



Herald of Peace

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The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church
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From Don's Desk

There is a famous line from a song that John Lennon wrote. It goes "Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans."

My mom and dad were and still are hard workers. Dad worked swing shift at McLouth. Mom worked nights as a waitress at Cuingan's Shrimp House. We took great vacations, but they never had the time to come to my school activities. I think they missed out on a lot of good fun. With our own kids, we tried to be there. Sure, out of town business trips would pull me away, but more often than not, I'd be sitting there in the Trinity gymnasium, watching the kids play basketball. I think I got a terminal case of what we called "bleacher-butt". It comes from sitting on cold aluminum for countless games! But bleacher-butt is a small price to pay, for having a close relationship with your kids.

On the last few Wednesday evenings, we've been studying first Corinthians 12. This is the well-known passage describing the spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gives each one of us. Take a moment, and read it. I'll wait...

Verses 3 – 11 tell us that the Holy Spirit gives a whole range ("varieties" in my translation) of gifts. And all of these gifts come from the same source, even though they are different gifts.

Verses 12 – 31 make two points. First, that all of us joined together become the Body of Christ in the world today. Second, that no part of the body is less important than the other. ALL are needed, to make a complete body.

The question is this: what gift (or gifts) has the Holy Spirit blessed you with? C'mon, you know you got 'em! If you are not sure, go on the ELCA website, and take the spiritual gifts assessment (<http://www.elca.org/evangelism/assessments/spiritgifts.html>) If you don't have access to a computer, talk to a member of the Board of Stewardship. They can give you a printed version. So, the question was "what gift (or gifts) has the Holy Spirit

blessed you with? The real question is: what are you doing with these gifts? Are you using these gifts to build up the body of Christ, and enhance your spiritual life, or are you busy making other plans?

February Worship Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 4th – Holy Communion

Celebrant: Albert Le Blanc Jr.

Cantor: Don Silsbe

Sermon Topic: "Going Out Into the Deep"

Sunday, Feb. 11th – Service of Word and Prayer

Worship Leader: Albert Le Blanc Jr.

Sermon Topic: "Woe"

Sunday, Feb. 18th – Holy Communion (Individual Cups) – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Celebrant: Albert Le Blanc Jr.

Cantor: Don Silsbe

Sermon Topic: "Listening to Jesus"

Wed., Feb. 21st – Holy Communion – Ash Wednesday

12:30 PM

Celebrant: Don Silsbe

7:30 PM

Celebrant: Albert Le Blanc Jr.

Sunday, February 25th – Service of Word and Prayer

Worship Leader: Albert Le Blanc Jr.

Sermon Topic: "If"

Ash Wednesday Services:

Our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, February 21st. To mark the beginning of our journey, there will be two church services held that day: 12:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Holy Communion and distribution of ashes will be offered at both services.

Baptism Announcement

We welcomed through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 28th, Claire Elise Setser, daughter of Garrett and Nori Setser. Proud Peace grandparents are Ron & Diane Setser. Serving as Godparents were Joseph and Lori Long. Let us keep our new little Christian sister in our prayers.

Board of Christian Outreach

Military Assistance – Beginning January 28th through Sunday, February 18, 2007 we will be collecting items from a critical needs list provided by the Medical Family Assistance Center of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. When wounded troops from all branches of the military return from Iraq or Afghanistan they arrive at Walter Reed with nothing. The items listed on the critical list are meant to sustain, assist and support our wounded and the family member (normally spouse or mother). Cash donations are also welcomed as they can be used to purchase necessary items or to assist with shipping costs. The list and mailing information is available in the parlor or you can call Dawn Bernard @ 313-381-2693 or Bev Helms @ 734-379-4256. If this outreach effort is difficult for you then please pray for our troops who bravely serve us.

“I’d Rather Be Reading”

The "I'd Rather Be Reading" group met January 16 at Carolyn Rackyleft's home to discuss The Glass Castle and enjoy delicious desserts and coffee. The next gathering will be March 20th at Diane Setser's home at 7p.m. The discussion will be on Marley and Me. Come join us for an entertaining evening. Questions or more information, call Karen McNeil @734-362 8223.

Come Join the Chorus!

Happy February! I am really proud of all the hard work that both the Junior Choir and Senior Choir have put in this year, and from I've heard from several members, this congregation loves them! Well, let me tell you, you have not heard anything of what they can do yet! This month, you will be completely impressed! The Junior Choir is already singing harmonies and on February 11th, you will hear the Senior Choir sing in six parts (usually it is two to four; six is really hard stuff!!!) along with the Junior Choir in two parts singing, “Love One Another” by Ruth Elaine Schram. They have put a great deal of work in this piece, and I can guarantee you will love it! Don't let this talk about all this work scare you from coming though; we do have fun, too.

Also, I once read a book that I pulled out of a cereal box Horace and Morris Join the Chorus (but what about Delores?) by James Howe, which sits proudly on the shelf in my office. It talks about how Delores loved to sing, which she did day in and day

out. She just couldn't sing nearly as well as Horace and Morris. When auditions came for the choir, she didn't make the cut. She was so heartbroken that she wrote a poem to the choir director expressing her sadness. When he read it, he was amazed at how lyrical it was and saw how everybody had a place in the choir. He worked with her outside of the rehearsal times, and her voice got stronger. On the day of the concert, the choir sang a song to the text Delores had written, and Delores was singing with them.

You see, there really is a place for EVERYBODY in the choir. I think it would be great if the whole church came to our choir practices; I will find a spot for each and every one of you. Remember, I am my mother's daughter... Junior Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 and Senior Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

Come Blow Your Horns!

Youth – you may have heard that I want to get all you band members and instrument players together to play some hymns for Easter. If you are interested, please email me at bonnieschipping@hotmail.com, call me at (313) 999-1012, or talk to me on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Sundays at church.



Talent Show?? Interested in starting up the Talent Show again? I am. If you are, contact me by email at bonnieschipping@hotmail.com, call me at (313) 999-1012, or talk to me on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Sundays at church to let me know about any ideas you may have.



Coffee Café Opens!

Join fellow Peace members for coffee and fellowship at the tables near the kitchenette off the Parlor from 10:00-10:50am before Sunday services.

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.

Soup & Breadline

Sunday, February 18th

Please join us for a "Soup & Bread" lunch on Sunday February 18th after the 11:00 am service. A sign up sheet is available in the parlor for those that would like to bring their favorite soups and homemade breads. There will have tables set up in the fellowship hall downstairs and in our upstairs parlor. Our youth will be available to serve both the upstairs and downstairs areas. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Downriver Community Food Pantry in Wyandotte. Hope to see you there.

St. Anne's Altar Guild

re: The Use of Flowers in Church

It is stated in our altar guild book, "Flowers are placed in church to worship and glorify God and are an expression of the beauty and goodness of God. Artificial flowers should not be used, for only genuine things are in harmony with the church's worship."

Norma Wansa, as our flower chairman, orders and arranges the flowers which help to beautify our church throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent. We are thankful for her years of dedicated service in the guild.

If you wish to provide altar flowers for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions:

1. Sign up for the Sunday of your choice on the altar flower list which is posted on the wall in the long hallway near the parlor. (If someone has already chosen the day you want, your flowers can be placed on a pedestal by the altar.)
2. The cost for a floral arrangement is \$25.00. (Special requests may be more.) Checks should be made out to St. Anne's Altar Guild and placed in the offering plate or given to our treasurer, Gerre Menzel. Please include information that will enable us to properly acknowledge payments and memorials.

Last year we had many Sundays when there were no flowers on the altar. For example, there were none the first 3 Sundays in November. Let us try to do better this year. Remember or recognize a loved one in this special way while also beautifying God's house for all of us.

Lucille Hrivnak, Chairman

Mary Martha Guild News

The next meeting will be on February 13th at 7:00pm in the Parlor.

A New Cantor!

Beginning in February, you might think that you are seeing double. No, your eyesight is not at fault. Stephania Andrews is training to become a cantor! During the next month or so, she will be joining me in the chancel. Together, we will chant the liturgy, providing you with a sort of liturgical duet. I am delighted that she has chosen to employ her gift in this way. And I am pleased to share this ministry with her. May God bless her in her new endeavor.
Cantor Silsbe

Cathedral Directories

Our yearly directory is published each year at no cost to us by Cathedral Publishing. They will be publishing our church's membership directory very soon. Please contact Mary Kalinowski if you or someone you might know, would like to take advantage of this great advertising opportunity, by calling 248-545-1415.

A New Pastor?

Here's a quick update on the current status of our search for a new pastor.

(Please note that the deadline for the February newsletter was January 24th, which was when this article was written. Many developments are planned for the next few weeks. Please refer to the insert in the worship folders in February, for further developments.)

At the Voters' Assembly on January 14th, the congregation decided to enter into an Intentional Interim Ministry program. The purpose of this program is to help Peace evaluate her strengths, weaknesses, and her mission in the community. The assembly also agreed to empower the Board of Elders to choose a candidate for an intentional interim pastor. (These pastors are called by Synod. Therefore, Peace does not "call" an II pastor.) On the 15th, the Board of Elders had a long meeting with Synod's second candidate—Pastor Cynthia Stengel. They decided not to accept this candidate from Synod. They felt that she was not a good fit for Peace.

The Church Council and Board of Elders are planning to meet with Pastor Cherlyne Beck, Assistant to the Bishop for Vocation, on January 28th. We will discuss what happened on the 15th, and seek to find a direction for the future. All of this will be discussed at the town hall meeting on January 30th. Various topics will be discussed, and "straw polls" will be taken. Results of this meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the long hallway.

Please continue to pray for the church leaders, both here at Peace and also at Synod.

Sunday School News

We have been learning a lot and having fun along the way during our adventures in Sunday School. There is much more in store for February, check out the schedule below:

February 4th---relive the tale of Jonah, brought to us by our Super Sunday School Teacher Rob Montie

February 11th--join us for a very special lesson on Valentine's Day presented by the Talented Sunday School Teacher Carolyn Rackleyft.

February 18th--Sunday School Trip for Breakfast at McDonald's---along with a presentation of our Hunger Mission Project for Tanzania by the High School Class.

February 25--Church Tour/Scavenger Hunt---join us for our exploration of the church building with our informative and knowledgeable tour guide Don Pushman.

Youth Group

Discussions have begun regarding the formation of a youth group for grades 6-12. Information on confirmation camp has been passed along. If you did not receive any please contact Kim Bogusz 734-283-8827. We are tentatively planning several projects. There will be a service project to benefit the Downriver Community Food Bank---this will be a Soup and Bread Line on February 18th. Currently we will be working on Valentine's Messages....

Valentine's Messages

Send someone a special Valentine's Message, handcrafted by the Peace Youth. It can be for your child, parent, grandparent, member of the congregation, board member, etc. Let someone know how much you appreciate them, send them well wishes to cheer their day, etc. Valentine's can be ordered beginning January 28th and continuing on February 4th and will be available for pick-up in the parlor February 11th. Let someone in the congregation know how special they are!! Cost will be \$.50 per valentine and will include your own special message or one you pre-select from our choices. All proceeds go to the Peace Youth Group Fund.

Galilee By The Sea

We will be continuing our Holy Land Adventure starting in March, with Group Publishing's Galilee By the Sea. We encourage everyone to join us in our journey. This program is for all ages, as we explore life as it was when Jesus walked and taught among us. We can truly gain a greater understanding, and bring ourselves closer to Christ and his message through this experience. Please consider participating or volunteering. More information will be coming in the worship bulletins and in the Parlor.

February Birthdays

2/2 Barbara Fredricks, Adrienne Cowell, Eric Harmon
2/3 Elizabeth LeBeau
2/5 Julie Catalano
2/6 Lisa Neifert
2/7 Stacy Catalano
2/9 Tim Gerberding, Valerie Anderson
2/10 Gary Neifert, Nori Setser
2/11 Robert Montie, Marilyn Staten, Scott Silsbe, Robert LaPlante, Gabriel LeBeau
2/13 Christopher Rowledge
2/14 Christopher Bogusz
2/17 Timothy Harcas
2/18 Michael Rhoades
2/19 Loretta Welch
2/20 Kimberly Wayt
2/23 Betty Hiltunen, Marilyn LaPlante
2/24 Haley Reeves, Timothy Rhoades
2/25 David Kaminski, Jr.
2/26 Alicen Pushman
2/27 Tim Kilander, Daniel Monear
2/28 Todd Pushman, Kyle Winton

Special Anniversaries

2/4	Calvin & Ramona Schotter	35 years
2/10	Dennis & Patricia Martin	10 years
2/24	Daniel & Amy Kaminski	1 year
2/29	Dennis & Brenda Papineau	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. The Chapter Board will allocate the budgeted funds on a first come first serve basis which means the funds are usually allocated by the end of February for 2007.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir	2	3
4 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: COMMUNION	5 7:00pm: Elders Mtg.	6 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	7 5:30: Jr. Choir 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: Wed. Unplugged	8 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir	9	10
11 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: Worship	12	13 Office Hours: 10am-2pm 7:00: Church Council 7:00: Mary Martha Guild Mtg.	14 5:30: Jr. Choir 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: Wed. Unplugged	15 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 6:30: Brd. of Finance 7:30: Sr. Choir	16	17
18 9:45: Sunday School 11:00: COMMUNION Soup & Breadline	19	20 Office Hours: 10am-2pm	21 5:30: Jr. Choir 6:30: Confirmation 7:30: Ash Wednesday Communion	22 Office Hours: 9am-11am 10:00: G.O.A.L. 7:30: Sr. Choir	23	24
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CalendarsThatWork.com

Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Trustee	Ushers	Sound Tech	Altar Guild	Readers	Organist
Feb. 4	Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Cantor: Don Silsbe	Barb Pushman	Mike Wansa, Connor Winton, Mike Neifert, Kyle Winton	Peter Montie	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, N. Yakowich & R. Wilson	Tonya Cade	Lucille Hrivnak	Jan Scherbarth Barb Pushman	Mary Tollefson
Feb. 7	Don Silsbe								Mary Tollefson
Feb 11	Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Jeri Wicklander	Andrew Campbell, Laura Campbell, Shelby Morse, C.J. Morse	Robert Bernard	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	Sean Morse	Lise Corby	Marilyn Acker, Dianne Reichel, Jeri Wicklander	Jennifer Rosati
Feb 14	Don Silsbe								Mary Tollefson
Feb 18	Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Cantor: Don Silsbe	Terri Silsbe	Alex Wayt, Kevin Mulligan, Amanda Mulligan, Stacy Catalano	Bob Snell	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, R. Wilson & N. Yakowich	Jerry Gnadt	Nancy Harvey	Mary Jacobs, Don Pushman	Mary Tollefson
Feb. 21 12:30pm 7:30pm Ash Wed. Communion	Don Silsbe Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Wendy Tinsler Terri Silsbe					TBA Jan Scherbarth		Mary Tollefson Mary Tollefson
Feb. 25	Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Wendy Tinsler	Stephania Andrews, Britnie Ford, Blake Menzel, David Kaulbars	Peter Montie	M. Ziesmer, G. Elsner, M. Catalano, B. Gnadt & J. Thomas	John Cade	Mary Ziesmer	Dianne Reichel, Brigitte DuFour, Richard Geiser	Jennifer Rosati
Feb. 28	Don Silsbe								Mary Tollefson

Bread Baker for January: Julie Catalano

Help Wanted

There are many opportunities at Peace to put your spiritual gifts to work.

Here's just a few. Contact the people listed to get involved. If you have a special gift or talent that is not listed below, please talk to one of these people. They'll be happy to help you build up the Body of Christ.

Albert Le Blanc (734) 552-8863

Don Silsbe (248) 798-4426

Todd Pushman (734) 658-7453

Rob Montie (313) 929-1512

- Lead a Sunday morning adult Bible class (Albert or Don Silsbe)
- Chair or assist with youth activities (Kim Bogusz 734-283-8827)
- Sing in the choir. (Male voices are desperately needed!) (Bonnie Schippling 313-999-1012)
- Teach children (Kim Bogusz 734-283-8827)
- Do work around the church building (by joining the Trustees) (Bob Snell 734-783-1986)
- Help others get in touch with their gifts and talents (by joining the Stewardship Board) (Gwen Montie 734-282-9133)
- Care for those in need (by joining the Board of Christian Outreach) (Bev Helms 313-388-2134 or Dawn Bernard 313-381-2693)
- Care and nurture incoming visitors and members (by joining the Board of Christian Outreach) (Bev Helms 313-388-2134 or Dawn Bernard 313-381-2693)
- Teach a new member's class (Albert or Don Silsbe)
- Operate the sound system at a worship service (it only looks complicated!) (Sean Morse 734-247-4982)
- Help the Board of Education put on exciting and fun programs for our children (Kim Bogusz 734-283-8827)
- Care for the plants and flowers inside and outside our building (Ruth Schmidt 734-282-4534)
- Care for the linens and vessels that are used on our altar (by joining the St. Anne's Altar Guild) (Lucille Hrivnak 734-676-0833)

- Help out in the office for an hour or two each week (Kris Jaskula 734-284-1922 or Todd Pushman)
- Visit Members who are sick or shut-in (Albert or Rob Montie)
- Care for the spiritual health of Peace members, by joining the Board of Elders (Rob Montie)
- Conduct a First Communion Prep class for our children (Albert)

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"

Gail Andrews, Mary Ann Buchau, Bob Gnad, Mary Jacobs, Mike Ziesmer, Barb Byrd, Don Jacobs, Julie Rettke, Norman Kaminski, Dolores Kaminski, Terry Koons, Betty Rehbein, Elinor Durand, Rob Montie, John Demyon, Dave & Ruth Taylor, Elnora Ebendick, Rosa Fox, Jeff Thomas, Al Varga, Wilma Looker, Terri Silsbe, John Balger, Marilyn Jacob, and Peace Church.

Ernie, Alice, Terry Vincent & family, Scott McKilican & family, Deb, John, Bill, Katie, Tony Bonsall, Mary Vorpapel, Gary Perry, Sr., Michael Balger, Walter & Luann, Rita, Shawn & Jeff Basone, Alice, Douglas, Don Rehbein, Nick, Nancy, and Ashley.

Please pray for the family of Robert Wilson who entered the Church Triumphant last month and his wife, Jane who grieves for his loss.

Also, keep the Perry Family and the family of Bernice Bellanger who joined the Church Triumphant on January 24th.

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.

From the Trustees

The Trustees want to thank Dale LeBeau for coming to the rescue and helping with the flood situation in the parlor last weekend.

By the time you get this newsletter the contractors should be finished with our new roof. We are still in need of pledges to pay off the loan we secured to finish the project. Please make your pledge.

Also, we still need more trustees. Please think about this and give us a hand. Thanks.

Bob Snell, Trustee Chairman

Bottle and Can Drive Results

Grand Total: \$ 695.90 This money goes to our general fund. Thank you for your support!

Just Reading the Bible

2 Chronicles 14 - We meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings in the church office. Join us anytime.

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