



Herald of Peace

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The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Page

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you caught the wave of discipleship yet? Are you ready to go surfing? I may be from Hawaii but I don't surf. I do enjoy boogie boarding on baby waves and there is nothing like the exhilaration of catching a wave and being propelled to shore. I'd like the congregation to think about catching the wave of discipleship. What is it that really propels us? I hope it is the Good News of Jesus Christ who brought God's Word of Love to us and who won the victory over death for us. When our passion for the Gospel is behind us we are promised an adventurous if not exhilarating as well as challenging ride. So, let's rise to the challenge and catch the wave as well as keep it moving.

Our discipleship focus for October is encouragement. We can grow in faith as we reach out to others and encourage them through life's struggles as well as encourage them in their respective ministries. We are a community of faith. The gifts we share and use to the glory of God make us the body of Christ and it is in the building up of one another that we are strengthened. May Christ who is with us always, strengthen your faith for the journey as we work together to put the peace of Christ to work in the world.

I have moved to Wyandotte. The movers came Monday, September 24th. Now I have a sea of boxes to unpack. I am feeling a little overwhelmed and very unsettled until all the basics are in their proper places. Thanks for your encouragement and prayers as I make the move and try to get settled as quickly as possible.

My new address is: 2826 Van Alstyne, Wyandotte, MI 48192. My new phone number, which will be effective October 1st, is (734) 281-3795.

Kudos to all those who helped make the potluck lunch with the Bishop a success.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Phyllis Hormann

Worship Notes

Beginning this month we will be offering every week the sacrament of Holy Communion, through which we receive God's boundless grace and forgiveness. The method of distribution will alternate each week between communion from the rail and communion from the main floor.

New Adult Study Group

At 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 10th, Don Silsbe will lead a new adult study group. This group will delve into several topics that are key to our future at Peace Lutheran, Southgate. It is important for us to discuss and understand issues relating to homosexuality, our relationship with the Episcopalians, and who can administer the sacraments. We'll look at the Bible, Luther's writings, and ELCA publications. We plan to have guest speakers from various Lutheran organizations, too. In the end, we will need to either affirm our affiliation with the ELCA, or take an alternative course of action. Our constitution places the authority for these decisions in the hands of the Voters' Assembly. This study will provide us with the information we need to make informed choices for the future of Peace Southgate. Please join us!

Peace Historical Reflection

On October 21st, the Task Force, with help from others, will host a potluck dinner and open discussion in the Parlor after church. The event, facilitated by Jill McKinney, will focus on our church's history. The information gathered here will be important in not only better defining ourselves but to also in helping establish our focus going forward in our call process.

To prepare for the Historical Reflection, the Task Force will be stationed in the Parlor in the coming weeks to gather your memories of Peace. We encourage you to submit as many items as you would like. We will also provide opportunities for members who cannot regularly attend church or the historical event itself through the newsletter and weekly announcements.

Interim Task Force

Notes from the Side...

By Albert Le Blanc Jr., Seminarian

My dear sisters and brothers....whew....what a month September has been! SCHOOL...is the word that captures the past month for the Le Blanc family of Southgate. My daughter began second grade, my son's daycare program started back up, and, as you are aware, my studies commenced. The lone pillar supporting all of this is my dear wife, Angela, who made sure that everyone had their lunches and books, as well as, being the one to help with homework and bath time since I was always at school in the evenings. It goes without saying that my decision to pursue my call is guided by the Spirit but is truly aided by my wife, my soul mate, and my dearest friend. Truly, I am humbled to be with her and cannot imagine traveling this journey without her.

I would love to say that my first day of studies this month was greeted with awe and wonder; that a celestial light appeared from the sky and illuminated a pathway to the steps and doors of the seminary; however, what I actually experienced was not being able to get in the doors of the seminary at all on the first day!?! Of course, as a new scholar of Christianity and a novice theologian, I instantly began to spiritually examine this predicament. Was this a sign? Was I not meant to be here? I cried out, "Lord, do you not want me to attend?" "Do you not want me to venture forth down this path?" *[Do you like the sense of drama I'm creating here? I thought so.]* Well, my cries were answered when the secretary opened the door and said there was a glitch in the system and no one received their door codes. I was a bit deflated; I mean, here I was trying to create an Emmy award-winning scene only to be brought back to reality by a 'glitch'...whatever.

So, I entered the hallowed halls of this century old historical church which houses the seminary; the seminary which has matriculated profound preachers and educators; the seminary which is rich in diversity and theological beliefs. The aroma of education was everywhere (or it was mold...not sure...although, my allergies did fire up). I located my class on the chart and went to the assigned room. As I was walking, I recalled the anxiety I felt when I received the nine books from the seminary a few weeks prior; the nine books that would need to be read by the end of the term. I smiled to myself and felt a sense of confidence; a sense of "I'm ahead of the game" because I had already read one book from each of my three classes prior to the start of the term. So, no longer were there nine books to read but only six! Well, that emotion was quickly deflated, as well, when I found out that the bookstore had neglected to send me two books I needed for my biblical

studies/theology class and one book for my seminary collegium class. So, instead of nine books for the term there were a total of 12! It felt like I was back where I started. Either way, I have three of the 12 read so I'm still happy.

The class sessions so far have been interesting, compelling, and at times uncomfortable. Training yourself to look at scripture from a scholastic viewpoint often stirs up questions within yourself, shakes your understanding of things, and makes you really examine what is called your "embedded faith". However, it is said that a faith that can't withstand a little shaking didn't have a strong foundation to begin. I am confident that my foundation is strong. It was built initially by my parents and grandparents (especially by my Grandma Perry), then by my Sunday School teachers and my religious leaders, then by you, my sisters and brothers. You, too, have helped to build my foundation. You have helped me to sure up the footings so that I will be able to withstand the questions; to withstand the shaking. All of the 'building blocks' that have been laid have been solidified by the Spirit. The Spirit has made my foundation firm and unyielding. Now, I look forward to what God has in store for me. What will He have me build on top of my foundation; how will it be put into service to Him? The answer to these questions, sisters and brothers, is what lies ahead.

I pray that you will continue to walk with me as I continue my exploration; as I continue my journey. More importantly, I pray that you will be there by my side as I often stop and stand to listen...and to learn.

May the Lord of Love, Laughter, and Life bless and keep you in His care!

Board of Christian Outreach

Helping Hands – Please consider being a part of our "Helping Hands" tree this year. The tree in the parlor is in need of some tender loving care. Your contributions can be any size, any color and for females or males. In other words from infant to adult so how can you go wrong. We suggest hats, headbands, gloves, mittens or scarves. They can be purchased by you, purchased by our Board through cash donations, or they can also be handmade. Questions or concerns can be directed to Bev Helms at 1-734-379-4256.

Upcoming Christian Outreach Events:

Soup & Bread – November 18th after service

Giving Tree – Nov. 18th through Dec. 8th Ornaments with a child's name and wishes will be available Nov. 18th. Wrapped gifts returned on 12/9.

Peace Church Has A New Email Address

Don't forget to change our church office e-mail address in your computer address book.
New E-mail address: office@peacesouthgate.org.

Blessed Hope

Look for the shopping carts in the long hallway where you can place your donations for Blessed Hope. They are in particular need of canned meats, vegetables, fruits, shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper and paper towels.

Choir Notes

I want everybody to know that you are all welcome to come sing! I'm trying to do a more open choir this year to see how it works out. I've heard from several of you that you can't necessarily make a firm commitment to the whole year, but you can do some Sundays here and there, and you can do some Thursdays here and there.

So, I'm offering to you this proposal. If you think you'll be able to come to two Thursday rehearsals in a row, you can sing with us the following Sunday. See, that's not so bad -- that's only three days! Really, it's only 4 hours of two weeks time. The Sr. Choir is going to have a Christmas concert in December that will require a little more preparation than two weeks, but if you talk to me, we can see if we can work something out. There are many ways to learn music, so have no fear and just come sing!

Sr. Choir meets Thursdays, 7:30pm-9:00pm.
Also, don't forget Jr. Choir meets Sundays after service!

Jr. High and Sr. High musical has been changed to some time in the spring, due to the lack of interested people. The new plan is for April, but if I don't hear from people by February, we'll make it a Jr. Choir thing instead of a Jr. High and Sr. High thing. Please let me know you're interested!!!

Bonnie Schipling

Special Anniversaries

10/6	Norman & Donna Knaggs	45 years
10/26	Don & Dorothy Pushman	45 years

St. Anne's Altar Guild

(PUT PICTURES HERE)

VESTING THE ALTAR

A heavy protector linen the length of the altar is put in place first.

The fair linen covers the altar and hangs down on each side of it. It is symbolic of the linen used to wrap the body of Christ when He was laid in the tomb.

The corporal is a 24 inch square linen that is placed to the right in front of the Communion candles. The communion vessels are placed on it. This linen is symbolic of the cloth wrapped about the face of Christ in the tomb.

The pall is a 7 inch linen that has a rigid base and is used to cover the chalice.

The round linen covers the loaf of Communion bread.

Purificators are the small napkins used to cleanse the rim of the chalice during the Communion service. (Lipstick on the chalice ends up on these linens and is difficult to remove.)

The veil is a 36 inch square linen used to cover all of the sacred vessels on the altar.

All of our sacred linens are beautiful. However, the veil used at Christmas and at Easter are especially elegant. It was purchased by Milton and Betty Rehbein in Italy and donated to Peace Church in 1981.

We are pleased to welcome Eveline Fusina and Angela LeBlanc to the Altar Guild. They will share the responsibility of caring for our sacred linens.

Lucille Hrivnak, Coordinator

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.

Mary Martha Guild News

We will have a meeting of the Mary Martha Guild on October 9th. We have a service project to work on that evening. We will be assembling hygiene kits for Blessed Hope. Carolyn will bring enough products from World Medical Relief to put together 100 kits. Come and join us and see what else is being planned for the year.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE – Sat., Oct. 13, 10 to 3 pm (see related article on p. 7)

Please plan on giving us some time the week prior to the sale to sort and price. We also need your help to bake for the bake sale. And last, but not least, we need workers the day of the sale. Come when you can and stay as long as you can.

THANKS to the Sunday School children (slim pickins' that day - just John and Stacy Catalano and Christopher Bogusz - BUT along with our teaching staff, 100 hygiene kits were put together for Mercy Primary Care.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Oct. 28th Fall Bake Sale! Come & shop! Lots of homemade goodies!

October Birthdays

10/1 Ida MacLeod, Gerre Menzel
10/2 Norman Knaggs, Lisa Kuszczak
10/3 Julie LeBeau, Trent Chadwell
10/5 Amy Kaminski, Connor Winton
10/8 Jeff Thomas, J. Kieth Gerberding
10/9 Melvyn Ziesmer, Norma Kaminski
10/12 Angela LeBlanc
10/13 Carolyn Racklyeft
10/14 Dorothy Pushman
10/15 Jason Yakowich, Nick Jerden
10/16 Susan Votry, Shannon Campau,
Joseph Ferullo
10/17 Wilma Looker, Jennifer Osborne,
Sherrena Yakowich, Drew Sorenson
10/18 Lois Jensen
10/19 Colin Harvey, Sr., Gwen Montie
10/21 Bev Brewer, Matthew Kolehmainen,
Sarah Czarniecki, Michael Cannon
10/22 Betty Rehbein, Tracy Evans,
Andrea Watt
10/24 Glenn Cassel, Diane Behnke
10/25 Eveline Fusina, Robert Moritz,
Matthew Stewart
10/26 Donna Anderson
10/27 Bob Snell, Kimberly King
10/29 James Rose, Isabella Geist
10/30 Clyde Robinson

March to the Manger

Our 2007 March to the Manger benefited the homeless shelters supported by World Medical Relief. The other organization we supported with your donations was recommended to us by the ELCA and it was COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter. The items collected have been distributed and are greatly appreciated. Here is a summary of what you accomplished. 36 towels, 287 wash clothes, 4 hand towels, and 88 bars of hand soap. Some of the other totals were 3 bath scrubbies, 1 bath powder, 8 nail brushes, 12 multiple comb packs and 11 brushes. You also donated 183 toothbrushes, 161 various sizes of toothpaste, 16 multi packs of dental floss and 50 packages of disposable razors. In conclusion we also provided 87 shampoos, 19 hair conditioners, 41 deodorants, 16 mouthwash, 52 shaving creams and 1 (8) pack toilet tissue. In addition to the items donated we were blessed to have an additional \$358.00 in cash donations to devote to this project. Great Job!!

Stop and Greet Your Neighbor

The 1st Sunday of the month we're asking everyone to wear a nametag. When the service is finished, stop and greet 3 to 5 people you haven't met before. Over a cup of coffee, get to know them a little. Continue to greet each other in the following weeks. Be surprised at how much you have in common.

Kaye Davies

Want our newsletter via e-mail?

To have this happen send your e-mail address to office@peacesouthgate.org. 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.

Bottle and Can Returns




We have been able to collect a total of **\$1,036.10** from your generous donation of bottles and cans. Since you're coming to church anyway, why not 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pr. Hormann's Office Hours are Mondays - Thursdays, 10-12 and by appointment	Office Hours: 10am-12pm 7:00: Board of Elders Meeting	Office Hours: 10am-2pm	Office Hours: 9am-12pm 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: Wed. Unplugged	Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30pm: Sr. Choir		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00: Just Reading the Bible 9:00: "No Experience Necessary" 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION Jr. Choir after Service	Office Hours: 10am-12pm 7:00: Church Council Meeting	Office Hours: 10am-2pm 7:00: Mary Martha Guild Meeting & Service Project 7-9: Interim Task Force	Office Hours: 9am-12pm 6:00: Adult Study Group 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: Wed. Unplugged	Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 6:30pm: Board of Finance Mtg. 7:30pm: Sr. Choir		10am-3pm: Rummage/ Bake Sale
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NOISY OFFERING 9:00: Just Reading the Bible 9:00: "No Experience Necessary" 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION Jr. Choir after Service 2-3: Interim Task Force	Office Hours: 10am-12pm 6:00: Board of Stewardship Meeting	Office Hours: 10am-2pm 	Office Hours: 9am-12pm 6:00: Adult Study Group 6:30pm: Confirmation 7:30: Wed. Unplugged	Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30pm: Sr. Choir		
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28	29	30	31			
NOISY OFFERING FALL BAKE SALE 9:00: Just Reading the Bible 9:00: "No Experience Necessary" 9:00: Sunday School 10:30: COMMUNION Jr. Choir after Service			No Adult Study Group NO CONFIRMATION NO SERVICE			Kris can be reached at 734-671-8726 (home) or 734-775-7886 (cell). Kris is in the office Wednesdays from 9-12.

Pr. Hormann: pastorhormann@peacesouthgate.org

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Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers	Sound Tech	Trustee	Altar Guild	Reader(s)	Organist
10/3	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									
10/7	Celebrant: Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Terri Silsbe	Andrew Campbell, Laura Campbell, Mike Neifert, Alex Wayt	Fred & Deb Harmon	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt , R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Dorothy Pushman	Dale LeBeau	Jan Scherbarth	Gwen Montie	Jennifer Rosati
10/10	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									
10/14	Celebrant: Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Gail Andrews	C.J. Morse, Kyle Winton, Connor Winton, Kevin Bogusz	Jan Scherbarth	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt , R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Tonya Cade	Bob Snell	Mary Ziesmer	Barb Pushman & Mary Jacobs	Mary Tollefson
10/17	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									
10/21	Celebrant: Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Barb Pushman	Blake Menzel, Shelby Morse, Stephania Andrews, Britnie Ford	Robert & Dawn Bernard	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt , R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Janet LeBeau	Peter Montie	Lise Corby	Terri Silsbe	Jennifer Rosati
10/24	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									
10/28	Celebrant: Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Janet LeBeau	Kevin Mulligan, Amanda Mulligan, Stacy Catalano, David Kaulbars	Colin & Nancy Harvey	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt , R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	John Cade	Robert Bernard	Nancy Harvey	Bobbijean Snell	Mary Tollefson
10/31	Pr. Phyllis Hormann									

Bread Baker for October is JANET LeBEAU

We could use more readers – if you would like to read on Sundays please contact the church office.

Fall Rummage Sale – October 13th

The Fall Season has arrived and so has the time for our Fall Rummage Sale. It will be on Saturday, October 13th from 10am-3pm. You can bring your "things" to be sold (**remember no clothing**) any time during church office hours from now until the sale day. Place items in the Sunday School room across from the Choir room.

We will be having a bake sale also and are looking forward to our tables being filled with your delicious goodies to sell. On Friday, October 12th, Ginny DeFeyter will be at church from 1 to 2 p.m. to receive your goodies.

Did you notice how beautiful our churchyard looked this year? I did! Many, many thanks to our church gardeners for their wonderful care of the flowerbeds, trimming of shrubs and weeding. We still have several areas that need someone to care for them. There is a poster in the long hallway explaining where and hopefully "someone" will offer to care for one or more of them!

Elinor Durand

Thank You

Dear Sunday School of Peace Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous contribution of hygiene kits containing a bath towel, washcloth, soap, deodorant, shampoo, pick, toothbrush, and toothpaste to the Mercy Primary Care Center Special Personal Assistance (SPA) program. Your kind gift is gratefully appreciated and will help the homeless individuals who utilize the SPA. The items you donated are always in great need and we never have enough of these items to distribute to our client base.

Your contribution demonstrates your support of the goals and mission of Mercy Primary Care Center to meet the needs of the individuals we serve. Your gift greatly enhances the care we provide to our patients and clients.

Thank you again for your support and efforts.

Sincerely,

Dr. Margaret Meyers

Clinical Director, Mercy Primary Care Center

Sunday School

Sunday School is in full swing and we meet from 9am-10am in the educational wing each Sunday. Rally Day started out with a blessing of the backpacks. Last week we were introduced to Peace Bear who will be traveling with a different student or congregation member every week or so, spreading the peace message. Please follow Peace's progress on our board in the parlor!! Come and join us each week for more exciting ways to explore and live God's word.

Results From Our Tanzania Project

Last year in Sunday School, we began a fundraising and awareness service project about the fight against hunger in Tanzania. The high school class led by Beth Ann Meyers researched various agencies we could help and came up with Tanzania, which is part of the Stand with Africa campaign through ELCA. We in fact have a sister congregation in Tanzania!! The teens gave a presentation to the entire Sunday School and the "Fill This Pot, So That They Can Fill Their Pots" project was started. All of the money collected as Sunday School offerings went toward the project. In addition a presentation was made to the congregation asking for their donations. We are so pleased and proud to announce that by all of us working together that \$589 was raised. \$500 of this amount was matched by Thrivent, enabling our church to forward a check to Tanzania for \$1089!!! It is truly awesome, how God helps us bless others when we all work together--the youth, the congregation, and the board of Christian Outreach. Thanks so much to everyone!!!

Avalanche Ranch VBS

Well it was a rootin' tootin' learnin' good time for this summer's VBS!! A great and inspiring time was had by everyone who participated. Our program kicked off with a potluck/square dance, led by our teacher-caller Karen McNeil. There was a smile on everyone's face that evening. The week continued on with moving dramas, tasty snacks, cowpoke crafts, wild west (and sometimes wet) games, singing, dancing, and learning during openings and closings, all centered around our Bible stories. The kids were so sad to see it end!! A big thank you goes out to all who made this VBS one of the best ever. Thank you all, without you it would have never been possible!!

Awesome Decorations--Fay Winton

Exciting Dramas--Carolyn Rackleyft and her team—

Dorothy Pushman, Don Pushman, Deb Harmon,
Fred Harmon, Sean Morse, CJ Morse, Shelby Morse,

Inspiring Opening & Music--Bonnie Schippling

Thought Provoking Closing--Barb and Todd Pushman

Yummy, Yet Significant Snacks--Bev Brewer and her team--Bev Helms, Alice Gnad, and Shelby Morse
The Kids Favorite Games- Kaye Davies and Kevin Mulligan

Dedicated Crew Leaders--Dawn Bernard,

Pastor Hormann, Julie Catalano, Carolyn Rackleyft,
Lee Ann Mulligan

Lots of Laughs and Learning Spotlight Power Point—

Jack Bogusz

Love To Do Them Crafts--Kim Bogusz

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 experiencing a crisis in their lives and need our prayers.

“Prayer changes things”

Barb Albert, Don Pushman (prayers of thanksgiving), Shirley Balger, Bev Brewer, Kaye Davies, Laraine Hustler, Isaac Anderson, Richard Wilson, Ron Davis, Janet Sage, Rob & Gwen Montie, Mary Ann Buchau, Morris Byrd, Bob Gnad, Dave & Ruth Taylor, Mike Ziesmer, Robert Vallade, Jennifer Stroehmann, Lainey Miller, Betty Townsend, Ruth Tonks, Gail Andrews, Barb Byrd, Julie Rettke, Norman Kaminski, Dolores Kaminski, Terry Koons, Betty Rehbein, John Demyon, Elnora Ebendick, Rosa Fox, Jeff Thomas, Al Varga, Wilma Looker, John Balger, Blessed Hope and Peace Lutheran Church.

Richard Wright, Charlene, Cheryl, Emma & Mara, Lucy Black, Tony, Rose, and Sandy.

Members are in **Bold**

Telephone Prayer Chain Contact:

Mary Jacobs, 734-283-7792

E-prayer chain: Todd Pushman at tpushman@yahoo.com

People will be put in the prayers for three weeks.

Please contact the church office to update for those who can thankfully be removed or are in need of ongoing prayer.

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