# News Peace



Peace Lutheran Church, Camdenton, MO

May 2020

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May 3	Worship	9 a.m.	
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.	
	Mites Sunday		
May 4	Elder's Mtg.	9:30 a.m.	
May 10	Worship	9 a.m.	
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.	
May 11	LWML Mtg	9:30 a.m.	
May 12	Council Mtg.	6:30 p.m.	
May 16	Armed Forces Day		
May 17	Worship	9 a.m.	
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	
May 18	Newsletter Deadlin	e 9 a.m.	
May 21	Ascension Day		
May 24	Worship	9 a.m.	
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	
May 25	Memorial Day Observed		
May 30	Memorial Day		
May 31	Pentecost Sunday	9 a.m.	
	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	



# A Message from Pastor Brandt

# **Letter Writing**

Remember 50 or more years ago when a postage stamp was a fraction of what it costs now, and a long distance phone call was astronomical! I know that my family never made long distance calls unless it was an emergency or a very special occasion; and then it was for 2-3 minutes! Today, it's just the opposite: post-

age is 55 cents, and phone calls anywhere within the U.S. are free with unlimited time, just paying the monthly flat billing rate. I remember that my mother would send every church friend, cousin, aunt and uncle, parents, children, grandchildren, etc. a birthday card; and if they lived out of town, she wrote a letter with it. When you couldn't see a person face to face, letters were the primary means of communication. Even in New Testament times, the Apostles wrote letters; Paul writing thirteen of them himself in our Scriptures; and probably many more which weren't recorded. How times have changed! Writing with correct grammar has nearly become a lost art, with young people texting in "shortcut" fashion. It's interesting how we were able to correspond during this COVID 19 Pandemic. We began by emailing written sermons; then recording live from the church pulpit; and now having "drive-in" services. But how I miss the one-on-one contact—seeing each of you face to face. How I miss the gentle hugs before and after the service. (I also remember my 'ole German Dad saying that men weren't supposed to hug either men or women). Personally, I like the half hug—putting my left arm around your shoulder and giving a little pat on the back! Have you missed gathering for worship? When we come together for worship, it is for the purpose of receiving God's gifts of Word and Sacrament and responding with praise and thanksgiving. But it is also for seeing one another face to face for the purpose of encouraging one another in faith, spurring one another on in love and good works, and ultimately being the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God for the blessing of electronic means of proclaiming and receiving the Word during these difficult times. But we are able to say with St. Paul, "Since we were torn away from you, brothers and sisters, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face." Thus, let us not neglect meeting together. Rather, let us come to hear God's Word, receive the Lord's Supper, sing hymns of praise, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters; sharing their griefs and concerns, trials and tribulations, as well as rejoicing in their stories of joy and happiness. Remember: Through the storm we will not walk alone. Joshua encourages us: "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (1:9). And go in peace!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Gary Brandt

# Worship in the Parking Lot



Pastor Anderegg serving communion. Photo by Criss Matthies

April 26<sup>th</sup> was a new first for Peace Lutheran Church. After weeks of waiting for equipment to be shipped, experimenting with how the equipment worked and trying to find a microphone that we could use, we held the first ever drive through service in our parking lot. We had 42 people receive communion in their automobiles. This was a slightly abbreviated service, since we need to work on how to transmit our music, but we had a beautiful day, great sermon and communion. Thanks to all who attended. Assuming we will need to maintain "social distancing" and refrain from gathering in large groups, this will be our Sunday service for the near future. Come join us for our Sunday Service in the parking lot!



The **deadline** for the **June** newsletter is Mon., May 18 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.



- Russell Schulz May 11 Paul Bartels May 12 May 13 Makayla Parkhurst Fran Lashley May 15 May 23 Teresa Gifford May 24 Jeff & Dawn Hedberg May 28 Charlie & Teresa Gifford May 29 Barb Powell
- May 31 Paula Emery



Members and visitors gathered at the church parking lot for worship services on Sunday, April 28. Photo by Marcia Johnson



Sunday, May 31



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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."

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# The Latest News at Peace

irst and most importantly, I hope this finds you in good health and surviving the imposed staying at home. It actually has not been too bad. I've read a few novels and got much of our spring cleanup done outside.

At the moment we are anticipating the first services at the church in six weeks will be May 3. If we have luck with shipping, we could have our first service April 26, although it would be a drive up movie style.

None of us were prepared, or ever expected the government would recommend closing our doors for two weeks, let alone six. It honestly took us some time to sort out what our options might be. The first thing we thought of was copying what Hope Chapel has done for twenty plus years, having drive up services in our automobiles. Pastor Anderegg researched the options available for us to accomplish having drive up services. He found a low output FM transmitter that we could use in the church and transmit the service live to the radios in our cars. What

church and transmit the service live to the radios in our cars. What was even more exciting was the cost was in the range of \$150.00. What wasn't so exciting was it would not be shipped for at least 30 days. Since there was no way to call a special Voters Meeting to get approval, I had it ordered anyway. I figured the worst thing that would happen is you would impeach me.

Friday, April 17, we found it was now in Carol Stream, IL. Our hope is that we will receive it the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> and have it available to have church on April 26. If we do not receive it until the following week, we will have the service for May 3<sup>rd</sup> (the last day of the current stay at home order) as a drive up service. We will keep you informed via email, and your Elder will contact you when we can start having church together again.

We have been attempting to keep you informed via email and our Facebook page, of information available for your personal religious service on Sundays. Starting

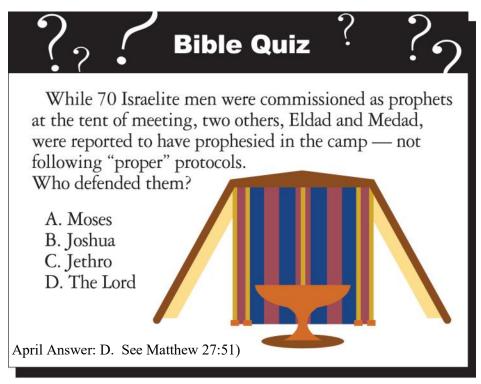


available for your personal religious service on Sundays. Starting with the Good Friday service, we have been able (with Pastor Anderegg and Russell Schulz assistance) to video the sermons. These are being placed on our Facebook page and have also been sent to all of you who have given the church your email address. I hope you have had the opportunity to view and use these in your personal Sunday worship. Not the same as going to church, but better than no assistance.

For all our future we will be better prepared to react to new and unusual circumstances that occur in our society.

I am personally looking forward to seeing all of you at church. I don't know about you but I did not realize how much of my life is tied to Peace and each of you.

Stay safe, God's Blessing on each of you.
Mic Carlson, *President* 





Bob Borgmann, JaneAnn Brandt, Norma Flenker, Charlie Gifford, Jim Janssen, Darlene Jost, Chuck Kral, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell and the Murrell family, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Rodney Schulz, 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.



# Opportunity to Serve

From the Pregnancy Help Center (PHC)

You can help us in many ways. From attending an event, assisting with an event, telling people about us, praying for us. Give us a call and let's see if there is something you can help with! We appreciate it! Contribute. You can give a one-time donation or a recurring payment to the PHC. Your donation helps us serve. Thank you!

Office:

747 N. Business Hwy. 5 Camdenton, MO 65020 **Phone:** 573-346-3337 (24/7 call line) **Text Number:** 573-873-6705

# **Coming to Peace in June**

**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Peace Lutheran Church on 6/25/2020. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries

which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member dis-



count). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle] or text the word circle to 797979.

**P.S. from Russ: Available for members:** \$55 discount on certain screening packages or one free test. We'll have more info on signing up soon.



Steadfast Lutherans (The Brotherhood of John the Steadfast) is a Lutheran blog created and written by Lutheran pastors and laymen that discusses various theological topics and issues of concern to Lutherans in a thread and comments format. The Word to the web and the gospel to the world. Visit them at www.steadfastlutherans.org

# **Sheltered**

Thank you Chuck Kral for making a shelter for the trash can.





is like wi-fi: It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need."

unknown



# **March 9 Minutes**

Pastor Anderegg opened the Bible study with prayer. We continued to study the features of the ESV Lutheran Study Bible. He closed with prayer.

The meeting was called to order by President Sheryl Bald.

Roll call was answered by eleven members. We had no guests.

Susan Kral distributed copies of the treasure reports for January and February. Signature cards were updated for The Bank of Versailles.

Sheryl and Jaccy went to the Cole Camp meeting for the upcoming rally. Sheryl will e-mail the minutes before each meeting for members to review.

Parts of the Spring Rally Peace is in charge of:

- Introduction of Morning Speaker
- Registration Table
- Breakfast
- Manuals

Susan Kral provided coolers to collect the items for the St. Louis Seminary Food Bank.

Sheryl is keeping a running tally of "Pocket Change for Mites." The total for March was \$22.21.

The Mites reading was given by Cathie Mueller. She read "Let Go and Pray" about making time throughout the day to pray.

### **Committees**

**Pop Tops:** continue to save

**Best Choice Labels:** Paula Emery stated there are 320 labels thus far. **Box Tops for Education:** Diane Borgmann will continue to collect them.

**Kitchen:** Diane Borgmann stated the kitchen is in good shape.

**Human Care:** Jaccy discussed Afghan for Angels would prefer knitted and crocheted blankets. We will be making receiving blankets and quilts for our local

hospital birthing center. We will look into other local places that can use baby blankets and quilts. We will still accept crocheted or knitted afghans. Lake Regional could use lap blankets for the cancer center. After much discussion we decided to work on these projects with no time limits. Jaccy will check into getting monies from Thrivent for materials.



### **Old Business**

We looked at the patterns and sample of the Christmas Chrismons Carol Murrell brought. Cathie Mueller will go through and repair the old Chrismons. Moines will be requested for this project through Thrivent.

Paula Emery provided samples of the praying hand design she found on the internet. We would need to make 100-120 tray favors. Lake Regional will not be accept any tray favors until after the corona virus is over.

### **New Business**

The Easter breakfast should be a congregation project with LWML coordinating it.

With the upcoming rally and Easter breakfast, it was decided to cancel the April 13 meeting. The next meeting will be May 11. Hostess will be Jaccy Heinlein and the roll call word will be "ascension." Thank you to Vicki Stauch for hosting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the common table prayer. Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Lamb, secretary

### **Monthly Devotion**

# Meeting in the Air

The message paraphrases Christ's return this way: "The Master Himself will give the command. Archangel thunder! God's trumpet blast! He'll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise they'll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master...then there will be one huge family reunion...So reassure one another with these words' (vv. 16-18). The second coming of Christ will be inaugurated by the trumpet blast of the archangel. Cemeteries and seas will give up their dead. 'Christ...will appear a second time...to save those who are eagerly waiting for him' (Hebrews 9:28). The event will be witnessed by all humanity. 'Every eye shall see him' (Revelation 1:7) From Adam to the baby born as the trumpet sounds, every one of us will witness the moment. But not everyone will welcome it. 'Unready people all over the world...will raise huge lament as they watch the Son of Man blazing out of heaven' (Matthew 24:30). You don't go to heaven by chance, you go by Grace—God's! And God loves you and wants you with him eternally. Those who acknowledge Christ as their Savior will arise to celebrate the greatest family reunion of all time. Are you going to heaven? If you're not sure, don't let this day end until you put your trust in Christ Jesus and accept His free gift of Salvation that comes through Jesus

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I cannot wait for when we are "caught up" to be with You because of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

Tim Hetzner, President/CEO of Lutheran Church Charities

# **Servants of God for May**

Elder: Jeff Hedberg
Altar Guild: Diane Borgmann

### May 3, 2020

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Janet Bartels & Rita Riemann

Ushers: Bob Hansen, Penny Jost, Paul Bartels,

Mark Riemann

Counters: Bob Mueller

### May 10, 2020

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Paula Emery &

Shelia Hartenstein

Ushers: Earl Hartenstein, Shelia Hartenstein,

Jeff Emery, Paula Emery Counters: Bob & Diane Borgmann

### May 17, 2020

Greeters/Coffee Servers: Jeff & Dawn Hedberg

Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Sheryl Bald, Diane Borgmann,

Mic Carlson, Rodney Schulz

Counters: Mic Carlson

### May 24, 2020

**Greeters/Coffee Servers:** Matt & Sara Sosnowski **Ushers:** Jeff Hedberg, Dawn Hedberg, Bob Mueller,

Russell Schulz

Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein

# **May Worship Schedule**

### May 3, 2020—Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Presiding Pastor:** Pastor Gary Brandt

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed **Hymns:** 537 (1-2), 477, 480, 537 (3-4)

### May 10, 2020—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presiding Pastor Pastor Richard Anderegg
Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Nicene Creed
Hymns: 670 (1-2), 671, 621, 670 (3-4)

# May 17, 2020—Sixth Sunday of Easter Presiding Pastor Pastor Gary Brandt

Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed

**Liturgy and Creed:** Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed 478 (1-2), 507, 487, 478 (3-4)

### May 24, 2020—Seventh Sunday of Easter

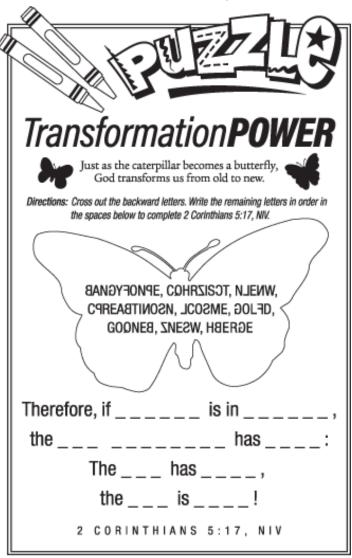
Presiding Pastor Pastor Richard Anderegg
Liturgy and Creed: Divine Service I, Nicene Creed
Hymns: 656 (1-2), 590, 878, 656 (3-4)

### May 31, 2020—Day of Pentecost

**Presiding Pastor** Pastor Gary Brandt

**Liturgy and Creed** Divine Service I, Apostles' Creed **Hymns:** 496 (1-3), 826, 498, 496 (4-5)

# Puzzle Fun



Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here





ore apologetics for the special revelation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with ten arguments that the gospel writers told the truth.

1. The NT contains embarrassing accounts about the apostles, some of whom wrote those accounts. Most often writers don't include things that would embarrass or make themselves look bad unless it is true. Some examples are:

- A. The disciples appeared confounded at times. They often failed to comprehend what Jesus was saying. (Mark 9:32 "But they did not understand the saying..."; Luke 18:34 "But they understood none of these things..."; John 12:16 "His disciples did not understand these things at first...")
- B. Even though they believed Jesus to be the Messiah, they seemed to be uncaring at times. In Mark14:32-41 Jesus finds them twice sleeping during His hour of greatest need after he had asked them to watch and pray. They didn't even give him a proper burial; that was left to Joseph of Arimathea.
- C. The disciples were reprimanded. Jesus tells Peter," Get behind me Satan." Mark 8:33. He chides them for being of "little faith." Matthew 8:26, 14:31, 16:8, Luke 8:25. Paul opposes Peter, one of the most respected men of the early church, for being wrong about a theological issue. Gal. 2:11.
- D. The disciples act cowardly. They run away when Jesus is taken prisoner and all but John hide when Jesus is crucified. Peter denies Jesus three times after telling him he would never do so. Matt. 26:33-35. As they hide it's up to the women to visit the tomb and discover that He has risen.
- E. They doubt that Jesus rose from the dead even though He told them that He would. John 2:18-22, 3:14-18, Matt. 12:39-41, 17:9, 22-23. Some

doubted even after they see him. Matt 28:17. It's not likely that they would include these accounts of cowardice, rebukes, ineptitude, doubting, and arguments among one another unless they were true. If they were making up a story, it is more likely that they would've painted themselves in a much more favorable light, especially if they had ulterior motives in mind. They would've made themselves heroic, perhaps saying that they confidently overtook the Roman guards as they marched up and rolled away the stone to find the risen Savior ready to walk out of the tomb and, then, being praised by Him for their great faith. Also the women who visited the tomb, whose testimonies were not considered credible, would not be in the story. Thus these embarrassing narratives can be viewed as evidence for the truthfulness of the gospels.

**Next month:** Argument 2: Difficult sayings and details of Jesus life.

### **Every One His Witness**

## Joy Is Set Before You

Jesus invites you to share in His joy – to "come and see!" **REJOICE WITH ME**, for I have found my sheep that was lost. ...**REJOICE WITH ME**, for I have found the coin that I had lost. ... Bring the fatted calf and kill it, and **LET US EAT AND CELEBRATE**. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. (Luke 15:6, 9, 23-24)

You have been given a tremendous privilege! God has called you to join Him in His mission" to seek and save the lost." The Lord expresses great joy in His work to gather His people, and He makes ways for you to share in His joy. Being a witness of Jesus in your everyday life is an invitation into the joy of Jesus. Just as you invite people to "come and see" when sharing to Good News, your Savior invites you to "come and see" the joy that awaits you as His witnesses. "Rejoice with Me!" He calls out above the noise of the world and fears of your heart. "Come and share in My joy."

### www.everyonehiswitness.org

To learn how to be an effective witness for Jesus, previous evangelism columns beginning with the Feb. 2019 newsletter have excellent insights from the Every One His Witness program. The newsletters are posted on our website at <a href="https://www.plccamdenton.org">www.plccamdenton.org</a>. The "Every One His Witness" program is a course from the LCMS that churches and schools are using to teach effective ways to speak to others about Jesus using the LASSIE approach: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, and Encourage.

**Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you for the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Help me to share the news of this important and valuable gift. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

(from Lutheran Hour Ministries)

# Stewardship News Giving Generously

ur Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."(John 13:15) We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God – that job's already done!

But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow Jesus' example of generous giving. And this is not merely an example alone. It's also our Lord's command. "The one who contributes, (let him give) in generosity." (Rom. 12:8)

So, when we give to help others who are in need, and when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. So, we should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought, but according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world.

So, when it comes to our offerings to the Lord, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability – and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3) – we can and should give a generous portion of the income that God provides us to honor the Lord.

So also, we should give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. Nor do we give grudgingly. We should give freely and cheerfully because we want to out of thanksgiving. "Each as he purposes in his heart," as the Lord says. (2 Cor. 9:7) There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us.

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of love – love for Him and for our neighbor. Genuine love is always love in deed (1 John 3:18), love such as Jesus showed us all. It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we give for a good purpose to thank the Lord and support His gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously for the service of God's gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they Israel gave generously for the service of God's gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly – so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving. (Ex. 36:5-6)

In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work of bestowing His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in our congregations through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. We should support the Lord's work of caring for those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

from the LCMS website



# **Plant Your Spring Garden**

### Three rows of peas:

- Peace of mind
- Peace of heart
- Peace of soul

### Three rows of squash:

- Squash indifference
- Squash hatred
- Squash bullying

### Three rows of lettuce:

- Let us be kind
- Let us be compassionate
- Let us love one another

Water with patience and cultivate with love.

from Facebook





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Worship Schedules		The Lord's Servants at Peace • Elders—Monday before Council Meeting	9:00 am
Sunday Worship*	9:00 am	Bob Mueller— <i>Chairman</i> ; Jeff Hedberg, Joe Stauc	
Bible Class/Sun. School  Wednesday Evening Services:  • Ash Wednesday  • During Lent	10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm		
<ul> <li>During Advent</li> <li>Holy Week</li> <li>Maundy Thursday*</li> <li>Good Friday Service</li> </ul>	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Dawn Hedberg—Chairman  • Evangelism As a Russell Schulz—Chairman  • Education Vacant	nnounced
Easter Sunday*  Thanksgiving Eve Service	9:00 am	• Trustees Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Mark Riemann	nnounced
Wednesday Evening	6:00 pm	LWML—2nd Monday of each month Sheryl Bald— <i>President</i>	9:30 am
Christmas Evening Service	6:00 pm	Altar Guild As an Diane Borgmann	nounced
*Holy Communion		Bible Studies As an  ● Elected Offices	nounced