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Dear Friends through Christ:

Sixty-five years ago, at the age of two months, I made my very first journey to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. In 1956, Myrtle Beach was a dot on the map, with a population of 10,000.

Today, she has a population of 400,000 and provides memories to over 20,000,000 vacationers annually. Wow! What happened to Myrtle Beach?

My father, Rev. Floyd Columbus Trexler, passed his love for the ocean directly to his son at an early age. Every single year for the first eighteen of my life, the Trexler clan packed their bags on top of the car, piled in with four kids, whatever dogs, drove from wherever we happened to live, and went camping at the Ponderosa Campground in Myrtle Beach, for the entire month of July. (July was a slow time for the church even back then.) Mom and dad in one tent, my two sisters in another, and then me and my little brother. From the time I can remember—ages eight to eighteen—I would be up bright and early with my dad. Basically, every day for a month, we would venture into the back waters, netting tons of shrimp. Then spending the rest of day at one of the most beautiful sites in God's good creation, the point where the inlet meets the ocean, catching fish after fish. You name it, we caught it. My job after a full day of fishing was to scale all those fish. Dad would carefully filet every single one of them. Later that evening, my mom would fry up a mess of fish, basically for anybody in the whole campground, until they were gone. Over time, dad became known as the Mayor of Ponderosa Campground, at least for the month of July.

These are some of my fondest memories. It was like, "Heaven on Earth."

Every year, for the past sixty-five years, I have returned to Myrtle Beach with my ever changing family for that same pilgrimage and much needed vacation, putting aside all the worries and cares and spending quality time with those who matter most—at least for a week.

Yet this beautiful virgin beach from 1956 is not the same. For starters it is no longer a campground, but a beautiful eighteen story luxury resort, surrounded by homes, starting at prices I can only dream about. Much of the marsh land my dad and I explored are now some of the most unique shopping and dining experiences, actually built on stilts, sitting right on top of what used to be our endless supply of free bait. Sure it's not the same.

But even today, when I go to the point where the inlet meets the ocean, when I stand in the same spot my mother held me as a newborn, stand in the same spot I fished for hours with my dad, and I look out on what is still one of the most beautiful sites in God's good creation, my Lord and Savior creates new fond memories, and once again it is like, "Heaven on Earth."

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While I am a firm believer that everybody needs at least one good vacation each year, I am even more passionate about setting aside one day of rest each and every week, a mini-vacation, where we put aside all the worries and cares, spending quality time with those who matter most, God and family. This one day a week, reflecting on the beauty of God's good creation, returning to the point of the Cross, through Word and Sacrament, gives me the comfort and strength to continue my journey, with a bounce in my step and a smile on my face, regardless of the circumstances.

Sure the church has changed and she is not the same since the pandemic, but I'm not too worried about her future, because sooner or later people will return. We as a human race can take only so much before we need a vacation, a break.

What better place to be refreshed than to stand in the exact place where your Creator held you in His arms and named you as a child in the waters of baptism? What better place to spend time with your Heavenly Dad, looking out on what is still a good creation, with new fond memories created? What better place to explore and get a weekly glimpse of "Heaven on Earth?"

People will eventually return to church, because she is still one of the most beautiful sites in the world, a place where God and humanity meet. In the meantime, let's return to the initial question of "What happened to Myrtle Beach?" And folks, it is so very simple. Myrtle Beach offered a wonderful place to take a break from the rat race of life. Then people, just like myself, took those beautiful memories and shared them with others, and that dot on the map became one of the nation's top vacation resorts.

And you know what? We can do the same right here at Peace Lutheran, because everybody needs a vacation, eventually.

In Christian Love,

Pastor David Trexler



The summer went by too quickly in the Food Pantry. The weeks just flew by. Some of our volunteers got to travel and one got a new full time job. During June, July and August we had many visits from some of our own grandchildren.



Three granddaughters were working on their service hours for high school graduation and they came every week. After we closed at 11, they went over and helped with Meals on Wheels, also. They were so responsible and a huge help. We really missed them when school started again.

One 5 yr. old came all the way from Arizona to visit her grandfather. While here, she wanted go to Sea World, see an alligator and visit where her grandpa gives food to people and meet his friends. She helped us do many little tasks while she visited. What a cutie!

The O'Brien grandkids and some of their friends also helped several times. They went to pick up WaWa donations on Fridays and packed food again on Tuesdays. They remembered years ago in Children's Church when the whole class would sometimes shelf the cans and boxes of food in the Pantry with their MeMe.

It was a good feeling to once again be around teenagers and children who were learning about giving service to a ministry at Peace. The church needs ministries that children can be involved in. They need to learn about acts of service. It was a joy to have that opportunity for a little while this past summer.

PLEASE NOTE

If you want to be taken off the newsletter mailing, please send an email to the church office at: office@peacelutheranpb.org or you can call: (321)727-3131

Thank you!

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★ Blessing of the Animals ★
OCTOBER 3, 2021
3PM – 5PM



Join us for Regular Worship Sunday Services!
Our service hours are:
9:00AM & 11:00AM



Lile-Line Screenings will be at Peace Lutheran Church (in the Fellowship Hall) on:

Monday, October 11, 2021

They go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plague build-up. All 5 screenings for \$139

There are 3 ways to register:

Call Toll-free: (1-866-229-0469)

Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Text: the word **CIRCLE** to 797979

Treasurer's Report

I'm doing my best to keep expenses in check. You can help maintain our budget by keeping up your tithe/ offering to the Lord. I hate to use the profits from our recent sale of property to cover our monthly expenses. I leave this in His and your hands.

Our noisy offering is going to different good causes each month. The August noisy offering raised \$145.50 for Family Promise of Brevard which helps families with minor children. During September we will raise monies for the ELCA Seminary.

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

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

Treasurer's Report of General Funds

August 2021

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$10,756.40	\$119,382.31	\$130,000.00
Sale of Property/Other		\$162,553.63	
Use of Facilities	\$3,115.00	\$23,005.00	\$26,000.00
Total Income	\$13,871.40	\$340,940.94	\$167,800.00
Expenses	\$24,818.04	\$139,973.39	\$167,800.00

Excess Expense for August 2021 is: (\$10,946.64)
(Total Monthly Income less Monthly Expenses)

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!



BROMM, Karl & Helga (58)	10/04
MCKENY, Suzie & Dale (55)	10/15
WAGMAN, Cindy & Dan (35)	10/18
DUCOTE, Ginger & Mitcheal (3)	10/20



(numbers are years married)



ARNDT, Luisa	10/02	POORAN, Steve	10/10
MCKENY, Suzie	10/04	TREXLER, Sandra	10/10
WAINIKAINEN, Laura	10/04	BROMM, Helga	10/13
COOPER, Sally	10/06	BACHTEL, Harvey	10/15
LORENZEN, Arfst	10/06	WAINIKAINEN, Donna	10/23
LAPLANTE, Dina	10/07	WITTER, Betsy	10/30
PINKERTON, Wanda	10/08	WAGMAN, Cindy	10/31



Susan Hildebrand	Gloria Jones	Tonita Rodriguez	Ginger DuCote
Gwen Newberry	Rick Pellecchia	Theresa Bradley	Viola Forrester
Lori Deaton	David Brunner, Sr.	Gary Gossett	Mickael Chadwick
Ryan Dasinger	Ann Beardslee	June Trotter	Gary Gossett, Jr.
Mary Norwood	Maita Rodriguez	Ron Nelson	Dan Rank
	Don Hoffman	Ariel Cook	David Pinkerton
	Betty Sheller	Carolyn Tarkka	Larry Cannen
	Bill Leinthall	Manolo Rodriguez	
	Bob Ruscoe	David Flaherty	

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.**



Shepherd Center News

A note from the Board of Directors of the Shepherd Center of South Brevard,

On behalf of all of us, we wish to express our gratitude to Pastor David Trexler, the members of the Council of PLC and the many volunteers (you know who you are) who made it possible for us to return to our roots. We are grateful for the generous support from Pastor Trexler, and the willingness of the Council to grant us the use of the office space. (And to prepare the room for us as well, as even moving our "stuff" into it made my heart sing). There are still good people in this cooky world, I don't have to look far to find them. Thank you very much.

Due to the grim COVID19 DELTA situation all over the US and particularly here in Brevard, the decision has been made to postpone the fall session (October 2021) until January or even February 2022. We will keep everyone who is on our e-mail list informed; those of you who don't have e-mail can check us out on-line under **www.Shepctrofsb.org**.

Until then, stay well.

With blessings,

Mary Anne McMillen, President,

Helga Bromm, Vice President

Mary Beth Moseley, Secretary

Rick Rakauskas, Treasurer

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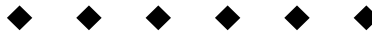


The idea is to spread the Love of God and the stories of the Bible through short entertaining messages over the phone.

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!



Tara Pagliarini, MSW
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Peace Lutheran!

Thank you for your generous
support during our Annual Appeal!
Your donations will help families
stabilize and work towards
economic growth and mobility.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Tara. 😊

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	27 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	28 9:00 AM FOOD PANTRY 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	29 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	30 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA	1 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA 8:45 PM Panera Pickup	2 12:00 PM Brown Bag Bunch - AA
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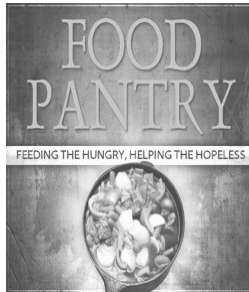
Bits & Pieces

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Or visit us on our website
www.peacelutheranpb.org



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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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

