

News of Peace



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Happening This Month!

Dec. 1	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 4	Advent Service	5 p.m.
Dec. 7	Peace Christmas Party	2 p.m.
Dec. 8	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 9	LWML Christmas Party	12 noon
Dec. 11	Advent Service	5 p.m.
Dec. 15	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 18	Advent Service	5 p.m.
Dec. 22	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	5 p.m.
Dec. 25	Jesus' Birthday	
Dec. 29	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.



Message from the President

We are headed into a wonderful month with the Advent message bringing us “the light”, the birth of the Messiah, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is my hope that each of you have a wonderful holiday season, enjoy the message of “the light” and enjoy this wonderful month with friends and family.

Do not miss our midweek **Advent Services** starting on **Wednesday December 4** and continuing on **December 11th and 18th**. Pastor Anderegg will lead the mid-week Advent Services at 5:00 pm. Our **Christmas Eve service** will be led Pastor Brandt and will also be at **5:00 pm**.

This past month we have been busy with the announcements and acceptance of the Voters on November 17th that:



- We will be fortunate to keep both Pastors Anderegg and Brandt who will share the Pastor duties at our church, together serving as our part time Pastor. This is wonderful news and we have been blessed for the past twelve months to have them provide our worship services and bible study, and are even more blessed with securing them too both toil with us, as our Pastor in the future.
- We have been blessed by the generous giving of our congregation, in their support of Peace. We have also been blessed with a gift from the estate of Nadine E. Meyer, which will help us maintain this wonderful church provided for the glory of God and His gift to us, His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to continue to bring the word to believers and non-believers alike.
- Finally that we will be blessed with a new window in our church celebrating our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The materials for this stained glass window are provided from the Dale Murrell Fund and a friend of Dale and Carol's, who did the original stained glass windows that flank the altar, is providing the labor for this gift.

I think we would all agree, we have surely been blessed. It has not been an easy eighteen months, but it has been a blessed eighteen months as we continue to grow in our faith, if not in our numbers.



Newsletter DEADLINE

The deadline for the January newsletter is **Mon., Dec. 23 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. The newsletter is as good as you make it.

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On the lighter side, be sure and attend the **Peace Lutheran Christmas Party**, to be held at **2:00 pm on Saturday December 7th** in the Fellowship Hall. We know the food will be great, it is always good to get together for fellowship with our church family and if we have half as much fun as we had last year...you'll have a wonderful afternoon.

The **LWML Christmas Party is December 9th at 12:00 noon**. This is a salad and desert luncheon, and this group of ladies always have a good time.

The church outing to **Main Street Opera on December 15th** for a matinee performance of Christmas music. Join in for the fun and entertainment.

Finally I want to thank everybody for their help and assistance over the past year. It hasn't been the easiest of times, but it has been a great deal of fun. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you, it has been great to share this journey with you.

Mic Carlsson



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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."



Ladies Don't Forget

All ladies of the congregation are invited to the LWML Christmas Party on Dec. 9 at 12 noon. Please bring a favorite salad. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

Mark Your Calendar!



Wed.	Dec. 4	5 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 11	5 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 18	5 p.m.

Sign-up Today!



Tues., December 24
5 p.m.



There is still time to sign up for a poinsettia. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. The cost is \$10.00. Contact Penny Jost.



Bob Borgmann, Drew Brandt, Jane Brandt, Norma Flenker, Charlie Gifford, 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.



Why We Go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are **down** to nothing, God is **up** to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & received the importable! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all!

Bible simply means: **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!**
from an email

? ? Bible Quiz ?

When Jesus was born, which two earthly rulers were in power?

- A. Quirinius
- B. Pontius Pilate
- C. Caesar Augustus
- D. King Herod

Last month's Bible quiz answer is B.



Directory Update

Ed and Donna Bierbaum transferred their membership to Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Sedona, AZ. Please update your directory.



- Dec. 9 Abby Schaumberg
Nicole Weston
- Dec. 11 Blake Johnston
- Dec. 16 Bob Mueller
- Dec. 19 Judy Janssen
- Dec. 20 Makenzie Parkhurst
- Dec. 28 Kasey Schaumburg
- Dec. 30 Colton Parkhurst

Mite Box Sunday

Starting the first Sunday in January 2020 and every **first Sunday** of each month thereafter, we will be collecting pocket change for the mite box located in the narthex. Thanks for your donation!!!



- Dec. 17 Bob & Penny Jost Hansen

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!!!



Well Covered

Thanks to Joe Stauch for his handy work on building a cover for the church well.

Giving Tuesday

Two out of three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Lutheran Women in Mission is reaching out to a world in need of the Gospel through mission grants. You have the opportunity to help reach others with the saving Word of Jesus.

On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, **Giving Tuesday**, December 3, you may donate toward the 2019-2021 LWML Mission Grants by using LWML Facebook, lwml.org/givingtuesday. Your donation will be **doubled** on that day, thanks to the commitment of two generous donors. You can **help** by sharing on Giving Tuesday.



to everyone who came to help decorate the church for Christmas!!

Peace Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7
2 p.m.

Cost per person is \$10.00

Bring no more than a \$5 gift

Menu: chopped brisket, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, salad, dessert and drinks

Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare. Please pay Jaccy Heinlein. All members are welcome to attend!

Trunk or Treat Photos



More Trunk or Treat Photos



Thank You!!

The following letter was received from Medical Missions for Christ. We held a spaghetti supper on September 21 which raised \$765.00. Thrivent dollars was used for this project.

Dear Friends at Peace Lutheran Church,

“When it comes to people, there’s always another variable.” I heard a man say this recently as he encouraged people not to be too quick to judge others. I knew what he meant. When you take time to show concern and listen to another person’s story, it can completely change the way you think of them.

Here at Medical Missions for Christ Clinic we have opportunities every day to hear the unique stories of the people we serve. They come to us because they have health concerns, but getting to know them as individuals helps guide the way we minister to them. True healing is wholeness: physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Thank you for choosing to be part of this important ministry. Your financial support is a blessing to our patients and to those of us that serve them.

Grace to you and peace,
 Carolyn Bowling
Executive Director

Nov. 13 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jaccy Heinlein. She opened with a Thanksgiving prayer. Jaccy gave the devotion “What Shape Are You?” by Karol Selle, followed by a short presentation by Susan Kral on the history of the 9-11 Survivor Tree. Roll call was answered by six members. We had no visitors.

Our committees and who is keeping an eye on each one:

- **Pop Tops:** Susan Kral
- **Best Choice:** Paula Emery
- **Box Tops for Education:** Diane Borgmann
- **Stamps:** Diane Borgmann
- **Kitchen:** Diane Borgmann
- **Kids Bags:** Sheryl Bald & Diane Borgmann
- **Portals of Prayers:** We are not collecting them at this time.

The LWML Christmas party will be on Monday, December 9th beginning at noon at the church. Bring a salad. Also bring your Christmas Stocking money. The money will be given to Christ the King Academy lunch fund. There is no gift exchange. We will be making a decision if we want to change the day of the week we will be having our monthly meetings.

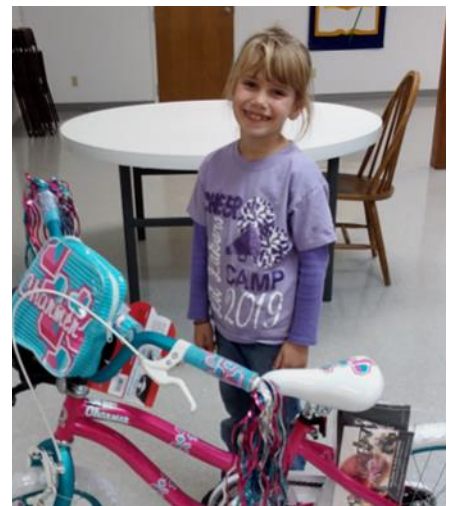
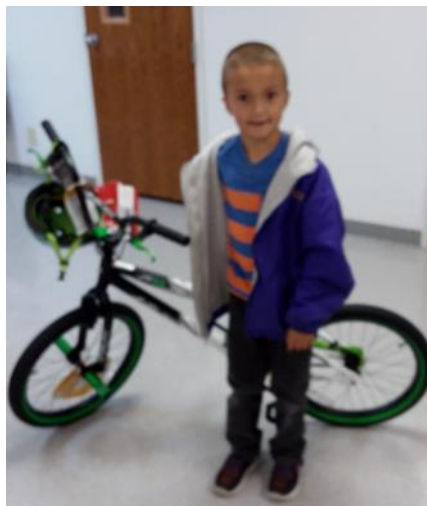
Next year’s officers will be President: Sheryl Bald; Vice President: Paula Emery; Secretary: Vicki Lamb; Treasurer: Susan Kral.

We will be using the same order of ladies for next year’s hostess list. Check with Sheryl Bald ASAP if you have any questions since she will be making the 2020 booklet like she made last year. Please note we will not be having a January meeting.

Our next meeting will be held in February. Watch for information of date, roll call word, and hostess. Thank you to Cathie Mueller, for hosting and providing a delicious breakfast casserole for our lunch.
 Vicki Lamb, *Secretary*

Bike Winners

Congratulations to Myah, eight years old and Chase, seven years old. They are the winners of the girl’s and boy’s bikes at Trunk or Treat. They were very excited!!



Servants of God for December

Elder: Jeff Hedberg
Altar Guild: Diane Borgmann

December 1

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Paula Emery & Rita Riemann
Ushers: Bob Hansen, Penny Jost, Paul Bartels, Mark Riemann
Counters: Bob Mueller
Flowers: Pastor Brandt celebrating Jane Ann's birthday

December 8

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
Ushers: Earl Hartenstein, Shelia Hartenstein, David Bald, Jeff Emery, Paula Emery
Counters: Bob & Diane Borgmann
Flowers: Darlene Jost, Robert & Penny celebrating Al Jost's birthday

December 15

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Crystal Lewis, Shelia Hartenstein
Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Sheryl Bald, Diane Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Rodney Schulz
Counters: Mic Carlson
Flowers: Robert & Penny Jost Hansen celebrating their anniversary

December 22

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Crystal Lewis, Shelia Hartenstein
Ushers: Dawn Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz
Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein
Flowers: Poinsettias

December 29

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Crystal Lewis, Shelia Hartenstein
Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Russell Schulz
Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein
Flowers: Poinsettias

December Worship Schedule

December 1—First Sunday of Advent

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Nicene Creed
Hymns: 357 (1-3), 341, 344, 357 (4-7)

December 4—Advent Worship 5 p.m.

December 8—Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed
Hymns: 359 (1-2), 537, 347, 359 (3-4)

December 11—Advent Worship 5 p.m.

December 15—Third Sunday of Advent

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed
Hymns: 332 (1-4), 343, 331, 332 (5-8)

December 18—Advent Worship 5 p.m.

December 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed
Hymns: 338, 349, 379, 387

December 24: Christmas Eve Service 5 p.m.

December 29—First Sunday after Christmas

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed
Hymns: 336, 368, 376, 370



Monthly Devotion

How It All Ends

They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:4-5

In order to know how a story ends, you must read the last chapter. And in Revelation chapter 22, the final chapter of the Bible, we read about two glorious prospects that will be enjoyed by every redeemed child of God, Let's look at them:

1. 'They shall see His face.'

One of the greatest joys of heaven will be seeing the faces of our departed loved ones and spending eternity with them. But thrilling thought that may be, it will not compare with the joy of seeing the face of Jesus the One we love most. The songwriter said, *'Face to face with Christ my Savior, face to face what will it be. When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me.'* And that is not all; read this: *'Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is'* (1 John 3:2). We will see Him, we will be like Him, and we will be with Him, forever. How wonderful!

2. 'And they shall reign forever and ever.'

Just as the exams you take in school prepared you to graduate and go out and make a living, the tests and trials of this life are preparing you to graduate and reign with Christ in the next life—all because of His mercy and compassion. Keep your eyes on the prize. This life is the short story; the next life is the big story—seeing Jesus face to face, and reigning with Him forever.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I cannot wait to see You face to face and be with You for eternity and all of other Saints that have gone on before me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Tim Hetzner, President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities

From Everyone His Witness:



The “I” in LASSIE stands

Inviting is about sharing God’s word and keeping an ongoing conversation. It is guided by the context of your relationship with the person, the person’s response,

the options at hand, the possibility of continuing contact, etc. As there are no stock invitations, they should be crafted for each person according to their own circumstances. Also we should not be afraid to “pass off” the person to someone else who is willing to do so if a problem arises in your relationship. Inviting includes the whole Body of Christ. Ask the person to “come and see” (John 1:46) Philip invited Nathanael to “come and see” when Nathanael was dismissive of Jesus. Instead of debating, Philip invited him to see for himself. Nathanael did so and became a disciple of Christ. It’s often an effective way to keep the person engaged in the discussion of Jesus.

Invitations for HEAD, HEART or HANDS: A **head** person is geared to truth claims and challenging concepts. Inviting to an ongoing in depth discussion or study would suit such a person. A **heart** person strives for a deeper connection and relationship with others. Invite to a small group study. A **hands** person wants to make an impact in some way, so invite to a service related activity or mercy work. Always think about how the person relates when offering an invitation.

Invite to What? Eventually to the wedding feast of the Lamb – but there may be steps to take first. In Matthew 22 Jesus speaks of servants going out to get people to come to the king’s wedding feast. The aim was to fill the hall with the full number of guests to share his joy. In Revelation 7, we see Jesus as the victorious Lamb on His Heavenly throne with all the elect celebrating with Him. In sharing the story of Jesus we seek to continue the conversation that could lead people to this wedding feast. And although that invitation is vital, there may be other invitations to offer first. In doing so, we must be aware of the options available and note the many ways that people can hear about Christ that will appeal to them.

Invite to Worship? Maybe not the best idea for some people – at least not at first. The time is gone when inviting to worship was a “go to” means of evangelism. It’s simply too much of a foreign experience to those who have no connection to a church and thereby would be reluctant to go. Also, our society no longer fosters relationships that used to make inviting to worship services appealing. Not long ago church and unchurched people were more engaged with one another in community activities and inviting them to church was easier

vices appealing. Not long ago church and unchurched people were more engaged with one another in community activities and inviting them to church was easier and better received. They were familiar with one another so inviting them to church was not an uncomfortable thing to do. Today it is more likely they don’t even know each other. There may be other reasons that inviting to worship may not be best. 1) The person is not a believer. Worship is for believers, not unbelievers. Though an unbeliever can come to a church service, hear the Word, and come to faith, evangelism is not made for worship. Instead, worship service is where God’s people come to receive God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament, and where they respond to God’s mercy and grace with praise and thanksgiving, and become equipped to be his witnesses for living in and serving the world as His Church scattered. The person should have some sense of this before attending services. 2) The person is uneasy with liturgical worship. Because there is no experience in this form of worship, it may confuse or even trouble the person. It may take considerable orientation so that they will cherish the beauty, Christ-centeredness, and the Biblical impact. 3) They are offended by closed Communion. It may be difficult for the non-churched to comprehend the limitations on participation and why in love we do so. Therefore, one should explain to the person why they can’t participate in the Sacrament until properly instructed in the faith. 4) The congregation is not welcoming. Making people feel welcome by a friendly congregation is essential. We may not have much of a problem with this but we need to keep in mind that engaging with newcomers in a friendly fashion will go a long way. So welcome and let them know you’re glad they came and encourage them to come again! First impressions matter!

Invite to Worship? For some people – yes! Though not initially the best idea for some, for others an invitation to worship may be the best option if they are open and would benefit from it. The only way to know is to find out their attitudes and experience with the church and worship. A dechurched person may want to return to what is missing in life and an invitation may be well received. But if he says he finds worship boring or unimportant, an invitation may not be best. It is important to understand the reason he left the church before an inviting to worship. But if someone appears interested in the Christian faith - even an unbeliever - an invitation may be effective. If an invitation is given, make sure guidance and overview is provided on what to expect from the service. (The liturgy, closed communion, the law and gospel narrative, etc.) Listen, ask, seek, and share to know if and when to extend an invitation to join us in worship.

How to Invite: Invitations should be...INVITING!

Here are a few pointers on how to invite a person to worship: 1) Be honest. No one likes the “bait and switch.” Never hide something from the person you are inviting and don’t “dress up” one’s concerns. You may reconsider inviting if you can’t address the concerns. 2) Don’t rush things. Make sure the person is open and

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worship: 1) Be honest. No one likes the “bait and switch.” Never hide something from the person you are inviting and don’t “dress up” one’s concerns. You may reconsider inviting if you can’t address the concerns. 2) Don’t rush things. Make sure the person is open and ready to receive the invitation. Avoid being pushy and don’t act like you’re eager to “close the deal.” 3) Make the invitation specific. Include a time, place, and purpose in the invitation. “Let’s get together sometime” is not an invitation. 4) Be willing to take “No” for an answer. Don’t forget it’s the invitation being rejected, not you. Graciously keep the door open for a later “yes” by listening, asking, seeking, and sharing if possible.

As Christ’s witness, you are His servant inviting all people so that His elect will take their places at the wedding feast of the Lamb in His never-ending kingdom.

Source: www.everyonehiswitness.org

On The Web: Worship Anew. We all probably know someone who is disabled or ill and can’t attend church service. Formerly known as Worship For Shut-Ins, Worship Anew is a 30 minute Lutheran worship program produced by Lutheran Media Ministries. Each service includes hymns, scripture readings, and a pastor delivering a message that presents a one-on-one feeling to the viewer. It’s a great way for the shut-in community to hear the Word of God every week.

(www.worshipanew.org.)



Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount, is teaching those who follow Him that worrying about the necessities of life is idolatry: worshipping a false god. This is because worry and anxiety show what we care about. Our anxiety reveals what we love and to what we’re devoted. It reveals what we trust in.

This is why our Lord begins this section with an overarching principle: “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

But you say: “I must eat and drink. I must have clothing to wear and have a home in which to dwell.” Yes, all these things you need. And Jesus says that your Father in heaven will ensure that you have them. He demonstrates this with a simple argument.

Your Father in heaven feeds the birds of the air, who

Your Father in heaven feeds the birds of the air, who neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns. He clothes the lilies of the field, who neither toil nor spin but are arrayed more luxuriously than Solomon in all his glory. If, then, your Father in heaven feeds the birds and clothes the lilies, how will He not also feed and clothe you when you are worth more than they are?

For you know that you are worth more than them. You are worth infinitely more. You are worth the price of the eternal Son of God. Did the Son of God come down from heaven and become a lily? Did he descend and take on the form of a bird? No!

He came down from heaven and became a man: flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone. He is one of us, our

brother. And what did He do when He became flesh to dwell among us? He gave His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, that you might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom forever.

God became man in Christ Jesus. He lived the life we failed to live, and He died the death we deserve because of it. He was raised

again on the third day to overcome sin and death ... for us. He was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. So, if your Father in heaven has given His Son to die for us in order that we might live with Him eternally, how will He not also give us all things to support this body and life?

To be anxious about the necessities of life, to devote yourself to food and clothing, to care about this and find security in it, is to serve another god. It is to deny that you will live forever because Jesus, the Son of God is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. It is to believe that God – who created you, redeemed you by the death and resurrection of His Son, and sanctifies you by His Spirit – will not keep His promises of sustaining you in this life.

Jesus says this: Seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness. God’s kingdom is His rule among us. His rule among us comes when our Father in heaven gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. This is what we ask God to do for us in the prayer Jesus taught us.

Your Father in heaven knows what you need – food and clothing, house and home, etc. – and He promises to give it to you. Chief of the things you need is His grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ. So, seek after that. Those who seek will find. And all the necessities of life, our Lord says, will be added to you.

Source LCMS website



November 12, 2019

Council Meeting

President Mic Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and opened with prayer.

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

The minutes from the October 8th meeting were approved as amended. Mic was present at the meeting. The meeting was held on September 11, 2019.

Financial Secretary: Mic presented Vicki Stauch's report. Giving is down from this time last year. The report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Rita presented her report. The report was accepted and approved.

Elders: No report

Ushers: Bob Borgmann reported that the ladies who volunteered to usher are doing a good job! Bob's report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: No report

Trustees: Chuck Kral reported that he made repairs to the Cub Cadet. He replaced the drive belt pulleys, another belt, and the clutch spring tension part. His report was accepted and approved.

Education: Vacant

Evangelism: Russell Schultz reported the following:

- He sent Trunk and Treat information to area chambers of commerce.
- He researched the Lifeline Screening Process. He spoke with Billye Bennett about possibilities for classes to be held at Peace. He noted that she has been disappointed in attendance at similar events. It was suggested that area churches be invited to attend any classes held here and possibly rotate classes among churches.
- He spoke with Denise from Funlake.com. It is a nice site with good coverage of the lake area. Mic will look at the site and discuss it at the next meeting.
- He has a "LASSIE" article prepared for the December newsletter.
- He will send information regarding our Thanksgiving Eve service to Sheryl Bald, the Chamber of Commerce, and to 95.5 radio.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Dawn Hedberg suggested that an area be set aside for the sale of greeting cards and other small items. Profits would be sent to missions. There was discussion. The proposal was tabled.

Cemetery: Diane Borgmann reported the following:

- Seeding has been completed with assistance from Rodney Schultz.
- The remaining funds from the Thrivent Cemetery Beautification Project will be used to purchase vases and artificial flowers.
- Diane and Jeff Emery worked on the cemetery

- The remaining funds from the Thrivent Cemetery Beautification Project will be used to purchase vases and artificial flowers.
- Diane and Jeff Emery worked on the cemetery fence.

Diane's report was accepted and approved.

Pastor: Vacant.

President's Report: Mic reported the following:

- Ed and Donna Bierbaum requested their transfer due to their moving out of state. We now have 56 baptized and confirmed members.
- Mic received a sketch of the stained glass window that Carol Murrell would like to donate in Dale's memory.
- As Mic has reported to the church Elders and Council, Peace Lutheran was included in an estate. On November 7, 2019 a registered letter including a check was received. The estate of Nadine Elizabeth Meyer was directed to donate a gift to Peace Lutheran Church in Greenview, MO.

Old Business:

There was much discussion regarding repair of the cemetery fence. It was agreed that for the job to be done correctly professionals must be hired. Fence posts need to be two feet deeper than they are now. In addition, steel fence posts for bracing should be installed. Chuck Kral will solicit bids from fence building companies.

It was also suggested that the fence be torn down from the entrance arch to the road.

New Business:

The church organ has developed an electrical problem. Mic will contact repair people.

The meeting was adjourned, and Mic closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, *Secretary*

Special Voter's Meeting

Sunday, November 17th

President Mic Carlson called the meeting to order. Pastor Gary Brandt opened with prayer. There were 22 members and two guests present.

Mic announced the following:

- Carol Murrell would like to donate a stained glass window in memory of Dale. Mic passed out a drawing of the proposed window. Voters unanimously approved.
- Pastor Anderegg and Pastor Brandt have agreed to share a part time pastor position at Peace. Voters unanimously agreed that one year contracts for 2020 be drawn up.
- The estate of Nadine E Meyer donated a gift to

- The estate of Nadine E. Meyer donated a gift to Peace. The following resolutions were proposed:
 1. A portion be placed in a depreciation fund to be called “The Nadine E. Meyer Depreciation Fund.”
 - A. This fund and the interest that it earns is to be held for the purpose of replacement of fixed assets of the church. (i.e. when we need a new roof or a new HVAC unit.)
 - B. Further that the church add a certain sum to the depreciation fund annually.
 - C. Finally this fund will be administered by the elected officers and the church council with the caveat that any expenditure exceeding the approved amount will need the approval of the voters.
 2. That the balance of the fund be placed in a reserve account for the use of the church when a new program or need arises. This fund be name the “Peace Lutheran Nadine E. Meyer Reserve Fund.” No monies may be taken from the reserve fund without a written request and justification **and** the approval of the voters.
 3. That we establish a new committee to be name the “Finance Committee” to monitor and make recommendations regarding the investments of both the Depreciation Fund and the Reserve Fund.
 - A. The committee will include the elected officers of Peace Lutheran: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary, and two other church members approved by the voters.
 - B. The entire sum will initially be placed in our LCEF account until other options are explored. These options include The Bank of Versailles, Thrivent and LCEF.

The voters approved the resolutions unanimously.
 The assembly closed with all reciting The Lord’s Prayer.
 Respectfully submitted
 Susan Kral, *Secretary*



Are Angels Real?

Have you ever considered the number of Christmas hymns that speak of the angels? Enjoy these examples as we enter the Advent season:

- *Angels We Have Heard on High*
- *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
- *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*
- *Little Town of Bethlehem v. 2*
- *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Yes! Angels are real!! Yet in today’s world, the truth about angels may be compromised by recent movies, TV shows, and other current media. As Christians, we know The Holy Bible is our only reliable source about angels. Here are a few Biblical facts about angels to ponder and enjoy.

- The Bible teaches that angels were made by God during the six days of creation though Scripture doesn’t reveal which day.
- The word “angel” comes from a Greek word that means “messenger” so angels are God’s messengers. The word “angel” is a description of what they do.
- In Scripture, angels are described as spirits. When angels do appear in human form, this is only a momentary appearance for those who need to see them. Angels are not gods.
- There are both good and evil angels.
- Good angels enjoy the blessing of being in the presence of God beholding his great glory, majesty, and power.
- Good angels praise God and serve as God’s servants in the world. God sends angels to serve and to protect Christian believers in their work and their callings in life; they attend to the dying, care for children and rejoice over every sinner that repents. Angels were present at every great event in the Kingdom of God.

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