

Tidings Of Peace February 2012

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“Peace Lutheran Church is a community of caring and forgiven people being nourished and strengthened in the Christian faith that others may know Christ’s love.”

Mindful or Mindless

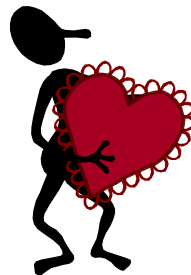
Do you sometimes arrive at a destination...without remembering how you got there? I know I have and it is frightening on several levels. I suspect it happens to each of us more frequently than we'd like to admit. Have you ever started to say the Lord's Prayer or one of the Creeds and couldn't remember where you were in the recitation? I can certainly tell you that it is most embarrassing when you are singing a song and can't remember the words! Let's face it. We all get stuck in routines whether it is brushing our teeth, eating our meals, driving to work, or even talking with God.

One of the blogs I follow encourages the selection of a single word each year that we want to reflect on and embrace throughout the year. The word I've selected this year is "mindfulness". Hopefully, it will remind me to keep my mind focused on the present...to be deliberate about my thoughts and actions. I want to slowly savor each moment not mindlessly follow a routine, especially when talking with God.

Marianne Gould, Council President

Show the Love

The SOS Food Bank needs us to *“Show the Love”* to continue to help support the needs of our community. After the holidays, the donations of food and money historically drop to a low level in the new year. As Valentine's Day approaches, consider a new way to *“Show the Love”* with your family at Peace. Instead of spending some or all of the money your



family normally budgets for Valentines, flowers, and/or candy, consider dedicating some or all of that fund to replace the most needed items at the food bank such as peanut butter, canned meats and fruits, and boxes of hearty breakfast cereals. Wouldn't it be a great family activity to search and price these items and compare prices to cards, flowers and chocolates? As Jesus has said, "Love your neighbor as yourself", Matthew 19:19,

let us continue our plan of outreach to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

A white "heart" mailbox and the SOS grocery cart will be set up in the front entrance to the sanctuary for cash, check and food donation items during the month of February. Let us *“Show the Love”* all year long.

Relay For Life Fundraiser



On Sunday, **February 5th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**, Casting for the Cure, a Relay for Life team, and the Peace Lutheran Band is hosting a Gospel Sing-A-Long in memory of Billy Deiker. There will be a BBQ plate sold for \$5 and a bake sale.

Lenten Meals and Services

The Fellowship Ministry Team will host meals prior to the Lenten services. The meals will be served at 6:00 pm and the services follow at 7:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be located in the Narthex for volunteers to set up, clean up or prepare food. Lenten Services begin **February 29th**. Menu is as follows:

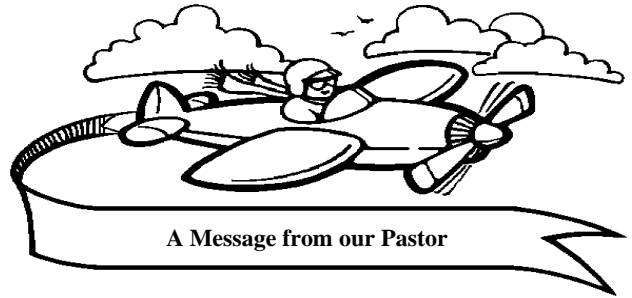
- February 29th** - Soup and Salad
- March 7th** - Hamburgers
- March 14th** - Pasta
- March 21st** - Sandwiches
- March 28th** - Casseroles



Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 22nd
7:00 pm

Dear Friends in Christ,

We tend to associate each month with different themes: October has the Reformation and Halloween; November, All Saints and Thanksgiving; December, Advent and Christmas; January, New Year's & Epiphany. February is the month we observe Valentine's Day. We think of love and those who are dear to us.



The scriptures tell us a lot about love. Paul speaks of it as the greatest of spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 13:13). God's love was so great for humanity that Jesus Christ was given to the world (John 3:16) and he even died so that we might know forgiveness and the gift of salvation. Love is how the world knows whether or not we are a follower of Christ (John 13:35). Love is how God intended for us to live and the way we were intended to live with and for one another. Yet so often we choose to live without it or substitute it for other ways of living.

Someone sent me a parable that I found quite meaningful:

A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat. "Is the man of the house home?", they asked. "No", she replied. "He's out." "Then we cannot come in", they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in!" The woman went out and invited the men in. "We do not go into a House together," they replied. "Why is that?" she asked. One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, "He is Success, and I am Love." Then he added, "Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. "How nice!!!", he said. "Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!" His wife disagreed. "My dear, why don't we invite Success?"

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: "Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!" "Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife. "Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, "Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest." Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other 2 also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: "I only invited Love, Why are you coming in?" The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!!!!!"

The ability to love comes with many blessings. May we all learn the wisdom and way of God's love for us and one another.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Gary

Where We Stand Financially, December 2011

FUND	BALANCE 11/30/2011	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	BALANCE 12/31/2011
General Fund	\$ 8,896.77	\$ 27,449.54	\$ 25,221.69		\$ 11,124.62
Pre-Endowment Fund	\$ 94,882.48	0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 94,882.48
Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$ 27,949.06	\$ 9.97	\$ 0.00		\$ 27,959.03
Building Fund	\$ 19,251.94	\$ 10,446.66*	\$ 4,100.00**		\$ 25,598.60
Designated Funds	\$ 36,998.50	\$ 3,035.02	\$ 1,183.66		\$ 38,849.86
Total Funds	\$ 187,987.75	\$ 40,941.19	\$ 30,505.35		\$198,414.59

*\$10,439.00 - Building Offerings; \$7.66 - Interest

**\$4,100.00 - Building Note Payment

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Attendance and Giving			
Week of	Attendance	Gen. Fund	Building
12/04	175	\$ 8,261.65	\$ 2,780.00
12/07	81	\$ 248.00	\$ 0.00
12/11	218	\$ 7,232.32	\$ 3,147.00
12/14	54	\$ 237.00	\$ 0.00
12/18	325	\$ 5,810.27	\$ 2,347.00
12/21	33	\$ 488.00	\$ 160.00
12/24	269	\$ 3,228.00	\$ 315.00
12/25	56	\$ 1,932.00	\$ 1,690.00
Weekly Avg.	247	\$ 5,809.06	\$ 2,491.00

Bluebonnet Conference is holding the 30th annual Equipping the Saints event—“**GOD’S PEOPLE—Growing in Faith, Outwardly Focused, Doing Mission!**”—Saturday, **February 4** hosted by **Trinity Lutheran Church, Victoria**. Day long event includes Pastors Alma Morales and George Haynes as guest preachers for opening and closing worship, along with quality speakers doing a variety of workshops focused on our evangelical mission, doing ministry in congregations and communities, and personal and spiritual growth offered throughout the day, a delicious catered meal, and child care for young children of attendees. **Anyone may attend**. Register now! For further information, contact: Pastor Herb Beyer at 361-798-0155 or beyerfam@hughes.net or beyerfam@breland.com.

Ministry Team Minutes - January 2, 2012

EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Jerry Wehman, Amanda Henderson, Tim Clark, Laura Heller, Mary Ann Pfennig, Emily Solis, Becky Krogness, Brenda Martin, Kellie Stallings and Ceretta Daum.
- Baptismal Birthday Sunday - January 8th at 9:15 am and continuing at the 10:30 am service.
- February 5th - The Education Ministry Team will host the First Sunday Breakfast.
- March 25th - Milestone Ministry - Prayer Pillow for 2 year olds.
- May 20th - Graduate Recognition Sunday
- June 11th - Vacation Bible School for all ages in the evening.
- Easter Egg Hunt - Possibly on Easter Sunday during the SS hour.
- The Team was in consensus about not having a Day Camp for 2012. More concentration would be made toward a successful Vacation Bible School.
- Becky Voges will be starting a Puppet Ministry at Peace.
- Amanda updated us on the Prayer Pals.
- Kellie Stallings reported on Sunday School. There will be a Sunday School Teacher Meeting on January 29th at 11:30 am.
- Ceretta reported on Adult Education - Music in Worship beginning Monday, January 9th.
- The following will be held during the Sunday School Hour: Earl Koester will be leading a class on Early Christianity by Prof. Bart Ehrman; Pastor Gary's class will continue in the Sanctuary on Crossways; Pastor L.G. Wehman's class will be continuing in the Conference Room on the Book of Acts.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Jackie Sparkman, Dave Keeler, Wil Voges and Donna Braune.
- Jackie will get price for pork.
- Lenten Meals: Soup/Salad; Hamburgers; Pasta; Sandwiches; and Casseroles

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Nathan Weir, Rick Smith and Jean Pfluger.
- Begin outside outreach activities.
- Review "No Strings Attached" Team needs. Rick Smith will contact Pastor Gary. Nathan will contact Camp Chrysalis for work needs and Jean Pfluger will contact local Habitat for Humanity for current projects.
- Team Chair is Nathan Weir.

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM:

- Take the nativity scene down and store in shed.
- Get bids for lighting of the parking lot area.

SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Chris Cabibi, Helen Probst, Valerie Wood and Kim Edwin. Guest: Alison Hock.
- SOS Food Bank - "Share the Love". Ask the congregation to consider using some of the money they would spend on Valentine's gifts and cards and donate to the SOS Food Bank.
- The Service Ministry Team has been asked to come up with a committee to host a benefit for Claire Friedrich. Kim Edwin will compose a letter to be sent out asking members to serve on the committee. The goal is to have the committee formed by February 14th so they can begin preparations for the benefit.
- Peaceful Piecers will begin collecting donations for Health Kits in February. Chris will submit article for the newsletter.
- The team will work on their Mission Statement during the February meeting.
- The team members signed up to host the October First Sunday Breakfast.
- Ask The Worship Team if they would consider taking over Joseph's Garden.
- Discussed getting more participation in future Blood Drives.
- Discussed possible fundraiser in May to benefit the Peaceful Piecers. Host a potluck with a free will offering.
- Items For Long Term Planning: Informational Kiosk; Christmas in July for the SOS Food Bank.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Emmett Engelke and Alvin Bravenec.
- Discussed a plan for special emphasis on the ELCA World Hunger Relief for this year.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: L.G. Wehman, Dolores Engelke, Janice Friesenhahn, April Warren, Jeannie Kawazoe, Walt Sparkman and Mike Stallings.
- Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Plan Lenten services. There will be five. No recommendations for anything different than in past years.
- Christmas tree will be taken down on Tuesday, January 10th.
- Discussed Easter Cantata. Reviewing cantata that choir has already used.
- After Pentecost, it was recommended that the liturgy be changed to either Setting 3 or 4.
- The team will host breakfast in November.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:

- February 19th: All youth game day.
- March 4th: All youth Dr Seuss service.
- March 25th: YAB Meeting.
- April 15th: PYG spring loaded
- April 29th: PYGlets play at church picnic.
- May 6th: All youth Mother's Day craft project.

Council Minutes - December 18, 2011

Members Present: Marianne Gould, Walt Warren, Emmett Engelke, Rick Thomas, Becky Yeoman, Mike Stallings, Tim Clark and Pastor Gary Lange
Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Gary Lange.
Walt Warren moved acceptance of minutes as amended. Mike Stallings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Additional principal payment was not paid last month. Walt Warren moved acceptance of report. Rick Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Pastor's Report: (November 1-30)

Visitation: Hospital/Sick: 17; Shut-in: 5; Home: 2; Visitor: 3; Funerals: 1 (Susan Stoeltje); Hours: 171; Mileage: 576.

Items: Request January 9-21 as the reminder of 2011 vacation; January 28th is Council/Ministry Team Leader Retreat: David Lange as agreed to lead the retreat.

Mike Stallings made motion for Pastor Gary to use the remaining portion of his 2011 vacation this January 2012 since he was not able to use it in the calendar year 2011. Walt Warren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director of Youth and Parish Education (November 1-30)

Hours: 148. A copy of the Youth Director's report can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex hallway.

Mike Stallings led a discussion about the numbers of hours worked by our staff and about putting the number of hours listed in context so that council can best understand the workload of our staff members.

Ministry Teams: Reports submitted to council for information/review.

Old Business:

1. Task Force Reports
2. Constitution/By-Law Amendment
3. Nominations Committee
4. 2012 Budget
5. Roster Review

New Business:


1. Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda
2. Business Items for Annual Meeting
3. Ministry Teams: Review and send letters of call to people asking to serve on Property, Fellowship Outreach and Service Teams.

The next Council meeting will be held on January 27th at 6:00 pm.

Rick Thomas moved adjournment. Walt Warren offered the second. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tim Clark, Secretary

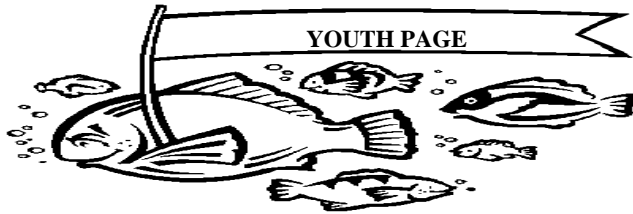
Peace Hogs Meeting - January 12, 2012

- Members Present: Kim Edwin, Brenda Martin, Valerie Wood, Lyle Schott, and David Martin
- Special Guest: Amy Smith
- Lyle Schott opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a prayer. 
- The first item discussed was helping Amy with fundraising for the Relay for Life in honor of Billy Deiker. The fundraiser will be held at Gruene Harley Davidson on March 24, 2012. Planning on a barbeque, motorcycle run, and a band. Lyle Schott is helping work out the details with Jennifer at Gruene Harley and will keep us updated.
- The Peace HOGS received a thank you card from the Peace Youth Group for helping with the cookie walk. The group stated the walk was a success.
- Kim Edwin discussed the Cuddles for Claire fundraiser to help with medical bills. Planning a June 2nd event, maybe a BBQ, Silent Auction, and a Motorcycle Run. Kim will keep us updated with details.
- Valerie informed us that Nathan Weir had talked to her about Camp Chrysalis needing help. The work can be on Saturday's and we need to pick a date.
- Cory Wood is working on a late January or early February ride for the Christian Motorcycle Association. He will get with us on details.
- Assist with the Sterling House worship on January 22nd. Cory will lead the ride, weather permitting. Will meet at Peace at 1:45 pm and KSU at 2:00 pm. Take a ride and meet at Sterling House at 3:00 to assist in worship.
- Lyle Schott ended the meeting with a prayer.

Prayers Requested

Jean Pfluger is part of a trip to Volgograd Russia, January 27th - February 8th, with Global Aid Network. Their purpose is to aid a local church there in sharing God's love with visits to schools, orphanages and rehabilitation centers. Jean has requested prayers for those participating in the mission trip, as well as those persons they visit in Russia.





Children's Church

Children's Church is a meaningful worship experience for children ages 4-9 during 20 to 25 minutes of the service. The curriculum is *Seasons of the Spirit* which follows the church year. Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead children's church during the 10:30 am service. The schedule for February is as follows:



- February 5-**Becky Krogness
- February 12-**Laura Heller
- February 19-**Kellie Stallings
- February 26-**Becky Krogness

Children's Church *Is God Calling You to Be a Leader?*

Three years ago, Children's church was begun at Peace. During the 10:30 am service, the children are invited to leave the church sanctuary with the leader after the hearing of the gospel. The children return to the sanctuary at the passing of the peace. The curriculum follows the lectionary for the day. There are prepared questions, handouts, and activities that can be used. The time is about 25 minutes. Our team needs more volunteers to be leaders. *Is God calling you?* If so, say "yes" and give **Becky Krogness** a call at **830-620-1922** to volunteer.

One Meal Bags

The Confirmation class assembles One Meal Bags continuously to help the needy. The bags contain food that does not require heating or the use of a can opener. The following items are needed to create more bags.

- Canned meats (tuna, Vienna sausage, etc. with a pull top lid)
- Individual fruits (applesauce, fruit cups, etc.)
- Individual drinks (juice boxes, water, etc.)

Donations can be dropped off at Amanda's office.



Puppet Ministry Practice **Sunday, February 5th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

We would like to invite young people in fourth grade – High School to consider being part of our new Puppet Ministry. Practices will be held once a month after church (11:30 am - 1:00 pm). We will be preparing something for worship each month and for special events such as Christmas, Easter, VBS, etc. Our practices will consist of learning the techniques of being a good puppeteer, so do not worry about knowing how. We will be using music to tell the story and you will be the storyteller. We will also be making props, so we need artistic people as well. I also need 1 or two older Youth who will act as my assistants. If you would like to know more or have questions, please email me at beckyvoges@yahoo.com or call me 830-625-1666. We will choose our name at our first practice, so you do not want to miss it! We will serve lunch. See you there. God Bless you, Becky Voges



We have a scholarship fund!

A new scholarship committee is being formed with the goal of giving college scholarships *annually*, beginning in 2012! In order for the committee to give scholarships, money has to be available. Donations can be made through offerings or memorials, just indicate it on your check and/or envelope. What a blessing it will be to help provide an education for our youth! More information on how to apply for the scholarships will be in future newsletters!

All Youth Board Games Sunday, February 19th



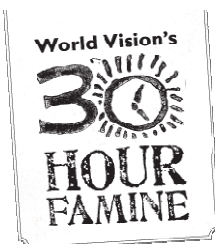
All youth are encouraged to bring their favorite board games to play with the rest of the group after church on **Sunday, February 19th**. Lunch will be provided!

Dr. Seuss is coming to Peace

Who knew that Theodor Seuss Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss) was a life-long Lutheran?! Dr. Seuss' lessons for living mirror what Scripture teaches. Jesus used stories and the life experiences of ordinary people. So the youth are going to use Dr. Seuss' stories in a Dr. Seuss themed service on **Sunday, March 4th, at 8:00 am and 10:30 am**. The congregation is encouraged to bring their Dr. Seuss toys, and wear their Dr. Seuss attire!

3rd Annual 30-Hour Famine
February 24-25, 2012

57% of the world lives on less than \$2 per day. The average American lives on \$24 per day. The youth see that there is enough food for the world, and they have chosen to live without for 30-hours, so others can have a new life. This year's 30-Hour Famine is being held on **Friday, February 24th- Saturday, February 25th**. Please support our youth with prayers, and **countdown with us with the devotional calendar inserted in this newsletter**. You can also sponsor one of our youth financially. Remember that just \$30 will feed a child for a month. If you would like to join us at the Famine, please see Amanda Henderson, or Mike or Kellie Stallings to get more information.



COIN BATTLES for the FAMINE!

The goal for the 2012 Famine has been set: \$3,596.17. To help us reach our goal, we've set up a little competition between the people of the congregation. Who is this year's rivalry between???

MALE vs. FEMALE! If the MEN of the congregation want to win the 2012 Coin Battle, they need to put cash in their pot for positive points, and coins in the female pot to take away points from them. And vice versa for the WOMEN! To further clarify, if I put \$1 cash (or check) in the FEMALE bucket, the women have 100 points. But if a man puts 3 quarters in the female bucket, they take away 75 points, leaving the women with just 25 points. It's a fun competition and we invite the entire congregation to get involved! Buckets will be out in the narthex from **February 5th through February 22nd**. The winner will be announced at the Famine and will receive bragging rights. All money will go to World Vision's 30-Hour Famine to help end world hunger.

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Book Study Group organizational meeting:
 Thursday, **February 2nd**, 1:30 pm

Five Serious Contradictions in the Letters of Paul that Plague the Church Even Today, special presentation by Norman A. Beck, Ph.D., Texas Lutheran University: Monday, **February 20th**, 7:00 pm

Sorrow Bearers

The following is from the January Care Mail to Stephen Ministers from David Paap, Program Director of Stephen Ministries in St. Louis:



Martin Luther translated "Blessed are those who mourn" to mean "Blessed are those who are the sorrow-bearers." As Christians, we not only have our own sorrows and burdens to bear, but also those of others. In practice, this means that we take other people's tragedies and difficulties to our own hearts in intercessory prayer and in helpful service. In adopting this ministry, we ourselves will also be comforted.

Stephen Ministers are *sorrow-bearers*. They are not sorrow-fixers, sorrow-brighteners, or sorrow-deniers. They come alongside a hurting person to listen, care, support, pray, empathize, encourage--to bear another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). And through their sorrow-bearing, God brings about real, lasting healing.

Whether or not you are involved in Stephen Ministry, you probably won't have to look hard for opportunities to be a sorrow-bearer, because they'll come looking for you. Welcome them. By sharing people's burdens so that God's healing love can flow through you to those who are hurting, you'll make a real difference in people's lives--and your own life will be immensely enriched as well.

As Reverend Paap notes, you certainly don't have to be a Stephen Minister to be a sorrow bearer for hurting people within or outside of our Congregation. But, as a Stephen Minister, you could have the training and support of your PLC Stephen Ministry program to help you bear the sorrows that people may place before you.

To learn more about how you can be involved with Stephen Ministry, talk with Pastor Gary or one of our Stephen Ministers. Or check out the Stephen Ministry pages on our web site at www.plcnb.org. Click on 'Outreach,' then 'Stephen Ministry.'



**Men's Monthly
Breakfast and Devotion**

Men of the congregation are invited to a monthly breakfast held the first Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendars for **February 1st** at 7:00 am. **The breakfast will be held at the church.** Come join them for a delicious breakfast and a thought-provoking devotion.



Ministry Team Night

Ministry Team Night will be held on Wednesday, **February 1st.** Team leaders meet at 6:30 pm and all team members meet at 7:00 pm. If you signed up to serve on a ministry team, on your Time and Talent sheet, please join us. It is important that all team members and their council liaisons attend these meetings.



HELP NEEDED

Ministry Teams are a vital link in the implementation of God's work at Peace Lutheran Church. It was so gratifying to see new faces at the first meeting of the year. However, there are some teams still in need of willing hands and hearts.

Do you know the difference between a flat blade and phillip's screwdriver? Are you handy with maintenance and repair? If so, the Property Team needs your help!

Do you enjoy serving our community through things like the SOS Food Bank, preparing layettes, school kits, etc.? If so, the Service Team needs you!

Are you good with numbers? Are you a good motivator and record keeper for financial matters? If so, the Support Team needs you!

Is your passion 'people'? Do you enjoy contacting visitors, meeting new members, sharing the Message, and working on mission projects in our community and around the world? If so, the Outreach Team needs you!

Working on one of these teams is a one year, renewable commitment. Is God nudging you to action? If you are interested participating on one of these teams, please contact the church office or a council member.

Crochet/Knit Group

The morning Crochet/Knit Group will meet on Thursday, **February 2nd and February 16th** at 9:00 am.



First Sunday Breakfast

First Sunday Breakfast will be held on Sunday, **February 5th**, from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. This month the Education Ministry Team will host the breakfast.



First Sunday Breakfast requires 4 or 5 volunteers to set up, plan the menu, prepare the breakfast and clean up.

Volunteers are asked to contact Lillie Braune at 629-3861 with the menu. She will purchase the food items.

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Lunch Bunch will be held on Thursday, **February 9th**, at 11:30 am. All ages, men and women are welcome. Bring a dish to share. Stay and play cards or domino games. A special invitation is extended to our Winter Texans. Come and join us.



Peace HOGS

Helping! Outreach! Giving! Service!



Peace HOGS will have their regular meeting on Thursday, **February 9th** at 7:00 pm.



**Band Practice
Saturday,
February 11th and
February 25th
10:00 am**

Newsletter Deadline

**The March newsletter deadline is February 13th.
Please submit articles on or before that date.
E-mailing articles is preferred.**

AARP Driver Safety Program

An AARP Driver Safety Program is being offered here at the church for drivers 50 years of age and older, who want to refresh/improve their “defensive” driving skills and qualify for an auto insurance discount.



DATE: Wednesday, February 15th
TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
COST: \$12.00 - AARP Members
\$14.00 - Non-Members

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Contact Don Bosworth at 830-743-9638

Fabric Needed

The Peaceful Piecers are in need of fabric. Please donate “gently” used sheets and good cotton yard goods. One twin flat sheet makes one quilt back. The deadline for shipping Lutheran World Relief donations is rapidly approaching. Many thanks for your help.



Council Meeting
Sunday, February 19th
Conference Room

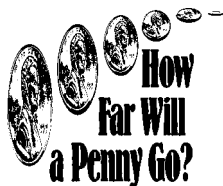
Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday, February 21st at Noon
In the Fellowship Hall

Come join us as we open scripture and join in conversation. “Tough Questions” is the title of the February Bible study from the magazine *Gather*. Ellie Koester will lead the Bible study. The theme verse is Mark 10:49, “Take heart, get up, he is calling you.” We will study Mark 10:1-52. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship and the conversation. Winter Texans, come join the fellowship and study. Invite a sister in Christ.



Noisy Offering!!

Start saving your loose change to share as we collect a noisy offering the last Sunday of each month for Peace Mission Trips. Drop your coins in the offering plate on Sunday, **February 26th** **Let’s make some noise!!!!!!**
 In December, we collected \$25.02.



Please join us for our monthly Nursing Home Worship Service.

Sterling House
Sunday, February 26th at 3:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to sing and relate to the residents in a worship environment.

Your help is needed!
Personal Care Kits (Health Kits)

When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it’s often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. You can share God’s grace and love by providing that simple comfort. Here’s how:



Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52” X 27”), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, In original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Please bring any of the items on the list and place them in the basket in the narthex marked for LWR.

Women’s Retreat
Friday, March 23-25
At Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville, TX

We have reserved **25** spots for a Women’s Retreat at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville, TX, the weekend of **Friday, March 23rd to Sunday, March 25th**. Cost is \$96 with a 10% discount which brings the cost to \$86.40 per person. This cost includes all meals and the programming. Come retreat by enjoying meals together, going on a nature hike, participating in Bible study, meditating in an outdoor setting, enjoying a campfire with smores, and ending with worship on Sunday morning. An agreement form can be gotten from Becky Krogness or Helen Probst. Registration deadline is **Sunday, March 11th**.

February Birthdays

01	Claire Heller
01	Faith Heller
03	David Keeler
03	Peggy Perry
03	Becky Hagens
04	Joe Bolton
05	Johnana Clark
06	Sandra Hill
06	Debra Ullrich
06	Tanya Hodges
07	Betty Fey
07	Ruth Kolb
08	Lavonne Ohnheiser
09	Peter Lange
11	Craig Christopherson
11	Gordon Hall
12	Merle Sarvey
15	Joan Walker
15	JoAnna Wold
15	Chris Brockman
16	Michael Bauman
17	Kelly Seeger
18	Hannah Hall
19	Matt Smith
21	Steven Robbins
21	Shawn Braune
22	Maren Rodriguez
24	Rusty Brockman
26	Terry Rust
26	Colton Fox
28	Vicki Ralph
28	Michele Kriley
29	Alan Watt
29	David Perry

February Anniversaries

Glenn and Mary Breitung February 2, 1963
Emmett and Dolores Engelke February 3, 1963
Ken and Joyce Voss February 6, 1971
Dick and Cathy O'Shea February 14, 1971
A.G. and Nancy Trapani February 15, 2003
BJ And Jayme Winkler February 16, 2008

In Sympathy

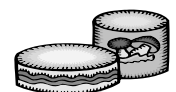
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following persons and their families:

- † Brenda Martin at the death of her father, Francis Salge
- † Tina Scott at the death of her mother, Katrina Scott
- † Mike Stallings at the death of his father, Bob Stallings
- † Marian Schmidt at the death of her husband, Lee Schmidt.
- † Darlene Coleman at the death of her husband, Ed Coleman.
- † John Hawthorne at the death of his wife, Betty Hawthorne
- † Melford Georg at the death of his cousin, Betty Hawthorne
- † Lyndsey McDermott at the death of her grandmother, Blanche Braswell



SOS Food Bank
(Spirit of Sharing)

Peace donated 59 pounds of food from mid-December to mid-January. The Food Bank receives large shipments of food on the 3rd Thursday and 4th Friday of every month. Volunteers are needed to help unload these supplies. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Alison Hock at 210-884-7239. **Please don't forget to "Show the Love". Give a Peace of yourself!**



Dear Peace Family,
 Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards sent following the death of my father. It meant a lot to me to know that our family was in everyone's thoughts and prayers. Thank you so much for the use of the fellowship hall for the reception and to all who brought food and to those that helped in the kitchen. And, a big thank you to Pastor Gary for his visit and his service during the funeral. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring congregational family. David, Brenda and Bly Martin



We want to thank you for the wonderful meal you served after the memorial service for our father, David Meckel. Several people commented on how delicious the food was. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. The family of David Meckel

Thank you to all of my church family and friends during the last several weeks for all of your prayers, visits, cards and calls. You really made an impact on my surgery and recovery. The staff at Kirkwood was asking where I went to church because of all of the friendly and caring visitors I had. You make a statement with your love! I am glad to be back among my wonderful friends.
 Rhonda Schmidt

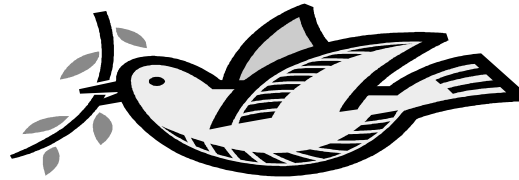
We want to thank the Carolers for coming by Sunday night. We enjoyed it so much and Charles loved singing with you. It was a bright spot in our day. Thank you so much. Charles and Carolyn Ford

On behalf of the entire Bob Stallings family, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Gary and the PLC congregation. Your support (in the form of hugs, kind words, cards, flowers, etc.) during this difficult time has been greatly appreciated. Accepting and dealing with the death of a family member can be quite a challenge. The pain and sorrow associated with Mike's dad passing away, however, has been softened by the love and generosity of the Peace community. What a blessing it is to belong to such a wonderful church family. In Christ's Love, Mike, Kellie, Josh & Keenan Stallings

*To the Congregation,
 Thank you so very much for the grocery basket you gave me for Christmas and the gift cards. Since the Landa Park train was shut down for repairs and rainy weekends in December, this really helped me a lot. I like to take some food items to Boerne for Christmas Day where we celebrate and can make them up there. The WalMart card is helping me buy my necessities and gas now in January. God bless you and thank you again. It was a lifesaver this year. I also appreciate that you leave the Christmas tree and its symbols up through Epiphany. One elderly friend told me this year that only recently he learned that the tree should remain up through Epiphany. Thanks again, Dorothy Ebert*

Members Remembered in Prayer

Bill Kretzmeier	Stephen Clark
Rhonda Schmidt	Bob Miller
Christian Schmidt	Ruth Kolb
Norvin Roessing	Mary Weaver
Karon Haas	Sharon Schott
Jackie Sparkman	Claire Friedrich



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Worship Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.