

News of Peace



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Happening This Month!

May 5	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
May 6	Elder's Meeting	9:00 am
May 7	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
May 8	LWML Meeting	9:30 am
May 12	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
	Mother's Day	
May 19	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
May 20	Newsletter deadline	9:00 am
May 26	Worship	9:00 am
	SS/Bible Study	10:30 am
May 27	Memorial Day Observed	
May 30	Ascension Day	

Message from the Church President

We had our scheduled Quarterly Voters Meeting April 16th. While we did not have great attendance, it was a meeting of passing along information about what was happening with the Call/Planning Committee and general information about what is happening at Peace. Thanks to all who attended.



Our Sunday worship service attendance for the first four months has averaged 41.4 which does not include the four Sundays that weather prevented us from having services. That is 62 percent of our membership of 67. Last year for the same calendar number of Sundays we averaged 44.5. Considering all that has happened during that year's period of time, we are in surprisingly good position.

Each month we mention in our newsletter the need to increase giving. As we have discussed before, it is not so much the need to increase giving, rather it is the need to increase our membership.

If we harken back to 2004, our membership was 56 and our average attendance was 44, not terribly different numbers from today. Late in 2004 we called a new minister, and with the help of that strong core membership, we were able to raise our membership to 121 by the end of 2007. It is eleven years later, and time for us to build that membership back up.

On to more pleasant things. We have had a wonderful Lenten season, not as well attended as we would like to see, but still better than last year, close to what we had three years ago. The sermon series was "Behold the Man", and all were good messages. The Maundy Thursday Service had 25 in attendance and the Good Friday Service 27. If there is anything we can do to improve attendance, ie., hold the service earlier, later, etc., please pass your thoughts on to your Elder.

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia. We had 100 in attendance at our Easter Worship Service and 49

attended the brunch afterwards. It was a wonderful Easter message, and thanks to the ladies of the church, we had a great brunch. The food was really good, but the company and opportunity to visit was even better.

We are about to begin the "visitor season". Let us do the normal Peace Lutheran Church "thing", and make them feel welcome.

Mic Carlson



Newsletter DEADLINE

The **deadline** for the **June** newsletter is **Mon., May 20** 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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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."



Everyone His Witness (EOHW)

Vocation and Witnessing: God has made us to be his witnesses. He has given us all the abilities to prepare us for our line of work, pastimes, and our connections with those who share common interests. He does this with intent and purpose so that we can be his witnesses wherever, whenever and to whoever He has placed in our lives. Life is where you have been called to be Christ's witness. In the EOHW class at Hope Lutheran Chapel, we studied four basic vocations in our

lives where we are called to witness: 1. family, 2. in our work life, 3. as a neighbor, and 4. in our church. The exercise for this subject had us think of several non-churched people in each vocational category that we could witness to. This includes both the dechurched-those who were formerly members of a Christian church but no longer are-and the unchurched-those who never were a church member. In doing this exercise we see that we don't have to be missionaries in a distant land to witness for Christ. We can witness in our daily life-right where God has placed us- to people we meet through the vocations He has chosen for us. So if you know of someone in any area of your vocational life, dechurched or non-churched, know that you can be a good witness to them for Christ. (See Ephesians 1:4; 2:10, and 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

On the web: "Fighting For the Faith" an internet program hosted by Pr. Chris Rosebrough. Pr Rosebrough takes a critical look at some of the modern day false prophets, charismatics, self-appointed apostles, charlatans and their heresies, being promoted by what he calls 'the evangelical industrial complex'. With humor, skits performed by his staff, and sound Biblical doctrine he points out their false teachings while playing their programs. The show airs M-F 5 to 7 pm and shows are archived for on demand listening. Biblical discernment at its best at www.piratechristian.com/fightingforthefaith

On Facebook: church video and pictures, posts from the Synod, articles on church workers, and events. We only have about a dozen page likes so far. Need more. Visit our website: plccamdenton.org. and click the Facebook button. Next month back to L.A.S.S.I.E.

How crucial is the Resurrection?

We cherish the birth of Jesus, his wisdom, his loving deeds, his courage in the face of a brutal death, but it is Christ's resurrection which is absolutely crucial to Christian beliefs.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul explained that the Resurrection was the foundation of our Christian belief system. He insisted that if Christ had not been raised from the dead, then we who believe in eternal life have no hope for it at all. "If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:16-17, NRSV).

Finally, Paul expresses very clearly how critical the Resurrection is to our Christian hope. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:19, NRSV).

from The Newsletter, Newsletter



Bulletin Board



May 11 Russell Schulz
May 12 Paul Bartels
May 13 Makayla Parkhurst
May 29 Barb Powell
May 31 Paula Emery



Paul & Janet Bartels (Paul's mother), Lee Benson, Ed Bierbaum, Janet Brandt, Greg & Mary Cordry, Jolene Feeler, Norma Flenker, Sheila Hartenstein, Jeff & Dawn Hedberg (Jan Schneider, Jeff's sister; Janann Hedberg, Jeff's mother; Gene Shellabarger, Dawn's father), Jim Janssen, Chuck Kral, Marge Lankin, Dale & Gayle Montague (Dale's father passing), Bob Mueller, Dale Murrell, Dick & Barb Ollek, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Russell Schulz, Jerry Schwab, Shirley Truelove, our visitors, those members who recently moved away, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peacemakers and protectors and their families, those traveling, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.



May 24 Jeff & Paula Emery

Bible Quiz

Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

- A. Moses
- B. Zechariah
- C. Aaron
- D. Nathan



Last month's Bible quiz answer is A; see Luke 19:20

2019 Mission Project

Reminding everyone to continue to collect **aluminum cans** for our mission project. This year the money will go towards advertising of Peace. Please have neighbors and family members save the cans too.

Please rinse out the cans before bringing them. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Hedberg. Thanks!

Thanks

to the following members who donated lilies for our Easter service.

- ▶ Janet Bartles
- ▶ Pastor Gary & Jane Brandt
- ▶ Bob & Diane Borgmann
- ▶ Mic Carlson
- ▶ Jeff & Paula Emery
- ▶ Penny & Bob Hansen
- ▶ Earl & Shelia Hartenstein
- ▶ Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
- ▶ Ed & Jacey Heinlain
- ▶ Dorothy Jost
- ▶ Chuck & Susan Kral
- ▶ Bob Mueller
- ▶ Dale & Carol Murrell
- ▶ Joe & Vicki Stauch

April 10 Meeting

Jacgy called the meeting to order. Pastor Anderegg opened with prayer and conducted the Bible study. Six members answered roll call with a Bible verse containing death. We welcomed one visitor Sara Anderegg. We received correspondence from Ellen Ewers and Norma Flenker.

Cathie gave the mites box devotion entitled *Wisdom is Referred to as Feminine*.

Jacgy gave a report of the April 2 spring rally held at Heit Camp. The 2020 spring rally will be hosted by Peace, Faith in Warsaw and Martha from Hermitage.

“Afgans for Angels” is looking for another group to take over the duties of this project. We will be notified when this group is in place. After lunch we gathered to cut fabric for the project. Various women took the fabric home to sew into blankets.

The potluck fundraiser for replacing of the kitchen microwave has been rescheduled for May 3 at 5:30 p.m. Also that day Kent Memorial will host their annual spring luncheon at 11:30 a.m. A seven dollar donation will be accepted with donations going to nursing scholarships for Lake Regional Hospital. People will need to sign up for these two events.

Ideas for the coming year:

- Truck or treat in October
- Auction basket for Christ the King School fundraiser
- Supporting Christ the King school in some way
- Fall luncheon for area Lutheran churches

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer and the common table prayer.

May Meeting

May 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: Pastor Anderegg

Roll Call: Bible verse with the word **marriage/married**

Hostess: Jacgy Heinlein

Afgans for Angels

The LWML ladies gathered after their meeting to prepare the fabric for sewing for the Afgans for Angel blanket project.



What’s Cooking?

Spaghetti Casserole

1 lb ground beef
 1 medium onion
 1 (15 oz) jar spaghetti sauce
 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
 1 cup flour
 2 eggs

1 Tbsp oil
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 cup milk
 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
 Optional: sliced mushrooms, green peppers, pepperoni



Brown beef and onion. Drain grease. Mix with spaghetti sauce. Pour into a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Add optional ingredients. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. In a separate bowl, beat together flour, salt, eggs, milk and oil. Pour over top of sauce in dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.

from Trinity Lutheran Cookbook, Hanover, KS; submitted by Sheryl Bald



Call/Planning Committee Report

A brief update on how and what, your Call/
Planning Committee is doing.

Our first meeting was held on July 13, 2018, with Rev. Lee Hagan, Rev. Jeremy Freeman and Rev. Ron Lehenbauer attending along with the newly appointed committee; Jeff Emery, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell, Rita Riemann and Mic Carlson attending. At that meeting we agreed to recommend to the Voters at Peace Lutheran we would begin doing the following.

1. Establish a team approach, working with Rev. Bill Geis to complete a membership survey, to begin working on a Plus One Initiative to obtain greater involvement with our community, and to develop a strategic plan for Peace.
2. Rev. Jeremy Freeman would be working on pastoral coverage for Sunday's through September.
3. Rev. Lehenbauer (Christ the King), Morris (Christ the King) and Williams (Hope) would assist us with hospital coverage and shut-ins.

Since that time, we have accomplished the following:

1. We were introduced to five different Pastors who provided Sunday worship services and communion for Peace. Out of five pastors, we were introduced to Pastors Anderegg and Brandt, who have provided our services all but one Sunday for seven months since. Pastor Anderegg was coming off disability and trying to determine what he was going to do in the future. Pastor Brandt had retired and is living at the lake.
2. It took a long time for Rev. Geis to get our member survey set up, but it was completed in December 2018, and Rev. Geis made a presentation of those results at our January 17, 2019 Voters Meeting.
3. We were waiting for Rev. Geis to assign a coach to our Plus One Initiative. Initially he was planning on Rev. Ron Lehenbauer becoming our coach, but his battle with cancer kept him from doing so. In March, Rev. Geis asked Pastor Jeremy Klaustermeier to serve as coach and he met with the committee on March 30th.
4. The committee is now meeting every two weeks. We need to:
 - a. Complete our strategic planning process.
 - 1) To accomplish that we will be asking Pastor Klaustermeier to assist us with having a formal demographic study of our community. His assistance will be in helping us get this accomplished by a synod representative.
 - 2) We will be formalizing the planning we have done thus far, including a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis.
5. It will then be the committee's responsibility to gather together the information we have and complete a strategic plan to present to the Voters.

All of you are welcome to attend any of the Call/Planning meetings we have. We are trying to hold them every two weeks. A couple have been canceled because of the conflict with other longer scheduled Peace Lutheran events, i.e., Voters Meetings. If you have some thoughts or ideas, we would appreciate your input.

Our ultimate goals are:

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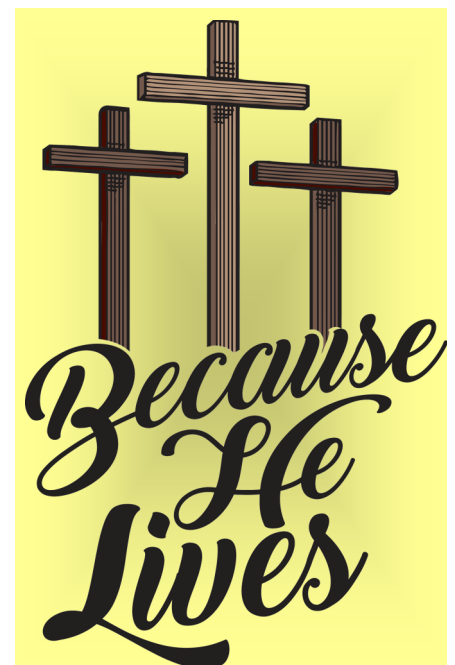
1. to set a direction for our church and membership for greater involvement in the community we serve.
2. to reach the unchurched and to bring the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and through those efforts increase our membership and
3. somewhere in that process call a new pastor to assist us.

As an example, we need to explore what we might do with our Plus One Initiative and the Strategic Planning to help us secure a part time Pastor through either:

1. Sharing a Pastor with another Lutheran Church, if the relationship was mutually supportive and respected.
2. Consider having a part-time (approximately 20 hours/week) retired or bi-vocational pastor.

We have our work cut out for us, but it is an exciting prospect.

Committee members,
Jeff Emery, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell, Rita Riemann, Mic Carlson



Decorating Church for Easter and Serving Brunch

Thanks to those who helped in anyway to decorate the church and basement for Easter and make the brunch a success!! We served 49 people.



May Worship Schedule

May 5 – Third Sunday after Easter

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service III, Nicene Creed

Hymns: 465 (1-2), 463, 637, 465 (3-4)

May 12 – Fourth Sunday after Easter

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 537 (1-2), 477, 480, 537 (3-4)

May 19 - Fifth Sunday after Easter

Liturgy & Creed: Divine Service I, Nicene Creed

Hymns: 670 (1-2), 729, 621, 670 (3-4)

May 26 - Sixth Sunday after Easter

Liturgy & Creed: Divine Service III, Apostles' Creed

Hymns: 463 (1-2), 525, 618, 463 (3-4)



Servants of God for May

Elder: Earl Hartenstein

Altar Guild: Janet Bartels

May 5

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Jeff & Dawn Hedberg

Ushers: Bob Hansen, Paul Bartels, Jeff Emery, Mark Reimann

Counters: Bob Mueller

Flowers:

May 12

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Jeff & Dawn Hedberg

Ushers: Earl Hartenstein, David Bald, Rodney Schulz

Counters: Bob & Diane Borgmann

Flowers: Shawn, Tim & Becky Carlson, in honor of their mother Judy

May 19

Greeters/Coffee Servers:

Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Mic Carlson, Dale Murrell

Counters: Mic Carlson

Flowers:

May 26

Greeters/Coffee Servers:

Ushers: Jeff Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz

Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein

Flowers:

Monthly Devotion

What is Your Oxgoad?

After Ehud came Shamgar son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad. He too saved Israel. Judges 3:31.

Because the Israelites disobeyed God, they ended up enslaved to the Philistines who ruled them by fear and intimidation. But Shamgar refused to be intimidated. He decided to disrupt the status quo, and he did it with an oxgoad—a long stick used by farmers to prod animals. He refused to let what he could not do, keep him from doing what he could. After all, God plus one equals a majority. And if God is for you, who can be against you? (see Romans 8:31) So Shamgar grabbed his oxgoad and charged six hundred Philistine soldiers. The enemy probably chuckled at his makeshift weaponry until he started wielding it. Then the look in his eyes struck fear into their hearts. Courage doesn't wait until the situation favors you, or the plan is perfectly formed, or the tide of opinion turns. Courage only waits for one thing: a green light from God. And when God gives the go its full steam ahead, no questions asked. It's about attacking the problem with whatever oxgoad God has given you. It's an all-out assault on the forces of darkness by deciding to become 'salt and light' where God has placed you. It's more than pointing out the problems, it's committing yourself to be part of the solution. It's more than just having a heart for Christ, it's deciding to take action and become His hands and feet. Instead of sitting on the sidelines because you believe others are more qualified, it's using what God gave you and asking Him to bless it. As the songwriter said, "Little is much, when God is in it."

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to **take action** to do what You have intended for me to do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

by Tim Hetzner, President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities.



Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

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This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

from the LCMS website

Council Meeting April 9, 2019

Vice President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Bob Mueller opened with prayer.

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

The minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

President: The call committee is now meeting every two weeks. The committee is working on current and long range planning. The issue with our calling a pastor is our inability to pay his salary. Mic and Jeff Emery will meet with our circuit counselor after Holy week.

Our gifts to God are behind last year’s giving and our budget. Weather has caused us to miss four of the eight Sundays in January and February. We need to be giving 110 percent of our budget or gain new members to generate adequate income to afford even a part time pastor. That cost will be in the 5 K range. The report was accepted and approved.

Financial Secretary: Vicki Stauch presented her report. She stated that giving is down approximately \$2,500.00 from this time last year. The report was accepted and approved.

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

Elders: Bob Mueller expressed appreciation for the many hours that Chuck has put in tending to furnace installation, supervising plumbing work and dealing with other chores. His report was accepted and approved.

Ushers: Bob Borgmann reported that Sheryl Bald is learning to run the recorded hymns CDs. He noted that all are grateful to Jerry Schwab for playing the organ when he is able. Bob’s report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: No report

Trustees: Chuck Kral reported the following:

- **Help with leaf removal is needed before mowing can begin.**
- He, Mic and Tim Carlson spent several hours looking for the well head. (It was found under a bush.)
- He contacted Straight Flush Plumbing to repair leaking water lines by the pump outside the garage. The area by the hydrant next to the garage was excavated and that section of water line was replaced.
- Jess Well Service made needed replacements. Chuck installed guards around the well head for mowing purposes.
- Chuck cleaned the drainage ditch that comes from the cemetery valve.
- Chuck assisted with the installation of the new HVAC unit. (The McGuire Heating installer did not have a helper that day.)
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Chuck is assisting with the repairs to the water line.

- Chuck put the new tool container for the cemetery together. It needs to be taken up to the cemetery.
- He will order and install new mowing blades.
- Chuck cut out a bush by the back door because it was interfering with gutter pipes and drainage.
- The cemetery fence is falling down. **Assistance is needed to repair it.**

The report was accepted and approved.

Education: Vacant

Evangelism: Russell Schulz reported the following:

- The church telephone number is now correctly listed in area media.
- The video that will be shown at Main Street Opry performances has been sent in.
- He plans to publish an article about witnessing in our monthly newsletters.
- He has put postings on our website and Facebook page. Our Facebook page has had 10 likes. (Members are encouraged to add to that number.)
- He will again email all Missouri Lutheran churches inviting their members visiting our area to attend our worship services.

Russell's report was accepted and approved. The board is thankful to him for the time he has devoted to his position.

Stewardship: Dawn Hedberg reported that a check was sent to Amigos de Christos using funds from the recycling of aluminum cans. She will have the bags of aluminum cans that are in the garage taken to be recycled. Her report was accepted and approved.

Cemetery: Diane

Borgmann reported that she purchased a new tool shed for the cemetery. Chuck has it put together. She would like for it to



gether. She would like for it to be placed behind the bench in the cemetery. Rodney Schulz trimmed the bushes at the cemetery and around the church back door. The report was accepted and approved.

Pastor: Vacant

Old Business:

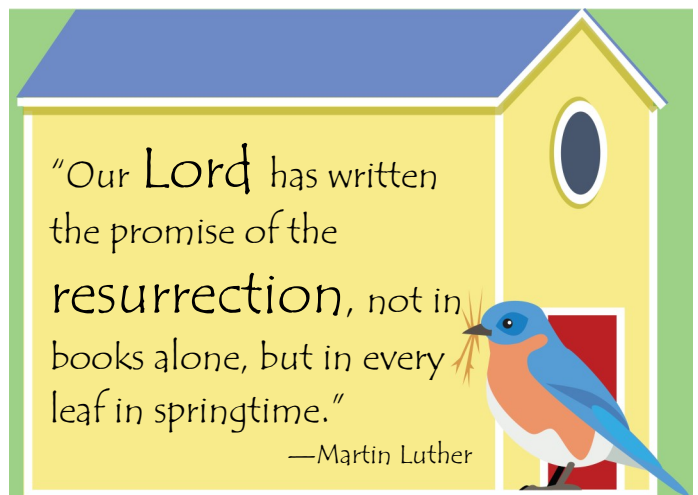
- Our excess cash has not yet been put into a CD or into LCEF. Mic will endeavor to get that done.
- The Cemetery Perpetuity Application is not completed. Diane Borgmann will assist in doing the paperwork. It will be done when time is available.
- The HVAC installation is complete. A **special thank you** to all who contributed to the cost of the unit.
- Thank you to Carol Murrell, Paula Emery, and Sheryl Bald for planning a brunch following the Easter Sunday service. A signup sheet for the brunch is on the credenza.
- Mic and Russell Schulz will complete the Hope Chapel "Everyone is a Witness" program in two weeks.

New Business:

- The emergency repairs to our well and water lines are completed. Thanks to Chuck and all who helped.
- The council voted to have the work needed to update the water line to the cemetery done before it causes problems. Chuck will contact plumbers after Easter.
- The April 6th Voters Meeting will begin at 6:30. There will be no potluck that evening.
- The Thrivent dinner fundraiser meeting is rescheduled for Friday, May 3 at 5:30.
- The Call Committee will continue to meet to complete our long range planning and Plus One Initiative.
- Mic has arranged for pastoral coverage through August.
- Installation of officers will occur on April 14.
- A birthday party for a very special member will take place after the service on April 14.

The meeting was adjourned and Bob Mueller led us in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, *Secretary*



Voters Meeting - April 16

President Mic Carlson called the meeting to order with 15 members present. He opened with prayer.

The minutes from the January 15, 2019 voters meeting were approved as printed. Clarification was requested regarding the amount of money needed to pay a part time pastor. With that exception, the April 9, 2019 Council Minutes were approved.

Organizations:

LWML: Jaccy reported that Pastor Anderegg opened the April meeting with prayer and led a Bible study titled "Women of the Bible." His study was enjoyed and appreciated.

Several possibilities for future LWML projects were discussed.

After enjoying refreshments, the material that Sheryl Bald purchased was cut into pieces to be sewn into baby blankets.

Two members and one guest attended the Spring Zone Rally. Chaplain Muehler, retired Armed Forces LCMNS Minister, and Whitney Cromley from "Cancer Perks" were the featured rally speakers.

The next meeting will be held on May 8th. Jaccy Heinlein will be the hostess. Pastor Anderegg will again lead a Bible Study. The report was approved and accepted.

Thrivent: Jaccy stated that Thrivent funds will be used to provide the meat for a fundraiser potluck dinner on Friday May 3 at 5:30 PM. The money raised will be used to purchase a new microwave for our kitchen. (This activity was postponed from March due to a problem with the church's water system.) Following a short business meeting, games and cards will be available. She asks that members bring ideas for future activities. Her report was accepted and approved.

Pastoral Office: Vacant

President's Report: Mic reported the following:

- Due to decreased membership, envelope giving for the first quarter is down \$968.00 a month from 2017 and \$1753.00 a month from 2018. We are keeping our heads above water because we are paying \$700.00 a month for fill-in pastoral coverage versus \$5200.00 a month for a full time pastor.
- Both Pastors Anderegg and Brandt have agreed to follow up on visitors who may be interested in joining our congregation. Please invite friends and neighbors to our services.
- The HVAC replacement unit has been installed. A SPECIAL thank you to the Challenge Giver who donated a total of \$4,000.00. The congregation responded with \$3923.00.
- The total cost of installation was \$6,998.12. (As an apology for the delayed completion of installation

McGuire's Heating and Air Conditioning did not charge for the new plenum that they installed). The \$924.00 that was not needed for the HVAC replacement was put into the Plant Replacement Fund that was approved by our voters.

- The water well problem, handled by Chuck Kral, cost the church an unexpected \$1,800.00. There will be an additional expense of at least \$1,000.00 to replace the water line from the well to the building.
- Pastors Anderegg and Brandt continue to lead worship services for us. Pastoral coverage is scheduled through August.
- Mic stated that councilmembers are working hard and he thanks each of them for their diligence.
- Our Call/Planning Committee members are attending many meetings and are working to formulate a plan for Peace which hopefully leads to the calling of a pastor. These members deserve the thanks of the congregation.
- Another thank you to the members who paid \$36.00 each to attend the Christ the King's Academy fund raiser. It was great to have Peace Lutheran represented. His report was accepted and approved.

Call/Planning Committee:

- The committee is attempting to meet every two weeks.
- Our first Plus One Initiative meeting with Pastor Klaustermeier was held on March 30.
- The committee is scheduled for April 30 when we will begin to formalize our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis.
- Mic is trying to set a meeting with Pastor Freeman, our circuit counselor, to discuss our progress and next steps.
- We are far from financially able to afford even a part time pastor. Giving would need to increase \$2271.00 monthly to pay a part time pastor's salary.
- We need to recognize the impact a caring pastor who is truly interested in his congregation could have on increasing membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The application to the State of Missouri to place the recognition of the Peace Lutheran Cemetery to be maintained in perpetuity has not been completed.
- The warranty for the new HVAC has been filed, and all of the information about the unit is filed in our office.

NEW Business: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, *Secretary*