



Tidings Of Peace September 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.”

Let Go – Let God

Since my retirement from music education, I have taken up learning to watercolor. This summer, I was able to visit two national watercolor shows and several art galleries. The use of colors and creativity inspired me to ‘go home and paint’. I purchased some new tubes of paint, a couple new brushes, and gleaned many helpful hints by visiting longtime artists. One of the watercolor techniques I’ve learned is called wet on wet...where a color-rich wet brush is placed on wet paper. While the artist applies the color, the water molecules do the work. The artist must trust in the outcome without overworking the area. I assure you that it is a challenge to let the event happen without trying to shape the action with a brush stroke here or there.

I am finding a direct correlation between painting wet on wet and my prayer life. Once I give my prayers to God, I find it extremely challenging to let God do the work. I want to jump back in periodically to make sure God doesn’t need my help. Perhaps the solution to my prayer request hasn’t been thought of yet? Perhaps I know what’s best? Maybe God doesn’t realize how I would like this event to turn out? After all, God’s people each have multiple prayers that need attention. If I could solve mine, then God would have more time to help others with their prayers. What an illogical rationale! So as I prepare to paint...and pray...may I learn to Let Go and Let God.
Marianne Gould - Council President

~OKTOBERFEST~

Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, **October 1st**, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, with a silent auction, country store, vendors, children’s games and a German Cafe serving a delicious meal of bratwurst, sausage, German potato salad, red cabbage, bread pudding and iced tea. Sausage on a stick will also be available. The meal will be served from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.



Members of the congregation are encouraged to participate by being there and donating homemade jellies, jams, honey, cookies, bread or kitchen and country store items. Donations for the silent auction would be welcomed and appreciated, such as homemade items and lovely gift baskets.

We really need many volunteers to make this year’s Oktoberfest a success. A sign up sheet will be located in the Narthex for those who would like to help.

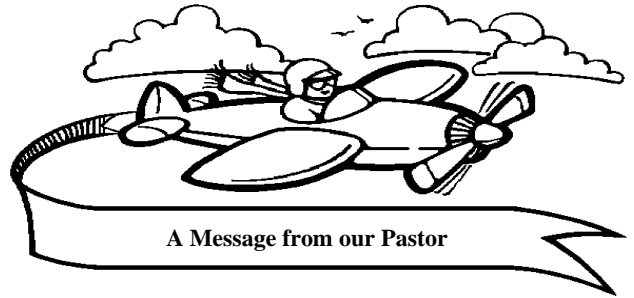
For further information please contact the following:
Merle Cavanaugh – 830-660-0067 – Craft Vendors
Ellie Woytek – 830-609-5057 – Silent Auction
Donna Braune – 830-606-0313 – Country Store
Lillie Braune – 830-629-3861 – General Information

All proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

Layman's 10 Commandments

Several people shared this with me on e-mail. It provides some interesting thoughts. May they be a source of reflection for you today.

Peace, Pastor Gary



- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs you to the right path throughout.
- 2] Why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large and the Rear view Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

Where We Stand Financially, July 2011

FUND	BALANCE 06/30/2011	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	BALANCE 07/31/2011
General Fund	\$ 15,773.72	\$ 23,964.67	\$ 28,090.52		\$ 11,647.87
Pre-Endowment Fund	\$ 82,747.06	515.75	\$ 0.00		\$ 83,262.81
Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$ 29,650.28	\$ 14.38	\$ 0.00		\$ 29,664.66
Building Fund	\$ 16,492.11	\$ 10,543.77*	\$ 6,100.00**		\$ 20,935.88
Designated Funds	\$ 32,633.95	\$ 1,642.81	\$ 1,073.42		\$ 33,203.34
Total Funds	\$ 177,297.12	\$ 36,681.38	\$ 35,263.94		\$178,714.56

*\$10,537.00 - Building Offerings; \$6.77 - Interest

**\$4,100.00 - Building Note Payment; \$2,000.00 - Additional Principal Payment

Giving Versus Budget As Of 07-10-2011

General Fund
-\$7,406.63

Building Fund
-\$12,507.01

Attendance and Giving

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Building</u>
07/17	148	\$ 7,393.00	\$ 3,256.00
07/24	165	\$ 3,307.00	\$ 1,653.00
07/31	178	\$ 4,139.25	\$ 1,806.00
08/07	185	\$ 6,198.00	\$ 2,045.00
Weekly Avg.	169	\$ 5,259.31	\$ 2,190.00

Library News

School will be starting soon. Everyone will be back to their busy schedules, but take a few minutes to visit your Church Library. We have so many new books including fiction, devotionals, great reference material, DVD's and a very good selection of children books. There are some especially great books of prayers to be used with very young children. Our policy is that books may be checked out for two weeks and DVDs for a week. They may be renewed if necessary. There are two places to put the cards; a plastic container in the Library and on the second shelf of the rolling cart in the Narthex. For all the newer members, the Library is Room 118 in the Educational wing right down from the Nursery. I would like to thank everyone for all the great donations over the past few months. Also thanks to the individual who gave the unique Resurrection scene. Come check it out. On another note, our "Martin Luther" DVD is missing from the Library. Check to see if you have it at home somewhere. Please sign a check out card when you take something from the Library. It makes it a lot easier to keep up with everything. Thank you for your help, and come enjoy the Library.



Jerry Wehman, Librarian

Ministry Team Minutes - August 3, 2011

EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Jerry Wehman, Ceretta Daum, Rhonda Schmidt, Amanda Henderson, Laura Heller, Emily Solis, Kellie Stallings, April Phillips, Tim Clark and Mary Ann Pfennig.
- The Education Team will host the First Sunday Breakfast on August 7th. Everyone will bring something.
- Rally Day is August 21st. We will stuff school kits.
- Blessing of backpacks is August 21st. We will give out gifts.
- Oktoberfest is October 1st. We will provide two movie baskets for the Silent Auction.
- Items For Long Term Planning: Day Camp/VBS survey about times, more ages, etc.; Ministry Team Fair is October 9th. Set up tables on Friday for decorations. Inform teams about expectations; Discuss possibility of Nursery being open only from 10:30 am -11:30 am.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM: No report.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Barbara Lippe, Jean Pfluger and Rick Smith.
- Peace T-Shirts have been ordered. Delivery is August 14th.
- Picture Board will be completed soon.
- Attendance Records: How long do we need to keep visitor records? Team is concerned that this may be part of church history. Spoke to Pastor Gary and the decision was made to back up the visitor file and remove anyone who has not attended in the last two years. This will be updated annually.
- New members will be received in late August/September. New Stephen Ministry class will begin in October. Cathy O'Shea will be installed as new Stephen Ministry Leader on August 17th.
- Discussed Oktoberfest and Time and Talent Sheet adjustments.
- Began discussions on 2012 budget.
- Need to get more CDs and sleeves for Tape Ministry.
- Council Action: The Team will write a proposal for Council outlining new direction for missions.
- Items For Long Term Planning: Review current Mission activities. Jean Pfluger will take trip to Russia this year. Outreach will reimburse her expenses, including any supplies needed to accomplish mission. Discussed new direction of Mission activities. Talked to Pastor Gary. Suggested we send representatives to the ELCA Global Mission workshops to be held September 23-24 at Zion Lutheran Church in San Antonio. He also suggested possibilities for local and global missions.

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM:

- Oktoberfest would like an item from our team for the Silent Auction by September 18th.
- Get bid on insurance from Kesslerling.
- Roof shingles need replacing.
- Front door weather stripping needs work.
- Ken Voss - doors.
- Paint cross later.
- Basketball backboard needs replacing.
- Old platforms need to be disposed of.
- Discussed the wasp nests located up high on the building.
- Tables and chairs requested.
- Get bids for church cleaning.

SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM:

- 2012 Blood Drive Dates are January 15th, April 29th, July 15th and October 7th.
- Lutheran World Relief newsletter articles: July - School Kits, November - Layettes and January - Health Kits.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Carol Thatcher, Emmett Engelke and Alvin Bravenec.
- Our Fall Stewardship Campaign discussion resulted in the decision to use a program patterned after the ELCA "Make it Simple" commitment Sunday response method. This year there will be videos and sermon themes but no passing of the bags. More details to follow.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

- Members Present: Jeannie Kawazoe, Janice Friesenhahn, Dolores Engelke, Walt Sparkman, Dianne Zincke, Mildred Schumann and Mike Stallings.
- Worship Assistant's training sessions will be set up soon. Ceretta Daum will lead. Need to set up Usher Training also, especially noting lapses in various responsibilities lately.
- Request from Ellie Woytek for items for the Silent Auction for the Oktoberfest, particularly a gift basket from our team as usual.
- There will be a "team and time and talent Sunday" set up soon to give out information. Teams will set up displays and have someone on hand for questions during both services and Sunday School.
- Piano could use tuning. Jeannie and Walt will check.
- There is still discussion about getting folks into the Sanctuary on time, ready to hear announcements and observe silent time during prelude.
- Earl Koester spoke to us in regards to the arrangement of platforms. We recommend tabling for now.
- Dolores Engelke donated acolyte crosses for our incoming servers.
- Dianne Zincke has joined the Worship Ministry Team and we welcome her participation.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:

- Youth Advisory Board will meet again in October.

Council Minutes - July 17, 2011

- Members present: Walt Warren, Josh Stallings, Emmitt Engelke, Fritz Friesenhahn, Mike Stallings, Marianne Gould, Rick Thomas and Pastor Gary.
- Marianne called meeting to order at 11:50 am and Pastor opened with a prayer.
- June Council meeting minutes corrected to show funds to support Trey Daum in Seminary will come from benevolence instead of scholarship funds. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Fritz Friesenhahn, second by Walt Warren, motion carried.
- Motion made by Fritz to accept the treasurers' report as presented. Mike Stallings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:**Pastor's Report:**

- In addition to regular report, Pastor requests to move \$4000.00 from base salary to housing adjusting from \$21,000 housing allowance to \$25,000. Motion made to accept request and make necessary changes made by Emmett Engelke, seconded by Fritz Friesenhahn. Motion carried.

Director of Youth & Parish Education Report:**June 1-30, 2011**

- Worked 157 hours.
- Ministry Team Night. We talked about Day Camp housing and meals, VBS offering and t-shirts and Fall Sunday School, the new "School of Practical Christianity."
- Held an informational meeting for the 2012 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Approximately 22 people were in attendance and 10 Youth (so far) are interested in going!
- Attended Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp with 9 youth!
- Prepared Youth Service for July 3rd.
- Prepared registration forms and information for VBS.
- Had a Fundraising meeting for the 2012 Youth Gathering. 14 people brainstormed some ideas to get us through January.
- Took 1 week of vacation!

Ministry Team Reports:

- Worship Team: Talent fair information needed for planning prior to time and talent drive. Need to research "dead spots" in sanctuary in regard to sound system and the possible need to upgrade wireless and alter microphones presently used. Order of service – motion to change order to follow hymnal made by Mike Stallings, seconded by Fritz Friesenhahn. Motion carried.
- Fellowship Team: Tables and chairs situation is undecided at this time. Issue of storage and cost effectiveness. Property is still addressing the situation.
- Peace Hogs will support bake sale fundraiser on Rally Day to help youth. Motion made to approve this fundraiser activity by Emmett Engelke, seconded by Fritz Friesenhahn, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Audit Committee: Will schedule meeting for first half of 2011 and will update policies and procedures for future audits. Treasurer will become liaison to this group.
- Youth Advisory Board: Scholarship account guidelines to be given to YAB to review to decide future procedures of this account.
- SOS Food Bank: Pastor to contact possible representative.
- Task Forces: Transportation, no action, but Rick Thomas to meet with David Martin. Meals for needy, no action. Parents day out: need to weed through information to make plans for future.
- Youth Advisory Board decided to wait on installation of volleyball court.

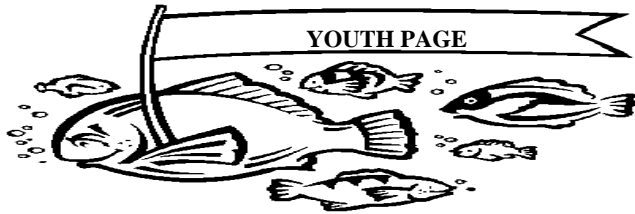
New Business:

- Practical School of Christianity- adult education will cost 10.00 per person per class. Checks made out to Peace Lutheran. Money will go into income education 401.028 and expenses will be paid from 504.028. Scholarships are available for anyone needing assistance and desires to attend.
- Deanie Chollett's name needs to be removed from all check signing accounts. Motion to approve this action made by Emmitt Engelke, seconded by Fritz Friesenhahn, motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Emmett Engelke. Mike Stallings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Peace HOGS*Helping! Outreach! Giving! Service!
Minutes of 08-11-2011 Meeting*

- Members Present: Cory and Valerie Wood, Eric Edwin, Walt Warren and David and Brenda Martin.
 - August 21st: Assisting PYG with bake sale. Will continue discussion of helping the youth raise funds for the 2012 National Youth Gathering
 - Walt will check with Women's Shelter in San Marcos to see if HOGS can help them in any way and he will also check with the SOS Food Bank on their fall food drive.
 - Cory will follow up with Camp Chrysalis on when the next work weekend is.
 - Eric has not received any correspondence back from New Life Treatment Center. He will contact Kellie Stallings at Connections and see if the HOGS can help them in any way.
 - We are still working on a fall ride for the group.
 - Next meeting is September 9th at 7:00 pm.
- Submitted by David Martin.



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 September is as follows:



- September 04 - Becky Krogness**
- September 11 - Laura Heller**
- September 18 - Kellie Stallings**
- September 25 - Janice Lambert**

**Sunday School Classes
Have Begun**

The **Pre-School through 5th graders** will learn together with Abingdon Press' *One Room Sunday School*. One Room Sunday School presents a lesson to a broadly-graded group that is challenging enough to hold the interest of older children without going over the head of younger children.



The **6th-8th graders** will continue to *Re:form*. *Re:form* is a totally new approach to youth ministry that trusts youth to wrestle with the historic Christian faith and theology. *Re:form* is on two DVDs with 40 hilarious animated short films that frame the theological questions that youth really ask, and an Anti-Workbook that's chocked full of individual and group activities.

The **Senior High** will also be studying *Re:form*, but they will be studying the *Ancestors* of the Old Testament. *Re:form Ancestors* is a youth Bible study that explores the ancestors of our faith by exposing the real, unpolished and unexpected personalities of Old and New Testament Bible characters. With *Re:form Ancestors*, youth discover similarities between themselves and the many unlikely people selected by God to do extraordinary things.

**2012 National Youth Gathering
New Orleans, Louisiana**

- **National Youth Gathering Registration Due September 11th!:** If your child is planning to attend the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, the registration fee of **\$150** is due to Amanda Henderson no later than **Sunday, September 11th**. This will give us a number to use while planning sponsors and budgeting!
- **Cans for 2012 NYG:** The youth are collecting aluminum drink cans to earn their way to the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please support them by bringing your empty and clean aluminum cans to the painted trash can outside on the playground. Thank you for your support!
- **Upcoming Fundraisers:** The youth are earning their way to the National Youth Gathering in 2012. Several fundraisers are being planned. **Tentatively**, Panda Express will hold a fundraiser for us in **mid-September** and the youth are planning a multi-family yard sale for **Saturday, October 22nd**. Watch your bulletins for further details!
- **Youth Gathering Fundraising Meeting, September 19th 7:00 pm:** Those going to the Youth Gathering in 2012 will meet again on Monday, **September 19th at 7:00 pm** to review past fundraisers, and discuss upcoming ones.

**Bible Presentation
September 11th**



Bibles will be presented to three youth on Sunday, **September 11th** at both services. Jessica Henderson, Hayden Kaufman and Ryan Weir will receive their Bibles from Peace. Please plan to be there as we celebrate their continuation of life with Christ.

Change of Hours

Amanda Henderson will be changing her office hours to **7:45 am - 2:45 pm, M-F**. She will still be in attendance for Confirmation classes, weekend events, and meetings.

PYGlets Jump Over to The Jumpy Place September 11th!

We've all heard the Bible passage, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" but why not do it while jumping at The Jumpy Place?!?! PYGlets are invited (and required) to kick off their shoes (but keep those socks on), jump, and make some noise at The Jumpy Place on **Sunday, September 11th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. We will meet there, 1145 Loop 337, Suite 200 (Next to Cooper's BBQ) at 1:00 pm. Everyone (adults too) must wear socks. I hope to see everyone at The Jumpy Place!

PYGs Park Cleanup and Tubing September 18th

The Junior and Senior High PYGs will get together to clean up Landa Park on **Sunday, September 18th** after late service. We will eat lunch at church, clean up Landa Park, and hop into tubes on the Comal River. Join us for a day of service and fun! See Amanda Henderson for more details!



Youth Games During Oktoberfest October 1st



This year's Oktoberfest will be held Saturday, **October 1st** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Amanda is looking for youth volunteers to help man the jumping castle and game areas. We are also in need of prizes and 2-liter soda bottles! If you have any questions or donations, please see Amanda Henderson.

Ministry Team Fair October 9th

It's that time of year again! Time and Talent sheets will be going out soon and we want everyone to be active in some area of the church. But you're asking yourself where you fit in the best or you're just not sure what an Altar Guild member does? Or what about the Support Ministry Team? How about who the Outreach Team reaches out to and how? Find out at our Ministry Team Fair on **Sunday, October 9th from 9:00 am - Noon!!** Each team (Education, Fellowship, Outreach, Property, Service, Support, Worship and Youth) will be prepared to answer any questions you have about their team and what they do, and ask yourself if you're interested in being part of that team. This is a great opportunity to prepare yourself to fill out those Time and Talent sheets when they come out, and to get a general knowledge of what Peace Lutheran is doing!



Cathy O'Shea Completes Leadership Training

Cathy O'Shea completed the Stephen Series Leader's Training

Course this past July in Dallas, Texas. The week-long training event was hosted by the St. Louis-based Stephen Ministries organization. Participants from across the U.S. and Canada learned how to implement and direct Stephen Ministry in their congregations.

O'Shea commented that this was a much more intense and focused training program than she experienced many years ago when she was a Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader at a former church home. She will join Larry Crowell, Becky Krogness, Carolyn Smith and Bruce Thatcher on the Stephen Ministry leadership team here at Peace Lutheran Church.

The Stephen Ministries organization annually hosts six Leader's Training Courses across the country. At these courses, more than 62,000 pastors and church leaders have been trained as Stephen Leaders in the 11,012 congregations and organizations with Stephen Ministry programs (representing 159 separate Christian denominations).

For more information about Stephen Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church, contact any Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Or go to our website at www.plcnb.org and click on "outreach," then "Stephen Ministry."

New at Peace!

School of Practical Christianity
...the kingdom of God is within you.
Luke 17:21

Check out our Fall Classes:
www.plcnb.org/spc/

Monday Night Fall Classes

The first classes of Peace's new *School of Practical Christianity* start on **September 12th** at 7:00 pm. *Good News Parables*, offered by David Lange, is an exploration of startling truths about God's way in the world. *Living the Questions 2.0*, offered by Earl Koester, is a video series exploring what's next for Christianity with input from scholars and theologians.

Class details and registration forms are on the website at www.plcnb.org/spc/. Registration forms are also available in the Narthex. Preregistration and the optional tuition donation to cover costs are appreciated but not required. Come explore, share, and learn.



Crochet/Knit Group

The morning Crochet/Knit Group will meet on Thursday, **September 1st** and **September 15th**, at 9:00 am.



First Sunday Breakfast

First Sunday Breakfast will be held on **September 4th**, from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. This month the Support Ministry Team will serve breakfast casseroles, fruit, coffee and juice. 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.**



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 **September 7th** 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, **September 7th**. 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.



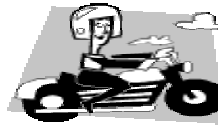
Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, **September 8th**, at 11:30 am. Come join the group as they enjoy a delicious potluck meal, games and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish and games. All ages are welcome.



Peace HOGS

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Peace HOGS will have their regular meeting on Thursday, **September 8th** at 7:00 pm.

Band Practice
Saturday,
September 10th and
September 24th
10:00 am



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,
September 14th
TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
COST: \$12.00 - AARP Members
\$14.00 - Non-Members



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Contact Brenda Engelmann at
830-372-3991.

Newsletter Deadline

The **October** newsletter deadline is **September 12th**. Please submit articles on or before that date. E-mailing articles is preferred.

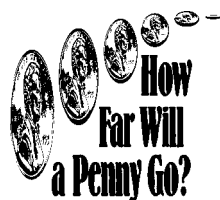
FACILITIES TASK FORCE SETS FIRST MEETINGS

The Facilities Task Force appointed by Church Council will host the first meetings to begin studying the current facilities and what the needs are at Peace for future planning of additional facilities. Rusty Brockman will chair these meetings. Sunday, **September 18th and 25th**, these meetings will be held during the Sunday School hour. There will also be a Wednesday, **September 21st**, meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All three meetings will cover the same content, which will give more members an opportunity to attend. Larry Crowell will give attendees a history of Peace from its Charter to days at the elementary school to present. Fritz Friesenhahn, Church Council member, will review the current facilities and discuss conditions of what we have to take care of now. Emmett Engelke, member of Church Council and Alvin Bravenec, chair of the Support Ministry Team will present the current financial conditions of Peace to include the building note, how it is being managed currently, and projections about how to manage the next phase of a building program. We hope to see all of you there as we embark upon this next phase of ministry at Peace.

Council Meeting
Sunday, September 18th
11:30 am
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, **September 25th** Let's **make some noise!!!!!!!** In July, we collected \$147.30.

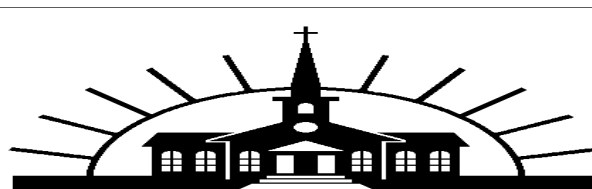


Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, September 20th
Day Study @ Noon
In the Fellowship Hall

Come join us as we open scripture and join in conversation. Becky Krogness will lead the Bible study from the September issue of the *Gather for Faith and Action* magazine. It is entitled, "To



Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark: Session 1" with the emphasis on "Jesus of Nazareth". The theme Bible verse is Mark 1:15, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news." Mark introduces us to the good news of Jesus, the Messiah, and suggests that his identity is rooted in promises made to the people of Israel. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship and the conversation. Invite a sister in Christ.



Please join us for our monthly Nursing Home Worship Service.

Sterling House
Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 pm

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

"Come to the Garden"

What: The 4th Annual women's Retreat.

When: Saturday, **October 8th** and Monday, **October 10th**

Where: The Well (Comal Street, New Braunfels)

Theme: A study of how plants and herbs were used in the Bible and how we can apply these principles to our daily lives

Facilitator: Carolyn Smith

Capacity: 30 attendees per day

Watch the bulletins for more information or contact Helen Probst, Carolyn Smith or Becky Krogness. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



September Birthdays

05	Rusty Grunwald
06	Mike Cobb
06	Cindy Gibbens
06	Bryce Parrock
07	Ernie Freeland
08	Anderson Greer
10	Maureen Garcia
10	Ryan Smith
11	Lois Schumacher
11	Carolyn Ford
11	Darlene Coleman
11	Mason Davis
12	Glenda Russell
12	Emily Basse
12	Kyla Hodges
13	Michael Bye
14	Amy Lohse
14	Elissa Weir
15	Woodrow Bagnall
15	Haley Luce
16	Phyllis Hall
17	Tim Kaufman
18	Erica Kaufman
18	Kyle Kaspar
19	Betty Wilcox
19	Mary Scott
20	Larry Crowell
20	Betty Hawthorne
21	Michael McClintock
22	Carolyn Holte
22	James Solis
24	A.G. Trapani
24	Carol Thatcher
25	Ellie Woytek
25	Silke Lippert
26	Rachel Lambert
27	Becky Krogness
30	Chris Cabibi
30	Katrina Johnson
30	Richard Luce

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joanne Mathis at the death of her mother-in-law, Artie Mathis.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the family of Billy Deiker.

September Anniversaries

- Russell and Sherry Behrens**
September 1, 1967
- Chris and Stephanie Brockman**
September 2, 2006
- Ken and Nanci Witten**
September 3, 1983
- Erich and Margaret Weese**
September 6, 1969
- Daryl and Nita Hausmann**
September 9, 1978
- Terry and Sharon Rust**
September 13, 1980
- Forrest and Lynda Willis**
September 13, 1986
- David and Karen Patterson**
September 17, 1988
- Walt and Jackie Sparkman**
September 17, 2005
- Stephen and Jodie Brockman**
September 19, 2009
- Douglas and Silke Lippert**
September 20, 1991
- Earl and Linda Blaschke**
September 25, 2007
- James and Cindy Gibbens**
September 30, 2007

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the following members:

- Russell and Sherry Behrens on the birth of their granddaughter, Abigail Paige Behrens. Abigail was born on July 23rd. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Brian and Jennifer Behrens.
- Arlon and Myrtle Bartels on the birth of their great-grandson, Axton Rowdy Lain. Axton was born on July 24th. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. His parents are Shawn and Roxanne Lain.
- Barbara Lippe on the birth of her granddaughter, Eliana Gracie Magro. Eliana was born on July 25th. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Aaron and Andrea Magro.
- Dick and Betty Parker on the birth of their granddaughter, Colleen Carroll Glover. Colleen was born 8 weeks early on July 29th. She weighed 3 pounds, 6 ounces and was 16 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Robert and Lana Glover.

Thank you Lord for these beautiful miracles!

SOS Food Bank
(Spirit of Sharing)

SOS, known for its Food Bank program for 24 years has added the "Parent and Child" program to its ministries. This program provides diapers, wipes and baby body wash to those parents who have chosen life through the ecumenical Gabriel Project. Should you desire to support this ministry with donations of the above, or financially, SOS graciously accepts them 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday or by mail to SOS, Inc. Parent and Child Program, 248 West Merriweather Street, P.O. Box 311032, New Braunfels, Texas 78131.

Congratulations!

Since retirement, Bruce Thatcher has devoted much of his time to a new passion, lessons of history...more particularly, deriving explicit guidelines for application today (check out www.history speak today.com). He has written the first book (in a planned series of books by various authors) entitled *ADAMANT AGGRESSORS, how to recognize and deal with them*. This book is now available through thousand of on-line outlets, including Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and direct from his publisher at www.xlibris.com/adamantaggressors.html.



Congratulations Bruce!!

Dear Peace Lutheran Quilters, I have always been so impressed and amazed by the colorful quilts, afghans and pillows you create for Lutheran World Relief and for those in need in our community. Now that pillows and afghans have reached our agency to benefit the at-risk, homeless and abused youth we serve, I am also grateful and touched. Many of these youth come to us with their clothes in a garbage bag and much more emotional "baggage" weighing on their hearts and minds. Your gift will bring not only warmth for youth in crisis, but also comfort at a time they need it most. Thanks for thinking of them and investing in our mission.



Kellie Stallings, Connections
Thank you to everyone who helped with the luncheon for Billy Deiker's family and friends. You are an awesome group and a pleasure to work with. The leftover food was taken to the Women's Shelter and they were grateful to receive it. God Bless you all. Helen Bravenec
Many thanks to the prayer chain and friends at Peace for their thoughts and prayers. My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Gary for bringing me Jesus and His word during my inactive time with Peace Lutheran Church. I am very grateful
Emsie

Members Remembered In Prayer

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| Tina Butrico | Art Woytek |
| Jackie Sparkman | Lupe Travis |
| Claire Friedrich | Mary Weaver |
| Brandon Parrock | Ed Coleman |
| Betty Armstrong | Sharon Schott |
| Karon Haas | |
| Jackie Sparkman | |



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Sundays
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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.