

The Beacon

October 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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Senior Recognition Sunday

We will celebrate Senior Recognition Sunday on Oct. 20, with one traditional worship service at 10:00 a.m. Our special guests will be all of our OWLS—Older, Wiser Lutherans—who are 80 and over. Hallie Benjamine is the latest member to join this group.

Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Catechism will meet at 9:00 a.m. We will have a carry-in dinner following worship.

We will have a card shower for our OWLS again this year. Look for their bags soon on a table in the Access Hall.

Here are this year's seniors to be recognized:



Hallie Benjamine

Shirley Berz

Janice Blum

Bette Ellis

Betty Gelter

Mary Alice Hertlein

Donna Johnson

Norma Kelch

Wilfred Kelch

Marlene Kress

Ruth Litzinger

Emmy Miller

Esther Miller

Fae Miller

Barbara Montgomery

Dorothy Orr

Lee Schweickhart

Eileen Stewart

Clyde Taylor

Kathleen Waddell

James Wagel

Miriam Wagel

Ronald Yockey

God's Work, Our Hands

On behalf of the Sunday School, we would like to thank everyone that helped make our "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday a huge success. From preparing, to enjoying a wonderful breakfast prepared by our great cooks, to the very informative presentation from Wayne on Bariadi, to those that participated in the worship, and of course the clean up afterwards, we thank you. Your donations for the day were amazing as we received \$1095 to further our sponsorship of our two students. God's Blessings to All!

Reformation Sunday

We will celebrate the beginnings of the Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27. Remember to wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit, which led Martin Luther to discover all of us are "saved by grace" and to post his 95 theses - points he wanted to debate with a representative of the Roman Catholic Church, on Oct. 31, 1517, All Saints Eve.



The Cross-Lit Church - Faith, Hope and Love

Please Remember in Prayer

Anne Anderson	Carter Shideler
Roland and Fonda Barr	Pastor Ron and Pastor Laura
George Beltz	Brian Snapp
Marion and Cheryll Berry	Robert Starett
Gary and Sandy Brown	Linda Sue Stephan
Vicky	Don Stevenson
Kendal Conley	Bill and Paula Taylor
Sharon and Dale Ernst	Keith Verville
Christina Everhart	James Wagel
Michell Grey	Joellyn Waits
Pastor Scott Henning	Michelle Wallace
Judy Huber	Ava Warmoth
Wilfred and Norma Kelch	Marilyn Wasson
Judy Kress	
Lucas Kuronen	
James and Milly Leach	
Sean Magill	
Fae Miller	
Family of Vicki Miller	
Clarence Perry	
Anna Lou Ralston	
Karla Ritchie	
Mattie Robinette	
Dwayne Sawyers	



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

Lee Schweickart (3-Oct)
7379 Free Soil Rd - PO Box 3
Georgetown, OH 45121

Shirley Berz (27-Oct)
5248 Camp Run Rd
Georgetown, OH 45121

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ben and Anja Shelton on the birth of a daughter, Abigail Grace, on Friday, Aug. 23. Abigail is the granddaughter of Kelly Warren and the great-granddaughter of Hallie Benjamine. Please keep this young family in prayer.

On Vacation

Pastor Laura and Pastor Ron will be on vacation from Monday, Oct. 7, through Monday, Oct. 14. They will be visiting Pastor Laura's brother in St. Louis and then traveling to Indianapolis for a wedding.

Pastor Laura plans to be home in time to lead the Bible study for Dorcas Circle and then back in the office on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Melinda Moran will be the supply pastor for Sunday, Oct. 13. We will not have communion that Sunday. Talk to Melinda about her internship in South Dakota where she did amazing things! Melinda will begin interviewing with call committees soon, so keep her in prayer.

Church Council Date Changed

Church Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, due to Pastor Laura being on vacation on Oct. 13. Executive Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 6. Please be sure to attend as we have a lot of important items to talk about in preparation for the annual congregational meeting in November.

Prayers for Homebound and Those in Care Facilities

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



"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Mark 10:14b, NRSV

Dear Friends,

Most of you are probably familiar with the above verse, although those of us who are older remember Jesus saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Every first Sunday in October in the Year of Mark, we read Mark 10:2-16. The first part is the incredibly difficult reading about Jesus' answer to the Pharisees about divorce. No sooner have the Pharisees left than mothers bring their little children to Jesus for a blessing. The disciples try to turn them away. Their Master is far too busy and important to bless their children!

To say that the disciples are not quick studies is an understatement. As I write this for the October Beacon, I am also preparing to preach on the Gospel from Mark 9:30-37. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus gives three passion predictions—predictions of his suffering and death. The disciples do not hear—or do not want to hear—any of them. In mid-September, we heard Peter declare that Jesus was the Son of God. But when he hears Jesus predicting his suffering and death, Peter draws him away for a little "heart-to-heart" and says, "You must not say things like this!" To Peter's shock, Jesus says, "Get behind me, Satan!" Satan was using Peter to get Jesus to veer from his path.

In Chapter 9, as Jesus and his disciples pass through Galilee, he again teaches his disciples that he will be betrayed, killed, and rise again. They didn't understand and they were afraid to ask him what he met. When they get to the house in Capernaum, he asks what they were arguing about on the way. They are embarrassed, and should be, because they were arguing about who was the greatest among them. Jesus takes a little child and puts it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Evidently, this was a lesson not learned. Jesus loved little children. He loved everyone of course, but he had a special love for the children. Children were to be seen and not heard in Jesus' day. Children were a blessing of course, and to be

From the Pastor



barren felt like a curse. When children were born, the fathers were jubilant, especially when sons were born. After that, all children were in the care of their mothers until it was time for the sons' education or the daughters to have an arranged marriage. Children were marginalized, but as with all marginalized people, they were precious to Jesus. I love that in Mark 10, Jesus takes them up in his arms, lays his hands on them and blesses them. We have all seen beautiful art telling this story.



I suppose I'm also thinking about this passage because we are at this time planning to travel to Tennessee for our granddaughter's first birthday. Most of you are privileged to see your

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grandchildren often, but I know some of you who live so very far away from your grandchildren. We are at least within a day's drive, and once I retire, we will probably have more time to spend. Unlike the children in Jesus' day, Seraphina is not to be ignored. When the phone call came at 6:30 a.m. on Sept. 30 last year, all we could hear was full-spirited screaming from a baby who was *not* happy and determined to let everyone know. But underneath the screaming, we could hear her mother's gentle voice: "You're all right. You're all right." Her father yelled over the yelling to let us know her name, length, and weight. After Seraphina's mother's maternity leave was over, it was her father who cared for her while working from home. Another change. Seraphina's birthday party will include family and godparents, and it will be lowkey—no bouncy castles for this princess! And yet she will be in the midst of us, the center of attention, as Jesus made these children the center of attention. Seraphina is a baptized child of God. She is a lover of all food that she's tried so far, the proud owner of three teeth with more coming in, an escape artist who gently rocked her activity chair until it fell over and went crawling down the hall to find her mom. She is much-loved.

I have used "Suffer the little children" in two heartbreaking instances. One was for a 6-month-old premature twin who could not stay alive long enough for the transplant she needed. The second was for a stillborn little girl. In a third instance, I went to a funeral for the great-granddaughter of one of my members. Willow had died of SIDS. She was 3 months old and indeed looked like an angel. Her great-grandmother had asked me to sing Fanny Crosby's "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." This was especially hard because we had sung that song at my mother's funeral not long before. And yet, how comforting to think of the little ones safe in the arms of Jesus.

Sometimes we make children too much the center of attention, but they were the center of Jesus' attention. Hug those children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and above all, pass on the stories of Jesus, stories of how he loved children and how he wants us to love others.

In Christ,
Pastor Laura

Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in Frey Hall. We will begin with a business meeting to discuss the cookbook, Thankoffering Sunday, the new Bible study, and Christmas.

Pastor Laura will lead us in our last Bible study from the book *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*. The final Bible study is "I Beg Your Pardon," about Jesus and the "Sinful Woman." Chapter 10 can be found on pp. 214-236. Also read the Conclusion, "From Bad to Verse." Answer Discussion Question 10 on p. 243. Pastor Laura hopes to make copies of the Study Guide Chapter 10 for those whose books were missing the end pages.

Cookbooks

It's not too late to turn in your recipes for the church cookbook -- please place them in the basket by Oct. 6. We are looking forward to having new cookbooks and new recipes. We want to have the cookbooks finished in plenty of time for you to buy them for your kitchens and for your friends and family.



Thankoffering Sunday

Dorcas Circle will hold its annual Women of the ELCA Thankoffering for World Hunger on Sunday, Nov. 10.

The circle has already put out baskets containing Thankoffering boxes and envelopes that all women of the congregation can pick up and put money in over the next six weeks. Please prayerfully consider taking part in this.

The women will be in charge of special services at both worship times that day.

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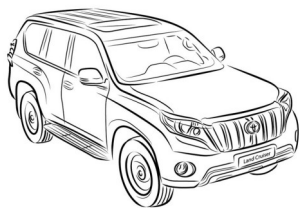
Tanzania Outreach

Wayne de Wet, the director of One Plus God Ministries, visited Peace on September 15. He updated us on the Home of Peace orphanage and the students we are sponsoring. In addition, he told us about another fundraising effort for Bariadi and the surrounding villages.

Tanzania is a challenging place to travel. The extremely rough terrain and long rainy seasons often make travel nearly impossible. A goal of the ministry is to purchase a Toyota Land Cruiser for visiting homes and villages, assisting with emergency medical needs, transporting equipment for training events, transporting mission groups, and showing the Jesus movie outdoors in the evenings to hundreds of people.

The diocese in Tanzania has an arrangement with the government that will allow the ministry to purchase a new vehicle for the price of a used vehicle. The local Tumaini parish has committed to maintaining the vehicle.

Flyers and a poster describing this goal are available in the hallway.



Backpack Blessings

It was a joy to worship together on Aug. 11 and celebrate our young people. School children from preschool on up came forward during the Children's Message for a special message and a blessing of the backpacks before school started. Each young person received a luggage tag for his or her backpack and a sheet of affirmations for parents or grandparents to put in backpacks or lunch boxes. The theme for the blessing was "Faith, Hope, and Love."



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



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Council Minutes — Aug 11, 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.

Natalie Vogel led devotions.

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

Pastor Laura Shreffler read the pastor's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Property—AC is fixed

Rope has been replaced on the flagpole in the cemetery

Still looking for electrician for kitchen outlets

A pew needs to be repaired

Fridge in the hall is holding water

Will be purchasing a wireless mic/Bluetooth speaker

Cemetery—Paul talked to Chuck, researching rules to address some needed updates. There has been an inquiry about a 'green burial'. Graveside decor - need to enforce the rules. Internments are to be done by R Sexton. Clarifications on rules to be posted in the upcoming bulletins and Beacon.

Willa would like to speak to the council in September.

Some flag holders need to be replaced – Chuck is checking with the Department of Defense; they may provide these at no cost to us.

Finance & Investment—Nothing to report.

Evangelism—Thank you to the congregation for the support of the Back-to-School giveaway. There were 129 kids on Saturday and 42 on Wednesday. There are a few items left and are being stored at the Sardinia Church of Christ. Any leftover hygiene items were sent to the pantry.

No booth at the fair this year, but we will be in the parade.

Thank you to the congregation for contributions for the summer lunches.

Would like to purchase two rolling carts with the leftover funds from the summer lunches and back to school giveaway. Paul Hertlein made a motion to

approve using these funds to purchase the two carts and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Stewardship—Nothing to report.

Scholarship—Nothing to report.

Christian Education—Nothing to report. Will be meeting soon.

Worship & Music—October 20 is Senior Recognition

Youth & Family—The trip was a success. The group shared about the experience after the carry-in meal earlier today.

Registration for Quake is in October.

Not sure what is next at this point.

Mission Fund—A thank you note has been dropped off at IGA.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

see updates from Church Property

NEW BUSINESS

Drainage issue in the parking lot – tests needed; Paul offered to help Steve W with this.

Elevator – it was stated during the inspection that it is low on oil; they added some and advised there may be a leak.

Pastor Laura will attend and participate in the 95th anniversary at her home church on Sunday, September 8, will call in a supply pastor. This will be considered a 'work Sunday', she will just be working elsewhere. Paul Hertlein made a motion to approve Pastor Laura being able to attend and participate in the anniversary celebration and Linda Sue Stephan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Linda Sue Stephan – Lowe's came out to measure the hall windows for blinds (windows that face the courtyard). The sets of 'double' blinds will be needed. They are \$736 each for a total of \$1,912.43 with valances, or \$559 each for a total of \$1,559.83 without valances. They are 20% off if we purchase them in August. There is money in the general fund to cover the cost. She will bring pictures/samples to the September meeting for a final decision.

Cheryl – hallway restroom – hook is too high on the door, Travis to get a command strip hook.

Next meeting will be on September 8, 2024, at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Vogel.

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor Back in Church Office	2 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	3	4	5
	Pastor Laura on Vacation in Tennessee					
6 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 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meets 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meets	7	8	9 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	10	11	12
			Pastor Laura on Vacation			
13 Melinda Moran Leading Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship	14 7:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle Meets	15 Pastor Back in Church Office 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Board Meets	16 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	17	18	19 1:00 p.m. Chair Pilates
	Pastor Laura on Vacation					
20 SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:00 a.m. Catechism 10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Carry-In Dinner Following Worship	21 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee Meets	22	23 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	24	25	26
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY 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	28 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meets	29	30 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	31		

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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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