



PEACE
NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2022



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

On a recent Sunday morning several acts of love occurred during worship. All of these actions took place quietly, unobtrusively, yet each one put into practice Jesus' command that we love one another.

An elderly member was dropped off at the church without a walker or cane. One member searched the basement to find a walker. While the search was being conducted, a second church member offered to escort the elderly member to a seat in the sanctuary and sit with the person through worship. Two unselfish acts of hospitality that easily could have gone unnoticed. Nothing was done for show or attention, these were acts of service rendered in love to one in need. Partway through the service, a church member developed a coughing fit. The worshiper sitting in the pew behind offered assistance guiding the coughing member into the narthex. After some discussion with those staffing the Audio/Visual booth, the coughing member was taken to the nursery where a closed circuit broadcast of worship could be watched. The member was provided a cup of water to help with the coughing and was able to participate in worship from the nursery. Here too, simple, unselfish acts demonstrated love and concern for another.

While each one of these acts were done

independently, taken together there was a distinct sense of love for each other that morning. It is this type of love and concern when shared both within and with those beyond the congregations' membership that will attract people to Peace. These acts of kindness are prime examples of the "mutual affection among the believers" that is one of the marks of Jesus' Church. Following in Christ's footsteps means living a life of service; a life oriented outward toward the needs of another. It means occasionally having to be inconvenienced. Yet when service is performed in love it does not feel as an intrusion or a bother. It is a natural response that flows from God's love through us to another. What a joy it was to observe God's love in action!



**PASTOR
STEVE HARTTEN**



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For Audio CD call:
Josh Lochner 429-4415
For Video DVD call:
The Church Office 556-7000

Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:
Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship
also streamed on Facebook Live or YouTube Live
Permission to podcast/stream the music in our services obtained from One License with license #A-722704.

Special Congregational Meeting after church on July 10th to discuss HVAC system.



COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 21st, 2022

Members present: Barb Berry, Ken Berry, Virgil Bennett, Teresa Hogan, Bob Phillips

Absent: Herb Kroening, Bryan Sorensen, Ed Zajac

Also Present: Pastor Hartten, Marty Tallman, Wanda Loveless

Call to Order: Teresa called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Open Devotion/Prayer **Pastor Steve**
Pastor opened the meeting with prayer for guidance.

Approval of June 2022 Agenda
Barb made a motion to approve the June agenda, Virgil seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of May 2022 minutes made via Email

Treasurer's report **Brenda Engel (acct. mgr)**
Emailed June 19th

Cash & Fund Activity Summary	4/30/22	5/31/22
Honor CU Checking	\$76,471.11	\$74,659.65
Honor CU Savings	\$48,710.10	\$48,975.00
Honor CU Scrip Acct	\$23,402.35	\$24,440.80
Major Repairs & Maint.	\$24,855.10	\$25,075.50
Youth Group Fund	\$11,282.00	\$11,282.00
A/V Fund	\$9,223.00	\$9,223.00
Wish List Fund	\$1,165.00	\$1,165.00
Church Mortgage	\$41,032.06	\$38,827.48

Council Guests: Marty Tallman & Wanda Loveless

Old Business
COVID-19 update and discussion **All**
Covid numbers are still at 15.7% in Berrien County. Therefore, the church will continue distribution of Holy Communion with no changes.

Monday Evening Services Update

Marty/Pastor

Pastor Hartten reported there were only two new individuals attending Monday night services on a regular basis. Marty Tallman feels we need to get more information out to the community since we only have two new people worshipping with us. Virgil has agreed to be Marty's contact to work on developing additional advertising.

Standing Committee Reports

Worship

Dominic

Worship reported attendance at the Monday night services has been in the high teens to mid twenties. The light meal before the service was intended as a draw for new people, but attendance has been poor. It was recommended to use the leftover food first and then discontinue the light meal.

Fellowship

Teresa

No meeting in June.

Building & Grounds

Ken/Virgil

Grounds reported the plants in the front of the church have been dug out and fabric is being laid to help with the weeds and mulch will be applied. As new plants are purchased, they will be planted. It was discovered there is a watering system that has been in place since the church was built. It was buried underground and was accidentally cut up. Valves were found and wires were disconnected. The council has approved a service call to contact First Choice Irrigation to determine if the valves are in working order or need to be repaired.

Outreach Committee

Bob

Bingo night is gaining momentum. The first night we hosted 12 people, next week was 15 and this past week was over 30. Movie night has also been successful with over 20 attendees this past Saturday. Outreach has been gearing up for the Berrien County Youth Fair. A motion was made by Virgil to approve \$325 for plastic carry bags

with our church's logo. Barb seconded the motion and the motion carried. Blood drive at our church will be held on June 29.

Executive Committee **Ken**
Committee discussed the furnace and air conditioning quotes and how to proceed.

Pastor's Report **Pastor Hartten**
Sent June 15, 2022

The summary of the pastor's activities are as follows: Confirmation Instruction, Council Meeting, Dean's responsibilities, Home Visits, Lutheran Text Study, MI Mission District Zoon, Office Visit, Pastor Hunde Certification, Thursday Prayer Group, Worship Committee, Sunday Worship, Monday Night Worship, Provisional Living Facility Worship

Council approved vacation time for Pastor Hartten from July 14 through July 20.

New Business

Furnace information **Ken Berry**
It was determined we need all council members present to discuss the furnace and air conditioning quotes and how to proceed. A council meeting will be held in the near future to discuss all the alternatives. A congregational meeting will be set up very shortly for approval to purchase the furnaces and air conditioning.

July Greeters **Ken Berry**

- July 3 Teresa & Bob
- July 10 Barb & Ken
- July 17 Virgil & Ed
- July 24 Herb & Bryan (with fellowship)
- July 31 Teresa & Ed

Motion to Adjourn. Virgil made a motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer **Pastor Hartten**
Pastor prayed.

The grounds committee put together a plan for the upcoming summer. We have scheduled monthly work days from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to maintain the beauty of our church grounds. They are as follows:

July 9th
Aug. 13th
Sept. 10th
Oct. 8th
Nov. 12th

There will be some changes to the front of the church. The plan is to remove some of the existing bushes and to plant flowering bushes in their place. We will develop a plan to identify what variety of bushes we will plant and how to purchase them. We will keep you updated on our progress.
Thank you for your continuous support,

Grounds Committee,
Ken Berry
Beverly So
Loretta Hartten



NALC Disaster Response Flood Buckets Collection is ongoing until July 31

We are collecting items and assembling Flood Buckets to stock the Michigan Mission District Warehouse in Owosso.

Our Goal is to assemble 50 Flood Buckets. Gift Cards and \$\$\$ are welcome. If writing a check, be sure to write "flood buckets" in the memo line.



Goal fulfilled for buckets with lids;
Thank you!

FLOOD BUCKETS		Estimated Price List
5 gal bucket w/ lid	Home Depot or Lowes	\$4.98
Bucket lid	Home Depot or Lowes	\$2.48
1 jug bleach (81 oz)	Dollar General	\$2.95
2 lg trash bags (30 gal)	Dollar General	\$0.75 \$5.00 for pkg of 14 bags
1 roll paper towel	Dollar General	\$2.00 \$6.50 for pkg of 6 rolls
Comet/Scouring powder	Dollar General	\$1.00
PineSol Cleaner	Dollar General	\$3.25
Scrub brush (floor)	Dollar General	\$1.00
Rubber gloves	Dollar General	\$2.50 \$5.00 for 2 pair
Leather gloves	Dollar General	\$8.00 for 1 pair
Brown Jersey Cotton gloves	Dollar General	\$1.00 \$3.00 for pkg of 3
		\$29.91 TOTAL

If you tell them you are buying this for your church they probably will not charge sales tax.

Church Family - We Need Your Help!

When we made the switch to the new church software, a lot of your personal information did not get transferred correctly, or at all! In order to keep our records properly updated, we need your information. Please call, email, or drop this off to the office at your convenience. This will also help as we brainstorm ways to update the church directory.

Thank you!

Brandi Johnson
Peace Secretary

Name:

Address:

Phone numbers:
(Home & Cell)

Email Address:

Birthdate:

Wedding Date:

Baptism Date:

Confirmation Date:



**Pastor Steve will be on
vacation from July 14th
through July 20th.**

Thank you for participating in this year's

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

for Berrien County Cancer Service

WE RAISED \$500.00



Annually since 1990, nearly 20 churches and as many businesses in our community have come together, generously raising funds to provide needed care at no cost for home nursing, nutrition and support to those with cancer and related illnesses in our community. Neighbors helping neighbors. Together we make a difference.

To Our Peace Lutheran Family and Friends

We are Grateful for Your Support



Thank you

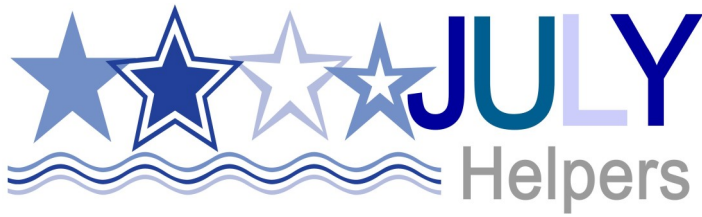
BCCS brochures & newsletters are available in the narthex.

Berrien County Cancer Service: www.bccancerservice.org

Contact: 269-429-3281 or staff@bccancerservice.org

Address: Marie Yeager Cancer Center – 2nd Floor

3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085



JULY Helpers

THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Welcome Center

Lector

7/3	Ginger Kunst	Wanda Loveless
7/10	Teresa Hogan	Teresa Hogan
7/17	Margaret Schmieding	Herb Kroening
7/24	Sandy Schuermann	Barb Morgan
7/31	Chris Bennett	Virgil Bennett

Altar Guild

Communion

7/3	Ginger Kunst	Bryan Sorensen
7/10	Maria Tallman	Bryan Sorensen
7/17	Margaret Schmieding	Bryan Sorensen
7/24	Mark Carpenter	Bryan Sorensen
7/31	Pastor Steve	Bryan Sorensen

Greeters

7/3	Teresa Hogan & Bob Phillips
7/10	Barb & Ken Berry
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7/31	Teresa Hogan & Ed Zajac

Sunday, July 3 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-7
Galatians 6:1-10,14-18, Luke 10:1-20

Sunday, July 10 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 12:1-5, 19:9-18, Psalm 41
Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-14, Psalm 27:1-14
Colossians 1:21-29, Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 24 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:17-33, Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, July 31 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

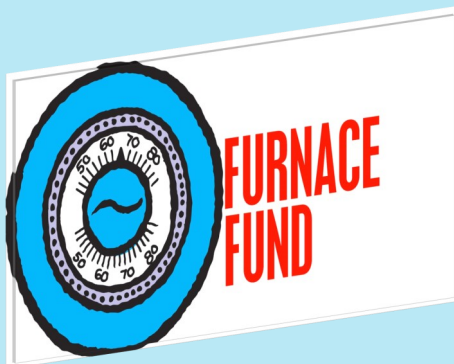
Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14,2:18-26, Psalm 100
Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21





Pastor Schmidt and Shari wish to express their thanks to all who helped make Pastor's retirement banquet a successful event. In addition, they want to thank those who supplied home-cooked meals to assist them in recovering from their respective surgeries.

Help Fund our "Furnace Fund!"



Our furnaces are 24 years old; it's time to start saving for replacements!

If you would like to contribute, designate your giving to the Furnace Fund on your check or tithing envelope!

Visit our website!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo	9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	1 Office closed	2
3 10:15 Worship w/ communion 7p - Zajac Fireworks	4 Office Closed 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service	5 9-12 Office Hrs 630p - Fellowship Committee	6 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo	7 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	8 Office closed	9 9-11am - Grounds Cleanup
10 10:15 Worship w/ communion Congregational Meeting	11 9-12 Office Hrs 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service	12 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Worship Committee	13 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo	14 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg ****	15 Office closed ****	16 7p - Movie Night Music Man ****
17 10:15 Worship w/ communion ****	18 9-12 Office Hrs 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service ****	19 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Council Mtg ****	20 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo ****	21 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	22 Office closed	23
24/31 10:15 Worship w/ communion	25 9-12 Office Hrs 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service	26 9-12 Office Hrs	27 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg 630p Bingo	28 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	29	30

**** - Pastor Steve on vacation

Birthdays

4 Ayla Adkins
4 Diane Herrman
9 Brody Adkins
25 Jane Wilson

Anniversaries

14 Kevin & Shelly
Fitzpatrick
14 Marilyn & Bernie
Riley

Shut-Ins

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

Leona Barowicz
Andrea Barowicz
Thomas Boozer
Evelyn Chevrette
Darlene Gaul
Delores Gaul
Dolores Kraklau
Ray Lietz
Harold Lick
Ruth Retzke
Gloria Siewert

JULY



Mark your Calendars for these fun social events at Peace!

Bingo
Every Wednesday Night at
6:30pm





Movie Night
Saturday July 16 at 7pm
Movie: Music Man

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