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BIRTHDAYS

(None)

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ANNIVERSARIES

(None)

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS

16th LaVonda Osen

22nd Jane Bishop

28th Mitch Byrd

31st Luke Moyer

OCTOBER



ANNIVERSARIES

(None)

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 12, 2021

For this year's project, members of Peace Lutheran will be cleaning up litter and trash at the entrance to Soccer Field Road (just south of the intersection of Zora and Lone Elm). Instead of normal Sunday worship, we'll gather at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 12, at the church building (3100 N St. Louis Ave.), and

then drive/carpool to the clean-up site at with trash bags, work gloves, and litter-grabbing tools in hand. We plan to start cleanup work about 9:15 am and conclude by 11:00 am. Along the way, we'll enjoy singing a few songs, sharing in prayer, and giving thanks for God's creation. The whole community is invited to join Peace Lutheran Church in this work—bring neighbors, friends, and family along!

Note: In case of rain, we'll gather for a special worship service at the church.



PLC's Car Show 2021

Thank you to all who participated in Peace Lutheran's 2021 car and truck show! We raised over \$1,400 for Crosslines. We had 44 Cars, 7 Lego car entries for the car Lego show-off, 36 donors for door prizes. And 5 people showed up to get their vaccine from the vaccine clinic! Thanks to everyone who made it another great year for the car show!



Reminder...Due to the continued rise in COVID-19 cases, Peace's kitchen remains closed. On Saturday, July 31st we hosted our annual car show. As much of the activities as possible were planned for outside. With an 'excessive heat warning' in affect that day, we knew people would want to come inside to eat and get relief from the heat. The kitchen counter was opened on the Welcome Center side only. We served food individually wrapped. No preparation of food occurred. Gloved volunteers wrapped and served the individual hamburgers and hotdogs, condiment packets, individual chip packages and canned or bottled beverages. Thank you for your concern.

Welcome. Grow. Serve.



PLC was represented at the MSSC Community Day. Amber Miller and Bill Eichman set up the

table and had juice bottles to hand out to the students. THANK YOU both for stepping up and helping.

September is going to be a month that we plan on collecting items for the Oaks Indian Ministry, which is located near Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Peace Lutheran has helped the Oaks for more than 30 years. Our plan, this year, is to collect items and \$\$\$ during the month of September. There is a list below of suggested gifts. A printed copy will be available at the church on Sunday mornings as well. Collection area will be designated in the welcome area. Then, in October we will deliver items to their home in Oklahoma. Thank you for your support of this 2nd mile giving.

September 12th is the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" national community service day. See page 1 for more details.

Thank you,
Welcome, Grow, Serve Committee.

- Laundry Deterg.
- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Disinfectant
- Wipes
- Trash Bags (15 & 40 gal.)
- Lysol
- Gald & Airwick plug-in (refills)
- Paper Towels

- Pillows
- Storage containers
- Laundry Baskets
- Clothes Hampers
- Industrial Vacuums
- Light Bulbs
- Pots & Pans
- Cooking utensils
- Batteries (AA & AAA)

- Tampons
- Pads
- Shampoo & Cond.
- Body Wash (men's & women's)
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Toilet Paper
- Loofahs
- Cough Drops

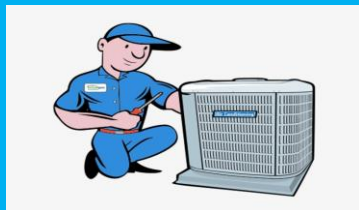
- Roast Beef & Gr. Beef
- Pork
- In need of 2-line range hood
- Canned Goods
- Snack Foods
- Clothes
- Tennis Shoes
- Jeans (30-380 Sizes)
- Medical Supplies
- First Aid Kits
- Tylenol & Motrin (liquid & capsule)
- Band Aids



- Pyrex Dishes,
- Ceiling Fans
- Mattress Covers,
- Soap Containers (travel size)



A big 'Thank You' to the congregation for going above and beyond raising money to get the air conditioning fixed. All problems were fixed and we were able to get a one-year maintenance agreement for the 7 units with routine maintenance and filter changes twice per year. We couldn't have done it without you so again, thank you!



Thank you to Amber Miller and Bill Eichman for representing us at MSSU Community Day. They gave out 95 Hug Juices and talked with quite a few Students!



Commemorating Our Dead and the Faithful Departed of Peace Lutheran

As we look ahead to the coming autumn months, All Saints Day arises as our primary feast day. And, this year, it does so with more importance than ever in the life of our assembly, our community, our nation, and our world. 2020 and 2021 will forever be noted in history as years of excessive death. *The Economist* magazine notes 137,710 excess deaths in the United States alone as of August 19.

Peace Lutheran Church is intimately connected to this experience. Unable to gather in person for All Saints Day in 2020, our assembly nevertheless mourned the deaths of Emma Jean Schroeder, Kevin Hoch, and Woody Cheesman among others during a Zoom worship service. Now, in 2021, we look to bring in person remembrance of these faithful departed alongside new grief for the deaths of Martha Clifton, Bev Skancke, Marlene Hintz, and LaVaune Johnston.

But we know, as brothers and sisters in Christ, that our experience and remembrance of death is even bigger than these six: friends, family, and neighbors we have named in our prayers; reinternment from a collapsing columbarium, military and civilian personnel who worked in places of war, conflict, terrorism, and other dangerous settings; victims of racial, domestic, and abusive violence; deaths from mass shootings; pandemic-related deaths; wildfire, storm, and energy-failure caused deaths; and so much more.

Mindful of this experience, Peace Lutheran Church is planning to connect our grief and mourning to the message of God's saving work and victory over death in several ways.

- First, this year's All Saints Sunday worship feast will be extra special. Mark your calendars to be with us on November 7 as we gather with the whole communion of saints. We will honor the dead, participate in the healing rituals of the church, and join together at Christ's table for Holy Communion.
- Second, the Memorial Committee and Church Council have authorized the purchase of two palls for use during funerals—a smaller one for urns/ashes and another larger one for coffins. Current plans are to bless these palls at our worship on All Saints Sunday.
- Third, a special October/November issue of our "Prints of Peace" newsletter is being planned. Featuring a pastoral message and several unique, contextual articles, this issue will also include remembrances of those who have died.

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- Fourth, we are inviting you to submit remembrances for any of the faithful departed who are connected the family of Peace Lutheran. Send your brief quotes, digital photos, or other items of remembrance to the church office by September 30. We'll include a portion of those in our next special October/November newsletter; others will be featured within our All Saints Sunday worship on November 7.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions about these special events.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
—Isaiah 25:7-8



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3, 9:00 am

Join us for worship on Sunday, October 3, as we celebrate both Francis of Assisi's care of creation and the support and love that God provides to so many through animal relationships in our lives.

For this special worship service, we invite gentle pets and creatures to join us in our sanctuary worship space. Large animals and pets who might be unsettled in our gathering are welcome to be with us in photos or other ways. For example: Do you know someone with a horse? Maybe bring a bridle. (Or bring the whole horse, and we'll go outside to include it in our blessing!) Do you have a fish who might not travel well? Bring a fishbowl or some fish food. Are there birds who inhabit your property? Bring a feather or an abandoned nest.

Need more inspiration? Let us know your animal; we'll help find a way to make it work!



- **Worship every Sunday 9am- In person and on zoom!**
- **God's work. Our hands.**
Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 am.
- **Welcome, Grow, Serve Meeting- Sunday, October 10th, following the service.**



- ♥ Franklin Kroush
- ♥ Rita Sloan
- ♥ Beth Midcap
- ♥ Christian Midcap
- ♥ April Wilson
- ♥ Bob Reid
- ♥ Lisa K.
- ♥ Kathy Detert
- ♥ Vallie Cook
- ♥ Murlin Hintz's sister, Marge
- ♥ Jean Stiles
- ♥ David

Let the office know if someone needs to be add to or taken off of the prayer list, thank you.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2021

10:00 AM

Members Present: Pastor Gates, Patty Heagel (President), Pat Tikkanen (President-Elect), Coleen Cameron (Secretary), and Bill Eichman (Treasurer)
Absent: Gary Stiles (Facilities); Linda Rappa (Christian Ed)

Opening Devotions: Pastor opened the meeting with reflection on today's Gospel from Mark and prayer.

Call to Order: Patty called the meeting to order. There was acceptance of the agenda.

Minutes from June: It was moved to accept the minutes from June 20 and June 27, 2021 as presented. **MSP**

Treasurer's Report

Bill gave an update for June and pointed out that 1st Mile giving was down by \$1,586.00 from budget for June. An additional \$277.00 was transferred from the Building Fund over what was budgeted to help cover expenses. Expenses were down by \$1,493.00 though.

Bill also reported that the information has been entered and accepted for the forgiveness of the PPP Loan (\$4,352.00). There will be a final review and submission through Arvest.

Parker Loan: Bill reviewed the loan documents and discovered that the balloon payment would be due in 63 months and not the 5 years or 60 months as thought. So rather than receiving it in July, it will be several more months before the payout. That amount is \$20,000.00.

Snow Cone Machine/Truck for Car Show: Bill reported that at this time the owner still does not have staffing to be able to attend our event. He will continue to stay in touch in case something would change.

Committee Reports

It was moved to accept the following committee reports: **(MSP)**

Financial Secretary's report noted that pledges were down somewhat and possibly a reminder could be sent out.

Welcome, Grow, Serve committee is working on finalizing the Car Show and Pat is working on obtaining volunteer help. We will be doing the Vaccine Clinic there as well. They are discussing possible events to support Oaks Indian Mission.

Current Needs of Church/Members

LaVaune Johnston died this week but no details on any arrangements were available. Two potential new members; Julia Stone and Mary Follmer.

Open Action Items

Establishing Church Office Hours: Pastor and Patty met with Amber and details are being worked out to deal with the transportation issues. Options were discussed.

COVID Statistics: Numbers remain high for this area. Trying to push the vaccine clinic during the car show. Signs will be posted that indicate masks are required while inside the building.

New Business

Bill indicated that we evidently have a system leak in the HVAC system and needs to be explored. We are no longer on warranty and the company we had used is no longer in business. Other options explored as well as the potential to consider a yearly maintenance program in the future. It was moved that Bill get with Gary to work on getting the HVAC issues identified and what it will take to correct them. **(MSP)**

Updates

1. Pastor will be gone Labor Day Weekend. Options would be to try and find a pulpit replacement or to do a lay service. Will discuss next month.
2. Pastor is having a 360 degree review from his employer and said that Council would be asked to participate voluntarily. An email would be sent to each person.
3. Pastor also stated he wanted Council to know he was flexible with his portion of the budget as needed or considered as appropriate.

No further business and meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Cameron, Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2021

10:00 AM

Members Present: Pastor Gates, Patty Heagel (President), Pat Tikkanen (President-Elect), and Bill Eichman (Treasurer)

Absent: Gary Stiles (Facilities); Linda Rappa (Christian Ed), Coleen Cameron (Secretary)

Opening Devotions: Pastor opened the meeting with reflection and we sang "We Eat the Bread of Teaching" #518.

Call to Order: Patty called the meeting to order. There was acceptance of the agenda.

Minutes from July: It was moved to accept the minutes from July 18th and the Special Council Meeting held on July 31st, 2021 as presented. **MSP**

Treasurer's Report

Bill gave an update for July and pointed out that 1st Mile giving was down by \$1,071.00 from budget for July. YTD we are short \$7,500 in Budgeted First Mile Giving.

Additional monies were transferred to cover the gap from the Building Fund over what was budgeted to help cover expenses as authorized in the May Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

Expenses were down by \$318 though. Expenses jumped this month due to failures of the HVAC system so funds were used to cover initial costs. The July 31st meeting authorized a one time collection for the HVAC system and the goal was met.

HVAC- \$5,350 was raised to repair units. So far we have spent \$3,100 leaving a balance of \$2,250. A one-year maintenance agreement is \$1,156 for 7 units with routine maintenance and filter changes twice per year. It was recommended that we enter into the maintenance Agreement and begin it in October, so we would have it looked at in Spring and Fall. **MSP**

Building Fund Balance as of 8/1 is \$2,788. We must keep \$2,500 in the account to qualify for the special interest.

Car Show brought in \$1,473. After expenses, approximately \$1,425 will be donated to Crosslines.

Bill also reported that the forgiveness of the PPP Loan (\$4,352.00) has occurred. We have received notice from SBA that the loan has been forgiven. Bank records reflect the same.

Parker Loan Balloon Payment: We are not sure of any Administrative Fees that will be associated with receipt of this payoff. Bill knows a lawyer that will do pro-bono work should we need something.

Committee Reports

It was moved to accept the following committee reports: **(MSP)**

Finance – Finance Committee met and reviewed the budget and income.

We currently have 20 family giving units that are members.

Reviewed the 2022 Proposed Budget and made some edits (see minutes). Recommended tabling final review and endorsement until the Council's September Meeting.

Recommend the Audit Committee meet and conduct 2nd and 3rd Qtr Audits at the same meeting

Welcome, Grow, Serve Committee

Annual Car Show was very successful Car Show. Great Job and Thank You to Everyone!

MSSU Days is August 18th and Amber and Bill will man the event with flyers and inviting folks to participate in God's Work -Our Hand's Day.

God's Work Our Hands Day is September 12th - Members decided to clean-up the old soccer fields on Lone Elm, hopefully with lots of participation from students. 9-12 noon

Oaks Indian Mission - Support for Oaks Indian Mission in the form of supplies and backpacks. Colleen offered to lead in the Fall.

Memorial Committee – Met and requested funds be used from the Memorial Committee to buy a new Banner and Palls (for funerals). Looking for a new member as well.

Current Needs of Church/Members

LaVaune Johnston funeral was held at Peace this month and was very well attended. She will be missed!

Two potential new members: Julia Stone and Mary Follmer.

Open Action Items

Church Office Hours: Update?

Adoption of 2022 Budget – Finance Committee is asked to look at how the \$35K Gap in the budget might be addressed. Adoption of the Title "Music Director" be made in the Budget/Finance rather than two titles in the current line.

HVAC Maintenance Agreement - MSP

New Business – None

Pastor is meeting with the Synod on September 9th as part of a routine meeting.

No further business and meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Tikkanen for Coleen Cameron, Secretary