



# Peace

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## News

October, 2018

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

At the NALC Convocation I attended a workshop on being a RADICAL congregation. It was a catchy way of using an acronym to draw attention to the workshop. As the workshop began, we were challenged to think of church in a new way. "Church is where you come to Christ to learn how to be Church [the Body of Christ]." I'm familiar with the definitions of Church as a building, or as the people in the building. These definitions refer to things- either a structure or individuals. This new definition views Church as a process.

The more I've reflected on this understanding, the more I like it. Church isn't static, it is dynamic. It is where we come to worship God, where God meets us and feeds us through his Living Word in Scripture and in the Sacraments. Through this act of worship we are changed; God works on us. These repeated encounters with God's grace helps to shape us like the waves shape the stones along a lakeshore or in a river bed. The process is gradual, maybe not even discernable to those around us, but God works on us nonetheless.

I also like the idea that learning is a life-long process. In many of the

congregations I've been involved with Sunday School and Confirmation are stressed. Then once a person reaches about 14 years of age, formal learning is over.

Confirmation becomes a pseudo graduation and the expectation of learning ends. We don't stop learning about God and God doesn't stop reaching out to us after we reach a certain age. There are always opportunities to be drawn closer to Christ and in doing so learn what it means to be part of the Body of Christ.

This month we celebrate 25 years of God's grace sustaining Peace Lutheran. We have much to be thankful for, and much to look forward to. As we look back on our history, let us also look forward with anticipation and a willingness to continue learning how to be the Body of Christ to each other and the world.



SENIOR PASTOR  
STEVE HARTTEN

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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



Just a reminder that Friday, Oct. 5, is the deadline to RSVP for the 25th Anniversary Dinner



# COUNCIL MINUTES

**Peace Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
September 17, 2018**

**Call to Order at 6:04 p.m. Kevin Kunst**

**Opening prayer Pastor Hartten**

**Members present:** Ed Zajac, Jerry Pliley, Kevin Kunst, Karen Richardville, Virgil Bennett, Mark Carpenter, Barb Berry, Bev So

**Also present:** Pastor Hartten

**Absent:** Josh Lochner

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**August minutes** approved via email.

<b>Treasurer's report</b>			<b>Becky Carpenter</b>
	Current		Over(Under)
	Month	Budget	Budget
Income	\$ 17,551	\$ 16,042	\$ 1,509
Interest	\$ 32	\$ 12	\$ 20
	\$ 17,583	\$ 16,054	\$ 1,529
	YTD	YTD	Over(Under)
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income	\$ 132,994	\$ 126,333	\$6,661
Interest	\$ 129	\$ 96	\$ 33
	\$ 133,123	\$ 126,429	\$6,694

**Old Business**

**Terrorism Insurance** (Tabled until October Mtg)  
**Kevin Kunst**

**Website Changes** (Tabled until October Mtg)  
**Josh Lochner**

**Nominations for Future Council Members**  
**Jerry Pliley**

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Congregational Meeting.

**Funding for 25 year party from Scrip vote**  
**Kevin Kunst**

The funding that is needed will be pulled from the

Scrip account. Mark made a motion to fund the anniversary party from Scrip. Virgil seconded. The motion passed. A final vote will be taken at the Congregational Meeting on Sept. 30.

**Standing Committee Reports:  
Worship/Music**

The Oct. 28 anniversary service will include Pastor Schmidt, Dr. Wendell from NALC and Dr. Knauff. A potluck will follow the service.

The committee recommended weekly communion. The council decided to support discussion of weekly communion with all members at the fall Congregational Meeting.

The worship calendar for October, November and December was presented.

A motion by the council was made for the committee to make some revisions. The motion passed.

**Property Jerry Pliley**

Jerry bought a new vacuum. He said we are going to need to start addressing the older equipment in the building. Jerry shared some of the issues we've had with the air conditioners and, in the past year, with the furnaces.

**Fellowship Chris Bennett**

A sign up has been posted on the bulletin board. Members and committees are encouraged to sign up for a Fellowship Sunday.

Chris asked for other ideas for Fellowship other than on Sundays after the service. The committee is to come back with suggestions to the October meeting.

The Autumn Harvest dinner will be on Nov. 18 following the worship service.

Plans for the Anniversary dinner were reviewed. Committee members were reminded to bring 150 appetizers each for the cocktail hour. Drink tickets will be available at the greeting table the night of the dinner. The committee will work together to cover the duties of the evening.

**Pastor's report Pastor Hartten**

A summary of the NALC Convocation was shared. The theme of this year's convocation was "The Person of the Holy Spirit".

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# Council

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The following is a summary of the activities since the last council meeting: Executive Committee meeting, family fellowship, home visits, hospital visits, Lutheran clergy text studies, a meeting with the Michigan Mission District dean, Mutual Ministry meeting, nursing home visits, office visits, Tuesday prayer meetings, worship committee, Thursday and Sunday worship services.

### **New business:**

#### **Vote to accept treasurer's resignation**

**Kevin Kunst**

Bev made a motion to accept the resignation of treasurer Becky Carpenter. Barb seconded. The motion passed, but with regret from all council members.

#### **Discussion outsourcing of Treasurer's Duties**

**Kevin Kunst**

After discussion motions were made to outsource to Tri-County. Ed made the motion to outsource the treasurer duties to Tri-County. Karen seconded. The motion passed.

#### **NALC Missions Focus**

**Kevin Kunst**

The council discussed other options and needs for local, national, and international missions. We agreed to think about the discussion and revisit the topic again at the next meeting. We are looking for members to serve on a mission-minded committee.

#### **Motion to adjourn**

Jerry made the motion to adjourn.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



## **MISSION & MINISTRY MATTERS AT PEACE**

### **NALC DISASTER RESPONSE SEEKING HELP**

Multiple disasters across the country and long-term recovery have put a tremendous stress on maintaining funds and products needed. In urgent response to reports we see daily of flooding, great loss of life and property and personal challenge - **WE CAN HELP!**

Peace Lutheran Church is accepting donations of funds and SCRIP Cards (Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart) to answer that call for help. You may contact the office or see the SCRIP ladies for purchases of the appropriate cards. Financial contributions also welcome – if donating cash or check, please note on the memo line or envelope: “NALC Disaster Response.” You may drop your envelope in the offering plate or the collection container on the table in the narthex.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY** for those affected by disaster and loss, and for those who work tirelessly in support of those in need.

**BERRIEN COUNTY CANCER SERVICE HAS MOVED** - it can now be found at the Marie Yaeger Cancer Center, 3900 Hollywood Road, phone: 269-429-3281, or go to [bccancerservice.org](http://bccancerservice.org). That relocation puts them closer to those who need their services. Thanks to all who support BCCS and help them continue to offer support and care to cancer patients, their families and caregivers at no charge. Information on BCCS and their services can be found on the table in the narthex.



## **BLESSED THAT WE MAY BLESS OTHERS**

**THANK YOU** to all who have generously supported these and many other efforts at Peace. Through Community, Domestic and Global Ministries – these among the many efforts here at Peace bring us opportunities to grow in our faith - to share our time - to share our resources and talents.

### **WANT TO LEARN MORE? Check out these websites:**

[bccancerservice.org](http://bccancerservice.org)

[lwr.org/get\\_involved](http://lwr.org/get_involved)

[thenalc.org/disaster response](http://thenalc.org/disaster_response)

[thrivent.com/disaster response](http://thrivent.com/disaster_response)

(Thrivent Action Team, Promo “Hurricane Florence”)

# 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 Lutherans Celebrate Reformation Sunday?”

The last Sunday in October is traditionally set aside as Reformation Sunday in Lutheran congregations. I am not aware of any other denomination that regularly interrupts the Season After Pentecost to commemorate this event.

October 31, 1517, is the date historians have set as the start of the Protestant Reformation. This is the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church door seeking to begin a debate about the sale of indulgences. This event was not the first to protest the selling of forgiveness, but it was the one that

gained the backing of the regional nobility, which meant it stood a better chance of succeeding.

Some Lutherans look to Reformation Sunday as the birth of the Protestant Church. While the birthing actually took about 13 years and was formalized by the Holy Roman Emperor’s rejection of the Augsburg Confession in 1530, the end of October seems as good a day as any to mark to start of our tradition. Another reason to celebrate Reformation Sunday is to remind ourselves that the Church is always in need of reforming. Human sinfulness causes us to wander away from God’s revealed Truth, to substitute our own preferences and practices, so it is important to set aside a day to remind ourselves that while God’s Truth is unchanging, we need to adjust our practices to remain focused on God’s Truth.



## Narrative Worship Service planned for Oct. 14

There will be a special worship opportunity on Sunday, Oct. 14. Our normal 10:15 a.m. worship time will feature a Narrative Liturgy – an explanation as to why the liturgy is constructed as it is. Worship will feature a narrator who will explain the history and reason for the upcoming portion of worship. The congregation and pastor will then conduct that portion of the liturgy. The narrator will then explain the next portion and the congregation and pastor will respond by offering that portion of the liturgy. The Worship Committee hopes that this special service will be a fitting part of our 25th Anniversary Celebration as well as a teaching opportunity for all of us to be reminded of why we do what we do.



### A Stewardship Congregation

My congregation is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a congregation of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,

of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my congregation to be. Amen.

- Adapted from the Newman Center, Lincoln, NE.



Churches who invite people to attend are churches who have guests who come. It really is that simple.



# September was a month to remember here at Peace!

Egg Toss on Back to Church Sunday



LWR Work Day



Back to School Bonfire



Blessing of the Backpacks



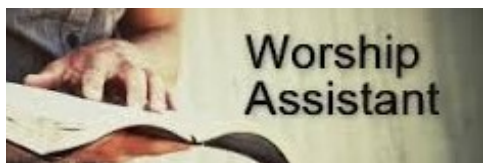
Berrien County Cancer Service donation



Corn Hole Tournament







## 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:** Rich and Tammy Steinbauer

**Communion:** Ron Wilson and Margaret Schmieding

**Altar Guild:** Karen Richardville

October 7

**Greeters/Ushers:** Jeannette Jeske and Evie Chevrette

**Lector:** Greg Solak

**Altar Flowers:** Sandy Warren

**Fellowship:** Open

October 14

**Greeters/Ushers:** Kevin and Ginger Kunst

**Lector:** Sandy Warren

**Acolyte:** Matt Hogan

**Altar Flowers:** Pastor and Loretta Hartten

October 21

**Greeters/Ushers:** Jim and Elaine Chartrand

**Lector:** Elaine Chartrand

**Altar Flowers:** Open

**Fellowship:** Open

October 28

**Greeters/Ushers:** The Cahill Family

**Lector:** Shawn Cahill

**Acolyte:** Emily Sorensen and Ainsley Cahill

**Altar Flowers:** The Cahill Family

## THIS MONTH'S READINGS



**Sun., Oct. 7 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 2: 18-25, Psalm 128

Hebrews 2:1-18, Mark 10:2-16

**Sun., Oct. 14 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 3:12-19, Mark 10:17-22

**Sun., Oct. 21 - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20, Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 4:1-16, Mark 10:23-31

**Sun., Oct. 28 - Reformation Sunday**

Revelation 14:6-7, Psalm 46

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



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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9-12 Office Hours 6p Book Study 6p Fellowship Committee Mtg	2 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Book Study	3 9-12 Office Hours 1p Book Study 7:30 Genesis Study	4 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 10 Quilters 7p Book Study 7p Choir	5 Office closed	6
7 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 7 Book Study	8 9-12 Office Hours 6p Book Study 7p Worship Committee Mtg	9 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Book Study	10 9-12 Office Hours 1p Book Study 7:30p Genesis Study	11 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Book Study 7p Choir	12 Office closed 9 Soup Kitchen	13 Michigan Mission District Mtg— Hubbard Lake
14 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with communion	15 9-12 Office Hours 6p Book Study 6p Council Mtg	16 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Book Study	17 9-12 Office Hours 1p Book Study 2:30 Upton (?) 7:30p Genesis	18 News Due 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 10 Quilters 7p Book Study 7p Choir	19 Office closed	20
21 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 7 Book Study	22 9-12 Office Hours	23 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	24 9-12 Office Hours 2:30 Upton 7:30p Genesis Study	25 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	26 Office closed	27 7p 25th Anniversary Banquet
28 9 Q&A with Dr. Wendell 10:15 Worship with communion	29 9-12 Office Hours	30 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	31 9-12 Office Hours 2:30 Upton 7:30p Genesis Study			

### Birthdays

2 Sandy Warren  
4 Norma Carpenter  
4 Nate Tallman  
5 Braelynn Adkins  
7 Bernie Gleason Jr.  
11 Alec Carpenter  
13 Sandy Landis  
20 Frank Nose  
21 Todd Nitz  
23 Marty Tallman  
31 Jim Steinbauer

### Anniversaries

1 Thomas & Hilde  
Boozer  
10 Rev. Ronald &  
Sharon Schmidt  
12 Rev. Steve &  
Loretta Hartten  
21 Ron & Judy Wilson

### 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.

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**3 p.m. Sept. 7**

The Sunday closest to Oct. 4 is a day that can be set aside to Bless Animals. Last year we had about 13 of our furry friends receive a blessing. This year, hopefully we can build on last year's success. This is a great event for inviting a friend or neighbor. It is a way to meet others who have a love of animals and an opportunity to socialize your pet. We will gather at 3 p.m. for a brief worship, Pastor Steve will bless each animal individually and then those willing will take a walk around the property with their pet. All animals welcome- and if your pet would do better in a pet carrier, bring it along!



## Peace Lutheran Church

October 31, 1993 - October 31, 2018

Join us on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28,  
for a Festive Worship Service of Holy Communion  
to celebrate Peace Lutheran Church's 25th Anniversary

Peace Lutheran was formally recognized as a congregation on Reformation Day, Oct. 31, 1993. We have a weekend of celebration planned to mark this historic event. There is a special banquet planned for Oct. 27 at the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center in St. Joseph. Dinner reservations are due Oct. 5. Please call the church office for details. On Sunday, the Rev. Dr. David Wendel will be with us representing the NALC. He will be available for a question and answer session during the Education Hour beginning at 9 a.m. Let us gather to give thanks to God for 25 years of his grace!

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