



Herald of Peace

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From Don's Desk

You may not know it, but for many years I've been involved with a conservation group called Trout Unlimited. This is a nation-wide group of trout fisherman, interested and involved in protecting the pristine waters where trout live. This involvement frequently finds its members lobbying in legislatures to ensure that special interest groups such as oil and mining companies are doing environmentally-appropriate activities. In Michigan, we employed an especially gifted outdoorsman/lobbyist, who did many good things in Lansing to protect the environment. From him, I learned a valuable lesson that I want to share with you. A few years ago, the Savoy Oil Company applied to the DEQ (Dept. of Environmental Quality) and the National Forestry Service to drill a well on a patch of land east of Grayling. This happens all the time. But in this case, they wanted to drill a well that would run horizontally underneath a nature preserve which included one of the most revered stretches of the Au Sable River system. There was a real concern that this drilling would contaminate the river. It was almost certain that the peace and tranquility of the area would be permanently destroyed by the drilling and well pump. Outdoorsman of all varieties rallied to the cause. They all dug in their heels, and took the stance that they wanted no well of any kind in the area, ever! Money was raised, letters written, bumper stickers and billboards were printed. T.U. took a different approach through our lobbyist. He joined a panel that formed to study the proposal. Eventually, the panel produced a list of recommendations, which granted drilling permission only if certain recommendations were complied with. (The recommendations included things like noise abatement equipment on the drilling equipment, and carefully collecting and hauling away all tailings and waste liquids associated with the drilling operation.) Once this process was all done, T.U. silently changed their position, and swung over to the left with all the radical environmental groups, opposing the well altogether. Rich Bowman, our executive and lobbyist explained that in legislative bodies, you always have people on the left and on the right.

But change happens in the middle. If you dig you heels in over there on the left, and your opponents do the same on the right, you will have one winner and one loser. And depending on the situation, you could be the loser. None of us wanted that well anywhere in the area of the Mason Tract, especially where they wanted it placed-- right behind our beloved chapel. By working in the middle, we made sure that we would not be a loser.

I have been trying to apply the same sort of philosophy to our dealings with the Southeast Michigan Synod. It is important to remain firm on things that matter the most to Peace. But by being a little flexible in other areas, and expecting the same from Synod, we can all come away with something to be happy about. While taking an "all or nothing at all" approach to these things might seem gratifying, it rarely makes sense to go down in flames, when sensible alternatives are available.

The meeting with Bishop Schreiber, and Pastors Beck and Hormann, on March 28th, went very well. We met in the middle, as I had hoped. Because of this meeting, we expect shortly to invite Pastor Hormann to be our I-I (she is called to ministry by the Synod and not the congregation). A special edition of the Herald of Peace will be coming out in a week or two, to give you more details.

May God bless your week!
Don Silsbe

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday: 7:30 PM

Good Friday: 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM



Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Holy Week 2007

4/1/07 – Palm Sunday

Topic: "Service to Our Lord and the Road Ahead" – Luke 22:14 – 23:56

When looking at the many lessons one can pull from today's Gospel lesson, it can be overwhelming. We will focus on Luke 22:26 – 30, as well as, come down to an understanding of Palm Sunday.

4/5/07 – Maundy Thursday

Topic: "Communion" – Luke 22:14 – 28

We will reflect on how participating in the Lord's Supper benefits all who come with believing and repentant hearts.

4/6/07 – Good Friday

Various Scripture Readings

1:00 PM – Solemn Midday Service

We will spend this time reading God's Word from all four Gospels.

7:30 PM – Tenebrae Service: Service of Shadows and Darkness

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events and it is left unfinished because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

4/8/07 – Easter – Luke 24:1 – 12

Topic: "Nothing is Good Today" – "Nothing" on the cross; "Nothing" in the tomb...HE IS RISEN!

Board of Christian Outreach

Military assistance – God has blessed this congregation with the ability to care and share. Your efforts raised \$ 265.00 to cover shipping costs and to purchase 42 phone cards along with 11 books of stamps. We also collected 3 winter coats, 9 lounge/sleepwear (2 pc sets), 8 zip hoodies, 4 jackets, 7 scarves, 1 breakaway pants, 14 lounge pants, 2 rolling suitcases, 2 backpacks, 2 pairs of shoes, and 10 boxes of snacks. We also provided 1 portable CD player, 4 movie DVD's, 6 wheelchair gloves, 2 pair socks, 1 water bottle, 2 portable radios, 1 book light, 8 toothbrushes and a lapel pin. Each box shipped also contained a note of thanks and appreciation to our troops.

Baptism Announcement

On Sunday, March 25th we welcomed, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, **Isabella Ashley Geist**, daughter of Kristi Leigh Geist and Steve Simpson. Serving as Godparents for Isabella are Mary-Ellen Smith and Michael Wallace Smith. Let us keep our new Christian sister in our prayers.

Mary Martha Guild

The Mary Martha Guild will meet on April 3rd (first Tuesday instead of the second) in the church parlor at 7:00pm to assemble Easter baskets for the shut-ins. Please plan to join us!



Notes from the Choirs

A special thank you goes out to those who have donated money to get new robes for us; it is really nice to know that people notice us and appreciate us, and now we will be even snazzier. Thanks everybody! ~Jr. Choir

A special thank you goes out to an anonymous donor for the new microphones above the choir pews and to those who put the time and sweat into getting up on the ladders to hang them. Now everybody will be able to hear our songs of praise lifted up. It is really something special. ~Sr. Choir

Thank you, Peace Lutheran Church, for your support of the choirs and other musical activities. It is a huge blessing to have so much energy and such wonderful voices in both choirs, and it is amazing every week to watch each person's love for Christ come through in their voices. ~Bonnie Schippling

Don't forget!!! We will be having a talent show in a couple months. If you are interested in being involved with it, please sign up on the sheet posted on the door of my office.

Office Hours

Tuesdays: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Thursdays: 9am – 11:00am.

If you need to talk to Kris you may call her at home at 734-671-8726 or on her cell phone 734-775-7886.

Board of Elders

Jeri Wicklander and Wendy Tinsler have recently resigned as Elders of Peace. They are currently attending another church in the area that they feel better meets the needs of their young children. The Board of Elders greatly appreciates their past dedication to the work of the Lord here at Peace. We will all miss Jeri and Wendy and their families, but wish them well on their spiritual journey. The Board of Elders is in the process of looking for additional elder candidates to bring forward for congregational approval. If you are asked to serve, please consider being a part of this very important work of the Lord.

Welcome New Members!

On Palm Sunday, April 1st, Eugene Bussler, Donna Knaggs and Bonnie Schippling joined our membership by transfer and by public Affirmation of Membership. Sandra Wilson joined by Affirmation of Faith, and Norman Knaggs became a member through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Let us extend our congratulations to Eugene, Sandra, Donna, Norman and Bonnie on their becoming members of our Christian community here at Peace Lutheran Church.

Galilee By the Sea Continues! Catch Jesus in Action!!

Come and join us on Sunday mornings during Sunday School 9:45-10:45 as we return to the Holy Land this time to visit the Seaside town of Galilee!!! Our program will run for 6 more weeks and everyone of every age is welcome!!

Program Highlights:

Bible Points

1. Jesus chooses us!!
2. Jesus teaches us!!
3. Jesus heals us!!
4. Jesus protects us!!
5. Jesus provides for us!!

Tribe Time--travel as a group and meet to discuss traditions and bible stories.

Gathering Time--learn all new songs and dances. Dramas--exciting dramas that will make each bible point and the story behind it come alive!!

Synagogue School--learn just like people did in Jesus' time. You'll find out about rabbis, the torah, menorahs and more!!

Seaside Playground---new fun is in store with "catching fish", archery, marbles and more!!

... and of course the popular **Marketplace Shops** will be back and all new. We will have stone carving, sandal making, yarmulke decorating, and rope making just to name a few.

St. Anne's Altar Guild

Members of the Altar Guild will assist in the stripping of the altar after the Maundy Thursday Communion service. It is spiritually moving to participate in this ritual which is symbolic of when Christ was stripped of his clothes before His crucifixion.

There are 21 sacred items on the altar during this Communion service. Especially significant are the *Fair Linen*, which covers the entire altar and the *Corporal* which is placed under the Communion vessels. These linens are symbolic of those used to wrap the body and the face of Christ when He was laid in the tomb.

The verses of scripture which are read during the ceremony always make this a very solemn and reflective occasion. It may cause us to ask -- "Are we worthy of the great sacrifice which He made on our behalf?"

Come and Share This Humbling Experience With Us

The altar will be left bare and the crucifixes will be draped in black, symbolizing death, in preparation for Good Friday. On Easter Eve the altar is thoroughly cleaned and covered with fresh linens. The polished ornaments are returned to their places and parament colors are changed to white, to symbolize the robe of the glorified risen Christ.

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During the somber season of Lent flowers are not used on the altar. In contrast, on Easter Sunday the church will abound with the beauty of many spring flowers, highlighted by pure white lilies. All will be in readiness for the celebration of the Easter Festival service which commemorates the resurrection of Christ.

REMINDER: Please place money for flowers and/or memorial gifts to St. Anne's in the offering plate or give to our treasurer, Gerre Menzel. Checks should be made out to St. Anne's Altar Guild. Always be sure to include information that will enable us to properly acknowledge payments or gifts.

Lucille Hrivnak, Coordinator



April Birthdays

- 4/1 Ryan Click
- 4/2 James Horvath
- 4/3 William Racklyeft
- 4/4 Darrell Rehbein, Dorothy Kaminski,
Diane Rowledge
- 4/5 Chris Gagnier, Christian Bakken
- 4/7 Robert Wilson
- 4/8 Jennifer Watters
- 4/9 Carol Campbell
- 4/11 Beverly Rose, Bradley Sovlansky
- 4/12 Jerry Gnad, Charles Acker,
Benjamin Sorenson
- 4/13 Alice Gnad
- 4/14 Conor Papineau
- 4/15 Patrick Click
- 4/16 Bruce Simonson, Jeffrey Reichel
- 4/17 Else Fuchs
- 4/18 Mary Winkler, Terri Silsbe, Karie Lacy,
Bryce Mitchell
- 4/20 Robert Bernard, Nancy Oliver-Cannon,
Kelly Kaleugher, Elizabeth Balogh,
Rachel Balogh
- 4/21 Jake Rhoades
- 4/22 Katherine Cade, Calli Menzel,
Amanda Mulligan
- 4/23 Kathryn Bakken
- 4/25 Kaye Davies, Robert Vallade, Jody Morey,
Kathryn Tonks, Caitlyn Kolehmainen
- 4/28 Jennifer Stroehmann, Terry Koons
- 4/29 Mary Ellen Bush
- 4/30 Patricia Lentz, Amy Zulewski

Special Anniversaries

- 4/21 Ernest & Diane Horvath 45 years
- 4/25 Jeffrey & Jacqueline Roberts 15 years

From the Trustees-- Roof Update

The repair of the roof cost \$43,700.00. So far we have received pledges totaling \$23,400.00, for which we are most grateful. We are still in need of \$20,300.00 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. Also, we still need more trustees. Please think about this and give us a hand. Thanks.

Bob Snell, Trustee Chairman

Annual Spring Rummage Sale May 5th, 10:00am- 3:00pm.

Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild.

Accepting all portable items EXCEPT clothing beginning Sunday, April 29th.

Please set aside some time in the week prior to our sales 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.

Peace Players

The Peace Players will be performing "Virgil's First Easter" on Sunday, April 1st at 5:00pm and our youth will be putting on a spaghetti dinner between acts for those who have signed up. A free will offering will be taken.

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.



First Communion

Congratulations to **Isabella Geist**, who will make her First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 1st. We also congratulate **Emily Harmon**, who will make her First Communion on Easter Sunday, April 8th.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday 9:45: Lenten Devotions 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: COMMUNION 5:00: "Virgil's First Easter" & Spaghetti Dinner	2 7:30pm: St. Anne's Altar Guild Mtg. re: Stripping of the Altar	3 Office Hours: 10am-2pm 7:00: Mary Martha Guild – Shut in Baskets	4 5:30: Jr. Choir 6:30: First Communion 6:30: Confirmation NO Service Tonight	5 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:00: Sr. Choir 7:30: Maundy Thursday Communion	6 Good Friday 1:00: Solemn Midday Serv . Service 7:30: Tenebrae	7
8 EASTER NO Sunday School 6:30: Sunrise Communion 11:00: Festival Communion	9 7:00: Elders Meeting	10 Office Hours: 10am-2pm 7:00: Church Council Mtg.	11 NO Jr. Choir NO Confirmation NO Service Tonight	12 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 6:30: Brd. of Finance 7:30: Sr. Choir	13	14
15 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: Communion 12:00-1:00pm: Jr. Choir	16	17 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	18 NO Jr. Choir 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: Wed. Unplugged	19 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. NO Sr. Choir	20	21
22 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: Worship	23	24 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	25 5:30: Jr. Choir 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: Wed. Unplugged	26 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir	27	28
29 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: Communion	30					

Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Trustee	Ushers	Sound Tech	Altar Guild	Readers	Organist
April 1 Palm Sunday	Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Cantors: Don Silsbe & Stephania Andrews	Terri Silsbe	Stephania Andrews, David Kaulbars, Connor Winton, Kyle Winton	Bob Snell	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, N. Yakowich & R. Wilson	Janet LeBeau	Mary Ziesmer	Rob Montie and Terri Silsbe	Mary Tollefson
April 4	NO SERVICE								--
April 5 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm	Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Rob Montie					Elinor Durand (or Lucille Hrivnak)	Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Jennifer Rosati
April 6 Good Friday 1:00pm 7:30pm	Albert LeBlanc Jr. & Don Silsbe Albert LeBlanc, Jr. & Don Silsbe	Terri Silsbe Barb Pushman				Sean Morse		1:00: Albert LeBlanc, Jr. & Terri Silsbe 7:30: Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	1:00: Mary Tollefson 7:30: Jennifer Rosati
April 8 Easter 6:30am 11:00am	Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Cantors: 6:30: Don Silsbe 11:00: Don Silsbe & Stephania Andrews	6:30: Rob Montie 11:00: Barb Pushman	Shelby Morse, Stacy Catalano, Kevin Mulligan, Amanda Mulligan	Peter Montie	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	Tonya Cade	6:30: Lise Corby 11:00: Nancy Harvey	6:30: Volunteers 11:00: Mary Jacobs & Jan Scherbarth	6:30 & 11:00: Jennifer Rosati
April 11	NO SERVICE								--
April 15	Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Cantors: Don Silsbe & Stephania Andrews	Rob Montie	Jack Bogusz, Kevin Bogussz, Mike Wansa, Alex Wayt	Robert Bernard	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, R. Wilson & N. Yakowich	Jerry Gnadt	Jan Scherbarth (Individual Cup)	Bobbijeane Snell & Richard Geiser	Jennifer Rosati
April 18	Don Silsbe								Mary Tollefson
April 22	Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Terri Silsbe	Andrew Campbell, Laura Campbell, Mike Neifert, Blake Menzel	Bob Snell	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	John Cade	Mary Ziesmer	Gwen Montie & Gerre Menzel	Jennifer Rosati
April 25	Don Silsbe								Mary Tollefson
April 29	Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Cantors: Don Silsbe & Stephania Andrews	Rob Montie	C.J. Morse, Britnie Ford, Connor Winton, Kyle Winton	Peter Montie	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, N. Yakowich, R. Wilson	Janet LeBeau	Elinor Durand (or Lucille Hrivnak)	Janet LeBeau & Karen Wright	Jennifer Rosati

Bread Baker for April is Janet Larson

New Member Classes

We are so happy that you have been coming to our church to worship with us. If you have made the decision that you would like to join our church family here at Peace, please contact Albert Le Blanc so that he can work with you during this process. There are materials that you will be provided with, as well as, discussion sessions that will be scheduled. These sessions are very informal; very relaxed. They will be designed with your needs in mind. After your initial meeting, we will be able to determine the number of future individual sessions. Albert's contact information is as follows: Home (734) 281-1297; Cell (734) 552-8863; or Email: a.leblanc.jr@sbcglobal.net.

Bottle and Can Returns Report

It is hard to believe that we started collecting clean bottles and cans on September 14, 2005. On that first Sunday, we had \$27.50 in returnables. That was the top amount until February 18, 2007, when we had \$31 in returnables. Through your efforts, we have almost reached \$800 at this time.

This project serves two purposes. It helps the environment by recycling bottles and cans and it helps Peace Church with a little extra for the general fund. In addition to that, you don't have to go out of your way to participate. 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. We have one gentleman who has been collecting bottles at work that his fellow employees just leave laying around. Thank you for taking the extra time to do that.

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

Plan Ahead for Sunday May 13th (Mothers Day)

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 .

Our Mother's Day worship service, (May 13th) 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.

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"

Mike Ziesmer, Shirley Balger, Gail Andrews, Mary Ann Buchau, Mary Jacobs, 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, Lucy Black, Helen, Rich, Raymond Cade, Sr., Bobbi Forten, Doris, Debbie, Cindy, Jerry Clark, Debbie Adami, Tony, Ashley & Brittany Bonsall, Chuck, Jamie, Bob, Karen, Sister Pat, Tom Lewandowski, Sue McCourt, Michelle LeBlanc, and Ken Rockensuess.

Prayers are asked for Albert LeBlanc, Jr., and our leaders, Don Silsbe, Todd Pushman & Rob Montie. Please pray that we may know God's will and see the way that best serves the Lord, with Albert's calling and Peace Lutheran Church.

Members are in **Bold**

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

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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.

For Your Reading Pleasure

Christian Faith

A Victorious Christian Life by Brenda Robinson

A History of God (NY Times Bestseller) by Karen Armstrong

The Call to the Soul by Marjory Zoet Bankson

Sarah-Woman of Genesis by Orson Scott Card

Books from Reading Group Selections

The Last Call by Laura Pederson

Friendship Cake by Lynne Hinton

Books for Youth

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

For Your Eyes Only by Joanne Rocklin

Dancing Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

The library is free and is operated on the honor system for all.

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