



Herald of Peace

May 2007

The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church
12250 Fort St Southgate, MI 48195 734-284-1922

Email: peacelutheran@ameritech.net

Website: www.peacesouthgate.org

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mahalo Nui Loa or, Thank you very much! for the gracious welcome on Sunday, April 8th. I think my eyes must have popped out of my head when Don Silsbe pulled out the Maile Lei for me to wear. When he said you wanted to welcome me in a more "traditional" way, I was thinking along the lines of traditions that you have established here at Peace so I had no idea what to expect and was truly surprised. I look forward to getting to know all of you better and working with you in ministry through the Intentional Interim Process.

May is in many ways a transitional month. The 8th grade confirmation class will make the first transition as they affirm their baptism on May 6th. Stacy Catalano, David Kaulbars, Alex Wayt and Michael Neifert will assume responsibility for intentions expressed by their parents a few years ago. It begins a new leg of their faith journey, a journey of living out their baptism in the world.

We will also make the transition from the season of Easter to the season of Pentecost. We move from the season during which we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead to the season during which we focus on growing in faith. This year, Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church, falls on May 27th. We encourage all of you to wear red for the occasion and bring in red geraniums which will eventually be planted on the grounds of the church. I understand that this is an established tradition at Peace.

Then too, students of all ages look forward to the end of a school year. They can not wait for time off from studies and homework. We all look forward to a change in pace as summer approaches and the weather becomes warmer. We look forward to longer days, working in gardens, playing in parks, time at the cottage, camp, golf, and picnics.

There is a song in With One Voice which lifts up the mothering nature or aspects of God. The first verse reads, "Mothering God, you gave me birth, in the bright morning of this world. Creator, Source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun." May brings Mother's Day, the annual acknowledgment of, and thanksgiving for, mothers who have birthed us, and all women who have nurtured us along the way.

And, we also celebrate Memorial Day. We remember the many who have served and given their lives serving their country. And, we long for a time when all weapons will be beaten into plowshares, a time when God's peace will reign.

Whew! May is a full month! Todd Pushman, Dawn Bernard, Stephania Andrews, Jackie Simonson and I will all attend the Synod Assembly May 11 and 12.

We will do our best to give you a report on the proceedings. The title this year is, "WHOEVER + GRACE + GROW + EVERYWHERE = EVANGELICAL (Reclaiming the E-word). I look forward to hearing from Kelly Fryer who will present 3 different times on being a missional or evangelizing church.

I have high hopes too, that by the end of May if not sooner, we will have an Interim Task Force or Transitional Team in place. Your Council and Board of Elders is working on this. It will be an appointed team with every effort made to make it a good representation of the congregation. This team once it is solidified will be commissioned during worship on a Sunday. I ask for your prayers as we face this first step in the process. We have much work ahead of us but it promises to be an exciting if not a time full of discovery, learning and probably some surprises.

Some other notes:

- As a congregation you have recognized Albert LeBlanc's sense of call to ordained ministry and have agreed to support him in his pursuit of a Master's of Divinity Degree. To that end, I too would like to support him and help him continue to grow in the area of worship. I will work together with him and others on worship planning. He will also be preaching and leading worship at least once a month. Thank you for helping him respond to his sense of call.

- Wednesday Worship: We are looking for feedback on the Wednesday worship as well as on alternative worship styles. We will take a temporary break from Wednesday worship beginning May 9th but are wondering if it is something that current membership would appreciate continuing especially during the summer as people often go away for the weekend. We will have an opportunity to talk about these things at an upcoming Town Hall Meeting. Look for more information elsewhere in this letter.

- We are going to take another stab at learning Setting 5 in With One Voice. The choir will help us. I would like to spend the summer learning this setting on Communion Sundays so that in the fall we can do some alternation or changing by season of the church year.

- Screen Team: We are looking for people who have strong computer skill and experience using Power Point who can help with developing the services we project on screen. If you are interested please let Pastor Hormann or Albert LeBlanc know.

Blessings to all of you in this month of transitions,

Pastor Hormann

Spring Town Hall Meeting

We will hold our spring Town Hall Meeting on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, we'll discuss the proposed time changes to our fall Sunday worship, Sunday school, and bible study time. We may even announce the members of the Intentional Interim Process task force. As always, this is the place to bring your questions and comments on any church topic. We want you to be heard. Plan to attend, and be a part of process!

Board of Elders

Summer Worship Time -- Starting Sunday, June 3rd and continuing through the Summer, our Sunday Worship Service will begin at 10:00AM. Please mark your calendars.



Notes from Bonnie

Talent Show-- Saturday, May 19th, 6:30pm -- So far we have 7 acts for the talent show: some Veggie Tales, a banjo sing-a-long, a play, and amazing light trick (if you're in the choirs, you know what this is, but please, don't let the secret out!), some solo singing, and possibly some dancing. There was a rumor that somebody would teach us how to make Puppy Chow, but it hasn't been confirmed. Now, I know that everybody in this congregation has a talent, so I expect to see more than 7 acts up there soon! Some people can make me laugh, some people can make me cry (in a good way), and some people can tell a story and completely inspire me. What can you do? Sign up on the sign-up sheet on my office door to let me know!

Joyful Noise Revisited-- Sunday, May 27th -- We will be making a joyful noise by asking all people who have sung with Joyful Noise in the past or who would like to this time around to join us in singing "Spirit of Gentleness". It doesn't matter how old or young you are- I joined when I was about 5 or 6 years old. If you would like to sing and you already know the song, you don't have to come to any rehearsals, but if you'd like to you are more than welcome. Any instrumentalists wishing to play, whatever the instrument may be, please come to the following rehearsals: Sunday, May 13, 2007 at 12:00pm, or Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 12:00pm. Hope to see you then!

Wednesday Unplugged...Unplugged

May 2nd will be the last Wednesday Unplugged service for this spring. If you had a chance to attend one of these informal services, thanks for your participation. If you have an interest in attending Wednesday night services through the summer, plan on attending the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. The subject just might come up, and we'd like to hear from you.

Mary Martha Guild-- "Ladies Night Out"

Peace Church's Annual "Ladies Night Out" will be held Tuesday, June 19th at 6:00pm at Sibley Gardens on West Jefferson, between Sibley and King Roads. Reservation envelopes with menu selections will be available in church on May 6. Dinners including tax and tip will cost from \$18.50 to 22.50 INCLUDING TAX & TIP. Dinners will include soup or salad, and potato, pasta or vegetable. Soft drinks and coffee will be included. A cash bar is available for wine or cocktails.

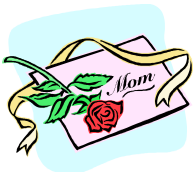
This is a wonderful opportunity for our ladies to enjoy a "no hassle", pre-paid "Night Out", in the company of other Peace ladies at this beautiful area restaurant. Deadline for paid reservations is Friday, June 15. For more information please contact Dorothy Pushman 734-285-6716.

Board of Christian Outreach

The Board of Christian Outreach is currently reviewing possible recipients for our 2007 March to the Manger. We will be marching on Sunday, July 22, 2007 and specifics will appear soon in your Bulletins and Newsletters. If you have any questions concerning this board please call Bev Helms at 734-379-4256 or Dawn Bernard at 313-381-8726.

Office Hours

Pr. Hormann will keep regular office hours from 10:30-2:30 Monday through Thursday or otherwise by appointment. Her e-mail address will be pastorhormann@peacesouthgate.org. There will be someone in the church office regularly on Tuesdays from 10-2 and on Thursdays from 9-11. Kris can be reached at home at (734) 671-8726 or by cell phone (734) 775-7886.



Mother's Day -- Sunday May 13th

Our Mother's Day worship service will be a musical delight. Not only will our children's choir be singing, but we will have a Faith Fest favorite, Paul McKenzie, enhancing our service with his beautiful tenor voice.



Very Special Day at Galilee by the Sea

On May 13th there will be a very emotional experience during the last part of our Galilee by the Sea program that day at 9:45 to 10:45. It is not to be missed. Adults too! All of our Galilee drama participants are asked to return that day to be part of the village crowd.

From the Trustees-- Roof Update

We are still in need of \$17,075 to pay off the loan we secured to finish the project. Please consider making a donation to the Roof Fund to help us retire this debt.

Bob Snell, Trustee Chairman

Special Anniversaries

5/2	Morris & Barbara Byrd	20 years
5/8	Don & Mary Jacobs	25 years
5/23	John & Marcia Kapp	15 years

Thrivent Matching Funds- Care in Community

Please see Dawn Bernard for any questions or to obtain an application to submit to the Chapter Board for fundraising events that you wish to obtain Thrivent matching funds.

Annual Spring Rummage Sale -- THIS Week!!! May 5th, 10:00am- 3:00pm

Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild.

Accepting all portable items EXCEPT clothing now, bring them over, the earlier the better. We also will be selling baked goods, and plants.

Please set aside some time this week to help us with set-up. Your help is urgently needed, and our set up volunteers are welcome to purchase prior to the sale.

April 30th through May 4th
10:00 to 12:30 daily
6:00 to 8:00 evenings

Sale Day work hour shifts:
9:15 to 12:30 p.m.
12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Please call Ginny DeFeyter to volunteer for a work shift.

May Birthdays

- 5/1 Marguerite Thomlinson, Diane Setser, Blake Menzel, Travis Fitzgerald
- 5/4 Dale LeBeau, Jeffery Click, Katelin Bernard, John Brandt
- 5/6 Emma Bain
- 5/8 Sonya Simonson
- 5/9 Rebecca Zdanowski
- 5/10 Norman Bush
- 5/13 Kathy Monear, Shirley Anderson
- 5/14 Candice Oliver, Warren Martin
- 5/18 Lucille Hrivnak, Elaine Roth, Nancy Demyon
- 5/21 Ruth Schmidt, Kari Fusina
- 5/22 Cole Mitchell
- 5/23 Anne Click, Deborah Foster, Dale Davis
- 5/25 Carrie Vallade
- 5/28 Dawn Albert, Jessica Koons, Jessica Martin, Brenda Martin
- 5/29 Jamie Harvey
- 5/30 Barbra Pushman



"I'd Rather Be Reading"

The "I'd Rather Be Reading" Group will meet at Dorothy Pushman home on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. The selection will be SNOW FLOWER and the SECRET FAN, a novel by Lisa See. All are welcome to join us!



Golden Paintbrush &



Cleaning Cloth Awards...

...go out to all of those who willingly and diligently painted, cleaned, dusted and polished the church before Easter.

Meijer Community Rewards Revised

Since 2003, Meijer Community Rewards (MCR) has provided over \$30,000,000 in support of schools and religious organizations in our communities, like Peace Lutheran Church.

The Meijer Family has always been and continues to be committed to giving back. In fact, Meijer charitable giving is among the highest in their industry. Meijer works hard to consider and balance all of the needs of our communities.

In order to meet these needs and to allow the continuation of MCR, the program is being revised. Effective May 1, 2007, the following MCR changes will occur:

Rewards will be earned **solely** by using a Meijer Credit Card, cash or debit at any Meijer store. Our church will receive 1% of all eligible purchases made with a Meijer credit card at a Meijer store and 0.5% of all purchases made with cash or debit.

MCR will no longer include purchases made with personal checks or non-Meijer Credit Cards.

Apply for a Meijer Credit Card at any Meijer store or visit Meijer.com/creditcard. Eligible purchases for MCR will be expanded. Meijer Gas Station, Convenience Store Car Wash, and Meijer.com will be included. Your entire monthly spend will be eligible for MCR rewards. Rewards begin on your first dollar spent each month. There will no longer be a minimum or maximum spending limit. Our church will have unlimited earning potential.

To ensure that no reward opportunity is lost for our organization, Meijer requests that each MCR customer re-enroll before June 1, 2007:

Even if you are already enrolled, you must go online to Meijer.com/MCRmember or call 1-800-962-7011. Organizations must also re-enroll in the new MCR program. Albert LeBlanc has already taken care of this for Peace.

Re-enrolling in MCR will help us continue to enjoy Meijer's community support generosity. Thank you so much for your participation in the past and we look forward to your continued support.

Actually, Green Tea Isn't

It's amber-colored. I just poured some into a clear glass mug, to make sure. So why do they call it "green tea"? It has to do with the color of the leaves, not the color of the beverage. "Normal" tea is called "black tea" in the business. When black tea is processed, the leaves are allowed to ferment, or oxidize. This turns the leaves a black color. Green tea is not allowed to oxidize, so the leaves remain green. They use the same leaves for both types of tea. So what's all the fuss about green tea? Green tea is high in cancer-fighting antioxidants. So if you're a tea drinker, it makes sense to try and switch to green tea. Our Equal Exchange green tea comes from a family-based tea operation in Darjeeling, India. As with all the products offered through Lutheran World Relief, impoverished farmers are given the opportunity to improve their lives through their own labors. Individual bags are available in our tea jar for you to sample. Try it, and consider buying a box, to support the efforts of Lutheran World Relief.



Don Silsbe

An Afternoon with the Arts

On Sunday, June 3rd, Peace is pleased to be hosting two piano recitals in the Sanctuary. Our Organist, Jennifer Rosati, has been a piano instructor for 14 years and she will be holding her yearly piano recitals here at our church. There will be two times that you can choose from: 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM. Each recital is expected to last about 45 minutes with refreshments to follow in the parlor. There will about 23 students performing at each session ranging from ages of four years old to adults. This year's performances will be theme songs from TV shows. All are welcome to come and enjoy the entertainment and refreshments (no reservations required!).

Peace Lutheran Church

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	2 5:30: Jr. Choir 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: LAST Wednesday Unplugged (until Fall)	3 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir	4	5 10am-3pm: Rummage Sale 
6 Confirmation 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: Communion Make reservation for "Ladies Night Out"	7 7:00: Elders Meeting	8 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	9 5:30: Jr. Choir	10 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 6:30: Brd. of Finance 7:30: Sr. Choir	11	12
13 Mother's Day 9:45: Sunday School-Galilee by the Sea special experience for all! 11:00: Worship with Paul McKenzie	14 7:00: Town Hall Meeting	15 Office Hours: 10am-2pm 7:00: "I'd Rather Be Reading" Club-Dorothy Pushman's	16 5:30: Jr. Choir	17 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir	18	19  6:30: Talent Show
20 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: Communion VOTERS' ASSEMBLY (Following Worship)	21	22 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	23 5:30: Jr. Choir	24 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir	25	26
27 Pentecost 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: Communion (Joyful Noise)	28 Memorial Day Observance 	29	30 5:30: Jr. Choir	31 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir		

Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Trustee	Ushers	Sound Tech	Altar Guild	Readers	Organist
May 2									
May 6 Confirmation	Pr. Phyllis Hormann Cantors: Don Silsbe & Stephania Andrews	Gail Andrews	Stephania Andrews, David Kaulbars, Stacy Catalano, Alex Wayt	Robert Bernard	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, N. Yakowich & R. Wilson	Sean Morse	Lise Corby	Jan Scherbarth	Mary Tollefson
May 9									
May 13	Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Rob Montie	Shelby Morse, Kevin Mulligan, Amanda Mulligan, Mike Wansa	Bob Snell	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	Tonya Cade	Nancy Harvey	Ruth Schmidt	Mary Tollefson
May 16									
May 20	Pr. Phyllis Hormann Cantors: Don Silsbe & Stephania Andrews	Terri Silsbe	C.J. Morse, Blake Menzel, Jack Bogusz, Kevin Bogussz,	Peter Montie	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, R. Wilson & N. Yakowich	Jerry Gnadt	Jan Scherbarth (Individual Cup)	Dianne Reichel	Jennifer Rosati
May 23									
May 27 Pentecost	Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Barb Pushman	Mike Neifert, Britnie Ford, Andrew Campbell, Laura Campbell,	Robert Bernard	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	John Cade	Mary Ziesmer	Barb Pushman	Jennifer Rosati
May 30									

Bread Baker for May is Dianne Reichel

Meet the Pastor

What do we know about our new intentional interim pastor, Pastor Phyllis Hormann?

Pastor Hormann was born in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii. She has two older sisters, one older brother, and one younger adopted brother seven weeks younger than she. Both of her parents are deceased. She and her younger brother are the equivalent of twins and are very close.

Pastor's paternal grandfather came from Watertown, Wisconsin, where he was a theologian teaching at college. In 1916 he had the opportunity to become a pastor at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu. The first Lutheran congregation in Hawaii was established in Kauai so he would frequently make trips by boat to serve the congregation in Lihue, Kauai, as well.

After attending the University of Hawaii for his bachelor's and master's degree, Pastor's father went to Chicago where he earned a Ph.D. in sociology. He met his wife in Chicago and together they went back to Hawaii where he taught sociology at the University.

Pastor Hormann attended the University elementary school through ninth grade with the exception of seventh grade when she went to a British school, King George V, in Hong Kong. She completed her high school education by attending Punahou Academy which was originally established as a school for missionary children. From age ten through her college years she was involved in competitive swimming and won many awards at various levels of competition.

University of Hawaii was the next level of her pursuits for a degree in German. From there she went to the University of Oregon for a Masters in Recreation and Park Management. It was really therapeutic recreation. She worked at a rehabilitation hospital for three years in Edmonton, Alberta, and then returned to Hawaii where she worked for about three years in nursing homes and the last four years with the Alzheimer's Association in Honolulu.

Various personal struggles and vocational questions led Pastor back to her home congregation where she became active in a variety of ways, helping with youth and serving on intern support committees. Through one of these committee meetings her curiosity about the pursuit of a theological career began. Thus Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Berkeley, California, followed in 1991. She graduated in 1995 and answered a call to St. Martin in Port Huron, Michigan. This is a small struggling congregation which also houses the Mid-City Nutrition Soup Kitchen which is well supported by the community. She was there for eight and a half years. She was an Interim Associate and later an Interim at Christ in Warren for three years. Christ is a congregation close to 1,000 in membership. Now she is with us at Peace Lutheran Church in Southgate.

Pastor Hormann plans to remain living in Sterling Heights while serving our congregation as an

intentional interim pastor. She enjoys anything outdoors specifically, hiking, playing in the Pacific Ocean in Hawaii, and playing golf, which she hopes to do more of this summer.

The lei which was presented to her on installation Sunday is made from the Maile vine and is often used for special occasions and celebrations in Hawaii.

Now you know about Pastor Hormann's background. She has office hours Monday through Thursday and is available by telephone and email. These are good opportunities for you to share your background with her. She remembers names better after a conversation or two. Don't hesitate to repeat your names to her. She is extremely easy to talk with and a willing listener.

This is an area made for you to "tear out" Keep it near to you, even in your devotional book, or Bible, or wallet.

These are the people from our church and their friends and acquaintances that are having crisis' in their lives and need our prayers.

"Prayer changes things"

Albert LeBlanc (and friends), Lainey Miller, Betty Townsend, Mike Ziesmer, Ruth Tonks, Mike Ziesmer, Shirley Balger, Gail Andrews, Mary Ann Buchau, Barb Byrd, Julie Rettke, Norman Kaminski, Dolores Kaminski, Terry Koons, Betty Rehbein, Rob Montie, John Demyon, Dave & Ruth Taylor, Elnora Ebendick, Rosa Fox, Jeff Thomas, Al Varga, Wilma Looker, John Balger, and Peace Church.

Nancy, Helen, Rich, Raymond Cade, Sr., Bobbi Forten, Doris, Debbie, Cindy, Debbie Adami, Tony, Ashley & Brittany Bonsall, Chuck, Jamie, Bob, Karen, Sister Pat, Tom Lewandowski, Sue McCourt, Tom, Blake, Nick, Butch, Sue Sword, Lisa, Cindy, Tim Jesky, Jodie, and Ken Rockensuess.

We will be starting a new prayer list on May 6th. Please contact the prayer chain by phone or email with your new and continuing prayer requests.

Members are in **Bold**

Telephone Prayer Chain Contact:
Mary Jacobs, 734-283-7792
E-prayer chain: Todd Pushman at
tpushman@yahoo.com

Want our newsletter via e-mail?

To have this happen send your e-mail address to peacelutheran@ameritech.net. If you want to receive e-mail at more than one address that is fine too - also members of you family can each receive their own e-mailed copy. All other members, non computer users, will of course, receive newsletters by mail if they haven't been in church that Sunday to pick up their copy.

Just Reading the Bible

We meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings in the church office. Join us anytime.

Bottle and Can Returns

We have been able to collect a total of \$822.80 from your generous donation of bottles and cans. This project helps the environment and it helps Peace Church with a little extra for the general fund. And it's easy!! You are coming to church anyway, so you just bring the bottles and cans along and drop them in any of the three boxes provided.

Thank you to all who have participated in this project. If this sounds like something that you would like to help with, please contact Ruth Schmidt at 734-282-4534 or in church.

The Herald of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church
12250 Fort Street
Southgate, MI 48195

