



PEACE
NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2022



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Summer is traditionally the time when congregational activities decrease. There is a recognition that people are traveling for vacations or day trips, boating, camping, etc. While I expect our members will pursue the usual summer activities this year, Peace is not going to slow down, instead we are adding options to engage with the congregation.

We have started an alternative worship service in the hopes of reaching people who are unable to attend on a Sunday morning. This includes families with children who find the weekends packed full of activities so that it becomes difficult to fit in worship; service sector employees who work on Sunday mornings, and the unchurched who may feel more at ease coming at a nontraditional time. We are currently offering a light meal at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 6:45 p.m. Once the school year ends there will also be fellowship opportunities after worship - perhaps games out on the front lawn.

The Outreach Committee is committed to having two different events every month: Bingo and Movie Night. Bingo will take place every Wednesday night and a family-friendly movie will be shown on the third Saturday of the month. These offerings will hopefully introduce members of the community to the ministry of Peace. These offerings are

fun and provide for socializing, an important aspect for potential new members.

In order to make these events work, it will take more than our current member participation. All of us are going to be pushed beyond our comfort zone, for it will take personal invitations to get people to our facility. Well-designed posters, attractive handouts are important tools, yet the best tool we have at our disposal is personal invitation. A simple "come and see" is all that is needed; encourage friends, neighbors and co-workers to experience for themselves the ministry and hospitality of Peace Lutheran Church. Please step out of your comfort zone and offer an invitation.



**PASTOR
STEVE HARTTEN**



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9 a.m.—12 p.m.

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Pastor
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Josh Lochner 429-4415
For Video DVD call:
The Church Office 556-7000

Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship

also streamed on
Facebook Live

or
YouTube Live

Permission to podcast/stream
the music in our services
obtained from One License
with license #A-722704.

June 5th is the Day of Pentecost - be sure to wear red to Sunday Worship Service!



COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18th, 2022

Members present: Barb Berry, Ken Berry, Virgil Bennett, Teresa Hogan, Herb Kroening, Bob Phillips, Bryan Sorensen

Also Present: Pastor Hartten

Call to Order: Teresa Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Open Devotion/Prayer

Pastor quoted two bible verses to show we would have troubles and Satan may use adversity to doubt God. John 16:33 - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Approval of May 2022 Agenda

Barb made a motion to approve the May agenda, Herb seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of April 2022 minutes made via Email

Treasurer's report Brenda Engel (acct. mgr)

Cash & Fund Activity Summary 3/31/22 4/30/22

Honor CU Checking	\$79,339.69	\$76,471.11
Honor CU Savings	\$47,739.31	\$48,710.10
Honor CU Scrip Acct	\$26,562.88	\$23,402.35
Major Repairs & Maint.	\$24,754.31	\$24,855.10
Youth Group Fund	\$11,282.00	\$11,282.00
A/V Fund	\$9,223.00	\$9,223.00
Wish List Fund	\$1,165.00	\$1,165.00
Church Mortgage	\$43,227.05	\$41,032.06

No questions were asked on the Treasurer's Report

Old Business

COVID-19 update and discussion All

As of last week, the numbers were at 17% positivity rate. Masks are suggested.

Final info on Pastor Ron's Retirement Party

Bev

The final cost for the retirement event for Pr. Schmidt was \$3,930.48. This cost is after the \$15 paid by 82 people, which averages \$40.11 per person.

Monday Evening Services Update Pastor

A total of 24 members and 2 visitors attended the first Monday night service on May 9. A total of 23 people including 5 visitors attended on May 16.

Standing Committee Reports

Worship May 12, 2022

Dominic

The worship committee suggested guidelines to determine Holy Communion practices into the future. If the positivity test rate is less than 20%, distribution will be by tables, 20%-25% will be individual distribution with spacing of six feet apart, and if the rate goes over 25%, Holy Communion will be suspended until the rate drops. Council discussed and approved the recommendation. The worship committee recommended the advertising for Monday night service should be the responsibility of council members. Council discussed this and a motion was made by Barb to leave the responsibility of advertising to the worship committee. Bryan seconded the motion and the motion carried. Bryan also volunteered to be the contact person should a need arise for any advertising changes or additions

Fellowship

The menu for Monday night "feed your belly" has been set until June 6. The fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to help fellowship with the dinner. There is a signup sheet on the podium in the narthex. There will be a ladies tea on June 4 at 1 p.m. at Apothica Teas in Niles. Meeting at church at 12:15 p.m. to carpool. Signup in the narthex.

Building & Grounds

Ken/Virgil

Virgil put new rubber feet on chairs in fellowship.

Outreach Committee

Bob

First movie night will be Saturday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall and will be showing "Shrek". Concessions of popcorn, pop and candy bars will be available for a small fee. The first bingo open to the public will be on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$1 per card. Coffee and snacks will be provided. The outreach committee is inviting all members to a Bingo dry run on May 25th at 6:30 p.m. It was determined by the council that Bob Phillips will need access to the fellowship hall. Therefore Teresa has given Bob her key to the church.

Executive Committee

Ken

No meeting this month

Pastor's Report

Pastor Hartten

The summary of the pastor's activities are as follows: Brett Genovese Graveside, Choir Practice, Confirmation Instruction, Council Meeting, Dean's Responsibilities, Holy Communion Class, Home Visits, Lutheran Text Study, Office Visits, Pr. Schmidt's Retirement Banquet, Rotary Club Luncheon, Tuesday Prayer Group, Worship Committee, Worship (Sunday, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, Monday Night, Provisional Living Facility) .

New Business

Cellular Communication for Alarm Company
Our current cellular backup phone for our alarm system is being obsoleted by AT&T at the end of June. This backup phone is a secondary form of communication for the alarm control panel in case the phone lines go down. Barb made a motion to approve the new cellular backup phone at a cost of \$495.00. Herb seconded the motion and the motion carried.

June Greeters & Fellowship

Ken

June 5 Bryan and Bob

June 12 Teresa and Herb with Fellowship

June 19 Ken and Barb

June 26 Virgil and Ed with Fellowship

Motion to Adjourn. Bryan made a motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer

Pastor Hartten

The council joined in saying "The Lord's Prayer."



June 5th Bryan Sorensen & Bob Phillips
June 12th Teresa Hogan & Herb Kroening
June 19th Ken Berry & Barb Berry
June 26th Virgil Bennett & Ed Zajac

The grounds committee put together a plan for the upcoming summer. We have scheduled monthly work days from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to maintain the beauty of our church grounds. They are as follows:

June 11th
July 9th
Aug. 13th
Sept. 10th
Oct. 8th
Nov. 12th

There will be some changes to the front of the church. The plan is to remove some of the existing bushes and to plant flowering bushes in their place. We will develop a plan to identify what variety of bushes we will plant and how to purchase them. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Thank you for your continuous support,

Grounds Committee,
Ken Berry
Beverly So
Loretta Hartten

NALC Disaster Response Flood Buckets Collection is ongoing until July 31

We are collecting items and assembling Flood Buckets to stock the Michigan Mission District Warehouse in Owosso.

Our Goal is to assemble 50 Flood Buckets. Gift Cards and \$\$\$ are welcome. If writing a check, be sure to write "flood buckets" in the memo line.



FLOOD BUCKETS

		Estimated Price List
5 gal bucket w/ lid	Home Depot or Lowes	\$4.98
Bucket lid	Home Depot or Lowes	\$2.48
1 jug bleach (81 oz)	Dollar General	\$2.95
2 lg trash bags (30 gal)	Dollar General	\$0.75 \$5.00 for pkg of 14 bags
1 roll paper towel	Dollar General	\$2.00 \$6.50 for pkg of 6 rolls
Comet/Scouring powder	Dollar General	\$1.00
PineSol Cleaner	Dollar General	\$3.25
Scrub brush (floor)	Dollar General	\$1.00
Rubber gloves	Dollar General	\$2.50 \$5.00 for 2 pair
Leather gloves	Dollar General	\$8.00 for 1 pair
Brown Jersey Cotton gloves	Dollar General	\$1.00 \$3.00 for pkg of 3
		\$29.91 TOTAL

If you tell them you are buying this for your church they probably will not charge sales tax.

Berrien County Diaper Bank

Pastor Steve was invited to attend a Rotary Club luncheon on May 9th. He was invited as a guest of Ruth Kremer, one of the organizers of a program to establish a Sustainable Diaper Bank in Berrien County. Peace Lutheran has held two collections to date to assist this ministry and Pastor Steve was present to answer logistical questions. Some interesting facts shared at this meeting:

- 46% of all children born in Michigan are covered by Medicaid. Recipients of State and Federal aid are prohibited from spending those funds on disposable diapers. WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; benefits pregnant women and mothers of infants and children up to age 5) and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; previously called "Food Stamps") funds cannot be used to purchase disposable diapers
- Daycare centers will not accept a child without at least one day's additional supply of disposable diapers
- Eleven years ago there were 9 Diaper Banks in the U.S. Today there are over 300!
- The State of Michigan currently has 13 Diaper Banks
- Infants require up to 12 diapers/day; toddlers require about 8 diapers/day
- Disposable diapers are charged 6% State Sales Tax. A bill to remove this tax was defeated in the current legislative session

Cost Calculation:

Meijer Brand, Size 3

104/box sale price \$19.99 + tax = \$21.19 or \$0.20/diaper

\$0.20/diaper x 8 diapers/day = \$1.60 or \$48/month per child

This cost does not include baby wipes or diaper cream which can increase the cost to approximately \$80/month/child

If discounted store brand is unavailable, the cost increases dramatically:

Huggies Brand, Size 3

136/box sale price \$45.99 + tax = \$48.75 or \$0.36/diaper

\$0.36/diaper x 8 diapers/day = \$2.88 or \$86.40/month/child

For more information about the efforts to establish a Sustainable Diaper Bank in Berrien County, please contact Ruth Kremer, 313-400-4097.



How to Cultivate a Joyful Heart

by Lilly Park

A joyful heart doesn't mean always being happy, but we can be joyful in any circumstance.

Proverbs 17:22 says, “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.” When I read verses like this one, I’m reminded of the saying, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” There are two very opposite images in this verse: a joyful heart and a broken spirit. A broken spirit could refer to heaviness from anxious or depressing thoughts. It affects our whole being (“dries up the bones”). In other words, a broken spirit is draining, both spiritually and physically. It’s hard enough when we experience pain or deep loss, but when it consumes us, we are tempted to feel forgotten by God or to forget God. We feel hopeless and lack the strength to persevere.

I’d rather have a joyful heart. But how does this happen when I’m anxious or despondent? Pay attention to the heart. The Bible often uses the term “heart” to refer to our inner man or our true self. The condition of our heart can be seen through our outward expressions, such as tears or smiles, or our health. For instance, see Proverbs 12:25, “Anxiety in a person’s heart weighs it down, but a good word cheers it up,” and 15:13, “A joyful heart makes a face cheerful, but a sad heart produces a broken spirit.”

Let me clarify that a “joyful” heart does not mean smiling all the time, laughing constantly, jumping up and down. A joyful heart, however, is possible even when life is stressful and hard. Here are some ways we can promote a joyful heart:

1. HUMBLING OURSELVES VS. SEEKING CONTROL

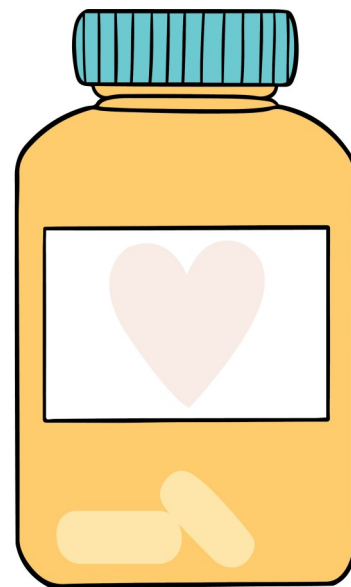
A joyful heart rests in God’s control of life. Ever since the fall, we have tried to be in control of our lives. How exhausting. It never ends. Trusting God isn’t a lack of action, but it does involve humility by knowing what you can control. It might be asking for help, planning ahead or learning a new skill. Distinguish between what you can control and what you cannot. Pray to God for help and trust him with the outcome. Health crisis? Family conflict? Job loss? Rest in believing that God knows and cares. God’s will be done.

2. BELIEVING GOD’S TRUTH VS. OUR THOUGHTS

A joyful heart remembers God’s character and promises (Ps. 19:8). Since the fall, we have believed ourselves to know better than God. Do you have people in your life who speak thoughtfully whenever you talk to them? A good word that is biblical and loving can refresh your soul. One idea might be to study God’s attributes if you’re struggling to believe that God is loving, forgiving and powerful. Replace thoughts that dry up the bones with life-giving truth, such as God is good and faithful (Ps. 145).

3. PRAYING ALWAYS VS. GIVING UP

A joyful heart perseveres because of the hope we have in Christ: “Rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4). A person who keeps praying is the person who perseveres. We pray as a way of casting our anxieties on God. It doesn’t mean our circumstances will change. In fact, we might not know the outcome for months or even years. The medical news might be worse than we expected. The difficult co-worker or boss might provoke us more. Each day, we press on to live for God’s glory, in dependence on God, trusting him alone. The book of Proverbs isn’t a formula of guarantees, like if we “do this” then “that will happen.” Wouldn’t that be comforting for those of us who like structure, order and predictability? If only life were that simple. We are given wisdom in Proverbs on how to live a wise life, but only God is in control over our lives and creation. Because of this truth, it is possible to have joyful hearts.



A joyful heart is good medicine.

Proverbs 17:22, ESV

Mark your Calendars for these fun social events at Peace!

Bingo: Every Wednesday Night at 6:30pm



Movie Night: Saturday June 18 at 7pm
Movie: Amazing Grace



THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Sunday, June 5 - Day of Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 143
Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31

Sunday, June 12 - The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36, John 8:48-59

Sunday, June 19 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 3
Galatians 3:23 - 4:7, Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26– Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9b-21, Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

Misappropriating Scripture

By Drew Dyck

Ephesians 5:25 has always been intimidating to me. “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” It’s an unnerving passage. Do I really love my wife like that? Even if I can muster the will, how do I sacrifice myself for her?

This week I found a way. Let me explain. Grace is currently on a diet, and she faced her first big test when the Girl Scout cookies we ordered a month ago arrived. I know Grace has a weakness for the Samoas cookies. As I looked down at the boxes of pure deliciousness, I suddenly realized what I had to do. I sprang into action and ate all the Samoas, eliminating the temptation for her. It was an act of stunning selflessness. Sadly, she didn’t see it that way. “You ate ALL the cookies?” she said, shaking the empty box “Yes, I did,” I said. “I sacrificed my body for you.”

Church Family - We Need Your Help!

When we made the switch to the new church software, a lot of your personal information did not get transferred correctly, or at all! In order to keep our records properly updated, we need your information. Please call, email, or drop this off to the office at your convenience. This will also help as we brainstorm ways to update the church directory. Thank you!

Brandi Johnson
Peace Secretary

Name:

Address:

Phone numbers:
(Home & Cell)

Email Address:

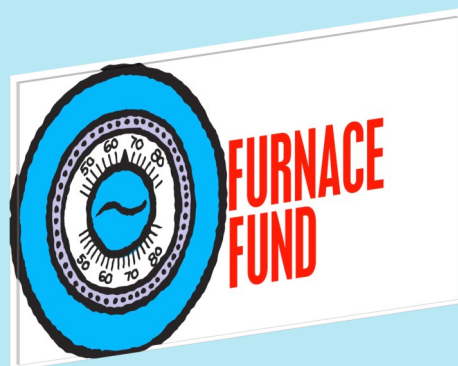
Birthdate:

Wedding Date:

Baptism Date:

Confirmation Date:

Help Fund our “Furnace Fund!”



Our furnaces are 24 years old; it's time to start saving for replacements!

If you would like to contribute, designate your giving to the Furnace Fund on your check or tithing envelope!

Visit our website!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	1 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo	2 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	3 Office closed	4 1p - Ladies Tea @ Apothica teas
5 10:15 Worship w/ communion	6 9-12 Office Hrs 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service	7 9-12 Office Hrs 630p - Fellowship Committee	8 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo	9 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	10 Office closed	11 9-11am - Grounds Cleanup
12 10:15 Worship w/ communion	13 9-12 Office Hrs 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service	14 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Worship Committee	15 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo	16 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	17 Office closed	18 7p - Movie Night Amazing Grace
19 10:15 Worship w/ communion	20 9-12 Office Hrs 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service	21 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Council Mtg	22 9-12 Office Hrs 630p Bingo	23 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg	24 Office closed	25
26 10:15 Worship w/ communion	27 9-12 Office Hrs 6p - light meal 645p - Worship Service	28 9-12 Office Hrs	29 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg 630p Bingo	30 9-12 Office Hrs 7p Prayer Mtg		



Birthdays

4 Shawn Cahill
4 Margaret Weaver
7 Lisa Zajac
8 Shelly Fitzpatrick
9 Keith Chapman
9 Lorene Schlutt
10 Sherri Nitz
13 Brynn Fitzpatrick
17 Christine Bennett
19 Harper Baskin
23 Nolan Fitzpatrick
24 Bryan Sorensen
25 Nan Hacker
29 Larry Hacker

Anniversaries

9 Richard & Tammy
Steinbauer
14 Nancy & Bob
Cooley
16 Mark & Becky
Carpenter
24 Dominic &
Beverly So
25 Jim & Jeanine
Damaske

Shut-In's

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

Leona Barowicz
Andrea Barowicz
Thomas Boozer
Darlene Gaul
Delores Gaul
Dolores Kraklau
Harold Lick
Ruth Retzke
Gloria Siewert

COME JOIN US FOR
**LADIES
TEA**



Join us for a Ladies Tea!

**Saturday, June 4th
1pm @ Apothica Teas in Niles, Michigan
Let's meet at the church at 12:15pm to
carpool.**

**Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex by May
7th. Be sure to sign up quickly; 12 ladies
max.**

\$27.50 per person

**Come join us on June 11th from
9-11am to clean up the church
grounds. Many hands make light
work. Remember: if you see the
need, pull the weed!**



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