



April, 2016

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of Peace Lutheran Church,

We stand in the afterglow of Easter, the great festival of the Church year and the remembrance of Christ's victory over sin, death and Satan. We now have the promise of eternal life to all who receive Christ as the long promised Messiah of Israel and Redeemer of the World.

On the day of the Resurrection, Jesus came forth from His tomb with a different body than He had before He died. It was a transformed and glorified human body—a body that could come through locked doors and appear and disappear at will. It was a body that would suddenly be walking with two travelers on the way to Emmaus and discuss the events of the death of Jesus with them, and they didn't know it was the resurrected Lord.

They invited Him for dinner because it was getting late in the day. He took the bread and blessed it; their eyes were opened and they realized it was Jesus and that the rumors of His resurrection were true. Then he vanished and they rushed to tell the disciples what they had seen and heard.

Then as they were talking about Jesus alive again, suddenly He showed up, coming in it

seems, from nowhere and there He was, standing with them in the room. Jesus was the first example of the Great Resurrection of the Righteous. All who were raised to life before Jesus was raised, died again. But Jesus, raised from death, is alive forever. He is the prototype, the first example of what will happen on the last day. When Christ returns the graves will open and the dead will come forth with their glorified bodies never to die again. And, those who remain who have never entered the portals of death will be changed and transformed with the glorified body after the model of Jesus. He is, after all, "the Resurrection and Life."

This is the message of Easter - even though we die, we will live again. And, if we live when our Lord returns, we will never die! This is surely the best news of all.

- Pastor Ron Schmidt



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Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

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

Tuesday
11:30 a.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

**If you are willing to help make
Lutheran World Relief Care Kits,
please meet in the Fellowship Hall at
10 a.m., Tuesday, April 5.**

**BASKETS
OF PROMISE**



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COUNCIL MINUTES

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes Monday, March 21, 2016

Members Present: Kevin Kunst, Karen Coffey, Jerry Pliley, Karen Richardville, Sherri Nitz, Pastor Schmidt, Mark Carpenter, Josh Lochner, Beverly So

Also present: Shawn Cahill, interim treasurer

The meeting was brought to order at 6:05 by President Kevin Kunst.

Pastor Schmidt opened with prayer.

Discussion of January congregational meeting minutes.

Motion to accept was made by Sherri N. Karen R. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report - interim Shawn Cahill

February

Total income 13,537.00

Total expenses 13,690.99

Add't income 60.00

Net income (213.99)

Jerry made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Karen R. seconded it. The motion passed.

Call Committee Update Shawn Cahill

Shawn shared that the congregational profile is being reworked. Pastor Wendell said that there are specific items that will be sent to our call committee for them to include in the profile. Once these are finished, the committee will submit the entire profile to NALC, hopefully by the end of March.

Old Business

When God Left the Building

Tabled

Direct Mail

Closed

Discussed other options for advertising and reaching out to the community.

Discussion of treasurer position

Reviewed the primary duties of the treasurer.

Several people have expressed interest. Kevin and Sherri will follow up.

Standing Committee Reports

Pastor Schmidt shared information concerning the upcoming Holy Week services.

Kevin shared that we are gearing up for spring and summer yard care. Discussed that the parking lot needed some repairs and needed to be resurfaced. Jerry will get quotes for the project.

Pastor Schmidt shared information concerning education. The adult Bible classes are going well. The Sunday morning class is growing.

Karen Coffey shared fellowship minutes including the success of the past fellowships and the dates of upcoming events. The council has volunteered to host fellowship on Sunday, May 15.

Karen noted that Pat Nose did a wonderful job organizing and hosting the soup suppers during Lent. She also mentioned that Amy Cahill is doing a fantastic job advertising the many events going on at Peace.

We discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and how it went so well. Great job to the organizers, Julie Nurbhai and Amy Cahill.

Suggestions were made by the fellowship committee for some new summer activities.

1. Peaceables - this group would meet once each month for lunch.

2. Walkamolies - this group would meet for a walk followed by coffee.

More information and dates will follow. The council liked both ideas and encouraged the committee to proceed.

August 21 is the annual picnic at Lincoln Township park.

Pastoral Report - Pastor Schmidt

A memorial service for Dorothy Dray will be on Wednesday, March 23, at 11 a.m. at PLC.

A new membership class has started. Nine potential members are attending.

Pastor Knauff will cover the services when Pastor Schmidt is absent. The only service that will need to be cancelled is on Wednesday, June 29th.

New Business

Karen Richardville asked if Peace would like to be a sponsor for the annual YMCA Run/Walk in July. There are varying levels of sponsorship. The council discussed our participation and the impact of showing more support in our community, how the money was used, and the cost. We were told the money completely goes toward scholarships for children unable to pay for summer camp. It was decided that if there are enough donations toward this, we will proceed with the sponsorship. Sponsor levels range from \$50-\$750. The deadline is April 1 if we are interested.

Jerry made a motion to proceed with the sponsorship if enough donations towards this project are made. Sherri Nitz seconded. The motion passed.

Karen Coffey asked council approval for Peace to participate in the "Pennies for Patients" Berrien County Cancer Society fundraiser. Every penny donated will be given to the local cancer society. Sandy Schuermann will make it our Peace Lutheran mission for April. More information will be included in the newsletter, bulletin, and weekly blast. Sherri made a motion for PLC missions to support "Pennies for Patients". Jerry seconded. The motion passed.

The Reschkes would like to donate a picture of the Lord's Supper made by Al. It is requested that it be placed in the fellowship hall. Karen R made a motion to accept the donation. Jerry seconded. The motion passed.

Jerry would like a committee formed to clean the basement. Karen R, Karen C, Bev S, Sherri N volunteered to help. Additional helpers would be appreciated.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry. Josh seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES



Peace Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 24, 2016

1. Shawn Cahill called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.
2. Pastor Schmidt opened the meeting with prayer.
3. Current membership role is about 215. There was a quorum established and the meeting continued.
4. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Chuck Wilson. Sandy Warren seconded the motion.
Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes from September 25th Congregational Meeting. A name change of Wayne was made to Elaine.
Jerry Pliley moved to accept the minutes as amended. Pat Greenburg seconded.
A motion to approve the amended minutes passed.
6. Constitution Review and Amendments
A motion to open the floor for discussion was made by Pat Nose. Sherri Nitz seconded.
Shawn reviewed and explained the changes.
Numerous constitutional changes were made and approved.

The changes are as follows:

5:03 h Elect members to the Church Council, and require the members of the council, boards, and committees to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions;

10.03. Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays and by mail to all voting members at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the meeting pursuant to Chapter 16 and 17. The posting of such notice in the regular mail, with the regular postage affixed or paid, sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient. In addition a copy sent to an email submitted to this congregation shall also be sufficient.

11.02. The Church Council shall elect annually, by the January Congregational meeting, its officers by majority vote. The officers shall be elected by written ballot or voice vote, and shall serve a one year term. The officers may be reelected for additional yearly terms by the Church Council and shall serve until their successors are elected. Their terms as officers shall begin immediately after they are installed as members of council.

12.01. The voting membership of the Church Council shall consist of the officers of this congregation, and up to six (6) voting members of the congregation. Any voting member of this congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitations on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A Church Council position shall be declared vacant if the member: a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four (4) successive regular meetings of the Church Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, this congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Church Council in other circumstances.

12.11. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members of the Church Council, including the Senior Pastor, or an interim Pastor. Chronic or repeated absence of the Senior Pastor or an interim Pastor, shall not preclude action by the Church Council.

13.06. An Administration Committee of 6-10 members will be chaired by the sitting Treasurer. This committee will oversee Financials, Stewardship, and Property maintenance, This committee will ensure that all property services are meeting the needs and expense point for this congregation. Property Services include Lawn Care, Snow Removal, Security Alarm, and Telephone Services.

13.07. An Evangelism Committee will oversee all outbound support projects. This will include things like quilt making, Soup Kitchen, Lutheran World Relief activities.

13.08. All decisions as to committee responsibility are a joint decision between the committee chair and church council.

13.09. Other committees of this congregation may be formed as the need arises, by the decision of the Church Council.

13.10. Duties of committees of this congregation shall be specified in the Bylaws and/or Continuing Resolutions.

7. Financial Update & 2016 Budget

Shawn made note that the treasurer position is vacant.
Julie Chubb came back and helped Shawn reconcile the account and make the report.
Members reviewed the report and asked questions.
Shawn asked for volunteers to take over the treasure's position.
A motion to approve the budget as written was made by Pat Greenberg. Sally Reschke seconded.
The motion passed.

8. Pastor's report - Pastor Schmidt

Pastor shared that he would be the interim pastor for Peace.

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Call Committee Update

Throughout March, the Call Committee worked to update the Call Documents from our prior search for a new pastor. The Committee created a survey to get input from the congregation and thanks all who responded. After reviewing the survey, the committee updated the Call Documents and submitted them for Council approval at the March 21 Council meeting. The Call Committee is currently incorporating Council's suggestions and hopes to have the document submitted to the NALC soon.

April showers bring *Pennies for Patients* right here at Peace Lutheran Church!

"Pennies for Patients" is a Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc. program. BCCS is a community service organization that has been caring for Southwest Michigan's cancer patients since 1948. Serving adults and children, families and caregivers, they've become "neighbors helping neighbors" in a time when they need our special care . . . AND WE CAN HELP!

Those of us old enough to appreciate popular songs from the '40s remember the tune "Pennies from Heaven." Did you ever ask yourself what good a few pennies could do? Well, we have an answer that will do LOTS of good right here in Berrien County. If you always have a pocket full of annoying change or you are a family with a jar on the counter where you dump it at the end of the day - - we have a great place where those LITTLE COINS can make a BIG DIFFERENCE.

A large collection jar will be provided on the table in the narthex throughout the month of April. Flyers on BCCS programs and services will also be available.

Please join our Peace Lutheran family as we collect pennies, quarters and bills for BCCS and send our prayers to the patients and families in need of love and support, right here in Berrien County.

Watch for updates throughout April on how our collection is going and join in the fun as we share our blessings to care for our friends and families in need right here in our community.

PEACE CARES – TOGETHER WE CAN TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE



BASKETS OF PROMISE



We MET our goal and THEN SOME!

Thank you for your support and dedication to our Lutheran World Relief Mission efforts!

Congregational Meeting Minutes

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Ron Wilson made a motion to give Pastor Schmidt extra compensation for auto allowance in January.

Joe Moulton seconded . Motion passed.

9. Council report

Shawn shared information pertaining to the past few months.

Nine people are interested in being on the call committee.

Council minutes: *It was requested that council minutes be more detailed.*

Will the profile for our church be reviewed before working on placing a call?

If needed we will redo it, however by doing this it would take a minimum of 3 months for NALC to approve the profile.

Pastor Schmidt suggested we look at putting together a financial package to encourage a new pastor to come to Peace.

10. General questions/ comments.

Passing of the Peace questions.


Are we just stopping this for the winter season?

It was explained that we are trying something different for awhile.

It was requested that more information pertaining to people that are ill or having special needs be shared with the congregation during the service.

11. Sherri Nitz made a presentation to Shawn Cahill, Ted Hollacher, and Jim Steinbauer as out-going council members.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sandy Warren. Sandy Schuermann seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:44



**FAITH
UNDER FIRE
IN AMERICA**

**IS PRAYER THE PROBLEM
... OR THE ANSWER?**

Join us at the
National Day of Prayer Breakfast
with

**DR. WES MODDER
& FAITH UNDER FIRE**

*Followed by intercessory prayer for our
community and our country.*

May 5, 2016 • Vineland Center

1155 Vineland Rd, St Joseph • Doors open 6:30 a.m.

Discount tickets are available through participating churches until April 4 or tickets can be purchased at www.PrayMichiana.org.

Neither the United States Navy nor the Department of Defense (DoD) has approved, endorsed, or authorized this speaking engagement. The opinions expressed by Dr. Modder are his own as an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God. Dr. Modder's statements should not be construed in any form to be the official policy or position of the U.S. Navy or DoD.

Pastor Schmidt plans to be a table leader for the National Day of Prayer Event at the Vineland Center May 5.

If you'd like to join him, please sign up on the bulletin board by April 4. Cost is \$5.



If you have a loved one serving in the military, we'd like to know about it! We recognize service members on a special bulletin board in the Narthex and include them on our prayer list. Please contact the church office or Ted Hollacher with a photo and details.

Fellowship Committee to launch two new programs this summer

The Fellowship Committee will introduce two new opportunities for friends and members of Peace to socialize with each other this summer.

The first opportunity is called **Peaceables**. On the second Saturday of each month, members of Peace will meet at a designated location for fellowship. The events will be at a variety of times and locations so there's something for everyone.

The schedule is as follows:

June 11 - 11:30 a.m. at Culvers.

July 9 - A matinee movie at Celebration Cinema

August 13 - 8:30 a.m. breakfast at Bert's Corner in Stevensville.

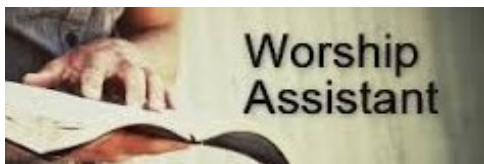
September 10 - 9 a.m. leave Peace for a shopping trip.

The Fellowship Committee will also launch **Walkamolies**, a walking group that will meet the first and third Saturdays of the month during June, July, August and September.

The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Golden Brown Bakery in St. Joseph and walk along the Lake Michigan bluff. Friends, children and dogs are all welcome. After the walk, participants can shop at the Farmers Market or grab coffee at one of the downtown shops.

For more information, contact Debbie Kroening.





SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP

Serving this Month:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ron Schmidt

Organist: Maria Tallman

Choir: Sandy Schuermann

Audio: Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter

Video: Jim Damaske

Ushers (S): Eddie Zajac, Jim Priebe and
Jerry Schlutt

(W): Jerry Pliley

Communion (S): Nate Tallman/Amy Cahill and Marty Tallman

(W): Jerry Pliley

Altar Guild (S): Ginger Kunst

(W): Jerry Pliley

April 10

Greeter: Jim Steinbauer

Lector: Bev So

Fellowship: open

Acolyte: Autumn McCune

Altar Flowers: open

April 17

Greeters: Chuck and Jane Wilson

Lector: Shawn Cahill

Fellowship: open

Acolyte: Ainsley Cahill

Altar Flowers: open

April 3

Greeters: Nan and Larry Hacker

Lector: Larry Hacker

Fellowship: open

Acolyte: Patrick Cahill

Altar Flowers: open

April 24

Greeters: Jim and Judy Priebe

Lector: Joe Moulton

Fellowship: open

Acolyte: Emily Sorenson

Altar Flowers: open

THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Sun., April 3—Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-20 (21-32) Psalm 148

Revelation 1:4-18, John 20:19-31

Sun., April 17—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 20:17-35, Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

Sun., April 10—Third Sunday of Easter

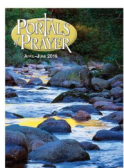
Acts 9:1-22, Psalm 30

Revelation 5:(1-7) 8-14, John 21:1-14 (15-19)

Sun., April 24—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22



The April-June Portals of Prayer is now available in the pews.
Make sure to grab a copy to take home with you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office is Closed	2
3 9 Bible Studies 10:15 Worship 10:15 Children's Church	4 9-12 Office Hours	5 9-12 Office Hours 11 LWR Kits 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Fellowship	6 9-12 Office Hours 6 p Bible Study 7p Worship	7 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	8 9-12 Office Hours 9 Soup Kitchen	9
10 9 Bible Studies 10:15 Worship with communion 10:15 Children's Church	11 9-12 Office Hours 7p Worship Committee mtg.	12 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	13 9-12 Office Hours 6 p Bible Study 7p Worship	14 9-12 Office Hours Newsletter due 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	15 9-12 Office Hours	16
17 9 Bible Studies 10:15 Worship 10:15 Children's Church 3 p Surfari Joe's	18 9-12 Office Hours 6p Council mtg.	19 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	20 9-12 Office Hours 7p Worship No Bible Study Pastor S. gone	21 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	22 9-12 Office Hours	23
24 9 Bible Studies 10:15 Worship with communion 10:15 Children's Church	25 9-12 Office Hours	26 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	27 9-12 Office Hours 6 p Bible Study 7p Worship	28 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	29 9-12 Office Hours	30

Birthdays

1 Cory Ellis
1 Gerri Sutherlin
2 Bill Konar
2 Dick Lukey
2 Arlene Morgan
2 Judith Priebe
3 Ben Hudson
5 Vicki Hettig
7 Les Collins
7 Kevin Kutchie
9 Gary Walker
10 Kevin Fitzpatrick
12 Addison Covert
12 Harold Lick
15 Cliff DeSchaaf
17 Cody Gaul
19 Barb Morgan
19 Richard Steinbauer
22 Leo Momany
25 Pat Greenburg
26 Leann Chapman
26 James Chartrand
26 Ted Hollacher

28 Sandy Schuermann
29 Mary McCune

Anniversaries

1 Brian & Deb Bickers
17 George & Arlene Morgan
20 Rich & Norma Carpenter
24 Jim & Shirley Chapman Jr.
26 Larry & Nan Hacker
26 Eddie & Lisa Zajac

Military

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

OCS Chad Knipschild
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Edgewater, MD 21037

ENS Christian Nitz
353 S. Amsterdam Ct

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

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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.*

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
Barbara Southland - member
Ruth Twarucsek - member

CHURCH CALENDAR IS LIVE!
VIEW LATEST UPDATES AT
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2016 Easter Egg Hunt!



2016 Easter Egg Hunt!





Peace is going to be a **Community Sponsor** for the **2016 Race for the YMCA**

This is part of the Church's continued efforts to reach out into the community. All funds raised will benefit the **YMCA**.

The cost for this level of sponsorship is **\$350**.

Donations from the **congregation** to support this effort are welcome.

SURFARI JOE'S

3-6 p.m.
April 17



Everyone is welcome to join the Youth Group at Surfari Joe's, 8258 Arnt Blvd , Watervliet. **Cost is \$13 per person.** Discount coupons are available on the Surfari Joe's website, surfarijoes.com. Afterward, we'll eat as a group at Burger King.

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