

February, 2018

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Have you noticed that when the person sitting near the center isle of the Sanctuary only puts their name on the Friendship Pad, others follow suit? One way to assist the Church Office in obtaining contact information for a visitor is for members to complete the entire sign-in row in the Friendship Pad.

The Friendship Pad is an important tool for obtaining contact information for a visitor. Even though we have a Guest Book in the Narthex, most visitors who sign the Guest Book only sign their name. Knowing a person's name does not help in obtaining contact information. With many people having cell phones and no longer having land line telephones, the ability to search for a person's phone number using the White Pages becomes very difficult. (Cell phone numbers are not published in the White Pages.)

If you notice a person you are unfamiliar with sitting next to you or at the other end of the pew, try writing out your name, address, phone number and then checking the appropriate box (member, will take Lord's Supper, etc.) By setting the example of completing

the entire row, there is a much better chance that others sitting next to you will do so as well. A visitor unfamiliar with a congregation's practices will imitate what people around them are doing. If I'm a visitor and I only see people's names on the pad, I'm only going to put my name on the pad as well!

Once the Friendship Pad is passed back to the center aisle, you have a wonderful tool to find out the name of the stranger sitting in the same pew with you. Open the cover and read the name! Then make it a point to introduce yourself to the person while waiting for your pew to be dismissed after the final hymn. There is ample time to say "Hello!" and "Welcome" or "Would you please join us for fellowship" before the usher grants permission to leave your seat!



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Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship

Tuesday
11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday
Beginning Feb. 14
7 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday
7 p.m. Choir



Save The Date

The Peace 25th Anniversary Dinner will be **Oct. 27, 2018**. Please add the date to your calendar. More information will follow as it gets closer to this date. If you have any questions please feel free to ask any of the Anniversary Committee: Rich and Norma Carpenter, Sandy Warren, Lee and Lynn Hornack.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. Kevin Kunst

Opening Prayer/Devotional Pastor Hartten
Pastor read from Ephesians Chapter 4, followed with a brief devotional and prayer.

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

Also present: Pastor Hartten, Judy Novak - Treasurer, and Pat Nose.

Approval of December 2017 council minutes was made via email.

Special presentation Pat Nose
Christmas cards

198 cards were sent out this year.

Adopt a Family

Peace adopted three families this year - three adults and ten children. Members donated gifts with an equal number of gifts given for each person.

Soup Kitchen

Six hundred and ninety-one meals were served during 2017. \$183.04 was the cost to the church. Among the meals served were chili, sloppy joes, roast turkey, spaghetti, and chicken and noodles.

In February there was a food drive at our church in support of the soup kitchen.

Treasurer's Report Judy Novak

	TITHES	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
MTD	\$ 34,568.00	\$ 19,405.65	\$15,162.35
YTD	\$216,835.98	\$205,700.00	\$11,135.98

Old Business:

Treasurer Replacement Kevin Kunst

Brian Nimitz will be checking with Tri County to ask for assistance in creating monthly treasury reports. The finance board will also help.

The council is still looking for a permanent treasurer replacement.

Mail Max

Discussion of advertising through Mail Max. Kevin checked and found their rate is \$167.00 for a color, 1/8 page (3 1/2 by 5 1/2") ad each week.

Possibilities included placing an ad once each month. Mail Max reaches 3,300 mail boxes each week within our area.

Five year planning committee Kevin Kunst

The council is asking for the committee to create a mission statement that best represents their committee.

Standing committee reports:

Worship/music

Nan Hacker

The committee will host Fellowship following the church service on Feb. 4.

Lent, Holy Week, Easter. Pastor is working on the theme for Lenten services.

The calendar for April – June will be discussed at February's meeting.

The ministry descriptions for greeter/ushers (this is a 3 month trial), greeters, lectors and lector/greeter coordinator will be finalized in February for council approval.

Welcome packages are now available for newcomers.

Putting up and taking down Christmas decorations went well. There was good spirit and everything ran pretty smoothly. We thought everyone had fun. The kids participating in the Christmas Eve services did very well.

The next meeting is Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

Fellowship

Christine Bennett

Following the Jan. 28 service and prior to the congregational meeting, the committee will host a potluck. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The committee will be cleaning the kitchen on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The committee will host Lenten suppers beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14. Each member will be in charge of one Wednesday. Church members are asked to sign up on the soup supper forms on the bulletin board to help with providing soup and/or bread.

The annual chili cook off will take place on Sunday, March 4 following the service.

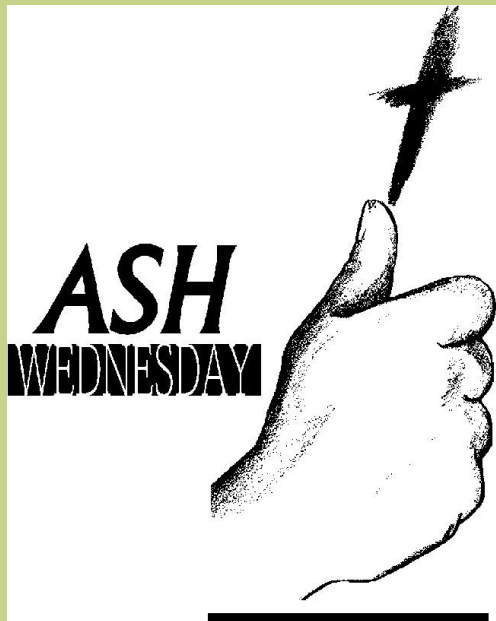
Planning continued for the 25th anniversary celebration. Also, additional ideas were exchanged concerning Sunday fellowships.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

IS FEB. 14

JOIN US FOR
SOUP AND BREAD 5:45-6:45 P.M.
WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.



Soup Kitchen Food Drive February 2018

Mark 12: 30 - 31 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

The Soup Kitchen committee will be holding its annual food/money drive in February.

Please consider making donations of cash, gift cards, and/or canned goods. Specific food items needed for our menus will be posted in the coming weeks in the weekly blast, in the bulletin, and in the narthex. Last year "691" meals were prepared by PLC volunteers with donations from PLC, the Food Bank, and the Soup Kitchen.

We ask for gift cards specifically from Gordon Foods (GFS), Meijers, and Aldis. The cash donations will be used to purchase items through the food bank. Questions can be directed to Barb Berry or Bev So.

Council Minutes

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The next meeting is Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

Pastor's report

Pastor Hartten

Pastor has been asking people to pray for God's vision for our church. Everyone will have an opportunity to share at the congregational meeting on Jan. 28.

Pastor suggested the council consider having a retreat in late February or earlier in March.

With the start of the new liturgical year in December 2017, a change was made to when Holy Communion is celebrated. Instead of weekly during Advent (Blue) and Lent (Purple) Seasons, Holy Communion will be celebrated weekly during the Christmas and Easter Seasons and other "white" days.

The un-Greening of the Church went very well. Like the Greening, much was accomplished in a short time period. People carefully bagged and boxed the decorations and labeled the containers which should make for an easy greening this coming December. Having a fellowship option after worship for people so

they could snack while working was a great idea.

The pastor's numerous activities during the last month included the following:

Confirmation and Bible studies, two funerals, home visits, Lutheran clergy text study, nursing home visits, office visits, tutoring at Upton, prayer meetings, committee meetings, and Sunday, Advent, and Christmas services.

New business

Kevin Kunst

Welcome to the new council members - Barb Berry, Virgil Bennett

Barb Berry is replacing the term of Joe Novak.

Virgil Bennett is replacing the term of Judy Novak.

Congregation meeting prep

Election of officers:

Secretary: Bev So

Vice President: Karen Richardville

President: Kevin Kunst

Motion to adjourn

Jerry Pliley made the motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Closing prayer

Pastor Hartten

BASKETS OF PROMISE



Annual LWR campaign kicks off on Ash Wednesday

Please join us during our 2018 Lenten journey as we gather items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. This "promise" of support involves gathering a different care item each week throughout this Lenten season.

Collections run from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday.

Each PERSONAL CARE KIT contains:

Week 1 - Two bath-size bars of soap, (4 to 5 oz. each) Any brand, in its original wrapping.

Week 2 - One adult-size toothbrush, in its original packaging. Please note, NO toothpaste.

Week 3 - One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs), remove packaging.

Week 4 - One metal nail clipper (large or small), remove packaging.

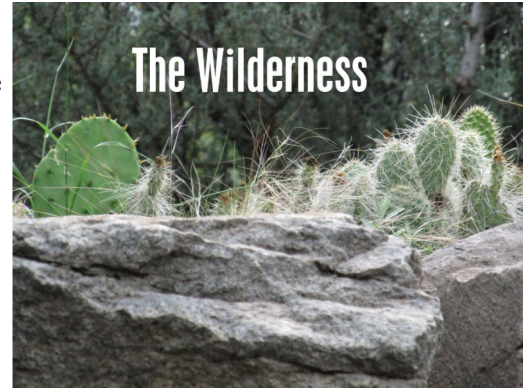
Week 5 - One light-weight bath-size towel, a dark color is recommended (20" x 40" or 52" x 27" accepted)

See samples of specific products needed and a completed care kit on our table in the narthex.

Shopping not your thing? No problem! We are happy to do the shopping. Your financial support can make a great difference. You may place your cash, check or Scrip card donations in an envelope marked LWR Mission - envelopes and a donation jar are provided on the table display. Checks should be written to Peace Lutheran Church (please note LWR Mission on the memo line). If you prefer donating through Scrip, Walmart or Meijer cards will be most appreciated.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Series

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14, 2018. We will have a traditional service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7 p.m. The following five Wednesdays, Feb. 21 – March 21 we will have Soup Suppers and mid-week worship. Soup Suppers will run from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. followed by the Vespers Service, *Joyous Light*, at 7 p.m.



This year's theme for Lent will be *The Wilderness*. The First Sunday of Lent always has a Gospel reading of Jesus being tested by Satan in the Wilderness. Our Wednesday night series will expand upon time spent in the wilderness:

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| February 21 | A Time of Challenge |
| February 28 | A Time of Dependence |
| March 7 | A Time of Doubt |
| March 14 | A Time of Comfort |
| March 21 | A Time of New Beginnings |

Please plan on joining us for these times of Fellowship and Worship as we prepare for the Festival of Easter.

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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. Often when one person raises a question, others have similar thoughts but do not want to ask the question.

What is Lutheran Worship?

Lutheran worship transcends culture in that it is not about us, how we feel, or what we get out of it. Lutheran worship publicly proclaims that we are dead by God’s judgement and through God’s grace and mercy we are raised on account of Christ’s forgiveness.

This is seen in the order of worship with a Confession of Sins (we are dead by God’s judgement of our sin), Proclamation (reading of

the Word, preaching of a sermon), and Celebration of Holy Communion (sharing in Christ’s meal for the forgiveness of sins). Renewed by grace, we are sent out to serve. The emphasis is always on what God is doing – forgiving us, gathering us back to him, feeding us, and sending us.

Worship proclaims that God continues to be at work in the world, edifying His holy people through the gifts of His presence through the proclaimed word and sacraments.

Martin Luther said it best when dedicating a new mission congregation, “Nothing else [need ever happen] except that our dear Lord himself may speak to us through his holy Word and we respond to him through prayer and praise.”



Peace Lutheran Church

October 31, 1993 - October 31, 2018

Did you know.....that Peace had a basketball team?

Basketball jerseys for the Peace Men’s Team were given in memory of Gabriel Steinbauer. Gabriel was the son of Pastor William Steinbauer and Venita Steinbauer from Lincoln, Nebraska. He was born on March 18, 1999, and only lived a few minutes after birth. He left behind four sisters, Paige, Hayley, Kayla and Noel. His footprint is on the front of the jersey.

Some of the team members were: Rich Albers, Aaron Filippo, Harold Lear and Pastor Brandenburg. The jerseys were created and were donated by Jim Steinbauer in memory of his grandson.



Lenten Soup and Bread begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

Join us for Soup and Bread from 5:45 to 6:45 on Wednesdays during Lent.

Lenten Services start at 7 p.m.

Willing to make Bread or Soup? Sign-up on the Bulletin Board!



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: Jim Steinbauer
Communion: Lee and Lynn Hornack
Altar Guild: Nan Hacker

February 4

Greeters/Ushers: Joe and Diana
Moulton
Lector: Joe Moulton
Acolyte: Emily Sorensen
Fellowship: Worship Committee

February 11

Greeters/Ushers: Greg and Louise Solak
Lector: Louise Solak
Acolyte: Matt Hogan

February 14

Lector: Nan Hacker
Acolyte: Ainsley Cahill

February 18

Greeters/Ushers: Lee and Lynn Hornack
Lector: Marty Tallman
Acolyte: Alec Carpenter
Fellowship: The Cahills

February 25

Greeters/Ushers: Kevin and
Ginger Kunst
Lector: Larry Hacker
Acolyte: Ainsley Cahill
Flowers: Sandy Warren

THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Sun., Feb. 4 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11
1 Corinthians 9:16-27, Mark 1:29-39

Sun., Feb. 11 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

Wed., Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-19, Psalm 51:1-19
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sun., Feb. 18 - First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 25:1-10
James 1:12-18, Mark 1:9-15

Sun., Feb. 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:27-38



**CHILI
COOK-
OFF**

**Our Annual
Chili Cook-Off**
is moving to a
Sunday in March!

It will be an after-worship fellowship event. Watch for more details in coming weeks.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pastor Steve is at the NALC pastor's conference all week			1 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	2 Office closed	3
4 9 S. School 10:15 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 D. Drama	5 9-12 Office Hours 1p Divine Drama 7p Fellowship Committee Mtg	6 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Women's Book Study	7 9-12 Office Hours 2:40p Tutoring 7:30p Genesis	8 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	9 Office closed	10 6:30p Valentine's Day Dinner
11 9 S. School 10:15 Worship with communion 11:15 EEH mtg 6p Divine Drama	12 9-12 Office Hours 1p Divine Drama 7p Worship Committee Mtg	13 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Women's Book Study	14 9-12 Office Hours 2:40p Tutoring 5:45p Soup 7p Ash Wed.	15 News due 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	16 Office closed	17
18 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 6p Divine Drama	19 9-12 Office Hours 1p Divine Drama 6p Council Mtg	20 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	21 9-12 Office Hours 2:40p Tutoring 5:45p Soup 7p L. Worship	22 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 9 Quilters 7p Choir	23 Office closed	24
25 9 S. School 10:15 Worship with communion 3p Roller Skating 6p Divine Drama	26 9-12 Office Hours 1 p.m. Divine Drama	27 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	28 9-12 Office Hours 2:40p Tutoring 5:45p Soup 7p L. Worship	CHURCH CALENDAR IS LIVE! VIEW LATEST UPDATES AT PeaceLutheranStJoe.org		

Birthdays

1 Ray Lietz
6 Jim Chapman
7 Maria Tallman
11 Jacob Tallman
12 Alison Adkins
13 Ken Berry Jr.
13 Becky Carpenter
20 Berkeley Davis
20 Marian Hogue
21 Debbie Kroening
21 Autumn McCune

28 Joe Naines
28 Rev. Ronald
Schmidt

Military

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1061 USS Tennessee
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Kings Bay, GA 31547

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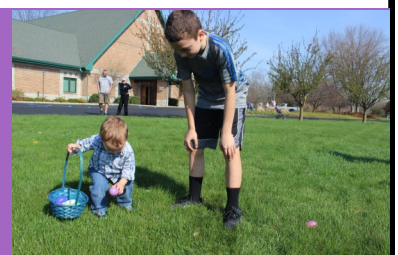
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Shut-In's

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

Albert Beebe
Mary Dey
Marian Hogue
Joe Naines
Al Reschke
Betty Robbins
Sylvia Schlender
Barbara Southland
Mildred Wantz

**Easter Egg Hunt Planning Meeting
Feb. 11 following worship**



Roller Skating at Lakeshore Roller World

5567 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville

3-5:30 p.m. Feb. 25



Skating is \$5.50 per person, which includes regular skates. In-line and speed skates are \$2 extra.
Following roller skating, we'll be heading to the Stevensville Pizza Hut for dinner.

Don't want to skate?

It's free to observe or you can just join us for dinner! Sign-up on the bulletin board or Facebook.



Peace Lutheran Valentine Dinner

6:30 p.m. Feb. 10

D'Agostino's Restaurant

Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman

Not part of a couple? Not a problem!

Singles are welcome!

We'll order off the menu and everyone is responsible for their own tab and tip. Signing up on the sheet in the church hallway is mandatory because the restaurant needs a head count. **Deadline to sign up is Feb. 4.**

Questions? Contact Ed Zajac at 269-944-7639 or e-mail: edwardzajac@yahoo.com

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