



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

All Saint's Day doesn't come until the first of November, but I want to inform you about a change that is coming.

Peace has had a tradition of reciting the names of those in the congregation who have died in the past year along with names of member's friends/relatives who have died. The solemn recitation of the names is powerful, and the white rose for family members to take home is a lovely symbol. This tradition will continue. Yet this year something new will be added to our observance of All Saints Sunday.

We teach by the Lutheran Confessions that we are both saint and sinner at the same time. We live our lives in the tension between being forgiven and redeemed by God while still acting in ways that are not God-pleasing. Those of us living out our baptismal covenant are saints as well as those who have reached the end of their baptismal journey and who now reside in the fullness of God's glory. Our current

practice focuses exclusively on those who have died. I think it is also important to honor current saints as well.

This year, a small candle will be placed on the altar for each saint who was baptized at Peace in the past year. The candle will be lit as their names are read to remind us that while we are remembering the saints who have gone to glory before us, we have young saints to care for and guide along their baptismal journey. I hope that by adding this dimension to our observance, we will more fully honor All Saint's Day as we recognize that in baptism God is making new saints even as the passage of time and the reality of death removes saints from our community.



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Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:
Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship

Tuesday
11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday
7 p.m. Choir



Sunday, Nov. 3, is All Saints Day

On this day we will be recognizing both the saints who have gone before us this year in death and our newly baptized saints. If you have a loved one who is not a member of Peace who has either died or been baptized since last November, please notify the church office by Oct. 20.



COUNCIL MINUTES

**Peace Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2019
6 p.m.**

Members present: Bev So, Kevin Kunst, Barb Berry, Virgil Bennett, Mark Carpenter, Herb Kroening, Rich Steinbauer

Also present: Pastor Hartten, Jon Kooiman

Absent: Ed Zajac

Call to Order **Bev So**
Bev called the meeting to order a 6:00 p.m.

Opening Devotional/Prayer **Pastor Hartten**
Approval of September agenda. Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda, Virgil seconded the motion.

Approval of August 2019 minutes made via email

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| Treasurer's report | Jon Kooiman(Acct. Mgr.) | | |
| | Current Month | Current Month Budget | Over (Under) Budget |
| Offerings | \$11,825 | \$16,042 | (\$4,217) |
| Interest | \$ 16 | \$ 12 | 4 |
| Total | \$11,841 | \$16,054 | (\$4,213) |
| | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | |
| Offerings | \$112,287 | \$128,334 | |
| Interest | \$ 113 | \$ 96 | |
| Total | \$112,400 | \$128,420 | |

Old Business Updates

Children's room - Lisa ordered cubes for toys. Rich will be shampooing the carpet. Background checks will be ordered for all workers in the children's room.

Youth room - Autumn, Ainsley, and Emily met with pastor about designing the youth room. In November the youth are starting a Bible study.

Children's corner in fellowship hall is set up with little tables, etc.

Welcome center is set up and running. Ed will be working on the sign,

Lighting for parking lot - Virgil is contacting the electric company about an energy audit, with the possibility of putting more energy efficient lighting in the parking lot.

Paul Todd Concert was a great success raising close to \$7,000.

Report of NALC convocation **Virgil Bennett**
The theme of the convocation this year was "Walking By the Spirit with the Fruit of the Spirit". Apostle Paul instructs us to live through the grace of the Holy Spirit and not by our own works. Pastor Steve and Virgil attended a seminar called "Small and Rural Churches". They brought back some good information and ideas. Also the new Bishop Dan Selbo was voted in and installed.

Sacristy room - A new door handle was installed and no key is needed.

Congregational meeting will be held on 9/22/19. Date was changed via email.

Standing Committee Reports

Worship Committee **Ken Berry**
No meeting in August.

Fellowship **Christine Bennett**
Trunk or Treat will be held Oct. 26 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sign up at the congregational meeting to participate.

Chili cook-off will be held on November 3. There will be a potluck at the congregational meeting on Sept. 22, Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Building/Property **Kevin/Virgil**
Back door at the north end of building needs painting. Kevin thinks we may have paint stored that is the right color. Water heater has been turned up so our water in the kitchen should be hot now.

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What Does This Mean to Me?

This newsletter feature—playing on Luther’s famous line in the Small Catechism—is designed to help us all better understand why things happen as they do at Peace. The worship committee actively seeks feedback or questions from congregation members confused or concerned about worship practices.

Why is the congregation dismissed by rows at the end of worship?

This practice began with the first worship services at our current location. Pastor Koehneke desired that all people attending worship would greet him on the way out of the Sanctuary. To provide an orderly line and to ensure worshipers did not sneak out the side door, ushers were assigned the task of dismissing the congregation row by row. While this met the goal of having every worshiper greet the pastor, it had a negative impact on the ability of members to socialize after worship.

Pastor Steve believes it is more important for

members to visit with each other than to personally greet him once worship is over. Beginning in October, the ushers will no longer be dismissing people by rows. If you want to stay seated and listen to the Postlude, feel free to remain in your seat. If

you were sitting near the back of the church and want to greet a member sitting near the front, feel free to move forward after the Dismissal. If you prefer to exit via one of the two side doors in the Sanctuary instead of greeting the Pastor, that is OK.

Traditions start for reasons, and traditions should end when the reason no longer applies. This change will be welcomed by some and resisted by others. Please respect those who struggle with the new system. Now that we know the rationale behind the current practice, hopefully the transition to this new way of leaving worship will go smoothly.



Council Minutes

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Pastor’s Report Pastor Hartten

The summary of pastor’s activities are as follows: Berrien County Admin Invocation, Elsie Damaske Interment, Finalize Fall Teaching Schedule, Home Visits, Lutheran Clergy Text Study, Men’s Thursday Bible Study, Monthly Call from NALC Staff, Vacation, Sunday worship.

Pastor will be attending a Dean’s Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on Nov. 12-14.

Pastor will be taking a vacation week in October approved by Council.

New Business

Council greeters for October - Council members chose the week they wanted to greet in October.

Norma Carpenter has agreed to take over the “Adopt a Family” at Christmas. Thank you Norma for agreeing to serve. We also discussed the mailing out of Christmas Cards.

New Council members -There are two spots to fill. Kevin is asking members to serve. We will vote at the congregational meeting.

Motion to adjourn

Kevin made a motion to adjourn.

Closing Prayer

Council joined together in praying the “Lord’s Prayer”.

Intercessory Prayer Team Update

The new prayer ministry at Peace is up and running and is working to improve how it communicates internally and with the larger congregation. For members concerned about confidentiality, a new on-line link to the congregation’s website is now operable. Pastor Steve receives the on-line requests directly; these are for his eyes only. This should alleviate any concerns about filling out a request card in the pews and then handing it to an usher or pastor.

Prayers marked “may be shared with all members” will be printed in the back of the Sunday bulletin as well as at the end of the weekly “This Week at Peace” email. Printing an every member request allows members to send cards or other tokens of concern. This is another way to support members in their time of need.

Help needed for Trunk or Treat on Oct. 26



On Oct. 26, the Fellowship Committee has organized its first ever Trunk or Treat event from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church parking lot.

Trunk or Treat is a new alternative to traditional Trick or Treating for kids. During these events, a group of people decorate their cars with a theme and hand out candy in a parking lot as a safer alternative for parents than taking their children door-to-door in a neighborhood.

To make this event a success for the community members who attend, the Fellowship Committee needs lots of volunteers from the church to decorate their trunks and purchase candy to hand out to participants. Dressing up is also encouraged. If you're willing to help, please sign up on the bulletin board. Participants should sign up no later than Oct. 13 so that the committee can organize where the cars are going to park.

The Fellowship Committee is organizing games and prizes for the event. The games include Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin, a Pumpkin Ring Toss and a Monster Bean Bag Toss. Suggestions for additional games are welcome.

The committee will also be handing out goody bags that will include an invitation to the upcoming Chili Cook-off on Nov. 3.

The Trunk or Treat will be our Family Fellowship event for October.

Together we packed more than 180 Lutheran World Relief Kits

By Sandy Schuermann

Amazing and new! We had 24 hard-working volunteers after service on Sunday, Sept. 8. In less than one hour—they packed 60 Personal Care Kits and 128 School Kits.

Thanks to additional donations, we have enough supplies to bring our totals to over 150 School Kits (our goal is 200) and 120 Personal Care Kits! Collection ends Oct. 7.

Thank you to all who have generously donated funds and supplies, multiple times, to get us to these terrific numbers.

Thank you to those who have shopped, stuffed backpacks, packed care kits, labeled and sealed every box. Thank you to those who have encouraged us and prayed for those in need.

People affected by disaster and loss are able to meet their short-term material needs with provided care items. School supplies donated allows children in need to do the most normal thing in the middle of loss and crisis - - go to school.

Putting our faith into action through mission and ministry efforts such as these gives us the opportunity to respond to God's word in very real and meaningful



ways.

Whether it's across the globe or in the next county, what we give, what we do - makes a difference to someone in need. Perhaps just as important - is what it does in us - the serving, the sharing our blessings - the giving - changes us. We are called, are we willing to serve that others may be blessed?

Faith in Action - It's a Good Thing!

Blessing of the Animals

Peace Lutheran Church NALC



The community is invited to join the members of Peace Lutheran Church for a Blessing of the Animals service at 3 p.m. on Oct. 6. This special event will include a short worship service on the church lawn, individual blessing of each animal and social time for people and pets on the church property. (We will move inside if it is raining.)

3 p.m. Oct. 6

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SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP

Serving this Month:

Worship Leaders: Pastor Steve Hartten, Pastor Ron Schmidt

Organist: Maria Tallman

Choir Director: Debbie Kroening

Audio: Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter

Video: Jim Damaske

Usher: Jim Steinbauer

Communion: Teresa Hogan and Margaret Schmieding

October 6

Greeters/Ushers: Teresa Hogan and Janette Jeske

Lector: Teresa Hogan

Altar Guild: Amy Cahill

Fellowship: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

October 13

Greeters/Ushers: Rich and Tammy Steinbauer

Lector: Sandy Warren

Altar Guild: Nan Hacker

Altar Flowers: Open

October 20

Greeters/Ushers: Jim and Judy Priebe

Lector: Jim Priebe

Altar Guild: Ginger Kunst

Fellowship: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

October 27

Greeters/Ushers: Virgil and Chris Bennett

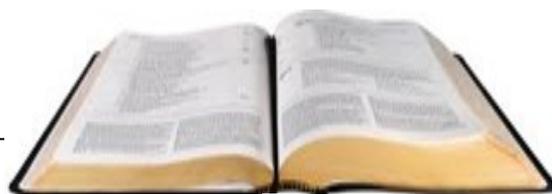
Lector: Larry Hacker

Altar Guild: Loretta Hartten

Altar Flowers: Open

Fellowship: Open

THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Sun., Oct. 6– Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 62

2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-10

Sun., Oct. 13 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-19a, Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:1-13, Luke 17:11-19

Sun., Oct. 20 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-30, Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Sun. Oct. 27– Reformation Sunday

Revelation 14:6-7 Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg | 2 9-12 Office Hours 7:30p Mark Study | 3 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir | 4 Office closed | 5 |
| 6 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 3p B. of Animals 6p H. Spirit Class | 7 9-12 Office Hours 6p Fellowship Committee Mtg | 8 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg | 9 9-12 Office Hours 7:30p Mark Study | 10 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir | 11 Office closed 9 Soup Kitchen | 12 9 Quilting Bee 10 Michigan Mission District Mtg in Farwell, MI |
| 13 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6p Come, Holy Spirit Class | 14 9-12 Office Hours | 15 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg | 16 9-12 Office Hours | 17 News Due 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir | 18 Office closed | 19 |
| 20 P. Steve Vacation 10:15 Worship | 21 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours 6p Council | 22 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg | 23 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours | 24 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir | 25 P. Steve Vacation Office closed | 26 3-5p Trunk or Treat |
| 27 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship (Reformation) 6p H. Spirit Class | 28 9-12 Office Hours | 29 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg | 30 9-12 Office Hours | 31 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir | | |

Birthdays

2 Sandy Warren
4 Norma Carpenter
4 Nathaniel Tallman
5 Braelynn Adkins
7 Bernie Gleason Jr.
11 Alec Carpenter
13 Sandy Landis
18 Emily Sorensen
21 Todd Nitz
23 Martin Tallman
31 Jim Steinbauer

Anniversaries

1 Thomas & Hilde
Boozer
10 Rev. Ronald &
Sharon Schmidt

12 Rev. Steve &
Loretta Hartten
21 Ron & Judy
Wilson

Military

**Lt/jg Chad
Knipschild**
301 Maple
Edgewater, MD
21037

Shut-In's

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

Marian Hogue
Joe Naines
Ruth Retzke
Betty Robbins
Roger and Elaine
Sirk
Barbara Southland
Mildred Wantz





**PEACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
3590 LINCOLN AVE., ST. JOSEPH
3-5 P.M. OCT. 26
ALL AGES WELCOME!

QUILTING BEE

9 a.m. to noon Oct. 12

The first Quilting Bee was such a success, we're trying a second one. The six quilts that were tied at the July Quilting Bee are now finished. There are eight large unfinished quilts left. The quilters are hoping to tie another six quilts in October and give the remaining two quilt tops to another quilting group to finish. This would allow the quilters to possibly be finished quilting the remaining quilts by the end of the year. God by Praise!

Anyone wishing to help finish this project, or attend the Quilting Bee, should contact Barb Morgan or Elaine Chartrand. All are welcome!



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