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

**Dear Friends through Christ:**

I've got nothing but Good News this month! First, He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! That means our eternal future is secure! Our fear of death or damnation has been eliminated! Guilt and shame disappear! We just need to realize what Jesus has done for each of us. Then we simply believe, have faith, trust that the promises of God are true.

Sure, we don't look forward to the process of dying, just like Jesus begged his Father the cup be taken away, but what lies ahead is something we no longer dread but look forward to, because the way Revelation tries to explain, heaven is indescribable.

Every day, remember you are a precious child of the most high and living God. Every day, remember all that God has given. Every day, try to live out that day by putting a smile on Jesus' face, letting the Lord of life know His sacrifice was worth it. Return to your Baptism, Daily!

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

More good news. We had a wonderful Easter Sunrise, Breakfast and Easter Service this year, more than we have had in few years. Overall, we have new people each week exploring their faith. Praise the Lord! Please, please share with those you know that Peace Lutheran is not only a church which has a beautiful, meaningful worship, we do the Lord's work. Simply say to them, "Come and See."

More good news. For the first time since I have served Peace Lutheran, we should be able to operate on a "balanced budget" this year. Thanks to everyone who donates one single dollar, but a special thanks to the few who have shown extreme generosity. I just wish I could persuade more saints and sinners that Peace is doing the Lord's work in our community and being wise with His resources. We are blessed with a large, older, beautiful campus and thanks again to those saints who help take care of it. Our glorious Church takes a lot of tender love and even more funds to keep Her up, but for the first time as your pastor, we may end up the year in the black. Praise the Lord!

Want better news? For the first time in our ministry together, the entire campus will be full, all facilities being used in service to our Lord. Peace just signed a three year lease with "Lifeline Academy," a Christian based school, serving first to twelfth grade. Eventually, our campus will house about seventy-five high school girls and boys. Not only will the lease provide us with additional resources to pay our bills and take care of Peace, it will allow us to do more ministry. Each Wednesday, hopefully starting in the fall, Lifeline's two campuses of about a 150 little people with gather in our sanctuary for chapel, in which I will have the incredible opportunity to touch young minds! Can wait!

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Dr. Joseph Cooks, myself and council have worked through setback and frustration for two years now, but finally the space will be put to beneficial use. Joseph has 25 years of experience working with students and young adults. He has a strong relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and believes his calling to be in the ministry of education. Lifeline Academy is a school with excellent academic success, but also incorporates opportunities to teach Christian values and Biblical knowledge, helping these youth to navigate the challenges they face and equip their future with a map to an abundant life, a life Jesus desires for all.

And guess what? Peace will have a part in this ministry. First, we can keep Lifeline Academy in our prayers, and as we continue our journey down the road we can help our underfunded teachers and assist when opportunities arise.

Like I said, I've got nothing but Good News this month!

If we desire to keep this streak going and allow the Holy Spirit of God to make Peace Lutheran shine even brighter, all we need do is keep Christ in the center of our Lampstand. Realize what God has done for us. Then we begin to Love—work toward the benefit of those around us—and simply believe the Good News—He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

**In Christian Love,**

**Pastor Trexler**



What is it they say about March--in like a lamb, out like a lion? March 2024 roared all month long. It began with prep for our first council meeting of 2024—we elected officers: **President: Tom Accola; VP – Gabriele DiTota; Secretary--Dale McKeny** and once again affirmed **Fay Schill for Treasurer**. We welcomed **Leslie Leazer** to council. I also signed our lease with Lifeline Academy. I then had the great pleasure of joining a group of old friends, mostly veterans like me, including my youngest son, Paul, on a fantastic fishing trip to Guatemala. Here are some highlights of this incredible experience:

Landing at/leaving the La Aurora airport on a minibus, we pass through crowded streets, transitioning from the city's high mountain plain down a steep, twisting pass, eventually passing by banana tree farms, sugar cane fields, and 4 active volcanoes: Fuego, Pacaya, Agua, and Acatenango. After several hours, we arrived at the bustling Pacific coast town of Puerto San Jose. Life is right there before you on the dusty streets: makeshift grills and ovens; clothing and other merchandise displays, open air churches, fruit stands, 4-member families piled onto motorbikes. We were welcomed at our fishing lodge—there are several in the area—by friendly local staff who simply can't do enough to keep you well-fed and comfortable.

Lots of quiet time on the open sea as we sailed from the local marina daily for the two-hour, 30 mile boat ride to the prime fishing areas. Quiet time to marvel at God's creation—it's vastness, diversity, beauty and magnificence. A seagull poses on the back of a large turtle. Schools of spinner dolphin doing just that—spinning as they jumped from the sea surface, putting on a spectacular show for us. Flying fish escorting our boat airborne for 30 seconds per flight. Manta rays rising and somersaulting before diving back into the water. Catch & release encounters with sailfish—those magnificent creatures of the sea—and pulling in colorful dolphin—the eating kind, not Flipper--they call them dorado or mahi mahi in Guatemala, and dining on them for lunch and dinner. Returning from Guatemala to welcome Daylight Savings Time and the first day of spring: March 20. Our Lenten Wednesday soup/sandwich gatherings and Sunday school prior to Sunday services have been great blessings. Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter/Resurrection Day closed out the month.

God continues to love us individually and favor our church mightily! How do we grow our ability to spread His word and share these blessings with others?

Christ is risen!

**Tom**



When you walk into Walmart or ALDIs you sometimes see large cardboard containers full of watermelons. Well, this past month Lori was able to purchase one of those containers weighing 900lbs for 3 cents a lb. No it wasn't full of watermelons, but instead it was packed with personal care items of all kinds. Just imagine it!!!!

Toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and much more. Your generous contributions to the Food Pantry goes such a long way in providing the items our clients need for daily living.

We thank you for all that you give and we are grateful for our wonderful volunteers who continue to serve.



1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

March 4, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church  
1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32905

Dear Rev. David L Trexler, Council and Congregation:

It is with a heavy heart that our Board has decided to discontinue our Shepherd's Center program. Following the Covid pandemic, we have been unable to adequately recover enough student participation to continue offering our program of classes.

Thank you for your support of South Brevard Shepherd's Center from its 2006 organizational beginning to the present. Your unwavering support made possible an educational program for many senior citizens of South Brevard. The congregation provided volunteer Board members, who served as officers, helping with the administration. In addition, members of your congregation served as volunteer teachers, without whom we would not have had a program. The complimentary use of your facilities and publicizing of our program made it possible for us to present our classes and attract new students.

Through the years, Peace Lutheran Church was especially helpful by providing office and storage space. The recent use of the Church address for mail reception and legal purposes, as well as copying of our brochure and many other conveniences, such as meeting and classroom space, were very helpful. All this support is greatly appreciated.

Rev. Trexler, we also appreciated your personal interest in the Shepherd's Center, the many inspiring classes you provided for our students and attendance at our Board meetings.

With Sincere Appreciation,

*Helga Bromm, Pres.*

Helga Bromm, President

*Thank you*



January 24, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church  
David Trexler  
1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32905

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your December 26, 2023 donation of \$1,278.72 to The Children's Hunger Project. Your gift brings us closer to our goal to provide essential weekend nutrition to every at-risk Brevard County student. We started by feeding 27 kids at one school thirteen years ago and now provide weekend nutrition for over 4,000 kids at 60 Brevard County schools.



In a recent TCHP survey, teachers report improvement in students' attendance, academic performance, focus, interest in daily activities, and social skills when receiving our food packs. Thank you for joining us as we provide every child with the right to healthy and nutritious food, giving them the opportunity to reach their full potential. So many of the kids we serve do not have the ability to provide for themselves and we willingly take on the task to support their basic need.

Please use the camera on your phone to scan this QR code and hear it straight from our students.

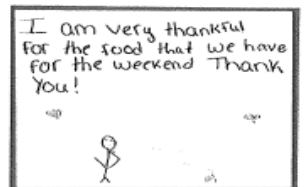
Here in Brevard County, where the number of children on the free and reduced lunch program is over 50%, your donation provides nutrition for the most vulnerable members of our community. With your help, The Children's Hunger Project is providing vital nutrition to help children be successful in school and in life. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." --Mother Teresa.

Thank you again for your generous support. No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.

Sincerely,  
**Cheryl Cominsky**  
Cheryl Cominsky, Executive Director

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*Thank you for your outstanding support!*



The Children's Hunger Project  
The Shah Center to End Childhood Hunger  
26 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922  
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Cheryl Cominsky - Executive Director



# Treasurer's Report

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

As you can see below, financially we had an excellent month due to two members giving their yearly tithe. We are also under budget in our expenses for the year. Yeah! Our thanks to all who contribute and give with a joyful heart. God bless you. This amount brings the General Fund into the black and gives us a cushion when it's time to pay the property and liability insurance at the end of May.

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. You will soon see a thermometer (by popular demand) in the narthex showing what is needed for a new roof.

Leslie Leazer has volunteered to take over the treasurer's job. We have started training, and she has my deepest gratitude.

We have a signed lease with Lifeline Academy beginning in March and going through August of 2027. This will help tremendously with finances for the church. They will be using the Education Building exclusively and the Fellowship Hall M-F 7 – 4. In August you will see children and young people on the church campus along with our regular groups (Meals on Wheels, Brown Bag Brunch, CODA, and In-Season Ministries) using the campus.

Your sister in Christ,

**Faye Schill, Treasurer**  
[treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org](mailto:treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org)

## Treasurer's Report of General Funds for February 2024

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$71,040.98	\$85,454.62	\$31,352.84
Loose Contributions & Other	\$442.00	\$1,251.56	\$1,617.68
Use of Facilities	\$2,145.00	\$2,145.00	\$8,833.34
Total Income	<b>\$73,627.98</b>	\$86,706.18	\$41,803.86
Expenses	<b>\$19,362.16</b>	\$36,212.34	\$41,803.86

Excess Income for February 2024: **\$54,265.82**  
(Total Monthly Income less Monthly Expenses)

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

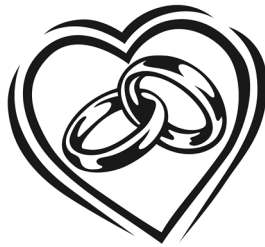
The Building Maintenance Fund stands at \$14,074.95 for new Air Conditioners and other projects. We did replace an AC in the Education Building in February, which will be paid for in March

**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.



GRICE, Mark & Jennifer (48)            04/02  
 BAUMUNG, Paul & Deborah (50)        04/06  
 BARNETT, Steve & Yonna (52)          04/08  
 MITCHELL, Ronald & Judy (64)         04/30

MASSEY, Steven                            04/01  
 BARNETT, Steve                            04/02  
 WAINIKAINEN, Paul                      04/02  
 CARBERRY, Jennifer                      04/04  
 FLAHERTY, Janet                         04/09  
 PATELSKI, Jeffery                        04/12  
 SEARCH, Lori                                04/17



(numbers of years married)



Kris Friant	Ariel Cook	Gary Witter	Paul Bickford
George Robbins	Manuel Rodriguez	Carolyn Tarkka	Frank Miller
Don Hoffman	David Flaherty	Helga Bromm	Sally Cook
Lori Deaton	Viola Forrester	Phyllis Dale	Suzie McKeny
Ryan Dasinger	Gary Gossett, Jr.	Bill & Nancy Love	Megan O'Neal
Rick Pellecchia	Dan Rank	Christian LaPlante	Lou Madden
Ann Beardslee	David Pinkerton	Matt Parks	Allison Patton
Jacqueline Darby	Maliaka Singleton	Betsy Witter	Michael Adams
Debbie Parks	Pastor David & Sandy Trexler	Karl Bromm	Kim McGibney
Matt Parks		Carleen Loneski	Nathan Schwartz
Enid Rodriguez	Denise Thomas		





Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Sunrise Service 7:30am Easter Breakfast 10:00am Easter Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	1	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	2	9:00am <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm <b>Men's</b> Via de Cristo 7:00pm <b>Women's</b> Via de Cristo - WWV Room	3	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 2:00pm Stamp Club FH 6:00pm CODA	5	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	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	8	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	9	9:00am <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm <b>Men's</b> Via de Cristo 7:00pm <b>Women's</b> Via de Cristo - WWV Room	10	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA	12	9:00am Garden Club 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	13	10:00am Brown Bag Bunch Annual Luncheon 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
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28	8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	29	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:30pm Turkey Creek Assoc. - FH	30	9:00am <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm CODA 7:00pm <b>Men's</b> Via de Cristo 7:00pm <b>Women's</b> Via de Cristo - WWV Room	1	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 2:00pm Stamp Club FH 6:00pm CODA	3	12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 8:45pm Panera Pickup	4	11:00am Minister Friendship Luncheon - FH 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship

# 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  
[www.peacelutheranpb.org](http://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.

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,  
 Co. Ft. Hood, 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  
 WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM**

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 1801 PORT MALABAR BLVD NE  
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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**—People that are in the projection room Sunday morning for our Sunday presentations. Please sign up in the projection room.

**Panera Bread Pick-up**—Each Friday evening people are needed to go to Hammock Landings to get the goodies for Sunday morning Café Peace. Cindy Wagman at 321-830-4207

**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

