

PEACE TALKS

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

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Greetings in Christ,

I apologize in advance to those who may have heard some of this before in Bible study or in a different setting but several people have asked me about the conference that I presented at in Kansas and what I was asked to teach there.

A pastor friend of mine named Dan Galchutt and I have for some time now been producing resources for people to use in their home for daily devotions and for training up their children to live out the Christian life throughout their days. We were asked by the Kansas District to summarize some of the things we have learned and wanted to teach. They ended up asking us to present at their conference of Lutheran educators with the idea that they would record our sessions and distribute them on a DVD to the Kansas congregations.

We had three one hour sessions to present material. And so, we divided up the material we wanted to share into talking about why, how, and to what end families should make teaching the faith in the home a priority in their lives.

In answering the question of why one should make this a priority, we gave two main reasons. First, the fact is that all of us are receiving insane amounts of information every day through what we see and hear and watch. Most of that information is not helpful in regards to the living out of our faith. Therefore, even more than ever before, we need to make sure that we are engaging with God's word and connecting with Jesus our Savior daily. Secondly, the prime task of this daily gathering around God's Word in the Scriptures is not given to pastors but to the head of the household. Therefore, rather than trying to create more church programs, we encouraged trying to help those heads of the household to do this work that is their responsibility.

In answering the question of how one should do this work, we suggested that the family should read the Word together, pray together, memorize the Word and other texts of the Christian faith like the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer together, and sing hymns together. We presented our resource called a Simple Approach to Daily Devotions which you can find printed out on green paper at either of our churches.

Finally, in answering the question of to what end we should do this work, we rejoiced in God's wisdom that those who are trained up in the way that they should go in regards to the faith will not depart from it when they are old. We also rejoiced that not only would children benefit from this practice but that everyone in the household would as well. Even the church at large would benefit. Marriages would be stronger, sibling relationships would be less troubled, and the church would be filled with good laypeople and church workers who know the Word and love the Lord's salvation.

I hope this brief summary encourages you to take time to consider how you are living out the Christian life at home and to consider engaging in a time each day where you gather those in your house around the Word. Again you can pick up our resource meant to help you do this in the narthex on the green paper or download it from our website at <http://livingplanted.com>. If you have any questions, let me know.

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 Ray Youngberg from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Cloverleaf Chapter #4. He then takes it to Savers and they pay 20 cents a pound to the DAV, which benefits veterans in Pine County.

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, Wayne Fiero, LuAnn & Josh Alleman, Dan & Mary Nelson, Ed Barnick, Ron Osladil & LeRoy Thurn. Thank you to Wayne 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. 10, 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 are also 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 or Elaine Steeg.

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congratulations



We congratulate Christopher Ray Nelson, toddler son of Christopher Nelson and Jessica Alm, grandson of Lance & Lisa Alm, and great-grandson of Larry & Betty Alm, who received the new birth of Holy Baptism on Sunday, October 21st. Christopher's sponsors are Larry Alm and Olivia Hoppe. Witnesses are Lance & Lisa Alm.

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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CONGRATULATIONS!

-- And we congratulate Gary Drilling who decided that over 40 years of being in the plumbing business was enough; needing to give his body a rest, and give his time to his family which includes 3 little grandchildren who enjoy being spoiled by their grandpa & grandma. With that said, I don't think he'll have any problem staying busy and I'm sure Jill will see to it that her "honey-do" list gets done now!!

*God bless you both in your retirement years!*

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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!*



We offer our sympathy to Pat Seek following the death of her husband, Larry, who was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the age of 73 years. Larry joined the Marines in 1964 and served two tours in the Vietnam War, where he was wounded, and received a Silver Star and three Purple Heart medals. He worked in the warehouse industry as a supervisor and in finances. Before his health began deteriorating, Larry also served his Lord here at Peace by being an Elder and Usher.

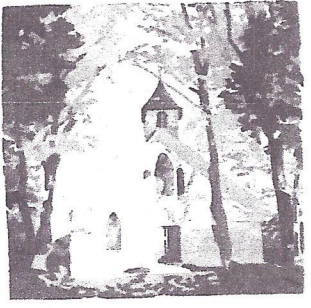
A service of Christian burial for Larry was held here at Peace on Wednesday, October 3rd.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness."
II Timothy 4:7-8

~~ Thank You

I would like to thank Pastor Hoppe for all his help, visits, and prayers during Larry's illness. Thank you also to the ladies of the church for the wonderful meal, and to Marge and LuAnn for providing the music at the funeral. Thank you to everyone who, in any way, gave comfort and prayers during this difficult time.

~~ Pat Seek



Our Thanksgiving Worship Service here at Peace will take place this year on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22nd 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!"

*****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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What does the Bible say about giving thanks?

~~From the Psalms we read:~~

"I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness." (7:17)

"The Lord is my strength and my shield . . . I will give thanks to Him in song." (28:7)

"O Lord my God, I will give You thanks forever." (30:12)

"I will give you thanks in the great assembly." (35:18)

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." (100:4)

"You are my God, and I will give You thanks." (118:28)

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love (mercy) endures forever." (136:1)

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for Your Name is near." (75:11)

Sunday, November 11 – John Pitts, H.U., Marcus Pitts, Josh Alleman, Glen Hemphill

Sunday, November 25 – Tim Koski, H.U., Wayne Fiero, Royce Larson, Larry Alm

Sunday, November 4 – John Pitts & Ron Volk

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Sunday, November 11 Ella Hoppe Glen & Dee Hemphill

***Thursday, Nov. 22 (10 am)** John Colstrud Anna Maria & Don Weiss

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Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Steeg, Secretary

**Peace Lutheran Church/St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Joint Council Meeting @ Peace
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 7 pm**

Attendance: Pastor Hoppe; from Peace: Dennis Korpi, Dwight Hahn, John Pitts, Ron Osladil, Don Weiss, Tim Koski, Ron Volk, Ed Barnick, LeRoy Thurn, Royce Larson. NO Council Members from St. Paul's were in attendance.

Chairman Tim Koski called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Pastor Hoppe led the group in prayer.

Motion made by Ron Osladil, second by LeRoy Thurn and carried to approve the minutes of the **April 2018 Joint Council meeting** as read. Motion by LeRoy Thurn, second by Don Weiss and carried to approve the minutes of the **September Regular Council Meeting**.

The **Treasurer's report** was accepted as presented by Dennis Korpi.

Pastor's report:

- Next week Pastor Hoppe will go to Kansas to a conference where he will present the material being used for the Young Adults Group. He will be back by Thursday.
- The parsonage has switched internet service for faster uploading capability.
- Nothing definite on the feedback timing of the requested Constitution changes from the District has been received.
- Pastor mentioned an upcoming Baptism and Adult Confirmation.
- Sunday School Superintendents, Mary Nelson & Kate Alm, have requested reimbursement for registration and mileage to the Institute of Creation Research training session at Lutheran Island Camp. Motion by Don Weiss, second by Dwight Hahn and approved.
- The Circuit Youth Worker is now supervised by the Pastor and one lay person from each supporting congregation. Hinckley has now joined in supporting the Youth Worker, making five congregations, each with two members on the supervising committee.
- Pastor Vogt from Moose Lake/Barnum, was elected to attend the Synodical Convention in 2019. A lay person, and an alternate were also elected from the MN North District.

The Elders continue to review the inactive member situation.

Trustees – Kneeling pads and their installation will be discussed at the Voters' Assembly Meeting.

The Youth Group is continuing to raise money for attending a conference in Wisconsin next year instead of the National Convention.

Old Business: The road work at the cemetery will go forward. The total cost has been reduced to \$5,500. The Catholic Church is asking if Peace would participate in the expenses. They are asking for \$2,500 from Peace. This will be decided by the Voters.

New Business: The schedule for upcoming services will be reviewed with the Council at St. Paul's and then discussed with Peace in the next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Royce Larson, Council Secretary

When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache;

When you open your Bible, he collapses;

When he sees you reading your Bible, he loses his strength;

And when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Peace Lutheran Church
QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING
Sunday, October 21, 2018 – 2:00 pm

President Tim Koski called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Voter Roll Call: LuAnn Alleman, Ed Barnick, Bernice Bergseth, Quinton Finley, Marge Haefner, Dwight Hahn, Glen Hemphill, Pastor Hoppe, Dennis Korpi, Tim Koski, Royce Larson, Rich Mensing, Elaine Steeg, Bill Tvedt, Don Weiss. Others in attendance: Carla Larson.

Motion by Don Weiss, second by Bill Tvedt & carried to accept the **Minutes** of the July 15, 2018 Quarterly Voters' Meeting.

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

Pastor's report:

- The Circuit Worker, LeAnn Gregoire, has organized two activities with the youth. There was a Confirmation student retreat and a Bible Study with bowling for grades 7-12. The five churches supporting her have agreed to fund her through 2019.
- The Circuit Forum has elected Pastor Vogt from Moose Lake to attend the Synodical Convention in 2019. Pastor Hoppe is the alternate. Two lay delegates have been elected as well-a primary delegate and an alternate.
- The Constitution will likely be returned in November with initial comments.
- There was a Baptism on October 21st, and there will be an adult Confirmation in the next few weeks.
- Motion by Bill Tvedt, second by Ed Barnick and carried to nominate Pastor Harrison for another term as Synod President.
- The following schedule for up-coming Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter services was approved on motion by Dwight Hahn, and second by LuAnn Alleman:
 - **Thanksgiving**, November 22nd – Joint Church Service @ **Peace** 10:00 am
 - **Advent Services – Peace –** Wednesday's, Dec. 5, 12, 19 @ 7:00 pm;
St. Paul's – Thursday's Dec. 6, 13 ,20 @ 6:30
 - **Christmas Eve – St. Paul's** 4:30; **Peace** 7:00 pm
 - **Christmas Day – Joint Church Service @ Peace** 10:00 am
 - **Lenten Services – Peace –** March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 4, 11 @ 7:00 pm;
St. Paul's March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 5, 12 @ 6:30 pm
 - **Maundy Thursday, April 18th – Joint Church Service @ Peace** 7:00 pm
 - **Good Friday, April 19th – St. Paul's** 5:30 pm; **Peace** 7:00
 - **Easter Services, April 21st – Peace** 7:00 am; **St. Paul's** 9:30 am

Elders

- Pastor's salary as recommended by the Elders was approved for 2019 on Motion by Don Weiss, second by Bill Tvedt. St. Paul's has approved as well.
- Still reviewing the church membership roster and how to deal with inactive members.

Trustees: Painting previously approved is now taking place.

Board of Education: Mary Nelson & Kate Alm will attend a conference at Lutheran Island Camp on Biblical Creation presented by the Institute for Creation Research.

Old Business: The water drainage problem west of the parking lot will be rectified when the spring project at the school is completed. No action taken on the church sign.

The Council will put together a list of ideas for Memorial Funding. Anyone who would like to suggest a possible project/item for memorial funds should contact a Council member and offer in put. The Council will then consider the suggestions and maintain a list for those interested in specific projects.

New Business:

- Motion by Rich Mensing, second by Elaine Steeg to give the MN No. District \$11,000 for Mission Commitment in 2019.
- The road that the Catholic Church intends to add in the cemetery will cost \$5,500. Motion by Don Weiss, second by Dennis Korpi and carried to contribute \$2,500 to the project since it will benefit Peace Cemetery as well.
- Kneeling pads will be placed at the Communion rails on both sides. The center gates will remain.
- The MN No. District is sending a semi load of potatoes to Southern Texas through Orphan Grain Train at a cost of \$3,500. The Voters voted to donate \$100 to the cost of the shipping.

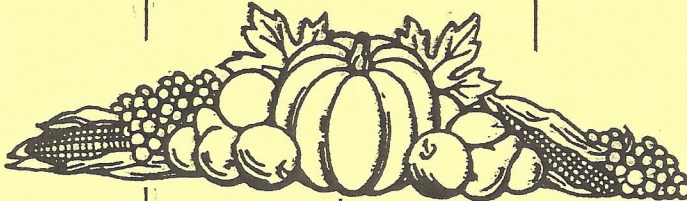

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. Pastor led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Royce Larson, Council Secretary

November 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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4 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Bible Study 8 am Peace Comm. 9:00) Sun. Sch. 10:15 (B) Comm. 11:00 Bells practice 4:00	5 Quilting 9-12	6 Peace Bible Studies 3:00 & 6:30 Regional AA Mtg. @ Peace 7:00	7 Confirmation 3:30 Elders meet 7:00	8 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm Bruno Conf 5:00 Bruno Bible Study 6:30	9 Pastor's day off	10 PEACE HOLIDAY BAZAAR, BAKE SALE & LUNCH 8:30-2:00
11 Bible Study 8 am Peace Worship 9:00 Sun. Sch. 10:15 (B) Worship 11:00 Nursing Home Service 2:30 Bells practice 4:00	12 Quilting 9-12 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE @ PEACE 1-7 pm	13 Peace Bible Studies 3:00 & 6:30	14 Confirmation 3:30 Church Council 7:00	15 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm Bruno Conf. 5:00 Bruno Bible Study 6:30	16 Pastor's day off	17 "Men of Peace" 9:00-noon
18 Bible Study 8 am Peace Comm. 9:00 Sun. Sch. 10:15 (B) Comm. 11:00 Youth Group 2-4 Bells practice 4:00	19 Quilting 9-12	20 *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE* No Bible studies until after Christmas	21 "Women of Peace" 1:00 Confirmation 3:30	22 JOINT CHURCH THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP @ Peace 10:00 am 	23 Pastor's day off	24
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