

The Beacon

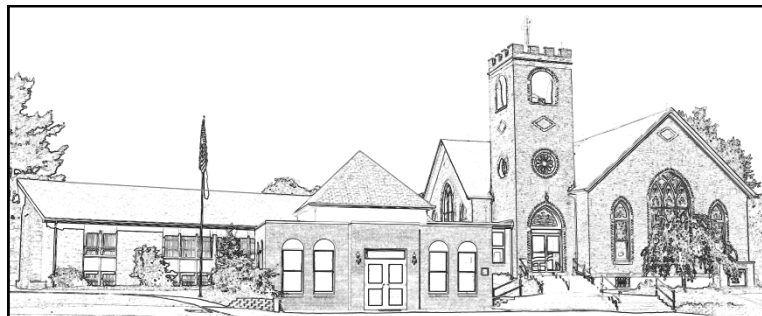
April 2024

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Cross-Lit Church

10581 Day Hill-Arnheim Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Ministers, All Peace Lutheran Members

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LYO Flower Sale

Thank you to all who purchased flowers from the LYO flower sale! Be on the lookout for delivery information toward the end of April.

Checks should be made payable to Peace Lutheran LYO, and payment is due upon delivery. The LYO will not know about any product unavailability until the order is picked up. If you have any questions, contact Natalie Vogel at 937-618-1151, or Susan Taylor at 937-515-2692.

Funds raised will help our LYO get to the 2024 ELCA Youth and Young Adult Gathering in New Orleans in July.

Church Camp

If anyone is interested in going to church camp this summer, please see Lisa Jewell. Information is available on the table in the Access hallway. Lutheran Memorial Camp is now called Hopewood Pines. If you want to find out more, talk with some of our college students and graduates who have attended camp.

The group registration deadline is Sunday, March 31. We have a church registration form and the Campership Fund will pay fees. Anyone can donate to this fund by marking your check or envelope.

Scholarship Meeting

The Scholarship Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 7, with all students who want to apply for college or post-college scholarships for 2024-2025 that are given by the church. If you will attend college or any kind of post-high training or schooling this coming year, please attend the meeting.

If you cannot attend because you have to work that Sunday, or you're away at college, please make sure you have a parent there to pick up your materials. Contact Lisa Jewell or Shauna Weis if you have questions.

A Taste of

Arnheim

Taste of Arnheim – Spring Fling

The Evangelism Committee has moved its Taste of Arnheim Spring Fling to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Recipe sheets will soon be available for those who want to provide food. The Taste of Arnheim provides a taste of entrees, casseroles, sandwiches, salads, desserts and more.

We know already that we have some of the best cooks and bakers around. Sign up to provide your specialty, then serve it in small plates or bowls so everyone can have a taste.

The Evangelism Committee will meet soon to spruce up the details, so watch your bulletins for more information!

The Cross-Lit Church - Faith, Hope and Love

Please Remember in Prayer

Roland and Fonda Barr
Gary and Sandy Brown
Kendal Conley
Betsy Drott
Becky Endsley
Roger Foobar
Family of Claudia Fowler
Brenda Gast
Rick and Mary Harris
Pastor Scott Henning
Judy Huber
Norma Kelch
Wilfred Kelch
Bill Lang
Dwight Leach
Don and Sandy Mastin
Family of Ruth McFarland
Esther Miller
Fae Miller
Family of Thomas Raglin
Stephanie Riggan

Karla Ritchie
Mattie Robinette
Eryn Rudy's brother Kyle
Bryan Sartorious
Robert Starett
Barbara T.
Bill and Paula Taylor
Michelle Wallace
Marilyn Wasson
Dirl Whitt and family
Dave Willis
Tim Wilson



Senior Member Birthday

Kathleen Waddell (3-Apr)
6150 Pinoak Dr Apt 102
Burlington, KY 41005

Emmy Miller (22-Apr)
3717 Orders Rd Unit 239
Grove City, OH 43123

Fae Miller (25-Apr)
1006 Mt Orab Pike
Georgetown, OH 45121

Welcome Home!

At the Feb. 18 council meeting, the Church Council approved a letter of transfer for Bob and Cindy Verville from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Anderson Twp. back to Peace. We are happy to have you back, Bob and Cindy. Welcome home!

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.

Our Christian Sympathy

✝ Our Christian sympathy is extended to George, Barbara and Aiden Fowler on the death of their mother and grandmother, Claudia Fowler, on Thursday, Feb. 22, in Columbus. Please also keep in prayer Claudia's other children and grandchildren. Cremation was held Wednesday, Feb. 28, in Columbus, and services will be held at a later date in Claudia's home state of Iowa.

✝ Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Thomas Raglin, who died Thursday, Feb. 29, at the UC Medical Center. Thomas was the father of Courtney Wagel and friend of Karen Wagel.

Congratulations.

Congratulations to Emma Vogel, who graduated from Aveda Fredric's Institute in West Chester. She will be an esthetician, working in Mount Orab. Emma is the daughter of Natalie Vogel

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

Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities

Cameron McCall (at home)
Esther Miller (Monarch Meadows, 937-205-7658)
Fae Miller is currently in The Villa of Georgetown, Room 109, to recuperate from an injured leg.



Dear Friends,

Today I would like to share an Easter story with you. It is a true story and was told by Pastor Robert Beringer of First Presbyterian Church in Metuchen, New Jersey. It is titled "The Unseen Leader."

Mark Thomas and his wife, Susan, were excited by the opportunity to live in the Middle East for two years while on assignment for Mobil Oil. The only real drawback to their new home was the government restriction on Christians gathering for either worship or study. Mark and Sue both missed their church and the experience of sharing Sunday worship together. There was some talk of lifting the restrictions, but no official government action had yet occurred.

As Easter Sunday approached that first year, Mark and Sue decided to risk inviting some of their Christian friends to gather in a basement room in their home. They soon found a number of other people who were willing to take the chance to gather for prayer and singing, in spite of the real risk they would face if discovered by the police.

The day arrived, and Mark and Sue's friends began arriving sporadically, so as not to attract attention. It was wonderful to be together, to listen to the story of that first Easter morning, and to sing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," even without accompaniment. They were huddled together in a small basement room with no windows, but the joy they felt in their hearts was like being in a great cathedral with crowds of Easter worshipers proclaiming Jesus' resurrection.

And then came the sound of footsteps and pounding on the door of the room where they were gathered! Suddenly two officers and a detachment of police with guns drawn burst into the room! Quickly, the officers dispersed the group with warnings that if such a gathering occurred again, all present would be expelled from the country. The Christians left, grateful that there had been at least some time to share their Easter faith and that there had been no arrests.

Meanwhile, the two officers returned to the police station to file their report of the incident. They quickly discovered that their recollections as to who was the leader of the group and how many persons were actually there differed greatly. The senior officer insisted Mark was the leader since the group met at his house, but the younger

From the Pastor



policeman insisted on the leader being a man who stood in the shadows, who had a radiant look on his face.

Nor did the two officers agree on the total number of men and women involved in the incident. The senior officer said he had counted a total of nine people, but the younger officer was just as insistent that he had counted 10 people in the room. Unable to agree, the two policemen left the station with the intention of completing their report the following day.

That night the younger officer was going over the day's events in his mind when he fell asleep. In his dreams, the man with the radiant countenance whom he remembered as the leader of the Christian group, spoke to him softly, saying, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

Have a joyous Easter season. Remember that we have SEVEN Sundays of Easter in which to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

Thank You

Dear Friends at Peace Lutheran,
Thank you for the gift to the Sardinia Food Pantry. It seems your Souper Bowl was a great success! Blessings to you. Thank you.
Leigh Ann Granger

Thank you for your prayers for Eryn Ruder's brother, Kyle. He has made improvements.

New Ovens!

Take time to go to the kitchen and see the shiny new black ovens. They were recently purchased to replace the brown ovens, which were no longer working. We look forward to trying these ovens out!



Thank you to Dorcas Circle and our generous donors for purchasing the ovens. Thanks to Steve Weddle who helped install the new ovens with help from a worker from Lee & Jack's.

Envelope Fundraiser

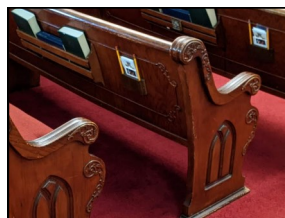
Thanks to everyone who responded to the Envelope Fundraiser for the LYO. The LYO has used the money to support QUAKE and the ELCA Youth and Young Adult Gatherings to be held in New Orleans this summer.

The LYO has turned the Envelope Fundraiser over to the church to raise money for whatever council and the congregation decide is a priority need. We need a new heat pump to cover the hall outside the sanctuary and the Access entrance; painting of the sanctuary walls and ceiling; and handrails for the chancel area and steps to the old Sunday School overflow.

Most of the envelopes are back on the board, numbered 1-100. Decide what amount you want to donate, take the envelope with that amount on it, and place the money in it. Then place the envelope in the box provided.

From the Middle Pew

I well remember kneeling in the field with my father digging in the planted corn row to find a sprout among the kernels we had buried—an unthinking act of faith; the seed would rot as new life burst forth.



So our lives, buried with Jesus, we witness to His power as saved souls burst forth and grow in acts of love.

JMW

Dorcas Circle Meets

Dorcas Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 8. Following a business meeting, Pastor Laura will lead us in the next session of *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*. Session Six is "Generous to a Fault" about Sapphira and her husband, Ananias. Read pages 127-146, answer Question 6 of the Discussion Questions, and look at pages 23-256 in the study guide.

Cincinnati Gathering and Chalk Talk

The Cincinnati Conference of the Women of the ELCA will hold its annual Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 13, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 106 Maple St., Reading. The Gathering will begin registration at 9:00 a.m., with the business meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This will include brunch. Pastor Laura will be able to take three people. If you plan to go to the conference, please let Linda Sue Stephan know.

At 11:30 a.m., Elva Hurst will present her Chalk Talk, "Then Comes Spring." Anyone is welcome to attend this. Elva Hurst is a professional artist and author from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Growing up in a large old-order Mennonite family, she spent most of her time teaching herself art



between chores on the family dairy farm. After graduating from the eighth grade at her one-room school, she discovered the lost performance of chalk talk. She now owns and operates the Barnyard Art Studio and Gallery on her 40-acre farm in Lancaster, and travels abroad to share her stories of faith and freedom through chalk. This inspiring show includes sharing her stories through fluorescent chalk, music and sound effects.

Stewardship Committee Meeting

The Stewardship Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 14. If you have any questions, contact Linda Sue Stephan, who is our new liaison from Church Council. Come with new ideas!

Church Communications

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Registration Open for Synod Assembly

The Southern Ohio Synod will gather in assembly at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek on Friday, May 31 through Saturday, June 1, under the theme, "Out of the Waters...Follow Me." The theme verse is from Romans 10:14-17.

All assembly business will be conducted in person on Saturday. Registration closes May 10 and there will be no on-site registration. The cost is \$100 per person for Saturday only. Peace is eligible to send two lay people as well as the pastor. The church will pay your registration.

Let Pastor Laura know if you are interested in going. Note: Pastor Laura will be staying Friday night with her father so you will be responsible for your own transportation. Hotels are available in the area. Voting members should plan to attend one of the two PreAssembly Zoom Gatherings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 13, or Sunday, May 19.

Friday evening will include a variety of workshops for voting members and visitors to attend. Workshops are open to all and are free. Registration simply helps with the planning. Visitors may attend in person or view a livestream on line through the Southern Ohio Synod's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

A Call for Prayer from our Bishop

Siblings in Christ,

Late on Thursday evening (March 14), several communities within our Synod experienced storm damage from tornadoes and high winds. We continue to hold these communities in prayer, especially Russell's Point and Lakeview.

Cleanup crews have been hard at work since the storms cleared. There is still much work to be done. I have been in regular contact with Pr. Karen Torrez (Galilee Lutheran Church, Russell's Point) and Lutheran Disaster Response, to coordinate a response that meets the most immediate needs. Thank you all for your prayers and your willingness to serve your neighbors! We are Stronger and Better Together...Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World.

In Christ,
Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt

If you are willing to help, please contact the Southern Ohio Synod Office for more information. If you would like to donate to the relief efforts, you may place a check in the offering with "SOS Disaster Relief" in the memo line. Designated donations will be forwarded to the Southern Ohio Synod. You can also donate online through the Synod website.

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



The Beacon is the official publication of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Arnheim, Ohio. It is sponsored by the Church and the LYO to furnish information and inspiration to our congregation and friends.

Council Minutes — February 10, 2024

Present: Steve Bundy, Dorothy Carrington, Paul Hertlein, Connie Perry, Cheryl Phillips, Travis Phillips, Linda Sue Stephan, Natalie Vogel, Elizabeth Waits, Steve Weddle, Shauna Weis, Joan Yockey, Pastor Laura Shreffler, Dan Wagel

President Travis Phillips called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Linda Sue Stephan led our devotions.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. Elizabeth Waits made a motion to accept the report and Shauna Weis seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

Pastor Laura Shreffler's report was reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property—Marion Ralston and Richard Stephan cleaned the gutters. All four fire extinguishers were updated on January 18. A request for estimates has been sent to five local painters, one has responded. Johnny Bohrer said he would paint everything except for the ceiling in the sanctuary. He estimated that he could do this for approximately \$10k (plus an additional \$2k in paint). This estimate includes plaster fixes on the walls. He is available to do the work now if we move forward soon, or else it would be at least 6 months before he is available. He would work 5 hours a day and the entire process could take 2-8 weeks. We could continue to use the sanctuary for church during this process as he'll work in small areas at a time. He also estimated that another person/business would charge at least \$30k to do everything (including the ceilings). Cheryl Phillips made a motion to get more estimates before committing to anything and Shauna Weis seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. A bleed valve issue was fixed in Pastor's office. JB Heating & Cooling identified that the heat pump wasn't hooked up, this has been fixed. A state inspector paid us a visit and was taking pictures (for insurance purposes). Vacuums, mops, etc. need to be moved away from any electrical panels. Sump pump needs an alarm. Ovens in the kitchen – one doesn't work. Steve will get estimates on what it would cost to replace the entire double-oven set. Boiler inspection passed. There was a small fault identified, but it has been fixed. Payment already made to RT for \$289. The condenser motor is shot (it is 28 years old). We've received one bid of \$9,967 to replace it. Steve will get another bid. There is a water leak at the parsonage. A repairman is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, February 20. The carpets in the sanctuary are scheduled to be stretched on Monday, February 19 at noon. Handrails need to be added to the doorway leading into the Sunday School by the sanctuary. It is likely those doors will need to be removed. No decision on this at this time. Handrails need to be added to the altar steps. We'll visit the sanctuary to determine the exact locations at the next meeting. Travis has a contact that may help us out with this one and will send that information to Steve. There is a possible leak in the refrigerator (near the flower coolers). It is possible it was a condensation problem only so will keep an eye on it to see if the problem continues.

Cemetery—Nothing to report.

Finance & Investment—Nothing to report.

Evangelism—Items currently being discussed: Absolutely Free Garage Sale for this summer, Summer Lunch program, LYO New Orleans trip, Spring Fling – currently scheduled for April 13, but this will likely change, Fair booth, Backpack giveaway – scheduled for August 3rd and 7th at the Sardinia Church of Christ.

Stewardship—Nothing to report.

Scholarship—Nothing to report.

Christian Education—Would like to rethink the service schedule for days of the Congregational Meeting. A proposed schedule is as follows: 9am Sunday School, 10 am Church (one service), and 11 am meeting. More to come.

Worship & Music—Plans for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Youth & Family—Casserole fundraiser was held in January. 43 casseroles were sold and \$1,325 was raised. They send a big thank you to the LYO families for helping to make this one happen. The Valentine Dinner was held on February 11. There were 53 guests and approximately \$900 was raised. The flower sale will run from March 3 through March 24. They should be available for pick up either the last week of April or the first week of May. More to come. Also preparing for the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast.

Web update: one prayer request has been received via the website. Easter service times have been added to the website. Also a reminder for committees to send Natalie any updates they would like on the website.

Mission Fund—Nothing to report.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bob and Cindy Verville are having their memberships transferred back to Peace. Paul Hertlein made a motion to approve the transfer and Joan Yockey seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

From Pastor Laura Shreffler – there are some events coming up that are open to rostered ministers, church staff and lay persons. A Taste of Cultivate Ministries; Bishop's Convocation; and SOS Assembly – May 31 and June 1 @ PLC Beaver Creek, online registration coming soon

A email was received from Chris Parker at Wernle canceling his February 7 visit. Their license has been revoked by the Department of Children Services. Chris has given his 30-day notice. We need to rethink who to send money to and update our standing resolutions. Paul Hertlein made a motion to send 100% of funds from our Lenten services and Christmas Eve service to the Agape Emergency Fund and Shauna Weis seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.


The Annual Reports were reviewed. Paul Hertlein made a motion to accept the annual report and Elizabeth Waits seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Next meeting will be on March 10, 2024 at 6pm.

Paul Hertlein made a motion to adjourn meeting and Shauna Weis seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Vogel

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed— Pastor Ron's 77th Birthday	2	3 Noon, Record Worship Video 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	4	5	6 Molly Goodlett Sacrament of Baptism
7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Catechism 9:30 a.m. Scholarship Meeting 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	8 7:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle Meets	9 11:30 a.m. Pastor in Zoom Candidacy Meeting	10 Noon, Record Worship Video 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	11	12	13 9:30 a.m. Cincinnati Conference Women's Gathering and Chalk Talk
14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meets 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meets	15 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee Meets	16 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Board Meets	17 Noon, Record Worship Video 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	18 3:00 p.m. Pastor at Candidacy Meeting in Columbus	19	20 9:30 a.m. Youth Gathering Informational Meeting, Good Shepherd, Kenwood 5:00 p.m. Taste of Arnheim Spring Fling
21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Catechism 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Beacon Information Due	22 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meets	23	24 Noon, Record Worship Video 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	25 LYO Plants and Flowers Tentatively Arrive 	26	27 9:30 a.m. Pastor at Synod Council in Columbus
28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:20 a.m. Healing Service 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Catechism 10:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	29	30				

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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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