

# 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**

*Back on June 2<sup>nd</sup> I preached about unity. We don't talk about unity a lot; everyone one wants to do their own thing. From the Psalm that day Psalm 133 we heard the Psalter "how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" As we transitioned from Easter through our Ascension of our Lord into Pentecost we were and are reminded that the Church's one foundation is all about our resurrected, ascended, living, reigning Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ we are united to the Father and the Holy Spirit. One body, one Church one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Revelation we hear of the perfect union of the Father, who is love, and the Son, who is the eternal recipient of that love and it*

*is reflected in us, the unity of love among God's people.*

*On Monday as I opened my email President Walton's message grabbed my attention as his subject was "Walking in Unity by God's Spirit" He used some of the same Bible passages. His letter also included a passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians: **"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, and affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."** (2:1-2)*

*As we look around the world, our country, our state, our community, our church we can receive encouragement and guidance from Scripture especially these passages that talk about being united. These passages along with hopefully my message and*

*President Walton's message offer words that remind us that we are one in Christ and we have more in common than not. If we stop judging people based on where they live or come from or what political party they belong too. Jesus call us to walk in unity, to live and work together accomplishing His Will not ours. When we work together remembering we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and seek to do His Will loving and caring for one another can heal and prosper as one and the world will see what it means to Christian, and child of God.*

*Paul had this message to the church in Corinth, a un-unified church at the time, **"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no division among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement."** (1 Corinthians 1:10) We may not be able to change all the world but as we live together in unity and strive to love one another we can change our little part. **"with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace."** (Ephesians 4:1-3)*

*May God bless and use us here at Peace!*

*Pastor Terry*

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Blessings Peace Family,  
Wow! the year is flying by. Next thing you know it will be Christmas time. I'm very happy with the way things are going at Peace. Everyone is helping out and supporting church functions.

If I start thanking folks, I will miss someone so I will say to everyone, "any part you're playing in the success of our mission at Peace, is greatly appreciated.

Our community meals are a huge success, were running out of food and that's a good thing, our community food box is always empty. What a blessing it is to help the community in these ways.

I hope we can continue to move forward. And remember that you are always in the mission field. Spread the glory of God where ever you are.

Gods Blessings,  
Garry Kurth, President Peace Lutheran

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 13, 2019**

**Present:** Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, David Sokolowski, Jackie Hucker, Doug O’Hara, Donald Conner, Yvonne Conner, Karen Sokolowski, Linda Williams and Pastor Terry McKee. Guest: James Spiegelberg.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Minutes:** The April minutes were accepted as corrected:

1) under Trustees Report: “Water is running in the one toilet...” and 2) under Elders Report: “...we are in the midst of our....”

**President’s Comments:** Garry Kurth stated our meeting with Pastor Alan Struckmeyer from Gainesville went well and the council members felt it was enjoyable. Garry also said things are looking good.

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer/Financial Secretary:** Reports were provided. David Sokolowski said everything is still good.

**Trustees:** Linda Williams reported the light in the Sacristy was replaced. David Sokolowski said the front door lock has been fixed, and he is keeping an eye on the well’s chlorine level.

**Elders:** Doug O’Hara reported we completed a successful Lenten season. The Spaghetti supper is coming up this weekend and he encouraged all to help where they can. Peaceful releases were granted to Marion O’Hara and Wayne & Barbara Miesen.

**Pastor:** Reported he will begin his week of vacation following our worship service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and return on May 28<sup>th</sup>. (May 27<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day holiday.) Our Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Worship service will be officiated by Rev. Ron Biel, and communion will be served. There will be no Bible Class that day.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spaghetti Supper Update:** Hope Kurth stated things are looking good. Members have signed up to help, and things should fall into place.

**LWML National Convention:**

Motion made by Jackie Hucker to give Linda Ryun \$250 to help defray the cost to attend the LWML National Convention in June. Seconded by David Sokolowski. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Jay Poffenbaugh:** Is now living in the nursing home Life South on Lecanto Road, so Pastor is now able to visit her there.

**Summer Schedule:** Will be discussed next month.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer, and the Council members joined in singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Ryun, Council Secretary

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**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**JUNE 10, 2019**

**Present:** Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Linda Ryun, David Sokolowski, Jackie Hucker, Karen Sokolowski, and Pastor Terry McKee. Guest: James Spiegelberg.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Minutes:** The May minutes were accepted.

**President’s Comments:** There has been an increase in talking in the sanctuary both before service and during our worship service (sometimes it is quite loud and distracting.) Please be respectful and if talking is required, do it quietly.

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer/Financial Secretary:** Reports were provided. Financial Secretary, Jackie Hucker, reported we made \$573 on our Spaghetti Supper, 10% of that went to Missions. She commented \$276 of that was from donations.

**Trustees:** Discussion held regarding the kitchen electrical outlets. Dave Sokolowski will purchase extension cords so rosters, etc. can be plugged into the individual outlets.

Pastor mentioned we were hit by lightning again on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and the modem and computer were affected. The modem was covered under the 12-month, guarantee, and we had another circuit for our computer, so no bills were incurred.

**Elders:** None.

**Pastor:** Gave an update on members' physical health situations, surgeries, illness, etc. Please remember to call those who may be missing and let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Summer Schedule:** There will be no Council Meetings in July or August.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cook Out June 30<sup>th</sup>:** Jeremy & Sam McKee will cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board

**Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer, and the Council members joined in singing the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Ryun, Council Secretary

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## Altar Flowers

### **Best wishes on your Special Day**

**To:**

#### **Birthdays**

07.05	Duane Zwick
07.09	Cindy McKee
07.13	Yvonne Conner
07.24	Connie Smith
07.26	Jean Poffenbaugh
07.29	Barbara Thomas
07.30	Karen Sokolowski
08.02	Rebekah Williams
08.05	Garry Kurth
08.08	David Ruttinger
08.24	Bunnie Daniels
08.28	Jean Methlie

#### **Anniversaries**

07.02.54	James & Carole Tobin
07.13.91	Michael & Carol Hummel
07.20.15	Garry & Hope Kurth

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There are several Sundays during July through December where no flowers have been requested by anyone and others where a second bouquet can be placed. Beginning with the first Sunday in June, unless at least one bouquet has been requested, there will be no altar flowers. The church does not provide them. We have been blessed to have had someone make a monthly donation in order for us to have two bouquets every Sunday for the past 18 months; however, on some Sundays that gift has covered both bouquets, which the donor requested be given to others if they themselves were not at worship.

Please consider signing up for flowers on the chart near the water fountain in the Fellowship Hall. Arrangements are \$20 each. Along with your name, please indicate your reason for requesting flowers (in honor or remembrance of someone; a special occasion; etc.). If you have a flower or color preference, please let Becky Williams know so that when she places our order, she can make that specific request. If you do not want to take your flowers, please let an Altar Guild member serving on that Sunday know they are free to give them to a visitor or they can be taken to a member who was unable to be in worship that day.

## **Coffee Hour**

There will always be coffee!  
However, there may not always be something sweet to indulge in before and after Bible Study and Sunday worship. You are welcome to bring something for others to enjoy. It doesn't have to be homemade. Just bring it to the church kitchen when you come for class or worship and be assured it will be eaten! If we have too much of a good thing, we'll refrigerate or freeze it. Please remember to take your plate or other container home with you or be certain it is labeled as yours so that it doesn't become part of our eclectic collection!

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## **Who/What/Where/When/How?**

Submitted by Becky Williams

During these summer months, our Altar and Pulpit have green paraments to symbolize life and growth. The readings focus on Jesus' earthly ministry.

You may find it interesting to go to [www.betterdaysarecoming.com](http://www.betterdaysarecoming.com) and select Bible Words Phonetic Pronunciation for an extensive alphabetized list of just about any person or place name in the Bible. This site is especially helpful for those of us who read the Scripture in Sunday worship. One time when I was to read, I checked the

site because there were numerous words I thought I knew only to learn I would have pronounced three of them wrong.

There are no special church seasons celebrated during July and August, but there are some feasts and festivals which can be recognized if they fall on a Sunday, which none do this year. They are listed on page xi in the front of our hymnals.

Of course, we celebrate the Fourth of July! Its official name is Independence Day, because it commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers to serve as President, died on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1826; President Monroe died on that date in 1831, and President Coolidge was born on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1872. May God continue to bless our nation and its people.

Have a wonderful summer whether you are home or away!

**Those Serving July 2019**

**Sunday, July 7, 2019**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeters: Linda Ryun & Bill Langstaff  
Lay reader: Samuel McKee  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Jackie Hucker

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Mona Bermudez  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Trudy Kreuzer & Doug O'Hara  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

Ushers: Doug O'Hara & Dennis Witzgall  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Rita & Ron Cowan  
Lay reader: Becky Williams  
Counting team: Bill & Linda Neblock

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg  
Greeters: Carla & Trina Ruttinger  
Lay reader: Trina Ruttinger  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Williams

**Altar Guild July 2019**

Sharon Zavertrnik & Linda Williams



## **Those Serving August 2019**

### **Sunday, August 4, 2019**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Linda Williams  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeters: Peggy & Ken Buschman  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Azwell

### **Sunday, August 11, 2019**

Ushers: Bill Langstaff & Bob Sullivan  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Hope & Garry Kurth  
Lay reader: Randy Priem  
Counting team: Linda Ryun & Eugene O'Connell

### **Sunday, August 18, 2019**

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall  
Lay reader: Charles Beyerlein  
Counting team: Bill & Linda Neblock

### **Sunday, August 25, 2019**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg  
Greeters: Bunnie Daniels & Linda Neblock  
Lay reader: Trina Ruttinger  
Counting team: Becky Williams & Linda Williams

**Altar Guild August**  
Carla & Trina Ruttinger