



Dear Friends through Christ:

Tis the season to feel blessed! Happy Thanksgiving! And folks, we truly have much to be thankful for, starting with the blessing of being able to have a vote in who will be the next person, or persons to help run this glorious nation. We as Americans have more rights and freedoms than most. We as Americans also have more power and influence throughout our world. Our nation at this time has accumulated more wealth and modern luxuries than most of the planet can only imagine. All I've got to say, is that as a nation and as Christians it would be a shame not to share all those blessings from heavenly Father. We truly have much! Happy Thanksgiving!

Our Church Year is ending on November 24th with Christ the King Sunday. We began this journey with the very first line of Mark, "*The beginning of the good news about Jesus, the Son of God.*" Yet, what we noticed throughout the gospel of Mark is that nobody recognizes Jesus as the Son of God, even though Jesus keeps doing all these crazy things. Nobody in the gospel of Mark knows that Jesus is God's Son, nobody. Throughout our story, only the demons and the Roman centurion who nails Jesus to the Cross recognize Jesus for who he is! Crazy uh?

So, after spending almost a year immersed in this fascinating story, my question to you is, "Do you now recognize Jesus as the Son of God?"

Just a few weeks ago, we also learned that Jesus is the Son of Man. Jesus, son of God, faithful and serving God. Jesus, son of Man, faithful and serving Humanity. Jesus teaches us something incredible. He says, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." This person Jesus, a man given by God more power and influence than any human being who has ever walked the face of this God green earth.

And what does Jesus do with these gifts? He shares them. He gives them away. I guess Jesus thought it be a shame not to share these blessing from the Father. Happy Thanksgiving!

Like I said, tis the season to feel blessed. Remember to grab a Thanksgiving bag or two and help feed those who struggle with the necessities of food. Then just around the corner at Christmas, many of our elderly and children have not accumulated the wealth and luxuries that so many of us are blessed with. Many have nothing to give or get. You will be given the opportunity to share with others and be a blessing to another person, being Christlike, serving God and serving others. Take a Christmas angel or two. Folks that is our purpose! Daughter/Son of God! Son/Daughter of humanity.

Also at this time of the year, "Scrip," the program my wife, Sandy is passionate about because it helps to feed the poor, anyway Scrip offers about every store a person can think of for "gift cards." And some of the gift cards give back 10% and 20%. And presto, then you are done with a Christmas present. Want another way to find to be thankful? Sometime, right after Christmas, I'm going to need some help with purchasing about 30 text books on World's Religion, where I'm offering up my time and knowledge for low income families to receive college credits without the cost. The class will be open to all.

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Also soon, we will be offering fun opportunities to help in raising funds to add recreational opportunities for the younger generation. Coming soon, Saturday Food Trucks! Plus, at the beginning of the year our chapel will be held in the Sanctuary, on Wednesday, probably right before lunch, with at least 60 students and teachers. Here our youth will learn the art of public speaking and taking part in exciting discussions about God, humanity, and life, all while reading Scripture. Chapel will probably only last about 20 minutes, but it too will be open to adults, might make it interesting.

One final note relating to Thanksgiving, a couple of newsletters ago I wrote how Peace is pretty much “filled up” during the week doing what She feels is the “work of the Lord.” Well, we managed to squeeze in one needed ministry, a “cold night shelter,” I spoke of a year ago. When the temperature falls below 45°, our fellowship hall becomes a place where the homeless receive a warm meal served with dignity, and a place to lay their head. (Counseling/Bible/Movies till 9PM) 7AM Breakfast and sent back to the world with lunch and a bus ticket. The Brevard Homeless Coalition runs the nuts and bolts of the program, the churches volunteer to provide a meal or breakfast.

Tis the season to feel blessed! Happy Thanksgiving! And folks, we truly have much to be thankful for! As I put the closing thoughts to my 315th newsletter, (give or take a few), I realize this is the 6th election I have gone through as a pastor, and Tuesday, November 5th, Peace will serve as a voting site, another ministry to this community. By the time you read this letter, perhaps we will know the outcome, or maybe not, but either way the results have no bearing on the work of Peace Lutheran, the results have no bearing on my purpose as a child of God.

May I just say, “Pray for whomever wins! Because no matter what, we truly have much and as Christians it would be shame for us not to share it! Happy Thanksgiving!”

In Christian Love,

Pastor Trexler



Treasurer’s Responsibilities

The TREASURER, an appointed, non-voting officer, will be the custodian of all monies of this Congregation and will disburse the monies as directed by the PLC Leadership. A current and accurate record of all transactions will be maintained on Power Church and presented to PLC Leadership on a monthly basis.

- Pay all recurring bills as directed by the Peace Lutheran Leadership.
- Negotiate Property, Liability Insurance and Workman’s Compensation Annually.
- Ensure Power Church books are maintained properly and audit ready.
- Present monthly and annual reports to the council and congregation as required.
- Provide guidance on budget for ensuing year and present to the congregation at the annual meeting.
- Working knowledge of Excel is very helpful.
- Will need to learn the Power Church program.

(The Treasurer is not responsible for the recording of contributions, depositing monies, or other duties handled by the Financial Secretary.)

Extra! Extra!

Pack-a-Sack



It's that time of year again to think about the holidays and the food we enjoy at that time.

Peace participates annually in a **Pack-a-Sack** program that provides the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal.

Brown bags are in the **Narthex** with all the items needed (except turkey). Please take 1 or 2 bags and fill them with requested items and return it back to the Narthex by **November 18th**.

Have joy in knowing you are helping provide a happy Thanksgiving for others.

Christmas Angels

We will once again be receiving Christmas Angels. Both children and seniors. I will let everyone know as soon as they become available.



Prayer Sisters



Keep on praying! The ministry that you do makes a difference in the life of your Prayer Sister. You are all thoughtful, compassionate and amazing women. I admire you all.

The Prayer Sister Tea will be upcoming early in the new year. Keep in tune for the details.



Please take a look at the list of Retailers that participate in the Scrip program and consider purchasing your Christmas gifts using the gift cards or giving the gift cards as a gift themselves. ALL proceeds go to support our Food Pantry. This is an easy way to give to our community without having to buy/spend more, these are things you would already be spending money on, just now it will help benefit our church Food Pantry.



Can you consider a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) to PLC?

Over the past few years PLC has been blessed by some members who have made a significant QCD to our ministry and it has been critical in keeping this lampstand shining. Below is the first paragraph describing QCD's from Fidelity Charitable followed by a link to it for all the details (you will need to type or copy and paste the address into your browser manually). You can arrange for a QCD from your IRA custodian, they all support it. A big advantage of a QCD is you can support PLC's mission with a donation from a traditional IRA that is not subject to federal tax withholding, whereas if you had that distribution paid to you, federal tax would be deducted and less would then be available to offer. If you have any questions after reading the below information and the website contact your IRA administrator. Most administrators (Fidelity, Schwab, TRowePrice etc) allow you to complete the request online with a check of your designated amount sent directly to PLC. From the first paragraph of the Fidelity article:

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to donate up to \$105,000 total to one or more charities directly from a taxable IRA as part or whole of taking their required minimum distributions. As a result, donors may avoid being pushed into higher income tax brackets and prevent phaseouts of other tax deductions, though there are some other limitations.

The full article at below website:

<https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/philanthropy/qualified-charitable-distribution>

If you are required to take a Required Mandatory Distribution (RMD), please consider this opportunity to increase your stewardship at PLC in the amount that would otherwise go to withholding taxes.

Treasurer's Report for November 2024

Greetings to all members, visitors, and friends of Peace Lutheran Church.

Our YTD contributions continue to be over and above the budget and our YTD expenses are under budget. That is a great place to be going into November. God is good!

Please consider giving an extra offering (weekly or monthly) (on the same check as your tithe) to the Major Repair Fund for the roof replacement. Just mark it "Roof Repairs" and the extra amount you wish to give. The Major Roof Fund stands at \$15,967.71 at the end of September.

Many people give to the Food Pantry, Memorial Fund, Children's Hunger Project, VBS, etc. on a regular basis just by adding that extra amount to your one check and designating same on your envelope.

The contribution envelope will be ready for members by the middle of December. If you are not using envelopes now and wish to, please speak to the undersigned or send an email that you would like to use envelopes in 2025. Your tax statements will not be available until after the New Year.

The Church Council and I continue to pray for someone to step up and volunteer to be Treasurer. Speak to Tom Accola if you're interested. God will provide.

God bless all who give freely of their time, tithes and talents.

Your sister in Christ,

Faye Schill, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Fund for September 2024

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	\$12,466.00	\$157,362.62	\$141,087.78
Loose Contributions & Other	\$729.50	\$6,931.60	\$7,279.56
Use of Facilities	\$14,790.00	\$45,766.11	\$39,750.03
Total Income	\$27,985.50	\$210,060.33	\$188,117.37
Expenses	\$22,670.18	\$180,321.23	\$188,117.28

Excess Income for September 2024: **(\$5,315.32)**

The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (utilities, salaries, lawn care, insurance, mortgage, etc.)

The Building Maintenance Fund stands at \$6,197.45 for new Air Conditioners and other projects. During September, no AC's were replaced. Yeah!

Did you know? Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for Children's Hunger Project, and so on.



WIKOFF, Kenny & Holly (39) 11/07

(numbers of years married)



DALE, Phyllis 11/01

ZRUTSKIE, Terry 11/01

HOFFMAN, Donald 11/04

WITTER, Michael 11/05

KING, Ivy 11/08

DARBY, Jacqueline 11/10

LAPLANTE, Christian 11/12

SHELLER, Betty 11/13

RAMSEY, Christopher 11/14

SEARCH, Virginia 11/15

MCKENY, Sean 11/20

HORNBURG, Lucas 11/23

ROBINSON, Jacqui 11/24

MCKENY, Dale 11/25

RAMSEY, Jimmy 11/27



Lori Deaton	George Robbins	Viola Forrester	Betsy Witter	Denise Thomas & children/grands
Ryan Dasinger	Don Hoffman	David Pinkerton	Karl Bromm	Yvonne Burns
Rick Pellecchia	Betty Sheller	Pastor David & Sandy Trexler	Paul Bickford	Marion Elliott
Jacqueline Darby	Tonita Diaz	Gary Witter	Sally Cook	Mardelle Hansen
Debbie Parks	Theresa Bradley	Carolyn Tarkka	Suzie McKeny	Sherry Anderson
Matt Parks	Gary Gossett	Helga Bromm	Lou Madden	Raphel Rivera
Enid Rodriguez	Deb Moleski	Phyllis Dale	David Schill	
	June Trotter	Bill & Nancy Love	Michael Adams	
	Ariel Cook	Christian LaPlante	Sylvia Elliott	
	David Flaherty	Matt Parks		

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 3:00pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH	28 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm Vista Oaks HOA - FH	29 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	30 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	31 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	1 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:30pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH	2 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
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Bits & Pieces

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Give us a LIKE and get updates, spiritual messages, events and any changes.

Or visit us on our website
www.peacelutheranpb.org



Jesus says in Matthew 25, "For I was hungry and you gave me food... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Where do you buy groceries, gas, prescriptions? What restaurants do you like? Where do you purchase clothing or things for around the house? A couple weeks ago, Peace began a program called Scrip. Simply and I mean simply, purchase the cards following worship or order whatever you want for the following week. That's it. 100% of the proceeds will go toward our food pantry in feeding the poor.

We are going to shop no matter what. We might as well serve the Lord in the process. I love the program because it helps me think more about God. I don't always do that when I use my debit or credit card. When I'm out having a meal with family or friends, shopping at the mall with my wife, doing some work around the house, and I go to pay the bill with my Scrip card, I find myself lifting up a word of thanksgiving for being able to enjoy the blessings given by my Creator.

Give it try. See how you feel.



Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway we can. Your generous donations will

allow us to continue to help them and together, we can see our community get stronger!

Our pantry is open on: **Tuesday's—9:00AM-11:00AM**

Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the food pantry. It truly makes a difference in our community.

Please help us keep our list of military personnel up-to-date!
Call or e-mail the office with any changes in status, rank, or location! Thank you!

E.J. Alcario, Iraq

John Bedford, Iraq

Kristen Hall AF, Iraq

**Capt. Brian Nailing,
Ft. Cavazos, TX**

**Maj. AD Dennis Peoples,
Rock Island Arsenal, IL**

**Major Nathan Schill,
Pentagon, VA**

**USN FC3 Stephen Weaver,
USS Dewey**

**Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,
Norfolk, VA**

**1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,
E. Africa**



Saturday Night
**CASUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM

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Worship

5:00PM—Saturday Night Worship
8:30AM—Bible Study
10:00AM—Worship Service



We Serve

Altar Guild—Set up and prepare for communion each week, usually serving one month at a time; more people are needed.

Worship Servants—Sunday Worship Assistants and Communion Assistants are needed.

Office Helpers—Those who help with Newsletter mailings, etc. Please call Jacqui in church office (321)727-3131

Chancel Choir—Wednesday night rehearsals—7:00PM

Bell Choir—Call Cindy Wagman to learn more about our bell choirs 321-830-4207.

Money Counters—Teams of two people working for one month at a time. Call church office if interested.

In the Nursery—Nursery is available during worship.

Property/Grounds—There is always plenty of work to be done here. Please contact Steve Barnett.

Projectionists Needed—We need people who can use the remote for our Slide Presentations on Sunday morning . Please see Pastor David Trexler for details if you would like to volunteer.

Call and Caring—Our team visits people who are in the hospital, nursing homes, and who are homebound. See Terry Neumann for more information.

Please call the office to be a servant for the Lord by taking on one or more of these opportunities. (321)727-3131

