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

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Dear Friends through Christ:

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

April was like a whirlwind, blowing the days by like leaves falling from the tree. Poof, it is over. Man, how time flies. All I can say is cherish every single day.

This month I presided over three funerals: **Susan Marie Hall, Frederick Dale and Arfst Lorenzen**. One of the ministries Peace offers is a time and a place to gather with family and friends to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brothers and sisters who have died, to give thanks for their life, to commend them to our merciful redeemer and comfort one another in our grief. The Memorial/Celebration of Life/Funeral is an important step in the healing process for most families. The church, with the proclamation of Christ Jesus life, death and resurrection, is the only message that can give these families hope. While all three of these saints and sinners had long wonderful lives, I'm quite certain, at least for the families, it was not long enough. Poof, it is over. Man, how time flies. All I can say is, cherish every single day.

This month also included Holy Week and Easter. On Palm Sunday we had a beautiful service with a baptism and first communion. Two worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and for the first time in my twenty-five years of ministry, we hosted an outdoor Easter Sunrise service, followed by a full breakfast. We closed out Holy Week with a spectacular Easter worship. Peace Lutheran Church touched the lives of many people during the month of April, but our work never ends.

Now we come to May and our task remains to touch the lives of those around us. Two of the ways we hope to do this in the month of May, are through Shepherd Center classes and having a food drive for Second Harvest.

Shepherd Center of South Brevard, Inc., will be offering enrichment classes to our community every Thursday during the month of May, from 9AM to Noon. The classes include: **Helping Our Local Environment; Astronomy—Making Sense of the Cosmos; Florida Shells; From Root to Trees—Researching Family Background; Musical History Tour; The Holy Bible; German for Travelers**. A person can enroll for all three hours for only \$20, which simply covers the cost of the program. It is a wonderful way for many of our seniors to get out and exercise their mind.

Also, during the month of May, Peace will host a Food & Fund Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, helping to combat the food insecurity problem in our community. Food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. country have experienced food insecurity this year.

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This problem had been steadily falling throughout this great nation, but with the health crisis and economic instability, new estimates point to what could be the worst we have seen in years. Nearly 25% of all household in this country have experienced food insecurity this year. Imagine for a moment, with all that is going on in your life, now add to those worries, “What are going to eat today? How are we going to pay for it?” Folks, it is the least we can do, making sure our brothers and sister in Christ don’t have to struggle with the basic necessity of food.

Within this newsletter, you will find a list of needed items from Second Harvest. There will also be extra flyers in the narthex of Peace, so you can share what is needed with your family and friends who may not come to church, but still want to help. Pick these items up when you shop and bring them to church on Sunday or stop by during the week and drop them off. I’m hoping/praying that our small congregation can cover a large portion of the narthex floor this month with items needed to help feed those in our midst.

May will fly by just like April. Poof, it will be over. We simply need to cherish every single day and touch the lives of as many people as possible with the gospel of Christ Jesus.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

In Christian Love,

Pastor David Trexler



It’s been an interesting month since our last newsletter. I returned from my annual fishing trip in Guatemala: I’m always impressed (and somewhat remorseful) at the college-aged people on our flights, flying to Guatemala to perform mission work—not exactly how I remember spending my college spring breaks. Brenda and I just returned from a fun trip to Utah; two weeks surrounded by well-groomed ski slopes and snow-capped mountains. We walked among the awesome wonders of nature that God fashioned at Arches and Canyonlands National Parks.

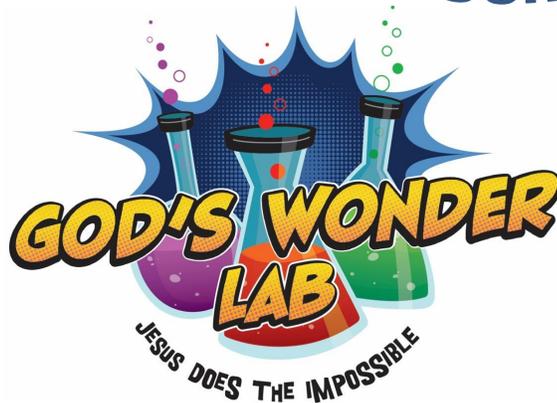


We attended Holy Week services at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church in Park City—even enjoyed a good, old fashioned potluck after services on Easter Sunday. Our last stop prior to returning home was the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, where we learned the remarkable story of how an American state of the Union emerged from the hard scrabble settlements and communities formed by pioneers: farmers, miners, hunters and religious refugees—remarkably, it all happened within 175 years.

In the past 30 days, I’ve observed the grinding poverty of Guatemala’s dusty villages and the luxury mountain homes surrounding Park City. It’s tempting and way too easy to sit back and count my own blessings and lack of desperate circumstances—an American, living in a comfortable home, plenty to eat, able to travel freely from coast to coast and sea to shining sea. Surrounded by loving friends and family. I’ll pray for those not as blessed and reach out to them as God inspires and empowers me to do so.

Tom Accola

Vacation Bible School



We are planning VBS for this summer on **July 11 -15, 2022** from 9:00AM – 12:30PM. Our theme is **“God’s Wonder Lab, Jesus Does the Impossible.”** Please invite those children and grandchildren around you.

The noisy offering collected in April, will help with funding the VBS (VBS material, art supplies, snacks, etc.). Thank you for your donations. If you wish to give to our VBS program for food, material, art work, or supplies, just write ‘VBS’ on your check or envelope and the amount you wish to give.

We have gotten help from our sister church, In-Season Ministry, for teachers and helpers. We still need your help. We need volunteers to escort children from room to room, restrooms, and make sure the children are safely with their parents at the end of the day. This is a huge undertaking for our small congregation and the more shoulders we have doing the heavy lifting, the load will be less for all. We all would like to see more children in our church hearing the word of God. This is our opportunity to show our love for the Lord and for children in our community.

Please speak to Rick or Henrietta Pellecchia (321-725-6790) or Faye Schill (321-327-7559) if you wish to help in any way.

Matthew 18 1-5 **“At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”**



Easter Sunday: We had a wonderful time during our Easter Pancake Breakfast, which was enjoyed by 25 people after the Easter Sunrise Service on April 17th. Pancakes, Sausage, Egg Casserole and Fresh Fruit along with orange juice and coffee was served. Thank you to **Mark Grice** for his expert pancake flipping. Volunteers **Gabby, Mark, Stephanie, Lou and Sandy** contributed to the success. Thank you!

Frederick Dale Celebration of Life Service was attended by 68 family and friends. The family catered in most of the meal, but salads and desserts were provided by: **Yonna, Nancy, Stephanie, Sandy, Henrietta, the Arndt's and the Thompsons**. Thank you to the volunteers: **Stephanie, Lou, Faye, Yonna and Sandy**.

Arfst Lorenzen Celebration of Life Service was attended by 52 family and friends. The family provided a sandwich tray and members provided salads and desserts: **Yonna, Barb H, Stephanie, Carolyn, Louisa, Sandy, the Neuman's, Miriam, Don**. Thanks to volunteers **Yonna, Steve and Sandy**.

Coffee Hour after our 10:00AM service continues with the help of **Terry Z and Susan L**.

Treasurer's Report

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We should hear something from Thrivent regarding our refinance soon.

The AC unit for our renter, TLC Energy Consultants, was replaced at the end of April, at the cost of \$4,900. One of the AC units on the west side of the sanctuary is not working so it may seem a little warm in the sanctuary until we can have that replaced. The congregational meeting set for May 15th will hopefully approve that replacement cost at \$6,285. If you wish to give additional monies toward AC repair, mark your envelope or check "Major Repair Fund" (Fund 13) or AC repair. Our FPL bill was \$300 more in April than March due to this bad AC unit.

Our noisy offering is going to a different worthy cause each month. March noisy offering for the Food Pantry raised \$174. April noisy offering supported our Vacation Bible School Program. May noisy offering will be directed to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine.

We will begin taking donations for the Coffee and Fellowship Fund to replenish kitchen supplies. I know we have not been asking for donations during coffee/fellowship for three years, but to afford coffee and other supplies we need to put the donation baskets out again. Also, if you are thankful for the Panera bread and goodies, you could throw in a couple of bucks to show your gratitude. The bread and goodies are well worth that.

Please keep Peace Lutheran Church members and finances in your prayers. Call or email me with any questions.

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

Treasurer's Report of General Funds March 2022
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	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Contributions	\$8,545.00	\$51,401.03	\$45,450.00
Loose Contributions	\$140.00	\$374.64	\$3,900.00
Other	\$13.78	\$97.44	\$750.00
Use of Facilities	\$2,575.00	\$8,470.00	\$12,000.00
Total Income	\$11,273.78	\$60,373.11	\$62,100.00
Expenses	\$19,453.22	\$55,755.92	\$62,100.00

Excess Expenses for March 2022: -\$8,179.44

Excess Income for YTD 2022: \$4,587.19

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.



BICKFORD, William & Lori Stottlemire (68) 05/01
 GENRE-BERT, Ben (33) 05/07
 FERENZ, Ed & Clare (25) 05/09
 HARMON, Joe & Barb (44) 05/09
 SANDBERG, Amber (17) 05/21
 WRIGHT, Kenneth & Emily (8) 05/28
 WAINIKAINEN, Paul & Donna (40) 05/29



(numbers are years married)



CRUMP, Linda 05/01
 SIENKIEWICZ, Jamie 05/02 LEINTHALL, Becky 05/14
 CLIFFORD, Gail 05/03 DITOTA, Bob 05/16
 DUCOTE, Mitcheal 05/04 RING, James 05/16
 SOUCY, Nancy 05/04 RING, Mary 05/16
 TREXLER, David Rev. 05/05 ZASTROW, Debbie 05/21
 RING, Morrigan 05/06 FERENZ, Clare 05/23
 NELSON, Ronald 05/07 TALLAU, Brita 05/24
 DREHER, Shane 05/09 O'BRIEN, Michael 05/26
 PELLECCIA, Richard 05/11 MOLESKI, Debra 05/29
 COOPER, David 05/12
 HATON, Nancy 05/13



Susan Hildebrand	David Brunner, Sr.	Gary Gossett	Dan Rank
Gwen Newberry	Ann Beardslee	Molly Gossett	David Pinkerton
Lori Deaton	Marta T. Rodriguez	June Trotter	Pastor David & Sandy Trexler
Ryan Dasinger	Don Hoffman	Ron Nelson	Carolyn Tarkka
Jensen Youngs	Betty Sheller	Ariel Cook	Helga Bromm
Rick Pellecchia	Bill Leinthall	Manuel Rodriguez	Phyllis Dale
	Rebecca Leinthall	David Flaherty	Bill & Nancy Love
	Bob Ruscoe	Viola Forrester	Christian LaPlante
	Tonita Diaz	Mickael Chadwick	
	Theresa Bradley	Gary Gossett, Jr.	

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



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. Seeeeee ya tomorrow!



Good News!

Shepherd's Center
of South Brevard, Inc
Adventures in Learning



As of March 24, 2022 the Shepherd's Center of South Brevard has successfully completed a 4 week session of its Adventure in Learning Program. The program took place at Peace Lutheran Church on 1801 Port Malabar Blvd. in Palm Bay, FL. and was the first (hopefully in a series of many) after the Pandemic.

The next session will begin **May 5 through May 26, 2022**. The new brochures have been mailed to those whose addresses we have on file. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please call 321-209-1619, and leave your name, mailing address, and phone number. If you have a computer call the same number leave your name, phone number and spell out your email address.

Our new program offers old favorite and new classes, you can find the information on our website: shepherdcenterofsb.org.

Peace Lutheran Church is a sponsoring congregation, and we are grateful for their generous support. If you would like to know more about the Shepherd's Center, contact Helga Bromm at 321-724-1365.

See you in May at Peace Lutheran Church, 1801 Port Malabar Blvd., Palm Bay, FL. for a new and exiting Adventure in Learning.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida



Thank you for helping those in need!

Critical Need Items	
Meals in a Can	Canned Veggies
Nonfat Dry Milk	Canned Soup
Oatmeal	Pasta/Macaroni
Canned Meats/Poultry	Canned Fruit
Evaporated Milk	Rice
Drinks	Beef
Canned Tuna	Stew
Nutritional Drinks	Baby Food
Dry Beans	

Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry

is having a Food & Fund Drive!

When: Month of MAY

Contact: Pastor David Trexler

For more information call:
Mindy Ortiz | mortiz@feedhopenow.org | 407-514-1043



411 Mercy Drive, Orlando, FL 32805 Phone: 407-295-1066 www.FeedHopeNow.org



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	2 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	3 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	4 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00 AM Shepherd Ctr Class 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 2:00 PM Stamp Club - FH	6 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 6:00 PM Life Line Academy - FH 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	7 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch
8 – Happy Mother’s Day 4th Sunday of Easter 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	9 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	10 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Council Meeting	11 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 9:00 AM Shepherd Ctr Class 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	13 9:00 AM Garden Club 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	14 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch
15 5th Sunday of Easter 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Special Congregational Mtg 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	16 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	17 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	18 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 9:00 AM Shepherd Ctr Class 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	20 11:00 AM Meals on Wheels Luncheon - FH 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	21 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 1:00 PM Jacuzzi’s Event - FH
22 6th Sunday of Easter 8:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	23 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	24 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	25 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	26 9:00 AM Shepherd Ctr Class 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch	27 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	28 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch
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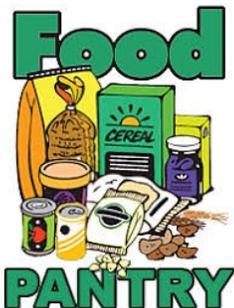
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Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway 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—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,
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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—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 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



May the Lord
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

May the Lord
MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU

May the Lord
TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE

Numbers 6:24-26

