

# Peace Offerings

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*Our Mission: We are a family of Christians called, equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed through God's holy Word and Sacraments.*



## **To my Peace family**

As we are now in the midst of our Lenten journey, many are looking ahead to the events of Holy Week and of course the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter morning. But, before we jump ahead let us reflect upon our Lenten theme of "Returning to the Lord." As we look around the world and in our own country we can see the need to return to the Lord, we have like sheep wandered off. Our good Shepherd bids us return to the fold. It's not just the world around us though that needs to return. We too need to daily and constantly turn to our Lord for forgiveness, strength and courage. The trials and temptations can weigh us down and get us lost in the thistles.

Luther reminds us to remember our baptism daily, this is great advice as

we are confronted with so much sin, anger and hatred. Isaiah 44:22 one of text for a Lent mid-week service reminds us of just what our Lord has done:

***"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."***

As we journey through Lent with the theme of returning to the Lord we also realize that returning on our own is impossible. We need the Shepherd to come, to come and seek us out and bring us back to His sheep pen. That is why He came to seek us out and bring us home, to reconcile us to the Father.

May your Lenten journey be one of reflection, repentance and Returning, and may it also be one of joy. Joy because Christ, our Good Shepherd did come and will come again.

Lenten and Easter blessings!  
Pastor

**President's Letter**

Greetings Peace Family,

Looks like were picking up and moving forward for 2018. moving forward. We had a very successful Pancake supper. Thank you to all who helped make it such an enjoyable evening. I hope all the new council members are getting comfortable in their new roles at Peace. Its great to see more participation in the council this year. If everyone does a little bit we can get a lot done.

We received a letter from the Missouri Synod asking for nominations for the 2019 LCMS convention. The letter is hanging on the bulletin board if anyone is interested in becoming a Committee Member. All information is included in the letter. There are several offices with vacancies.

As President of Peace I would like to take this time to thank all of the members at Peace Lutheran for your continued support. Feel free to come to me anytime with your thoughts or concerns.

Peace to all,  
Garry Kurth

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**Peace Lutheran Church Council  
Meeting  
February 12, 2018**

**Present:** Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, Rebekah Williams, Rev. Terry McKee, Doug O’Hara, Dennis Witzgall, Jerry Robertson, Yvonne Conner, and Linda Williams.

President Garry Kurth called the meeting to order and Pastor McKee opened the meeting with prayer.

**Correspondence:** A letter from Food-4-Kids, Inc. thanking us for our contribution of \$50.

**Minutes:** The following correction was made to the minutes from the January meeting: The Elders meeting will be on the second Monday of every month at 6 P.M.

Hope Kurth made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Jerry Robertson. Motion passed.

**President’s Comments:** Garry Kurth was glad to see that most of the council members were in attendance and ready to do the work of the Lord.

**REPORTS:**

**Financial Secretary:** Becky Williams provided the Fund Summary for January, and told us ten copies will be put in the upper right mailbox for those members who require it.

**Treasurer:** Rita Cowan provided her report. Now with the Shepherd's Staff Program up to date, the upcoming Financial Secretary and Treasurer reports will be combined and shown in a 2-page report. Jerry Robertson made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports. Seconded by Hope Kurth. Motion passed.

**Trustees:** Linda Williams reported the light on the barn and 3 bulbs in the sanctuary have been changed. Last Friday a perk test was done on the septic and we are waiting for a report from the county.

**Scrip:** The February Scrip orders were \$2,975.00 of which Peace will receive \$110.55

**Elders:** Their first meeting was tonight. It was decided to order name tags for them which will have "Elder" and their name on it so they can be easily recognized by any visitors or new members.

**Pastor:** Pastor commented we are busy getting ready for our Shrove Tuesday Potato Pancake Supper, and then Ash Wednesday evening service at 7 P.M. to kick off the Lenten season. The Theme this year is: "Return to the Lord." We should encourage others and ourselves to turn away from worldly things and return to God. Pastor also reported we now have 75 members at Peace, a net gain of 14.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Shrove Tuesday Potato Pancake Supper February 13, 2018:** Set up will begin at 10 A.M.

**Parish Nursing:** Don Conner was unable to get more information this last month, but he will try to have more information soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Easter Breakfast:** Will we have one this year? It was decided to present this to the congregation on Sunday.

**District Convention:** The convention will be in Orlando, Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>. We need to have a layperson and an alternate attend. The deadline for registration is March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Hope Kurth made a motion to adjourn, Yvonne Conner seconded. The meeting was adjourned with prayer and the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Ryun, Council Secretary



**Best wishes on your Special Day**

**To:**

**Birthdays**

- 03.05 Alan Riedel
- 03.12 Samuel McKee
- 03.18 Trina Ruttinger
- 03.18 Sharon Cassan
- 03.19 James Spiegelberg
- 03.19 Carla Ruttinger
- 03.20 Eugene O’Connell
- 03.24 Kenneth Buschman
- 03.26 Rita Cook
- 03.31 Audrey Stichman
  
- 04.02 Marion Conerly-O’Hara
- 04.03 Lu Ann Cooke
- 04.08 Donald Dow
- 04.09 Jae Ann Witzgall
- 04.20 Jacqueline Hucker
- 04.22 Jan Barker
- 04.24 Dennis Witzgall
- 04.25 Larry Stichman
- 04.26 Tom Cooke

**Anniversaries**

- 03.03.1984 Wayne & Barbara Miesen
- 03.07.1987 Stephen & Sharon Cassan
- 03.16.1963 Ronald & Patricia Doan
- 03.17.2000 Douglas & Marion O’Hara
- 04.03.2012 David & Karen Sokolowski
- 04.12.2015 Tim & Jan Barker

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***The Ladies of Peace L.W.M.L.***

**DORCAS CIRCLE (LWML)**

Hi, Ladies of Peace:

I am writing to let you know that if we do not get a president or chairman or co-chairs by our next meeting on March 5, I will have to inform the Zone President Barbara on March 10 that we will be giving up our charter ...again. This must be decided by then because we are to host the Fall Rally here in October, and Barbara must let the next church in line (Gainesville) know that they are up for that. We only had five ladies at our February meeting, and five ladies is not enough to plan and put on a rally.

I am also a Zone Officer and will have to step down and be replaced. March 10 is our board/pre-rally meeting for our Spring rally in Chiefland. If we give up our charter, we would just continue as Ladies-of-Peace, and “get ‘r done” as usual, we just

wouldn't be part of the bigger picture. We will still be invited to attend rallies as guests.

Please let us know what you'd like. Neither decision will affect what we accomplish here a Peace.

Sheryl Lutz

### **Where have all the flowers gone?**

As we are in the season of Lent, a time for repentance and reflection, we do not place flowers on the altar. They will return on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Please sign up to donate flowers during the rest of this year. We will always have two bouquets whether they are subscribed for or not. However, we do encourage you to remember an occasion or loved one or honor someone in this visual way.

### **Dunnellon Florist**

A Floral Occasion is now Dunnellon Florist. Their designer was with Dunnellon Florist several years ago when they provided our altar flowers and she continues to arrange our bouquets for \$20 each. Becky Williams orders the flowers each month. She'll be glad to request a specific color or flower for you and the florist will make every attempt to accommodate that.

If you have been pleased with the flowers you have requested to beautify our altar, please consider placing your personal orders with them. They are located across from the fire department at 20607 West Pennsylvania Avenue, 547-4959. Don't forget to mention that you are from Peace Lutheran and appreciate the bouquets they have arranged for our altar.

### **Adorn the Cross this Easter**

When you arrive for Easter Sunday worship, you are encouraged to bring cut flowers or greens from your yard or those you have purchased to adorn the cross at the top of our driveway just off the parking lot. We did this two years ago and it was a moving experience for those who participated and was a visual reminder of the beauty of Easter.

### **Pancake Supper Proceeds**

The proceeds from the 27th annual Potato Pancake Supper, after expenses, were \$1722, of which \$172 has been designated for Missions and the remaining \$1550 credited to Dinner income.

There were 250 tickets sold.

## Those Serving March 2018

### **Sunday, March 4, 2018**

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan  
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson  
Greeters: Barbara & Wayne Miesen  
Lay reader: Diane Rochette  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

### **Sunday, March 11, 2018**

Ushers: Bill Langstaff & Rita Cook  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Tricia & Trina Ruttinger  
Lay reader: Hope Kurth  
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Rita Cook

### **Sunday, March 18, 2018**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Sharon Zavertrnik  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Peggy Buschman & Bunnie Daniels  
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen  
Counting team: Jerry & Janice Robertson

### **Sunday, March 25, 2018**

Ushers: Dennis Witzgall & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson  
Greeters: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall  
Lay reader: Pat Doan  
Counting team: Barbara Sadler & Linda Williams

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeters: Janice & Jerry Robertson  
Lay reader: Samuel McKee  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

### **Good Friday, March 30, 2018**

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan  
Acolytes: Jeremy & Samuel McKee  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

### **Altar Guild March 2018**

Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams

**Those Serving April 2018**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018 Easter**

Ushers: Jeremy & Samuel McKee  
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson  
Greeters: Rita Cook & Bunnie Daniels  
Lay reader: Alan Riedel  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg  
Greeters: Virginia & Bob Sullivan  
Lay reader: Lu Ann Cooke  
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Pat Doan & Peggy Buschman  
Lay reader: Barbara Sadler  
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Riedel

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

Ushers: Dennis Witzgall & Doug O'Hara  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeters: Carla Ruttinger & Linda Ryun  
Lay reader: Becky Williams  
Counting team: Jerry & Janice Robertson

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams  
Lay reader: Linda Ryun  
Counting team: Bill Langstaff & Rosemary Sheehan

