

# PEACE TALKS

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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Children of God,

In our bible classes during the week we have been working our way through the Gospel of Matthew. And we just finished going through Matthew 6. It includes many teachings but is known first and foremost because it is where we find one of the records of Jesus teaching the disciples the Lord's Prayer.

While in class we got to delve into that prayer at greater depth, here I want to just focus our thoughts on a few things we spoke about there. In particular, I want to focus our thoughts on what the Small Catechism calls the introduction to the Lord's Prayer. We think for a few minutes on the words, "Our Father who art in Heaven."

Did you know that in the Old Testament, though God often alludes to the fact that the children of Israel were in fact His spiritual children, they were not taught to call upon Him as Father in their prayers? In this way, Jesus introduced something new. And He did so with purpose.

He wanted us to understand that God wishes for us to know that He is our Father. He wishes for us to think of Him as a Father. He wishes for us to view ourselves as His children.

Luther writes in the Small Catechism, "With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father."

Yes, God is not just the Almighty Creator. He is not even just our Almighty Creator. He is our Father. We are His children. Truly. Not of course by nature like Jesus but by adoption. He has chosen us in the waters of Baptism when we were made His family by being connected to Jesus' atoning death and victorious resurrection.

And so when we pray, we do so like a young child going to their father. We go with boldness that our Father will hear us. We go with the confidence that He wants to help us. We go expecting to find His help, knowing that He like a good father will provide just what we need.

And want more good news? Your Father is in heaven with all power and authority to help you. And He begs you to come to Him with all your petitions. How often can do you have someone who loves you with a relentless love and has the power to do all things who just begs you to bring your requests to Him?

If that doesn't drive you to prayer, what would. So pray then like this, "Our Father who art in Heaven."

In Christ,  
Pastor Philip Hoppe

# THANK YOU

## "WEAR & SHARE" THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way by bringing in clothes; to the many who came in during the week to sort the clothing; and to those who worked during the give-away. There was a good amount of clothing donated and many people being served.

The remaining clothes were picked up by Ben Weiner from the local Veterans services office, and delivered to *Savers*.

A special thanks to the *Women of Peace* for organizing this event- it is greatly appreciated!

- To all of our lawn mowers who kept the church lawn nicely groomed during the summer & autumn months -Tim & Lisa Koski, Bill Tvedt, Hoppe family, LuAnn & Josh Alleman, Dan & Mary Nelson, Ed Barnick, Ron Osladil & LeRoy Thurn, Bob & Linda Becker, Bruce Pogatchnik & Ethan Alleman. Thank you to Wayne Fiero for being the go-to person when the mowers needed servicing, and seeing to it they were always in good working order.

*Job well done everyone! ☺*

*We appreciate your willingness to serve the Lord and His church in these ways.*

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## HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE



OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR, BAKE SALE & LUNCHEON will soon be upon us and will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, from

8:30-2:00. Homemade food items are always popular, so donations of baked goods, jams, jellies, pickles, or any "Specialty of the House," as well as craft items (already priced), are welcome. Greeting cards and quilts will also be available for purchase.

Our traditional, delicious noon lunch featuring ham & chicken salad sandwiches, homemade soups including vegetable beef, cream of broccoli and chicken noodle, and of course, homemade pies will also be served. We hope you'll be able to join us on that day (bring your hunting parties in for lunch!)

Help will be needed for setting up and preparing food starting on Thursday. Check the sign-up sheet in the narthex for work schedule and food donations.

If you have any questions, you may contact one of the committee members -Marian Skaff, Barbara Moen, Jenny Alleman, Elaine Steeg, Mary Nelson or Judy Henkel.

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## congratulations



We rejoice and congratulate Caleb Thomas Best, infant son of Tom & Abby (Alleman) Best as he received the new birth of Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 27th. Caleb's sponsor/witnesses are Josh Alleman, Melanie Klocke & Brianne Johnsen.

*We pray for God's blessings on this little one and his family as he grows in the grace & knowledge of his Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.*

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-- And we congratulate Geraldine Drahosh as she reaches a milestone and celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

*God bless you with many more years of good health, happiness, and lawn mowing!!!*

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- We offer our sympathy to Jim & Audrey Meier and family following the death of their niece, Kathy Schuett who was called to her eternal rest on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Kathy had been living at the Golden Horizons Health Care Center in Sandstone for the last year or so. Prayers continued for her here for several months before, she finally lost her battle with cancer and was called home by her Lord at the age of 68 years. Her funeral service was held at Immanuel in Giese on Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." Luke 2:29,30

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*Our Thanksgiving Worship Service here at Peace will take place this year on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m which will be a joint service with our sister congregation from Bruno.*

*Plan now to join us as we "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!"*

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### **\*\*FUEL FUND DRIVE!\*\***

It is time, once again, to be reminded of the winter months coming up and the toll the fuel costs take on our church's monthly budget. We ask for your help by considering an extra offering to this project - **OVER AND ABOVE** your regular Sunday offering. In the front of your envelope box, you will find special envelopes for this purpose. Please give generously as the Lord has prospered you! Thank you!

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*-- We ought to be thankful that we are living in a country where folks can say what they think without thinking!*

### **~ ~FOOD SHELF NEEDS~ ~**

In addition to the grocery items and paper products needed for our local *Family Pathways* food shelf, they have asked for help in providing personal feminine hygiene products. So if you are able to do so, please help out in this way and bring these items to the church or directly to the food shelf in Sandstone. Thank You!

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### **"IT IS THE VETERAN..."** *(Veterans Day - November 11<sup>th</sup>)*

It is the VETERAN not the preacher  
Who has given us freedom of religion

It is the VETERAN not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press

It is the VETERAN not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech

It is the VETERAN not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to assemble

It is the VETERAN not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial

It is the VETERAN not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote

It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag.

*Eternal rest grant them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

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**THANKSGIVING** comes from the heart and is -  
or should be - a daily occasion.  
Don't allow your problems to get in your way of recognizing your blessings. Practice the "but system" of thinking about your troubles.

My feet hurt, BUT I'm not in a wheelchair.  
Thank you, God.

My eyesight is poor, BUT I'm not blind.  
Thank you, God.

My taxes are high, BUT I earn enough to pay high taxes. Thank you, God.

My family doesn't listen to me, BUT God hears my prayers. Thank you, God.

Going to work is a drag, BUT I've got a job.  
Thank you, God.

I don't have all I want, BUT I have all I need.  
Thank you, God.

**Sunday, November 24 & Thurs. Nov. 28 (10 am)** – Ed Barnick, H.U., Jacob Thurber, Allen Bennett, Eric Fredrickson

**Sunday, November 17 – Dwight Hahn & Don Weiss**



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*Said the friend, "Then be thankful you are not one of your creditors!"*



**Peace & St. Paul's Lutheran Churches  
Joint Council Meeting @ Peace  
October 9, 2019 – 7:00 pm**

**Present were:** Roland Henkel, Dwight Hahn, LeRoy Thurn, John Pitts, Bill Tvedt, Don Weiss, Ed Barnick, Brad Jensen and Pastor Hoppe.

Peace Chairman Tim Koski called the meeting to order. Pastor Hoppe opened with prayer.

**Pastor's report:**

- Confirmation classes are off to a good start with seven students @ Peace, and two students @ St. Paul's.
- Young Family Group still getting together and meeting every month with steady attendance.
- VBS numbers were up this year.
- Pastor has a week left of vacation and has plans to use it.
- Youth coordinator organized a confirmation retreat in September that went well with 8-10 participants. The future goal is every other month to have an activity.

**Old Business:** The frequency of the Joint Council Meetings was discussed. Everyone was in agreement the meetings were needed. A short discussion on the pros and cons of a once-a-year meeting was discussed. In the end, it was decided there was more benefit to both congregations to continue holding a Joint Council Meeting twice a year rotating between the two congregations.

**New Business:** The service schedule for the Advent and Lenten Seasons:

- **Thanksgiving**, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Joint Church Service @ Peace 10:00 am
- **Advent Services** – Peace – Wednesday's, Dec. 4, 11, 18 @ 7:00 pm  
St. Paul's – Thursday's Dec. 5, 12, 19 @ 6:30 pm
- **Christmas Eve** – St. Paul's 4:30; Peace 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day** – Joint Church Service @ Peace 10:00 am
- **Lenten Services (2020)** – Peace – Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 @ 7:00 pm;  
St. Paul's – Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, @ 6:30 pm
- **Maundy Thursday**, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Joint Church Service @ Peace 7:00 pm
- **Good Friday**, April 10<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul's 5:30 pm; Peace 7:00
- **Easter Services**, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Peace 7:00 am; St. Paul's 9:30 am

Motion by Dwight Hahn, seconded by LeRoy Thurn and carried to approve the schedule.

Pastor's annual salary was discussed. There is a new application that once demographic information about the congregation is loaded will give rough guidance on pay and benefit scales for the area the church is located. This is a new program that will require a little more investigating to make the most of the information provided. Looking at rough data and 17 years of service, a motion was made by John Pitts to propose to the Voters an increase in Pastor's salary to \$51,000 plus benefits with Peace responsible for 75% and St. Paul's responsible for 25% of the cost. Second by Bill Tvedt and carried.

It was proposed to bring to the Peace Voters a plan to pay for the cleaning of the storm drain that travels from the tennis courts across the school grounds to Peace's property. If approved, this would be done this fall and the estimated cost would be \$2,000.

Meeting adjourned. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brad Jensen, St. Paul's, Bruno

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**Peace Lutheran Church  
QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING  
Sunday, October 20, 2019 – 2:00 pm**

President Tim Koski called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

**Voter Roll Call:** LuAnn Alleman, Ed Barnick, Bernice Bergseth, Quinton Finley, Marge Haefner, Dwight Hahn, Glen Hemphill, Roland Henkel, Pastor Hoppe, Dennis Korpi, Tim Koski, Royce Larson, Rich Mensing, Ron Osladil, John Pitts, Elaine Steeg, Bill Tvedt, Don Weiss.

Motion by Don Weiss, second by Rich Mensing & carried to accept the **Minutes** of the July 21, 2019 Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Minutes from July amended to read, "Women of Peace requested permission to buy from their funds a small chest freezer for the kitchen."

Dennis Korpi distributed the **Treasurer's report**. Motion by Rich Mensing, second by Bill Tvedt and carried to accept the report as presented.

There was no regular Peace Council meeting in July or September.

**Pastor's report:**

- Pastor will be starting an adult instruction class on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Bible Studies are on Tuesday afternoon and evenings at this time.
- There are a total of eight in Confirmation between Peace and St. Paul's.
- Items purchased with Memorial Funds will be dedicated soon.
- The Circuit Youth Worker, LeAnne Gregoire, had a Confirmation Retreat recently and intends to hold a youth activity every other month in the future.

**Elders**

- The Pastor's 2020 salary has been reviewed and the Joint Council recommends approval of \$51,000 annual salary, plus use of the parsonage, and other allowances. Motion by Dwight Hahn, second by Quinton Finley and approved. The fair market value for rent of the parsonage plus utilities, has been set at \$1,250/month, or \$15,000 annually. St. Paul's will pay 25% of the expenses and peace will pay 75%.
- The inactive member list was distributed and discussed. Six names of members "attending other non-LCMS churches" were removed from the rolls on motion by Don Weiss, seconded by Bill Tvedt and carried. All other names of those who the Elders were "unable to contact", or were "contacted and understand that due to their lack of participation they will be removed from the rolls," were removed from the rolls on motion by Don Weiss, seconded by Roland Henkel and carried.

**Trustees:**

- In order to maintain the church property without encroaching on adjacent property owners, the church property will be surveyed, and existing markers found or established. The estimated cost is \$800. Motion by Ron Osladil, seconded by Don Weiss and carried to proceed with this.
- Water drainage to the West of the parking lot continues to be a problem. The ditch is on school property, but is the county's ditch. Peace has been given the OK to clean the ditch at Peace's expense. Motion by Roland Henkel, seconded by Dwight Hahn and carried to give permission to clean the ditch at an estimated expense of \$2,000 - \$2,500.
- There is a bump at the end of the handicap ramp in front of the church, and the front steps do not have proper rises. Bill Tvedt continues to work with contractors regarding this situation.

**Board of Education:** The Sunday School has seen large fluctuations in attendance – 10-28 per Sunday.

**Old Business:**

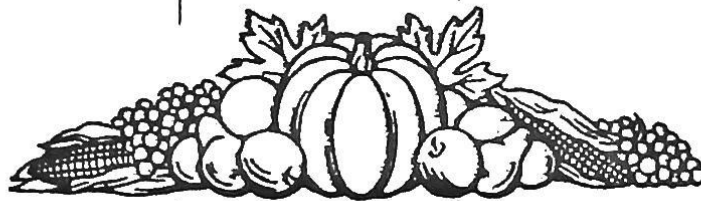
- The Security Committee has purchased cameras for monitoring the church entrance. Currently the front entrance is monitored in Pastor's and LuAnn's office.
- WiFi coverage in the church will be switched to SCI if the contract with Frontier has reached its end. Motion by Tim Koski, second by Roland Henkel to proceed with this change.
- Keyless door operators will be investigated since the panic door operators will not work with residential type doors.
- The chest freezer has been purchased for the kitchen by the *Women of Peace*.

**NO New Business**

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm. Pastor led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Royce Larson, Council Secretary

# NOVEMBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastor's day off	2
3 All Saints' Sunday Bible Study 8 am Peace Comm. 9:00 SS & BC 10:15 Bruno Comm. 11:00	4 Quilting 9-12	5 Peace Bible Studies 3:00 & 6:30 Regional AA Meeting @ Peace 7:00	6 Confirmation 3:30 Board of Elders 7:00	7 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm Confirmation 5:00 Bruno Bible Study 6:30	8 Pastor's day off ST. PAUL'S (Bruno) MEATBALL SUPPER, serving 5-8 pm	9 "Men of Peace" 9:00-noon
10 Bible Study 8 am Peace Worship 9:00 SS & BC 10:15 Bruno Worship 11:00 Nursing Home 2:30	11 Pastor taking vacation day Quilting 9-12	12 Peace Bible Studies 3:00 & 6:30	13 Confirmation 3:30 Peace Council Meeting 7:00	14 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm Confirmation 5:00 Bruno Bible Study 6:30	15 Pastor's day off	16 PEACE HOLIDAY BAZAAR, BAKE SALE & LUNCH 8:30-2:00
17 Bible Study 8 am Peace Comm. 9:00 SS & BC 10:15 Bruno Comm. 11:00	18 Quilting 9-12 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE @ Peace 12-6	19 Peace Bible Studies 3:00 & 6:30	20 ~NEWSLETTER DEADLINE~ "Women of Peace" 1:00 Confirmation 3:30	21 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm Confirmation 5:00 Bruno Bible Study 6:30	22 Pastor's day off	23
24 Bible Study 8 am Peace Matins 9:00 SS & BC 10:15 Bruno Matins 11:00	25 Quilting 9-12	26 NO Peace Bible Studies	27 Confirmation 3:30	28 JOINT CHURCH THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP @ Peace 10:00 am	29 Pastor's day off	30