

# The Beacon

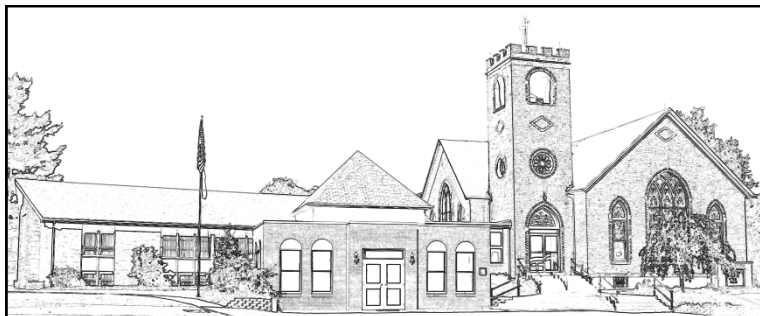
June 2024

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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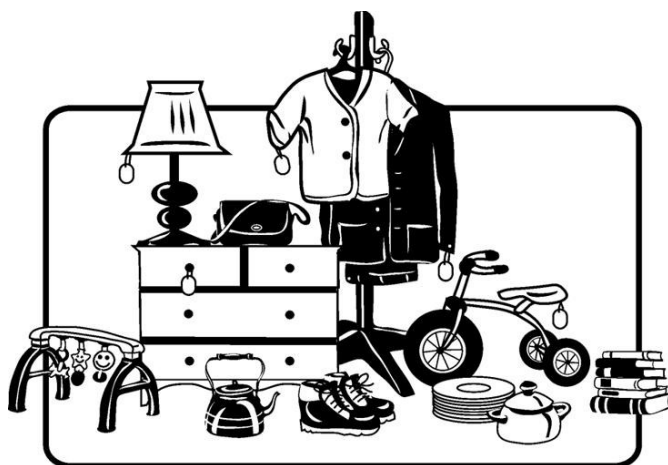


## LYO Yard/Rummage Sale

The LYO will hold a yard sale/rummage sale from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at Sue Bohrer's house, 310 Oak Ridge Drive, Mt. Orab. All the money made during the sale will help with the upcoming trip to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering/Young Adult Gathering in July.

Come and shop for new treasures! There will be a little of everything – especially household items and clothing. We will preview some items as we get closer to the date and have the items ready.

If you would like to donate an item for the sale, please include a price for your contribution. Items donated to the sale may be placed in the church basement Youth Room.



## Rummage Sale



## Dorcas Circle

The Dorcas Circle tentatively plans to meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 10, in Frey Hall. Danei Edelen, who headed up NAMI Brown County and who now is the head of NAMI Northern Kentucky, will be the speaker and bring one of her Mental Health Warriors (someone who has battled mental illness and has a positive story to tell).

Danei was our speaker in August 2020 and was very inspiring. We are still trying to get our schedules to line up. If Danei speaks at 6:00 p.m., we will hold our business meeting at 7:00 p.m. If Danei cannot come, we will study "Jezebel," a "bad-to-the-bone" Bad Girl of the Bible. Otherwise, we will study Jezebel at our July meeting.

On August 12 our guest speaker will be Marcia Ernst from the Brown County Pregnancy Resource Center. This presentation will be open to everyone. Beginning June 30, Dorcas Circle will collect baby items for the Pregnancy Center. We will publish a list of baby items next month, and everyone is invited to participate in the shower.

## Please Remember in Prayer

Bea Baker  
 Bentley Balke  
 Roland and Fonda Barr  
 George Beltz  
 Marion and Cheryl Berry  
 Gary and Sandy Brown  
 Kendal Conley  
 Linda Davis  
 Pastor Scott Henning  
 Judy Huber  
 Wilfred and Norma  
 Kelch  
 Bill Lang  
 Fae Miller  
 Jane Pack  
 Lydia Percy  
 Karla Ritchie  
 Mattie Robinette  
 Pastor Ron and Pastor Laura  
 Robert Starett  
 Don Stevenson  
 Bill and Paula Taylor  
 Michelle Wallace  
 Marilyn Wasson  
 Family of Dirl Whitt Jr.  
 Dave Willis



### 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.

## 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 45036-9245

## Thank You

George and Dixie Beltz would like to thank the congregation for its prayers, cards and letters. The love shown is very much appreciated. George began treatment on Monday, April 29.

Pastor Ron would like to thank all those who have visited him at Monarch Meadows and sent cards. All those things make the days and weeks go faster. His room is #114.

Aiden Fowler thanks the congregation for its prayer for his girlfriend's grandfather, Dirl Whitt Jr. Dirl died recently, and Aiden has asked for continued prayers for his family.

Good news from Roland Barr! The report from pathology came back that he is cancer clear! This was a very severe surgery. We continue to pray for healing, and better sleeping and eating. Fonda says, "We thank you and all our Church family for the prayers."

Thanks for the prayers for George Fowler's niece, Gretchen Bernard, and her newborn son, Alden. Despite childbirth traumas that sent both Gretchen and Alden to upper-level trauma centers in Cleveland, both mother and son are doing well.

## Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities

Cameron McCall (at home)  
 Esther Miller (Monarch Meadows, 937-205-7658)



**"Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' -- Ezekiel 37:11 NRSV**

Dear Friends,

My devotions today focused on "The Valley of the Dry Bones" from Ezekiel, a very familiar story that gave rise to some spirituals. It makes me hum that song from Girl Scouts and Sunday School: "Dem Bones Gonna Rise Again." Or "Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones." You can understand why this Scripture was so important to the slave community. And it usually shows up around the Day of Pentecost because of the breath of the Holy Spirit that made the bones live.

The full story is told in Ezekiel 37. In the fall of my senior year of seminary, I was part of a small group from the "Prophets of the Exile" class. Ezekiel was our prophet. We had a presentation to put together, so we used our strengths. For some reason, I can't remember what Brad did, but it was probably outstanding. Randy put together a presentation using U2's "Joshua Tree." Curt painted the most incredible illustration of the Dry Bones. And I preached on Ezekiel 37. We got an A. So I had time to immerse myself into Ezekiel 37:1-14.

The Spirit of the LORD sets Ezekiel in the middle of a valley full of dry bones. "Mortal, can these bones live?" God asks. "O LORD GOD, you know," Ezekiel responds. Then God tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the bones: "O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. I will cause breath (also translated spirit) to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel prophesies, and there is a noise, a rattling, as the dry bones come together. They have sinews and are covered with flesh. Ezekiel prophesies again, and breath or spirit comes into them, and they live and stand on their feet. And we find that these bones represent the whole house of Israel. They are exiles in Babylon, and Ezekiel is an exile with them. They say that their bones are dried up, and their hope is lost because they feel that God has cut them off completely. But God

## From the Pastor



says, "I will open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live," and God will bring them back home to Israel.

So this is basically a resurrection story and sometimes shows up in the readings for Easter as well. God's Holy Spirit will enter and revive the dry, hopeless bones of Israel. God promises them a new life, and God keeps God's promises. This spoke to me today as my future in the next few days and weeks seems unknown. Our summer plans sometimes look like dry bones. And I know I'm not the only one who sometimes keeps praying and wondering what God's plan is and how to move ahead. It's easy to lose hope in the short term, but I have to keep my faith in those long-term promises of God. If you are struggling right now, my prayers are with you. Remember that God will put his Spirit within us, and we will live.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Laura*

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## Agape Interfaith Pantry

The Agape Interfaith Pantry located at Sardinia Hope Church has been low on food. We will collect food for the pantry and items for Adams County on Sunday, May 26. The pantry has plenty of money, but it's not easy to go shopping a few times a week! They can use anything from peanut butter and jelly to spaghetti and pasta sauce, soup, canned pasta, boxed milk, cereals, canned goods, and other non-perishable items.



## LYO Flower Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers from the LYO. It was our best flower sale year yet with over \$1,400 in profit! This really helps with our funds for our upcoming trip. THANK YOU again!



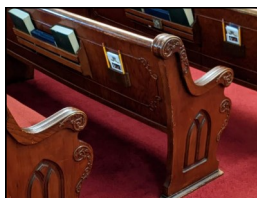
## Paraclete Post

The Paraclete Post is a free, faith-based ministry of the ELCA Southern Ohio Synod that sends high-quality picture books and art to families in the mail. The Lilly Endowment made the grant to support this program through its Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative. The aim of the initiative is to help parents and caregivers share their faith and values with their children.

“Our baptismal promises charge each of us with the task of passing on the faith to the next generation,” said Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod. “Empowering children and families to hear, read about, and grow in their faith is part of the mission of Paraclete Post. This ministry is a response to our baptismal calling and will strengthen the entire body of Christ, starting with children and their caregivers. I am thrilled we received this grant and pray that families will be engaged in reading and sharing their faith because of this ministry.”

## From the Middle Pew

**Acts 2:1-21;  
The First Reading for  
Sunday, May 19**



Violent winds that do not destroy.  
Flames that do not consume.  
Strange tongues that do not alarm.  
All reveal a present God,  
Abounding in purity and peace,  
Uniting his people.

JMW



## Mother's Day Gifts

The LYO passed out Mother's Day flowers.

## Agape Summer Lunch Program

The Agape Summer Lunch program begins with packing lunches on May 30 and distributing them on May 31. Peace joins other Agape churches – Sardinia Church of the Nazarene, Sardinia Church of Christ, Sardinia Hope Church, and St. Mary's Catholic Church – to feed children in need from the Sardinia area.

We will pack lunches at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday in Frey Hall, and we will then meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. each Friday to distribute the lunches.

A sign-up sheet is available for drivers and helpers. We need two drivers each Friday and one to two helpers to distribute. The Thrivent *Live Generously* t-shirts for 2024 are available in Frey Hall in a variety of sizes.





### Home of Peace Students

We have been sponsoring two students, Flora and Meshack, in Bariadi, Tanzania, for several years. Flora graduated in April and Meshack will graduate next May.

We plan to begin supporting Daniel, a young man who needs a sponsor. This is a photo of Daniel from two years ago. We hope to receive more information about Daniel soon.

### God's Work, Our Hands

The Sunday School would like for you to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 15, as we celebrate "God's Work, Our Hands". We have invited Wayne De Wet to come and speak with us about the work of One Plus God Ministries in Bariadi and Tanzania.

This will be a month with five Sundays, so a basket for Bariadi donations will be available.

Schedule for that Sunday morning:

- ⇒ 8:30 a.m. Carry-In Breakfast (drinks and table service provided)
- ⇒ 9:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. De Wet
- ⇒ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**God's work. Our hands.**



### Sunday School Notes

For many, many years our Sunday School and the members here at Peace have supported the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center, also known as Wernle Children's Home. We have received word that Wernle has now closed, so the board decided to help children in Adams County.

The Sunday School offerings for the first Sunday of the month will now be divided between Graceworks Lutheran Services and Adams County Children's Services in West Union. The About Us page for the Adams County Children Services says:

"Adams County Children Services is a public children services agency based out of Wilson Children's Home, in West Union, Ohio. Adams County Children Services is the agency responsible, by law, for helping children who are at risk of being abused, neglected or dependent. Whenever possible, our goal is to keep the children in their homes. However, when necessary, the children may need to be placed in an alternative setting until they can be reunified safely with their family."

Sunday School offerings on the fifth Sunday of the month will continue to be used to support our students in Bariadi, Tanzania. Gifts for Bariadi can be given to Debbie Mitchell, the Sunday School Treasurer, at any time. The Sunday School will also continue to collect and recycle aluminum cans to support Bariadi.

Sunday School offerings received on the second, third and fourth Sundays will be used to support Sunday School projects, benevolence and Bariadi.

### Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 3. We will discuss the Backpack and Shoe Giveaway to be held at the Sardinia Church of the Nazarene on Saturday morning, Aug. 3, and Wednesday evening, Aug. 7. Peace will be contributing shoes and hygiene items. Please continue to watch the bulletin for more information.



## The Clock is Ticking

The LYO is officially less than 2 months from leaving for New Orleans to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth & Young Adult Gathering! Thank you to everyone for helping us to make this trip a reality! We are leaving on July 15.



### Countdown with us!

As part of the Gathering, we lift up offerings in three distinct ways, In-kind offering, Saturday morning offering, and a special offering. Each of these offerings support unique missions and values of the ELCA and the Gathering. At this time, we'd like to share more information about the In-Kind Offering with you.

### In-Kind Offering:

If you recall when we went to Houston in 2018, we collected books and you could have books shipped directly to the Gathering. For this trip, they would like to assemble Hurricane Relief Kits.

In the aftermath of a storm, hurricane, or tornado, New Orleans residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and community organizers identified the eight most-requested items to help residents as they wait for the power grid to be restored.

The goal is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits filled with these items to help New Orleanians get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. It takes about \$100 to create an entire disaster relief kit.

Each region is asked to bring a different item to build our kits. We have been assigned to Region 6 and are asked to collect AA batteries.

If you'd like to purchase batteries, or any of the requested items, to be shipped directly to New Orleans, consider purchasing from the following Wish Lists. See the accompanying pictures that show which shipping address to select for each shopping option.

Thank you for your continued support!



**Let's shop for a rainy day.**

Shop online. Ship to New Orleans.  
Help New Orleanians prepare for their next disaster.



### Amazon Hurricane Relief Kit Link and Address

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T76OOFHIN?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T76OOFHIN?ref=wl_share)




**AMAZON**

Christ the King -- ELCA Youth Gathering  
KENNER, LA  
(Full address hidden for privacy.)  
Gift Registry Address

### Target Hurricane Relief Kit Link and Address

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/hurricane-kits-yg2024>



 **Shipping address** **TARGET**

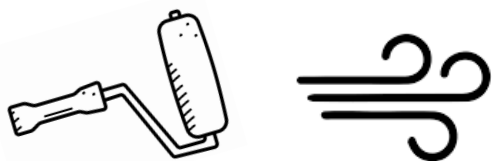
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## Cleanup Day

The Church Council will hold a cleanup day beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 8. This is not just for council but for anyone who has skills that can be used in cleaning up both the inside and the outside of the church.

Bring your own tools and equipment. We are often finished before lunch.



## Congregational Meeting Results

The congregation voted to approve the bids to paint the sanctuary and replace a heat pump at the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 19. The council picked out paint colors for the sanctuary on May 26.

Painting will take place this summer. The painter has said we should still be able to worship in the sanctuary on Sundays. If that changes, we will worship in Frey Hall. The painting should take about three weeks.



Southern Ohio Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Pastor at Southern Ohio Synod Assembly

Pastor Laura will attend the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1. Please keep Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt and the rest of the Synod staff in prayer as well as the voting members.

Pastor Laura will be at the 2024 assembly at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek and will be staying with her father Friday night. If you have an emergency, her phone will be muted and serving as a voting device. She will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

And please keep your calendars marked for June 6 and 7, 2025, for the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly, probably to be held at Wittenberg University. We will have the election of a bishop, and Bishop Dillahunt may or may not run as she chooses. Everyone should be involved in electing a bishop at least once!

Please send news items, corrections and address changes to the church office or [peacelutheran@ymail.com](mailto:peacelutheran@ymail.com)



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## Council Minutes — April 14, 2024

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

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

Joan Yockey led devotions.

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

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

Pastor Laura Shreffler's report was reviewed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property—New ovens have been installed.

Painting Updates: The previous painting bid of \$14k went up to \$15k, plus church would need to purchase the paint. New painting bid of \$17k (and they buy the paint), 'Another Darn Painter'. Steve to get references for 'Another Darn Painter' and we'll review this option further at the next Council Meeting (May 5).

Congregational Meeting to be held on May 19 at 11:00 a.m. to vote on how to move forward with painting decision.

Purchase of new heat pump (approx. \$8k-\$9k) needs to be approved at the Congregational Meeting on May 19. Bid is from 'Ron' (Steve Bundy's friend).

Cemetery—Nothing to report.

Finance & Investment—Nothing to report.

Evangelism—Taste of Arnheim scheduled for April 20.

Working on plans for Summer Lunches

Stewardship—Met on April 14.

Next meeting scheduled for May 19.

Collecting change on the 5th Sundays of June and September to help with the property updates.

Bake sale on 1st Sunday of September (tentative).

God's Work Our Hands – Sept 8, details coming soon

August 12 meeting (2nd Monday) – Pregnancy Resource Center guest speaker.

Scholarship—Met with students/parents on April 7

Christian Education—Meeting on April 16.

Worship & Music—Meeting on April 15.

Youth & Family—Susan and Natalie met on 03/21/24 to work on items for the Gathering.

Flower Sale – around \$3800 in sale, approx. \$1380 in profit, picking up the order on April 25.

Extra person for the Gathering, Michael Wood.

Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast went well, Kylie joined us, made \$962 in donations at breakfast... thank you to all who helped and/or attended!

Mission Fund—Nothing to report.

Paul Hertlein made a motion to accept the Committee Reports and Cheryl Phillips seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

Discussed throughout the committee reports.

### NEW BUSINESS

Clean-up day scheduled for June 8 @ 9a.m.

Steve to get an estimate for installing a new outlet in the kitchen

Cheryl – 'Superior Fabrications' bid to install 4 new handrails - \$800. Paul Hertlein made a motion to accept this bid and move forward with the installation of the new handrails and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Linda Sue advised that the propane tank is currently at 5-10%... we need to keep an eye on this with anymore cold spells that we face.

Next meeting will be on May 5, 2024 at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Vogel

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## 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
- Troop Box Ministries – copies of the needs list are available on the access hallway table



## June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					May 31	1 Pastor at Synod Assembly
					9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. LYO Rummage Sale at Sue Bohrer's Home	
2 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	3 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meets	4	5 Noon, Record Worship Video 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	6 6:30 p.m. Pack Summer Lunches	7 11:30 a.m. Distribute Summer Lunches	8 9:00 a.m. Church Clean-up Day
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23 8:20 a.m. Healing Service 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	24	25	26 Noon, Record Worship Video 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	27 6:30 p.m. Pack Summer Lunches	28 11:30 a.m. Distribute Summer Lunches	29
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### June 2024

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.

Pastor Laura Shreffler

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