



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dorthoy Day was an American writer, publisher, and social activist. The following quote is from her autobiography:

"We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet too, even with a crust, where there is companionship."

You may have noticed that there is a new item in the narthex- a wooden rack to hold name tags. I've been asked, "Why do we need name tags?" We need name tags so that we can get to know each other. I understand how awkward it can feel to approach a person you don't know and ask their name.

Especially if you have been around for a number of years and the other person's been around a while. It just becomes the norm to smile at each other without having any idea who is smiling back.

Our new nametags serve a dual purpose: assist each one of us to get to know those active in the congregation, and make visitors feel more at ease as they don't immediately have to learn a collection of names.

Knowing names is the first step in knowing each other, and knowing leads to loving- a crucial mark of a Christian community.

I hope that we will take the first step in identifying ourselves so that we can better know our fellow members. As strange as it may seem to wear a name tag in worship, try it for a couple of months and see if it doesn't become second nature. While you are adapting to this practice, you might just get to know the names behind familiar faces.



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Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:

Sunday

10:15 a.m. Worship

Tuesday

11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Summer Worship will remain at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays.

There will not be a special weekday worship service.



COUNCIL MINUTES

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes Monday, May 20, 2019

Members present: Kevin Kunst, Bev So, Karen Richardville, Mark Carpenter, Virgil Bennett, Rich Steinbauer, Barb Berry.

Also Present: Pastor Hartten, Sharon Schmidt

Absent: Ed Zajac

Call to Order

Bev called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Opening Devotional/Prayer

Opening prayer by Pastor Hartten

Karen made a motion to approve the agenda, Kevin seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Approval of April 2019 minutes made via email.

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

	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Offerings	\$16,216	\$16,042	\$174
Interest	\$ 16	\$ 12	4
Total	\$16,232	\$16,054	\$178
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over/Under
Offerings	\$58,035	\$64,792	(\$6,757)
Interest	\$ 64	\$ 51	\$ 13
Total	\$58,099	\$64,843	(\$6,744)

Old Business

Update: Paul Todd concert. The date of the concert will be Saturday, Aug. 17

Becoming a Welcoming Church

Worship finished reading the book and would like to meet with us on their regular worship meeting date, Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m. Council and Worship Committee together will move forward. Bev will review notes from retreat, make comments and send out to the council members before the meeting.

Karen Richardville visited some local churches regarding the nursery, kids classrooms and the church in general regarding their welcome to guests. She visited the Chapel and Anchor. Welcoming churches gave her gift bags. Virgil visited First Church and noted their unique sign up for children's classrooms during church. They both felt we needed to update our nursery.

Storage cabinet for lanyards and name tags

Jim Steinbauer and Gene Letke built the cabinet for the lanyards and hung it on the wall in the narthex, with the help of Kevin Kunst They did a beautiful job and the council thanks them for their work.

Acceptance or Rejection of Worship Recommendation

Worship committee could not agree on the issue of flags in the sanctuary. The council has agreed to talk to the members of the Worship Committee to try to reach an agreement.

Kevin Kunst offered to donate a sofa and loveseat to the nursery to replace the old furniture. Barb made a motion to accept the donation. Virgil seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Worship (via email) Ken Berry

Fellowship (via email) Christine Bennett

Fellowship will not meet during the summer. Next meeting will be Aug. 5, 2019. They are planning a "Trunk or Treat" with games and treats in our parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. They will need congregation participation to be successful.

Building/Property Kevin Kunst/Virgil Bennett

Stanley Steamer came out and cleaned the carpets.

Our outside sign has no electrical current going out to it. Electrician will be hired to check out the sign and figure out the problem with it.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Hartten

Pastor conducted his first Michigan Mission District (MMD) gathering as Dean in April. He has proposed a visitation schedule to visit the MMD congregations to build relationships and give them a

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES



**Peace Lutheran
Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 19, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Hartten

Quorum

Quorum was established

Approval of Agenda

Sandy Warren made a motion to approve the agenda.
Pat Greenburg seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Discussed the proposed constitutional amendments.
Pastor Schmidt made a motion to accept the proposed amendments, Martin Tallman seconded the motion.

Vote on Constitutional Amendments

Vote was taken and was passed.

Motion to adjourn

Evelyn Chevette made motion to adjourn

Closing prayer by

Pastor Hartten

Council Minutes

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clearer understanding about the NALC. Virgil made a motion for Pastor to follow through with his visitation tour. Mark seconded the motion and the motion was passed. We have agreed to pay for mileage.

Pastor asked council if anyone would like to go to the convocation this year as a delegate. Dates for convocation are Tuesday, Aug. 6 through Friday, Aug. 9 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The summary of pastor's activities are as follows:
Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen, Church Council Meeting, Confirmation Class, Confirmation Service, Constitution Review Meeting, Disciples of the Cross Class, Easter Egg Hunt, Home Visits, Hospice Visits, Intercessory Prayer Team, Lutheran Clergy Text Study, Marge Halverson Memorial, Monthly Call from NALC Staff, New Direction Debriefing, Nursing Home Visits, Office Visit, Owosso MMD Gathering, Palm Sunday Brunch, Thursday Men's Bible Study, Tuesday Prayer Meeting, Tutoring at Upton Middle

School, Work Visits, Worship Committee, Worship on five Sundays.

Council would like to thank Deb Kroening for her commitment in creating the youth group "New Direction" and the commitment to our church.

New Business

Bev So

Benefit to raise funds to help Juli Nurbhai with medical expenses. Council discussed different options for ways to raise funds. Council decided on a spaghetti dinner. Tentative date for benefit dinner will be Saturday, Aug. 3. We will need a commitment from the members of our church to help. There will be a sign-up sheet for members to choose what they would like to do to help make this dinner a success. Rich made a motion to go ahead with the benefit dinner. Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn

Karen made a motion to adjourn,

Closing Prayer by Pastor Hartten



Save the Date:

Paul Todd Concert at Peace Lutheran Church

Saturday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

***Proceeds will benefit the Nurbhai family for
Juli's medical expenses.***

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 doing Intinction?

Normally this column addresses a question that has come from a congregation member. This month it is addressing a change that will be introduced because of a lack of congregation members willing to serve.

Peace has not practiced intinction (the dipping of bread into either the wine or grape juice) on a regular basis. We have been able to have multiple lay communion assistants on any given Sunday, allowing for a Common Cup of wine and a prefilled tray of wine and grape juice. It has become more difficult to find two people willing to serve as communion assistants on Sunday morning. So beginning June 23 and going through Aug. 25 we will only have one lay

communion assistant who will be holding two different chalices. The first chalice will be our standard silver chalice filled with wine. The second chalice will be a ceramic chalice filled with grape juice. The ceramic chalice is brown and sea-green to blend in with the colors in the Sanctuary.



Members desiring to commune will line up as a "table" in front of the pews as before. When handed the bread, please do not immediately consume it; wait for the chalices to arrive. Dip the bread into either the wine or the grape juice and then consume the bread. There will not be a common cup to directly drink from; all will be asked to dip the bread into one of the two chalices. Please remember that this change in practice is due to a lack of servers; it is a practical change, not a theological change. As summer travel season ends, Peace will return to having two Communion Assistants.



I AM BUT ONE PERSON . . . what difference can I make?

Did you donate to our 2019 PENNIES FOR PATIENTS jar? This year our jar contributions totaled \$150.00 + \$50 in additional BCCS donations to help Berrien County Cancer Services provide support for patient care and family services free of charge!

Did you contribute items, donate funds or a Scrip card for products to make our Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief? To date, we have enough supplies to complete 115 kits. We will gladly accept donations through the first of October when we complete and deliver our LWR Personal Care Kits (2019 Lenten collection) and School Kits (this summer's collection – watch for those sales on school supplies).

THANK YOU for supporting these and other efforts at Peace. Every donation you make, every project effort you participate in sends love and hope to those in need, right here in Berrien County and across the globe. Your generosity truly changes the world, one person at a time. For more information, to volunteer or share new ideas – call the office (556-7000) or contact Sandy Schuermann (463-8966).

Please join our efforts to improve and expand our Mission programs here at Peace Lutheran Church.
TOGETHER, WE TRULY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.





Quilting Update:

Peace members might be interested to know what is happening with the quilts we have stored at the back of our Fellowship Hall.

We recently had 20 unfinished quilts (tops, no batting, backing, or tying). Since that count, 2 quilts were picked up by someone who has access to machine quilting. This gracious lady took two quilts; one has been returned and is now hanging on the divider at the back of the Fellowship Hall. She is still working on the second. She is volunteering this service - NO CHARGE.

A member of a quilting group at Trinity Lutheran has taken two quilts and when they are finished will donate them to Lutheran World Relief.

Plans are for a group of quilters, from St. Bernard's Catholic Church, to come to Peace on a Saturday in

June, and hopefully tie as many quilt tops as time allows us.

We still will be putting together lap tops in the future (for shut-ins, etc.) but the current goal is to complete our unfinished (larger) quilts and donate to those in need.

ALSO, a large quantity of sheets and pillow cases were donated to the Migrant Mission in Hartford. Our generous friends from St. Bernard's offered to deliver them for us.

Hopefully, we will donate sheets and pillow cases to a family of five children in Benton Harbor who were recent victims of a fire destroying all their belongings (front page of the Herald Palladium, Monday, 5/13/19).

New Scrip Gift Card can be used at several SW Michigan restaurants

Like to eat out? Peace Scrip is now offering three new "In Stock" Scrip cards that can be used at a total of 57 restaurants.

The first card is the Dining Concepts card, which is good at 47 different restaurants throughout Southwest Michigan. The restaurants choices range from Grand Rapids to St. Joe. They include local favorite Clementine's Too, as well as destination favorites like the Blue Water Grill in Grand Rapids. A complete list is available in the box to the right.

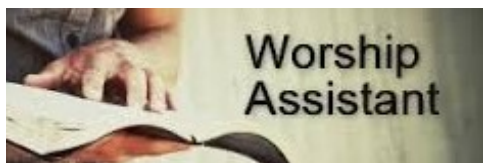
The second card is a Darden card, which includes Olive Garden, Cheddars, Longhorn Steakhouse and 4 other restaurants.

The final card is an Outback card, which is good at Bonefish Grill, Carrabba's,

Flemings, and Outback Steakhouse. Scrip is available every Sunday after worship and during office hours during the week.

Your Choice of Area Restaurants

<u>HOLLAND</u>	<u>HOLLAND</u>	<u>GRAND RAPIDS</u>	<u>GRAND RAPIDS</u>
Beechwood Grill 380 Douglas Ave • 616-396-2355	Southside Inn 192 W 35th St. • 616-396-1631	Beltline Bar 16 28th St SE • 616-245-0494	Rose's on Reed's Lake 550 Lakeside Dr SE • 616-458-1122
Black Sheep Baa & Grill 1642 South Shore Dr • 616-335-9319	Village Inn Pizza Parlor 934 S. Washington • 616-392-1818	Blue Water Grill 5180 Northland Dr • 616-363-5900	Village Inn Pizza Parlor 2215 44th Street SE • 616-281-1444
Boatwerks 216 VanRaalte Ave • 616-396-0600	<u>ZEELAND</u>	The B.O.B. 20 Monroe Ave NW • 616-356-2000 Judson's Steakhouse, Bobarino's The Monkey Bar, Gill's Fish House Crush, Dr. Grins	<u>ROCKFORD</u>
Crazy Horse Steakhouse 2027 North Park Dr • 616-395-8393	Elbo Room 120 E. Main St • 616-741-9101	Cottage Bar 18 LaGrave Ave. • 616-454-9088	The Corner Bar 31 N. Main St. • 616-866-4995
Hog Wild BBQ 154 W Lakewood Blvd • 616-394-9453	Tripelroot 146 E. Main St • 616-953-0050	Flat River Grill 201 E. Main St, Lowell • 616-897-8523	Bostwick Lake Inn 8521 Belding Rd. • 616-874-7290
Hops at 84 East 84 E 8th Street • 616-396-8484	Vitale's 59 W. Washington • 616-772-5900	Marco New American Bistro 884 Forest Hills • 616-942-9100	<u>SAUGATUCK/DOUGLAS HAMILTON</u>
James Street Inn 255 James St • 616-399-0101	<u>GRAND HAVEN/ SPRING LAKE</u>	Matchbox Diner and Drinks 1345 Lake Dr • 616-774-8641	Mermaid Bar and Grill 360 Water Street • 269-857-8208
Itty Bitty Bar 1136 Ottawa Beach Rd • 616-399-5730	Old Boys' Brewhouse 971 West Savidge St • 616-850-9950	New Holland Brewing - Knickerbocker 417 Bridge St NW • 616-345-5642	Spectators Sports Bar & Grill 6432 Blue Star Hwy • 269-857-5001
Marios 850 Butternut Dr • 616-399-2570	Stable Inn 11880 US 31 • 616-846-8581	Noto's 6600 28th St. SE • 616-493-6686	Trestle Stop 3366 M-40 • 269-751-2051
New Holland Brewing 66 E. 8th St • 616-355-6422	The Kirby House 2 Washington • 616-846-3299	One Trick Pony 136 East Fulton • 616-235-7669	<u>GRANDVILLE/ HUDSONVILLE</u>
Ottawa Beach Inn 2155 Ottawa Beach Rd • 616-399-9220	<u>SOUTH HAVEN/ ST. JOSEPH</u>	Pietro's Italian Restaurant 2780 Birchcrest Dr. • 616-452-3228	Hudsonville Grille 4676 32nd Ave, Ste F • 616-662-9670
Pereddies Italian Restaurant 447 Washington Square • 616-394-3061	Clementine's 500 Phoenix St • 269-637-4755	Rio Grand Restaurant 5501 Northland Dr • 616-364-6266	
Salt and Pepper 11539 E Lakewood Blvd • 616-355-5501	Clementine's Too 1235 Broad St • 269-983-0990	Rose's Express 2224 Wealthy St SE • 616-458-4646	
Waverly Stone GastroPub 20 W. 8th St • 616-392-5888	The Inn At Hawks Head 523 Hawks Nest Dr • 269-639-2121		



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: Jim Priebe

Communion: Ted Hollacher and Les Collins

June 2

Greeters/Ushers: Greg and Louise Solak

Lector: Bev So

Altar Guild: Amy Cahill

Fellowship: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

June 9

Greeters/Ushers: Rich and Tammy Steinbauer

Lector: Nan Hacker

Altar Guild: Nan Hacker

Altar Flowers: Open

THIS MONTH'S READINGS

Sun., June 2 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26, Psalm 133

Revelation 22:1-20, John 17:20-26

Sun., June 9 - Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 143

Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31

Sun., June 16 - Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8

Acts 2:14a, 22-36, John 8:48-59

June 16

Greeters/Ushers: Jim and Elaine Chartrand

Lector: Elaine Chartrand

Altar Guild: Open

Fellowship: Open

Altar Flowers: Open

June 23

Greeters/Ushers: Doug and Sandy Landis

Lector: Sandy Warren

Altar Guild: Loretta Hartten

Altar Flowers: Doug and Sandy Landis

June 30

Greeters/Ushers: Teresa Hogan and Jeannette Jeske

Lector: Teresa Hogan

Altar Guild: Steve Hartten

Altar Flowers: Open



Sun. June 23 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 3

Galatians 3:23-4:7, Luke 8:26-39

Sun., June 30 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9b-21, Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:15 Worship Graduation Sunday	3 9-12 Office Hours 6p Fellowship Committee Mtg	4 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	5 9-12 Office Hours 7p New Member Class 7:30p Genesis	6 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry	7 Office closed	8
9 10:15 Worship	10 9-12 Office Hours 7p Worship Committee Mtg	11 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	12 9-12 Office Hours 7p New Member Class 7:30p Genesis	13 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry	14 Office closed Soup Kitchen	15
16 10:15 Worship 3p Roller Skating	17 9-12 Office Hours 6p Council Mtg	18 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	19 9-12 Office Hours 7p New Member Class 7:30p Genesis	20 News Due 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry	21 Office closed	22
23 10:15 Worship TBA Family Fellowship Movie	24 9-12 Office Hours	25 9-12 Office Hours 11:30 Prayer Mtg	26 9-12 Office Hours 7:30p Genesis Study	27 9-12 Office Hours 8 Men's Ministry	28 Office closed	29
30 10:15 Worship						

Birthdays

2 Ron Wilson
4 Albert Beebe
4 Shawn Cahill
4 Margy Scott
5 Jerry Pliley
7 Liza Zajac
8 Shelly Fitzpatrick
9 Keith Chapman
9 Lorene Schlutt
10 Shane Miller
10 Sherri Nitz
13 Brynn Fitzpatrick
15 Brandon Enders
17 Christine Bennett

19 Harper Baskin
22 Rylie Fitzpatrick
23 Nolan Fitzpatrick
24 Beka Enders
24 Bryan Sorensen
25 Bradley Dalrymple
25 Nan Hacker
29 Larry Hacker
29 Jeannette Jeske

Anniversaries

9 Rich & Tammy
Steinbauer
14 Nancy & Bob
Cooley

16 Mark & Becky
Carpenter
16 Brian & Kelly Nimtz
24 Dominic & Beverly
So
25 Jim & Jeanine
Damaske
25 Doug & Sandy
Landis

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.*

Albert Beebe
Marian Hogue
Joe Naines
Ruth Retzke
Betty Robbins
Barbara Southland
Mildred Wantz

June Family Fellowship

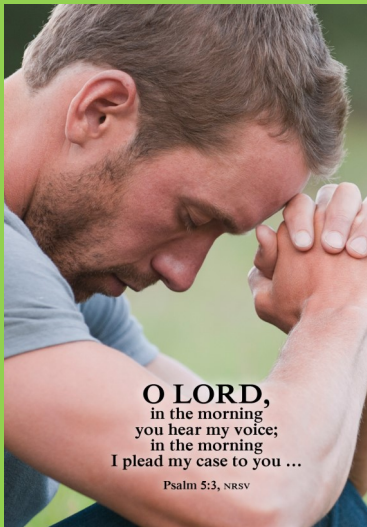
Sunday, June 23

Time: TBA

On June 23 in the afternoon, we will go see Toy Story 4 as a group at Wonderland Cinema in Niles. We'll set the time closer to the 23rd, when we know what time the movie will be showing. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Intercessory Prayer Team to Launch in July



Watch “This Week at Peace” and listen during the Announcements during worship for information about a new prayer ministry coming in July to PLC. A prayer ministry for the congregation and beyond has been taking shape over the past couple of months. An Intercessory Prayer Team will be forming to manage the prayer requests that currently come through the congregation’s office. Please consider if you would be willing to plead for others before the throne of God.

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