

# PEACE TALKS

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – Missouri Synod

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Recently, I was asked by our District President to take on a responsibility within the District that I did not have before. I have been asked to be the editor for the Minnesota North portion of the Lutheran witness that those of you who receive the Witness are used to finding in the center of that magazine each month. While the rest of the magazine is produced for a national audience, this insert is there to highlight things that are going on in our particular District. I will be in charge of collecting the information and submitting it to the publisher each month.

In thinking about taking this fairly small task on, it has made me remember why things like this are more important than even they seem to me sometimes. I have to admit that there are months that I never get to read this insert. I can easily think that what is going on in other congregations is great but not really necessary for me to know. The truth be told, while of course we do not have to spend great time making sure we keep up on what is going on with every congregation within our District, it is good that we would know the basics of what our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ are doing in the congregations closest to us for they are our family.

There was a season of the Christian Church in America where most congregations could operate as if they did not need the cooperation of other congregations, not even the congregations closest to them. There were plenty of people in the pews and plenty of money in the plate to be able to accomplish at least the most essential things that needed to get done. But if we are honest, it seems that that season may be passed. While we will pray and hope for another season of such increased involvement in the Church, we must also be realistic about where we are.

In our particular context, we have learned that we need each other at Peace and St. Paul's in order to make sure that we have a Pastor to serve both congregations. But even with that being said, sometimes it can seem like with that arrangement we do not need the rest of the congregations even in our circuit. But this may become increasing untrue as well.

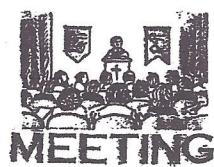
We have recently worked together with our fellow circuit congregations in regards to our work with our youth. Many of our congregations felt that while some special attention to youth activities was needed, it was hard to find time for all the individual pastors to dedicate such attention to it. And so, we have worked out an arrangement with our Circuit Youth Worker LeAnn Gregoire to help. We just had our first event that LeAnn organized. It was good to have the congregations together working towards a common goal of supplementing the education of our youth that goes on in Church and in the home.

The truth is we have always needed one another for we are one family and one body in Jesus. But this truth has become clearer in more practical ways as of late. And I suppose that trend will only continue. And so knowing what is going on with each other is wise, and rejoicing and mourning with one another is godly. So, read the insert in the Lutheran Witness, attend a circuit gathering, or take the time to talk to your relatives and friends at other circuit churches about what is going on.

It may make us sad that we can't get everything done we used to on our own, but it also opens our eyes to another blessing of God that he has given to us, namely the rest of the body of Christ outside our particular congregations. May we thank Him for this blessing.

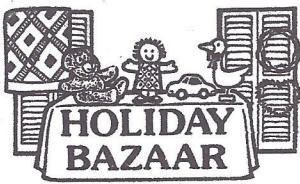
In Christ,  
Pastor Philip Hoppe

## ++QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING++



The Voters of our congregation will meet this month on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm for their Quarterly meeting. Voters, please note and plan to be in attendance as we do the Lord's work together.

## ++HOLIDAY BAZAAR++



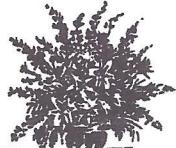
Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> is the date for our annual Holiday Bazaar here at Peace. Now is the time to start thinking about preparing your crafts and planning your baked goods.

Also home canned items such as jellies, relishes, pickles, and any "specialty of the house." A sign-up sheet will be out in a couple of weeks for lunch item donations, and times to help. Be watching the bulletins as more information becomes available.

## ++WEAR & SHARE++



The "Women of Peace" will once again head up our annual "Wear & Share" event. Give-away will be Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> ONLY, from 3-7 pm. Volunteers from the congregation will be needed during the week of October 7-11 to help sort clothing, so if you have a few minutes in your day, please stop in and help. We are asking for clothing that is clean and in good condition, from congregation members and friends & family of members.



## Altar & Flowers

**FLOWER CHART** We still have several open spaces on our 2018 flower chart. Please think about placing flowers on our altar in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion – and please indicate what the occasion is or let LuAnn know. Also, remember that it is YOUR responsibility to order the flowers and see to it that they are at the church. Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS -

 - to Stan & Rita Jensen who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> with a gathering of family & friends at the Askov Community Center.

We wish them many more years of God's blessings and much happiness!

## ~~THANK YOU~~

I want to sincerely thank everyone who sent me cards, called and prayed for me during the last couple months. It has meant so much to me and I know that God has listened to and answered all prayers in the way that is best for me.

~ Carla Larson

## CALLING FOR BELL RINGERS



Bell Choir will start practicing soon. Let Christine Fiero know if you are interested in joining the bell choir. Eleven ringers allow us to take full advantage of our three octaves of bells. The ability to read music is not as important as rhythm and appreciation for music. Why not give it a try??

## --HURRICANE DONATION INFORMATION

The LCMS is working to provide physical & spiritual care and comfort to all victims of Hurricane Florence. LCMS President Rev. Matthew Harrison calls on Lutherans to give generously for hurricane recovery. Your financial gifts will make a difference in helping restore numerous lives as we bear Christ's mercy in word and deed to these victims. You can donate online at LCMS.org or send your donation to LCMS Human Care & World Relief, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166 - memo line: Hurricane disaster relief.



We offer our sympathy to Vickie Benson whose husband, Dale, passed away on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at the age of 59 years, following his battle with brain cancer. Dale & Vickie joined our family of faith here at Peace last March, coming to this area from the Montgomery/New Prague area. It's unfortunate that many of us didn't get a chance to know Dale, and learn that he was an amazing mechanic and could fix or build anything. He loved spending time at his "hunting shack" near Giese, and that is where he wanted to spend his last days. Dale's memorial service was held here at Peace on Monday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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We also extend our sympathy to Thor & Barbara Moen, Rachael, Mark, Chris & David Henkel, following the loss of their beloved son, brother, and uncle, Mitchell Moen, also to brain cancer at the age of 58. Mitchell lived in Clearwater, FL, but returned to MN for his cancer treatments. He worked for 21 years as a barber in MN before moving to Florida where he spent the last 14 years working for the City of Clearwater as an arborist. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and kayaking.

Mitchell's celebration of life was held on Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hinckley Community Center with Pastor Hoppe officiating.

May God's Peace & Comfort be with Vickie and her family, and the Moen and Henkel families.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you." John 14:27

## UNCOVERING THE TRUTH ABOUT CREATION

Hosted by Christ Serve Ranch @ Lutheran Island Camp ~ October 26-27

You are invited to attend this day and ½ conference featuring two experts in Biblical Creation from the Institute of Creation Research. They will provide a great series of presentations that will be relative to participants who are middle school, high school, and adults. This will be a great event for families, youth groups, confirmation groups, Sunday school teachers, and those who want to be able to respond to individuals who question Creation. There are a few brochures/registration forms on the table in the narthex.

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**Science says that we need at least 4 basis elements to survive:**

- 1) water
- 2) air
- 3) food
- 4) light

**Now look at what the Bible tells us about Jesus:**

- 1) I AM the Living WATER
- 2) I AM the BREATH of Life
- 3) I AM the BREAD of Life
- 4) I AM the LIGHT of the World.

**Science was right –  
we need Jesus to Live!**

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**– There is no failure more disastrous than the success that leaves God out.**

**PEACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
COMMUNITY BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**Monday, November 12,  
1:00-7:00 pm**

**Watch for sign-up sheets  
Contact Bev Mensing or Trice Olson  
for more info or questions**

**The need is constant  
The gratification is instant.  
Give Blood!**



**pathways to the past. . .**

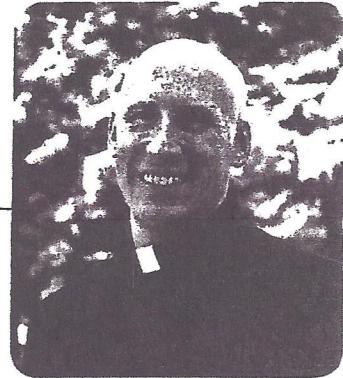


**PROTESTANT  
REFORMATION**

**M**artin Luther nailed the Theses to the door on October 31, 1517. He questioned how a person is justified which revolutionized the church and the world. Luther's study led to his rediscovery of the belief that one cannot earn or merit God's grace only receive it as a free gift.

Luther's effect was the establishment of Protestantism which soon divided itself as other Reformers also challenged church tradition.

He could not have been aware of the impact his teaching and personality would have on the religious, political and social life of the world. Reformation Sunday is always the Sunday before October 31.



**BREAKING NEWS:**

**Rev. Michael Zeigler  
Named the New Speaker  
of The Lutheran Hour**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler has accepted a call to serve as Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**. His first broadcast will be on Reformation Sunday, October 28.

"The role of Speaker has been held by many distinguished men of God," says Rev. Zeigler. "Despite my own feelings of inadequacy, I step into this role with the confidence that the Lord Himself has called me to share His truth and love with a wider audience. Best of all, this means that I get to know Jesus better and help others know Him, too."

Rev. Zeigler left active duty in the Air Force in 2006 to attend Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was most recently pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church in St. Louis.



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can be heard early Sunday  
mornings at 6:05 a.m. on radio  
station WCCO, Mpls., 830 on  
your am radio dial, or at 7:30 a.m.  
on radio station KDAL,  
Duluth, 610 am

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**Peace Lutheran Church  
Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

Present were: Dennis Korpi, Don Weiss, Ron Osladil, Ed Barnick, John Pitts, LeRoy Thurn, Royce Larson, Pastor Hoppe.

Vice-president LeRoy Thurn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
Pastor Hoppe opened with Scripture, comments, and prayer.

The Minutes of the June 2018 regular meeting were approved as read on motion by Ron Osladil, second by Don Weiss. There was no Quorum to conduct business at the August meeting so the minutes of the June meeting had not been approved.

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

**Pastor's report:**

- Pastor will be on vacation October 4-7. Pastor Polege will fill the pulpit on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- October 14-17, Pastor will attend/present to a conference, the materials he is using with the Young Families Group. The conference is paying his expenses and the Council has deemed his absence to be part of his job responsibilities at Peace.
- The Circuit Forum meets September 23<sup>rd</sup> to elect delegates to go to the Synodical Convention next year, July 20-25 in Tampa. John Pitts volunteered and was approved to represent Peace at the Circuit Forum where one lay person and one Pastor will be elected to attend the Synodical Convention.
- The Circuit Youth worker will be supervised in the future by a committee of 3 Pastors and 3 lay people.
- Changes to the cemetery road, as proposed by the Catholic Church, were approved on motion by Ron Osladil, second by Don Weiss.
- There was nothing to report on the changes to the Constitution.
- The Board of Education is operating as outlined in the new Constitution. The Board is made up of Pastor, Ron Volk, and the Sunday School Co-Superintendents, Mary Nelson and Kate Alm.
- The Council gave Pastor the authority to change from Frontier Cable to SCI at the parsonage.

The Elders are continuing to contact inactive members to bring them back to active members. The repaired Flagons will be going to churches in Africa.

**Trustees:** There is still one tree that needs to be dropped. Safety strips will be placed in the banner room.

**Old Business:** The water drainage problem will be rectified when the school project is undertaken in the spring of 2019.

There was no New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Pastor led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Royce Larson, Council Secretary

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**WHERE HAVE ALL THE HORSES GONE?**

*Billy Sunday, the evangelist of a generation ago, used to say that going to church didn't make you a Christian any more than going to the barn would make you a horse. But if you were looking for a horse, you'd be most likely to find one in a barn.*

*Today, with an emphasis on leisure and the changing patterns of family life on weekends, we seem to be affirming that we can get along very well as Christians without a regular experience of corporate worship and without the association with Christian ideas and fellowship provided for us in the activities of the church. Without the discipline of regularly looking at life through the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ, being Christian becomes a by-product of satisfying the regular demands of life.*

*Is it too strong a statement of principle to declare that except in special circumstances, every Christian needs one experience of corporate worship each week to help keep faith fresh and discipleship true?*

*- The "Newsletter" Newsletter*

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                     | Monday              | Tuesday                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                 | Thursday                                                                                         | Friday                                                                  | Saturday                          |
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| 7<br>NO Bible Study                                                                                                                                                        | 8<br>Quilting 9-12  | 9<br>WEAR & SHARE CLOTHING COLLECTION                                       | 10<br>Confirmation 4:30<br>JOINT CHURCH<br>COUNCIL Meeting<br>@ Peace 7:00                                                | 11<br>Pastor office hours<br>in Bruno 3-5 pm<br>Bruno Bible Study<br>6:30                        | 12<br>Pastor's day off<br>WEAR & SHARE<br>CLOTHING GIVE-<br>AWAY 3-7 pm | 13<br>"Men of Peace"<br>9:00-noon |
| 14<br>LWML SUNDAY<br>Bible Study 8 am<br>Peace Worship<br>9:00<br>Sun. Sch. 10:15<br>Bruno Worship<br>11:00<br>--Pastor on<br>vacation--                                   | 15<br>Quilting 9-12 | 16<br>NO Peace Bible<br>Studies                                             | 17<br>"Women of Peace"<br>1:00<br>Confirmation 4:30                                                                       | 18<br>Pastor office hours<br>in Bruno 3-5 pm<br>Bruno Bible Study<br>6:30<br>Circuit Youth Event | 19<br>Pastor's day off                                                  | 20                                |
| 21<br>Bible Study 8 am<br>Peace Comm. 9:00<br>Sun. Sch. 10:15<br>(B) Comm 11:00<br>(B) QUARTERLY<br>VOTERS' 12:00<br>(F) QUARTERLY<br>VOTERS' 2:00<br>Youth meet<br>4-6 pm | 22<br>Quilting 9-12 | 23<br>Peace Bible Studies<br>3:00 & 6:30                                    | 24<br>**NEWSLETTER<br>DEADLINE**<br>LWML Fall Rally @<br>Peace 9 am<br>Confirmation 4:30<br>Young Family<br>Group 6:00 pm | 25<br>Pastor office hours<br>in Bruno 3-5 pm<br>Bruno Bible Study<br>6:30                        | 26<br>Pastor's day off                                                  | 27                                |
| 28<br>REFORMATION<br>SUNDAY<br>Bible Study 8 am<br>Peace Matins 9:00<br>Sun. Sch. 10:15<br>Bruno Matins<br>11:00                                                           | 29<br>Quilting 9-12 | 30<br>Peace Bible Studies<br>3:00 & 6:30                                    | 31<br>Confirmation 4:30                                                                                                   |                                                                                                  |                                                                         |                                   |

