

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

Well, we made through Hurricane Irma and as I'm writing my article, the Oktoberfest is just a few days away. I know a lot of us are still cleaning up the mess Irma left but it could have been a lot worse. I guess our Oktoberfest could be considered the official kick off for a month, plus of celebrating. As we enter the month of October, we turn our attention to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We look forward to celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on October 29th with a very special worship service including Trina Ruttinger's confirmation, the

reception of new members by letter of transfer, affirmation of faith, and adult confirmation. Following the worship service, we are having a Reformation dinner. It truly is going to be a special day.

We also are having a special Bible class on Sunday mornings looking at "A Man Named Martin" It's a three-part video series on Martin Luther. The first part is "Martin the Man," the second part will be "The Moment," and the third part will be "The Movement." We start at 8:45 each Sunday morning and you can jump in at any point. The series is put out by Lutheran Hour Ministries and is also on line for further study and catching up. I know many of you don't set aside time each week to

come and be part of one of our Bible classes but I truly encourage you too. We are called to gather together so come out enjoy the hot fresh coffee, the baked goodies and the fellowship as we learn and grow together.

As we enter the final three months of 2017 the church council will be busy preparing the new spending guide and looking for volunteers to serve. This too is a wonderful way to show your appreciation for all of God's blessings by serving Him and His church in some capacity. We are a small church family so we need all hands, lips and feet to serve so we can accomplish God's Kingdom work here at Peace and in our community. So, as your pastor I am asking you to prayerfully consider serving, being one of God's servants in the new year. If you are moved to be part of Peace's volunteers please let Garry Kurth or myself know.

May God continue to bless you and our Peace family!

Pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Peace Family,

There are a lot of positive things happening at Peace. Thanks be to God. But there is so much more that needs to be done. We need the congregation members to help Peace fill vacancies that we will have in the church council. There will be openings in the following areas: Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, and Elders. We have never had the full capacity of elders or trustees. Please look into your hearts, pray to the Lord and ask for guidance on this issue. Thank you.

Thank you to Ron Cowan, Rita Cowan and Jan Barker for your dedication to Peace Lutheran. As members of the council you have spent many hours working for the benefit of Peace. I love and thank you for volunteering to be in these positions. I also want to thank Becky Williams for doing an extra year.

There's a lot of work involved in keeping the church going, it takes more than Pastor McKee and the council to keep Peace prospering and growing, we need everyone's help. So

let's get involved and make Peace the best it can be.

Sunday Bible Study has resumed. We start at 8:45, some classes may run over a bit, (you know how Pastor gets sometimes). If you come in and we are having class please keep the noise down until class has ended.

Thank you to everyone that helped with Oktoberfest, I appreciate your support. Special thanks to Rita Cowan for being in charge. And to everyone that cooked all that great German food.

On October 29th 2017 we have Reformation Sunday, looking forward to this special time at Peace Lutheran Church, Five hundred years have passed since Martin Luther posted the documents that started our Lutheran Heritage.

We will have a special service for Reformation Sunday, everyone is encouraged to join us. We will have a great celebration; there will be lots of food and a Reformation memento. We will also be bringing new members into Peace. Please come and celebrate the Reformation with your Peace family.

Thank you Cindy McKee for all your help and hard work, to make Reformation Sunday a special day for

everyone.

Gods Blessings and Danke sehr,
Garry

**Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
September 18, 2017**

Present: Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Jan Barker, Rita Cowan, Rebekah Williams, Doug O'Hara, Steve Cassan, Ron Cowan, Linda Williams and Rev. Terry McKee.

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

No correspondence was received.

Hope Kurth made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Linda Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

President`s Comments: Garry Kurth mentioned that the grass was not mowed. It is imperative that the grass be mowed for Sunday. He said if there is a problem getting it done, to call him and he will mow it.

Reports:

Financial Secretary: The fund summary was accepted.

Treasurers Reports: The treasurer's report was accepted. Rita Cowan stated that the account for the Kapitski Estate Fund has been set up at Cadence Bank.

Trustees: Ron Cowan stated that the hot water in the bathrooms is not working. Garry Kurth said he will fix it. Linda Williams has not purchased the used vacuum cleaner yet. She will follow up with this. Pastor Terry asked for the Trustees to compile a list of responsibilities so we know whom to contact.

Scrip: No report.

Elders: Doug O'Hara stated that Janice Schieb has moved back up North, so we will be granting her a peaceful release.

Pastors Report: October 29th is Reformation Sunday. Trina Ruttinger will be confirmed. We will also be taking in new members, Linda Reidel, Trudy Kruezer, Jerry and Janice Robertson and Ken and Beverly West. We will also be having a dinner after Church Service.

Old Business:

Reformation Sunday: Pastor Terry stated that Cindy McKee is preparing a menu for the dinner. This includes chicken, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, coleslaw, deviled eggs and a cake. She is also considering buying glasses as a memento that say "500 Year Reformation" on them. Decorations will also be ordered. Cindy will be posting sign-up sheets on the board. Pastor Terry asked if there were any objections in using "Outreach Funds" to pay for the celebration costs. There were no objections.

Spending Guide Committee: Garry Kurth asked Becky Williams to join the committee. Becky accepted.

Nominating Committee: They will meet on Monday Sept 25th at 7:00.

New Business: Pastor Terry will be away at a conference from Sept 29th and 30th.

Hope Kurth made a motion to adjourn. Ron Cowan seconded. The meeting was adjourned with prayer and the singing of the doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Barker, Secretary

Scrip Cards

Our SCRIP Program will be back on track on October 1. I am hoping everyone will place orders with the Holidays in mind. Go Team!

The reason we couldn't have Scrip the first Sunday in September was because of the Labor Day holiday. Then Wayne's shoulder surgery was scheduled for the 11th, which was our Scrip Day. Then the surgery was rescheduled yet again. It is still a "Go" so keep him in your prayers.

When Scrip gets their calendar for 2018, I will post it on our Bulletin Board, but we will keep the first Sunday as Scrip Day unless it involves a holiday.

Barbara Miesen
Scrip Coordinator



**Best wishes on your Special Day
To:**

Birthdays

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| 10.01 | Ron Cowan |
| 10.13 | David Sokolowski |
| 10.15 | Bill Langstaff |
| 10.22 | Sharon Zavertnik |
| 10.22 | Linda Riedel |
| 10.27 | Ron Doan |
| 10.28 | Linda Williams |

Anniversaries

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| 10.02.1971 | Gene & Sheryl Lutz |
| 10.02.1953 | Ken & Bev West |
| 10.15.1978 | Terry & Cindy McKee |
| 10.23.2010 | Alan & Linda Riedel |
| 10.31.1992 | David & Carla Ruttinger |

First Saturday

We will be setting up our booth on Saturday, October 7, in front of the Lion's Club. We have lots of items to give out. including bookmarks, books, Bibles, candy, and various other favors. Thank you to all who participate in this monthly vent. Stop by and chat with our neighbors.!!

Jackie Hucker

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
DUNNELLON OUTREACH
MINISTRIES

Ever wondered or really noticed how “**out there**” your church is? I’m talking about “out there” in the community of Dunnellon and beyond. Following is a list of some of our outreach ministries- what it is, how it’s funded, where it goes and a contact person for further questions:

School Supplies Collection- for Romeo Elementary. This school year as well as last, instead of school supplies, Romeo Elementary asked for only backpacks. Yvonne Conner, a teacher at Romeo has graciously taken care of all monies collected for them by purchasing backpacks with donations, as well as taking physical donated backpacks to the school.

See Yvonne Conner to keep updated of their current needs.

Our Dinners! We can’t forget what our dinners do for the community. Folks come to our dinners every time we have one because (1) our food is great, and (2) because we are so welcoming to everyone. That’s outreach! Sign up to help, or at least be ready to come and eat!

Feeding the Athletes at Dunnellon High School - This is where we purchase bag lunch supplies for about 30 or so athletes when they have an away game and some won’t get an

evening meal before their game. We meet at Peace and make and bag sandwiches plus other items to make a meal for them. Different churches and restaurants in the area have volunteered to take these baseball, football and basketball weeks on.

Contact Person: Jackie Hucker

LWML- largest women’s missionary group in the world (and it is ONLY Missouri Synod ladies!)- we collect change in mite boxes that is collectively sent to our FL-GA District that is used at the District and National/International levels to help others build houses, feed children, etc. Money from fund-raisers goes for missions as well (unless there is something we need): LAMP, Toys for Tots, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund for local folks needing a hand, etc. **Contact Person: Linda Williams, Society President.**

Items collected by LWML: Old electronic equipment (need AC cords, too if possible), ink cartridges- sent to LWML District to help offset convention costs and aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Contact Person: Sheryl Lutz, Society Facilitator

First Saturday Booth- Every month our church sets up a table to hand out church brochures and Bibles to folks in town, engaging them in conversation about their own faith if possible.

Contact Person: Jackie Hucker or Becky Williams

Pastor's Discretionary Fund- Council authorized \$2500 this year to purchase \$25 (face value) Wal-Mart gift cards from SCRIP for Pastor to hand out as needed to folks at the door. If desired, you can purchase your own gift cards (Wal-Mart, Winn Dixie, etc.) from SCRIP that can be given to Pastor as well. You can also place checks in the offering plate labeled "Pastor's Discretionary Fund". Sometimes SCRIP has \$10 cards for Wal-Mart and other stores that could be purchased and Peace gets a percentage!

Toys for Tots- We usually fill at least 2 containers! Christmas season, just purchase new toys and place in box in the Fellowship Hall, or if you just want to donate money, or you like to shop for toys, see **Bob Sullivan** who collects money and leads our little army of toy buyers to spend it!

Eyeglasses- these are collected and sent to First Lutheran Church, Gainesville who has an eyeglass ministry.

Weight Watchers- these meetings are held every Thursday morning, and if you've ever passed at this time, you've noticed our parking lot is full! These folks also feel very welcome here, even though they don't usually have a lot of contact with any of us.
Contact Person: Karren Bennett

Al-anon These meetings take place every Monday evening (7pm) at the

church. These help a lot of folks. No contact person, just come if you want/need to.

AA called New Beginnings- These meetings are held on Thursday evenings (7pm) at the church and also help a lot of people.

Helping Hands- This is more internal, but we provide meals, rides, etc., for shut-ins or just someone who needs a driver. If you need help, please let **Pastor or Sheryl Lutz** know.

Card Ministry- Also more internal, but if you know someone who could use a card, let **Virginia Sullivan** know.

Prayer List- This goes without saying, but a PRAYER GOES A LONG WAY! Don't be afraid to ask for one! Plus, ANYONE can be a PRAYER WARRIOR! **Contact Persons: Thelma Grams**

Phone Chain- At times we contact every member via phone calls. If you would like to be on the Phone Chain, please call **Sharon Zavertrnik**

Our Website- Have you checked out our website?
www.peacelutheranonline.com is our address, and you can find newsletters, Pastor's sermons, LWML info, plus info on our dinners or other upcoming events. It's there 24/7, so check it out!

Thanks to all contact persons and to those "doing" any of the above!

Sheryl

92-YEAR-OLD PREACHER

While watching a little TV instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 60-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me. The only thing that would comfort was this verse:

"Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
We are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.
(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME. YES,
JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR
THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what
may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and
long, In my heart He puts a
song. Telling me in words so
clear, "Have no fear, for I am
near."
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.
(CHORUS)

The Chuckle Corner

Don't let your worries get the
best of you; Remember, Moses
started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite,
and sweet-spirited, Until you try
to sit in their pews.

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Those Serving October 2017

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Ushers: Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeter: Bill Langstaff & Doug O'Hara
Lay reader: Ken Buschman
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Ushers: Bob & Virginia Sullivan
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee
Greeter: Rita & Ron Cowan
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Ushers: Ken Buschman & Doug O'Hara
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg
Greeters: Linda Ryun & Pat Doan
Lay reader: Hope Kurth
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Williams

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee
Greeters: Tricia & Trina Ruttinger
Lay reader: Becky Williams
Counting team: Bill Langstaff & Rosemary Sheehan

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Ushers: Gary & Hope Kurth
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara
Greeter: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall
Lay reader: Linda Ryun
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jacki Hucker

Altar Guild October 2017

Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams