



April, 2018

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In the past several weeks the subject of “catholic” vs. “Christian” in the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds has been raised. Last September, I wrote a column in the newsletter section *What Does This Mean* explaining that catholic with a lower case “c” was the original wording of the Creeds. The article was published to help us all understand why the change from Christian to catholic was being made.

Martin Luther changed the wording from catholic to Christian in the heat of the Reformation. As the gap between the Reformers and the Roman Catholic Church became too wide to bridge, the protestant Lutherans began using Christian to distinguish themselves from the Church body that they left behind.

I understand that change is not easy, and for some there is a real struggle to say “catholic” instead of “Christian.” If an individual is struggling to make the change, then please continue with what is familiar. I’m not going to stop worship because I hear an occasional “Christian” when I expect to hear “catholic.”

Please, be aware that the change in creedal language should have been introduced in 1993. When Peace incorporated and was received into the ELCA, the ELCA’s official hymnal

printed the Creeds with the word “catholic.”

However, as many who founded Peace had come from the Missouri Synod, Missouri Synod hymnals were used in place of the hymnals used by the denomination this congregation

aligned with. Through the 18 years of our affiliation with the ELCA, the language change was postponed. When Peace chose to affiliate with the NALC, it again chose a Lutheran body that uses “catholic” instead of “Christian.” While it has been suggested that we continue to wait on changing the language due to the age of many of the members, my question is, “How long shall we wait until we adopt the preferences of our larger church body?” I believe that 24 years is a long enough time to adjust to expectations that have been in place all along. The Worship Committee looked at this issue at its March meeting and decided we will continue to use wording that is true to the original language and that fits with our denomination’s usage.



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Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:
Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship

Tuesday
11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday
7 p.m. Choir

Lutheran World Relief Baskets of Promise Work Day
Wednesday, April 4, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

COUNCIL MINUTES

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 19, 2018

Call to Order at 6:10
Opening Prayer

Kevin Kunst
Pastor Hartten

Members Present: Karen Richardville, Ed Zajac, Jerry Pliley, Mark Carpenter, Josh Lochner, Kevin Kunst, Virgil Bennett, Barb Berry, Bev So
Also Present: Pastor Hartten and Becky Carpenter, Treasurer

Approval of Agenda

Jerry Pliley motioned to accept agenda. Mark Carpenter seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

OFFERINGS	BUDGET	Becky Carpenter DIFFERENCE
YTD \$31,576	\$32,107	(\$531)
MTD \$17,587	\$16,054	\$1,533

Old Business:

Quilting coordinator

Kevin Kunst

No one has volunteered for this position. The outreach is such a worthy cause. The group has made 100s of quilts that have been given to Lutheran World Relief. The group was formed almost 25 years ago. Council prays that someone will step forward to coordinate this group and continue its outreach.

5 Year Plan Announcement

Kevin Kunst

The 5 Year Plan Committee will present ideas and have a packet for members at the next congregational meeting in May.

QuickBooks update

Josh Lochner

Still working on the update.

Staff payroll reviews

Kevin Kunst

Will table until next month after the executive committee has had a chance to review.

Standing Committee Reports:

Worship

Nan Hacker

-Final preparations are being made for Holy Week.
-Discussed duties of acolytes and greeter training.
-Favorite hymn Sunday will be on Father's Day this year. Ballots will be available prior to the month of June.

Property

Jerry Pliley/Kevin Kunst

-The parts for the round tables are here. Jerry is in the process of fixing them.
-The organ and piano have been moved.
-Jerry is pricing a new vacuum.
-Kevin will remove the stakes in the yards before Easter.
-Jerry and Jim are going to cut back the area by the south driveway.
-The post that supports the steeple on the church needs to be cleaned. Jerry will check on finding someone that is qualified to clean it.

Fellowship

Christine Bennett

-Changing the chili cook-off to a Sunday was well received. The games and food were enjoyed by all. Five judges tasted all nine chili entries with Theresa Hogan having the winning entry. Notes have been made for improvements for next year's cook-off.
-Plans were made for the Easter breakfast.
-Discussion continued as plans are made for the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Hartten

-Pastor requests vacation May 21 - May 28. Pastor Schmidt said he would be available during that time.
-Pastor discussed having a church-wide book study in the fall before our 25th Anniversary Celebration. The members involved would be divided into groups and meet at member homes or the church at agreed upon times. The book to be used is "I Am a Church Member". Leaders for the groups will be trained during the summer.
-The staff reviews have been completed and given to the council.
-A summary of some of Pastor's activities during the last month are: Confirmation classes, Divine Drama, family fellowship, home and hospital visits, Lutheran Clergy text study, nursing home visits, office visits, Tuesday prayer meetings, Thursday Men's Bible Study, tutoring at Upton, Worship and Council meetings, and seven worship services.

New Business

AV Equipment

Mark Carpenter

Parts of the AV equipment to be replaced. It needs to be replaced ASAP. Mark will have Amy place the order.

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What Does This Mean to Me?

This regular newsletter feature—playing on Luther’s famous line in the Small Catechism—is designed to help us all better understand why things happen as they do at Peace. The worship committee actively seeks feedback or questions from congregation members confused or concerned about worship practices.

“Why are we having Holy Communion every week during Easter?”

Peace celebrates the Lord’s Supper on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Several years ago a compromise was reached between members who desired weekly communion and those who were satisfied with bi-monthly communion. The compromise was that Holy Communion would be served on every Sunday in Advent and Lent. The remainder of the year Communion would be served twice a month with the possible addition of special days (Reformation Sunday).

Advent and Lent are reflective seasons, time when we prepare for the Messiah’s birth and time to reflect on the need for Jesus’ sacrifice. While the meal of

Holy Communion can take on different overtones depending on the Seasons of the Church year, it seems more appropriate to observe the sacrament weekly during Seasons of celebration.

White and Red days signify major festivals and celebrations in the Church year. You might have noticed that we did not serve the Lord’s Supper every week this past December during the Season of Advent. The same is true now in Lent. A recommendation was made by the Worship Committee and approved by the Church Council to shift the weekly celebrations to the festival days and seasons of the Church year. Peace will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper throughout the great Festival of Easter and any other day when the liturgical color is white or red.

Perhaps one day we can move beyond this compromise and live into the goal Pastor Steve stated during the Call Process where Holy Communion will be served weekly.



Council Minutes

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Doodle Pads

Pastor Hartten

Pastor presented the idea of having “doodle” pads for children. They would be placed in the pews with the Bibles. The purpose is to encourage “doodling” on the pad rather than the offering envelopes or the pew Bibles. Virgil Bennet made a motion to order 50 pads at the cost of \$20. Barb Berry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Office computers

Pastor Hartten

The computers in the church office and Pastor’s office have been running slow. The cost to boost RAM on each computer is \$30. Karen Richardville made a motion for the purchase. Virgil Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greeter Training

Pastor Hartten

The worship committee would like to order a book to help with training greeters. Council also discussed adding guest parking to the parking lot. Jerry Pliley will have the cost of the signs by the next meeting. Karen Richardville made a motion for the worship committee to order the book at the cost of \$50. Virgil Bennett seconded. The motion passed.

Visioning process

Pastor Hartten

Pastor distributed vision session responses to the congregation at the Lenten service on Wednesday, March 14 and the Sunday service on March 18. He asked the members to prayerfully consider the responses. The next step in this process will be for the council to discuss the responses at their retreat on April 14.

The **motion to adjourn** was made by Jerry Pliley at 7:58 p.m. **The meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.**

Favorite Hymn Sunday Returns!

Last year’s well received Favorite Hymn Sunday returns this year on Father’s Day. Balloting will take place over three weeks, April 22 – May 6. While there are three weeks to vote, please only cast one ballot. We are using the honor system! You may vote for up to five of your favorite hymns. The top vote getters will be used on Father’s Day with the remainder used throughout the summer. Start thinking about your favorites.





Peace Lutheran Church

October 31, 1993 - October 31, 2018

Did you know Peace has a TIME CAPSULE?

Just before you enter the front door, under the canopy on the north column, a combined cornerstone (1998 engraved on it) and time capsule was laid by Ray Damaske. This was one of the last building related projects and took some time to complete.

The reason for its delay was the intense effort that went into selecting and assembling the descriptive materials and documents that were enclosed in the space just behind the cornerstone. The team putting them together wanted to be sure that they would adequately and completely describe Peace Lutheran Church to anyone who might open this time capsule 100 years from now.

Can you guess what is in OUR time capsule? Have you tried asking other members? Answers will be given in the next newsletter.

If you have any personal recollections of your life



experiences at Peace, please note the email addresses of the committee members and send them on to us.

Your input is vitally important.

Rich Carpenter, chair richc@ameritech.net

Norma Carpenter norma936@comcast.net

Lee/Lynn Hornack Lhornack@aol.com

Peace Lutheran Church's

Silver Anniversary Celebration

The Heritage Center, Downtown St. Joe

7 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2018

Cocktail hour 6-7 p.m.

Catered Dinner with choice of entrée

(vegetarian option available)

Tickets are \$15 per person

Dr. David Wendel, Assistant to the Bishop of the NALC, will attend.

On Sunday, October 28th there will be a Festival Worship to Celebrate 25 Years of God's Grace



Soup Kitchen Update

We had a good turn out from Peace at our Soup Kitchen lunch in February. Even with the nasty weather which closed the schools and many of the businesses, we had eight PLC members helping to prepare and serve the hamburger goulash meal to more than 80 clients.



The next date for PLC to prepare and serve lunch at the Soup Kitchen is Friday, April 13. We will be serving spaghetti, corn, fruit, ice cream with sprinkles, cake/cookies, and bread. (The Flour Shop helps us with cake/cookies.)

The food drive was truly a blessed success. There were many food donations, \$450 in gift cards and \$200 cash. We will be able to fund all of our needs through January 2019. Thank you all for your contributions.

If you are able to help on Friday, April 13, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or a portion of that time), please contact Barb Berry or Bev So.



NALC Michigan District Joint Mission Trip

Adults and Youth ages 14+
June 24 – 30

Join us for a cross-generational week of service, discipleship and disaster response training as we venture together to the NALC Disaster Response warehouse located in Caldwell, Ohio. Partnered with Caldwell's local ministry, HARP Mission, the NALC's efforts to provide physical and spiritual assistance following a disaster begins here in Caldwell.

We will work closely with local residents performing a variety of tasks including but not limited to: painting, yard work, and construction. The work will be dependent on community needs and the skills of the participants.

In addition to the work, we will also have opportunity for disaster preparedness training along with basic life-to-life discipleship skills when responding to an emergency.

Cost: **\$300** (includes supplies, meals, accommodations)

Want more information or just have questions?

Pastor Mathew Magera Cell: 847-714-3871
St. Thomas Lutheran Email: stlcpastor@gmail.com
Trufant, MI

Nine things to think about on Easter Morning

Easter is one of the largest attendance days of the year for this congregation. It may be the highest. There will be some people you don't know. Some of them are guests. Others are members who attend infrequently. We all have an opportunity to make a gospel impression on these people with a few simple acts. Indeed, we have an opportunity to make an eternal difference. Here are nine servant actions for you to consider.

Pray as you enter the property. Pray for the guests. Pray for the services. Pray for the pastor and the sermon.

Park at the most distant spot available. Save the closer parking places for guests.

Greet people. They may be guests. They may be members. It's okay to introduce yourself to either.

Look for people to help. You know the place well. Many others will not. Be a guide. Help someone who looks like he or she needs help.

Sit as close as possible to the front of the worship center. Save the back rows for guests and late entrants, so they don't have to walk past so many people.

Sit in the middle. Don't claim that aisle seat where people have to walk over you or past you.

Sit closely. The worship center may be packed. If so, be willing to sit cheek to cheek.

Volunteer to serve. As the number of attendees increase, so does the need for volunteers. Can you assist with the Easter Breakfast? How about Greeting? An extra usher to guide people to their seat?

Pray as you leave. The Holy Spirit is likely working in many persons who attended. Pray for His continual work of conviction and comfort.

These are simple acts. They are acts of service. And if you survive doing these acts of kindness and service on Easter, you just might be able to do them on other days of worship as well!

Barbotts opens on April 28

It's time to put the cold, bitter winter to bed and begin thinking of the warm, pleasant days of summer by turning our thoughts to our beautiful, lush gardens!

Peace will again partner with Barbotts to enable you to have quality bedding plants in your gardens at rock bottom prices! We price our certificates at lower prices than other area fund raisers selling the same plants! We also attempt to be competitive with surrounding nurseries and big-box stores!

We have 48 Plant Flats, Hanging Baskets, Proven Winners, Veggies/ Vines and \$10 and \$25 Gift Certificates

It's a Win - Win - Win situation!

Barbotts provides certificates to Peace at discounted prices. Barbott wins with increased sales! Peace prices to include a rebate you earn for the church when you buy certificates. Peace wins! Peace offers certificates to you at lower than market prices. You win with lower costs!

Certificates are available on Sundays after worship or in the office during April and May. Help support our local nursery and the church, too!



SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP

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: Margaret Schmeiding

Communion: Keith and Steven
Chapman

Altar Guild: Diana Moulton

April 1

Greeters/Ushers: Nan and Larry
Hacker

Lector: Nan Hacker

Acolyte: Emily Sorensen and Ainsley
Cahill

Easter Breakfast: Fellowship
Committee

April 8

Greeters/Ushers: Doug and Sandy
Landis

Lector: Greg Solak

Acolyte: Ainsley Cahill

April 15

Greeters/Ushers: The Sorensen
Family

Lector: Bev So

Acolyte: Alec Carpenter

Fellowship: Council

April 22

Greeters/Ushers: Virgil and Chris
Bennett

Lector: Barb Morgan

Acolyte: Emily Sorensen

April 29

Greeters/Ushers: Barb and Gary
Walker

Lector: Ron Wilson

Acolyte: Matt Hogan

THIS MONTH'S READINGS

Sun., April 1– Resurrection of Our Lord

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 16:1-11

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

Sun., April 8 - Second Sunday of Easter

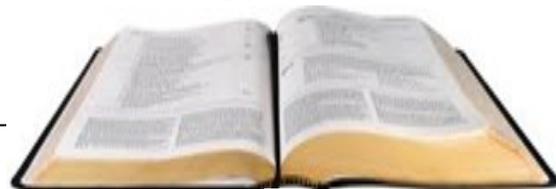
Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 148

1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

Sun., April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:11-21, Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-49



Sun., April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

Sun. April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 150

1 John 4:1-21, John 15:1-8

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 Easter Breakfast 10:15 Easter Worship with communion	2 9-12 Office Hours 6p Fellowship Committee Mtg	3 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	4 9-12 Office Hours 10 LWR work day	5 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry	6 Office closed	7
8 9 S. School 10:15 Worship with communion 6p D. Drama	9 9-12 Office Hours 1p Divine Drama 7p Worship Committee Mtg	10 9-12 Office Hrs 11:30 Prayer Mtg 6:30p Mutual Ministry 7p W. Book Study	11 9-12 Office Hours 2:40p Tutoring 7:30p Genesis Study	12 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	13 Office closed 9 Soup Kitchen	14
15 9 S. School 10:15 Worship with communion 11:15 Fellowship 6p Divine Drama	16 9-12 Office Hours 1p Divine Drama 6p Council	17 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg 7p Women's Book Study	18 9-12 Office Hours 2:40p Tutoring 7:30p Genesis Study	19 News due 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	20 Office closed	21 6p Game Night at the church
22 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with communion 6p Divine Drama	23 9-12 Office Hours 1p Divine Drama	24 MMD meeting 9-12 Office Hours 7p Women's Book Study	25 9-12 Office Hours 2:40p Tutoring 7:30p Genesis Study	26 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry 7p Choir	27 Office closed	28
29 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with communion 6p Divine Drama	30 9-12 Office Hours 1 p.m. Divine Drama					

Birthdays

2 Bill Konar
2 Judy Priebe
5 Vicki Hettig
7 Les Collins
7 Kevin Kutchie
9 Gary Walker
10 Kevin Fitzpatrick
12 Harold Lick
13 Bob Roberts
15 Cliff DeSchaaf
19 Barb Morgan
19 Richard Steinbauer
25 Pat Greenburg

26 James Chartrand
26 Ted Hollacher
28 Sandy Schuermann

Anniversaries

20 Rich & Norma Carpenter
24 Jim & Shirley Chapman
26 Larry & Nan Hacker
26 Eddie & Lisa Zajac

Military

Brandon M Enders
1061 USS Tennessee Ave
Kings Bay, GA 31547

Lt/jg Chad Knipschild
301 Maple
Edgewater, MD 21037

Sgt. Gary Smith
208 Polson Court
Raeford, NC 28376

Shut-In's

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

Albert Beebe
Mary Dey
Marian Hogue
Joe Naines
Al Reschke
Betty Robbins
Barbara Southland
Mildred Wantz

On April 24, the Michigan Mission District will meet in Owosso to elect a new Dean. Please keep Pastor Hartten, Pastor Schmidt and our delegates, Chuck and Jane Wilson, in your prayers.



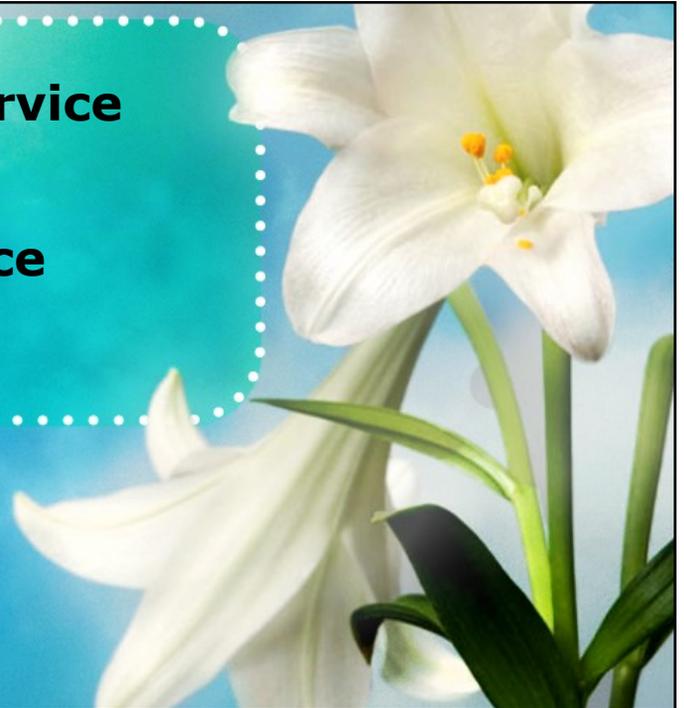
Game Day - April 21 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite games,
\$10 per family to pitch in for
pizza and a side or dessert to
share.

Maundy Thursday Service
7 p.m. March 29

Good Friday Service
7 p.m. March 30

Easter Service
10:15 a.m. April 1
Easter Breakfast 9-10 a.m.



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