



Peace LUTHERAN CHURCH

News

November, 2018

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In mid-October I attended the annual Michigan Mission District Meeting. This year the meeting was held in Alpena, Mich. For the first time in several years, we had almost perfect attendance. Seven of the eight congregations were represented.

What impresses me about these meetings is the comradery among clergy and lay attendees. There is a deep desire to serve together and to find ways to share ministry. But, we are still figuring out how to overcome the geographical separation that hinders joint ministry.

However, there were several promising and exciting developments. On Saturday, April 27, 2019, women are invited to gather at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Owosso, Mich., for a meeting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the first attempt to gather women from across our Mission District to develop a district-wide Women of the NALC chapter. Each congregation already has a chapter, whether or not it is active. If a woman is a member of an NALC congregation, she is automatically a member of the Women of the NALC! If interested, mark your calendars, we'll figure out transportation closer to the event. The clergy of the mission district will be

holding a separate meeting at Redeemer that day, so there is at least one car going from St. Joe!

A second attempt at shared ministry is a planned mission trip to the NALC Warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio, the last full week of June 2019. (Exact dates to be determined) This is an intergenerational trip and hopefully a multi-congregational trip. Tasks will include helping at the warehouse as well as coordinating with HARP- Helping Appalachian Rural People with home improvement projects. This holds considerable promise for strengthening the ties between our dispersed congregations.

Both of these events will provide a fuller picture of the larger church that we are a part of. Either of these would be a great way to improve one's understanding of how the NALC functions.



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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

Time Change!!

Sunday November 4th marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to "Fall Back" one hour on Saturday night.



COUNCIL MINUTES

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 15, 2018

Call to Order at 5:55 pm Kevin Kunst

Opening prayer Pastor Hartten

Add on to Agenda

Starks Funeral home pre-plan funeral seminar at Peace
Veterans Day Flowers
NALC needs a Michigan church to be host church to
disaster relief storage facility.

Members present: Jerry Pliley, Kevin Kunst, Karen
Richardville, Josh Lochner, Barb Berry

Also present: Richard Steinbauer, Nan Hacker, Pastor
Hartten

Absent: Ed Zajac, Virgil Bennett, Mark Carpenter,
Bev So

Approval of Agenda

Jerry made the motion to accept the agenda. The
motion was seconded by Karen.

Final Review of September 2018 Council Minutes
(Via Email) approved

Special Guest Nan Hacker

Nan presented samples of member's name tags on
lanyards with options. Peace Lutheran Church would
be printed on the polyester lanyard. Price would be
\$1.87 each which includes the plastic sleeve for 150.
Cost for each would be less if we would purchase
more lanyards. Discussed the possibility of having
cubbyholes for each member. Pastor will contact
someone about making wood cubbyholes. The vote
was tabled until next month since there were not
enough voting members.

Treasurer's report Soon to be Tri-County

Tri-County charges \$90 per hour. It will be about
four to six hours for first month and three to four
hours per month for future. This will include
presenting the treasurer's report at our monthly
council meeting. The church's responsibility would
still be to figure the budget. Amy will still write

checks and do invoicing for bills. Tri-County
will meet with Amy to look at the 2018 Quick Books.

Old Business

Terrorism Insurance

Kevin Kunst

It would cost an additional \$45 per year to add the
terrorism insurance for five million dollar coverage.
This is tabled until next month, not enough voting
members.

Website Changes

Josh Lochner

Josh will take ownership of website this week from
Amy.

Missions Committee

Kevin Kunst

This new committee will be started. Virgil Bennett
has agreed to be on committee along with Sandy
Schuermann. Looking for other members to step up.

Standing Committee Report

Worship/Music

Ken Berry/Nan Hacker

The committee had recommended weekly
communion. The council had an open discussion at
the congregational meeting. This will be tabled until
next month, not enough voting members.

Property

Kevin Kunst/Jerry Pliley

Jerry has repaired the lighted sign. Discussed
clean-up of the grounds before the anniversary
weekend. Kevin is checking on price for plowing
from Al Marks.

Fellowship

Chris Bennett

Banquet plans are moving right along as
scheduled.

Pastor's report

Pastor Hartten

The church received a 40 foot aluminum ladder
donated by Kevin Kunst's mother.

The following is a summary of the activities since
the last council meeting: Anniversary Planning
Meeting, Back to Church Sunday Potluck, Blessing of
the Animals, Church Council Meeting, Confirmation
Class, Congregational Meeting, Home Visits, Hospital
Visits, "I am a Church Member" Book Study,
Lutheran Clergy Text Study, Office Visits,
Rehabilitation Center Visits, Thursday Men's Bible

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Council

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Study, Tuesday Prayer Meeting, Tutoring at Upton Middle School, Worship Committee, Sunday Worship.

New Business:

Discuss Outsourcing of Treasurer's Duties

Kevin Kunst

Plans are in motion for Tri-County to handle the bookkeeping.

Review all incoming/outgoing invoices

Kevin Kunst

Tri-County will not review the invoices. Kevin is requesting someone from council to take care of this.

Add on.

Funeral Pre-planning Workshop.

Starks and Menchinger can set up a workshop at our church. It will be a one hour workshop. They will give out a packet for funeral pre-planning, give an overview of the pre-planning, and will serve food. They are looking at a January of 2019 time frame. Our church can act as a host for the community, advertise to invite others. Pastor will look at our

policy book regarding hosting a community event at our church. We will discuss further at the November meeting.

Veterans Day Flowers

Mutual Ministries met with the executive committee and suggested a bouquet of flower with flags to be displayed in the narthex. Name cards for veterans can be placed in the bouquet. Kevin will ask for a vote from council by email in order to this to be implemented.

Disaster Relief Warehouse in Michigan

The NALC is looking for a Disaster Relief Church Facility in Michigan. A large heated garage is needed. They are looking for a place in each state to store supplies, like quilts, flood buckets, health kits, bibles and school kits. They would handle all the transportation. Our church would just be a storage facility for the supplies. Will be discussed next month.

Motion to adjourn

Josh made the motion to adjourn.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Hartten

Council President's Address to the Congregation October 7, 2018

The following contains excerpts from an address given during worship by Kevin Kunst:

'Last week at our Congregational Meeting the Church Council asked the congregation to approve the use of Scrip Funds to underwrite the cost of the 25th Anniversary Banquet. The request to use Scrip money was made with the awareness that the Scrip account is a restricted fund, but could be used for extra-budget items. During the meeting several members stated that the original intent of the fund was to help raise funds to purchase "The Farm" and then once that purchase was completed to use the money for building and grounds repairs. The origin of the Scrip Fund is not in question- Council agrees to the original intent of the fund.

As we researched past Council and Congregational meeting minutes, we found evidence that Scrip money has been used for non-building related expenses. At the June 22, 2013, Church Council meeting a motion was made and approved to use Scrip Funds for the General Fund. At the January 25, 2015, Congregational Meeting a report on the Scrip Funds stated that \$4,000 was given to the congregation's operating budget in 2014 and \$4,000 was pledged for the 2015 calendar year.

I understand that memories can be faulty and that not every member attends every congregational meeting. I wanted to set the record straight that while Scrip Funds were originally established for land and building, there are several precedents for utilizing Scrip Funds for the operating expenses of this congregation. The Church Council will honor the vote from [the September 30th Congregational Meeting] not to use any funds from the Scrip account to offset costs for the Anniversary Banquet."



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.

What Does This Mean to Me?

This regular 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 Do We Sing during Worship?”

The purpose of music in Lutheran worship is to enable the worshipping members of the body of Christ to give praise to their Lord and King and to assist in the proclamation of the Gospel and the celebration of the sacraments.

Martin Luther kept with modifications the historic Liturgy of Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, and Evening Prayer.



These worship settings already had musical parts that allowed the congregation to respond to the Priest or Cantor. (Our current Kyrie is an example of this type of singing). Luther’s most widely recognized achievement was encouragement of congregational song in worship. To give substance to the “priesthood of all believers” Luther encouraged the practice of hymn singing by all. Early hymns were composed to impart specific scriptural or doctrinal truths that matched closely biblical texts chosen for a Sunday. This eventually led to the development of the Hymn of the Day; a collection of songs specifically written to accompany specific Bible passages. Additionally, hymns were composed to be sung during Baptisms and the distribution of the Lord’s Supper.

We sing during worship to faithfully proclaim God’s Word, to provide the laity greater participation in worship, and to make the whole song of the congregation one of praise and thanksgiving to God.



Hurricane Disaster Response Update

October 15, 2018 - Update from Mary Bates, Disaster Coordinator of the NALC Disaster Response:

Thanks to your efforts, there is a box truck filled with flood buckets and relief supplies ready to go south. This means, however, that the warehouses are once again empty. With Hurricane Michael’s destruction now added to the mix, the need remains greater than ever and we will need to stock the warehouses again as quickly as possible. Our goal will be to continue to keep the supplies coming throughout the fall until there is no further need and the warehouses are full for next year’s hurricane season.

There remains an immediate need for industrial-size trash bags and N95 disposable respirator masks for the clean-up efforts. Caldwell Ohio has a large number of empty buckets at the warehouse. Items requested include: Bibles (include one Bible for every bucket), Trash bags (black, industrial size), N95 Disposal respirator masks (standard size, generic or 3M brand). As well, we are in need of Health Kits, School Kits and Diapers (any and all sizes). *[Much like the Lutheran World Relief kits.]*

With your help, Peace can continue our support of these recovery efforts.

From our initial request this month for donations to support this effort, Peace Lutheran Church has sent a check for \$350. The Women of NALC have designated NALC Disaster Response their national recipient of their 2018-2019 Mission Bank offerings. As well, the past Scrip card donations to their “Stuff a Tonka” at NALC convocations is already being distributed for present and long-term disaster relief for the survivors of Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Since the NALC is a small church with widespread congregations, it is important that we stand together in prayer and to provide assistance where needed. For domestic disasters only the Disaster Response Fund provides resources to: respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur, alleviate human suffering, provide transitional assistance and enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process

As Peace begins to put together a Missions Committee, NALC Disaster Relief is one possible avenue of outreach. Once the committee is established, let a member know if this is an area of particular interest to you.

Faith in Action – Together We Make a Difference!

Class on Prayer

Pastor Steve will be offering a six-week class on Prayer beginning the week of Nov. 4. Class will be offered two different times: Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for those who don't like to drive at night, and Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for those who cannot attend a daytime session. The classes will conclude on December 10/11 so as not to interfere with upcoming Christmas celebrations.

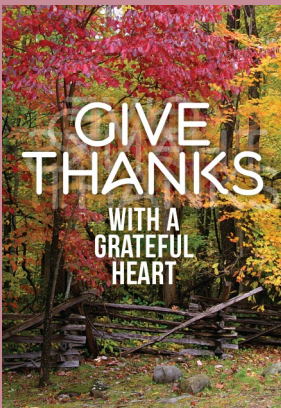


VETERAN'S DAY WORSHIP

This year, the 25th Sunday after Pentecost falls on Nov. 11, the United States observance of Veteran's Day. In addition to our time-honored practice of having veterans stand up and be acknowledged during worship, this year we will be trying something new. A committee consisting of Virgil Bennett, Marty Tallman and Lee Hornack is currently working to hammer out the details. Watch for more information in This Week at Peace as the day draws near.

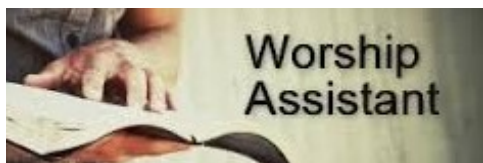
Bowling - Nov. 18
3 p.m. at Kelly's Bowl
\$10 for 2 rounds and shoes

Our Family Fellowship for November will be bowling at Kelly's Bowl, 2705 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph. After we're done bowling, we'll have dinner as a group at Culver's. Family Fellowship is open to everyone in the church. If you'd like to join us, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Peace Lutheran will host a Thanksgiving Eve Vespers worship at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21. We will use the liturgy that has been sung at mid-week Advent and Lent worship, with lessons and a sermon appropriate to the National Holiday of Thanksgiving.



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: Shawn and Patrick Cahill
Altar Guild: Open

November 4
Greeters/Ushers: Barb and Gary Walker
Lector: Shari Schmidt
Acolyte: Emily Sorensen
Altar Flowers: Marty and Maria Tallman
Fellowship: Open

THIS MONTH'S READINGS

Sun., Nov. 4 – All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7:2-17, Psalm 149
1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Sun., Nov. 11 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Sun., Nov. 18 - Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 3:1-13

November 11
Greeters/Ushers: Chuck and Jane Wilson
Lector: Herb Kroening
Acolyte: Ainsley Cahill
Altar Flowers: In Honor of the Veterans
Fellowship: In Honor of the Veterans

November 18
Greeters/Ushers: Rich and Tammy Steinbauer
Lector: Sandy Warren
Acolyte: Matt Hogan
Altar Flowers: Open
Fellowship: Harvest Dinner

November 25
Greeters/Ushers: Bev and Dominic So
Lector: Bev So
Altar Flowers: Open



Wed., Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Eve
Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Psalm 67
Philippians 4:6-20, Luke 17:11-19

Sun., Nov. 25– Christ the King
Isaiah 51:4-6, Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8, Mark 13:24-37

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 10 Quilters 7p Choir	2 Office closed	3
4 9 Sunday School Confirmation is cancelled 10:15 Worship	5 9-12 Office Hours 1p Prayer Class 6p Fellowship Committee Mtg	6 Election Day 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Prayer Class	7 9-12 Office Hours 2:30 Upton 7:30p Genesis Study	8 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	9 Office closed	10
11 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with communion 11:30 Fellowship	12 9-12 Office Hours 1p Prayer Class 7p Worship Committee Mtg	13 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Prayer Class	14 9-12 Office Hours 2:30 Upton 7:30p Genesis	15 News Due 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 10 Quilters 7p Choir	16 Office closed	17
18 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 H. Dinner 3 p.m. Bowling	19 9-12 Office Hours 1p Prayer Class 6p Council	20 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Prayer Class	21 9-12 Office Hours 7p Worship	22 Office closed for Thanksgiving	23 Office closed	24
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Birthdays

5 Sally Hoffman
8 Barb Durlinger
17 Jim Damaske
21 Barb Walker
23 Lynn Hornack
24 Doug Landis
27 Steven Chapman
30 Chuck Wilson

Anniversaries

2 Martin & Maria
Tallman

Military

Steven Chapman
309 Walton Hall
Ypsilanti MI 48197

Brandon M Enders

1061 USS Tennessee
Ave
Kings Bay, GA 31547

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.

Albert Beebe
Marian Hogue
Joe Naines
Betty Robbins
Barbara Southland
Mildred Wantz



Choir practice: 7 p.m. Thursdays

The choir is always looking for new members and this year there is a special need for male voices. You are welcome to join for the entire year or just a church season.

HARVEST DINNER

*Harvest
Dinner*



Nov. 18 following worship

Join us for our annual Harvest Dinner. The meal will be a potluck. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the Bulletin Board and let the Fellowship Committee know what you plan to bring.

**Sunday, Nov. 4 is
All Saints Day**

Please notify the church office by Monday, Oct. 29, if you have a loved one who died this past year whom you would like remembered during the worship service.



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