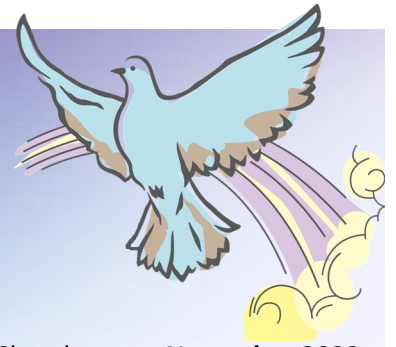


News of Peace



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Christian Symbol



Rock — We call Christ “the Solid Rock,” remembering his parable about the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24). Jesus changed his disciple Simon’s name to Peter, meaning rock, saying he’d build his church “on this rock” (Matthew 16:18). Although some Christians understand Peter to be the rock-foundation of Christ’s church, others interpret the foundation as faith in Christ, which, Jesus said, was revealed to Peter by God.



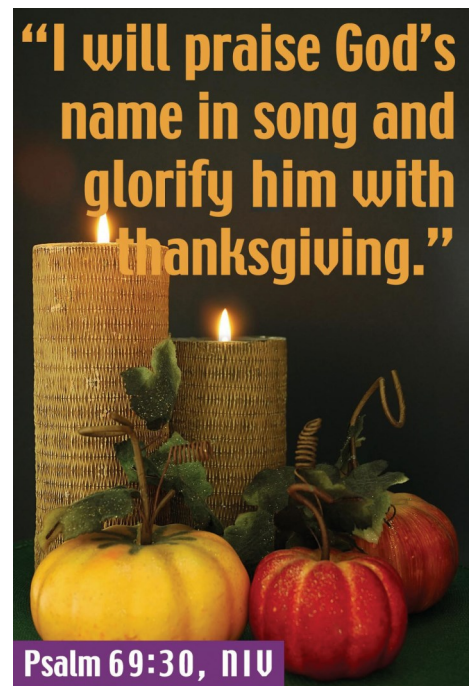
Water — Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman’s leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

Since we have been singing our favorite hymns during the month of October, and since October 31 is the day to celebrate Martin Luther’s Reformation, I thought that the following article by our MO District President Lee Hagan would be very appropriate.

Confessing Luther’s Theology in Song

On July 1, 1523, two Augustinian monks were put to death in Antwerp for refusing to recant the theology of Martin Luther. To honor these martyrs of the faith, Luther wrote his first hymn, “A New Song Here Shall Be Begun.” His second hymn would be the more familiar, “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (Lutheran Service Book 556). A few months later, the first Lutheran hymnal would be released containing eight hymns for congregational singing. These early milestones opened the flood gates for setting the Biblical theology of Luther to music, which would go on to influence the vast majority of Christianity.

The significance of the common people singing Luther’s theology cannot be overstated. For generations, the faith of Lutherans has been shaped by the Scriptures, the Small Catechism, and the hymnody. Lutheran worship is still shaped by the practice of involving the congregation in the Church’s song by singing hymns that confess the truth of Holy Scripture. It’s not about singing Luther’s hymns, though sometimes we do; it is about singing hymns that proclaim Christ and God’s Word.



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Towards the end of October, Lutheran congregations will likely join in singing Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" or "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." However, take time to peruse some of the other hymns by Luther and other Lutheran hymn writers of the past such as Paul Speratus, Phillip Nicolai, and Paul Gerhardt. But also, give thanks to God for those who have risen up in every age to confess Christ through hymns of faith. Newer examples are Pastor Stephen Starke, who has contributed a large canon of hymns in this current hymnal, and also Lisa Clark, from Concordia Publishing House, who has written a growing number of hymns that are being introduced to congregations today.

Just think about it, prior to Luther's reforms, singing was the function of the choir. Luther brought not only the Scriptures to the hands of the people, but also placed the songs of faith into the mouths of God's people throughout Christendom. It is good for us to remember Martin Luther for more than just the 95 Theses and the Small Catechism. Give thanks to God for the continued witness of Dr. Luther as you sing every Sunday in worship!

Praise be to God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord!

In Christ,
Pastor Gary Brandt



November

- 2 Debbie Mayes
- 8 Joe Stauch
- 9 Jim Janssen
- 10 Joe & Vicki Stauch
- 13 Linda Schaumburg
- 14 Cathie Mueller
- 20 Dale Montague
- 20 Tim & Cindy Kaminski
- 22 Lilyan Lewis



Sun., Nov. 5

IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18, KJV

Join us as we give thanks to God for all of our blessings this Thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wed., November 22
6 p.m.

Peace Cemetery

Members of Peace if you are contemplating a burial plot, they are free for Peace members. However if you would like to reserve a plot, the cost is \$200.

Copies of the by-laws and regulations are available by contacting Diane Borgmann.



Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.

Phone Number

Do to unfortunate circumstances we had to change the church's phone number. The **new number** is **573-836-8141**.

Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.



Decorating the Church

Members of Peace, if you available to help decorate the church for the Christmas season, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2 beginning at 9 a.m. We will need help removing the tree from storage, set up and decorate the tree, and place candles and banners on the windows sills.

Calendars Available

The 2024 calendars are now available for pick up. The calendars are located on the table at the back of the church and on the credenza in the Narthex. Thank you to Pastor Brandt for providing these beautiful calendars.



Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) and Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you.



Our Elders: Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) and Earl Hartenstein (573-691-7117) will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family.

Life Line Screening 2023

Thursday, November 16

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **Peace Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 16, 2023. The cost is \$149 per person.** A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. (See last month's newsletter for more information.)

These vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>**

Devotion for October



(Jesus said) “You are the light of the world. ...” Matthew 5:14a

Jesus telling His followers they’re the “light of the world” is no small thing. As Christians, the times we have to share Christ as our Lord and Savior or, in other words-to be His light to others in this world-actually occur fairly often.

Unfortunately, we often dismiss or sidestep these chances as we carry on with our busy and important lives. Sometimes, however, we may find ourselves in a place where we would never have imagined sharing the Gospel with others.

Such was the case of Nury Escobar de Milian of Guatemala, a Sunday school teacher who has been sharing the Good News with students for more than 25 years.

Five years ago, Escobar de Milian was kidnapped and held captive for five days in the jungles of Central America. When she was abducted, she had one book in her possession-her Bible. That proved to be a blessing for her and those among whom she was held hostage. With it she read to the children of the women who were taking care of

her doing this trying ordeal. What a wonderful time and place to apply all those years of teaching Sunday school!

Some months later following her release, Escobar de Milian learned that missionaries were not allowed to come into those



jungle communities or they would be threatened with death. Although outwardly her situation had the uneasy possibility of becoming a terrible experience, God gave her the strength to share the light of the Gospel with her captors.

As Jesus is the light of the world, so are we called to carry that light to those places where others need to see it. That may

be at your neighborhood farmers market, while watching your kids play soccer or, as in the case of one Guatemalan Sunday school teacher, while held captive in a jungle.

The message of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection transcends cultural barriers and has the power to transform any life. Thanks be to God who has given us the privilege of sharing His light with the world!

The Prayer: Father in heaven, thank You for giving us the light of the Gospel. Help us to reflect Your light and glorify You in the different situations of our lives. This we pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Biography of Author: This devotion is based on a text submitted by Nury Escobar de Milian. She serves as an interpreter to Lutheran missionaries and coordinates groups of volunteers and missionaries coming to Guatemala, including those who come to serve at Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN). Based in Guatemala City.

Written by Rev. Kenneth Klaus (deceased) former speaker of the Lutheran Hour

Present Tense

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How *was* your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn’t always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philos-

phy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply?

“Sometimes I’m just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?

Suggestions Needed



We continue to gather Christian messages to place on our electronic church sign. The messages need to be “**short**” and to the point so the messages are readable as people drive by. Long messages are not advised due to the length of the message. It will take too long to read the message and the font size would be too small.



Support Schedules

	Elder	Altar Guild
November	Jeff Emery	Diane Borgmann
December	Earl Hartenstein	Dawn Hedberg & Diane Borgmann

Organists

Diana Schwab and Pastor Gary Brandt

Ushers

1st Sunday	Robert & Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels
2nd Sunday	Earl Hartenstein, Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Diane Borgmann, Rodney Schulz
4th Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg, Russell Schulz
5th Sunday	Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg

Counters

1st Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
2nd Sunday	Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur
4th Sunday	Matt & Deb Mayes
5th Sunday	Pudge McCloud

**THANK
YOU**

Using First Article Gifts

God is a good and gracious giver. He always provides us with everything we need to do the work to which He has called us.

Some of what the Lord provides comes in special way through His Means of Grace and the working of the Holy Spirit. There is certainly no way that we could be faithful and effective witnesses without these gifts.

But much of what we have available to us to bear witness of Jesus in the world is found in the 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. First Article gifts include the things that are

listed in Luther's explanation of the First Article of the Creed such as "my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses".

These gifts are given to us to make us fully equipped to do the work of being Christ's witnesses in our everyday lives. They are the "everything" at our disposal that Luther speaks of in his explanation of the calling we have in 1 Peter 2:9 and how speaking of Jesus to those who are lost is our highest priority in all of life.

The importance of making wise use of God's First Article gifts is underscored when we realize that there is no one "biblical" way for us to share the faith with unbelievers. While the Word and only the Word is the effective means of sharing the

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of the darkness into this wonderful light.

1Peter 2:9 NIV

faith, there are numerous and various ways through which we can engage people with the Word. Different contexts require us to employ different approaches, terminology, cultural practices, media, techniques and so on to effectively communicate with people.

The LASSIE approach to witnessing makes use of God's First Article gifts to aid us in a relational and contextual manner in order to speak of Jesus with them. It is an application of using the "reason and understanding" that in the Lord, in His grace and mercy, has given to us.

(The LASSIE Approach To Witnessing - Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage)

by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry (everyonehiswitness.org)



I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me **my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them**; in addition thereto, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and homestead, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life, protects me from all danger, and guards me and preserves me from all evil; and all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I owe it to Him to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

October 9, 2023 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Sara Anderegg. Our roll call word for the month was “walk” and nine members answered, nine members were present, one visitor and one regular attendee.

Last month’s minutes and the treasurer’s reports were provided to everyone, and both were approved.

President’s Report:

The trip through the Menonite area was enjoyed by ten ladies. We traveled in two cars and spent the day shopping and exploring stores. It was suggested that we might do a similar trip next year.

Correspondence: None this month.

Mites Reading: Cathie shared passages from Proverbs and one from Luke, referring to wisdom as a woman.

Collection: Collections were taken for Mites, Rally offerings and General Fund offering. Susan’s suggestion that we make a \$50 donation for the Fall Rally was approved.

Committees: No reports

Old Business:

- The Zone Rally is coming up on October 24, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex, we can meet at church and travel to Cole Camp together. The ingathering is designated **Citizens Against Spouse Abuse** and is being collected in the narthex.
- Jan and Dawn will be going to Branson with Kent Memorial Lutheran Church to see “Queen Esther” on Oct. 11.
- The nominating committee gathered input from the members. Dawn and Cindy are nominated to serve as co-presidents, Susan will continue as our treasurer, and contacts will be made to absent members to serve as secretary.
- Discussion on whether we want to drop out of LWML, in order to form a Ladies Guild that might be more inclusive, has been tabled for now. Members are asked to research, think, and pray about this issue.

New Business:

- Paula has agreed to host our Christmas party again this year. Watch the bulletin for a date.
- It was decided to have another Bunco party with salad lunch in November. This will be after the November meeting.
- The consensus of the group is to continue the practice of not holding meetings in January and February 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Niebur

Thank you for your continued support of the Pocket Change for Mites. We collected \$44.15 for October. Our next Mites collection will be Sunday, Dec. 3. Bring your mites anytime during the month and place them in the LWML box in the back of the church.



Mennonite Outing

On September 27, ten ladies enjoyed the Mennonite outing, visiting many of the shops in the Versailles and Barnett areas. Photos taken by Diane Borgmann and Cindy Niebur.



L to r back row: Diane, Linda, Susan, Cindy, Sara, Carol, Judy. Front row l to r: Jan, Karen, Dawn



Memories for
a lifetime.



Fall



Oatmeal Butterscotch Crinkle Cookies

Cream and blend well together:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup shortening (Do not use butter!)
- 1 cup brown sugar

Add and blend well:

- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups of old fashioned oatmeal
- 1 bag of butterscotch chips



Method:

Thoroughly chill the dough in the fridge. Scoop out the dough with a 1/4th of a cup ice cream scoop. Form into a ball, slightly flatten and firmly press one side of the shaped cookie dough into a small bowl filled with 1/2 cup of sugar. Cover a cookie sheet with parchment paper and place the cookies, sugar side up, five (5) to a sheet. Space them, because the cookies will spread about three (3) inches! Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Cool a few minutes on the sheet before removing. Cool on a wire rack, and store in an air-tight container. These cookies have a crispy glaze on the topside!

Submitted by Jayne Marie Trick

Looking Ahead to December



Poinsettia Orders

Once again we will adorn the sanctuary with red and white poinsettias for the Christmas season.

If you would like to order a poinsettia there will be a sign-up sheet available on the credenza in the Narthex soon.

All Women of Peace



Mark your calendars for Friday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m. when the LWML will host their annual Christmas party for the ladies of Peace.

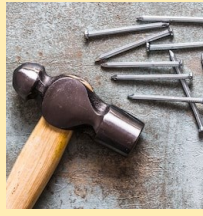
Those who have Christmas stockings, please bring them along.

Thank you Paula for planning this activity each year. Join us where there is good food, fun and fellowship.



Mark Your Calendar

Join us for our Advent worship services on Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20 at 6 p.m. and an Advent Service Sunday morning, Dec. 24 at 9 a.m.



Stewardship

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out



the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

Reprinted from the Stewardship website



ANSWERING OBJECTIONS TO THE FAITH:

The Basics of Christian Apologetics

Applying Natural Law To Evangelism

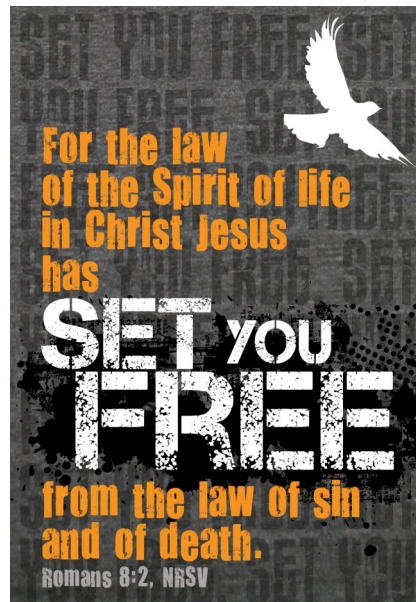
Knowledge of natural law is extremely useful in evangelism in that we can engage others with Jesus knowing that they already know moral law.

Although we may have to explain what it means in today's society or how it applies to the person we are addressing, we don't need to spend time convincing someone that moral law exists.

People often rationalize or distort moral code to prevent them from seeing that they have violated it. Sometimes Bible verses only may be necessary such as Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

However, some may not regard the Bible as being authoritative. Are there ways of proclaiming God's Law without quoting the Bible? Jesus did so with the woman at the well of Sychar. (John 4:16-19) Jesus didn't

have to tell this woman the nature of promiscuity, and her comment "He told me all that I have ever did," (v 39) strongly suggests that she stood convicted of her sin. She knew that



adultery is wrong, and she knew she was living in sin.

Jesus made no references to moral standards. He only describes how this woman was living and that was sufficient. In addition he pointed to Himself – the Lamb of God who would

take away the sin of the world. Paul followed the same approach at Mars Hill (Acts 17:22-34) and Peter, as well, in his Pentecost sermon. (Acts 2:1-41)

We also see that every missionary sermon recorded in Acts contains three parts – the Law, the Gospel, and evidence to demonstrate that the message is true (Apologetics). The overriding focus is always on the Gospel message.

In summary, we see that morality is not a matter of personal opinion, but rather of what objectively exists in the real world. It's like studying the law of gravity – both are important features of the natural world God has created, impacting our lives every day. We may not like how these laws affect our lives, but we are powerless to change them.

We do well to understand natural law as accurately and completely as possible and adjust our thinking and our living accordingly. (from: The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist)

*"How beautiful
are the feet of those who
preach the good news!"*

ROMANS 10:15, ESV



WORSHIP



SCHEDULES

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

**Holy Communion*

The Lord's Servants at Peace

• **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting 9:30 am**
Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Earl Hartenstein

• **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm**
♦ **President:** Bob Hansen
♦ **Vice President:** Brock Kliewer
♦ **Secretary:** Susan Kral
♦ **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur
♦ **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan

• **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg

• **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz

• **Education:** Sara Anderegg

• **Organists:** Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

• **Trustees:** Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan

LWML—2nd Monday from March—Nov. 9:30 am
President: Sara Anderegg

Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg

Bible Studies

As announced

• *Elected Offices*

October 10, 2023 Council Minutes

Vice President Brock Kliewer called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastors** Pastor Brandt, **President** Bob Hansen, **Vice President** Brock Kliewer, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Sec.** Susan Kral, **Board of Elders** Jeff Hedberg, **Trustees** Chuck Kral, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, and **Member at Large** Paula Emery

Absent: Pastors Pastor Anderegg, **Treas.** Peg Callahan, and **Education** Sara Anderegg

The minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Brett submitted his report. He stated that last month's offerings were about \$11,000 behind this time last year. His report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Peg submitted a written report.

- All bills have been paid.
- Her August financial report was corrected and submitted.
- She submitted a financial report for September.
- The ladies' yoga group presented a check for \$50.00 on 7/20/23.
- Pastor Anderegg will pay the church phone bill until the contract renews in April 2024.
- Pudge and Jeff Emery will work together to pay bills while Peggy is out for surgery.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Jeff reported the following:

- The elders met on October 2, 2023. The following people attended: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Pastor Brandt, Bob Hansen and Earl Hartenstein.
- Jeff Emery will head a committee to review and recommend updates to our emergency operation plan. It was decided to have five committee members rather than four.
- Jeff Hedberg will take a photo of the church for post cards that will be sent to Peace Lutheran visitors. He is waiting until the chancel is decorated.

- The elder assignment lists were updated. Jeff's report was accepted and approved.

Trustees: Chuck reported the following:

- Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery have performed mowing chores.
- Pat removed a tree stump from the front yard.
- Bob Hansen replaced all outside electric plugs.
- Chuck put a new seal in the narthex sink.
- Insects have been coming in through the library windows. The wood surrounding the windows is rotten. He caulked around the windows for a temporary fix. He met with Camden Glass on October 10. They submitted a bid to replace the windows. Jeff Hedberg will contact Total Glass for a second bid.
- Chuck removed a dead bush in front of the library windows.
- Don Springer cleaned and waxed the fellowship hall floor.
- Chuck replaced a furnace filter.
- The pine tree in the front of the church will be removed. It is blocking the view from the office window.

Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

Education: There was no report.

Evangelism: Russell reported the following:

- 196 outreach cards were sent in September. The cost was \$174.44.
- Life Line Screening will be held here on March 20, 2024.
- Our Facebook page has 73 followers. It has received 68 likes.
- The council decided against placing a \$350.00 ad in the Chamber of Commerce Business Directory.
- Russell will contact the Laurie Village of Lights so that we can again sponsor a display.
- He has been checking on 2024 rates for dues for both Chambers of Commerce and for newspaper advertisements.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Dawn reported that she and Paula will make the following recommendations at the October Voters Meeting:

- ¼ of our church donations to community and synod needs . . . Evangelism
- ¼ be given to Medical Missions for Christ.
- ½ be given to Kid's Harbor.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: Paula had no report.

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- The cemetery water lines have been drained.
- Sheryl Bald has requested a Thrivent grant for cemetery upkeep.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- On Oct. 10 and 11 he attended the annual Missouri District Pastors' Conference held at Margaritaville and came straight to the council meeting at Peace on Oct. 10.
- We welcomed four new members on September 24. Rhonda DeGeal, Noah Estes, and Larry and Jayne Trick are now Peace Lutheran members! We are happy to have all of you join us!
- The hymns being sung in October were selected by the congregation.

His report was accepted and approved.

President's Reports:

Old Business: Pudge is learning the procedure that will allow her to post messages on our electronic sign.

New Business:

Preparations have been made to celebrate the Lewis confirmations.

- Altar flowers and corsages have been ordered.
- Personalized Bibles and wall crosses will be presented to Lily and Tristan.
- Cake and punch will be served following the service.
- Photos will be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Pastor Brandt led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral Secretary



October 22, 2023 Voters Meeting



On October 22, thirty members attended the quarterly voters meeting. Photo by Diane Borgmann

Following a potluck brunch, President Bob Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. Thirty members were present. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer. The minutes of the July 23, 2023, Voters Meeting were approved as printed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The reports are printed in the newsletter.

Financial Secretary's Report: The reports are printed in the newsletter. Brett did mention that offerings are approximately \$11,000.00 behind this time last year.

Auxiliary Organization Reports:

LWML: Sara Anderegg reported the following:

- Sara reported that Bunco will be played following the November LWML meeting.
- Ten LWML members enjoyed touring and shopping some of the Mennonite stores in the Versailles area.
- LWML members will attend the fall rally on Oct. 23 in Cole Camp.
- The Queen Esther Bible study continues.

Thrivent: There was no report. Someone is needed to fill the position that Jaccy Heinlein held.

Cemetery: Diane Borgmann stated the new Thrivent card arrived at the church and will be used for upkeep of the grounds.

Pastors' Reports: Their reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

- In addition to what was published in the monthly newsletter, Pastor Brandt reminded members that Advent will begin in less than two months. There will be three Wednesday evening services. Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year. He is planning to have a "Fourth Sunday in Advent" service in the morning and a Christmas Eve service in the evening. same with the next bullet, you are speaking of last month's newsletter?)
- In addition to what is published in the monthly newsletters, Pastor Anderegg stated that he is trying to shorten his sermons! (Instead of "making an effort" using the word "trying" instead

Elders Report: Jeff Hedberg stated that our congregation could use one additional elder. He thanked everyone who has held an office or served on a committee in 2023.

Trustees: Chuck Kral stated that the bushes near the front door need to be removed. It was decided to wait until spring to remove them. Rodney Schultz offered to select foliage to replace the bushes. Chuck also suggested that a railing be put up to assist people entering the church.

Evangelism: In addition to what was published in our monthly newsletters, Russell reported the following:

- There will be a Life Line Screening held at Peace in March 2024.
- He contacted an official of the Laurie Christmas Light Display. We will sponsor the "Peace on Earth" display. He was promised that we can have that display every year.

President's Report: The president's reports are published in our monthly newsletters.

Old Business: Dawn Hedberg reported that the Mission Committee selected three projects for us to sponsor. Five percent of our offerings will be divided in the following way: One-half to Kids' Harbor, one fourth to Medical Missions for Christ, and one fourth to our Missouri District.

New Business:

Dawn introduced all our current church officers and committee chairs.

The following positions were open for 2024:

- Vice President - Brock Kliewer was selected.
- Treasurer - Peggy Callahan was selected.
- Elder - Larry Trick will join the Board of Elders.
- Education - Open. (Members were asked to consider taking the position.)
- Member at large - Open. (Members were asked to consider taking the position.)

The positions of President, Secretary, trustees and Financial Secretary will be filled by those currently holding the positions.

Sara Anderegg suggested that a fellowship committee be formed.

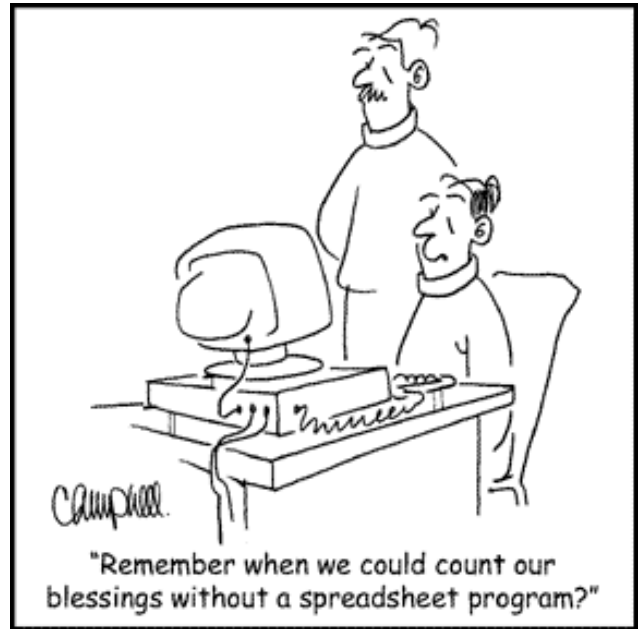
Bob Hansen stated that a budget committee is needed to set our 2024 budget. Pudge and Brett volunteered to be on the committee.

The window in the library needs to be replaced. Chuck Kral and Bob Hansen met with several window replacement companies. After much discussion, voters unanimously agreed to accept the bid from Anderson Windows located in Springfield, Mo. A three-paned window with a built in frame and guaranteed for twenty years will cost \$6827.00. Bob will ask the company representative if placing metal flashing above the window would be useful.

The meeting was adjourned.

Closing: Pastor Anderegg closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary



Puzzle

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.

Word Box	ate	faces	quest	then
	began	late	ran	ton
	bunch	lunch	rest	true
	done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.
 So away from the crowd he started his _____.
 It came to an end before it _____.
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.
 His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their _____.
 Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open _____.
 And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until _____.
 The disciples told him it was time they all _____.
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____."
 And feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____.
 What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.
 But then a young boy came and offered his _____.
 Five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____?
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____ ...
 it fed all the women, the children and _____.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day	2	3	4 Turn your clocks back one hour before bed.
5 Worship 9 am Pr. Anderegg Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Mites Offering Daylight Savings Time Ends	6 Elders Mtg 9:30 a.m.	7	8	9	10	11  ★ Veterans Day: ★ Thank You for Your Service!
12 Worship 9 am Pr. Brandt Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	13 LWML Mtg. 9 a.m. Roll call	14 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Life Line Screening	17	18
19 Worship 9 am Pr. Anderegg Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	20 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	21 Women's Bible Study 2 p.m.	22 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6 p.m. Pr. Anderegg	23 THANKS Giving Day 	24	25
26 Worship 9 am Pr. Brandt Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30		



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