

Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission:
Reflecting God's
Light through love
and service.

Our Vision:
The Father's love...
Our love.

Christ's life...
Our light.

The Spirit's work...
Our hands.

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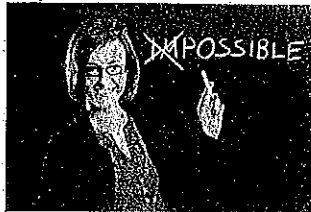
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Teachers

Mrs. Mizer; Mrs. Mathias;
Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Cantleberry;
Mrs. Zimmerman [again];
Mrs. Moody; Mr. Feucht;

Mr. Haley; and Mr. Gothard. There you have it: a list of all of your humble editor's grade school teachers from first to eighth grade. You can probably do the same thing. So, why is it possible that we can remember all of our early teachers yet cannot remember who won the Nobel Prize for Physics last year? Isn't that an important achievement? It certainly was for Gerard Mourou, Arthur Ashkin, and Donna Strickland. And up until a few seconds ago, you probably never even heard of these people or even care that you know now!

The reason we remember some things and ignore others involves caring. Our teachers helped us learn to read and write [in *cursive* for Pete's sake!], and challenged us to understand mathematics, the arts, history, and social interaction. We learned because we were emotionally involved. The physicists mentioned above could probably also name the teacher[s] who unleashed their love of science. Not to demean their accomplishments, but frankly, we did not have direct impact on what they did but applaud their efforts.

In the coming weeks, we will experience the birth of Jesus' ministry and the selection of the disciples. The men He called to "Follow Me" were average people of the time: hard-scrabble, working folk who, for all intents and purposes, were living day-to-day. We can only imagine what was racing through their heads as they dropped their nets to join up with this renegade rabbi. And for each of the twelve, it would be a "back to school" moment, every day. Our Lord was patient, like all teachers, and instructed both in word and deed. But the ultimate teacher who assembled his "class" in the most unconventional manner had lofty plans for his rag-tag students. They would become emotionally involved and change the world. As we walk with our Teacher to Calvary, may we, too, become emotionally involved in Christ and change the 2019 world in which we live now.



Calendar

Feb 3 & 17 - Adult Forum, 9:45 a.m., Library

Feb 10 & 24 - Confirmation Class, 9:45 a.m.

Feb 19 - Pub Theology, Three Blondes Brewing, 7 p.m.

Mar 1 & 2 - Couple's Retreat, Grand Rapids

Mar 9 - Chorellenum Concert, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Mar 31 - Scholarship Deadline

Apr 6 - Ladies Spring Tea, 12 Noon

Apr 16 - Seder Meal



Who Am I???

I was a disciple of Christ, living in Joppa. I aided widows in my town by making clothing for them. When I became sick and died, Peter resurrected me.

See the Answer on Page 3.

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- Deb Berkey**, President
Mark Wallace, Vice President
Brenda Shelton, Secretary
Karen Willming, Treasurer
Megan Savage, Financial Secretary
Judy Chapman
Jay Hanson
John Kener
Beth Kuhn
Mark Savage
Greg Scholl



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God's work. Our hands.

PT's PC

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going, And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on."

— "Pass It On" by Kurt Kaiser

Before I wrote this article, I went on Facebook and saw a post from one of my pastors growing up. He now serves as the Director for Youth and Young Adults in the Virginia ELCA Synod and he posted a picture from Eagle Eyrie Baptist Retreat Center. We Lutherans have a great relationship with that camp because it's where we've held all of our youth events since the 1990s. The cabins were always run down, the food was absolutely horrible, and you had to be one of the first people to get up to get a hot shower. But we came to love that place, and during our large group sessions, we would sing — and we're not talking praise and worship songs, we sang the Beatles, John Denver, and the old, old camp songs like the one above. "Pass It On" has always been a favorite of mine and maybe some of you, too. We always sang it during the distribution of communion, but I always tend to think of it during the passing of the peace in church.

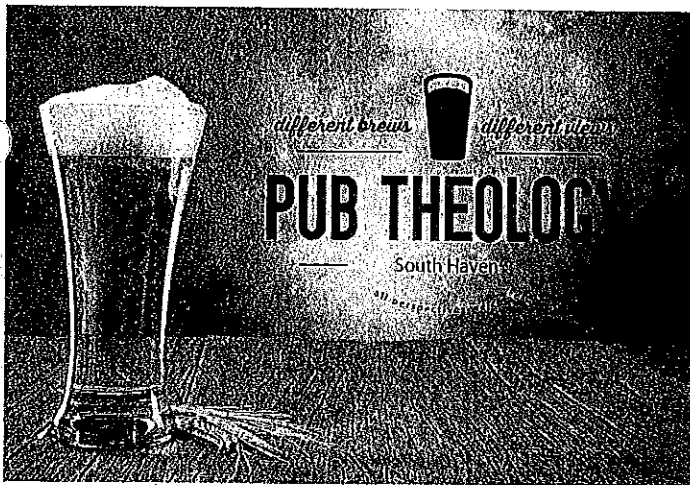


I've reflected a little bit this past month on the name of our congregation — Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church. What does it mean that we have "peace" in our name? Does it say something about who we are and what we value? If so, how do we show it? Our mission statement says that we are a community of faith that "reflects God's light through love and service." I also think we do that as we share the peace and as we share peace in the world. The song is right — once you've experienced God's love, and peace, and hope, and forgiveness, then you want to pass it on.

Last month, on a Saturday morning, your Church Council met in a retreat where we oriented ourselves to the work that lies ahead of us. We spent time in fellowship and getting to know one another, as well as what it means to be a Council member, and what do we want to be about this coming year? Father Michael Ryan from the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany led our devotions for us and did what he calls a "knees to knees" exercise in which we listened to the deep longings of our hearts for our congregation, and we got to know one another on a deeper level than we might typically in meetings. I valued that time because I continue to believe that once we know each other and our stories, there is a spark of God that gets ignited, the flame fans, and we want to make sure the world is ablaze with God's glory and light because we actually see it in each other.

My theme this year for our work together is "Pass the Peace." It starts with our leadership and then moves outward to pass along to others what we say we believe and value here. I hope you will join us in being a part of that movement as we seek to spread God's peace, love, and light in the little corner of the world that we call home. You'll hear more about our work as a council and how we are forming ourselves around our goals in the coming weeks; but for now, help us pass on the peace! Peace be with you,

Travis W. Wilson



Pub Theology is a small group ministry that tackles questions of faith and life in an informal atmosphere. Join us as we talk about where God is in the midst of our lives - all are welcome to join us.

We will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at Three Blondes Brewing on Phoenix Road. C-U there!



Choral Concert at Peace

On Saturday, March 9, we will host a Chorllemum choral concert in the sanctuary. Chorllemum is a group of Southwest Michigan choral teachers and other individuals who form a collective musical group. As soon as more details become available, we will pass them along to you; but save the date!



"Like" Us

Check out our [Facebook page](#), our Web site (www.peaceinsouthhaven.org), or our [mobile app](#) to access sermons or to help keep up with what's going on at Peace!

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Tabitha

[Acts 9:36-43]

Men's Group

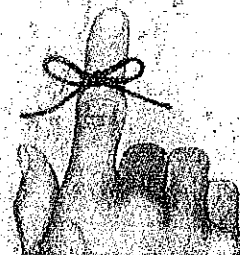
Would you like to be a part of a men's group here at church? Would you like to meet for breakfast and conversation or coffee? Please come talk to Pastor Travis or send him an e-mail about days and times that would work for you.

Between the Lines: The Bible depicts at least ten resurrections.

Our Weekly Worship Rhythm

- ✚ Sunday mornings - 8:30 and 11 a.m. - **Worship: Liturgy of Holy Communion**
- ✚ Sunday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - **Peace Café Breakfast**
- ✚ Sunday mornings: 9:45 a.m. - **Adult Choir Rehearsal**
- ✚ Sunday mornings: 9:45 a.m. - **Adult Forum**
- ✚ Sunday mornings: 10 a.m. - **Sunday School** - for all children from pre-school to Grade 5
- ✚ 2nd Wednesday - Monthly: **Congregational Council** meeting, 6 p.m., Library
- ✚ Thursday Evenings: 7 p.m. - **Worship: Brief Order of Holy Communion**

Potluck



Join us for the Senior Social Potluck Luncheon the third Thursday of each month!

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✠ Dear Peace family: I am grateful for all of the heartfelt sympathy and cards given to me and our family in regards to Jeanette's passing.

-- Art Roderick

✠ Dear Peace Members: Thank you for all of the cards, get-well wishes, and phone calls while I am under a doctor's care. Your sister in Christ,

-- Donna Sutter

PT's Office Hours

Pastor Travis is now in the office from Tuesday through Friday. He takes Monday off. If you need to see him, please call and make an appointment to ensure he will be there.

Say What?

Maybe some editing was needed for these church bulletin items:

☺ The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet on Thursday. Please use the back door.

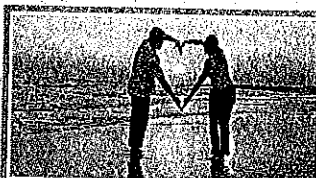
☺ The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Education Events

✠ Our **Adult Forum Class** will meet on the off weeks from Confirmation on Sundays, February 3 and 17 in the Library to talk about matters of faith and life. We'll use some of the Nooma Video Series to help facilitate our discussions from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

✠ Our **Confirmation Class** will meet on February 10 and 24 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. and we will continue looking at the Small Catechism. Please let PT know if you will not be able to be there!

✠ The **Women's Bible Study** always gathers on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for anyone who wants to come and discuss the readings for the coming Sunday. We would always love to have you join us!



Marriage Retreat

This is the last call to register for the marriage retreat! The dates are Friday, March 1 - Sunday afternoon, March 3. We'll be in Grand Rapids at the Drury Inn. Room cost is \$129 per night, but it includes Friday and Saturday night dinner (if you stay at the hotel on Saturday for dinner) and breakfast both days. There may be some scholarship funds available for couples who need them, please talk to Pastor Travis if you are interested in going or if you might need a scholarship!



Join the Choir!

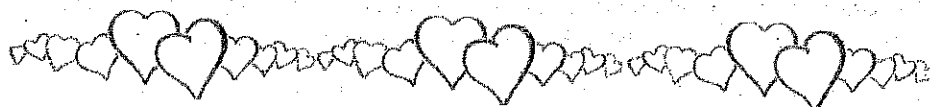
Looking for a new way to be involved with worship? Consider joining the choir! We have a great time together learning music and supporting our worship ministry together. High school youth through adults are welcome. We hope you will be involved! Contact Tami Brush if you are interested!



Ladies' Spring Tea & Salad Luncheon

The annual Spring Tea and Salad Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, starting at 12 noon at Peace. The event is hosted by the Priscilla Circle and the Women of Faith Collaborative of Southwest Michigan.

Mark your calendar and join us for a fun-filled afternoon at our annual "farewell to winter!"





Martin Luther

Brother Martin was firm in his resurrection value:

"St. Paul says in Romans 4:25 that Christ died for our sins and was raised again for our justification in order that we might become his brethren, then I would thereby have learned that my own works and my monk's hood could not obtain this for me. Otherwise what need would there have been for Christ to go and take my sins and the wrath of God upon himself in his cross and death, and by his resurrection to place me into the inheritance of the forgiveness of sins, of eternal salvation and glory?"

A Christian ought to acquire the custom of praying the Lord's Prayer, firmly crossing himself and saying in thought: Keep me, dear Lord, from the sin against the Holy Ghost, that I may not fall from faith and thy Word. For if we have this faith, then are we healed and delivered from sin, death, and hell, and are able to try all other spirits."



Your Healthy Corner

This Month's Topic: The ♥ of the Matter

Your heart is your body's engine. It pumps blood to all of your vital organs and tissues through a system of ducts called arteries and veins. Arteries send oxygen-rich blood out from the heart; veins bring the depleted blood back to the heart to repeat the process.

Heart disease is a simple term used to describe several problems related to plaque buildup in the walls of the arteries, a condition called "atherosclerosis." As plaque builds up, the arteries become narrow, making it more difficult for blood flow, increasing blood pressure, and creating a risk for heart attack or stroke.

Other types of heart disease include heart failure, an irregular heartbeat, and heart valve problems. To learn more about your heart and conditions that can lead to heart disease, visit the American Heart Association's Web site at www.heart.org/more.

Knowing your blood pressure and what the numbers mean is also key in keeping you "heart healthy." The only way to know your numbers is to have your blood pressure tested. NORMAL blood pressure readings should be LESS THAN 120 over LESS THAN 80. Regular visits with your health care provider can help you understand your numbers and prescribe medication or actions you can take to reduce the risk of high blood pressure.

Have a heart-healthy month.
-- Linda Harness
Parish Nurse



Samaritas Update

Samaritas believes that every person deserves a healthy, beautiful, and comforting place to live. Thanks to our growing number of affordable living communities across the Lower Peninsula in cities like Muskegon to Cheboygan to Monroe – from coast to coast to coast – Samaritas is able to offer housing for many people with limited and/or fixed incomes.

To learn more about these communities, how someone can find housing with Samaritas, as well as how a congregation can support the residents, please contact our Director of Affordable Living, Sheila Morris, at smorr@samaritas.org or (231) 740-4433. You can also learn more about all the services we offer at www.samaritas.org.

Please call the Church Office to let us know if you or a family member have been hospitalized or admitted to Hospice Care. Due to federal HIPPA regulations, health care agencies are not permitted to release this type of information to outside agencies.

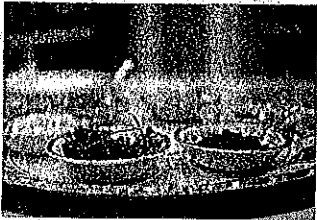
Peace Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund

Scholarship and Grants

The application window for college scholarship and other grant funding will be open between January 1 and March 31, 2019. If you have plans to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, seminary, technical or vocational school, sign onto peaceinsouthaven.org and click on Documents and Forms for scholarship criteria and the actual application. Follow the instructions and return your application no later than March 31.

We will also have grant funding available for missions such as social service agencies, ELCA Colleges or Seminaries, civic uses, community needs or other worthy causes not currently funded by the operating budget of Peace Lutheran Church. The grant application is also on our web site.

Funding is made possible by the generous donations to the Mission Endowment Fund from members of our church. Remember, your personal gifts, bequests, or legacy giving to the Mission Endowment Fund will live on forever as we carefully invest your dollars and will never spend more than the earnings.



Seder Meal

We are moving forward with plans for the Holy

Week Seder on Tuesday, Apr. 16, 2019. We hope that you will join us and invite someone to come along with you! More information and details will be coming soon!

Get Involved in Peace

Consider being a communion assistant, or Assisting Minister, or Lector in worship – training is provided for all three! Maybe an usher, or a cantor who leads the psalm, or you'd want to join the choir, or start a small group that might meet at the church or in your home.

Maybe you'd like to join the PT Cruisers ministry and help drive, run errands, and visit people with Pastor Travis (be in touch with the Church Office or Deb Berkey). There are always opportunities to help on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Open Door Supper at First United Methodist Church, or on Tuesdays at River Ridge Assisted Living Center singing with Mimi's Tweeters, or spending one hour a week with a student at Lincoln Elementary School with Kids Hope.

If you are looking to get involved, please call the Church Office, or talk to Pastor Travis about where you might best use your gifts.

Webstream Worship Services

Our worship services each Sunday morning are streamed and recorded for you to watch at any time. The link to the streaming player, which is optimized for both computer and phone, can be found by going to: <http://www.sundaystreams.com/go/peclsh>. You are also able to watch us on a Roku device or your Roku enabled smart TV. Simply install the Sunday Streams channel on your Roku device and enter Stream ID: peclsh.

Did you Know ...

Was St. Valentine a real person? Yes, and in all there are about a dozen St. Valentines and a pope. You can see a St. Valentine skull on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. You may also celebrate St. Valentine's Day not just on Feb. 14, but also on Nov. 3, Jan. 7, July 25, or July 6 depending on your choice of saints!

Know Your Hymns

The Shopper's Hymn: Sweet Bye and Bye
The Golfer's Hymn: There's a Green Hill Far Away



♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 12, 2019
UNAPPROVED

Attending: Debra Berkey, Judy Chapman, Jay Hanson, Beth Kuhn, Mark Savage, Megan Savage, Greg Scholl, Brenda Shelton, Mark Wallace, Karen Willming, Pastor Travis Wilson.
Absent: John Kener.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am. Devotions were led by special guest, Father Michael Ryan, who then led the group in a series of team building exercises. Upon completion of the team building exercises, Father Ryan excused himself. Pastor Wilson called the business portion of the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Pastor Wilson explained lengths of terms needing to be filled by the incoming council members.

MOTION by Mark Savage, 2nd by Deb Berkey, that incoming council members fill council terms ending as follows: Jay Hanson 2019 (one year); Brenda Shelton 2020 (two years); and Deb Berkey, Judy Chapman and Mark Savage 2021 (three years). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed the election of the following officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary.

MOTION by Brenda Shelton, 2nd by Mark Savage, to suspend Constitution rule C11.02 requiring officers to be elected by written ballot, and to allow the election of officers by voice. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Deb Berkey, 2nd by Judy Chapman to nominate Brenda Shelton as Recording Secretary. Upon hearing no other nominations, **MOTION** by Deb Berkey, 2nd by Greg Scholl, to close nominations for the position of Recording Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Greg Scholl, 2nd by Deb Berkey, to nominate Mark Wallace as Vice President. Upon hearing no other nominations, **MOTION** by Deb Berkey, 2nd by Mark Savage to close nominations for the position of Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Brenda Shelton, 2nd by Mark Wallace, to nominate Deb Berkey as President. Upon hearing no other nominations, **MOTION** by Mark Wallace and 2nd by Mark Savage to close nominations for the position of President. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Greg Scholl, 2nd by Brenda Shelton to elect officers as nominated (Secretary-Brenda Shelton, Vice President-Mark Wallace, President-Deb Berkey). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed the appointment of Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

MOTION by Brenda Shelton, 2nd by Mark Wallace, to appoint Karen Willming as Treasurer and Megan Savage as Financial Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Mark Wallace, 2nd by Greg Scholl, to temporarily suspend the business meeting for council member orientation. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Wilson supplied each council member with a new updated council handbook. He explained each section of the handbook in detail, which include an Introduction, Mission, Organization, Committees, Reports & Forms, Goals, ELCA, Roberts Rules of Order, and the Constitution.

MOTION by Greg Scholl, 2nd by Deb Berkey, to reconvene the business meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Brenda Shelton, 2nd by Judy Chapman, to approve the January Meeting Agenda with the addition of New Business item d (discussion of staff member serving as officer). Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mark Wallace, 2nd by Greg Scholl, to approve the December 10, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff reports were provided by the Pastor, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

MOTION by Mark Savage, 2nd by Mark Wallace, to approve staff reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Constitution review is ongoing (completed approximately halfway). Council members will be provided with "before and after" copies so all can see the approved changes up to this point.
- Year-end balance report: Karen Willming noted that balances are on the Treasurer's Report that was provided, and that this was the highest balance we've had at year end. She will complete the annual report before the February meeting.
- North property follow-up: Pastor Wilson reported that Mark Odland has been in contact with Samaritas. The project has been assigned to a developer who is in the process of developing a preliminary proposal for Council review. It was noted that Council will be responsible for all details of the project going forward and agrees that the congregation needs to be kept well informed.

New Business:

- Mobile app and web streaming were discussed. There has been little done with the mobile app and we have had zero hits the past 6 months. Peace recently entered into an agreement with a service for improved web streaming. Pastor Wilson suggested we discontinue use of the mobile app (\$89/month) and use that money to cover the web streaming service (\$59/month).

MOTION by Greg Scholl, 2nd by Brenda Shelton, to discontinue the mobile app and allocate that funding for the web streaming. Motion carried unanimously.

- Many of our committees have not met or been effectively functioning for some time. Pastor Wilson presented a restructuring proposal that is more goal or project based. Standing committees would remain (audit, nominating, mutual ministry, mission endowment). The Property Committee would also remain in place. Other committees would be reorganized. PT provided a detailed proposal. Council members are charged with studying the proposal and being prepared to discuss at the February council meeting.
- Council meeting schedule was discussed. Meetings will be scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the month, starting February 13 at 6:00 pm. (Council meetings were previously held on Mondays.) Deb Berkey will issue a schedule for the year.
- In response to a congregation member concern, there was a detailed discussion regarding the appropriateness of a staff member also serving as an officer on council. In this case, the conversation centered on the staff Lay Ministry Coordinator also serving as Council President. Responsibilities and qualifications were reviewed for both positions and it was determined there is not a conflict. The positions have similarities with respect to organizational duties and working closely with the pastor (position descriptions follow).
 - Lay Ministry Coordinator - coordinates Lay Ministries of the congregation, assists the Pastor with special projects and organizational management. Is a member of the Equipping Leaders for Mission and Ministry training program through the North/West Lower Michigan Synod.
LMC is not a paid staff position. In fact, it came with an expense to the coordinator in that she had to pay for the required training program.
 - President - chairs council and congregational meetings, sets the agenda, and coordinates the work of council and other leaders.
Per the Constitution, 12.01, any voting member of the congregation may be elected.

Deb Berkey gave a quick review of action points in the meeting.

MOTION by Mark Wallace, 2nd by Mark Savage, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Shelton