

# News of Peace



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## Happening This Month!

|         |                     |              |
|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| Oct. 6  | Worship             | 9:00 am      |
|         | SS/Bible Study      | 10:30 am     |
| Oct. 13 | LWML Sunday         | 9:00 am      |
|         | SS/Bible Study      | 10:30 am     |
| Oct. 7  | Elders Mtg.         | 9:00 am      |
| Oct. 8  | Council Mtg.        | 7:00 pm      |
| Oct. 9  | LWML Mtg.           | 9:30 am      |
| Oct. 20 | Worship             | 9:00 am      |
|         | SS/Bible Study      | 10:30 am     |
| Oct. 21 | Newsletter Deadline | 9:00 am      |
| Oct. 27 | Reformation Sun.    | 9:00 am      |
|         | SS/Bible Study      | 10:30 am     |
| Oct. 31 | Trunk or Treat      | 4 to 6:30 pm |

## Message from the President

As we are coming up on the time when you might be asked by a member of the Nominating Committee to consider taking an elected position here at Peace, I have a couple of things I would like you to think about.

My message today is for you to get involved. Get involved in your church, your church family and your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Most of you are old enough to remember the Abbot and Costello comedy skit, *"Who's on First"*. I know we have all laughed at that skit at one time or another. Here is a story, comical, unfortunately not in a comical situation.

*Once upon a time there were four men named: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. But Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, and Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody and Nobody did the job that Anybody could have done in the first place. At last report, these four men were still arguing and the job they were supposed to do, still wasn't done.*

There are three issues! First keeping the current members active and not burned out. Second, finding new members and finally, helping them find their Lord and Savior

Perhaps the following story will also help to drive home the point.

*The church was shocked this week to learn that one of our most faithful members, **Someone Else**, had passed away. This death creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. **Someone Else** had been with us for many years. During all those years, he did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this person was looked to for inspiration, as well as results.*

*Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach or a meeting to attend...one name was on everyone's list, "let **Someone Else** do it". **Someone Else** was also among the biggest fivers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed that **Someone Else** would make up the difference.*

*This beloved church member was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman, but one person can only do so much. Everybody expected too much of **Someone Else**.*

So where is this leading me? When you are on a nominating committee, or a trustee or other committee chairman, looking for help, what you hear is:



# Newsletter DEADLINE

The **deadline** for the **Nov.** newsletter is **Mon., Oct. 21** 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](mailto: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."*

So where is this leading me? When you are on a nominating committee, or a trustee or other committee chairman, looking for help, what you hear is: *"I'm to busy", "I can't spare the time", "I have other commitments", "I don't know how I can help", "it isn't convenient right now"!*

It is sort of like when my doctor asks me if I am watching what I eat, and getting regular exercise. It is far to easy to say yes, or give excuses, when in fact my diet watching is shoveling food into my mouth, and my regular exercise is getting from the couch to the refrigerator and back to the couch and TV.

Now *Someone Else* is gone. Who will pitch in to do the things that *Someone Else* had always done?

When you meet a new neighbor, I hope you will invite them to come to church. When you are asked to accept an elected position at the church, at least pray on it before you make your decision. When you are asked to help with a project, surely you can spare a few hours to help our.

When you are asked I hope you won't reply (or think), "let *Someone Else* do it. We all need to be ready to pick up where *Someone Else* left off.  
Mic Carlson



## Monthly Devotion

### When You Are Facing Opposition

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:3



Do you remember the old hit song by Elvis Presley, *'Don't you step on my blue suede shoes'?* You won't get too far in life before somebody does that very thing, and steps on your toes. But before you get discouraged and throw in the towel, take another look at the life of Jesus. Though He was perfect in all ways, He was criticized continually. His enemies called Him a *'glutton and a drunkard'* (Matthew 11:19). They even accused Him of being possessed by a demon (see John 8:48). Yet He never allowed bitterness or discouragement to defeat Him. To Him, every obstacle was an opportunity to demonstrate grace and grit. His heart was broken by those He loved, yet He understood and comforted others. He saw disease as an opportunity to heal those who were sick; hatred as an opportunity to love His enemies; temptation as an opportunity to overcome the carnal impulses we all deal with; and offenses as an opportunity to forgive. He went through life turning trials into triumphs—and he's our example. The Bible says, *'Consider him who endured such opposition...so...you will not grow weary and lose heart.'* Pick up your Bible and reread His teachings. In His famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: *'You're familiar with the old written law, "Love you friend," and and its unwritten companion, "Hate your enemy," I'm challenging that. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst...Live generously and graciously towards others'* Matthew 5:43-48). That's how Jesus lived—and that's how He wants you to live too.

*by Tim Hetzner, President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities*



Bob Borgmann, Jane Brandt, Drew Brandt, Norma Flenker, Jim Janssen, Dorothy Jost, Chuck Kral, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell and the Murrell family, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Russell Schulz, Diana Schwab and the Schwab family, our visitors, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peacemakers and protectors and their families, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.



Join us for this year's truck or treat activity on Oct. 31 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. We would like to have as many cars decorated as possible. Last year we had approximately 67 kids stop by and 12 to 14 cars decorated for the event.

We will be serving hot dogs and a drink. Parents can register their children for a chance to win a girl's and a boy's bike with helmets. Hope to see you there!

?? ? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

A. Moses  
B. Zechariah  
C. Aaron  
D. Nathan

Last month's Bible quiz answer is C, John 1:6-7



## Cast Your Ballot

Every fall, Thrivent benefit members have the opportunity to vote for members to represent them on the national Board of directors. This year you can vote for three directors among eight candidates.

Several Thrivent Member Network regional board elections also will be held this fall.

If you signed up to receive election information electronically, you'll get an email on October 7 with a link to the voting website. If not, you'll get a paper ballot in the mail, one for each benefit member in your household. Every benefit member gets a vote in the national election.

Voting runs through Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once the election opens, you can vote online at "Thrivent.com/vote." You'll need your Thrivent.com user ID and password, or your member ID (found on your contract statement or your member ID card) and your date of birth.



- Oct. 3 Darlene Jost
- Oct. 10 Tom Croft
- Oct. 13 Kore Gale
- Oct. 15 Hannah Carlson
- Oct. 15 Susan Kral
- Oct. 26 Norman Hunter
- Oct. 31 Bob Borgmann



- Oct. 6 Matt & Sarah Sosnowski
- Oct. 8 Ryan & Melissa Talbot
- Oct. 10 Ken & Linda Schaumburg

*If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or not listed, please contact the office so that we can correct the information in Shepherd's Staff. Thank You!!!*



# Spaghetti Feed for



Thanks to everyone who helped serve food, provided desserts to support Medical Missions for Christ. Here are a few highlights of the evening.



## LWML Sunday, October 13



“Faith Like a Mustard Seed” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2019. It is based on Jesus’ words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now? LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiple disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!

*from the LWML website*

## August 14 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jaccy Heinlein. Pastor Anderegg opened with prayer and lead our Bible study.

We had eight members present and two guests, Jan Smallen and Diana Lane. We answered roll call with a Bible verse containing the word “worship”.

We received an invitation to an open house (“Afghans for An-

Angels”) in Jefferson City.

Cathie gave the mites reading “I Am”.

The Spring Zone Rally has been set for April 21, 2020 at Faith Lutheran, Warsaw. The speaker will be Karen Kuhlmann Averitt who has written a book about being a pastor’s kid, mom, and what LCMS means to her.

Sheryl is going to contact one of the ladies about some questions we have about the blankets and hats.

We ask the congregation to continue to save the POP tops, Best Choice labels, Box Tops for Education, stamps and Portals of Prayer. Boxes for these items are located in the narthex.

We are in need of small Ziploc bags for the kitchen.

Ladies salad luncheon and “fashion show” is fast approaching. Paula has 10 dresses made for our table decorations which will be given as prizes to one person at every table. She also had an idea for individual favors (little purses with a piece of candy each). Vicki Stauch sent the invitations. Thank you to Vicki Lamb and Cathie Mueller for all their hard work on the “fashion show”. A special thank you to all the ladies that are participating. **Thank you** to Jaccy for all her hard work coordinating the salad luncheon. **Thank you all.** We will rehearse after the meeting to get some idea of the timing for Cathie and the models.

LWML Sunday will be Oct. 13, 2019, here at Peace. The theme this year is “Faith of a Mustard Seed”. Diane Borgmann and Diana Lane will set up a LWML table in the narthex. We will have some book markers, handouts and some information about where the Mites money goes. We discussed having a Mites Box Sunday once a month.

Our next meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup>. The roll call word will be wisdom/wise. Penny Jost will be our hostess.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer and the common table prayer.

Vicki Lamb, *Secretary*

## Sept. 11 Minutes

Vice President Carol Murrell called the meeting to order. Pastor Anderegg opened with prayer and lead the Bible study.

We received the Best Choice labels check. Susan Kral gave a mite reading God’s Accuracy.

Carol gave a report of the success of the salad luncheon. Members and guests really enjoyed the fashion show and salads.

Additional information was given about the 2020 spring rally. We will be hosting with Faith, Warsaw. We will be providing breakfast items and copying a couple of pages for the program.

Trinity of Cole Camp will be hosting the fall rally Oct. 1. It was decided to give a donation for the in-gathering of \$50.

LWML Sunday will be Oct. 13. Vicki will purchase the flowers for the altar.

Election of officers is coming in November. Members prayerfully consider an office. Dues are paid in October.

Sheryl spoke with Janet from Afghans for Angels. They will take the blankets and definitely crocheted or knitted hats.

We discussed changing our meetings to the second Monday of each month instead of Wed. It was decided to table until next meeting. There were not enough members present for input.

The roll call word for October is “self-control.” The hostess will be Sheryl Bald.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer and the common table prayer.





# Meet our Church Family Members

## Bob and Diane Borgmann

Joined Peace November 1994

This interview started out like all the others; unplanned, unscheduled and flying by the seat of my pants.

Bob was born October 31, 1941 and grew up in the North part of St. Louis. Where his home was, is now covered by highway 70. Bob attended Lutheran Central. In high school his interests were scouting and what we used to call, visual aids, setting up projectors, microphones, and their operation (not terribly different than what he does for Peace). Bob graduated from high school in 1959.

Diane was born August 3, 1943 and also grew up in the North part of St. Louis. She started hanging around a stable near her home where she learned to love horses and would ride on Saturdays when her mother would drop her off to go shopping. Diane's father was a square dance caller, and she first met Bob as a young girl, at the age of seven or eight, when Bob's parents were learning to square dance. Diane also attended Lutheran Central.

One of the things we talked about, was how nice it was when we were young. They told me about always walking everywhere, or taking the bus and never being worried about it day or night and we reminisced about how easy it was.

They became re-acquainted on a blind date in high school, and were engaged just before Diane graduated in 1962. They were married September 29, 1962.

Bob held several jobs with Von Hoffman Press, Christian Board of Publication and eventually ended up working at General Motors. He worked at the Chevrolet assembly plant until it closed, then moved to the Corvette assembly plant and ended his career at the Wentzville plant.

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After high school Diane worked for Manpower as a temporary employee and worked as a card punch operator. She took time to raise their three children when they were young and then went to work at the Emerson YMCA. Diane taught water baby classes, life guard classes, including synchronized swimming as well as Senior exercise classes.

During their marriage living in St. Louis, Diane had a horse that she kept on an acreage in the Wentzville area, and they went out every Saturday so she could ride. She still would like to have horses here at the lake.

When we were talking about their hobbies, Bob did admit that he had been ushering since he was 13, and both he and Diane enjoyed scouting during their raising of children.

When they first came down to the Lake they lived on the West and went to Hope Chapel. A friend invited them to come to Peace to visit, before they left the church, they were given a box of envelopes and told they were for when they joined. They joined Peace and transferred immediately thereafter, in November 1994.

They moved into their current home in 2000 and have remodeling and put on an addition to the home. Bob and his boys have firewood stacked 5 feet high by at least 40 feet long, from trees they have had to remove on their property. This is from a gentleman who told me his hobby was being retired.

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For as long as I have known Diane she has been jack hammering rock, and building rock retaining walls on their property. There is one wall about 40 feet long and four feet high and a second that must be 90 to 100 feet long that is at least 5 feet high. Diane showed me where she is going to extend the wall and add another level and wall.

Diane also has two embroidery machines, where she was working on embroidering logos for her grandson-in-law's graduating seniors where he teaches in Lebanon.

Bob and Diane have three children:

- **Kevin and his wife Jolene** live in North County (St. Louis), and have four children, Rachel, Jennifer, and twins Benjamin and Loralee.
- **Kore, her husband Jim** is deceased, has one child Melissa and her husband Ryan who have two children Matthew and Zoe. They all live in the Camdenton area.
- **Steven and his wife Lynn** live in St. Charles, MO, and have one daughter Katherine.

Bob and Diane continue to live at 121 Grennell Acres Road, Camdenton. They are 25 year members of Peace. Bob provides the leadership for our ushering crew and Diane heads the Altar Guild and is chairperson of the cemetery committee.

From Everyone His Witness:



## The first S in LASSIE stands for Seek.

It's not the seeking done by the non-churched person (although they may be seeking something) but rather the seeking done by the witness looking for opportunities

to tell others of Jesus. An example can be found in Paul's witness at Athens (Acts 17:16-34) troubled by the idols on display in the marketplace, he began speaking about it to the people there and then to philosophers who became interested to hear more. He was then invited to address the Areopagus, a gathering of revered philosophers, which was an honor and a rare opportunity. Paul knew that those idols presented a point of connection with those in attendance. His connection point was the altar with the inscription 'to the unknown god ' that he saw among the idols. He told them," What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you." Paul connected with them and they wanted to hear more.

We may never get the opportunity to address a group in a place like the Areopagus, but in our everyday lives, we have occasions to connect with idolaters like those in Athens. As we seek a point of connection, the way is opened to share the message of God who loves them though He is unknown to them.

**Seek A Connection With Head, Heart, or Hands.** Notice how a person connects. A **head** person connects intellectually as ideas and concepts are discussed on the basis of some understanding of truth. One can gain a head person's attention by stating a proposition that can be discussed or debated as Paul did in Athens. A **heart** person's conversation will be based on emotion and how a person feels on a given subject. This calls for a discussion on what feels right or wrong or brings a sense of peace and contentment. A **hands** person is concerned about practical ideas and concepts for improving something that will have a positive impact.

**Seek the Holy Spirit.** A witness of Jesus Christ is wholly dependent on the Holy Spirit to be effective. Seeking the Holy Spirit is what we do before beginning a conversation in our witness to others and is ongoing throughout the discussion. Remember that the LASSIE approach isn't a series of steps to be followed in order but instead facets of witnessing that can appear haphazard to us. But God does not act haphazardly. We can always trust that the Holy Spirit who dwells and acts within us will lead us. We will find the Holy Spirit where he has promised to be – in His Means of Grace. The place to equip ourselves to witness for Jesus Christ is in the word and sacrament ministry of our congregations. We then receive the Holy Spirit who guides us in our dialogue to those we are witnessing. {Jesus said,} "When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of the Father speaking

*ious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of the Father speaking through you."*(Matthew 10:19-20)

**Seek A Point of Connection.** There is so much to say about Jesus that sometimes it's hard to know where to start. The good news is that there is so much to share about the Good News to everyone. One difficulty is deciding what to share that has meaning and interest to who we are witnessing to. A Bible verse that may seem brilliant to you (and it probably is) may not seem so to someone else. Finding the point of connection is key. We must Ask and Listen to learn more about a person's interests, views, concerns, hopes, etc. and in doing so we can discover a point of connection to begin sharing about Jesus. Usually it's something in the life of the person you are witnessing to. Some subjects that may come up might include: life events, loneliness, needs, spirituality, meaning, relationships, parenting, illness, disappointment, hopelessness and a host of others. Listen and Ask to Seek a point of connection. Then seek a connection to the Gospel.

**Seek An Opportunity to Speak.** You have the authority to speak of Jesus.... Use it wisely! Do not confuse the opportunity to speak with permission to speak. As a witness for Jesus you always have permission to speak. When Jesus spoke the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-19 he told his disciples "all authority in heaven and on earth" had been given to him. He then gave that authority to his disciples. We are His disciples today and have His authority to speak His Word of life and salvation. "We are ambassadors for Christ." 2 Corinthians 5:20. As such, we have all the authority – and permission – we need to speak of Jesus. But we need to use it wisely to seek the best opportunity to speak in a time and a way that people will listen to us. Seek opportunities to speak the truth in love politely, with humility and gentleness.

*from Everyone His Witness Lutheran Evangelism  
(www.everyonehiswitness.org)*

**Next month**, the 2nd S in LASSIE stands for share.

## On the Web:

Law and Gospel ([www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)) A program hosted on KFUE radio by Pr. Tom Baker M-F at 9:30 a.m. features the proper distinctions of Law and Gospel with each day highlighting different themes: Mon. – Sunday's lectionary, Tue. – Sunday's hymn of the day with Pr. Mark Smith, Wed.- Bible study, Thurs. – Ruminaton: A topical discussion with Pr. Wes Reimnitz, Fri. - Open mike call in. Shows are archived - listen anytime.

Don't forget the Facebook page at our website [www.plccamdenton.org](http://www.plccamdenton.org)



On Saturday, September 14, our good friend Jerry Schwab, passed away from this life to be with the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jerry and his wife Diana transferred their membership to Peace, October 12, 1999. Jerry is known to all of us for his special talent in playing the organ. In 2012, Jerry was recognized by Peace Lutheran Church and the Governor of Missouri, Jay Nixon, for 70 years of dedicated service as an organist in various churches of the LCMS. Jerry also served as our Vice President during 2005, 2006, 2007. Jerry is survived by his wife Diana, three children Julie, Bradley and Amy and four grandchildren, Alex, Audrey, Zane and Grace.

*“Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!”* 1 Chronicles 16:9

## Servants of God for October

**Elder:** Bob Mueller

**Altar Guild:** Paula Emery

### October 6

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Paula Emery & Rita Riemann

**Ushers:** Bob Hansen, Paul Bartels, Jeff Emery, Mark Riemann

**Counters:** Bob Mueller

**Flowers:** Bob & Penny Jost Hansen for Darlene Jost's birthday

### October 13

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Jeff & Dawn Hedberg

**Ushers:** Earl Hartenstein, David Bald, Rodney Schulz

**Counters:** Bob & Diane Borgmann

**Flowers:** LWML

### October 20

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Shelia Hartenstein

**Ushers:** Bob Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Dale Murrell

**Counters:** Mic Carlson

**Flowers:**

### October 27

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:**

**Ushers:** Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz, Jeff Hedberg

**Counters:** Ed & Jaccy Heinlein

**Flowers:**

## October Worship Schedule

**October 6: Seventeenth Sun. after Pentecost**

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

**Hymns:** 801 (1-2), 662, 752, 801 (3-4)

**October 13: LWML Sunday**

**LWML Sunday**

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

**Hymns:** 573 (1-2), 803, 628, 537 (3-4)

**October 20: Nineteenth Sun. after Pentecost**

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

**Hymns:** 575 (1-2), 496, 621, 575 (3-4)

**October 27: Reformation Sunday**

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

**Hymns:** 578 (1-3), 656, 670, 578 (4-6)

## What's Cooking?

### Yum-Yum Cake

2 cups flour

2 cups sugar

2 teas. baking soda

2 eggs

1 20 oz can crushed pineapple with juice (drain some of the juice)

In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, eggs and pineapple with juice. Mix well. Pour batter into a greased and floured 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Ice cooled cake.

### Frosting for cake:

1 1/3 cups evaporated milk      1 1/2 teas vanilla

1 1/3 cups sugar                      1 1/3 cups flaked coconut

4 egg yolks                              1 1/3 cups chopped pecans

2/3 cup butter

Mix milk, sugar, egg yolks and butter together until well blended. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly until thickened (about 12 minutes). Remove from heat, stir in vanilla, coconut and pecans. Continue stirring until spreadable.

submitted by Jan Smallen





In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words:

“We are all beggars. This is true.”

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironic, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

## Council Meeting September 11, 2019

Vice President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Diane Borgmann opened with a prayer.

The following council members were present: Mic Carlson, Jeff Emery, Rita Riemann, Vicki Stauch, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz and Diane Borgmann. Absent Susan Kral, Chuck Kral, and Penny Jost.

Minutes from the August 10 Council Meeting were approved.

### Financial Secretary:

Vicki Stauch presented her report. She stated giving is down from this same period and year to date. The report was accepted and approved.

### Treasurer:

Rita Riemann presented her report. Deposits were \$5,473.50 and expenses were \$2,537.40 for the month of August. The report was accepted and approved.

### Board of Elders:

Bob Mueller reported the Elders had met on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

- They reviewed the membership which continues at 58 baptized and confirmed and an average Sunday worship of 44.9.
- They reviewed the information for the Elders Manual, which has been developed and prepared by the Elders and President over the past few months. It covers such information as duties and responsibilities, reporting, pastoral salary guidelines, expectations of the Elders for the Pastor, etc.
- They reviewed and discussed the 2020 Elders budget and approved recommending it to the Council.
- We discussed the need to be looking for and identifying potential new Elders. Bob ~~is having difficulty~~

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- We discussed the need to be looking for and identifying potential new Elders. Bob is having difficulties with his knee and Earl with his eyes.
- Discussed having ladies in the congregation serve as ushers, and the need and efforts toward looking for an organist or part-time organist.

The report was accepted and approved.

### **Board of Trustees:**

Chuck Kral gave his report to Mic to present.

- He had met with the budget committee to prepare the recommendations from the trustees for the 2020 budget.
- The mowing has continued to be done by Chuck with assistance from Jeff Emery and Jeff Hedberg. His thanks the two of them.
- There is a section of the fence laid down as you approach the cemetery. We will announce and have a work day in the fall to repair and replace those sections of the fence that need to be replaced.
- He has performed some maintenance and repair work on the tractor and lawn mower.
- Animals continue to tear up the ground in the cemetery.

Chuck's report was approved and accepted.

### **Board of Evangelism:**

Russell reviewed the activities for the past month, including:

- The newsletter article Everyone His Witness: Lassie, the A in Lassie stands for "ASK".
- Recent efforts with the Chambers of Commerce to get the "Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser" on their Facebook page, and our video also put on.
- He is distributing some of the spaghetti dinner flyers to businesses to be posted.

The report was accepted and approved.

### **Board of Stewardship:**

Dawn Hedberg reviewed the quote from CPH for weekly contribution envelopes. It is for a smaller number than we used to order, but adequate for our current and foreseeable future membership. It is being put in her budget for 2020. The report was accepted and approved.

### **Cemetery Committee:**

Diane reviewed the following:

- Paul Bartels raised all the sections markers for A, B, C, D and F that need to be raised.
- Chuck Kral reported that the back marker (near the woods) in Section I, was pull up out of the ground and he replace it when he was cutting the grass.
- Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am she will be filling holes, and could use about five people to help.
- The Cemetery checking account as of September 2, 2019.

### **President's Report:**

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#### **Old Business:**

- Cemetery Perpetuity Application not complete. Now number two on my to do list.
- Call/Planning Committee is still waiting on information from District and Circuit. Plus One is basically complete. Will resume committee meetings once we get direction from District.
- Church office computer bids were received (\$535.36, \$799.99 and \$729.00) we accepted the low bid and ordered the computer.
- Reviewed the 2020 budget request. Moved by Bob Mueller to, *present and recommend the 2020 budget to the voters at the Voters meeting on October 15, 2019*". Motion was seconded and after discussion the vote was called and passed unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

- Reviewed the Elected Officers and Directors. We have six positions whose terms expire at the end of 2019, Vice President, Treasurer, Elder (one), Trustee (1), Director of Education and Director of Stewardship.
- Asked for members of the Council to consider their willingness to serve on the Nominating Committee. I will appoint the committee in the next week. The committee will need to contact the incumbents in these positions to ascertain their willingness to serve another term and to canvass other members in the congregation to serve in these positions.

Diane Borgmann closed with a prayer.

Jeff Emery closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mic Carlson for Susan Kral

