

PEACE TALKS

Peace Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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Members of St. Paul's and Peace:

As you may have heard, I have received a call from a congregation in Illinois asking me to consider becoming their pastor. Since I announced this call, I have received some questions about how this whole process works. I thought I would use the space below to answer a few of those questions. Feel free to ask me about anything you do not understand. Also, feel free to express any thoughts or feelings you are having. Communicate in whatever seems best or is easiest.

Can a pastor say that he does not want to be on any calls lists so this situation does not occur? A pastor can make this request but in general should only do so if there is pressing reason why he could not serve elsewhere. Otherwise, he should remain open to wherever God might want him to serve.

Does having multiple calls in several years mean that a pastor is trying to leave? A pastor can indicate to a district president that he believes he should no longer remain where he is or that there is some reason he needs to move to a different region or situation. However, this again should only be done where a pressing need exists. I have not asked our district president for any such consideration. A pastor may indeed receive calls without having expressed any desire to do so.

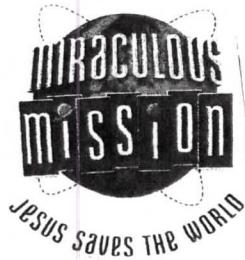
How does a pastor end up on a call list? One can end up there in two ways: a specific request of a congregation or because a district official places them on the list. Congregations ask members for any suggestions they may have and then request a list of pastors to consider from the district office. The district president tries to find men that they think will be well suited to the situation of the congregation calling. Again, they will consider those who have indicated a desire to move but may and do put pastors on these lists who have not said anything of the sort. A call list often ends up being a collection of specifically requested individuals, those who may have desired to move into a certain region or into a specific type of congregation, and those men who are placed there solely because the district in their wisdom chooses to include from the clergy roster of Synod.

Why is this done this way? These things are done as a way to honor the biblical teaching that God calls men to various locations through local congregations. Rather than trying to manipulate the process in any way, faithful pastors strive to honor each congregation as a collection of Christ's people who need a pastor in their midst. They receive a call from a congregation as a call from God. Since the pastor could serve God well in either place, he tries to determine what is best through much prayer, conversation, and thinking.

As was stated in an insert which is available at both congregations, Pastor hopes to make a decision by July 14 in regards to this call. In such times, pastor and people are called to remember that God has promised to care for us always and in every place. Therefore, we know that all of His people, both here and in Illinois and everywhere will be well taken care of by the Lord who is their Good Shepherd.

In Christ,
Pastor Philip Hoppe

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 5-9, 2019! 8:00-noon



VBS is for kids age 4 thru those going into 7th grade. Join us as we celebrate the theme **"Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World"** where kids will discover the

truths about Jesus as they meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks! **NOW** is the time to prayerfully consider how **you** will be involved in this wonderful ministry opportunity.

We appreciate your prayers in the planning process. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior, and to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission.

Enroll your children today. Fill out the registration form found on the VBS table in the narthex or call 233-6138. You can also register online at www.plcms.com. **There is also a sign-up sheet available for anyone who can help during that week.**

Members – invite your friends and relatives!
Thank you!

-Mary Nelson, director 612-382-2413



****QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING**

will be held on Sunday, July 21st, at 2:00 pm.

*Voters of the congregation,
please note and plan to attend!*

***THANK YOU, "JANITOR BILL"**



Bill Morgan has resigned his position as Janitor here at Peace. We thank him for his many years of service to the Lord and His Church (10 or more?), and for the great and conscientious job he always did of keeping the church clean and in good condition. His work here will be missed. May God guide him in his future pursuits.

If you are interested in this position, please talk to Bill Tvedt or Tim Koski.

CONGRATULATIONS!

-- *TO Butch & Maryles Crawford as they observed their 50th wedding anniversary on May 24th. They had a small gathering of family & friends on June 23rd to help them celebrate this special occasion.*

-- *TO Bob & Linda Becker who celebrated 30 years of marriage this past month.*

May God bless these couples with many more happy & healthy years together!



We will continue to have coffee fellowships during the summer months at 10:00 a.m. –

following our 9:00 worship service. If you are willing to help with this, please sign up for a Sunday (or two) to bring donuts, breads, fruits or pastries, prepare coffee and clean up. Please do not feel you have to bake something – store-bought is just fine – we'll eat anything! Plan to join us for your morning coffee here with your fellow members. **Free-will offerings will be taken each Sunday with the monies collected going to the Concordia Seminaries' Food Banks.** Serving or eating - we hope we can count on your support! Thank You!



-- *When you meet the devil, you know you are not going his way. If you never meet him, you must be going in the same direction.*

-- *"The Bible is the rock on which this republic rests."* -Andrew Jackson

-- *"It is impossible to govern the nation without the Bible."* - George Washington

USHERS

Sunday, July 7 – Tim Koski, H.U., Rich Mensing, Jacob Thurber, Allen Bennett
Sunday, July 14 – Ron Volk, H.U., Ed Barnick, Josh Alleman, Gideon Hoppe
Sunday, July 21 – LeRoy Thurn, H.U., Lowell & Bruce Pogatchnik, Ethan Alleman
Sunday, July 28 – Ron Osladil, H.U., Dick Alleman, Steve & Josh Martin

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, July 7 -Don Weiss & Ron Volk
Sunday, July 21 - Dwight Hahn & Ron Osladil



JULY ALTAR GUILD - Jenny Alleman & Barbara Moen

DATE

ACOLYTES

GREETERS

Sunday, July 7.....	Kenny Ziegler.....	Len & Angie Gangelhoff
Sunday, July 14.....	John Colsrud.....	Pat Seek & Roxann Winter
Sunday, July 21.....	Eric Fredrickson.....	Pat Seek & Roxann Winter
Sunday, July 28.....	Vanessa Meier.....	Jim & Audrey Meier

WOMEN OF PEACE

The Women of Peace met on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, with 12 members present. Pastor Hoppe led us in our Bible study, "Running the Race," taken from the LWML Quarterly.

President Jenny Alleman opened our business meeting by all joining in the LWML Pledge. Mites & donations were collected; correspondence was shared which included thank you's for quilts received.

Secretary's report was read; Treasurer's balance \$4,081.67 which includes 364.23 quilting funds.

The New Member coffee fellowship was held on June 9th.

July 4th Food Stand: two 10' x 20' tents will be rented at a cost of \$150 for the two. This will include delivery and set up. Bev and Mary will purchase food and supplies. Less hamburger will be ordered. The sign-up sheets are out and more workers are needed.

Thank you to Barbara Moen, Carla Larson, Carol Pogatchnik, Jenny Alleman, Elaine Steeg, and Don Weiss for cleaning the kitchen.

The August meeting will be a potluck supper, held on Tuesday, August 13th at 4 pm at Bev & Rich Mensings.

Bev is going to check on getting quilt fabric from an estate sale.

Carla gave a devotion "Running to Christ." Closed with The Lord's Prayer and table prayer.

Hostess was Marian. Hostess in July will be Carol.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Steeg, Secretary

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Regular Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 12, 2019

NO QUORUM - NO MEETING

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Special Council Meeting – Sunday, June 16 following worship service

Attendance: Tim Koski, Ed Barnick, Roland Henkel, Dwight Hahn, Bill Tvedt, Don Weiss, John Pitts, Royce Larson

New Business: Bill Morgan submitted his resignation as custodian effective June 30, 2019. The Council accepted the resignation. It was decided to offer the position to a Peace member first, then if there no one interested, to those outside the congregation. In the meantime, Bill Tvedt volunteered to do what is needed to maintain the premises.

Respectfully Submitted,
Royce Larson, Council Secretary

FORM & LEAD A THRIVENT "ACTION TEAM"

The Thrivent Action Teams make it easier for more members to get involved. Just come up with an idea, get a team together and apply online. Every Thrivent Financial member can lead a maximum of 2 teams/yr.

Once approved, \$250 in funding is put on a "Community Impact Card" (credit card) and is intended to help fund the purchase of supplies and costs associated with getting your project started. (The \$250 is not recommended for direct gifts for recipients or direct gifts for organizations). Thrivent will also provide resources to help you plan the event, such as promotional items including invitations, Thrivent T-shirts and banners (YOU DO NOT NEED to ORDER the T-SHIRTS or any of the other items).

If you are interested in leading an Action Team, go to www.thrivent.com/actionteam where you can *log in and apply*. We also have information sheets on the table in the narthex, i.e. "101 Ideas, Frequently Asked Questions", etc. Please help yourself!

Take action, create a spark, inspire others to give of their time and treasures to support a cause they care about, and live out Thrivent's mission.

Talk to LuAnn if you need help or have questions.



"OLD GLORY"

"Some people call me OLD GLORY, others call me the STAR SPANGLED BANNER or the STARS AND STRIPES, but whatever they call me, I am your flag.

"I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze.

"What happened? I'm still the same old flag, but now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. Then I see the children running around and shouting. Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been?



A PRAYER FOR THE 4TH

May freedom be seen, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to please to do what is right. May it ever be understood that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else.



May our faith be something that is not merely stamped upon our coins, but expressed in our lives ... to the extent that America honors thee, wilt thou bless America, and keep her true as thou hast kept her free, and make her good as thou hast made her rich. Amen.

*-From the Prayers of Peter Marshall in
the U.S. Senate*



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(Double Occupancy)

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For additional information contact:

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Detailed itinerary is on petalpushers.org

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