in English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic and Irish Gaelic. It refers to the 'sevenfold gifts' of the Spirit found in Isaiah 11:2.

The anthem 'Zadok the priest' is sung, with words from 1 Kings 1; a blessing from the Archbishop references Psalm 45:7, Psalm 90:17 and 2 Peter 1:11.

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More blessings include words from Numbers 6:24–26 ('The LORD bless you and keep you ...') followed by an anthem using verses from Psalm 61.

As the King is crowned, the Archbishop says, 'May that same God, whose throne endures forever, establish your throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast for evermore' – a reference to Psalm 89:14.

The service closes with the Eucharist, beginning with the hymn 'Christ is made the sure foundation'. lots of Bible references, including 1 Corinthians 11, Revelation 4, and the Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13. It concludes with the hymn 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven', based on Psalm 103; an anthem from Psalm 21; and the Te Deum, an ancient Christian prayer.

What an awesome experience—to realize that the beautiful language of God’s word—the heart of Christian worship and devotion—is woven into the historical fabric of a British culture and ethics much like our own.

Praise God, the King of Kings! “In His name and after His example, we come not to be served but to serve!”

Tom



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

The dates for Vacation Bible School have been set for July 17th through July 21st for children between the ages of 4 to 11. This will run in the mornings throughout the week and with help from In Seasons Ministries and Lifeline Academy School. We focus on children in this neighborhood and member’s children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

This year’s theme is “**God’s Living Water**” and has Bible stories such as; Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus washing the disciples’ feet and Thousands believe in Jesus. These lessons will be mixed with songs, crafts and games helping to cement the lessons.

There is also snack time. A list of items we need for snack time will be in the narthex for people to sign up to bring. Please wait for July to begin bringing items.

Pastor David did such a wonderful job last year we asked him to help again leading the opening and closing each day.

We still need escorts and people to help with registration. Speak with the undersigned if you can help.

Faye Schill

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Treasurer's Report

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

As you can see below, in April our expenses were \$7,294.79 more than our income. This isn't a good trend for any church. Many churches are feeling the aftereffects of Covid. People just got out of the habit and found other things to do on a Sunday morning in Florida.

I feel blessed every Sunday when I see my church family attending Peace Lutheran, listening to the readings and Pastor's message, and sharing Holy Communion. God bless those that attend and those that can't make it to church. We are the children of God and our mission is spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

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.

Please keep Peace Lutheran Church members and finances in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Faye Schill, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Funds April 2023

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$12,551.00	\$62,609.79	\$65,205.68
Loose Contributions & Other	\$1,149.00	\$3,528.24	\$6,289.32
Use of Facilities	\$2,110.00	\$8,725.00	\$10,666.68
Total Income	\$15,810.00	\$74,863.03	\$82,161.68
Expenses	\$23,104.79	\$79,752.85	\$82,161.68

Excess Expense for April 2023: \$7,294.79
Excess Expense for YTD: \$4,889.82
(Total Monthly Expense less Monthly Income)

The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (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.



BRADLEY, Theresa & Scott (28) 06/10
 ARNDT, Steven & Luisa (40) 06/11
 FLAHERTY, David & Janet (40) 06/11
 LAPLANTE, Christian & Dina (16) 06/13



(numbers of years married)



SMITH, Scott 06/01	COOK, Sally 06/13
SANDBERG, Shayne 06/03	RAMSEY, Sue 06/13
MITCHELL, Judy 06/04	COTTON, Rosita 06/19
CLIFFORD, Greg 06/09	HARVEY, Celeste 06/19
TROTTER, June 06/09	SCHILL, Faye 06/19
BAKER, Kelly 06/11	O'BRIEN, Charlene 06/28
BRADLEY, Scott 06/13	



Marta T. Rodriguez	June Trotter	Pastor David & Sandy Trexler	Karl Bromm
Don Hoffman	Ariel Cook	Gary Witter	Paul Bickford
Gwen Newberry	Manuel Rodriguez	Carolyn Tarkka	Sally Christensen
Lori Deaton	David Flaherty	Helga Bromm	Frank Miller
Ryan Dasinger	Viola Forrester	Phyllis Dale	Sally Cook
Rick Pellecchia	Gary Gossett, Jr.	Bill & Nancy Love	Suzie McKeny
Ann Beardslee	Dan Rank	Christian LaPlante	Megan O'Neal
Jacqueline Darby	David Pinkerton	Matt Parks	
Debbie Parks	Maliaka Singleton	Betsy Witter	

EXTRA! EXTRA!



Donations Needed

We are in need of **Kitchen Towels** for our Fellowship Hall. If you have any towels that you can donate, please leave them in the Narthex or bring to the church office.

Thank You!

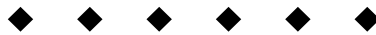


CDC Guidance for Faith Based Organizations

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



Celebration of life/Community Outreach



In Honor of Jeremiah Khyree Brown



Saturday, June 10, 2023

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Peace Lutheran Church
Reverend David Trexler, Pastor
1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905

Theme: Chosen To Do The Will Of The Father

Matthew 22:14 "Many are called, but few are chosen"

This is a free Community event.
All are invited to attend.





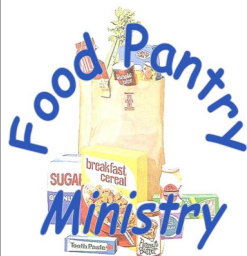
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	29 Memorial Day! Office Closed! 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	30 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo - WWI Room	31 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 2:00pm Stamp Club FH	2 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	3 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
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Bits & Pieces

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

Or visit us on our website
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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
Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,
Norfolk, VA
1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,
E. Africa



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PLEASE NOTE:

AMAZON HAS DISCONTINUED THEIR AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM AS OF FEBRUARY 2023. THEREFORE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHOOSE 'PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PB' TO DONATE WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASES ON AMAZON ANY LONGER.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO PEACE IN THE PAST, WHEN YOU PURCHASED FROM AMAZON..

GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!

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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



Saturday Night
**CASUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**
EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM

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PALM BAY, FL

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