



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

At a recent Mutual Ministry Committee meeting I was asked again why I don't preach from the center aisle. The sentiment was expressed that the sermons would be more personal if I left the pulpit and preached among the congregation. In the past I mentioned my discomfort in preaching from the center aisle due to the fact that worship is recorded and saved for posterity. Because an individual can in 20 or more years from now go and watch a given service, I was very conscious about making sure I kept the sermon tight and didn't wander "off script."

After the Committee meeting I got to thinking: I'm asking the members of Peace to take some risks, to become vulnerable, to step out in faith and invite people to worship. I'm asking us to rethink how we do Church; that the mission field is outside our door, not just across the ocean. If I am asking the congregation to take a risk, then I need

to take a risk as well. So I am willing to learn to preach from the center aisle in the hope that the sermon is more personal.

I'm hoping that this change will signal to the congregation that we are in this together. I'm willing to make adjustments/changes for the sake of proclaiming the Gospel and I hope that you are as well. As we live out our calling to serve our Risen Lord, may we be willing to make adjustments in how we present the Good News of Jesus Christ to meet the changing needs of the culture around us.



SENIOR PASTOR  
STEVE HARTTEN

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9 a.m.—12 p.m.

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### Audio/Video Requests:

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

## Stuff the Tonka Truck for NALC Disaster Response

Congregations will once again be "Stuffing the Truck" during the NALC Conference in August.

This year, the goal at the conference is to stuff the Tonka Truck with gift cards to stores such as Home Depot, Lowes and Target or Wal-Mart.

Please have donations in by Aug. 4 so Pastor Steve can take the cards with him to the conference on Aug. 6.



# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes Monday, July 15, 2019

### Call to Order

Bev called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Bev So

**Members present:** Bev So, Mark Carpenter, Kevin Kunst, Rich Steinbauer, Barb Berry, Ed Zajac

**Also Present:** Jon Kooiman

**Absent:** Virgil Bennett, Pastor Hartten

### Opening Prayer

Bev So

### Approval of July agenda

Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda and Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of June 2019 minutes made via email.

### Treasurer's report Jon Kooiman(Acct.Mgr.)

	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Offerings	\$15,582	\$16,042	(\$460)
Interest	\$ 17	\$ 12	\$5
Total	\$115599	\$16,054	(\$454)
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over/Under
Offerings	\$88,074	\$96,875	(\$8,801)
Interest	\$ 97	\$ 75	\$ 22
Total	\$88,171	\$96,950	(\$8,779)

### Old Business

**Update - progress on recommendations made from joint worship/council meeting.**

#### • Children's room

Lisa Zajac

Lisa talked about ideas for the new children's room and the cost of various items. The council decided to go ahead with the project. Kevin made a motion to have a budget of \$1,500 that will be taken from the Scrip fund. Rich seconded the motion and the motion passed. Some of Lisa's ideas include a soft gray color for the basic wall, removable stick-on murals, using a

colorful, gender neutral decor throughout the room. Other ideas include a two-seater loveseat, colorful cubbies and an easy-to-clean 1/4 inch floor mat. Barb made a motion to authorize Lisa to plan and purchase items for the children's room. Kevin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### • Council greeters

Council members signed up to be greeters at both the outside front by the Narthex and the back door in the fellowship hall through September.

#### • Welcome center

Meeting on Aug. 11. Bev passed out a list of Welcome Center questions that may be asked.

### Spaghetti Dinner update

Tickets are being sold on Sundays. There have been some donations given. We are asking people in the congregation to make desserts for the dinner and will charge a \$.50 donation. A 50/50 drawing will also be held at the dinner.

### Paul Todd concert update

Tickets are being sold on Sundays.

### Shelving from Soup Kitchen

Vote passed via email to move shelving from the maintenance room for hat project.

### NALC disaster relief gift cards

Vote passed via email We will ask Amy to do an email blast to advertise this.

### Youth room

Vote passed via email

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Building/Property

Kevin Kunst

Hanson Mold electrician will be coming out to check sensors for the light out front to see if that is the problem.

Al Marks, our lawn mowing service, is concerned about the lawn turning brown. He will reset the sprinklers and install a rain gauge. He will also send us a quote to get rid of the weeds.

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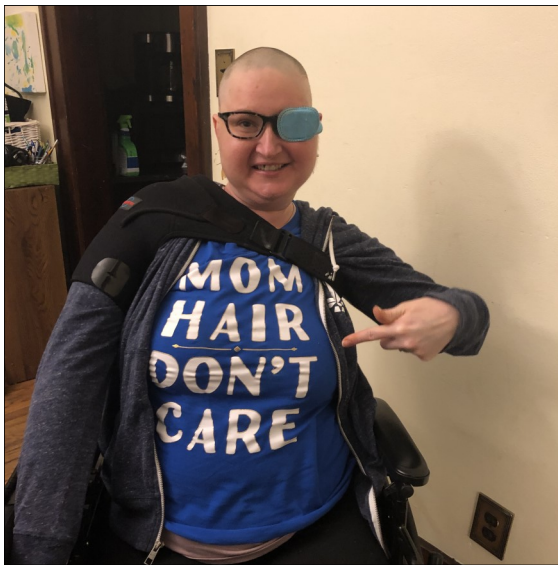
# Help needed for upcoming concert for Juli Nurbhai

As you know, Juli Nurbhai has been diagnosed with a serious illness. Two fund raisers are currently being conducted: A spaghetti dinner and another Paul Todd and son concert. Both will raise much-needed funds for Juli's treatment. The dinner is progressing well but more help is needed to ensure a successful concert turnout.

You can help raise several thousands of dollars for Juli by lending a hand in one of the following important ways:

- Sell tickets on Sundays prior to concert
- Help set-up/tear-down equipment on Concert day
- Bake Cookies
- Distribute flyers
- Serve as a greeter on concert night
- Take/sell tickets on concert night
- Donate a ticket for others to attend concert
- Donate toward expenses to put on concert

The generous donation of your time in one of these tasks will go a long way to doing that which God would have us do in our Christian lives. See the sign-up sheet on the information board in the hallway outside the church narthex.



## Quilting Bee is a success

*By Barb Morgan*

Yeah!!!! Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus!!!! The recent Quilting Bee at Peace was a blessed success.

Fifteen ladies came together to tie six quilts Saturday morning, July 20. Seven ladies were from Peace. The other ladies were from Saron Lutheran, St. Bernard's Catholic and a nearby neighbor. Prior to the tying of these quilts, a couple of women from Peace washed and ironed sheets for the backing. Prayer DOES work, if it is HIS will.

Everyone enjoyed fellowship with strangers and many learned new things about quilting. With God's continued blessings, there is a good possibility to repeat this Quilting Bee in the fall to work on tying additional quilts. Many women present were agreeable to the idea, as well as supportive. All these quilts still need to be trimmed, binding turned and pinned and binding stitched. Anyone wanting to help with the finishing of these quilts, please talk to either Barb Morgan or Elaine Chartrand. Thank you, EVERYONE, for all your prayers, help, and support. We're not finished yet, but boy are we getting there!!!! May the Peace of our Lord be with you all.

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## Council Minutes

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### Pastor's Report

#### Pastor Hartten

Pastor Hartten visited four congregations as part of his responsibilities as Mission District Dean: Good Shepherd in Manistee, St. Paul in Evart, Living Hope in Farwell, Redeemer in Owosso and the unnamed mission in Flint.

AEP is offering rebates to cover the cost of purchasing dimmable LED light bulbs for the Sanctuary. Thanks to an anonymous gift to cover the installation costs, Peace will be able to switch to low wattage LED lighting at no cost to the congregation's budget.

Pastor, Ainsley Cahill, Emily Sorensen, and Teresa Hogan will be representing Peace on the Michigan Mission District trip to NALC Disaster Relief

headquarters, in Caldwell, Ohio.

The summary of pastor's activities are as follows: Albert Beebe Memorial, Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen, Church Council Meeting, Dean's Trip Western Michigan, Home Visits, Lutheran Clergy Text Study, Mission District Trip Plan Meeting, Monthly Call from NALC Staff, Nursing Home Visits, Office Visit, Tuesday Prayer Meeting, Worship Sundays, Zajac's July 3rd Fireworks.

### New Business School kits

Ed made a motion to approve the school kit project. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Motion to adjourn

Ed made a motion to adjourn

### Closing Prayer

Council joined together with the Lord's prayer

## Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Juli Nurbhai & Family

Peace Lutheran Church

3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph

Saturday, Aug. 3 4:30-7 p.m.

\$8 for adults, \$4 for children in advance—all you can eat  
\$10 for adults, \$5 for children at the door - carry out available

### Summer is Our Annual Drive for

# LWR SCHOOL KITS

SHOP SALES IN LOCAL and  
ONLINE STORES NOW!

Accepting donations, Scrip cards and  
supplies through the end of September.

**EACH SCHOOL KIT CONTAINS:** Lists available in Narthex.

- 4** NOTEBOOKS - 70-sheets, wide or college-ruled
- 5** BALLPOINT PENS - black or blue (please no gel ink)
- 5** #2 Unsharpened Pencils with Erasers
- 1** Pencil Sharpener
- 1** 12 Inch Ruler - with centimeters and inches
- 1** Box of 24 Crayons
- 1** Blunt-Nose Scissors

- safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well

For info on Lutheran World Relief Missions, go to [lwr.org](http://lwr.org),  
contact the office or Sandy Schuermann at 463-8966.





**Saturday , August 17th, 2019**

**at Peace Lutheran Church**

**3590 Lincoln Ave, St Joseph, MI 49085**

**Doors open at 6:30 - Show starts at 7 pm**

**Back by popular demand, join Paul Todd, Paul Todd Jr.  
for an evening of uplifting music and song!**

**Tickets are \$20**

**Proceeds to benefit Juli Nurbhai and family for  
expenses related to Juli's Stage 4 Brain Cancer**

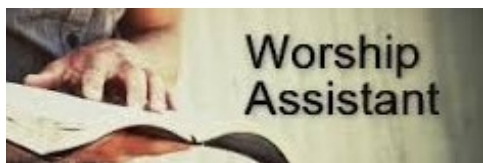
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[www.paultodd.com](http://www.paultodd.com)**

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**Call 269-930-1514 for tickets and/or concert info**



## SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP

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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:** Herb Kroening

**Communion:** Pastor Ron Schmidt and Teresa Hogan

August 4

**Greeters/Ushers:** Lee and Lynn Hornack

**Lector:** Shawn Cahill

**Altar Guild:** Amy Cahill

**Fellowship:** Open

**Altar Flowers:** Open

August 11

**Greeters/Ushers:** Greg and Louise Solak

**Lector:** Louise Solak

**Altar Guild:** Nan Hacker

**Altar Flowers:** Open

August 18

**Greeters/Ushers:** Bryan and Heidi Sorensen

**Lector:** Shari Schmidt

**Altar Guild:** Open

**Fellowship:** Open

**Altar Flowers:** Shawn and Amy Cahill

August 25

**Greeters/Ushers:** Chris and Virgil Bennett

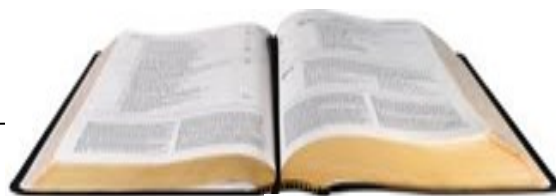
**Lector:** Barb Morgan

**Altar Guild:** Loretta Hartten

**Altar Flowers:** Open

## THIS MONTH'S READINGS

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**Sun., Aug. 4 - Eighth Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26, Psalm 100

Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

**Sun., Aug. 11- Ninth Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-16, Luke 12:22-40

**Sun., Aug. 18 - Tenth Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Jeremiah 23:16-29, Psalm 119:81-88

Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3, Luke 12:49-56

**Sun. Aug. 25 - Eleventh Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Isaiah 66:18-23, Psalm 50:1-15

Hebrews 12:4-29, Luke 13:22-30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9-12 Office Hours 10:30 Prayer Orientation 7p Prayer Orient.	2 Office closed	3 4:30-7p Spaghetti Dinner
4 10:15 Worship	5 9-12 Office Hours 7p Fellowship Committee Mtg	6 P. Steve NALC Convocation 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	7 P. Steve NALC Convocation 9-12 Office Hours	8 P. Steve NALC Convocation 9-12 Office Hours	9 P. Steve NALC Convocation Office closed 9 Soup Kitchen	10
11 10:15 Worship 2p Pool Party at Cahills	12 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours 7p Worship Committee Mtg.	13 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	14 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours	15 P. Steve Vacation News Due 9-12 Office Hours	16 P. Steve Vacation Office closed	17 P. Steve Vacation 7p Paul Todd Concert
18 P. Steve Vacation 10:15 Worship	19 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours 6p Council	20 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	21 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours	22 P. Steve Vacation 9-12 Office Hours	23 P. Steve Vacation Office closed	24 P. Steve Vacation
25 P. Steve Vacation 10:15 Worship 5p Music in Park Zajacs	26 9-12 Office Hours	27 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	28 9-12 Office Hours	29 9-12 Office Hours	30 Office closed	31

### Birthdays

2 Ginger Kunst  
3 Rich Carpenter  
7 Betty McKee  
9 Herb Kroening Jr.  
10 Elaine Chartrand  
20 Tiffany King  
22 April Lochner  
23 Ray Dalrymple  
24 Leon Miller  
25 Karen Coffey  
25 Keith Hettig  
28 Christian Nitz  
29 Beverly So

### Anniversaries

16 Shawn & Amy  
Cahill  
19 Herb & Debbie  
Kroening Jr.  
19 Bryan & Heidi  
Sorensen  
20 Bill & Judy Konar

### Military

**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.*

Marian Hogue  
Joe Naines  
Ruth Retzke  
Betty Robbins  
Roger and Elaine  
Sirk  
Barbara Southland  
Mildred Wantz

Just a note that  
Pastor Steve will be  
out of the office  
Aug. 6-9 for the  
NALC Convocation.  
He will preach Aug. 11

Pastor Steve will  
then be out of the  
office Aug. 12-25  
for vacation.

If you need pastoral  
care during this  
time, please contact  
Pastor Ron.



# Pool Party at the Cahills' house

**Aug. 11 2-6 p.m.**  
**Everyone welcome**

Our first August Family Fellowship will be a pool party at the Cahills' house, 11671 Red Bud Trail. We'll get started at 2 p.m. and plan to eat about 4 p.m. The Cahills will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, buns, condiments and drinks. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs and sign up on the bulletin board.



# MUSIC IN THE PARK AT THE ZAJACS

**Aug. 25 5 p.m.**  
**Everyone welcome**



Our second August Family Fellowship will be at the Zajacs' house, 1574 Lemon Creek Road in Baroda. We'll have a meal and then listen to the Village of Baroda's Music in the Park from 6 to 8 p.m. from the Zajacs' back yard. The band will be Top Secret. The Zajacs will provide brats, hot dogs, hamburgers and water. If you plan to attend, please bring a lawn chair, a dish to share and beverages of your choice. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

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