



Herald of Peace

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The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Page

Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring has finally sprung and summer is on its way. Not too long ago driving down I-75, as I looked out over the industrial area, the treetops were bare. Suddenly those bare branches have been transformed into soft green tufts. Some buildings and freeway signs are completely hidden by the new foliage. My heart sings as I see people tending their gardens and watering newly planted annuals. The signs of new life and longer days always give me an emotional boost.

Yes, we have entered the season of Pentecost, the long, green season, the "growing" season. Just as all the dormant plants begin to blossom and grow, so too will this congregation go through some blossoming and growing. That is my hope at least. The Intentional Interim Process can be a catalyst for that growth.

The Task Force is now formed and we give thanks to God for those who have agreed to serve. They are: Eugene Bussler, Brigitte DuFour, Tracy Evans, Gerre Menzel, Beth Ann Meyers, Sean Morse, Fay Winton and Todd Pushman (ex-officio). We will schedule our first meeting soon and commission the Team probably June 24th. We will initially spend time doing some team building and learning. Then tasks will be assigned and the real work will begin. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin to work on the tasks at hand. Should you be asked to help with any of the tasks, I hope you will seriously consider saying "yes!!"

Yes, there will be a change of pace this summer. We may pick up speed instead of slowing down. May the long light-filled days and flourishing gardens of summer keep your spirits high and filled with hope.

June Highlights:

- Worship at 10 instead of 11 AM
- June 3 - Holy Trinity Sunday
- June 10 - Recognition of graduates
- June 17 – Father's Day
- June 24 - Commissioning of the Interim Task Force

Learning/Growing Opportunities:

- Monday evenings at 7 beginning June 18 - Lectionary based Bible study
- One time meeting and training for those interested in bringing communion to homebound members - Sunday, June 24th at 9am. If another meeting is needed, it will be scheduled.
- Sunday mornings at 9 beginning July 1 - Kelly Fryer's *No Experience Necessary* Unit 1

Let us learn and grow together to see just how this congregation will put Christ's peace to work in the world.

Pastor Hormann

Board of Elders

Summer Worship Time -- Starting Sunday, June 3rd and continuing through the summer, our Sunday Worship Service will begin at 10:00am.

Learn, Get Experience in PowerPoint

Would you like to learn how to create presentations, like our Sunday worship "Screens"? Then you need to learn an easy, popular Microsoft program called "PowerPoint."

I will teach you PowerPoint, and you will get practical hands-on experience in helping us put together the presentations used for our Sunday Worship. And as a trade off, you will now have PowerPoint experience and skills that you can use for your workplace, school, or resume. You should have access to a computer that has Microsoft Office installed.

Contact Dorothy Pushman, 734-285-6716.

Lay Communion Visitors

Do you take communion to our homebound members? Are you interested in helping? Please leave a message for Pastor Hormann at the church office. Please come to a meeting on Sunday, June 24th at 9:00am. If you cannot make it please let Pr. Hormann know and another meeting will be scheduled.

From Don's Desk

This spring I read a book entitled "Blue Like Jazz". Post-modern Christian writer Donald Miller wrote it. "Post-moderns" are that age group that we lack most of at Peace—the 30 to 40 year-old set. While I would not consider it to be a "go-to" book on Lutheran theology, it did provide me with a good look into the mind of a young, progressive-thinking Christian. What really hit me about this writer and his friends is that they are not as interested in established denominations as much as they are in getting back to basics. They focus on learning the teachings of Jesus, and living it out in their daily lives. This means connecting with the needs of their community. For them this means working with the poor, the homeless, and the people most in need of God's grace. The interesting thing is that they are growing in number. They are growing, because people recognize their energy, their genuine conviction, and want to be a part of it.

At Peace, we are interested in getting more members. Sometimes I feel that we are more concerned with this than with doing God's work.

The U.S. Army has a policy that every soldier is a foot soldier. It does not matter whether you are a General or a cook—you are a soldier. Everyone is trained and qualified first as a soldier, and then they are trained to be a cook or a General.

I believe that we need to get back to basics, just like the people in Donald Miller's book. Read Jesus' teachings, such as the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12). What are Jesus' expectations of his followers? How much of our energy at Peace is spent in this direction? How much of our energy is spent in directions that have little or nothing to do with Jesus' teachings? No matter what each one's specialty is at Peace, they are followers of Jesus first. We are his "foot soldiers". Are we living up to His expectations? When was the last time you worked in a soup kitchen, or visited an elder member of our congregation? Have you bought food for Blessed Hope lately? If you are genuinely concerned about membership at Peace, join the Board of Christian Outreach, and help us start a comprehensive evangelism program. How do you handle the situation, when a homeless person asks for a handout? We need to be Jesus on Fort St., at the mall, in our homes, and in our community. Some individuals at Peace are doing outside activities to serve our Lord. Everyone should be doing something, above and beyond his or her regular Sunday duties. I believe that the Boards of Elders, Stewardship, Trustees, and Christian Outreach all need to grow in size and scope, to provide the rest of us at Peace the opportunity to serve Him in our community.

I believe that if we do get back to basics—to Jesus' teachings—and act them out in our daily lives, our

energy and conviction will draw others to us. More than that, we will be doing the Lord's work. And isn't that the most important thing of all?

Don Silsbe



Notes from Bonnie

"Live for our minutes too soon become memories. Live for our present fades into our past. Live for a moment once spent can never be retrieved, and each hour could be our last. While today is, live." These are song lyrics from a solo Christian artist residing in Tennessee, Celia Whitler. Too often we get caught up in work and don't think about our families, friends, pets, or even ourselves, leaving fun and excitement or even just togetherness for another day when there is less to do.

As June comes alive, our choirs take a break and don't return until the fall, and though hymns are sung in the summer but no choir anthems, there is still special music to be heard in the church. The organists do a great job, providing special music of their own in the prelude, voluntary, and postlude, and I think they deserve to be thanked for their hard work and effort. (Thank you!) The summer is a great opportunity to perform solos, as well, for those who don't usually get to do so. This summer I challenge you as a congregation: "Live" and try to do more in the church whether it is singing a solo, planning a church event, or even praying for the church; try to "Live" rather than just be.

Thank you, Peace Congregation- especially those who sang or played an instrument, those who donated time or money to the choirs, helped with the sound and microphones, sewed robes, listened in the pews, prayed for all of us, welcomed me every Sunday, Wednesday, or Thursday, put the newsletter and bulletins together, came to or participated in the Talent Show, have donated time or money to Blessed Hope, and those who simply smile as I walk past. You are a very welcoming church, and I am so thankful and proud to be a part of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southgate.

Don't let this summer end all of the wonderful things you have done. LIVE!!!

Bonnie Schippling

From the Drama Team leader:

I would like to sincerely thank all the "actors" that joined my drama team for the "Galilee by the Sea" this session. You all worked so hard, and you were so effective in teaching another bible story to our children...and along the way, I am pretty sure we all had a bit of fun too! Special thanks to:

Fred and Deb Harmon, in "Fishers of People", Deanna Demgen, who teamed up with me in the Sermon on the Mount, Todd Pushman and Sean Morse as Centurion and healed servant, Pastor Hormann, Jack and Kevin Bogusz as mother and fisherman sons in "Wind and Waves", Dawn and Bob Bernard, C.J. Morse, and John Balger, in the "Lunch for 5000", and Paul McKenzie in "A Blessing from Jesus."

Thank you...thank you...thank you. And God bless you all!

Dorothy Pushman

What: FaithFest's 11th Anniversary

When: July 13th to 15th

Where: St. Paul United Church of Christ – Taylor, Goddard & Telegraph

FaithFest depends on donations. No one connected with this event receives compensation for his or her efforts. The event provides a tremendous opportunity to share the Gospel. You are invited to share in several ways. Your monetary support helps to defray the costs of staging, lights, insurance, advertising, etc. By volunteering your time to work at FaithFest, you become part of God's team to reach others. By attending FaithFest, you show your support for the participants, some of whom have traveled quite a distance to be a part of this event. Your prayers for all those who are involved in FaithFest are always more welcome. As in the past, the donations collected at FaithFest will go to support ChristNet. Checks can be made out to FaithFest and sent to FaithFest, PO Box 911, Lincoln Park, MI 48146, or you can give them to Ruth Schmidt, a member of the FaithFest committee. For further information, visit our website, www.faithfest.net.

Fellow Members of Peace and Friends,

We are holding a Spaghetti Dinner at Peace on Friday, June 8th. It will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Presale tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 5-12). Children under 5 are free. Tickets are also available at the door -- Adults \$10 and children \$5. All of the profits from this event will go to help pay for Sophie Quayle's hospital bills. Sophie, the 3 year-old granddaughter of one of my former teachers at Riverview Community High School, has a brain tumor. I know this is a rather short notice but I would really appreciate it if you would consider attending this event (and bringing friends/family). We will be selling tickets at "Pounding the Pavement for Paula" at the RCHS track on June 2nd and after church on Sunday, June 3rd. If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact me as soon as possible. Also, for more information about Sophie and her condition go to www.smilesforsophie.com. Thank you for your time and I truly hope you consider attending this event.

Sara Czarniecki

Calling All Graduates!!

If you are going to be a graduate of an institution of learning, please let us know so we can recognize you on June 10, 2007. Please provide your name, school, and date of graduation and future plans. You may call 734-284-1922 or email us at peacelutheran@ameritech.net.

These are the graduates we are aware of so far:

Jack Bogusz: Jack graduates as Valedictorian of Southgate Anderson High School. He will be attending the University of Michigan-School of Engineering in Ann Arbor in the fall.

John Brandt: John graduates from Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte and will be attending Lincoln School of Technology in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jackie Simonson: Jackie graduates from Carlson High School in Gibraltar on June 7th. She will be attending Albion College in the fall as part of the Gerald Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service where she will be majoring in pre-law. Jackie wants to invite all her Peace family to her graduation party on June 16th at Mercure Park, Rockwood from 3-8pm. RSVP- 734-362-8010. Check the flyer on the bulletin board in the long hallway.

Daniela Rosinski: Information to follow

Bible Study Opportunity -- Book of Revelation

Don Silsbe is presenting a study of the book of Revelation. This class will present an overview of this controversial book; it will not be an in-depth study. It will be an opportunity to gain a historical understanding of this work, as opposed to the more popular view held by many fundamentalist churches. The title of the class is "Not Left Behind".

The remaining classes will be before Worship Service, as follows:

June 3, 9am Is There Really a Rapture?
June 10, 9am Prologue and Letters to the
Seven Churches
June 17, 9am The Revelation to John

If you are interested in attending, please contact Don Silsbe (248-792-2197), so that enough materials may be prepared for the class.

Due to the shortness of this course, we will focus on learning and not debating.

If you want to engage in a debate, let's save that for lunch after the worship service.

This class will be intense, but fun and interesting. So come and learn!

St. Anne's Altar Guild

One of the purposes of Peace Church as stated in our by-laws is to "Provide services of worship at which the word of God is preached and the sacraments are administered."

The members of St. Anne's Altar Guild make many necessary preparations for our Communion services. It is a humbling experience for us to serve our Lord. Whether we fill the silver chalice with wine, launder the sacred linens, bake the Communion bread, change the paraments, dust the altar or arrange for the beautiful flowers placed upon it – all are done in reverence for God and His house.

Elinor Durand has found it necessary to resign from her duties on the Cleaning Committee after many years of faithful service. We extend our sincere thanks to her and pray that her health improves.

As our group continues to get smaller it is necessary to recruit new members and we pray that someone will volunteer to take Elinor's place. Although caring for the altar is important work, the routine is not difficult to learn and assistance is provided as long as it is needed.

Please call if you can help us in taking care of God's house or talk to me at church.

Lucille Hrivnak, Chairman
734-676-0833

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 crises in their lives and need our prayers.

"Prayer changes things"

Loramae Welch, Jo Marie Morey, Jennifer Stroehmann, Deanna Demgen, Fran Gerhardy, 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.

Debbie Adami, Tony, Ashley & Brittany Bonsall, Barb Wright, Vicki Wright, Pat Bourland, Tim Jesky, Cindy, Jodie, Sue Pluta (and brother Jim), Norman M., Colin, Emily, Walter, Jan, John Wicklander, Earl Ziesmer, Nancy & Debbie, Lucy Black, David Taylor (son of Dave & Ruth), Kim, and Karen.

Please pray for the family of Delores Taylor, Gerre Menzel's sister, who entered the Church Triumphant this past week. Also please pray for the family of Ken Rockensuess who was called to his eternal home on May 24th and whose funeral was on May 29th. We give thanks to God for their faithful witness.

Members are in **Bold**

Telephone Prayer Chain Contact:
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E-prayer chain: Todd Pushman at
tpushman@yahoo.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 "Pounding the Pavement for Paula – Riverview H.S. Track
3 Holy Trinity Sunday 9:00: "Not Left Behind w/ Don Silsbe 10:00: Communion	4 7:00: Elders Meeting	5 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	6 5:30: Jr. Choir Party	7 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L.	8 5-9pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	9
10 Recognition of Graduates 9:00: "Not Left Behind w/ Don Silsbe 10:00: Worship 12 Noon: Joyful Noise Rehearsal	11	12 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	13	14 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 6:30: Brd. of Finance	15 Reservation deadline for "Ladies Night Out"	16
17 Father's Day 9:00: "Not Left Behind w/ Don Silsbe 10:00: Communion 12 Noon: Joyful Noise Rehearsal	18 7:00: Lectionary Bible Study	19 Office Hours: 10am-2pm 6:00: "Ladies Night Out" – Sibley Gardens	20	21 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Joyful Noise Rehearsal	22	23
24 Commission of Interim Task Force 9:00am: Communion to Homebound Training 10:00: Worship	25 7:00: Lectionary Bible Study	26 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	27	28 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L.	29	30

Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Trustee	Ushers	Sound Tech	Altar Guild	Readers	Organist
June 3 Holy Trinity Sunday	Celebrant: Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Rob Montie		Bob Snell	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, N. Yakowich & R. Wilson	Sean Morse	Lise Corby	Jan Scherbarth	Jennifer Rosati
June 10 Recognition of Graduates	Worship Leader: Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Preacher: Pr. Phyllis Hormann	Gail Andrews		Peter Montie	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	Tonya Cade	Nancy Harvey	Janet LeBeau & Mary Jacobs	Jennifer Rosati
June 17 Father's Day	Celebrant: Pr. Phyllis Hormann Assisting Minister: Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Albert LeBlanc, Jr.		Robert Bernard	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, R. Wilson & N. Yakowich	Jerry Gnadt	Jan Scherbarth (Individual Cup)	Bobbijean Snell	Jennifer Rosati
June 24 Commission of Interim Task Force	Worship Leader: Pr. Phyllis Hormann Preacher: Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Rob Montie		Bob Snell	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	John Cade	Mary Ziesmer	Gwen Montie	Jennifer Rosati

Bread Baker for June is Kim Wayt

June Birthdays

6/1 Julie Rettke	6/16 Dan Mulligan, Daniel Kaminski, Taylor Papineau
6/2 Geraldine Mazie, Sylvia Hall	6/17 David Meyers, David Horvath
6/4 Frank Gyszi, Lillienn Corby	6/18 Nancy Yakowich
6/5 Zolton Biro, Gail Andrews	6/21 Colin Harvey, Jr.
6/6 Alan Campbell	6/22 Delcy Plutko, Marilyn Acker
6/7 Neil Rehbein	6/23 Brian Wright
6/8 James Snell	6/25 Jan Scherbarth, David Simonson
6/9 Robert Moore, Jr.	6/26 Gladys Fritz, Gary Tonks
6/10 John Kish, Robert Anderson	6/27 Donald Pushman, Antonia Wayt, Joan Schultz, Kari Fields
6/11 Joshua Lambert	6/30 Marilyn Jacob, Megan Reeves
6/14 Diane Horvath, Robert Elsner	

Stop and Greet Your Neighbor

The Stewardship Committee is initiating a program for all of us to get to know each other. 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.

Kay Davies

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 8:45 on Sunday mornings in the Resource Room (next to Pr. Hormann's office). NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR SUMMER. Join us anytime.

Bottle and Can Returns

We have been able to collect a total of \$888.50 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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