

March, 2016

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of Peace Lutheran Church,

We have entered the season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, as we remember the suffering, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The name Lent comes from an Old English Word, which means "spring." Originally Lent was a period of fasting and penitence to cover the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter not counting Sundays. Because it was a period of fasting, the tradition of giving something up for Lent originated.

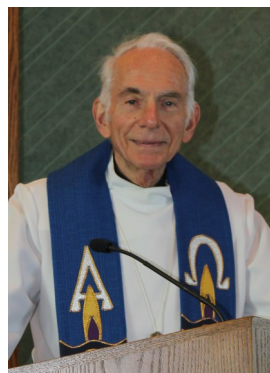
The period of Lent probably originated from the 40 day period Jesus spent in the wilderness, led there by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by the devil. Jesus had to face Satan, the god of this world, in order to redeem us. He had to succeed where Adam failed.

If Christ could triumph over Satan, then He could begin His ministry to announce the Kingdom of God and finally to pay for the

iniquity of the human race with His life. Jesus has become the new Adam, or as the Bible calls him, the Last Adam, representing the human race before God. Being the only begotten Son of God, the human race has a wonderful representative in the courts of heaven.

Because of the high cost of our redemption, we have the opportunity to enter into this period of preparation and remembrance by attending the Wednesday Lenten Services at 7 p.m. preceded by the Soup and Bread Suppers at 5:30 p.m.

- Pastor Ron Schmidt



INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR  
RON SCHMIDT

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### Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m.—12 p.m.

### Pastoral Contact Info:

Rev. Ronald Schmidt  
Interim Senior Pastor  
Phone: (H) 983-2590

### Audio/Video Requests:

For Audio CD call:  
Josh Lochner 429-4415  
For Video DVD call:  
Jim Damaske 428-0711

### Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

*Sunday*  
9 a.m. Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Children's Church  
10:15 a.m. Worship

*Tuesday*  
7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

*Wednesday*  
6 p.m. Bible Study  
7 p.m. - Worship

*Thursday*  
8 a.m. Men's Ministry  
9 a.m. LWR Quilters  
7 p.m. Choir

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## Let's Break Bread Together!

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Soup, Sandwiches and Dessert 5:30-6:30 p.m.**



**Easter Breakfast 9-10 a.m.**

**Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you can help bring items for these special meals.**

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes Monday, February 15, 2016

**Meeting began: 6:07**

Opening prayer: given by Sherri Nitz

Council Members present: Kevin Kunst, Jerry Pliley, Josh Lochner, Karen Richardville, Karen Coffey, Pastor Schmidt, Sherri Nitz

Council Members absent: Bev So, Mark Carpenter

Approval of Agenda: Jerry Pliley motion to accept, Karen Coffey 2nd, motion approved.

Final review of January 2016 council minutes – approved by e-mail.

Council Special Meeting February 7, 2016, minutes – approved by e-mail.

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Interim Treasurer Shawn Cahill  
Budget loaded into QuickBooks.  
Communication in progress with Tri-County dealing with Quarter 2 withholding payment.

Old Business:  
“When God Left the Building” – tabled.  
“Direct Mail” – tabled, Amy also corresponding with another company.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Worship & Music – see e-mail blast.

Property - \$1600.00 quote to update alarm system – work has been done at a cost of \$1275.00, thanks to Jerry Pliley being available to workers to keep cost down. Moving furniture in Amy’s office.

Education – no report.

Fellowship – see e-mail blast. Welcome to new

### **Church Council:**

Kevin Kunst, President 269-428-3463	Karen Coffey 269-429-6288
Sherri Nitz, Vice President 269-422-1739	Josh Lochner 269-429-4415
Beverly So, Secretary 269-556-9076	Jerry Pliley 269-921-0441
Treasurer— <b>OPEN</b>	Karen Richardville 269-429-3484
Mark Carpenter 269-429-4766	

member Christine Bennett. Fellowship committee discussed plans for summertime events – information to follow in the future.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor’s agreement signed for interim period. NALC convocation in August – Amy to look into early sign-up discounts.

### **New Business:**

Open Treasurer Position (Change Signatories) – discussion on open position.

Approval of signatories for President, Vice, President and Interim Treasurer and bank debit card for Office Administrator: Signatory power for check signing for Kevin Kunst, Sherri Nitz and Shawn Cahill – Karen Coffey motion, Jerry Pliley 2nd, motion approved.

Remove Jennifer Dohm and Denise Emery Bermudez from signing powers – Karen Richardville motion, Josh Lochner 2nd, motion approved.

Debit card for Office Administrator (Amy Cahill) – Karen Coffey motion, Karen Richardville 2nd, motion approved.

NALC Congregational Report – Amy Cahill and Pastor Schmidt will work on this.

Call Committee report – February 18th will be first meeting. Will look at previous congregational survey. Will look at previous church profile. Work on setting up 45 minute orientation session with Pastor Wendell. Compensation discussion. PLC Church Profile (previous) – to be distributed to Council to review.

Motion to Adjourn: Jerry Pliley at 7:50.  
Meeting closed with Lord’s Prayer.



# Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 19**  
**at Peace Lutheran Church**  
**3590 Lincoln Ave, St. Joseph**

**1 p.m.**

**More than 1,000 Eggs to Hunt**

**Treat Bags for Every Child**

**Interactive Resurrection Eggs**

**Snacks and a Photo Booth**

**Bring Your Own Basket!**

**To Register, please contact Peace Lutheran Church at 556-7000 or visit our Facebook Page at Peace Lutheran Church NALC.**



***To Make this Event a Success, we need your support!***

- *Please sign-up to help with the event on the bulletin board!*
- *Please visit Peace's Facebook page at Peace Lutheran Church NALC and share the event with your Facebook friends.*
- *Please print copies of this flier at [www.peacelutheranstjoe.org](http://www.peacelutheranstjoe.org) and distribute them throughout the community.*
- *Please invite your friends, neighbors and grandchildren to attend.*



## **2016 Church Council**

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## **2016 Call Committee**

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## **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

On Feb. 7, Council named Shawn Cahill, Norma Carpenter, Pat Nose, Louise Solak, Jim Steinbauer and Chuck Wilson to the Call Committee.

The Call Committee had its first meeting Feb. 18. At the meeting, the committee established a group e-mail for congregation members to use to contact all committee members.

The committee also reached out to Dr. Wendell at the NALC to begin the synod's formal training program for call committees. The committee also reviewed the call documents from the prior call process and decided to do some updating. To help with that process, the committee is asking the congregation to provide them with a list of Peace's top five ministry needs and questions they would like the committee to ask candidates.

The committee will meet again the first week of March or when Dr. Wendell schedules the training session.

## **Lenten Donations: Personal Care Kits**

Each week of Lent members are asked to bring one of the five items needed for LWR Personal Care Kits, which are distributed all over the world to people in crisis. Cash/Scrip donations also accepted.

March 6—Metal Nail Clippers (large or small)  
March 13—Bath Towel (Full Size)

March 20—Any of the previous items





## THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP AND OTHER FUNDRAISERS!

The year 2015 was an especially good year for membership participation in fund-raising efforts at Peace. Whether you purchased Easter or Christmas plants for the Sanctuary, plants for your garden, Super Books for year-round savings or participated in the weekly Scrip program, your participation is appreciated so much. The chart below shows the results of your participation.

### FUNDRAISER

Barbott Bedding Plant Sale

Easter Plants 2015

Super Books 2015

Christmas Poinsettias

Scrip 2015

**Total**

### REBATE EARNED

\$ 90.50 + \$956.75 in unsold 2015 Certificates

\$ 81.27

\$ 402.45

\$ 112.00

\$ 5,518.21

**\$ 6,204.43 + \$956.75 unsold Certificates**

All proceeds from these programs are designated as money to be set aside for use by the Major Repairs Fund. It is comforting to know that, as a group, we are putting aside money for use in those large, unexpected repairs and improvements which are not included in the annual budget. When repairs to the roof, parking lot, heating and/or cooling system arise, we will be in a much better position to handle them thanks to your ongoing support of these programs.

## JOIN THE FUN - ADD TO THE RESULTS - JOIN THE SCRIP TEAM!

**SCRIP**  
funny word... easy fundraising

2015 was a great year for Scrip participation at Peace! We had over 40 active participants who generated \$5,518.21 in rebates for the church. There were 9,795 cards purchased at a cost of \$134,081.00.

Those purchases produced the above \$5,518.21 overall rebate! It doesn't matter how big or small your purchases are! They all add up! We all need groceries and gas and love to eat out! Try Scrip for these things if you don't already participate! Start small... one 'let's go out to eat' card a month may be a good way to start!

All rebates earned are tax-deductible if you itemize on your taxes. If you itemize and have not picked up your rebate sheet, please contact Sharon Schmidt to get it. You merely add this total to the amount on your contribution statement from Peace when you do your taxes!

Some of the larger tax-deductible rebates earned by participants were: \$518.26; \$713.50; and \$1,312.20.

We'd love to participate in those home renovations, repairs and vacations in 2016!

This year folks used great creativity in their purchases.

- Three families took orders from neighbors at Christmas and saved their neighbors the effort of going from store to store for those invaluable 'gift card' Christmas gifts!

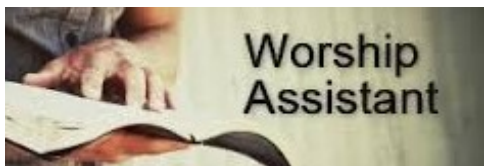
- Four families completed major purchases for repairs and kitchen renovations at their homes by using Lowes Scrip to pay for the projects.

- Several families use Kohl's and Lowes Scrip to pay their credit cards at Kohl's and Lowes. This way they benefitted from the promotions available at the store by using the store's card, but paid their bill with Scrip.

- One family took a trip to Disney World on Scrip. It was easy to do and the cards were easily used. No cash needed in the park!

- One family had its workplace purchase Scrip cards as Holiday gifts for each employee.

- One snow-bird family purchased large numbers of cards to use at restaurants and other facilities while they are away all winter.



# SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP

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## Serving this Month:

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Ron Schmidt

**Organist:** Maria Tallman

**Choir:** Sandy Schuermann

**Audio:** Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter

**Video:** Jim Damaske

**Ushers (S):** Nate Tallman, Herb Kroening and Paul Wilson

**(W):** Jerry Pliley

**Communion (S):** Lynn and Lee Hornack

**(W):** Jerry Pliley

**Altar Guild (S):** Nan Hacker & Margaret Schmieding

**(W):** Jerry Pliley

## March 6

**Greeters:** Pat and Frank Nose

**Lector:** Louise Solak

**Fellowship:** open

**Acolyte:** Ainsley Cahill

**Altar Flowers:** open

## March 13

**Greeter:** Bev So

**Lector:** Bev So

**Fellowship:** open

**Acolyte:** Patrick Cahill

**Altar Flowers:** open

## March 20

**Greeters:** Norma and Rich Carpenter

**Lector:** Nan Hacker

**Fellowship:** open

**Acolyte:** Ainsley Cahill and Emily Sorenson

**Altar Flowers:** open

## March 24

**Greeters:** Nan and Larry Hacker

**Soup Supper:** Fellowship Committee

**Acolyte:** open

**Altar Flowers:** open

## March 25

**Greeters:** Greg and Louise Solak

**Acolyte:** open

**Altar Flowers:** open

## March 27

**Greeters:** Ginger and Kevin Kunst

**Lector:** Herb Kroening

**Easter Breakfast:** Fellowship Committee

**Acolyte:** Emily Sorenson and Ainsley Cahill

**Altar Flowers:** open

## THIS MONTH'S READINGS

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### Sun., March 6—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 12:1-6, Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sun., March 13—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126

Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14, Luke 20:9-20

### Sun., March 20—Palm Sunday

Deuteronomy 32:36-39, Psalm 118:19-29

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:1-23; 56

### Thurs., March 24—Maundy Thursday

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 116:12-19

Hebrews 10:15-25, Luke 22:7-20

### Fri., March 25—Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

### Sun., March 27—Resurrection of Our Lord

Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 16

1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12



# Roller Skating Fun with the Youth Group!





# Valentine's Day laughs at D'Agostino's





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9 Bible Studies 10:15 Worship with communion 10:15 Children's	29 9-12 Office Hours	1 9-12 Office Hours 7p Fellowship 7p Prayer Meeting	2 9-12 Office Hours 5:30p Soup Supper 7p Lenten Worship	3 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	4 9-12 Office Hours	5
6 9 Bible Studies 10:15 Worship with communion 10:15 Children's Church	7 9-12 Office Hours	8 9-12 Office Hours 7p Prayer Meeting Election Day	9 9-12 Office Hours 5:30p Soup Supper 7p Lenten Worship	10 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	11 9-12 Office Hours	12
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20 9 Bible Studies 10:15 Worship with Communion	21 9-12 Office Hours 6p Council mtg.	22 9-12 Office Hours 7p Prayer Meeting	23 9-12 Office Hours No Worship	24 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 5:30 Soup 7p Worship	25 9-12 Office Hours 7p Good Friday Service	26
27 9 Easter Breakfast 10:15 Worship with Communion	28 9-12 Office Hours	29 9-12 Office Hours No Prayer Meeting	30 9-12 Office Hours No Bible Study No Worship	31 9-12 Office Hours No Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir		

### **Birthdays**

2 Connie Byers  
2 Cathy Dalrymple  
2 Margaret O'Neill  
2 Gloria Siewert  
3 Colin Bickers  
6 Pat DeSchaaf  
6 Margaret Schmeiding  
9 JT Ponton  
10 Jenna Covert  
13 Haley Kutchie  
14 John Herrman  
15 Jeanine Damaske  
17 Kelly Nitz  
21 Ken Strode  
24 Mark Carpenter

### **Anniversaries**

1 Keith & Jill Chapman

3 Dan & Julie Chubb  
27 Lisa & Todd Ponton

### **Military**

**Brandon M Enders**  
1061 USS Tennessee Ave  
Kings Bay, GA 31547

**OCS Chad Knipschild**  
301 Maple  
Edgewater, MD 21037

**ENS Christian Nitz**  
353 S. Amsterdam Ct  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

**SSgt. Richard Brooks**  
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61205  
APO AS 09309-1205

**Sgt. Gary Smith**  
208 Polson Court  
Raeford, NC 28376

### **Shut-In's**

*To keep our shut-ins safe,  
please call the church office  
for mailing addresses if  
needed.*

**Albert Beebe - member**  
**Dorothy Bennett - member**

**Creston Bruce-member**  
**Mary Dey-member**  
**George Glade-member**  
**Marian Hogue- member**  
**Mary McCune- member**  
**Angela Naines- member**  
**Betty Robbins - member**  
**Sylvia Schlender - member**  
**Gloria Siewert - member**  
**Barbara Southland - member**  
**Ruth Twarucsek - member**

**CHURCH CALENDAR IS LIVE!**  
**VIEW LATEST UPDATES AT**  
**PEACELUTHERANSTJOE.ORG**

## WEATHER-RELATED CLOSINGS...

Facebook is the best resource for closing updates which can be viewed quickly, and can be posted in real time even if the power fails. We also post closing on our web page and report to local broadcast stations 16-WNDU-TV, 22-WSBT-TV, and radio stations including The Coast 98.3, WSJM 94.9, Sport Radio 1400, Rock 107, Y-Country 97.5, COSY-FM 93.7, WAUS 90.7, Oldies 94.3, Cat Country 99.9, and Sunny 101.5. In poor weather conditions we encourage you to be safe and use your best judgment!

"Like" our Facebook page to get updates on closings and other events at Peace. To find our page, just type in the search field at the top of your page: **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC**

Visit our web page also for events, updates, links to current and archive newsletters, the live church calendar, and more. Just enter our web address:

**WWW.PEACELUTHERANSTJOE.ORG**

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**Lenten Services**  
**Wednesdays 7 p.m. March 2-March 16**  
*Soup and Bread Suppers – 5:30-6:30 p.m.*

**Maundy Thursday Services**  
**7 p.m. March 24**  
*Soup and Sandwich Supper – 5:30-6:30 p.m.*

**Good Friday Services**  
**7 p.m. March 25**

**Easter Services**  
**10:15 a.m. March 27**  
*Easter Breakfast 9-10 a.m.*

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