



Tidings Of Peace

From the Pastor's Desk...

June & July 2023

"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:5-6, 9

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians provides an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a community of believers, who share many things. It challenges us to think about what we are doing to proclaim God's Word in our community, and how we are sharing who we are, what we are, and the gifts God has provided us.

Several months ago, council approved a plan drafted by me to expand our outreach simply by invitation. Under the theme, ***Come Grow with Us***, our Communications team worked on this vision to create a logo – something to say – we are Peace Lutheran Church. With council's blessing, we will be using the following in our ministry outreach and in our communications.





Growth is not easy but in the last 24 months of our ministry together, we have welcomed 11 members, who see what we see and who want to experience God's hope, mercy, grace, peace, and love which abound in our congregation and ministries. It's time to "grow" that trend.

In a few weeks you will receive correspondence from me, your pastor, asking for you to join in "planting and watering the fields" of Peace Lutheran Church. We are God's servants, called to work together. I have seen it; you have witnessed it. Together we are church; together we are community; together we are Apollos and Paul.

I pray you are willing to join me as we "extend our hands, feet, and hearts" to those who need to feel God's presence in their lives. I pray we joyfully witness to the love of Christ Jesus as we welcome God's people into our midst.

And I invite you to read First Corinthians as we look to grow our family at Peace Lutheran Church.

God's Blessings and Peace

Pastor Neil

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Men's Breakfast



We will meet at the Eaton Place for breakfast and fellowship on... **Thursday, June 8th** and **Thursday, July 13th** at **8:30am**. Hope to see you there!

Men's Night Out

This is something most of us enjoy – so let's get together again on Tuesday, June 27th and Tuesday, July 25th at 6:00pm for a sandwich and beverage. It's a great time to catch up with one another and share some stories and laughs. Hope to see you there! Details on location to follow.



Bible Study – the book of Revelation



Our adult bible study on Revelation began on April 30th and everyone is still welcomed to join us. This study is a 20-week study and will continue through the fall. The schedule is now available along with the Session 1/2 booklet. There will be breaks in the schedule due to holidays and existing scheduling conflicts. Please let Pastor Neil know.

Spring Clean-Up at Church

The Property team has scheduled another clean up day for Saturday, June 17th from 8am-noon. Please come and help – we have a lot of small jobs to be completed this summer. See you there!

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Property Team.



Outdoor Worship Services

The Worship and Music team is planning for the summer. We have scheduled 4 outdoor worship services for this summer. Please pray for great weather.

June 25th – potluck dinner and Noisy Offering

July 16th

August 20th

September 10th – church picnic

An outdoor service is an excellent time to invite family members and friends to worship with us. Bring your favorite chair and some water. Canopies will be set up for each outdoor service as well. We will see you there!



Confirmation Camp



Our confirmation class and parents will be camping Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd as we finish our school year. Please pray for good weather for us. And continue to hold our young people in your thoughts and prayers each and every day.

Pastor's Time Off

Pastor Neil will be enjoying a week off from June 19th through June 23rd. He will preside at worship on both Sundays – before and after this week.



Ladies Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be at Bennett Park in Charlotte on **Thursday, June 22 at 11:30 a.m.** (weather permitting) Bring your own lunch!

WANTED: ITEMS FOR PEACE GARAGE SALE



When:

Thursday	September 7 th	10 am-6 pm
Friday	September 8 th	10 am-6 pm
Saturday	September 9 th	10 am-2 pm

Please NO clothing.

Donated items can be priced in advance if desired, but not necessary.
10% of the proceeds will be tithed.

See Karen Jorgensen or Lorene Crigier for questions.

We welcome anyone who is able to volunteer their time to help set up or help the days of the sale.



Thank you in advance for donations of items and/or time!!

Highlights from the Council and Team Meetings

Council – April 2023

- Team reports were presented and approved
- March 2023 council meeting minutes presented and approved
- Several building requests forms were presented and approved
- Pastor's report was presented and approved
- Treasurer's Report/Financials were presented and approved
- New audit team – Cathy Clark and Sandy Brady

Teams – May 2023

Here's what's happening in our ministries together

Caring Team

- Lay communion visits are being made monthly
- Easter gift baskets purchased/delivered to members unable to attend worship and others who just needed a "lift."
- Birthday/anniversary card ministry going well
- Prayer concerns were updated
- Team prayed for all listed on our prayer concerns

Communications Team

- We continued to discuss ways to improve our website presence.
 - Discussed signage for the front of our property with our new logo.
 - Pastor Neil is working on "visitor gifts" and "new member booklet"
 - New brochure will be created to include our new logo
 - Approved Pastor's request to include new logo on our church-related communications
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Teams Continued...

Community in Action Team

- Loads of Love ministry continues to thrive and be successful
 - Event held on May 20th – attendance was low this quarter
 - Raised \$185 from the Special Appeal – THANK YOU!
- Earth Day “dessert and movie” night – 12 people attended and enjoy the movie and their time together
- Music on the Square – Thursday, July 20th
 - Koozies will be embossed with new logo and handed out
- Outdoor Worship on June 25th
 - True Lutheran potluck
 - Team will set up and clean up
- Church Golf Outing on June 10th
 - 2 tee times at 2:00pm
- School Backpacks
 - Hope to be able to pack 100 bags
 - Collection of supplies/donations will be held from July 16th to August 13th
 - Blessing of the Packs, Sunday, August 13th
- Helping Hands update received from Jim & Louise Bradley

Giving/Finance/Stewardship Team

- New members to the team: Cathy Clark, Tom Pridgeon, Don Leiby, and Scott Lumbert
 - Reviewed and approved April financial statements
 - Discussed the Scrip Fund and intended uses
 - Discussed bulletin presentation of financials. Changes will be made.
 - Discussed mortgage balance. Ahead on monthly payments by 6 months.
 - Discussed a motion received from Personnel Team. Motion was return to team for additional clarification.
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Teams Continued...

Growing in Faith Team

- Nothing to report

Personnel/IT Technology Team

- Potterville (local computer shop) has been contracted to assist with technology concerns
- Copy machine needs to be serviced

Property Team

- New HVAC units installed and working great
- Update to landscaping is on hold until the fall
- Lawnmower issues currently being addressed
- Condition of parking lot and drive was discussed; waiting on bids
- Church work day was selected
 - June 17th, 8:00am – noon

Worship and Music Team

- summer outdoor worship dates
 - June 25th, July 16th, August 20th, September 10th
 - Community in Action team planning to host potluck/Fellowship for June 25th
 - Growing in Faith team will host September 10th as “Kick Off Sunday” for the new church year
 - Graduation Sunday – June 11th





Sunday June 11

We will honor this year's graduates!

Charlie Anderson

Alyssa Lumbert

Congratulations!

Golf Outing

Peace Lutheran Church is going to have an informal Golf outing on June 10th at Maple Brook Golf Club in Charlotte. **Tee time is 2:00 pm!** The plan is to meet at the course, put together a foursome or two, and play 9 holes of golf. Then, meet back at the club house for a little fellowship. No special rules, no need to keep score, Just a time to have fun and enjoy each other's company.



If you are interested in playing, please contact either Doug Ehlers or Joe Crigier so we know how many want to play.

Continued Support: Helping Hands Food Pantry

The support helping hands receives from Peace and other churches in the community helps supply food for those in need. With the rising cost of foods and reduced food allowance people are receiving, there are more and more coming to the pantry for help. **Helping Hands serves 100-130 families a week.** Every little bit helps. Thank you for your continued support.

Community Action Team



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP



Would you like to provide flowers for worship? People often provide flowers in honor of a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or just for the glory of God! If you'd like to bring flowers for a weekend, please sign the sheet in the Gathering Area.

Providing flowers is easier than ever! We have arranged with a local florist to provide the arrangements. All you need to do is bring a check made out to Peace Lutheran Church or cash for \$30 to the office. We will take care of the rest.

Following worship on Sunday, you may take the flowers home if you choose. If you choose to take them home, please bring a vase to transfer flowers to, or return the vase to the church for the next weekend

When you sign up, please indicate if there is an occasion you are celebrating and would like to have listed in the bulletin.

Contact Kathy Cook in the office at 517-543-1503 if you have any questions.



Did you know that we recycle pull tabs here at Peace?

Pull tabs are taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing

They turn these tabs in to cash to help support the House. The House provides care, comfort, and a free place to stay for families to heal together while their child receives medical treatment.

This is a simple way to help support the House, just pull those tabs off the cans and **place them in the container at church** and Dar will see that they get over to Ronald McDonald House.

Worship Ministry June 2023

	June 4 th	June 11 th	June 18 th	June 25 th
Acolyte	Confirmation Camp	Logan Levi	Logan Levi	Logan Levi
Altar Guild	Nancy Holtz	Nancy Holtz	Nancy Holtz	Nancy Holtz
Assisting Minister	Cathey Levi	Cathey Levi	Cathey Levi	Cathey Levi
Audio/Visual	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi
Choir Director	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak
Fellowship	The Bradley's	Volunteer needed	Pastor Neil & Sandy	Outdoor Service Potluck
Flowers	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Pastor Neil & Sandy	Dian Leckrone
Lector	Leiby family	Leiby family	Leiby family	Leiby family
Musician	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio
Ushers	Don Leiby Michael Leiby	Don Leiby Michael Leiby	Don Leiby Michael Leiby	Don Leiby Michael Leiby

Noisy Offering for June 25th → Loads of Love

Worship Ministry July 2023

	July 2 nd	July 9 th	July 16 th	July 23 rd	July 30 th
Acolyte	P or K Jobson	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Altar Guild	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Susie Moore
Assisting Minister	Stacy Leiby	Stacy Leiby	Stacy Leiby	Stacy Leiby	Stacy Leiby
Audio/Visual	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi	Phil Lemke Scott Lumbert Harrison Levi
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Lector	John Thiel	John Thiel	John Thiel	John Thiel	John Thiel
Musician	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio
Ushers	Susie & Harry Moore	Susie & Harry Moore	Susie & Harry Moore	Susie & Harry Moore	Susie & Harry Moore

Noisy Offering for July 30th → Siren/Shelter

Church Calendar - June 2023

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4 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Gathering 11:15 Bible Study	5	6 7:00 pm CAT Team Meeting	7	8 8:30 am Men's Breakfast	9	10 2:00 pm Golf Outing @ Maple Brook Golf Club
11 Graduation Recognition Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering 11:15 am Bible Study	12	13 7:00 pm Council Meeting	14	15	16	17 8:00 am –Noon Church Clean Up Day
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and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your
neighbor as yourself.*



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