



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

For the past couple of months I have been meeting with Jill Chapman and Louise Solak to craft a vision for a prayer ministry at PLC. This vision seeks to inform the congregation about ways prayer will shape all aspects of life at Peace. It will be implemented slowly over the course of the coming year. The first area of implementation will be an Intercessory Prayer Team.

Intercessory Prayer sounds intimidating, but it simply means praying to God on behalf of others. But it is also much more than that. Intercession involves taking hold of God's will and refusing to let go until His will comes to pass. For example, a friend has been diagnosed with a rare disease. People willing to engage in intercessory prayer will storm the gates of Heaven with a request that the friend is cured. Instead of simply asking that "Your will be done" the prayers will make a demand upon God to cure this person. Hebrews 4:16 states that at any time a believer can come into God's presence. A person engaged in

intercessory prayer will use this access to plead with God on behalf of others. True intercessory prayer seeks God's glory and not our own. If the cure can be labeled a miracle, give glory to God. If an unemployed relative lands an ideal job, give glory to God.

Be on the lookout for prayer request forms in the pews and for an on-line prayer request form on the congregation's website. I encourage you to take some time to consider if you are called to serve the Risen Christ through this important ministry. Praying for each other is a gift that God has given us, and we have a responsibility to use this gift wisely.



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Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

Sunday

10:15 a.m. Worship

Tuesday

11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Intercessory Prayer Team Orientation Sessions planned

Peace is offering three different orientation times for members who desire to be part of the new Intercessory Prayer Ministry. Each session will cover the same material; the different times are to meet the varied schedules of the members. Come for one hour to learn about this important ministry of Christ's Church, how you can participate in it, and ideas for how best to organize your prayer life. The first session will be offered on Wednesday, July 24 from 7-8 p.m. Two sessions will be offered on Thursday, Aug. 1 at either 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 7-8 pm.



COUNCIL MINUTES

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes Monday, June 17, 2019

Members present: Kevin Kunst, Bev So, Rich Steinbauer, Barb Berry

Also Present: Pastor Hartten

Absent: Mark Carpenter, Virgil Bennett, Ed Zajac

Call to Order **Bev So**
Bev called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer **Pastor Hartten**

Approval of June agenda

Due to lack of council members, no votes will be taken.

Approval of May 2019 minutes made via email.

Treasurer's report	Jon Kooiman (Acct. Mgr.)		
	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Offerings	\$14,457	\$16,042	(\$1,585)
Interest	\$ 16	\$ 12	\$4
Total	\$14,473	\$16,054	(\$1,581)
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over/Under
Offerings	\$72,492	\$80,833	(\$8,341)
Interest	\$ 80	\$ 63	\$ 17
Total	\$72,572	\$80,896	(\$8,324)

Old Business

• **Soup kitchen cabinets update.** The locking cabinets for the soup kitchen food items have been purchased. \$646.00 will be taken from the Scrip account.

Thank you to Ken Berry, Pastor Hartten, and Virgil Bennett for assembling the cabinets.

• **"Becoming a Welcoming Church"** meeting with the worship committee was held on Monday, June 10. Discussions and recommendations were made as follows:

We are leaving children's area in the same room.

Lisa Zajac will be planning the updates to the room. Virgil is looking for a security camera to be installed in the children's room. Two adults will be needed to work in the room. Target date for completion is Aug. 1.

Website is being redesigned to have a friendlier phone connection. Target date is mid-July.

Council will be signing up as outside greeters and greeters in the Fellowship Hall. Bev passed out sign up sheets for council to sign up for specific Sundays to be outside greeters and fellowship greeters.

Our new welcome center will be moved by the windows in front of the sanctuary. Target date is mid-July. There will be a training session for those who wish to help in the welcome center in early July.

• **Spaghetti dinner benefit** will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Thrivent grant for \$250 was given to church to help with the expenses for the dinner. Peace will charge \$8 for adults and \$4 for children if tickets are purchased ahead of time, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children for walk-ins.

Take out dinners will also be available. Desserts will be offered for a donation. Bev passed out sign-up sheet for helpers needed for the dinner. Amy is making flyers for the event. Virgil is working on advertising.

Standing Committee Reports Worship (via email)

Ken Berry

See notes under "Old Business" regarding the joint meeting between worship committee and council.

Building/Property **Kevin Kunst/Virgil Bennett**

Will be contacting an electrician about repairing the sign in front.

Pastor's Report **Pastor Hartten**

June 30 will be a discussion about voting for a bishop for NALC. Questions can be asked about how a bishop is elected.

Pastor gave council a vacation request for Aug. 12-26.

Les Collins will be moving to Florida full time. He wants to help out in whatever way he can before he has to leave. He is in the process of gathering information to get a contracting bid to replace our existing lights with more efficient LED lights. He will get separate bids for the office, hallway, classrooms

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Council Minutes

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and fellowship hall.

Council had a discussion concerning a new logo for our church. A sample was passed around with positive comments. More discussions will follow next month.

The summary of pastor's activities are as follows: Chuck Wilson Funeral, Church Council Meeting, Disciples of the Cross Class, Home Visits, Hospice Visits, Intercessory Prayer Team, Lutheran Clergy Text Study, Monthly Call from NALC Staff, Mutual Ministry Committee, New Member Class, Nursing Home Visits, Office Visit, Thursday Men's Bible Study, Tuesday Prayer Meeting, Tutoring at Upton Middle School, Worship Committee/Council, Worship Sundays.

New Business

It was suggested the empty shelving in custodian's

room be moved to the Fellowship Hall and used for the winter hats/mittens project. Bev will ask for an email approval from the council members.

Gift cards for NALC disaster relief project was such a success last year. Do we want to continue this again? Bev will ask for approval by email from the council members.

Creating a special room for the youth was discussed. Bev will send out an email vote to the council members.

Council received a resignation from council member, Karen Richardville.

Replacement was discussed and Herb Kroening has agreed to finish out Karen's term starting in September.

Motion to adjourn

Kevin made a motion to adjourn.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Hartten



Soup Kitchen Update

Friday, June 14, eight members prepared and served lunch at The Soup Kitchen in Benton Harbor. The menu was pulled pork on a bun, pasta salad, baked beans, dill pickles, fruit cups and dessert. The yummy meal was enjoyed by 118 adults and 4 children. Barb Berry and Bev So do the shopping and take food from our own pantry each time, delivering to The Soup Kitchen on the previous day. We will be serving again on Aug. 9. Everyone is so nice there. We all have a great time together. Join us next time if you can.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, Sept. 17, Peace will host a Funeral Pre-planning workshop sponsored by Starks and Menchinger Funeral Home. There is no cost to attend this event and no obligation to utilize Starks and Menchinger for your funeral plans. The workshop is designed to help individuals begin thinking about putting affairs in order and providing instructions/ideas for what final wishes are.

Barbott Plant Sale - Thank You!

Thank you to the 19 families who participated in the Barbott Plant Sale this year. We earned \$716.50 in discounts on 190 certificates! This was a wonderful result considering that we lowered prices this year to be competitive with Big Box Stores and local nurseries. The weather also did NOT cooperate!

Barbott changed how certificates were ordered this year, making it necessary to order for the entire Spring. Thanks to your early ordering and good planning, in spite of horrible weather, we ended up with a smaller carry over in 2019 (139 certificates) verses in 2018 (233 Certificates).

We'll start talking about plants earlier next year so we are ready when they open for business in April!

Upcoming Juli Nurbhai benefits:

August 3—Spaghetti Dinner—4:30 to 7 p.m.
August 17—Paul Todd Concert—7 p.m.



As many of you know, one of our members, Juli Nurbhai, is battling a Stage 4 Brain Tumor.

Members of Peace have organized two different benefit events in August to help her family offset the many costs associated with her illness. However, we need support from the entire congregation. Please make plans to attend both the Spaghetti Dinner on Aug. 3 and the Paul Todd Concert on Aug. 17 and invite your friends to attend.

We also need help for both events. Contact Barb Berry and Bev So to help with the Spaghetti Dinner and Sharon Schmidt to help with the concert.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! **PAUL TODD/PAUL TODD, JR. CONCERT - AUGUST 17 7 P.M.** **PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT JULI NURBHAIR AND FAMILY** **TICKETS \$20**

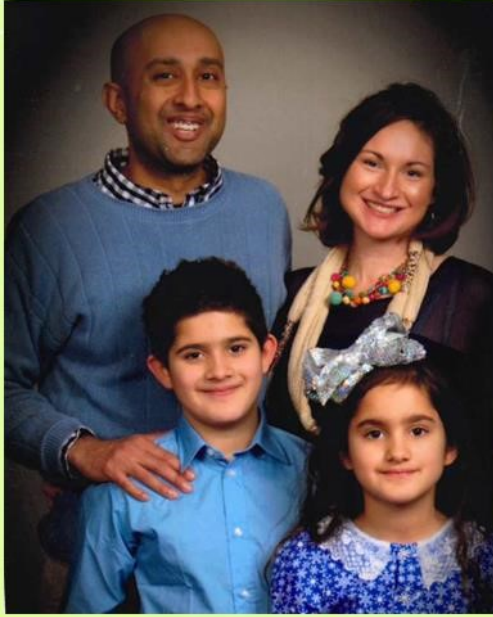
We took a leap of faith last year and invited the people of Southwest Michigan to Peace to hear this extraordinarily talented Father/Son team entertain us in ways we never imagined. Bathing our planning in prayer, we asked God to bless our efforts. And, He did! You, the people of Peace, responded with open hearts by spreading the word, inviting friends, and donating tickets to enable others to attend. Several members were led to contribute towards the expenses of the concert, enabling us to give 100 percent of ticket sales, more than \$3,000, to the Berrien County Cancer Service.

We have invited Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr. to Peace again this year. But this year, the need strikes very close to home. All concert proceeds will go to benefit one of our members, Juli Nurbhai, who has a Stage 4 Glioblastoma tumor in her brain. She is undergoing extensive treatments in the form of surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. Please pray for Juli and her husband, Mufi, and their young children Mo and Mia every day.

We have asked God to bless our efforts again. Please join us and ask God how you can help to make this concert a success for Juli and her family. Let's get excited about what God can do! Spread the word about the concert! Purchase tickets for yourself or others. Donate towards expenses. Help take posters around town to advertise the concert. Sell tickets on Sundays. Help Paul and Paul, Jr set up and tear down their equipment. Our team is small this year so we would appreciate even the smallest thing you can do.

Tickets go on sale July 1. For more information and tickets, please call Shari at 269-930-1514.





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

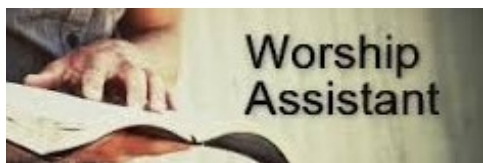
\$10 for adults, \$5 for children at the door - carry out available

Juli is a 40-year-old teacher who was diagnosed with a Stage 4 brain tumor in April. Come help us help her family with medical expenses.

Call 269.556.7000 for Tickets



Peace Lutheran Church NALC



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: Bryan Sorensen

Communion: Shawn Cahill

July 7

Greeters/Ushers: Les Collins and Brett Genovese

Lector: Les Collins

Altar Guild: Ginger Kunst

Fellowship: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

July 14

Greeters/Ushers: Jim and Judy Priebe

Lector: Jim Priebe

Altar Guild: Louise Solak

Altar Flowers: Open

July 21

Greeters/Ushers: Nan and Larry Hacker

Lector: Larry Hacker

Altar Guild: Margaret Schmieding

Fellowship: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

July 28

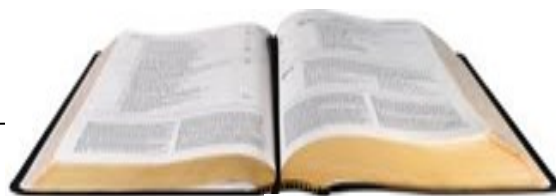
Greeters/Ushers: Barb and Gary Walker

Lector: Marty Tallman

Altar Guild: Mark Carpenter

Altar Flowers: Open

THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Sun., July 7 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-7

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 Luke 10:1-20

Sun., July 14 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18, Psalm 41

Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Sun., July 21 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-14, Psalm 27:1-14

Colossians 1:21-29, Luke 10:38-42

Sun. July 28 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:17-33, Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9-12 Office Hours	2 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	3 9-12 Office Hours 6p Baroda fireworks at Zajacs	4 Office closed	5 Office closed	6
7 10:15 Worship	8 9-12 Office Hours 7p Worship Committee Mtg	9 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	10 9-12 Office Hours	11 9-12 Office Hours 10:30 Al Beebe memorial service	12 Office closed	13
14 10:15 Worship Mission Trip	15 9-12 Office Hours 6p Council Mission Trip	16 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg Mission Trip	17 9-12 Office Hours Mission Trip	18 News Due 9-12 Office Hours Mission Trip	19 Office closed Mission Trip	20 9-12 Quilting Bee Mission Trip
21 10:15 Worship	22 9-12 Office Hours	23 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	24 9-12 Office Hours	25 9-12 Office Hours	26 Office closed	27
28 10:15 Worship	29 9-12 Office Hours	30 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	31 9-12 Office Hours			

Birthdays

1 Pam Bauer
1 Betty Robbins
2 Katie Davis
4 Ayla Adkins
4 Diane Herrman
9 Brody Adkins
11 Matt Hogan
12 Diana Moulton
12 Barbara Southland
25 James Priebe
25 Jane Wilson
29 Judy Wilson

Anniversaries

5 Gary & Karen
Richardville
14 Kevin & Shelly
Fitzpatrick
14 Joe & Diana
Moulton
14 Marilyn & Bernie
Riley

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



Quilting Bee—July 20 *9 a.m. to Noon.*

No, Peace's remaining quilts are not finished...yet!!! Barb Morgan has scheduled a quilting session for Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m. to noon or whenever. A quilting group from St. Bernard's has volunteered to come and help us tie as many quilts as the Lord blesses us with time and energy to complete.

Any previous quilters, or anyone willing to help (thread a needle or iron a sheet), are welcome to join the quilters.

Any questions, please call (429-4845) or see Barb Morgan after services.



Ed and Lisa Zajac invite members of the church to join them for the
4th Annual Fun & Fireworks,
7 p.m. July 3rd
1574 Lemon Creek Road, Baroda
RSVP at 269-944-7537 ASAP

Join the Zajacs for a great place to view the Baroda fireworks without the hassle. Lots of parking by the Zajacs and a quick escape route. This year they are ordering fried chicken so Lisa needs you to RSVP as soon as possible. Bring a lawn chair, beverages of choice and a dish to share.

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