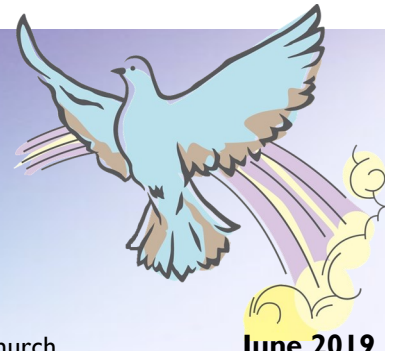


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Happening This Month!

June 2	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
June 4	Call Committee Mtg.	6:30 pm
June 9	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
June 10	Elders Mtg.	9:00 am
June 11	Council Mtg.	6:30 pm
June 12	LWML Mtg.	9:30 am
June 16	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
	Father's Day	
June 17	Newsletter Deadline	9:00 am
June 18	Call Committee Mtg.	6:30 pm
June 23	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
June 30	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am

Message from the President

It was one year ago at a special Elders meeting on June 9, 2018, that Stewart Pepper asked the Elders for his “peaceful release” from Peace Lutheran Church. I think the Elders were, and I know I was, shocked; we had not seen this coming. Fortunately life has gone on.

Peace and its members have had a pretty good year. We have met, either as a congregation, or as members of your call/planning committee, the following Reverends: Anderegg, Brandt, Freeman, Geis, Hagan, Hertwig, Klaustermeier, and Lampe. Pastors Anderegg, Brandt, Freeman, Hertwig and Lampe have led services here at Peace. We have also had the opportunity to renew our friendships with Pastors Lehenbauer and Morris, who have led services here in the past.

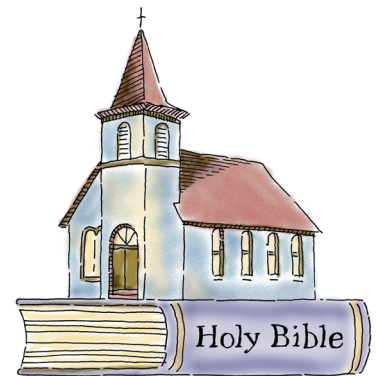
Pastor Anderegg and Pastor Brandt have been our virtual “interim pastors” for most of the year. More importantly, they have come to be more than pastors ministering to our congregation’s needs, they have come to be our mentors and friends. We have been blessed by this opportunity.

During that same period of time, we have lost five communicant members, all part of Stewart Pepper’s extended family. We have not been fortunate enough to bring any new members into our congregation, but it has not been from lack of effort.

Our average attendance for the first four months of the year is three less than the same period a year ago. It is long past time to move on.

While we continue with business as usual, we have had more than our normal “business as usual” issues to deal with.

- One of our three heating, ventilating and air conditioning units, quit after approximately 26 years of service. Our congregation, led by one member who challenged us to make a special donation to replace the unit, raised enough money to purchase and install a replacement unit. Then our trustees worked through the illness of our HVAC contractor, and got the new unit installed, at the promised price. Our thanks to our congregation for raising the funds and to our trustees for working hard to get the unit installed and at the price promised.
- Our organist had a battle with pneumonia, but he fought through his hospitalization and while still recovering, plays his wonderful music when he is able.
- One of our windy spring days blew over (and apart) the storage unit we had for our congregation volunteers who work at the cemetery. Through the efforts of our cemetery committee chairman and the trustees we have replaced that old unit with a more substantial storage unit, that should serve us for years to come.
- One day we discovered the toilets wouldn’t flush, and we had an issue with our well pump, which had been in service for at least 26 years. The pump has been replaced, and we have gone from no one knowing where



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NewsLetter DEADLINE

The **deadline** for the **July** newsletter is **Mon., June 17** at **9 a.m.** If you have an article you want published, or information you want to get out to the whole congregation, prepare it and send it to plccamdenton@gmail.com. The newsletter is as good as you make it.



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Our Mission

"We the members of Peace Lutheran Church gather and grow together as God's children and rejoice in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaim His word, and reach out with his love to: each other, our community, and the world."

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- Your evangelism chairman has participated in Everyone His Witness, the Lutheran Evangelism Core Module, at a seven week seminar put on by Pastor Williams at Hope Lutheran. Hopefully we can have him put on a similar seminar for our members in the coming months.
- Our call/planning committee, with assistance from our Circuit and District has completed the congregational survey, begun our Plus One Initiative planning and efforts, and is working on completing a strategic plan for Peace. This committee meets twice monthly working on planning which will lead to the call of a new pastor for Peace. Two representatives from Peace will participate in a district planning session for two days this coming August.

Thanks to all of you for being loyal hard working members and contributors to our congregation and Peace Lutheran Church. Our tasks are easy when you look at what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through his Father, accomplished for us.

Mic Carlson

Thrivent Potluck a Success

A potluck dinner fundraiser was held for the purchase of a new microwave for our kitchen. We had a freewill offering and collected \$281.00. The remainder of the money will go into the depreciation fund that has been set up for replacing large items that are not in the budget. After dinner we had a short meeting and determined that we would have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Medical Missions for Christ on September 21st. Last year we had such a great turn out for the Truck or Treat, we plan to have it again this year where individuals decorate their car/pickup trunks and hand out candy to the children. We will discuss this later with more details to come.



Four couples stayed following the meeting and played Shanghai Rummy. Thanks to all of you who participated in the dinner, meeting, fellowship and cards.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 20th. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Bulletin Board



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

June 2 Gayle Montegue
June 3 Sheryl Bald
June 3 Ken Schaumburg
June 6 Ken Mueller
June 26 Janet Bartels



Paul & Janet Bartels (Paul's mother), Lee Benson, Ed Bierbaum, Janet Brandt, Greg & Mary Cordry, Jolene Feeler, Norma Flenker, Sheila Hartenstein, Jeff & Dawn Hedberg (Jan Schneider, Jeff's sister; Janann Hedberg, Jeff's mother; Gene Shellabarger, Dawn's father), Jim Janssen, Chuck Kral, Marge Lankin, Bob Mueller, Dale Murrell, Dick & Barb Ollek, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Russell Schulz, Jerry Schwab, Shirley Truelove, our visitors, those members who recently moved away, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peacemakers and protectors and their families, those traveling, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.

Mowing

Now that the mowing season is here, we can use help mowing the church lawn and cemetery. If you can help, contact trustee Chuck Kral. He will train you on the equipment.



June 6 Earl & Shelia Hartenstein
June 8 Paul & Janet Bartels
June 14 Ken & Cathie Mueller

Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Last month's Bible quiz answer is C, Numbers 17:1-17 specifically vs. 8

Greeters/Coffee Servers is Always Needed

Please sign-up with a friend or your spouse for at least one Sunday this year. The sign-up sheet is located on the credenza. Requirements: Greet people with a smile and a friendly "hello" when they come in the door; make coffee (instructions available) and clean up afterwards.

May 8 Meeting

Jacgy called the meeting to order. Seven people answered roll call. We welcomed one guest. We sang the LWML song "Lutheran Women, One and All". We thank Pastor Anderegg for leading us in the Bible study. Mites offering and general offering was gathered. Jacgy read the mites devotion.

Various members received letters from Afghan for Angels. Another group was located to take over this valuable project. More information will be forthcoming.

We will continue to save Best Choice labels, Box Tops for Education, pop tops, card fronts, Portals of Prayer, and cancelled postage stamps. (Please leave a 1/4 inch border around each stamp.) Boxes for these items are located in the narthex.

We thank Diana Lane for working on the kitchen drawers organizing the tablecloths.

Several of our ladies attended the Kent Memorial Lutheran luncheon.

Jacgy reported enough money was raised to purchase a new microwave for the kitchen. Susan Kral will purchase the microwave. The extra money raised was placed in the church depreciation fund.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on June 12 at 9:30 am. Bible verse using the word **encourage/encouragement**. Susan Kral is hostess.

What's Cooking?

White Weight Watchers Cake

1 box White Cake Mix
 3/4 cup water
 1 cup unsweetened apple sauce
 3 egg whites
 2 containers (6 oz. each) lite strawberry yogurt
 1/2 container (4 oz.) Cool Whip Free (thawed)
 Sliced fresh strawberries

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray bottom and sides of a 9 X 13 pan with Pam. In a large bowl beat cake mix, water, apple sauce, egg whites and 1 container of yogurt on low speed for 30 seconds and then on medium speed for 2 minutes. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. After cake has cooled, fold other yogurt into whipped topping and spread on cake. Garnish with strawberries.
 24 servings/2 points



submitted by Jacgy Heinlein



Monthly Devotion

Responding with Grace

But grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

Jesus told His disciples, *'Since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow'* (John 13:14-15). Whose feet did He wash? Peter, who denied Him; Thomas, who doubted Him; Judas, who betrayed Him; and all others, who would desert Him. In other words, 'Give the grace you've been give.' You don't endorse the deeds of your offender when you do. Jesus did-

n't endorse your sins by forgiving you. Grace doesn't tell the daughter to like the father who molested her. It doesn't tell the oppressed to wink at injustice. The grace-defined person still sends thieves to jail and expects an ex-spouse to pay child support. Grace isn't blind. It sees the hurt full well. But grace chooses to see God's forgiveness even more. It refuses to let hurts poison the heart. The Bible says, *'see to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter roots grows up to cause trouble and defile many'* (Hebrews 12:15). When grace is lacking, bitterness abounds. Where grace abounds, forgiveness grows. Peter writes, *'Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.'* Growing in Bible knowledge is a lot easier than growing in grace towards those who hurt you. The first requires a good memory; the second requires a Christ like character. So how do you 'grow' in grace? By practicing it with everybody you meet, in every situation you find yourself.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to grow in Your Grace by showing the grace You give me to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

by Tim Hetzner, President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities



Meet our Church Family Members

Dale and Carol Murrell

Joined Peace 2002

Let me tell you what a joy it was to be able to do this interview and write this article. Ten years or so ago, we did not think Dale was going to be around for very long as he battled cancer. Dale and Carol had wanted a deck on the hillside behind their house. Carol told me her son in law and grandson were coming to try and build the deck that coming weekend. I called five of our members and asked them if they would join me to assist their son in law in building the deck. Within a day or two I had calls from members who I had not contacted, volunteering their services. We had sixteen or seventeen families show up that Saturday morning, and we had the deck completed early afternoon. The ladies fixed lunch and the guys fell all over themselves (way to many) working on the deck. Great day, great fellowship, great participation, great fun and a good result. What is more amazing is the deck still stands and is still used.

Dale was born Nov. 27, 1937 & Carol, July 18, 1938. They were both brought up in Aurora, Illinois and attended high school there. Dale went to East Aurora High School and Carol to West, and Carol told me West was best. They meet once when Dale was a senior and Carol a junior, but they didn't date until a year or so later when Carol was home on Christmas break from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky.

Remember this was the prim and proper 1950s. You lived in a dorm or sorority, dressed for dinner, and anyone you were going to go out with had to get through the House Mother who was always stationed close to the front door. Dale started driving from Aurora where he was working for Western Electric, to Lexington on weekends to see Carol. Once Dale got by the House Mother everything was fine, but he got off to a bad start, showing up after driving 8 to 10 hours to Lexington in his blue jeans and shirt not tucked in. Of course the final result was marriage March 14, 1959. Note this year they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

After living and working in the Aurora area and the birth of their first daughter, Dale applied for a transfer with Western Electric. He did that without telling Carol. After a year or so, his boss walked in and told him he was transferred to Kansas City and he was to report there the next week.

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Dale told me he worked at a variety of jobs, most related to data processing, trying to find out what he wanted to do when he grew up. Carol worked at Western Electric until she retired. After retiring, Carol worked part time as church secretary at Peace Lutheran in Kansas City.

We all know Dale's hobby was wood working. He still makes and sells his Pegs and Jokers card/board game. When we have a young child visit the church for the first time, he always magically appears with a wood toy he has made to give to them. What I did not know was he raised tropical fish as a hobby and side job when living in Kansas City. He said it was very profitable until the young man who he had asked to take care of the fish while they were gone for a week, evidently placed too much food in the tanks. They came home to a smelly house and tanks of dead fish.

I always thought Carol's hobby was Christmas. If you have ever been to their house during the Christmas season you would understand this comment. I discovered her real hobby was flower arranging and making silk flowers which she did for numerous

ment. I discovered her real hobby was flower arranging and making silk flowers which she did for numerous weddings in Kansas City, including their own daughters.

They started coming to the lake with friends from their church in Kansas City, Peace. Among those friends were Dale and Shirley Truelove and Clifford and Peggy Noah. Their minister in Kansas City was Pastor Ratcliffe, who provided services on numerous occasions here at Peace.

They also started attending Peace Lutheran Church as frequent visitors in 1988 before the church was built and continued after the church was built. They transferred their membership and became members here April 21, 2002. Dale has served as an usher, treasurer and elder. Carol has served as secretary and is very active in LWML where she has served as President and Vice President.

Dale and Carol have three children.

- Daughter Kim and her husband Art lives in Golden, Colorado. They have two children Alex and Megan.
- Son Jeff and his wife Susie lives in Lees Summit. They have three boys, Ben, Nick and Luke.
- Daughter Cheri Cunningham (deceased). She lived in Hannibal and had three children, Christy, John and Nicole.

Dale and Carol continue to live at 236 Old Oak Bend Dr., Sunrise Beach, and you will see them here at Peace most Sunday mornings.

May 7, 2019

Members present: Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell, Rita Riemann

It was noted that:

1. Peace continues to be well served by Pastors Anderegg and Brandt. These gentlemen are doing a really good job serving our congregation.
2. We will be picking up the pace since we have started the Plus One Initiative.
3. Our goals are:
 - a. To flush out two potential initiatives for Plus One over the next two weeks.
 - b. To have our Strategic Planning (SP) document with at least a draft by the July Voters meeting. This will allow us to gain some congregational input before we ask them to review and ratify. It is critical that we are together as a group on the direction we are headed.

We discussed two major areas.

1. Jeff received the demographic studies requested from District.
 - a. We discussed dissemination of the reports and determined we would have one paper copy available for committee members to check out of the office for their review.
 - b. We would maintain one paper copy for marking up for use in the SP.
 - c. Mic would send a pdf of the reports to each member for their use.
2. We reviewed the District 2020 Compensation Guidelines. It is an eye opener. We need to further develop our thinking on what we have and what we want as we look to the future.
 - a. Clearly our Congregational Survey endorsed considering sharing a pastor with another Lutheran Church if the relationship was mutually supportive and respected, and endorsed considering having a part time (approximately 20 hours/week) retired or bi-vocational pastor.
 - b. We need to continue to look at the compensation guidelines in light of these endorsements.
3. We reviewed and made revisions to the SWOT analysis, taking into account the church and the 17.96 acres it sits on, and the additional 79.96 acres behind the church and having no debt on these properties.

Finally our next Call/Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for May 21, at 6 pm.

April 23, 2019

Members present: Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell, Rita Riemann

Agenda:

1. Review where we are (handout).
2. Plus One Initiative
 - a. Consider immediately asking Pastor Klaustermeier to assist us with District to have a formal demographic study of our community completed by a synod representative.
 - 1) What is our community?

a. Camdenton	30
b. Gravois Mills	14
c. Sunrise Beach	10
d. Linn Creek	2
e. Climax Springs	2
f. Osage Beach	2
g. Roach	2
h. Stover	1
i. Other	4
 - 2) Would think they need to look at Camdenton City and County North on Hwy 5, Gravois Mills (including Laurie), and Sunrise Beach.
 - b. Begin to sort through what we would like to do for an initiative. Pay special attention to the evident willingness to provide some financial assistance, if we have a program that fits.
3. Trying to set a meeting with Pastor Jeremy Freeman, to make the appropriate contact to obtain financial information and get his input.
4. Options for the future:
 - a. Sharing a pastor with another Lutheran Church if the relationship was mutually supportive and respected.
 - b. Having a part-time (approximately 20 hours/week) retired or bi-vocational pastor.
 - c. Both will have a similar cost. Not sure what that cost is, but trying to get the information from District through our Circuit Counselor.

June Worship Schedule

June 2 – Seventh Sunday after Easter

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

Hymns: 465 (1-2), 537, 743, 465 (3-4)

June 9 – Day of Pentecost

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 496, 826, 498, 500

June 16 - The Holy Trinity

Liturgy & Creed: Divine Service III, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 797 (1-2), 507, 795, 797 (3-4)

June 23 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy & Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 656 (1-2), 655, 461, 656 (3-4)

June 30 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

Hymns: 644 (1-2), 575, 685, 644 (3-5)

Servants of God for June

Elder: Dale Murrell

Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg

June 2

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Paula Emery & Rita Riemann

Ushers: Bob Hansen, Paul Bartels, Jeff Emery, Mark Reimann

Counters: Bob Mueller

Flowers: Earl & Shelia Hartenstein for their 43rd anniversary

June 9

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Jeff & Dawn Hedberg

Ushers: Earl Hartenstein, David Bald, Rodney Schulz

Counters: Bob & Diane Borgmann

Flowers:

June 16

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Shelia Hartenstein

Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Dale Murrell

Counters: Mic Carlson

Flowers:

June 23

Greeters/Coffee Servers:

Ushers: Jeff Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz

Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein

Flowers:

June 30

Greeters/Coffee Servers:

Ushers: Jeff Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz

Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein

Flowers:



Every One His Witness

First article witnessing: LASSIE

God is a good and gracious giver and He always provides us with everything we need to

do the work that He has called us. Some of what the Lord provides comes in a special way through His Means of Grace and the Holy Spirit. But we also have things that God has created and given to all people. These resources are called God's "First Article Gifts" in reference to the first part of the Apostles Creed. Things that are listed in Luther's explanation such as "my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and my senses" are the gifts that make us fully equipped to do the work of being Christ's witnesses in our everyday lives. While the Word is the only effective way of sharing the faith, there are many ways through which we can approach people with the Word. Different situations, contexts, terminology, cultures and so forth often require different techniques to effectively communicate with people. The LASSIE approach to witnessing makes use of God's First Article gifts to help us in reaching people in a relational, casual, and contextual manner using the "reason and understanding" that the Lord has given us. What is the LASSIE approach? The letters in LASSIE stand for: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, and Encourage. Be quick to **listen**; **ask** questions to listen more; **seek** a point of connection to Jesus' story; **share** God's word; **invite** to something to keep the conversation about Jesus going; **encourage** by following up and following through. A key concept for using LASSIE is deciding at which three main levels a person is connecting and communicating: 1). the head, 2). the heart or 3). with one's hands.

In future newsletters we will explore each of these points and the LASSIE technique in more depth and how each one of us can be an effective witness for Jesus. www.lcms.org/witness-outreach.

On the web: Radical Grace/the Lutheran Difference. This Lutheran talk show with Pastor Gary Held and host Matthew Pancake begins with discussions of five recent important news stories of concern to Christians. Then, in the second half hour they move on to outline theological distinctions of our faith. A one hour program at www.radicalgrace.com. New programs are archived every Sunday.

On Facebook: Service of the Word, the spring issue of Engage magazine, KFUE Radio Coffee Hour, Stewardship Ministry devotional, Every One His Witness Facebook page, the Easter season, events, calendar, etc.



Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist answers: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul.

We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in the *Small Catechism*.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

In so doing, He “has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

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How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said?

How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing.

But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven.

Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

May 14 Council Meeting

Vice President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mic Carlson opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Susan Kral, Rita Riemann, Vicki Stauch, Bob Mueller, Diane Borgmann, Dawn Hedberg, and Bob Borgmann. Absent: Penny Hansen, Russ Schulz and Chuck Kral

The minutes from the April 9, 2019 meeting were approved at the April 16, 2019 voters’ meeting.

President: The call committee continues to meet twice monthly.

- The committee has completed the congregational survey.
 - The committee has begun working on the Plus One Initiative with Pastor Klaustermeier.
 - Work has begun on our strategic plan. The committee is reviewing demographics in a ten and a twenty mile radius.
 - We have obtained the 2020 Compensation Guidelines prepared by the Missouri District. The guidelines are critical to understanding what is needed to compensate a new pastor.
 - The SWOT analysis and proposed initiatives to increase our visibility are nearly completed. Our goal is to draft a strategic plan to present to the Voters by early August.
 - We hope to have two representatives attend a conference/workshop given by District for six churches in our situation on August 16 and 17.
 - We recognize that some members would like to see us move faster to call a pastor; we are following

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- We recognize that some members would like to see us move faster to call a pastor; we are following guidelines and making good progress.
2. Pastoral coverage for Peace is assigned through September.
 3. Attendance has been really good since Easter.
 4. President Mic Carlson thanks the council the Call/ Planning Committee and all congregation members for their time, hard work and support. The report was accepted and approved.

Financial Secretary: Vicki Stauch presented her report. She stated that giving is slightly down from this time last year. The report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Rita presented her report. Deposits for April totaled \$7129.38. Total expenses were \$7662.73. The invoice for the HVAC installation was paid from the account set aside for that purpose. The report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Bob Mueller reported that there are only 45 crosses remaining to give to visitors. The council discussed suggestions for assisting him in getting more visitor crosses made. His report was accepted and approved.

Ushers: Bob Borgmann reported that more ushers are needed. He noted that all are grateful to Jerry Schwab for playing the organ when he is able. Bob spoke with Norma Flenker explaining that he is unable to make CDs of the service when the recorded music is used. Bob's report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: No report

Trustees: Chuck Kral submitted a written report.

- He mowed and used the weed eater around the sign on April 13.
- On April 15 he took a water sample to the County Health Board.
- He contacted Best Pest Control. Spraying was done on April 22. Mic supervised.
- Chuck and Jeff Emery mowed on April 26. Thank you to Rodney and Russell Schultz for picking up limbs and sticks in front of the church.
- On May 7 Chuck serviced and put new blades on the John Deere. He made a shelf for the cemetery storage box.
- He met with the owner of Straight Flush Plumbing. The water line was not leaking at that time so no work was done.
- On May 8 he completed work on the John Deere and made minor repairs to the cemetery fence. More work will be done when help is available.
- He and Susan purchased a microwave with Thrivent funds. It is now available for use.
- Chuck met with Jess Well Service on May 10. The well needs to be rechlorinated and the water filter in the tank needs to be replaced.
- The report was accepted and approved.

Education: Vacant

Evangelism: Mic reported the following for Russell Schultz.

Evangelism: Mic reported the following for Russell Schultz.

- The Peace Lutheran telephone number is now correctly listed in area media.
- He plans to publish an article about witnessing in our monthly newsletters.
- He has emailed all Missouri Lutheran Churches inviting their members visiting our area to attend our worship services.
- He is obtaining information regarding our congregation making favors for hospital or nursing home food trays.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: No report

Cemetery: Diane Borgmann reported that the cemetery checking balance is \$2260.52 as of 4/30/19. Thank you to Rodney Schultz for trimming bushes at the cemetery. Chuck Kral put together the cemetery shed and installed a shelf in it. A base will need to be made for the shed. The report was accepted and approved.

Pastor: Vacant.

Old Business:

- Our excess cash has not yet been put into a CD or into LCEF. Mic will endeavor to get that done.
- The Cemetery Perpetuity Application is not completed. Diane Borgmann will assist in doing the paperwork. It will be done when time is available.
- Thank you to Carol Murrell, Paula Emery, and Sheryl Bald and all who contributed to the breakfast following the Easter Sunday service. Peace enjoyed another successful event!
- Thank you to all for the successful Thrivent dinner, social and meeting held on May 5. It was fun. Sufficient funds were raised for the purchase of a new microwave.
- The video that Russell Schultz made to advertise Peace Lutheran is now showing at the Main Street Opry. It is VERY well done!!
- Bob Mueller reported that he contacted a music store in Lebanon regarding the baby grand piano. They asked to see photos of it. Mic will send photos.

New Business: Peace Lutheran is blessed to have regular visitors especially during the summer season. We want them to feel welcome and be a part of our congregation. The board voted to have them included in our church directory as guest members. Diane Borgmann will take on the project.

The meeting was adjourned and Dawn Hedberg closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, *secretary*