

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 *"Fifty Years of God's Grace"*

As I write this, we are less than two weeks away from celebrating our congregation's Fiftieth Anniversary, which is an enormous blessing from our Lord. The custom logo we had designed, which has graced the cover of our newsletter the last few months, includes the phrase, "Fifty Years of God's Grace." That, dear friends, is exactly what we'll be celebrating on Sunday, November 11, and on other important dates in the coming year, namely that our congregation was formed, and has been sustained these fifty years, solely by the grace of God. This is the very reason our God gathers His children together around His Holy Word and Sacraments—to dish out His grace (undeserved favor) upon sinners in need. This is why we rightly call His Holy Word and Sacraments the "means of grace," for it is through these means, as through instruments, that our Lord creates and sustains saving faith in us. These "means of grace" are really the only reason for any Christian congregation to exist, and we give heartfelt thanks to God for keeping His Holy Word and Sacraments central to all that we think, say, and do as His congregation in Alma.

I have been thoroughly enjoying going through the archives of our congregation these past few months in preparation for our celebration. Reading letters from past pastors and newspaper articles about past events and looking at old pictures has instilled in me a sense of God's gracious presence among the saints He's served over the years, right up to the present day. It is that gracious presence of our God that has been the one constant throughout our congregation's history, and that connects all the saints who have been served here, both past and present, in an intimate fellowship that lasts beyond earthly years and endures eternally.

A special blessing resides in the fact that we will hold our Anniversary Service and Banquet on November 11, which is fifty years to the day from the very first Divine Service held by Peace. It is also this date that is the reason our congregation was named "Peace," for our predecessors chose that name in recognition of Armistice Day (now called Veterans Day). It's a great name for a Christian congregation, for we gather together to receive Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is "the peace that passes all understanding."

I'm very much looking forward to our celebration and hope that many of you will be there to celebrate with us. This is a significant event in the life of our congregation, for which we give all glory, honor, and praise to our Triune God!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Messer

A Letter from Pastor Rhoades at the Onset of Peace's Formation

(Rev. Cecil L. Rhoades was Peace's first pastor)

15 October 1962

"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Galatians 1:3-5)

As the pastor of a new Lutheran congregation in Alma-St. Louis, I am overjoyed to be able to inform you of our progress, for which the entire credit is due to our loving Triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. While we may plow and plant, only He may grant an increase.

For some time the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has contemplated the founding of a congregation in Alma. At the same time it was the conviction of our district's officials that a thorough investigation should take place before committing ourselves to the actual cultivation of the area. For this purpose the writer was called, upon his graduation from our seminary in Springfield, Illinois. In the course of his labors, in which he had splendid co-operation from our congregations in Frankenmuth, Wheeler, and Mt. Pleasant, and from the people of this community, he was able to confirm that the area is indeed a fertile field.

In addition to an impressive number of highly interested persons of Lutheran conviction, our investigation has discovered well over 200 others who are in the category of good prospects, and many unchurched persons. On the basis of these findings our church has determined to establish a congregation in Alma.

Today much of the plowing has taken place. It remains for us to decide what we are to plant and the best means of planting. But has not the Word of God already established for us what we are to plant? It tells us to preach the Gospel (Christ crucified) to every creature. Then it remains for us to set up the machinery.

Our first service is scheduled for November 11 in the Bank of Alma, at 311 Woodworth Street; and we are grateful indeed for the free use of their facilities, as well as their gracious permission to store our church furniture on their premises. We also owe thanks to several congregations for their donations of worship furnishings and equipment.

In order to prepare for this initial worship, and in order to initiate a church organization, we are scheduling a meeting in The Bank of Alma (downstairs) on Wednesday, October 24, at 8 P.M. We cordially invite ALL interested parties, namely YOU, to this gathering, hoping that you will join us in initiating a charter membership. At this time we will, with economy of time, choose a name for the congregation, delegate responsibilities for various functions, discuss membership, and take care of several other essential items in our program.

"We are setting out for the place of which the Lord has said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will do you good; for the Lord has promised good to Israel." (Numbers 10:29-30)

In the Savior's Name,

C. L. Rhoades

PASTOR



Pastor Rhoades prepares the altar the night before the first Divine Service held at Peace

Charter Members of Peace Lutheran Church

We give thanks to God for giving our charter members both the vision and the desire to help form a congregation of His children, gathered around His Gifts, here in Alma:

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| <i>Clayton and Nina Anderson</i> | <i>Dianne Karajoff</i> | <i>Ken and Rosiland Sanderson</i> |
| <i>John and Bernice Babcock</i> | <i>Sharon Karajoff</i> | <i>Karen Sanderson</i> |
| <i>Walter and Agnes Bathke</i> | <i>Eugene and Patricia Meyers</i> | <i>Gerda Settergren</i> |
| <i>Delbert and Ella Bierlein</i> | <i>Charles and Eileen Moore</i> | <i>Calvin and Barbara Sherwood</i> |
| <i>Catherine Beirlein</i> | <i>Gary Moore</i> | <i>Philip Sherwood</i> |
| <i>Ralph and Bonita Bluemer</i> | <i>Richard and Charlotte Nametz</i> | <i>Thomas Sherwood</i> |
| <i>Nile and Sally Coble</i> | <i>Michael Nametz</i> | <i>Donald and Joanne Slachta</i> |
| <i>Bernard and Dorothea Gee</i> | <i>Fred and Carol Neitzke</i> | <i>Emil and Georgia Spindler</i> |
| <i>James and Sandra Grashaw</i> | <i>Rita Painter</i> | <i>Neumann and Maxine Swanson</i> |
| <i>Robert and Marion Greening</i> | <i>Loren and Rosemarie Pauling</i> | <i>David and Delores Tucker</i> |
| <i>Jon Greening</i> | <i>Samuel and Elizabeth Peurach</i> | <i>Robert and Joan Wendt</i> |
| <i>Michael and Vera Karajoff</i> | <i>Mary Robinson</i> | |

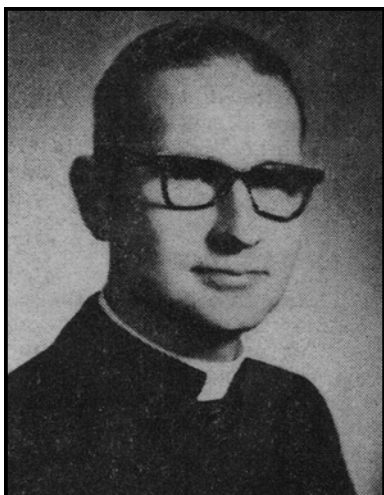
Milestones of Peace Lutheran Church

We give thanks to our Lord for the following milestones in the life of our congregation:

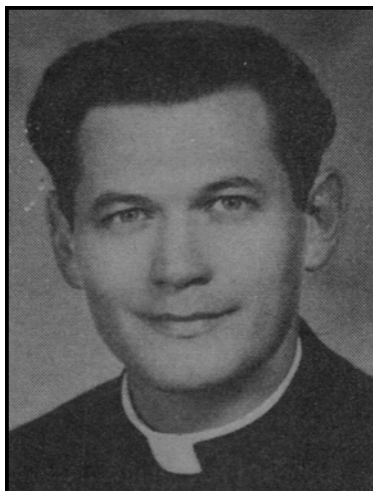
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| <i>May, 1962</i> | <i>Michigan District Mission Board Calls Seminary Candidate</i> |
| <i>July - September, 1962</i> | <i>Area Canvassed</i> |
| <i>October 24, 1962</i> | <i>First Organizational Meeting; Name Chosen</i> |
| <i>November 11, 1962</i> | <i>First Worship Service Held in Bank of Alma</i> |
| <i>November 18, 1962</i> | <i>Sunday School Started</i> |
| <i>November 28, 1962</i> | <i>Land Donation Gratefully Accepted</i> |
| <i>January 16, 1963</i> | <i>Ladies' Guild Organized</i> |
| <i>January 17, 1963</i> | <i>Constitution Adopted</i> |
| <i>March 17, 1963</i> | <i>Charter Sunday</i> |
| <i>March 24, 1963</i> | <i>Walther League Organized</i> |
| <i>March 25, 1963</i> | <i>Formal Call Extended to Pastor Cecil Rhoades</i> |
| <i>May 26, 1963</i> | <i>Installation of Pastor Cecil Rhoades</i> |
| <i>August 26, 1963</i> | <i>Formal Acceptance by Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod</i> |
| <i>September 20, 1964</i> | <i>Ground Breaking Service for Church Building</i> |
| <i>January 10, 1965</i> | <i>Cornerstone Laying Service for Church Building</i> |
| <i>March 7, 1965</i> | <i>Dedication Service for Church Building</i> |
| <i>July 11, 1965</i> | <i>Installation of Pastor Ronald Mueller</i> |
| <i>December 10, 1968</i> | <i>Ground Breaking Service for Fellowship Hall</i> |
| <i>June 22, 1969</i> | <i>Dedication Service for Fellowship Hall</i> |
| <i>August 29, 1971</i> | <i>Installation of Pastor Duane Florschuetz</i> |
| <i>November 12, 1972</i> | <i>Tenth Anniversary Service</i> |
| <i>July 9, 1978</i> | <i>Installation of Pastor Stephen Hower</i> |
| <i>March 9, 1980</i> | <i>Fifteenth Anniversary and Rededication Service</i> |
| <i>March 22, 1981</i> | <i>Installation of Pastor Sam Wiederhold</i> |
| <i>February 19, 1984</i> | <i>Dedication Service for New Organ</i> |
| <i>April 14, 1985</i> | <i>Installation of Pastor Mark Schoen</i> |
| <i>June 29, 1986</i> | <i>Installation of Pastor Jeffrey Baxter</i> |
| <i>November 8, 1987</i> | <i>Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Service</i> |
| <i>1990 - 2005</i> | <i>Fifteen Year Vacancy (Pastors Paul Richert and Terry Kenitz)</i> |
| <i>April, 2003</i> | <i>Intentional Interim Begins Under Pastor Robert Koeppen</i> |
| <i>April 26, 2005</i> | <i>First Call Extended for Full-time Pastor in 15 Years</i> |
| <i>July 24, 2005</i> | <i>Ordination/Installation Service of Pastor Thomas Messer</i> |
| <i>November 11, 2012</i> | <i>Fiftieth Anniversary Service</i> |

Pastors of Peace Lutheran Church

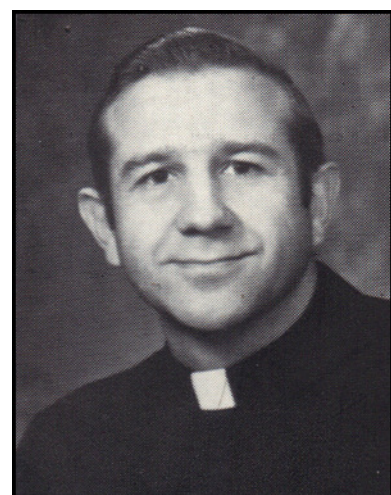
We praise God for sending the following men to be undershepherds of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and to serve in His stead and by His command here at Peace these fifty years:



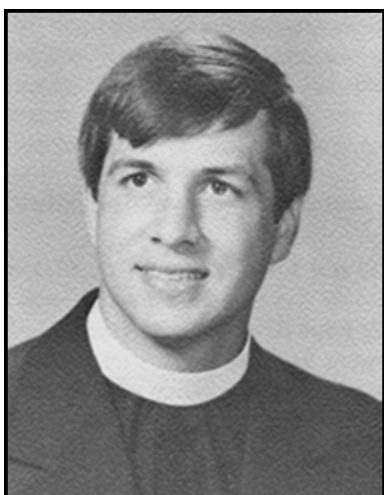
Rev. Cecil L. Rhoades
1963 - 1964



Rev. Ronald R. Mueller
1965 - 1970



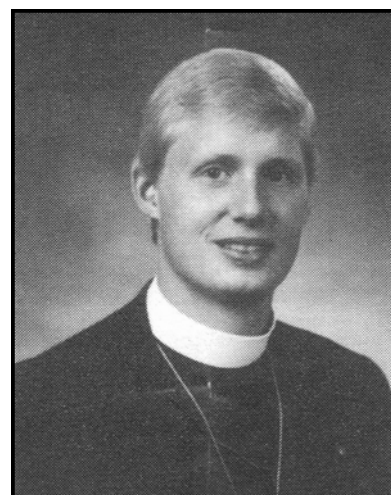
Rev. Duane W. Florschuetz
1971 - 1977



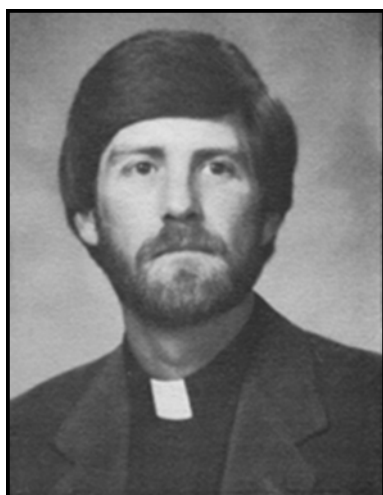
Rev. Stephen D. Hower
1978 - 1980



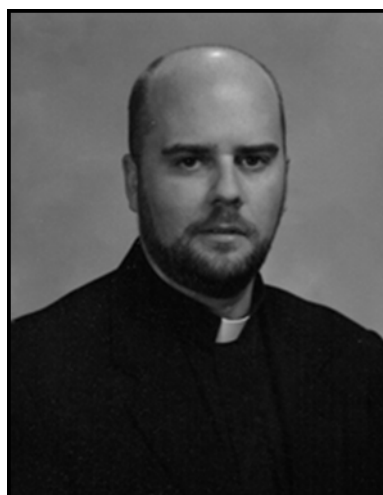
Rev. Sam G. Wiederhold
1981 - 1984



Rev. Mark K. Schoen
1985 - 1986



Rev. J. Jeffrey Baxter
1986 - 1989



Rev. Thomas C. Messer
2005 - Present

PEACE NEWS & NOTES



Scrip Program at Peace

As most of you know, Peace has been participating in the Scrip Program since October, 2011. During this past year we have earned over \$1200 solely by members buying gift cards that they then use for normal everyday purchases or as gifts. Cards can be used just as you use cash or a debit card at any participating merchants. They also can be used online at many of the merchants' online ordering sites. The Peace Council authorized purchase of gift cards that are then used to buy church office supplies and the Ladies' Guild has purchased cards for kitchen supplies. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Members contribute to their congregation by continuing their normal buying patterns. And it really is that simple.

It's true that some budgeting and planning is required by members. Carolyn Johnson ably administers the Program for Peace and orders cards every few weeks on Sunday. She receives the cards by Tuesday or Wednesday and distributes them promptly. Think about what you normally purchase — gasoline, food, prescription drugs, an occasional gift for a family member... Check the Scrip Pro merchants list to see the wide variety of cards available. Carolyn can supply you with a list or you can see it online at <http://www.scrippro.com>. If you have not tried this Program yet, please consider making a small order of one card and giving the Program a try. And, if you are using it, consider additional ways that you could participate. Since Christmas is quickly approaching, perhaps you could purchase a gift card for someone on your list for whom you never know what to buy. With gas prices as they are, a gas card would be a welcome gift for anyone who drives. It's a wonderful way to contribute to Peace without having to take any additional funds from your personal budget.

A Huge Thank-You to those of you who presented us with cards and gifts at the Pastor Appreciation Dinner! Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated!

Thanks so much!

With love,

Pastor and Lisa Messer

SALT NEWS

Next SALT meeting will be **Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.** at the church. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

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).

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet on Monday, November 12 at 1:30 pm at The Hearthstone Oven in Ithaca. We hope that those who have not been able to meet with us recently will be able to join us next time. We miss you!

ADVENT TEA

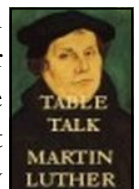
Due to many of our hostesses not being able to attend on our previously announced date, we have changed our date to

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 7 PM!

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the SALT board for both hostesses and those who wish to attend but not to host a table. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Advent Tea Committee: Gretchen Harrison, Lisa Messer, Lois Ramsey, Dorothy Trgina.

Table Talk

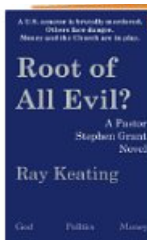
Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Table Talk is a great time to take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Our next Table Talk will be held on **Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m.** at the church. We would love to have you join us!



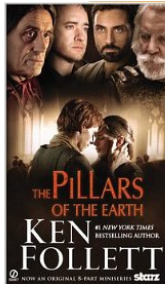
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PEACE BOOK CLUB

In October, we met at Sharyn Greening's home to discuss ***The Root of All Evil: A Pastor Stephen Grant Novel*** by Ray Keating. We were all excited to read and discuss this book, since our first Book Club selection was ***Warrior Monk: A Pastor Stephen Grant Novel***, also by Ray Keating. ***The Root of All Evil*** did not disappoint. We learned more about Pastor Stephen Grant and his exploits and also had the opportunity to explore topics such as contemporary worship, marital fidelity, and church politics. All in all, ***The Root of All Evil*** is a fun read with a story line that moves along quickly. We gave it a 4 out of 5 on our rating scale and highly recommend it to everyone.



Our **November** meeting will again be at the home of Sharyn Greening. She is such a wonderful hostess! We will gather on **November 27th at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss ***The Pillars of the Earth*** by best-selling author Ken Follett. This epic novel of 12th-century England relates the story of Tom Builder, a stone mason whose dream is to build a cathedral. Intertwined with his quest are many subplots that detail life in all levels of society. It's a fascinating read and one that is very difficult to put down. The one thousand page tome seemed daunting at first, but moves along quickly. Ken Follett certainly has a way with words.



You may be familiar with *The Pillars of the Earth* mini-series that aired on Starz. If you're intrigued, please read the book and join us at Sharyn's on the 27th. Or, get the dvd to wet your appetite!

NEW CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

At our Voters' Assembly on October 21, the following congregational officers were elected (or re-elected) and will begin their terms on January 1, 2013: Chris Brown (Vice President), Carol Zeile (Treasurer), Megan Brown (Secretary), Miguel Ortiz (Elder), Daren Johnson (Trustee), Janice Sager (Christian Ed.). In addition, Coaline Luplow will be appointed on January 2 as Financial Secretary, and Amy Blair has agreed to be appointed immediately to serve as Youth Director.

We give thanks to these members for their willingness to serve!

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.

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

Vivian Strom
Masonic Pathways
1200 Wright Ave.
Alma, MI 48801

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

Marion Greening
1025 Vassar Street
Alma, MI 48801

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

Peace Youth Group Recycling Program

In addition to cans and bottles, the Peace Youth Group participates in a recycling program (TerraCycle) that includes a large number of household items. By saving these items and bringing them to the church, congregation members can assist the youth in their fundraising efforts.

There are lists of items on the Youth Group bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Take one home with you and start collecting. Items may be put in the trash can next to the pop can receptacle. [Note: at this writing the cans are in the toy room until after the Anniversary celebration.]

Please see Jenny Baughman with any questions, and start collecting!

PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd



NOVEMBER

Happy Birthday

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| 4 Brian Stroven | 15 Blaine Schafer |
| 13 Lillian Manns | 15 Lucille Slick |
| 13 Jessica Penzien | 15 Carolyn Johnson |
| 22 Jayden Row | 30 Myka Luplow |

Happy Anniversary

9 Pastor and Lisa Messer

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

PEACE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A final reminder that all congregation members are invited to the 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 11, 2012. There will be a Divine Service at 3:00 p.m. followed by a dinner.

Peace has seen many challenges during her history and, by the Grace of God, continues to thrive in this dead and dying world. This is an historic event for all involved and, if at all possible, we should all come together to celebrate the occasion together. The Committee planned for extra attendees so, even if you did not RSVP, please do join us.



ANNUAL COOKIE WALK AND CRAFT SHOW

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 1, 2012
9 AM—4 PM**

The Ladies' Guild is asking all the ladies of Peace (who are willing and able) to bake 25-30 dozen small, fancy cookies for our cookie walk. Please have them at the church by Friday evening, November 30, if at all possible.

Setup will be on Wednesday evening, November 28 after the Divine Service. Also, if you are willing to help during the bazaar, please contact Coaline Luplow (763-1016). We appreciate all the help we can get!!

Ladies' Guild will be making personal calls to everyone this year to determine the number of participating people and cookies.

Thanks so much for your help!

Ladies' Guild

Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will meet on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, at 12:00 pm.** with Carol Zeile 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 2012 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 and contact the church office with any information that you wish to have included in the bulletin. If there is a specific date in the month that commemorates an occasion, please also enter that date. 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 Amy Blair. Thank you for helping to beautify our chapel.

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:

2 1/4 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:

OCTOBER 1—DECEMBER 31

PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are available for \$13.00 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.



November

Amy Blair



4 Dorothy Trgina
11 Lois Ramsey
18 Amy Blair
25 Gretchen Harrison

December

Altar Care

Carol Zeile

Coffee Hostesses

2 Cassie Tennant
9 Jo Wendt
16 Andrea Elliott
23 Coaline Luplow
30 Jenny Baughmann

January

Marlene Miller

6 Carol Zeile
13 Tina Schafer
20 Peace Youth Group
27 Janice Sager

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class is offered on **Sundays at 11 a.m.**

Together in the Word

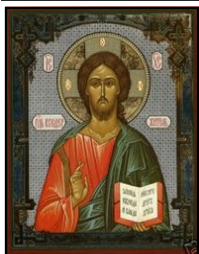
- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** We are currently studying *1 Kings*. All are welcome to join us!

Wednesday Bible Study

- Meets every Wednesday at 6 pm for a study of *Acts*.

First Communion and Confirmation Classes

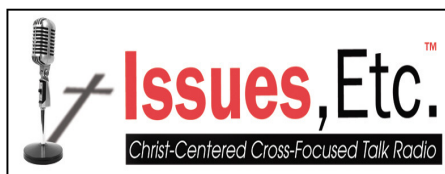
- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation Class meets Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com

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



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PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 10/28/12)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 140; Confirmed - 119

Membership gains: 1

Barb DeGrandchamp transferred from St. Peter (Riley, MI)

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report as of 10/21/2012

YTD Budgeted.....\$93,611.00

YTD Receipts.....\$83,244.30

Difference.....-\$10,366.70

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School students will begin rehearsing for the Christmas Program on Nov 18. Lunch will be provided after class with rehearsal following. Volunteers are needed to provide lunch for the staff and students. Please see Sharyn Greening if you are able to help.

Rehearsals will take place on Nov. 18 and 25 and Dec. 2, 9 and 16. The Christmas Program will take place on Dec 19 at 7:00.



www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful

LCMS LIFE CONFERENCE



Lutherans and Pro-life Advocacy:
Good and Acceptable Service (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
January 25-26, 2013

<http://www.lcmslifeconference.org>

**REGULAR MEETING
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**

Date: September 4, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Peace Lutheran Church
325 Warwick Dr.
Alma, MI 48801

MINUTES

Call To Order & Opening Prayer

- President Zeile called the meeting to order at 6:41pm. Pastor Messer opened with prayer. The following members were present: Dave Zeile, Gary Miller, Carol Zeile, Larry Elliott, Carolyn Johnson, Marlene Miller, and Cassie Tennant. Pastor Messer was also present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Larry Elliott, supported by Gary Miller, to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously

Report(s)

- **Pastor** – Full report attached
- **Treasurer's Report:** No report
- **Financial Secretary:** Full report attached
- **Board of Elders:** No report
- **Board of Trustees:** Volunteers are needed to clean up and take away the wood left from trees that were toppled in a recent storm. Trustees are having a meeting regarding the bathrooms.
- **Board of Christian Education:** No report
- **Board of Evangelism:** Next meeting is September 20th at 6:30pm
- **Board of Stewardship:** No report

Business

- There was no business to discuss.

General Comments

- There were no general comments.

Closing Prayer – Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Dave Zeile to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with Prayer and Benediction

Respectfully submitted,

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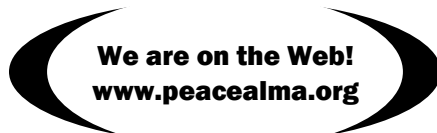
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| | | | | 1 5 pm - Weight Watchers | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Festival of All Saints Day 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC  | 5 | 6 Election Day Church Office closed | 7 12 pm - Ladies Guild 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service <i>St. Martin</i> <i>Chemnitz, Doctor</i>  | 8 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation 7:30 pm - Table Talk | 9 | 10 |
| 11 3rd-Last Sun. of Church Yr. 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 3:00 pm - 50th Anniversary Divine Service and Celebration  | 12 1:30 am - Ladies' Lunch Bunch | 13 6:30 pm - Council | 14 <i>No Bible Study or Service</i> | 15 10 am - <i>No Together in Word</i> 5 pm - Weight Watchers <i>No Confirmation Class</i> | 16 | 17 |
| 18 2nd-Last Sun. of Church Yr. 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Serv. 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 12:30 pm-SS lunch & practice  | 19 | 20 | 21 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>  | 22  | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Last Sunday of Church Yr. 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 12:30 pm-SS lunch & practice  | 26 | 27 7 pm - Peace Book Club | 28 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service <i>St. Andrew Apostle</i> <i>(Obs.)</i>  | 29 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6 pm - Confirmation | 30 | December 1 Cookie Walk/Craft Show 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |

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Serving in November

| | ELDERS | ACOLYTES | USHERS | GREETERS |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| November | | | | |
| 4 - 9:30 am (<i>Festival of All Saints' Day</i>) | Miguel Ortiz | Sierra Luplow Savannah Blair | Jonathan Penzien Terry Luplow | Helen Meyers |
| 11 - 9:30 am (<i>3rd Last Sun. of Church Yr.</i>) | Gabriel Blair | Aaron Messer Morgan Johnson | Chris Brown Gary Miller | Messer Family |
| 11 - 3:00 pm (<i>50th Anniversary</i>) | Miguel Ortiz | Aaron Messer Savannah Blair | Vern Jakolat, Daren Johnson Gary Miller, Tyrel Harwager | |
| 18 - 9:30 am (<i>2nd Last Sun. of Church Yr.</i>) | Larry Elliott | Paige Harwager Myka Luplow | Tyrel Harwager Daren Johnson | Miguel and Sue Ortiz |
| 25 - 9:30 am (<i>Last Sun. of Church Yr.</i>) | Terry Luplow | Farrah Blair Natalie Penzien | Gabriel Blair John Lemmermann | Penzien Family |
| December | | | | |
| 2 - 9:30 am (<i>Advent 1</i>) | Miguel Ortiz | Sierra Luplow Morgan Johnson | Vern Jakolatt Terry Luplow | Sager Family |