

Tidings Of Peace November 2011

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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.”

Jazz 101

Jazz is an amazing paradox... a style that almost defies explanations. Developed in America, it features syncopation (accents in unusual places) and improvisation (an interpretation of the melody limited only by the musician’s imagination). During the 90s, I spent many happy hours listening to cool (and hot) jazz at the Corpus Christi Jazz Festival. At that time, it was held during the summer, down on the bay front, between the ship channel, art museum, and Selena Auditorium. The quality of talent was great – everything from local high school groups to Bela Fleck, Toni Braxton, and the Air Force Jazz Band. The festival was highlighted with a moonlight jazz cruise around the bay on Saturday evenings and a jazz Eucharist at a downtown church on Sunday morning. The ironic thing about jazz is that in order to improvise freely, it is important to understand the basic rules of music. Knowledge of scales, key relationships, chords & chord progressions are all very important to enable the musician to “freely” compose the improvisation.

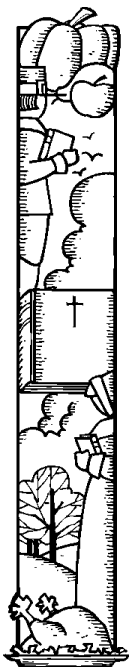
Knowledge of rules and basics allow a culture to live in harmony. When Jesus began his ministry, there were centuries of rules and accepted practices and yet He pushed hard against those boundaries and questioned established rituals. While religious authorities marveled at His knowledge of scripture, they were aghast with His behavior...preferring to meet with tax collectors, prostitutes and social outcasts rather than the upright in the church! Knowledge of scripture, religious practices and rituals are an important part of who we are, but are we stuck in the ‘law’? Just as knowledge of basic music rules frees us to improvise in jazz...knowledge of Old Testament law allows us the freedom to accept the New Testament gospel messages. Both the ‘law’ and the ‘gospel’ are important to God’s people. I challenge you to study the law, but to be open to the ‘gospel’ and how it can relate to your life. Becoming willing to allow the Holy Spirit to ‘improvise’ in your life!

Marianne Gould, Council President

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Thanksgiving Service

Our Annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, **November 20th** after the second service. Please mark your calendars now. The meal will be prepared and served by the Fellowship Ministry Team. Set up and clean up will be taken care of by the Support Ministry Team and those who wish to volunteer to help. Thanksgiving Meal sign up sheets and clean up volunteer sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. Clean up includes both the Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen. Please sign up for the meal by **November 13th** so that we can get an accurate count for food. Thank You.

Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday evening, **November 23rd**, at 7:00 pm. Communion will be served.



Angel Tree

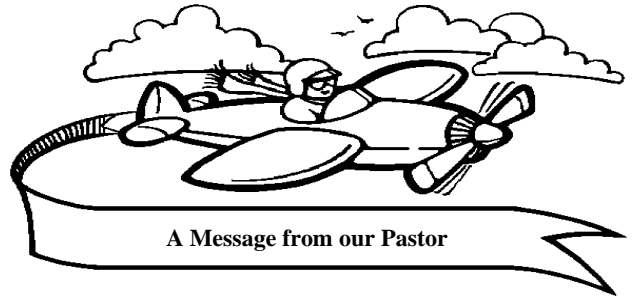
It’s that time of the year when we set up the Angel Tree and prepare to spread the joy of the holidays. This year we will help 50 children from Lutheran Social Services and 4 families from Peace. The Angel Trees will be set up on November 25th. Drop by and take an ornament. Let’s



help those families who may not have anything this Christmas season. Please bring items back by **December 7th**, to ensure that items will be delivered in time. If you have any questions, please call Donna Braune @ 606-0313. Members of the Service Ministry Team thank you.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we prepare for November, what comes to mind for me is another Thanksgiving---time to count blessings, join in worship, gather with family, share in delicious food, watch a little football. I'm glad that we have holidays such as this. It gives an occasion to pause from our fast-paced schedules, reframe our perspective of life and remember God's place in it all.



Several weeks ago I was looking for a new devotional book to use for daily reflection. I came across one by Max Lucado entitled, "Grace for the Moment". It's a collection of snapshots from his numerous books. One of the devotions for Thanksgiving time is this one:

Saying "Thank You"

*"Thank the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever."
Psalm 106:1*

Worship is when you're aware that what you've been given is far greater than what you can give. Worship is the awareness that were it not for his touch, you'd still be hobbling and hurting, bitter and broken. Worship is the half-glazed expression on the parched face of a desert pilgrim as he discovers that the oasis is not a mirage.

Worship is the "thank you" that refuses to be silenced.

We have tried to make a science of worship. We can't do that. We can't do that any more than we can "sell love" or "negotiate peace."

Worship is a voluntary act of gratitude offered by the saved to the Savior, by the healed to the Healer, and by the delivered to the Deliverer.

--In the Eye of the Storm

Lucado's thoughts help me to better understand the story of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19) we hear each Thanksgiving. The leper who returned to give thanks became aware that he'd been given something far greater than he could give. He had been touched by God's amazing grace.

As you prepare to observe another Thanksgiving, may God help you to see those places in life where you've been touched and healed. May you become aware of that wonderful gift of grace. And, may your "Thank You" not be silenced.

Peace in Him,

Pastor Gary

Where We Stand Financially, September 2011

FUND	BALANCE 08/31/2011	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	BALANCE 09/30/2011
General Fund	\$ 10,227.75	\$ 19,190.36	\$ 22,915.34		\$ 6,502.77
Pre-Endowment Fund	\$ 84,282.81	75.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 84,357.81
Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$ 29,674.33	\$ 11.06	\$ 1,268.90		\$ 28,416.49
Building Fund	\$ 16,904.79	\$ 8,777.57*	\$ 4,100.00**		\$ 21,582.36
Designated Funds	\$ 33,719.65	\$ 3,092.03	\$ 1,541.58		\$ 35,270.10
Total Funds	\$ 174,809.33	\$ 31,146.02	\$ 29,825.82		\$176,129.53

*\$8,730.00 - Building Offerings; \$7.57 - Interest; \$40.00 - Sale of BBQ

**\$4,100.00 - Building Note Payment

“Make it Simple” Stewardship – 2011



“... of all that
you give me I
will give you
a tenth.”
Genesis 28:22

This year our congregation participated in a stewardship program entitled “Make it Simple”. Each family received a packet of information. Please take time to complete your pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets, place them in an envelope, and place it on the altar on Sunday, **November 13th**.

Attendance and Giving

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Building</u>
09/04	160	\$ 5,806.13	\$ 2,578.00
09/11	157	\$ 4,062.75	\$ 1,636.00
09/18	124	\$ 5,584.00	\$ 1,504.00
09/25	154	\$ 3,715.25	\$ 3,052.00
Weekly Avg.	149	\$ 4,792.03	\$ 2,192.50

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

On October 18th, Amanda Henderson, our Youth Director, celebrated her 33rd birthday. The following is a poem she received from Jeannie Kawazoe, Peace organist.

*Amanda, Amanda, you are quite a gal, you once were my student and now you're my pal.
At Peace you work hard planning all kinds of stuff, without you, really, it would be kinda tough!
You plan outings and parties that are always quite fun,
with bowling and Christmas caroling, you're always on the run.
Valentine Banquets, Easter Egg Hunts, Confirmation, Sunday School and such,
we appreciate all you do very much!
So have a Happy Birthday, celebrate to the max and take some time today to just relax—
Cause Christmas is coming, the program is near.
At Peace we rely on you— so get it in gear!!
Jeannie Kawazoe*

Ministry Team Minutes - October 5, 2011

EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Ceretta Daum, Rhonda Schmidt, Amanda Henderson, Laura Heller, Becky Krogness, Mary Ann Pfennig and Chad Heller.
- We are in the process of looking for a new Sunday School Superintendent. Becky Krogness will be stepping down from that position.
- We are looking for volunteers to help build sets for the Christmas Program.
- Confirmation Banquet will be held on October 23rd. We will serve chicken parmesan, salad, bread, cake and drinks.
- Order 100 adult advent calendars and 25 youth kits.
- Prayer Pals: Same as last year. Members will pray for youth for one year. Youth names will be available on December 19th. Need to find some youth to do a temple talk.
- Items For Long Term Planning: Do we want to have a Halloween Carnival in 2012?

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Lillie Braune, Ellie Woytek, Helen Bravenec and Walt Warren. Marianne Gould sat in on the meeting.
- Thanksgiving Dinner: Support Team will set up and clean up. Need volunteers to help with the meal. Take shut-ins a Thanksgiving meal.
- Discussed the budget.
- Should Bread Breakers fall under Fellowship?
- Mission statement was revised and approved.
- Items For Long Term Planning: Discussed budget to include a rack for new chairs; stencil name of church on chairs; 2012 Thanksgiving Meal - Discussed purchasing the meat and have the other committees bring sides.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Barbara Lippe, Rick Thomas, Jean Pfluger, Rick Smith and Cathy O'Shea. (Stephen Ministry Representative)
- Review follow-up visits.
- Review Glocal Mission Event.
- Rick Thomas will co-ordinate mission trip to South America.
- More review needed on local and sister congregation missions.
- Reviewed and finalized the 2012 budget.
- Reviewed plans for Ministry Team Fair table.
- Reviewed Time and Talent Sheet. No changes needed.
- Reminded team of First Sunday Breakfast coming up in December.
- Picture board update still in progress. Will be completed in October.
- Items For Short Term Planning: South America Mission Trip and local opportunities.

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM:

- Call electrician for cross and sign lights.
- Shelves for choir closet. Fritz Friesenhahn will take care of this.
- Scheduled a work day on November 12th. This will be a work day inside and outside the church.

- Schedule cross painting again.
- Need to work on inventory for entire building.
- All exterior doors were repaired and rekeyed and new keys issued.

SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM:

- We will have 50 children from Lutheran Social Services this year at Christmas on the Angel Tree
- Advent Meals will be hosted by the Service Team. There will be a free will offering. All monies will be sent to the SOS Food Bank.
- Confirmation Congratulatory Bags.
- World Series - Pick the winner food drive.
- The Angel Tree will be set up on November 25th.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Carol Thatcher, Emmett Engelke, Jon Kjoller, and Alvin Bravenec.
- Discussed Stewardship Program details.
- Approved the 2012 budget.
- Pastor approved congregational letter to be sent on October 17th.
- Discussed Thanksgiving dinner plans for November 20th.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Walt Sparkman, L.G. Wehman, Jeannie Kawazoe, April Warren, Robbi Will, Janice Friesenhahn, Dolores Engelke, Dianne Zincke, Mildred Schumann and Mike Stallings.
- Think about Advent and Christmas. There are four mid-week services, beginning November 30th. Christmas Day occurs on a Sunday. Will schedule one service at 10:30 am that morning.
- Christmas decorating, including the tree, will take place on November 29th. Tree placement to be determined.
- The Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for December 11th.
- Christmas Cantata will be presented twice on December 18th, at the 10:30 am service and at 6:00 pm. We need to advertise the Cantata.
- Usher Workshop is set for October 16th and Worship Assistants on October 23rd.
- Time and Talent emphasis at team table during the Ministry Team Fair on October 9th.
- Comment received regarding ascending and descending the platform for "table communion" for some individuals. Need discussion.
- Change to "Glory to God in the Highest" canticle this Sunday in the liturgy in place of "This is the Feast".
- Baptismal Medallions formerly provided by Thrivent - Does the Worship Team want to include this cost in their budget? Mike will bring up at Council.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:

- Youth Advisory Board met on October 2nd. Those members in attendance were Chad and Laura Heller, Mike Stallings, Emily Soliss, Becky Hagens and Amanda Henderson.
- Discuss the future of games at Oktoberfest with the Fellowship Ministry Team.
- Worked on the 2012 budget.
- December 11th - All youth caroling in the evening.

- December 18th - Jr. and Sr. High Christmas Party at someone's home.
- Council Action: Discuss Scholarship Committee.
- Items For Long Term Planning: Continue working on scholarships and plan spring events.
- The next YAB meeting will be held on November 6th after late service.

Council Minutes - September 18, 2011

- Members present: Rick Thomas, Tim Clark, Pastor Gary, Walt Warren, Becky Yeoman, Emmitt Engelke, Emily Solis, and Mike Stallings.
- Pastor Gary opened the meeting with prayer.
- Walt Warren made the motion to approve the minutes. Becky Yeoman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report by Emmett Engelke: Building Fund last month had an additional \$7,000 payment made to the principal. Information prepared by Alvin Bravenec was distributed. The information detailed giving records for the church dating back to 2004. Income projections were made for the remainder of the fiscal year. Attendance figures dating back to 2004 and for 2011 were shared. Mike Stallings moved acceptance of the treasurer's report. Walt Warren offered the second. Motion approved.
- Ministry team reports were read and discussed. Rick Thomas presented financial numbers on some Outreach projects. Possible Outreach projects with possible congregational support will be brought forward at later meetings.
- Marianne Gould (through written communication) asked for Council's help in getting information updated for the policy manual from Property (need Mission Statement & By-Laws to include information in Constitution), Fellowship, Service and Outreach. Marianne would like to have the policy manual updates completed to coincide with the updates (revisions) by the committee concerning the Constitution and By-Laws. This information was first requested in February with a deadline of June.

Pastor Gary's Report:

There will be a Fall Synod Assembly on Oct. 22, 2011 (Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Texas Lutheran University). The Synod Constitution is being amended, and this is a special meeting. Earl Koester, Becky Krogness, Becky Voges, Emily Solis, and Pastor Gary will attend. Five youth will be confirmed on Oct. 30, 2011. Confirmation retreat was held at Camp Chrysalis on Fri.-Sat. (Sept. 16-17).

Visitation: Hospital/Sick: 16; Shut-in: 9; Home: 2; Visitor: 4; Funerals: 1(Deiker); Hours: 189; Mileage: 463
 Items: a. Fall Synod Assembly is October 22nd at TLU.
 b. Confirmation of 5 youth on October 30th.

Director of Youth and Parish Education:

Worked 175.5 hours. See the bulletin board for a copy of the complete Youth Director's Report.

- Old Business: None offered.

- New Business: Nominating Committee for Council and Synod Representatives. Walt Warren and Marianne Gould will be asked to serve on nomination committee for council members and Synod delegates. List of people was formulated to ask for service on nominating committee.
- Transfers Into Peace: Rita Mathis, Cindy, David, Brad, Kellie, and Whitney Thomas. Mike Stallings moved acceptance of transfers. Becky Yeoman seconded. Motion carried
- Next meeting is Sunday, October 16th after the second service.

Submitted by Tim Clark, Council Secretary

Peace HOGS

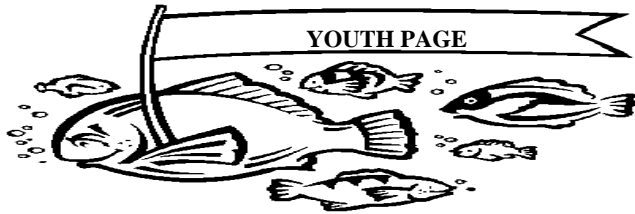
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- Present: Kim and Eric Edwin, Valerie and Cory Wood, Lyle Schott and Walt Warren
- Cory opened the meeting with prayer.
- Old Business:
 - Walt will check with Alison Hock regarding needs by the S.O.S. Food Bank for any Saturday volunteer work.
 - Eric said that Connections is interested in our help.
 - The HOGS were asked to supply possible dates and the number of helpers available for those dates.
 - The Fall Ride has been planned and scheduled for November 19th. It will be a day ride to visit two "Painted Churches", one in Shiner, the other in Praha. The group will likely stop for lunch in Flatonia. Contact Cory Wood for exact departure times and other details.
 - Cory is gathering more information about a weekend ride to 3 Sisters.
 - Meet at the Sterling House on October 23rd at 2:50 pm to join in their monthly worship. There is not a ride scheduled.

New Business:

- Valerie to contact Pastor Roesler at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church about the needs and available times to help with the sorting and distribution of donated goods to the victims of last month's fire. It was agreed that helping the Bastrop Church is an immediate need and will take priority over some of the other service work being considered. Overall, outside service projects will be considered and scheduled for every other month unless an immediate need is brought to the group.
- Emily Solis and Rebekah Hagens joined the meeting and asked if the group could help with December 11th Cookie Walk, a youth fund raiser for their trip to New Orleans. It was agreed that the HOGS would assist the youth with setup and decorating on Saturday, December 10th at 10 am.
- Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Lyle Schott.






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 November is as follows:



- November 6 - Janice Lambert**
- November 13 - Laura Heller**
- November 20 - Loy Lange**
- November 27 - Becky Krogness**



YABBA DABBA DOO!
Youth Advisory Board Meeting
Sunday, November 6th.
11:30am

Volunteer Position Now Available!

The Education Ministry Team is looking for a new Sunday School Superintendent. The Sunday School Superintendent is responsible for overseeing the Children's Sunday School program, recruiting teachers, choosing curriculum, sending out follow-up notes to absentees, and many other tasks. If you are interested in being the new Sunday School Superintendent, contact Amanda Henderson.

PYGLETS
(Kindergarten - 5th Grade)

During Sunday School, the PYGlets will make a cool craft that we will take to the Sterling House service on **Sunday, November 27th at 3:00 pm.** We will sing and worship with residents, and then visit and give our gifts afterwards. All PYGlets are encouraged to join in!

ELCA Youth Gathering Events

**Cookie Decorating Party
 Sunday, December 4th!**

The youth preparing to go to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be decorating Christmas Cookies on **Sunday, December 4th at 11:30 am.** Families are encouraged to bring their un-decorated sugar cookies to church. If you are interested in donating decorating supplies, a sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex beginning in mid-November. Powdered sugar, milk, and decorations will be needed.



**Youth Gathering Cookie Walk
 December 11th, Noon - 3:00 pm**



Do you have a Christmas party coming up that you need cookies for? Or would you like to taste a variety of cookies without having to bake them all? If you answered yes to either or both of these questions, you need to come to the **Youth Gathering Cookie Walk on December 11th!** The youth and their friends and families will be offering a variety of Christmas cookies for you to purchase. Just buy a box (1 dozen for \$5 or 2 dozen for \$10) and we will help you fill it up with the cookies you want! Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family because everyone needs Christmas cookies!

Youth Are Recycling Aluminum Drink Cans!

The Sr. High youth are gathering aluminum drink cans to earn their way to the National Youth Gathering next summer. Sure, you can throw the cans into your trash, where they take 500 years to decompose, or throw them into your own recycling bins, but bringing them to our youth will help them get to New Orleans. Cans can be placed in the painted-on bin outside on the playground. Thanks for your help and making the world a little greener.



PYG Events
(6th Grade - 12th Grade)

PYGS Deboning Turkeys

The PYG will be serving the community by deboning Thanksgiving turkeys for the 11th Annual New Braunfels Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Youth will meet at the McKenna Events Center (801 W. San Antonio St) at

9:45 am on Wednesday,

November 23rd. We will debone until

Noon. This year's dinner is being

hosted by the Central Texas Advocates for Seniors, a local non-profit organization, that supports advocacy for senior citizens living in Comal, Guadalupe, and Hays counties. If you are interested in helping prepare food, decorate, set up, assemble plates, or deliver food, go to www.ctasrs.org.



"Order Up!" PYGS!

The Senior and Junior High Youth will be serving tea and lunch to the ladies attending this year's Christmas Tea on **December 3rd, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.**



There will be close to 150 ladies waiting for their 'spot of tea', so everyone's help is needed! All wait staff (that's you, youth) need to be dressed in black pants and white tops or your Sunday best

(no t-shirts and torn jeans)!

PYG: Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

Fact: 1.1 billion people are forced to survive on less than a dollar a day - one of every six people in the world

Fact: The proportion of the world's population living on less than two dollars a day - almost 50% (2.8 billion).

Fact: Over 800 million people - almost three times the population of the United States, are undernourished.

Fact: Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger related causes - one child every five seconds.



The PYG sees the above facts as a serious problem, and they are willing and working to do something about it! They are stepping up to walk with neighbors of different ages, faiths, and backgrounds to end hunger in our world at this year's Crop Walk on **Sunday, November 13th.** Help end world hunger by supporting our youth in the Crop Walk. 25% of what is raised will be donated to SOS Food Bank to help end hunger in New Braunfels! Youth will be accepting donations up until the event!

ELCA Youth Gathering or BUST!

On October 9th, 8 youth and 2 sponsors registered for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering! Jennifer Butrico, Madison Clark, Jacob Paullus, Caleb Smith, Emily Soliss, Keenan Stallings, Elissa Weir, and George Will, along with sponsors Amanda Henderson and Nathan Weir will be traveling to this year's gathering in New Orleans. Two youth from St. Andrew's in Canyon Lake will be joining our group, Courtney Fazzino and Kaylen Brzozowski. This is a once in a life time (for most), life altering event that we wish every youth could experience! We are working hard to earn our way, so we can bring back experiences to share with our church family! Please keep us in your prayers!

Christmas Program - December 11th!

"Twas the night before Christ's birth and far above the earth, the angels were ready to announce Jesus' birth." Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas program, "Twas the Night Before" on **Sunday, December 11th at the 10:30 service.** Rehearsals will

begin in mid-November during Sunday School and youth are needed to make the show!



Stephen Ministry Training

The Stephen Ministry training will begin this November. It is a fifty-hour training program. The Stephen Ministry Leaders will lead the training. We will meet for the first time on **Monday evening, November 7th** at 7:00 pm for an introduction to the program and to schedule dates for the sessions.



SOS Food Bank
(Spirit of Sharing)

Peace donated 71.1 pounds of food on 09-12-11 and 21.2 pounds of food on 10-10-11. 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.



**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 **November 2nd** 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, **November 2nd**. 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.



Crochet/Knit Group

The morning Crochet/Knit Group will meet on Thursday, **November 3rd** and **November 17th**, at 9:00 am.



First Sunday Breakfast

First Sunday Breakfast will be held on **November 6th**, from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. This month the Worship 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.**

AARP Driver Safety Program

An AARP Driver Safety Program Course 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,
November 9th**
TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
**COST: \$12.00 - AARP Members
\$14.00 - Non-Members**

Peace HOGS

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Peace HOGS will have their regular meeting on Thursday, **November 10th** at 7:00 pm.



**Annual Clean Up Day
November 12th, 8:00 am - ?????**



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Come One, Come All.
Spring Clean Up in November
Inside and Out!!

Inside cleaning will include vacuuming Sanctuary chairs, cleaning and dusting baseboards, etc. Outside work will include cleaning out flower beds. If you would like to bring your own vacuum, cleaning supplies or yard tools, please feel free. **Many hands make a light load!!!**

**Band Practice
Saturday,
November 12th and
November 26th
10:00 am**



Newsletter Deadline

The December newsletter deadline is **November 14th**. Please submit articles on or before that date. E-mailing articles is preferred.

**Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, November 15th
Day Study @ Noon
In the Fellowship Hall**

Come join us as we open scripture and join in conversation. Nita Hausmann will lead the Bible study from the November issue of the *Gather for Faith and Action* magazine. It is titled "Power and Authority". The theme verse is Mark 4:10, "He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?'" We will study Mark 4-6:29. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship and the conversation. Invite a sister in Christ.



Christmas Decorating



The Worship Ministry Team will be setting up the Christmas tree and decorating for the season on Tuesday, **November 29th** at 9:00 am. All extra volunteers are welcome.

Advent Meals and Services

Advent Services begin on Wednesday, **November 30th**. The Service Ministry Team will host a meal prior to each service at 6:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be located in the Narthex for those wishing to help with food, set up or clean up. There will be a free will offering supporting the SOS Food Bank. The service will follow at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Tea

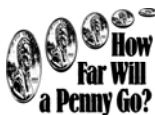
The 3rd Annual Christmas Tea will be held **December 3rd**. The theme this year will be the Spirit of Christmas is Peace. You can host a table for forty eight dollars or sign up individually for six dollars. Spaces are limited. The table decorations can consist from one of the following: Nativity, Angels, Stars or Crosses. This year we will have a performance by a quartet called "Flash". A lunch of spinach salad, ham salad and pimento cheese will be served. A signup sheet will be in the Narthex before and after each service. This will be the only time you will be able to sign up. If you have any questions you can ask any of the committee members: April Warren, Chris Cabibi, Beverly Giacoletti, Carolyn Smith and Donna Braune. **Money for the table or individual will be due by November 20th.**



**Council Meeting
Sunday, November 20th
12:30 pm
Conference Room**

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, **November 27th** Let's **make some noise!!!!!!!** In September, we collected \$116.03



Please join us for our monthly Nursing Home Worship Service.

**Sterling House
Sunday, November 27th at 3:00 pm**

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

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed
(Ding-A-Lings)**

We will be at Walgreen Drug Store at Walnut and Old Hwy 81 on Saturday, **December 10th**. There are five 2-hour shifts with 2 people per shift. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Everyone can find time to be a *Ding-A-Ling* every now and then. For more details, contact Joyce Voss at 625-9388.



November Birthdays

03	L.G. Wehman
03	Stephen Hock
03	Olivia Warren
04	Emmett Engelke
04	Bob Miller
04	Carol Ann Miller
04	Laura Heller
04	Samantha Lippert
05	Steve Heffelfinger
06	David Thomas
07	Helen Ferrell
08	Linda Hook
08	Annette Luedke
08	Marnee Weir
10	Donna Braune
11	Carole Krueger
12	Helen Probst
12	Richard Hill
12	Valerie Wood
14	Steven Willis
16	Stephen Brockman
17	Mae Saegert
19	Mary Breitung
19	JoBeth Oestreich
19	David Patterson
20	Helen Bravenec
21	Dorothy Ebert
22	Nancy Trapani
22	Mary Weaver
22	Emily Soliss
23	Patty Gueldner
23	Margaret Weese
23	M'Liss Brockman
24	Darlene Kjoller
25	Gail Caven
27	Nanci Witten
28	Nathan Weir
29	Bob Schlabach
30	Sharon Monroe
30	Dianne Zincke
30	Brenda Martin

It's A Girl!!



Congratulations to Rylee Young and Leon Whitfield on the birth of their daughter, Lily Faye Whitfield. Lilly was born on October 1st. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Phil and Patty Young.

November Anniversaries

- Woodrow and Cindy Bagnall**
November 7, 1999
- Christian and Emily Basse**
November 13, 2010
- David and Megan Fox**
November 13, 2010
- Timothy and Laura Schmidt**
November 20, 2010
- L.G. and Jerry Wehman**
November 21, 1953
- Jim and Cathy Boenig**
November 25, 1995
- Chuck and Lupe Travis**
November 26, 2005

In Sympathy

- To Robbi Will at the death of her uncle, Sidney Elske.
- To Lupe Travis at the death of her sister, Margaret Lazano.
- David Martin at the death of his aunt, Lois Schlichting.
- Clara Gawlitta at the death of her mother, Zina Kolodziej.
- Elisabeth Holm and Rebecca Clark at the death of their husband and grandfather, Pastor Julius Holm.

Holy Baptism

The following were reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life, through baptism.

- Colton Fox, son of David and Megan Fox on October 9, 2011.
- Braiden Raul Armendariz, son of Kayla Bye and Raul Armendariz, Jr. on October 23, 2011.
- Isabella Noelle Bustamente, daughter of Sergio and Tara Bustamente on October 23, 2011.
- Baret Dassing McDermott, son of Trevor and Lyndsey McDermott on October 23, 2011.



We welcome these children into the Lord's family. We receive them as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.



Pastor Gary,
I wanted to take a minute to tell you how much we appreciate the gift cards from Peace Lutheran Church. We are experiencing many difficulties during this time and it's a blessing to know God has placed such caring people into our lives. Please extend our thanks to your congregation. Many Thanks!

Tammie, Don and Baleigh Morgan

*Dear Friends,
Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks also for those who sent me the sausage plate from your Oktoberfest. All were much appreciated. Pastor Gary was a great visitor as well.
Yours in Christ, Betty Wilcox*

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,
We want to thank everyone for welcoming Landon into the Peace Lutheran community. The service was beautiful. We appreciate everything that was done to make Landon's baptism a glorious day. We also wanted to thank you for all the gifts for Landon and to thank everyone who had a part in making the blanket. The blanket is wonderful and he loves playing with it. Sincerely, Landon, Maureen and Phillip Garcia

*Dear Peace Family,
Well, you got me!! The surprise potluck was just that, a surprise. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I don't really feel like I deserved all the attention, but I do greatly appreciate it. I love working at Peace and serving the Lord. Please don't forget that I have a lot of volunteers who help me. Without their assistance, I would not be able to do my job effectively. I also want to thank everyone for their sweet cards and gifts. And finally, I thank Pastor Gary for being the best person to work with. I could not ask for a better place to be.
Your sister in Christ, Valerie Wood*

The Oktoberfest Committee would like to say a **Big Thank You** to all who helped and donated items for the Oktoberfest this year. All of your hard work and donations were greatly appreciated.

New Member Update

On September 18, 2011 we received new members into our church family. We would like you to get to know your new brothers and sisters in Christ.


David, Cindy, Bradley, Whitney and Kellie Thomas: David and Cindy are both teachers at Smithson Valley High School in Comas ISD. They have been teaching for over 30 years. Brad works in New Braunfels and Whitney is a senior at New Braunfels High School, where she plays basketball and is a Unicorn handler. Kellie is a teacher /coach in Moody, Texas.

Rita Mathis: Rita transferred to Peace from St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels.



Members Remembered in Prayer

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| Rita Markwardt | Lillie Braune |
| Norvin Roessing | Carolyn Ford |
| M'Liss Brockman | Gene Monroe |
| Betty Hawthorne | Joan Crowell |
| Mary Weaver | Ed Coleman |
| Jackie Sparkman | Karon Haas |
| Claire Friedrich | Sharon Schott |



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