



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“Now Faith, in the sense in which I am here using the word, is the art of holding onto things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods. . . . Consequently one must train the habit of Faith. . . . The next step is to make sure that, if you have once accepted Christianity, then some of its main doctrines shall be deliberately held before your mind for some time every day. That is why daily prayers and religious readings and church-going are necessary parts of the Christian life. We have to be continually reminded of what we believe.”

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Perhaps you've never thought about the disciplines of faith as a tool to help overcome our shifting emotions. I'll admit there are some mornings I'd rather not get up and spend time in study and prayer. There are certainly Sundays when it would be nice to be out and about in nature instead of preparing for

corporate worship. My moods or emotions are stimulated by a sunny day with a bright blue sky and a light breeze; as a result I'd rather be outdoors soaking in the wonder of God's creation than inside of a building.



SENIOR PASTOR
STEVE HARTTEN

The discipline of holding Scripture before my mind, of pausing for prayer, of gathering with other believers helps keep me grounded and they serve to strengthen my faith. As summer begins to wind down and we start into the program year, may you find new ways to apply the disciplines of prayer, study, and worship attendance to your personal routine.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 22

following the

10:15 a.m. worship service

*Sign up to bring an item to the
Potluck Fellowship*

Peace Lutheran Church

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Church Website:

Peacelutheranstjoe.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

9 a.m.—12 p.m.

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Senior Pastor

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Staff Pastor

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For Audio CD call:

Josh Lochner 429-4415

For Video DVD call:

Jim Damaske 769-3792

Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

Sunday

10:15 a.m. Worship

Tuesday

11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday

7 p.m. Choir



COUNCIL MINUTES

**Peace Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019
6 p.m.**

Members present: Bev So, Barb Berry, Kevin Kunst, Rich Steinbauer, Ed Zajac

Absent: Virgil Bennett, Mark Carpenter, Pastor Hartten

Call to Order **Bev So**
Bev called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Opening Prayer
Bev gave the opening prayer.

Approval of August agenda
Discussed the August agenda, but there were not enough council members present in order to vote for approval.

Approval of July 2019 minutes made via email

Treasurer's report	Jon Kooiman (Acct. Mgr.)		
	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Offerings	\$16,926	\$16,042	\$884
Interest	\$ 0	\$ 12	(\$12)
Total	\$1,6926	\$16,054	\$872
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over/Under
Offerings	\$105,000	\$112,292	(\$7,292)
Interest	\$ 97	\$ 84	\$ 13
Total	\$105,097	\$112,376	(\$7,279)

Old Business Updates - Children's room **Lisa/Ed Zajac**
Children's room is looking great. Lisa has put two more murals on the walls. She is looking for storage units. Looking into the possible purchase of simple security cameras. Council feels the carpet in the children's room needs to be cleaned.

Youth room **Virgil/Kevin**

The youth room is still a work in progress. A sofa and loveseat have been added to the room.

Church website -
Bev, Barb, and Pastor met with Amy regarding the new and improved church website. They agreed on the new logo, colors used, and changes to be made in the website. The new website will work on cell phones and there will be more pictures shown. Amy is working on the final touches.

Welcome center **Bev So**
A meeting was held after church on Aug. 11 for anyone interested in the new welcome center. Questions were discussed like: "What is a Lutheran" and "What is NALC". Another first aid kit needs to be purchased and Council will address security issues.

New lighting installed in church
The new lighting has been installed in the church and should save on electricity in the future.

Spaghetti benefit dinner update **Bev/Barb**
The spaghetti benefit dinner was a huge success. \$7,300 will be given to the family towards their medical expenses. We fed about 270 people and lots of donations were given. We were so thankful for all the help during setup, the dinner and clean-up, the dessert donations and money donations.

Paul Todd concert
The concert went very well. It was an excellent concert. There were 167 tickets sold and many donations. There will be an update next month on final totals.

Report of NALC convocation **Virgil**
Tabled until next month

Standing Committee Reports Fellowship **Christine Bennett**
Trunk or treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 3-5 p.m. There will be games and prizes. Bags will be given to all the children and will include a flier to advertise the Chili Cook-off to be held on Nov. 3. Other items coming up are a potluck fellowship following the congregational meeting on Sept. 22 and

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Blessing of the Backpacks Sept. 8



Choir practice will resume
Thursday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m.

The choir is always looking for new members. Please contact Choir Director Deb Kroening for more information.

Save the Date! Fellowship Committee has lots of plans for fall

Upcoming Events from the Fellowship Committee include:

- On Sept. 15 following worship the committee is planning a special "Thank you, You Are Called to Serve" to recognize the ways our congregation serves God and each other.
- On Sept. 22 there will be a Potluck Fellowship during the Congregational Meeting. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring food items.
- On Oct. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. the committee is planning a community Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. This event will include games, prizes and gift bags for every child. The committee will also advertise our upcoming Chili Cook-off.
- The Chili Cook-off will be Nov. 3 following worship.
- The Annual Harvest Dinner will be Nov. 17 following worship.

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the Harvest Dinner on Nov. 17 following the morning service.

Building/Property Kevin/Virgil

The new flags have been put up and our outdoor sign has been fixed along with the parking lot lights. There is a lot of yard work to be done in the fall and branches will need trimming. The hot water heater has not been working properly and will need to be repaired or replaced. Virgil will be contacting someone to look at the water heater.

Pastor's Report Sent via email

The summary of pastor's activities are as follows: Home Visits, Intercessory Prayer Team Training, Lutheran Clergy Text Study, Mission District Trip, Monthly Call from NALC Staff, NALC Convocation, Nursing Home Visits, Office Visits, Tuesday Prayer Meetings, Vacation, Website Redesign Meeting, Sunday worship services

New Business

Congregational meeting Bev So

The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22, following the worship service. There will be a potluck fellowship preceding the meeting, Election of council members will be held at the meeting along with reports from Pastor Hartten and Bev So. Kevin Kunst is on the nominating committee.

Building key for Bev So

Kevin Kunst turned over his church key to Bev So. Bev will be getting any alarm notifications in the future. On Sundays, the church doors should be open at 9:15 a.m.

Motion to adjourn

Ed made a motion to adjourn.

Closing Prayer

The council joined together in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Our August Fundraisers for the Nurbhai Family raised more than \$ 14,000 to help with Juli's medical expenses!

More than 275 people came to our Spaghetti Dinner on Aug. 3.

By Bev So

The spaghetti benefit for Juli Nurbhai held on Saturday, Aug. 3, in the fellowship hall was truly a success. More than \$7,300 was raised from ticket sales, a 50/50 raffle, and generous donations. It was especially wonderful to have Juli's husband Muffi, and many relatives in attendance.

It is estimated that 275 people were in attendance.

The congregation certainly pulled together for this event. We had more than 40 members who helped the day before and the day of the dinner. Many members also donated desserts.

We were very fortunate and very appreciative for the chef skills of Giuseppe Macerata, the son-in-law of Barb and Ken Barry. Giuseppe kept the kitchen running smoothly. The food was served hot and very delicious.

We received a Thrivent grant for \$250 and a gift from Gordon Food Service for \$50. With this \$300, additional costs were minimal.



The evening was truly a gift from our Lord. Visitors were greeted by Pastor Steve outside the fellowship hall door and again welcomed by members as they entered the building. The hall was alive with laughter and joy. Everyone had a wonderful evening. This showed that Peace members can work together happily, be encouraging to others with love to participate and share, putting others before ourselves, and most of all, to have faith in our Savior.

Many visitors commented on the family atmosphere of the event and the friendliness of everyone.

Paul Todd concert raised nearly \$7,000 for Juli

By Shari Schmidt

The concert was very special indeed. Mo, Mia and Mufi; and Juli's mother and stepdad, Mufi's mother, Juli's sister and nephew and 2 very special friends joined us and sat in the very first row!

Thank you to all who bought tickets, donated funds, baked cookies, purchased tickets, printed posters, created beautiful advertisements, set up the Fellowship Hall, assisted the Todds' set up and tear down and/or worked on the night of the concert. The evening was absolutely amazing! Many said they couldn't believe the Todds could top last year's concert, but they did.

Their incredible talent was obvious to all. Paul's incredible mastery of the keyboard and his

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Several new Christian Education classes planned for Fall

Here is our Christian Education Schedule for the fall:

- Adult Sunday School to begin Sept. 15**
 The Adult Sunday School class will begin with a two week study of the Fruits of the Spirit co-taught by Pastors Schmidt and Hartten. This study was presented at the NALC Convocation for Mission Districts to study as a whole. It was decided that the study would be brought back to each congregation in Michigan and then input shared at the Michigan Mission District Meeting in October. Come and learn from the Book of Galatians!
- Graying in Grace: Becoming Mature Disciples of Christ**
 On Sept. 29, the Adult Sunday School will begin a 13-week course developed by the NALC on discipleship. Pastor Hartten will begin the class and Pastor Schmidt will take over as his travel schedule permits.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study**
 Pastor Schmidt's Wednesday night classes will focus

on the Gospel of Mark. Sessions begin on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and classes begin at 7 p.m.



- Men's Ministry**
 Thursday Men's Bible Study resumes on Thursday, Sept. 12.
- Come, Holy Spirit**
 Would you like to learn more about the Third Person of the Trinity? Join Pastor Hartten Sunday nights at 6 p.m. for a nine-session class on the Holy Trinity. Books cost about \$10; please sign up in the hallway so the correct number of books can be ordered. Classes begin Oct. 6 and end Dec. 8.

Paul Todd

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smooth sounding vocals were enhanced by Paul Jr's amazing vocal talent and ability on the drums. The two artists' sense of humor and connection to the audience made the concert complete! But, when Paul Sr. went to our organ and told the audience that he first played in a church service at age 7, we knew we were in for something special. He played an impromptu arrangement, starting with *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, that lasted nearly 15 minutes. He was pulling out stops, doing cord variations, and in general did things with his hands and feet that we did not know our organ could do. The audience showed their appreciation with a long standing ovation.

Figures are almost complete, but it looks like you all helped us raise nearly \$7,000 for Juli and her family. Added to the Spaghetti dinner funds raised we, as a congregation, earned more than \$14,000 for the family.

This, my friends, is God's work through His people! Thank you so much!



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Peace of Mind Preplanning Workshop

Peace Lutheran Church invites you to join us as we host a Preplanning Workshop, sponsored by Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services. This workshop helps illustrate the peace of mind and preparedness that comes when final wishes are planned and recorded in advance. Refreshments and dessert will be served.

**Tuesday, September 17
6:30pm**

Peace Lutheran Church
3590 Lincoln Ave
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Please RSVP at (269) 215-1403

WE WILL DISCUSS

- Cremation & Burials
- Traditional Funerals
- Veteran Benefits
- Payment Plans
- Pre-arrangements





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: Gary Walker

Communion: Autumn McCune and Marty Tallman

September 1

Greeters/Ushers: Kevin and Ginger Kunst

Lector: Herb Kroening

Altar Guild: Ginger Kunst

Fellowship: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

September 8

Greeters/Ushers: Norma and Rich Carpenter

Lector: Amy Cahill

Altar Guild: Louise Solak

Altar Flowers: Open

September 15

Greeters/Ushers: Ken and Barb Berry

Lector: Nan Hacker

Altar Guild: Margaret Schmieding

Fellowship: The Fellowship Committee

Altar Flowers: Marty and Maria Tallman

September 22

Greeters/Ushers: Bev and Dominic So

Lector: Bev So

Altar Guild: Mark Carpenter

Altar Flowers: Open

Fellowship: The Fellowship Committee

September 29

Greeters/Ushers: Jim and Elaine Chartrand

Lector: Elaine Chartrand

Altar Guild: Steve Hartten

Altar Flowers: Sandy Warren

THIS MONTH'S READINGS

Sun., Sept. 1 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:2-10, Psalm 131

Hebrews 13:1-17, Luke 14:1-14

Sun., Sept. 8 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-35

Sun., Sept. 15 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-24, Psalm 119:169-176

1 Timothy 1:5-17, Luke 15:1-10



Sun. Sept. 22 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-15, Luke 16:1-15

Sun. Sept. 29 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1-7, Psalm 146

1 Timothy 3:1-13, Luke 16:19-31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 Worship	2 9-12 Office Hours	3 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 6p Fellowship Committee Mtg	4 9-12 Office Hours	5 9-12 Office Hours 7p Choir	6 Office closed	7
8 10:15 Worship Blessing of Backpacks/LWR P. Steve gone	9 P. Steve in Eastern MI for Dean duties 9-12 Office Hours	10 P. Steve gone 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	11 P. Steve gone 9-12 Office Hours 7p Mark Study	12 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	13 Office closed	14
15 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:15 Thank You Fellowship	16 9-12 Office Hours 6p Council	17 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 6:30p Funeral Preplanning	18 9-12 Office Hours 7p Mark Study	19 News Due 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	20 Office closed	21
22 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:15 - Cong. Mtg	23 9-12 Office Hours 7p Worship Committee Mtg	24 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	25 9-12 Office Hours 7p Mark Study	26 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	27 Office closed	28 6p Back to School Bonfire
29 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	30 9-12 Office Hours					

Birthdays

8 Shirley Chapman
10 Juli Nurbhai
11 Mark Mahler
13 Steve Hartten
13 Ricky Roberts
19 Virgil Bennett
24 Asher Adkins
27 Linda Roberts

Anniversaries

9 Cliff & Pat
DeSchaaf
18 Todd & Sherri
Nitz
19 Michael & Tiffany

King

22 Kevin & Ginger
Kunst
25 John & Diane
Herrman
28 Gary & Barb
Walker
30 Wayne & Sandy
Schuermann

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



BACK TO SCHOOL BONFIRE

6 p.m. Sept. 28

Our September Family Fellowship will be a Back to School Bonfire at the church. Everyone is welcome. The church will provide hot dogs and brats, buns, condiments, s'more fixings and some drinks. If you plan to attend, please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.



**Blessing of the
Animals
Sunday, Oct. 6
3 p.m.**

Invite your friends!

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