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The Olive Branch

*Peace Lutheran Church... A Life-Changing Community,
 Sharing Christ's Love!*

Dear Friends through Christ:

Our office manager, **Jacqui Robinson**, who keeps this place running and keeps me in line, she just informed me that I had a newsletter due. What? Already? I thought we weren't sending one out for July? I am right in the middle of a week-long VBS with 55 little rugrats. (I call them rugrats because of the cartoon. They are adorable but come with chaos). I've got so much to do right now I can't see straight; it is sort of insane. Now I must think of something somewhat important to say. Harder than you think.

It's sort of sad, but not really, that Sundays seem to be the quietest day of the week here at Peace Lutheran Church. During the rest of the week this Lampstand is teeming with activity and come this fall, Peace will be even crazier. Plus, all the programs and activities point to God. Our Lampstand is full and keeping Christ in the center. Like I said, our quiet time seems to be Sunday morning for worship, and to tell you the truth, I'm running out of ideas of how to change that.

Perhaps there are just not enough of us who deeply appreciate being inside such a beautiful sanctuary, with symbols everywhere, all pointing us to God. Maybe there aren't enough who relish a "concert like" prelude to clear the mind for the worship and praise of God. There must not be many who feel washed when confessions are made. Perhaps it's the style of music, where Peace uses more classical, more musical pieces that have stood the test of time, while incorporating newer songs, which survived. Are not enough touched by the music of a choir who works hard to bring us the gospel? Do our multiple readings from the Old Testament, Psalms, an Epistle, and the Gospel turn people off? Is there something up with the preaching? I used to think one of the few gifts God blessed me with was relating Scripture to others—preaching—but now I'm starting to question whether that gift is fading. I don't know, maybe our prayers for the church, the world and those in need, maybe they're too long. Then we add the whole communion experience of just sitting there waiting to get in line for a taste of a little piece of stale bread and a baby cup of cheap wine. Maybe there are just not enough of us who appreciate the way we worship?

Let me ask a question... Do we start giving up, getting rid of elements of worship that make many us of whole? Do we change the way we worship to attract more people? Or do we attract more people by letting them know this is a style of worship that makes us whole? Come and See! I don't know about you, but I can't tell you how many times I've walked out our worship experience feeling refreshed and forgiven. I can't tell you how many times that stale piece of bread and cheap wine have gotten me through some exceedingly challenging times. Me personally, I think there are plenty of us out there who can be blessed with our style of worship. The problem is there are too many around us that just don't know what happens inside.

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That's your task! Share with those around you all that Peace Lutheran does for this community. Share with them how we worship. And then simply invite them to, "Come and See."

The past six years, we have filled up our campus doing work of the Lord. Plus, we are finally operating with a balanced budget. Now we need to work toward making Sunday morning the busiest day of the week. We do this by filling up our sanctuary with people who seek God. There are enough out there. We just need to invite more and more often. Because I believe if people are searching and if they come and see Peace Lutheran, God will find them.

This summer be safe and have fun, but also remember to share with others what makes you whole—Jesus Christ—and simply invite them to "Come and See."

In Christian Love,

Pastor David Trexler

PS: I wrote the same letter to President Trump and Biden, mailed it, and silence.

Extra! Extra!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By the time this newsletter comes out we have completed VBS for 2024. Thank you to all volunteers of Peace Lutheran, In-Season Ministries and Lifeline Academy for helping again this year. We had 55 children register and close to 30 volunteers to keep the children safe, well fed, and hopefully we planted a mustard seed of faith in all. Pastor Trexler did an outstanding job with the opening and closing each day. For the first year we had a daily music teachers from Jay's Music helping us with new contemporary songs and old faithful songs (This Little Light of Mine, etc.).

Thank you to the family of Peace Lutheran for donating food articles for snacks, water, and fruit. The children and volunteers enjoyed snack time and had a wonderful fellowship.

The last day of VBS, we had a program and luncheon for VBS students, volunteers, parents and members of Peace, to celebrate the conclusion of the week. We shared hot dogs, chips and desserts.

Thanks again for helping to make it a successful VBS program.

Deb Baumung and Faye Schill, Co-Directors



Treasurer's Report

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

As you can see below, our contributions have fallen, and our expenses have increased because of the three payrolls in May which have outpaced our income by \$13,756.83. We continue to be in the black in our YTD.

We paid the entire property and liability insurance in May and June from the Savings Account. I will repay savings by transferring an amount equal to 1/12 of the total Property and Liability Insurance from checking to saving each month. This way our expenses won't be off the chart for May and June. Checking with our Mortgage company, Thrivent, we do need to have full insurance coverage until our loans are paid off.

Please consider giving an extra offering (weekly or monthly) (on the same check as your tithes) 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 \$12,403 at the end of May. We have three quotes for new roofs on Peace Place and the Sanctuary.

Leslie Leazer is training and most hopefully will be affirmed at our next congregational meeting. She's a quick study and I can't hardly wait.

Your sister in Christ,

Faye Schill, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Funds for May 2024

| | <u>May</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Contributions | \$8,495.00 | \$117,278.62 | \$78,382.10 |
| Loose Contributions & Other | \$810.00 | \$4,420.60 | \$4,044.20 |
| Use of Facilities | \$2,115.00 | \$23,341.11 | \$22,003.35 |
| Total Income | \$11,420.00 | \$145,040.33 | \$104,509.65 |
| Expenses | \$25,176.83 | \$100,329.95 | \$104,509.60 |

Excess Income for May 2024: **\$(13,756.83)**

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

The Building Maintenance Fund stands at \$9,019.95 for new Air Conditioners and other projects.

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.



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| PINKERTON, Wanda & David (43) | 07/12 |
| ZRUTSKIE, Terry & Jude (60) | 07/20 |
| STOLPE, A., David & Christine H. (28) | 07/22 |
| HOFFMAN, Don & Sue (59) | 07/25 |
| MOLESKI, Debra & Charlie (44) | 08/04 |
| WITTER, Michael & Dorothy (Dottie) (5) | 08/15 |
| SCHILL, Larry & Faye (42) | 08/22 |
| ROBINSON, Anthony & Jacqui (25) | 08/28 |

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|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| BACHTEL, Pam | 07/01 | SALMONS, Bob | 08/07 |
| EDWARDS, Olivia | 07/09 | DEESE, Mary | 08/08 |
| FERENZ, Ed | 07/14 | ACCOLA, Brenda | 08/14 |
| FLAHERTY, David | 07/18 | STOLPE H., Christine | 08/14 |
| ACCOLA, Thomas | 07/21 | ARNDT, Kristina | 08/16 |
| GRICE, Mark | 07/25 | WIKOFF, Kenneth | 08/18 |
| CALLAHAN, Marion | 07/26 | LOTT, Susan | 08/20 |
| JESSWEIN, Elisabeth | 07/29 | PELLECCHIA, Henrietta | 08/20 |
| ELLIOTT, Sylvia | 07/31 | PADULA, Sarah | 08/21 |
| BAUMUNG, Deborah | 08/01 | COTTON, Jessica | 08/25 |
| DOWE, Pat | 08/01 | MADDEN, Stephanie | 08/25 |
| MARCUS, David | 08/03 | BENDER, Lynn | 08/26 |
| ZRUTSKIE, Jude | 08/03 | PRIBELL, Joyce | 08/29 |
| ARNDT, David | 08/04 | BAUMUNG, Paul | 08/30 |
| DOYLE, Brent | 08/04 | WAGMAN, Dan | 08/30 |
| GOSSETT, Molly | 08/06 | WITTER, Dorothy | 08/30 |



(numbers of years married)



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| Don Hoffman | David Flaherty | Matt Parks | Yvonne Burns |
| Betty Sheller | Viola Forrester | Betsy Witter | Marion Elliott |
| Lori Deaton | David Pinkerton | Karl Bromm | Mardelle Hansen |
| Ryan Dasinger | Pastor David & Sandy Trexler | Paul Bickford | Kenneth Lipkins |
| Rick Pellecchia | Gary Witter | Sally Cook | Allan Thomas |
| Jacqueline Darby | Carolyn Tarkka | Suzie McKeny | Kristopher Poshenback |
| Debbie Parks | Helga Bromm | Lou Madden | Ginger Taylor |
| Matt Parks | Phyllis Dale | David Schill | |
| Enid Rodriguez | Bill & Nancy Love | Michael Adams | |
| George Robbins | Christian LaPlante | Denise Thomas & children/grands | |

JULY 2024

| | | Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 30 | 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 3:00pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 1 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 2 | 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 | 3 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:30pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church | 4 | July 4th Holiday - Office Closed 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 2:00pm Stamp Club FH | 5 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 6 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship |
| 7 | 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 3:00pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 8 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 9 | 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo | 10 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:30pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 11 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 12 | 9:00am Garden Club 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 13 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship |
| 14 | 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 3:00pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 15 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 16 | 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Turkey Creek Villas - FH 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo | 17 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:30pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 18 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 19 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 20 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship |
| 21 | 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 3:00pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 22 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 23 | 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 | 24 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:30pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 25 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 26 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 27 | 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship |
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AUGUST 2024

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| 18 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 3:00pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 19 8:30am Primary Elect. Setup - FH 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 20 5:00am President Primary - FH 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 | 21 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:30pm Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer Church - FH | 22 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 23 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch | 24 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship |
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Bits & Pieces

Check us out on Facebook @ Peace Lutheran Church

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

Or visit us on our website
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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.

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,
 Ft. Leavenworth, KS

USN FC3 Stephen Weaver,
 USS Dewey
 Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,
 Norfolk, VA
 1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,
 E. Africa



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.



Saturday Night
**CASUAL
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EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM

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Worship

5:00PM—Saturday Night Worship
8:45AM—Sunday School
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 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

