

# The Peace Post

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



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## From the Desk of Pastor Messer "Not Proud, but Thankful"

As we approach our annual celebration of Reformation Day, it is important to call to mind just what it is that we celebrate, for we are often prone to think of Reformation Day as something merely historical. It is that, to be sure. We celebrate the historical posting of the 95 Theses by Dr. Martin Luther, the Blessed Reformer, on October 31, 1517, which was the spark that ignited the Reformation. We celebrate the years that followed, which lead to the formulation of our Lutheran Confessions, which continue to stand forth as a faithful exposition of Holy Scripture and all the central doctrines we are taught therein. We celebrate the courage of our Lutheran forefathers, both clergy and lay, who were willing to lay down their lives rather than turn away from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is simply no mistaking the fact that our celebration of Reformation Day does indeed involve our thankful remembrance of the historical Reformation Era.

But, it is more than that, dear friends. Our celebration of Reformation Day is also a celebration of the enduring truth that has been maintained among us since the 16th century. It is a celebration of the fact that we still maintain that sinners are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. It is a celebration of the fact that the Gospel is still preached among us in its purity and the Sacraments are still administered among us according to Christ's institution. It is a celebration of the fact that the Person and Work of Jesus Christ remains central to all that we are and all that we do.

Thus, our celebration of Reformation Day is both a celebration of the historical events that lead to the rediscovery of the Gospel among us and the present day reality that the Gospel remains central among us, as well as an opportunity to pray that, by God's grace, this will continue to remain true among us into the future.

What should be decidedly absent among us as we celebrate Reformation Day is pride. There is no room for boasting, for that militates against the very heart of the Reformation. If we are truly Lutheran in doctrine and practice, it is because the Holy Spirit has convinced us to be so via the Word of God. He gets the credit, not us. We are not proud to be Lutheran; we are thankful that our Lord, in His grace, mercy, and love, has lead us to adhere to our Lutheran confession of the faith. Soli Deo Gloria!

Your Servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*



## About Reformation Day

*On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian monk posted ninety-five statements for discussion on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Dr. Martin Luther hoped that posting his theses would bring about an academic debate regarding repentance, the sale of indulgences, and other matters of concern within the Roman Catholic Church. However, Rome eventually excommunicated Luther, judging him to be a heretic. Luther's reforms, centered on the teaching that a believer is justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, sparked religious reforms not only in the German states but also in many European countries. In 1667, Elector John George II of Saxony standardized the custom of observing Luther's October 31 posting of the Ninety-five Theses.*

*—Treasury of Daily Prayer, p. 868*

May you ever cherish and treasure this thought. Christ is made a servant of sin, yea, a bearer of sin, and the lowliest and most despised person. He destroys all sin by Himself and says: "I came not to be served, but to serve" (Matt. 20:28). There is no greater bondage than that of sin; and there is no greater service than that displayed by the Son of God, who becomes the servant of all, no matter how poor, wretched, or despised they may be, and bears their sins. It would be spectacular and amazing, prompting all the world to open ears and eyes, mouth and nose in uncomprehending wonderment, if some king's son were to appear in a beggar's home to nurse him in his illness, wash off his filth, and do everything else the beggar would have to do. Would this not be profound humility? Any spectator or any beneficiary of this honor would feel impelled to admit that he had seen or experienced something unusual and extraordinary, something magnificent. But what is a king or an emperor compared with the Son of God? Furthermore, what is a beggar's filth or stench compared with the filth of sin which is ours by nature, stinking a hundred thousand times worse and looking infinitely more repulsive to God than any foul matter found in a hospital? And yet the love of the Son of God for us is of such magnitude that the greater the filth and stench of our sins, the more He befriends us, the more He cleanses us, relieving us of all our misery and of the burden of all our sins and placing them upon His own back. All the holiness of the monks stinks in comparison with this service of Christ, the fact that the beloved Lamb, the great Man, yes, the Son of the Exalted Majesty, descends from heaven to serve me.

*—From a sermon by the Blessed Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther*

### Luther's Response at the Diet of Worms

*"Unless I am convicted by the testimony of Scripture or by evident reason - for I trust neither in popes nor in councils alone, since it is obvious that they have often erred and contradicted themselves - I am convicted by the Scripture which I have mentioned and my conscience is captive by the Word of God. Therefore I cannot and will not recant, since it is difficult, unprofitable and dangerous indeed to do anything against one's conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen."*



### Thesis 1 of 95

**"Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said, 'Repent,' willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance."**



## Thoughts on Reformation Day Charles Porterfield Krauth

*C. P. Krauth was a Lutheran pastor and theologian in the 19th century, who contended for orthodox Lutheranism at a time when many Lutherans were abandoning the Lutheran Confessions and following after the Americanized Protestants in America. What follows are some thoughts he expressed concerning our observance of Reformation Day—thoughts still every bit as applicable today as they were when he penned them.*

It is from the nailing up of the 95 Theses the Reformation takes its date (October 31, 1517). That act became, in the providence of God, the starting-point of the work which still goes on, and shall forever go on, that glorious work in which the truth was raised to its original purity, and civil and religious liberty were restored to men. That the Reformation is the spring of modern freedom is no wild assertion of its friends. One of the greatest Roman Catholic writers of recent times, Michelet, in the Introduction to his Life of Luther, says: "It is not incorrect to say, that Luther has been the restorer of liberty in modern times. If he did not create, he at least courageously affixed his signature to that great revolution which rendered the right of examination lawful in Europe. And, if we exercise, in all its plenitude at this day, this first and highest privilege of human intelligence, it is to him we are most indebted for it; nor can we think, speak, or write, without being made conscious, at every step, of the immense benefit of this little intellectual enfranchisement;" and he concludes with the remark: "To whom do I owe the power of publishing what I am now inditing, except to this liberator of modern thought?" Our Church, as clearly, in one sense, the mother of the Reformation, as, in another, she is its offspring, the first, and for a time, the exclusive possessor of the name Protestantism, its source and its mightiest bulwark, our Church has wisely set apart a day in each year to commemorate this great deliverance, and wisely has kept her great Jubilees. There are other ways of noting time, besides by its loss. The Church Festivals note it by its gains, the Church Year marks the time which has been redeemed for ever. An old writer describes the Church of All-Saints at

Wittenberg, as a manger, where in his lowly glory the Son of God was born again. Blessed forever be the day! On it, through all time, men shall gather, bringing their offerings of praise; remembering, treasuring, and keeping untarnished, the holy faith whose restoration was thus begun.

It is well, then, to have added to the grand order of the Church Year, the Festival of the Reformation, and to the revolution of the centuries, its Jubilee. Whether as the child or as the parent of the Reformation, whether she would awake her heart to gratitude as its daughter, or arouse herself to an earnest sense of responsibility as its mother, our Church can claim it, as pre-eminently her privilege, and acknowledge it as pre-eminently her duty so to do. When the Festival of the Reformation shall come and shall wake no throb of joy in her bosom, her life will have fled. For if the Reformation lives through her, she also lives by it. It has to her the mysterious relation of Christ to David; if it is her offspring, it is also her root. If she watched the ark of the Lord, the ark of the Lord protected and blessed her, and when it passes from her keeping, her glory will have departed. Let her speak to

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her children then, and tell them the meaning of the day. In the pulpit, and the school, and the circle of the home,

let these great memories of men of God, of their self-sacrifice, of their overcoming faith, and of their glorious work, be the theme of thought, and of word, and of thanksgiving. The Festival of the Reformation is at once a day of Christmas and of Easter and of Pentecost, in our Church Year; a day of birth, a day of resurrection, a day of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Let its return renew that life, and make our Church press on with fresh vigor in the steps of her risen Lord, as one begotten again, and born from the dead, by the quickening power of the Spirit of her God. Let every day be a Festival of the Reformation, and every year a Jubilee.





# Who Lutherans Are and What We Believe



## **We are a Catholic, Evangelical, Orthodox, and Lutheran Community of disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ:**

- We are catholic. That is, we believe and teach what has been taught and believed by the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the ages.
- We are evangelical. That is, we are centered in the Gospel of Christ. The focal point of our beliefs is the amazing work that God has done on behalf of His people in order to rescue them from sin and all its consequences.
- We are orthodox. That is, we are zealous for the right teaching and proclamation of the treasure that Jesus has entrusted to His Church. In this way, we are able to give God the right glory that He so richly deserves.
- We are Lutheran. That is, we are identified with the Spirit-led reformer of the 16th century who initiated the rediscovery of the Gospel which had been obscured by centuries of false teaching and traditions.

## **Our basic beliefs:**

- We believe, teach and confess that there is one God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Apart from this Triune God (One God in three distinct persons) there is no other. Rejected is the error that the True God is any other than the Triune God, or the error that all religions essentially lead to the True God.
- We believe, teach and confess that the Second Person of the Trinity, the Lord Jesus Christ is True God, begotten of the Father from eternity and True Man, born of the virgin Mary, by the working of the Holy Spirit. He alone is the Savior of all, whom the Father sent to restore all things. Rejected is the error that Jesus is not God or that He did not accomplish all things necessary for man's salvation.
- We believe, teach and confess that at the fall into sin, man's nature became so totally and thoroughly corrupted that he is by nature turned away from God and, from the time of conception, is under God's just condemnation. Rejected is the error that man is somehow morally neutral or that in some regard, he has retained certain powers which may aid him in returning to God.
- We believe, teach and confess that salvation is by God's grace alone through faith in the atoning work which the Son accomplished on behalf of all men. Rejected is the error that man may/must somehow aid or cooperate in some way in order to obtain salvation.
- We believe, teach and confess that this Christian faith is solely the work of the Holy Spirit, bringing light into man's sin-darkened heart, bringing life to that which was dead, making those who were enemies of God into God's dearly loved children. Rejected is the error that man must open himself, call upon the Lord or invite Him into his heart.
- We believe, teach and confess that the Holy Spirit, using His chosen means, namely the Word and the Sacraments, converts, saves, forgives sins and brings to everlasting life. Rejected is the error that the Spirit works apart from means or that man should expect the Spirit in other than His chosen means.
- We believe, teach and confess that Jesus has established His Holy Christian Church to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, so that all might become disciples of the Lord. Rejected is the error that Jesus established His Church with powers other than the preaching of the Gospel and making disciples of all nations.
- We believe, teach and confess that the good works that man does is a result of the good that the Holy Spirit has placed within him. They are the fruit of a living faith. Rejected is the error that man may somehow do good works apart from faith or that they contribute toward faith, or in aiding to gaining salvation.
- We believe, teach and confess that at the Last Day, all men will rise again, and that those who are believers in Jesus will receive everlasting life, and that those who reject Jesus will receive everlasting condemnation. Rejected is the error that those who do not have faith in Jesus can somehow receive eternal life or that there is no everlasting condemnation for the evil.

# Reformation Celebration!

Reformation Day

Sunday, October 27

Festival of Reformation Day at 9:30 a.m.

*Reformation Celebration* Immediately Following

Come join us as we enjoy:

Delicious Food!

Games for Adults and Children!

(With Prizes!)

Relaxing Fellowship and Conversation!

“Lutheran” Beverages!

(Bring your own beer, if you wish)

Desserts and Coffee!

And More!

Don't miss out!

Come and Celebrate Our Lutheran Heritage  
with Us; Friends and Family Welcome, Too!

*Sponsored together by S.A.L.T. and our Ladies' Guild!*

# October is Pastor Appreciation Month

*We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (ESV)*

The Ladies' Guild requests your participation in our celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month. A dinner in honor of Pastor Messer and his family is planned for Sunday, October 6, 2013 following Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. Please join us and express your appreciation to Pastor Messer for his work among us. The Guild will furnish the meat. We will be contacting members of the congregation to provide the rest of the meal including salads, potatoes, vegetables and desserts. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, plates and utensils will be provided. As a gift to Pastor and Lisa, there will be a basket in the fellowship hall for cards. Our love and support is an integral part of the ability of our pastor to serve us effectively. Please consider showing your appreciation through a written message and/or a monetary gift. Thanks in advance for your help in making this dinner a success. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Zeile.

Although we are setting aside this time to specially recognize Pastor Messer and his family, we all need to remember that pastor appreciation is a year-round activity. Ultimately, pastor appreciation by a congregation is thanking God for sending His servant to us. Loving and appreciating our pastor shows that same love and appreciation to God and reveals more about the congregation than it does about the pastor. Following is an expression of thanks to Pastor Messer and a prayer from all of us.

Dear Pastor,

It is seldom that we get the opportunity to thank someone in advance for the good he is going to do. Today, though, we want to take this opportunity to thank you in advance. There are already many things for which we could thank you, the time you take preparing your weekly sermons, Services and classes, to name just a few. There are also the myriad of other things you have already done for our church family. Some have been noticed, but most have gone unnoticed. Many will never even be known to anyone but you and God. But, we wanted to take this time to thank you in advance. In the future, Pastor, it is most certain that you will celebrate some joy with us: the birth of a child, a prayer request answered, a child going off to college, a son or daughter returning home from military service, loved ones marrying. We feel sure, too, that in the future, you will stand with us in trying times. You will weep over our sorrows with us, and you will hold our hands to offer comfort and encouragement. You will pray for us that God will give us peace and strength to handle whatever this world brings. We may be too busy or preoccupied with life to even notice or to take the time to say, "Thank you, Pastor". So, we wanted to say it now, in advance. For now, because we may forget later, we offer this prayer up on your behalf:

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank you for our pastor. Help us to always remember that You sent this pastor to shepherd us and to mentor us, to teach us and to correct us, to comfort and guide us and to be Your representative among us. Our pastor makes many sacrifices of which we are completely unaware. But, Lord, You know his needs. Help us to be more aware of them also. When our pastor and his family need prayer, remind us to approach You on their behalf. Help us to be more loving toward our pastor and his family by being less critical, more sensitive to his needs, speaking words of encouragement to and about him, and remembering to say thank you. Thank you for our pastor and his family and for sending them to us. Lord, please bless, keep, and protect them always. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

# PEACE NEWS & NOTES



## OCTOBER Happy Birthday

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Marlene Wiltshire | 15 Lucille Slick   |
| 3 Jack Lesinger     | 15 Carolyn Johnson |
| 7 Charlotte Dargie  | 30 Myka Luplow     |
| 12 Brent Meyers     |                    |

## Happy Anniversary

- 14 Gary and Marlene Miller

*If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.*

### **Ladies' Lunch Bunch**

The ladies will meet for lunch on October 22, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hearthstone Oven in Ithaca. All women of Peace and their guests are welcome. Please join us!

### **Advent Tea**

The Peace Lutheran Church Ladies Advent Tea will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. The color theme for this year is ---Red. Please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship, beautiful music (by our own Roger Humphrey, classical guitarist) and delicious dessert as the women of Peace Lutheran Church and their friends prepare their hearts for Advent. Mark your calendar now. There is no charge for this event.

## SALT NEWS

The date for the next SALT meeting will be announced through email and the bulletin insert.

*Please see our Meeting Minutes on the SALT Bulletin Board*

### **SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS**

This is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. Please get in touch with Carolyn if you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad. (email [ckj1969@yahoo.com](mailto:ckj1969@yahoo.com)).

### **REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS**

We all love to receive greetings from people who care for us. What better way to remember our shut-ins (when it is difficult for us to make a personal visit) than to send a note or a card periodically to let them know we are thinking of them and to give them something to look forward to in the mail, and especially at this time of the year! Please consider dropping a few lines to our shut-ins during the course of each month.

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Warwick Living Center  
842 W. Warwick Dr.  
Alma, MI 48801

Joan Burch  
Schnepf Health Care Center  
427 E. Washington  
St. Louis, MI 48880

Also, while correspondence is not requested for him, please remember our dear brother in Christ, Dick Wiser, who is at Pine River in St. Louis, in your prayers.

## **Peace Book Club**

Our Peace Book Club was assigned four books to read over the summer: *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, *Q Road* by Bonnie Jo Campbell, *The Hit* by David Baldacci, and *Inferno* by Dan Brown. We will meet at Sharyn Greening's house on Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm to discuss those books and pick the next book to read. All are welcome to join us.



# PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd

## PEACE MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 25

6:30 p.m.—Pizza

7:00 p.m.—“Luther”

In honor of Reformation Day, we'll watch “Luther” again this year. If you have never seen this movie, you should really consider joining us. If you have seen this movie, even multiple times, it's well worth another viewing, as it does a fine job of getting at the heart of why the Reformation was necessary and what it was really about.

Bring your own comfy chairs and snacks if you wish.  
Hope you'll join us!



## Compline Canceled

Our first month of our new “Wednesdays at Peace” schedule of Services and Studies has been well received, and a blessing to those who have been able to participate. However, we will be eliminating the 10:00 pm Compline Service from our schedule. Compline is a beautiful Service, which begins with the wonderful and ancient *Confiteor*, during which all who are assembled confess their sins to one another and have their brothers and sisters announce the Lord's absolution to them. Of all the daily Prayer Offices, Compline lends itself more to having a group of brothers and sisters assembled than the others. In other words, while it is certainly better to have many Christians gathered together to pray Matins, Sext, and Vespers, those are Prayer Offices that could be prayed individually, but Compline, due especially to its inclusion of the *Confiteor* at the beginning, requires a corporate setting. Thus, due to the fact that we haven't been getting more than a couple people showing up for this Service, we will eliminate it from our regular Wednesday schedule, trusting that the saints at Peace are praying by themselves or with their families at home before going to bed. We will, however, add Compline back to our Wednesday schedule during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, with the hope that more of you will make attending that beautiful Service part of your discipline during those seasons. We will simply make the necessary adjustment to our schedule of praying all the Psalms consecutively during our Wednesday Prayer Offices, so that we don't miss any.

## Wednesday, October 16

Speaking of our “Wednesdays at Peace,” please do take note of the schedule on the calendar for October 16. I will be attending the Oktoberfest/Liturgical Seminar held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kewanee, IL, and will be traveling back home that day. So, we will only have our Isaiah Bible Study at 6 pm and Divine Service at 7 pm on that day. We will also not have Adult Bible Study on Sunday, October 13, as I will need to leave shortly after Divine Service that morning to make it to Kewanee in time for the Choral Vespers Service in the early evening.

In Christ,  
Pr. Messer



# Ladies' Guild

## Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will break for the summer. Next meeting is **WEDNESDAY, October 2 at 12:00 pm.** with Sharyn Greening as hostess. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

## PLC Women's Prayer Chain

The current list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

## Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2013 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile or Coaline Luplow. Thank you for helping to beautify our chance!

## PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD



The Ladies' Guild is collecting the following items to send to Lutheran World Relief:

### FABRIC KIT

2 PIECES OF COTTON OR COTTON-BLEND FABRIC:

21/4 YARDS OF 60" WIDE FABRIC or  
3 YARDS OF 44" WIDE FABRIC or  
4 YARDS OF 36" WIDE FABRIC

2 SPOOLS OF MATCHING GENERAL PURPOSE THREAD-250-300 YARDS EACH

FOLD THREAD AND ONE PIECE OF FABRIC INSIDE SECOND FABRIC AND TIE WITH YARN, STRING, RIBBON OR FABRIC.

**COLLECTION DATES:** Oct. 1—December 31

## PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are available for \$10.00 and can be purchased during fellowship time from any member of the Guild. Please see Coaline Luplow with any questions.

## LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3rd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour., We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



### October

Carol Zeile



6 Amy Blair  
13 Lois Ramsey  
20 Y.Elenbaas/M.Girard  
27 Reformation

### November

#### Altar Care

Coaline Luplow

#### Coffee Hostesses

3 Andrea Elliott  
10 Gretchen Harrison  
17 M.Isakkson/ H.Meyers  
24 Katie Logan-Dinco

### December

Carol Zeile

1 Cassie Tennant  
8 Jo Wendt  
15 Sawanna Greening  
22 Miriam Cross  
29 Peace Youth Group

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

## Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

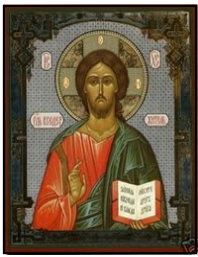
- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class (currently studying *Revelation*) is offered on **Sundays at 11:15 a.m.** Sunday School begins this year on September 8.

## Wednesday Bible Studies

- Per our new “Wednesdays at Peace” schedule, we will have two Bible Studies, the first at 10:00 am (*2 Kings*), and the second at 6:00 pm (just finished *Acts* and will begin a study of *Isaiah* on September 18).

## First Communion and Confirmation Classes

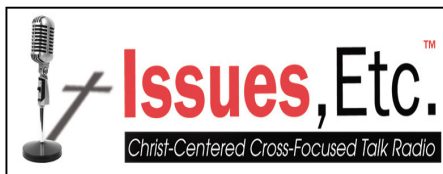
- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); there are currently no first or second year confirmands this year.



### PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

[www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com](http://www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com)

*Check in from time to time  
to see what's on his mind.*



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[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)

### PAROCHIAL REPORT (as of 9/30/13)

#### Membership at Peace

Baptized - 140; Confirmed - 115

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 1

*Vivian Strom - called home by the Lord on 9/20/13*

#### Financial Report through 9/30/13

YTD Budgeted.....\$84,825.00

YTD Receipts..... \$73,543.91

Difference.....-\$11,281.09

### Voters' Assembly Minutes—July 28, 2013

#### Call To Order & Opening Prayer

- President Zeile called the meeting to order at 10:39am and opening prayer was conducted. 21 members were present.

#### Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Carolyn Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Ken Hill to approve the minutes from April 28 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Report(s)

- **Pastor** – No report; **Treasurer** – Treasurer Zeile presented the attached report; **Financial Secretary** – No report; **Board of Elders** – No report; **Board of Trustees** – Weeds were sprayed in the parking lot; **Board of Christian Education** – Rally Day will be held on September 8 and a teacher for the 3-5 grades class is still needed; **Board of Evangelism** – Meetings will resume in September. The Second Time Around Sale raised over \$800. The Scrip Program is doing well; **Board of Stewardship** – No report; **Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – No report; **Peace Youth Group** – No report.

#### Business

- **Roof Repair** – The roof over the chapel portion of the building is in need of repair. Bids have been received for a new shingle roof. Motion made by Carolyn Johnson, supported by Terry Luplow to seek bids for a steel roof. Motion carried unanimously. Upon further discussion, motion made by Ken Hill, supported by Dorothy Trgina to authorize the Council to make the final decision on the roof and move forward with repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

#### General Comment





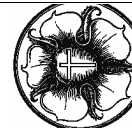
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** – The Assembly was reminded to check their designation to ensure Peace was receiving the funds.
- **Adjournment & Closing Prayer** – Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Ken Hill to adjourn at 11:17am. Motion carried unanimously. The Lord's Prayer was prayed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Brown, Secretary

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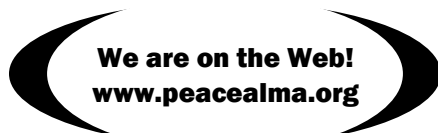
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		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30—Matins 10:00—Bible Study 11:45—Sext Noon—Ladies' Guild 5:30—Vespers 6:00—Bible Study 7:00—DS (St. Hannah)	<b>3</b>  5 pm - Weight Watchers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Trinity 19</i> 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 12:15 - Pastor Appreciation Dinner 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30—Matins 10:00—Bible Study 11:45—Sext 5:30—Vespers 6:00—Bible Study 7:00—DS (Abraham)	<b>10</b>  5 pm - Weight Watchers	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>Trinity 20</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS <i>No Adult Bible Study</i> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  5 pm - Weight Watchers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  10 am - Sewing/Knitting Group
<b>20</b> <i>Trinity 21</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - Voters' Assembly 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 1:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm - Peace Book Club @ S. Greening's house	<b>23</b> 9:30—Matins 10:00—Bible Study 11:45—Sext 5:30—Vespers 6:00—Bible Study 7:00—DS (St. James)	<b>24</b>  5 pm - Weight Watchers	<b>25</b> Peace Movie Night 6:30 pm - Pizza 7:00 pm - "Luther" 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <i>Reformation Day</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service <i>Reformation Celebration</i> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm - Stewardship meeting	<b>30</b> 9:30—Matins 10:00—Bible Study 11:45—Sext 5:30—Vespers 6:00—Bible Study 7:00—DS (St. Simon)	<b>31</b>  5 pm - Weight Watchers		

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## *Serving in October*

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
<b>October</b>				
<b>6</b> - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 19</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Morgan Johnson Farrah Blair	Gary Miller John Penzien	Blair Family
<b>13</b> - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 20</i>	Gabriel Blair	Savannah Blair Myka Luplow	Terry Luplow Troy Cross	Jenny Baughman
<b>20</b> - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 21</i>	Larry Elliott	Aaron Cross Sierra Luplow	Miguel Ortiz Daren Johnson	Charlotte Dargie Marlene Miller
<b>27</b> - 9:30 am <i>Reformation Day</i>	Terry Luplow	Paige Harwager Natalie Penzien	Tyrel Harwager Chris Brown	Yvonne Elenbaas Mary Girard
<b>November</b>				
<b>3</b> - 9:30 am <i>All Saints' Day</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Morgan Johnson Aaron Messer	John Lemmermann Vern Jakolat	Elliott Family

*"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" (Eph. 6:7)*