

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Cross-Lit Church

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Ministers, All Peace Lutheran Members

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Celebrating Affirmation of Baptism

Two of our young people will make their Affirmations of Baptism (also known as Confirmation) on Sunday, June 8, which is also the Day of Pentecost. The girls will affirm the vows that their parents made for them in baptism. Addison Kay Bundy and Isabelle Anne Phillips will be confirmed as we worship together in one service at 10:00 a.m. We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as well as the girls' entry into confirmed, adult membership of Peace Lutheran Church.

Addy is the daughter of Michael Bundy and Vanessa Bundy, and her Peace Lutheran grandparents are Bob and Kay Bundy.

Isabelle is the daughter of Travis and Robyn Phillips, and her Peace Lutheran grandparents are Cheryl Phillips and the late Ed Phillips.

Addy serves as a communion assistant during the 10:30 a.m. service, and Isabelle helps her dad with the computer and sound board at the 8:30 a.m. service. Both of them are very active in LYO, have attended several QUAKE events in Cincinnati, and last summer attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, where they both enjoyed their first tastes of alligator!

When asked about what confirmation means to them, they talked about responsibility, finally being adult members of the congregation, continuing to help in the congregation, and especially, being included. They are happy to be a part of our church family, and we are happy to welcome them!

Graduate Recognition and Scholarship Sunday

We will recognize our recent graduates and give out scholarships during the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 22. Our graduates are:

Olivia Waits graduated from Miami University with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology, nutrition, and health. Olivia is the daughter of Chris and Elizabeth Waits and the granddaughter of Clyde and Mary Taylor.

Grace Humble graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in social work. Grace is the daughter of Susan Taylor and the granddaughter of Clyde and Mary Taylor.

Grace Ralston graduated from Wittenberg University with a bachelor of arts degree in biochemistry/molecular biology. Grace is the daughter of Mike and Jennifer Ralston and the granddaughter of Marion and Anna Lou Ralston.

Aiden Fowler earned an associate degree in visual communications from Big Sandy Community College. Aiden is the son of George and Barbara Fowler.

The Scholarship Committee will also give out scholarships to Olivia Waits and Grace Humble, who are continuing their education. Olivia has been accepted to the University of Kentucky Medical School and will be studying medicine on the Northern Kentucky University campus. Grace will work toward a master's degree in social work, also at Northern Kentucky University.

Congratulations to all!

Please Remember in Prayer

Family of Anne Anderson
 Roland and Fonda Barr
 Steve Benning and family
 Renee Bergman
 Bobbie Blevins
 Sonny Bradford
 Brittany Brown
 Jimmy Brown
 Sandy Brown
 Vicky and Charlie
 Mike Clement
 Kendal Conley
 Eric Erickson
 Karen Gilliam
 Michell Grey
 Judith Harp
 Pastor Scott Henning
 Dorothy Hibbs
 Lydia Humble
 Teresa Johnson
 Lucas Kuronen
 Ronald Land
 Angela Lauders
 James and Milly Leach
 Ruth Litzinger
 Cynthia Marks
 Yolanda Meeker
 Esther Miller

Estel Newberry
 Dorothy Orr
 Clarence Perry
 Brenda Reed
 Karla Ritchie
 Mattie Robinette
 Amanda Roush & Josh Endsley
 Nicki Seip
 Carter Shideler
 Ken Stiers
 Carl Stuck
 Bill and Paula Taylor
 Michelle Uhl
 Ava Warmoth
 Amy White
 Dave Willis
 Brent Wilson
 Holly Wilson
 Family of Steven Wood



Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities

John Mahanes (Magnolia Springs, Loveland)
 Cameron McCall (at home)
 Esther Miller (Monarch Meadows, 937-205-7658)
 James Wagel (at home)

Serving in the Armed Forces

Kalab Dearwester, Gordon Ellis, Michael Glass,
 Nicole Hatfield, Houston Henize, Daniel Kelch,
 Tom Mays, Tyler Thomas, Ryan Thornton, Jake
 Davis, Elijah Lawrence and Adam Vogel

Senior Member Birthdays

Janice Blum (9-Jun)
 1564 E Logan Ave
 Salt Lake City, UT 84105

Eileen Stewart (13-Jun)
 12 Elm St
 Jamestown, OH 45335

Dorothy Orr (17-Jun)
 7519 Staten Rd
 Sardinia, OH 45171

Donna Johnson (27-Jun)
 465 N State Route 741
 Apt 216
 Lebanon, OH 45036

Thank You

Thank you to those who helped out on our church work days on May 17 and 31. Thank you also to the LYO for putting the flags on the graves of our veterans for Memorial Day!

Bariadi

Every fifth Sunday, the Sunday School takes up an offering for Bariadi, the orphanage we help sponsor in Tanzania. We also sponsor two students at Bariadi. Please remember to give in order that these students might continue their studies as some of them also prepare for post-high school. Thank you!

Prayers for Health, Comfort and Strength

The Prayer List is published each month in the Beacon newsletter. Updates to the Beacon list are included in the weekly bulletins.

Please contact Pastor Laura or the church office to add names to the Prayer List or to request continuing prayers.

Requests for prayers may also be distributed through Peace Lutheran FYI emails and the One Call Now phone service.

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8, NRSV

Dear Friends,

June always brings special memories. June 2 is my confirmation date. June 6 is the date of my high school graduation, and June 12 is the date of my college graduation (seminary graduation was in May). June 28 is the birthday of my youngest and much-missed youngest brother. June 30 will be our 35th wedding anniversary.

I was confirmed on June 2, 1968. Fifty-seven years ago. My mother made my confirmation dress from a frothy material called "whipped cream." I had my first heels—white Mary Janes. My maternal grandparents, my great-grandma, and my great-aunt came to Faith Lutheran Church in Dayton for this special day. I had 24 students in my class. We had to turn to the congregation and sing our confirmation hymn, "O Take My Hand, Dear Father" (I believe it's "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" in the LBW). We knelt at the altar rail; it was a very hot day. John Frueauf, a strapping German boy, fell forward when they opened the rail gates. He had passed out. His youngest brother also passed out at his confirmation four years later—he was in my brother Dave's class. Hard to live that down!

I remember that we went out to David's Buffet after church. And that my relatives who came had brought me presents. I didn't even know I would get presents! My parents had repainted my room a pale yellow and put up wallpaper with small yellow roses. My mother made me a pale yellow quilt. I didn't really care about the room or the pretty jewelry and other gifts as much as I did about the day. It felt so special to me to affirm those vows that my parents had made for me almost 14 years before. 1968 was a tough year for everyone. In April, programming was interrupted to announce the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. And three days after my confirmation, I heard the TV on in the living room, which was unusual. Bobby Kennedy had been shot. The next day he died. I had followed him even at my young age and I had thought he would be a good president. I was devastated to see him lying on the floor of the Ambassador Hotel. It changed my summer, but I still had that shining memory of my confirmation.

From the Pastor



Forty years later, I confirmed my own daughter on Reformation Sunday, and I didn't even choke up during my sermon, much to her relief. I have pictures of my mother at her confirmation in 1943, and my great-grandmother at hers in 1900. She had a beautiful white dress with a very tiny waist. I am

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especially remembering my confirmation this year because on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, we will celebrate Addy Bundy and Isabelle Phillips as they are confirmed. They will speak their confirmation verses to you. Mine is above. They will help us with the Pentecost lessons. They will pick some of their hymns, including one we will designate as their confirmation hymn. But most importantly, they will affirm those vows their parents made at their baptisms.

This is what they will promise: to live among God's faithful people and to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper (in other words, faithful church attendance); to proclaim the good news of God through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the world. I will ask them if they intend to continue in the covenant God made with them in Holy Baptism. They will reply, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

These are very serious and solemn promises for two 14-year-old girls to make. My daughter once told me that she thought 14 was not the best time for confirmation. She thought students should be a little older. I have to say that my Class of Reformation 2020 would prove that to be true. They had waited so long to begin catechism, that they were an involved class. They worked so hard, and then just as we planned for their confirmation that was supposed to be in May 2020 -- COVID. I think for the most part, they were very sincere, and very enthusiastic as they made these promises to God.

When Addy and Isabelle affirm their vows before you, the church family that promised to look after them on the occasion of their baptisms, I want you to listen very carefully to each vow. And I want you to silently affirm each vow for yourself. It never hurts to "re-affirm" our faith. Your words and deeds mean a lot to these girls. They watch you. Continue to watch over them.

In Christ,
Pastor Laura



"Christmas in July"

The Sunday School Board invites everyone to join us once again in showering the kids at Wilson Children's Home, West Union, with some great gifts. Winter goodies were greatly appreciated in December, but raising a child is not just a once-a-year job.

We will collect items the whole month of July. There will be a collection point in the foyer of the lower level entrance.

As of May, they have 14 children -- 11 boys and 3 girls -- ranging in age from 14 to 18, so gifting should be age appropriate.

Possible gift ideas:

- Backpacks
- School Supplies
- Summer Pajamas (boys: men's L or XL; girls: women's medium or large)
- Socks (Size 9-11 men's or women's -- greatly needed)
- Underwear (Men's L or XL; Women's, Size 7 -- greatly needed)
- Cosmetics (makeup, nail polish, etc.)
- Playing Cards or Games (like UNO, etc.)
- Blank Canvas, Paints and Paint Brushes
- Craft Kits
- Diamond and Rock Art
- Monetary gifts also will be appreciated. They report that their largest expenses are sports fees that range from \$150 to \$200 per participant per sport.

Once again, thanks for your support!



LYO Flower Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers during the LYO flower sale this year! Once again, it took two full horse trailer loads to pick up everything that was ordered. We always have great support for this fundraiser, and sincerely thank everyone who helped! The LYO was able to raise over \$1,600!



LYO Prepares for Memorial Day

During the LYO meeting on May 18 the youth put new flags in the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.

Dorcas Circle Projects

Dorcas Circle will have two projects in June:

On June 8, they will accept donations to the Little Cross-Lit Pantry. Please put your non-perishable food items under the coat rack in the Access entry.

On June 22, they will accept donations to the Adams County Homeless Shelter and the Interfaith Pantry at Sardinia Hope Church. Lists of needs can be found on the large cupboard at the north end of the Access entrance. The homeless shelter is now accepting kitchen items, including towels, wash cloths, and gently used pots, pans and other small appliances. Place all items in the large cupboard at the Access entrance.

LYO Project and Invitation

The LYO met twice in the month of May. There will be more exciting activities in the works over the summer as official plans are put into place.

One project that the group is taking on is clean-up of the church courtyard (where the fountain is). Keep an eye out for our progress!

Participation in the LYO is open to all school age children. We currently have ages 7-14. If you have a school age child that is interested in joining the group, just reach out to Susan Taylor or Natalie Vogel.

Summer Lunches

We have begun the Agape Summer Lunch Program for this summer. The five churches that form Agape – Peace Lutheran, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sardinia Hope Church, Sardinia Church of the Nazarene, and Sardinia Church of Christ -- go together each summer to feed the at-risk children in Sardinia and Arnheim and some a little further away. We have 104 children on our list to feed, but sometimes that list has grown to 120!

Peace will pack lunches at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Fridays to load cars and distribute the lunches to the Maple Street apartments, the trailer court, and individual homes. We need at least two drivers each Friday, and one to two extra people to ride along and distribute the lunches. We have a sign-up sheet on the Access Hall table for anyone who can drive or ride along.

Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 9, in Frey Hall. President Barbara Fowler will lead the business meeting and then Pastor Laura will lead the Third Session of the Bible study, Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Acts. Lesson Three is "Tried and Tested" and includes pages 19-26. The Scripture is Acts 5:17-33.

The high priest and the rest of the Sadducees can arrest the apostles and put them into jail, but they cannot keep them there! They had been given warnings to stop preaching in Jesus' name, but Peter says "We must obey God rather than human beings!" Being bold and "out there" about your faith is not easy, and it wasn't easy for them either. What lessons can we learn from the early Christians about speaking out against wrongdoings no matter what? Come and join us for fellowship and learning. Women from confirmation age on are welcome.



Back-to-School Giveaway

Peace will partner with the Sardinia Church of Christ for the Back-to-School Giveaway from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 19, and from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, in the gym at the Sardinia Church of Christ. We will set up at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18.

Kindergartners through seniors in high school can pick up backpacks and fill them with school supplies and hygiene items. We will also have shoes of all sizes available for the students to choose from. We will have chairs available so that the students can try on the shoes. We will have a variety of backpacks and shoes.

Parents or guardians MUST have their children with them. Thanks to all who have already given backpacks and shoes. Peace will donate toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and feminine pads (not tampons). The other Agape churches also will donate some hygiene items and funds.

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Synod Assembly

The Southern Ohio Synod will meet in its annual assembly on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, at the Africa Event Center in the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Pastor Laura will represent Peace as a voting rostered member; Pastor Ron will represent Peace as a voting retired pastor; and George Fowler will represent Peace as its lay voting member. During the synod assembly, Bishop Dillahunt will lay out her vision of the synod's future. Please keep all those involved in prayer during this time!

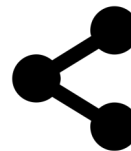
The main business will be the election of a Bishop for a six-year term through 2031. Our current bishop, Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, is standing for a third term. If you followed the recent conclave for electing the Pope, the process is somewhat like that, except for the white smoke and the fact that we have both rostered pastors and deacons as well as lay people voting. Everyone writes down a name for the first ballot. If there is not a majority of votes on that ballot, then all the names are placed on a second ballot, which is voted on. If there is not a majority then, the top seven names appear on the third ballot. The top three give short speeches and appear on the fourth ballot. If there is still no majority, the top two will be on the fifth and final ballot. Bishop Dillahunt won on the fifth ballot in 2013, but she received the majority of votes on the first ballot in 2019.

Absolutely Free Yard Sale

The Evangelism Committee has made the very difficult decision not to have the Absolutely Free Yard Sale this year. They received a lot of sign-ups for help and would like to thank everyone who signed up. But the committee could not find a date that would work for everyone between graduations, moving family members, vacations, and the Back-to-School Giveaway in July. Again, thanks to those who signed up.

Opportunities to Share

- ⇒ Agape Emergency Fund – donations for emergencies in our community
- ⇒ Agape Food Pantry – non-perishable food items
- ⇒ Adams/Brown County Homeless Shelter – common household paper products and sanitary items for adults and children
- ⇒ Cross-Lit Pantry – non-perishable food items for our outdoor pantry near the access entrance
- ⇒ Home of Peace Orphanage in Bariadi Tanzania – donations for the orphanage and children - aluminum cans for recycling



Please send news items, corrections and address changes to the church office or peacelutheran@ymail.com



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Council Minutes — April 6, 2025

Present: Cheryl Phillips, George Fowler, Connie Perry, Linda Sue Stephan, Marion Ralston, Natalie Vogel, Joan Yockey, Pastor Laura Shreffler, Elizabeth Waits, Zach Taylor, Dan Wagel, Dorothy Carrington, Sue Bohrer

President Zac Taylor called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Elizabeth Waits led devotions.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Cheryl Phillips made a motion to accept the report and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Cheryl Phillips made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Pastor Laura Shreffler read the pastor's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property—The boiler issues continue. The inducer fan has been fixed, but two valves need to be replaced. Another inspection will be needed.

An inspection request/questionnaire was received from our insurance company (Church Mutual). They will be coming to the church on Thursday to take pictures. We need a group formed to complete the questionnaire. George Fowler has agreed to run with the questionnaire and Shauna Weis has offered to help. Steve Weddle was also recommended as a good resource due to his past church property experience here at Peace. The questionnaire is due by the end of April.

The basement hallway has flooded again. This has happened before. The shop vac was used to clean it up on April 4. The gutters need to be cleaned (this has been a cause of the issue in the past). We also need to make sure the downspouts are connected.

Cemetery—We received three bids for removing trees. One more bid is expected.

Bid #1 is from Melvin Wardlow - \$8,900 and includes taking down 5 trees (no stumps) and removal of the wood/brush.

Bid #2 is from Steve's Trees & More - \$13,000 and includes taking down 5 trees (no stumps) and removal of the wood/brush.

Bid #3 is from A1 Tree Care - \$6,700 and includes removal of the pine tree and 2 maples (include the stump for all 3), and 'topping' the other 2 maple trees. They advised that topping the 2 maple trees would give them another 5-7 years.

Bid #4 is TBD and was mailed on March 26.

The council will vote at the next council meeting after the 4th bid is received.

We need to verify insurance on each option.

Evangelism—Taste of Arnheim is scheduled for April 26 and derby hats are being encouraged. They are hoping for a large turnout.

\$2,500 has been received from United Way and will be split between the five churches for the summer lunch program.

Directory: we will be using Universal Church Directory again (same as last time). A free directory and app access to be given to each family. The only cost will be for prints ordered of pictures they take. You can submit your own pictures. Aiming for fall timeframe.

Scholarship—Two students have applied (Grace H and Olivia). Grace H has requested the money early due to the early school start date – this is ok.

Christian Education—Joy is working on plans for Easter Sunday School (scavenger hunt).

Worship & Music—Palm Sunday evening-need help passing out bulletins – Linda Sue offered to help.

Youth & Family Flower sale orders went well, final numbers available next month.

Currently working on Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast plans.

Game night was held on March 21, 18 people attended.

LYO meeting is planned for May 18.

Next game night is planned for May 30.

Linda Sue Stephan made a motion to accept the Committee Reports and Marion Ralston seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The light switch in the choir room has not been addressed yet, but Travis has offered to help.

Outside railing – options are being explored to fix it.

Propane – good at the moment.

SOS Assembly – still need volunteers, April 15 deadline.

NEW BUSINESS

The May meeting needs to be moved to May 4 because of Mother's Day. Elizabeth Waits will cover the meeting minutes in Natalie's absence (Natalie will be out of town).

We received a letter from 'All Funeral Services' regarding available digital services, they can setup an online demo, more to come after Easter.

There was a Snapchat video posted by some youth targeting our little pantry.

A clean-up day has been scheduled for May 17 (May 31 is the rain date).

Cheryl Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Elizabeth Waits seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Vogel.

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	2	3	4 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	5 6:30 p.m. Pack Summer Lunches	6 11:30 a.m. Distribute Summer Lunches 1:00 p.m. Southern Ohio Synod Assembly	7 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Southern Ohio Synod Assembly
8 DAY OF PENTECOST <u>AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM</u> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:00 a.m. Catechism/Confirmation Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Affirmation of Baptism 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meets 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meets	9 7:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle Meets	10	11 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	12 6:30 p.m. Pack Summer Lunches 3:30 p.m. Pastor at Candidacy Committee Meeting	13 11:30 a.m. Distribute Summer Lunches	14
15 THE HOLY TRINITY <u>FATHER'S DAY</u> 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	16 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee Meets	17	18 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	19 6:30 p.m. Pack Summer Lunches	20 11:30 a.m. Distribute Summer Lunches	21
22 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:20 a.m. Healing Service 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Graduate Recognition-Scholarship Presentations 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	23 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meets	24	25 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	26 6:30 p.m. Pack Summer Lunches	27 11:30 a.m. Distribute Summer Lunches	28
29 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum Sunday School Offering for Bariadi 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	30					

The Beacon

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June 2025

We welcome you to join us for worship, fellowship and service!

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated every week
At both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

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