



The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, March 2018

FROM MIKE LASSEN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Members of Peace,

We are doubly blessed by God and by generations of Peace Lutheran Church members to have a beautiful building to perform God's mission here in Beavercreek. Last year, the Property Board identified that two of our air conditioners are old and at risk of failing. To compound the problem, the refrigerant used in the systems has been phased out in favor of more environmentally friendly options. The result is that when our air conditioners fail, they will need to be replaced.

We raised this issue at the November Congregation Meeting and determined that it would be prudent to begin planning in the spring. The estimate for replacing the two air conditioners is around \$60,000, and we do not have the money in our escrow accounts.

I am asking for you to prayerfully consider making an additional gift or to increase your offering for a dedicated fund to replace our air conditioners. We, the current members of Peace Lutheran Church, can ensure that future members of Peace Lutheran Church also have a suitable facility to perform God's mission in Beavercreek.

Thank you in advance for your dedication and generosity to Peace. I will keep you informed both on the progress of our fund raising and on the status of our air conditioners as we bring them on line this year.

In Christ,

Mike Lassen
President

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

On Palm Sunday we journey we journey with Jesus through the passion story.

Saturday, March 24, 2018 5:15 PM

Sunday, March 25, 2018 8:15 AM & 10:45AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' command to love one another and the meal he commemorated.

Thursday, March 29, 2018 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, we marvel at Jesus' passion on the cross. **Friday, March 30, 2018 7:00 PM**

EASTER

Saturday, March 31, 2018 5:15 PM

Sunday, April 1, 2018 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt April 1, 2018 9:30 AM- Fellowship Hall

FROM PASTOR CAREY

Seder Presentation

Jesus, along with His disciples, conducted the Passover meal as it was given in Exodus 12. Even as He did this, He knew the supper would illustrate His death for the sin of mankind to generations yet unborn. We continue to read about this Passover Meal on Palm/Passion Sunday as we read from Mark 14 prior to our Easter Celebrations.

The Messiah in the Passover Seder Presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt but also of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work on Jesus. This presentation will give us a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the communion table. Come and participate in this enlightening Seder experience on **March 22, 6:00 - 7:30pm.**

Using the traditional elements of a Jewish Passover Seder, Jason Rose from Chosen People Ministries will explain their history, what each element represents, and how the Passover is fulfilled through Jesus' death at Calvary. We will have the opportunity to participate in a demonstration of a Seder Meal. We will gather in the fellowship hall and be seated at times with samples of the elements of the Passover Seder. All present will have the opportunity to partake of the elements as our missionary goes step-by-step through the demonstration. Please sign up for this Seder Demonstration using the "*I Worship Today*" sheet or by calling the office.

To help make this Seder presentation a success, we are looking for a few volunteers to help set the tables prior to the meal with the appropriate table setting as well as a few volunteers to help prepare our food samples for the evening. If you are interested, please see Pastor Carey who has both the table setting guide as well as simple recipes for our samples.

FROM LINDA LALLY

LITURGICAL ARTS TEAM TO FORM

The liturgical arts team will be resurrected and serve under the Board of Worship. They will be tasked with creating new art and banners for the sanctuary. Examples of past work are the 60th anniversary tree banner, the quilted Easter banner, and the Advent candle stand from this past year. We are also looking for people who are interested in creating artwork to be used in our weekly worship projections and occasional videos to be used in worship. If you are interested in joining the Liturgical Arts Team, please contact Pastor Steve or Linda Lally.

MINISTRY NEWS

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING: Michael's house, the children's advocacy center from Greene County, will present "Stewards of Children," a sexual abuse prevention program for all volunteers working with youth and children's programs at Peace or IHN. This training is scheduled on **Saturday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Pastor Carey encourages all of our volunteers for faith formation education (Sunday morning, Wednesday evening), youth, VBS, and nursery to attend. The program is intense in nature as it talks in-depth about sexual abuse and is geared for those 18 and older. Those 15 -18 are invited to participate only if they have a parent participating with them. Michael's house invites all parents of children and youth to attend to help them recognize abuse and be advocates for their children.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS: Easter is April 1, and we need trinkets and/or candy donations for our Easter egg hunt that morning. We are asking for individually wrapped small candies or trinket/token items that can fit inside a plastic egg. Please leave donations at the Welcome Center or in the Office **before Wed., March 21.**

EASTER EGG HUNT AND FELLOWSHIP: After the 8:15 a.m. Heritage Service, we encourage all adults and children to join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for a light Easter brunch with pastries and fruit. Middle and high school youth will be preparing for the Easter egg hunt in the youth room and would love any interested adults/prayer partners to come and help with last minute preparations and hide eggs. Elementary aged children will begin Sunday School Faith Formation at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. At 10:00 a.m. the children and their parents will meet in the fellowship hall to go into the backyard of the church for an Easter egg hunt. This is a great opportunity for all of our prayer partners to meet, greet, and celebrate Easter together. for all of our prayer partners to meet, greet, and celebrate Easter together.

EASTER EGG HUNT PREPARATION: Wednesday, March 21, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the youth room. Come and help stuff Easter Eggs with candy and trinkets.

YOUTH BOARD BASKET FUNDRAISER: The Youth Board is requesting donations for its Basket Raffle Fundraiser which will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11 and 17-18**. Proceeds will benefit Youth Missions including meal packing and the Youth Gathering in Houston. Congregation members are encouraged to donate a basket or individual items such as movies, toys, spa items, etc. Please bring donations to the church office by March 4

SOFTBALL It will soon be time for softball to start, and we need many players. Both the co-ed and the men's leagues start the week of April 16. The co-ed team plays Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and the men's league plays Thursdays at 7:10 p.m. All games are played at Rotary Park. If you have questions, please contact Tom Puckett at 937-416-1297.

OPIOIDS CRISIS: Churches and Community members are invited to Beaver Creek Church of the Nazarene on **March 5, 7:00 - 9:00p.m.**, to hear inspiring stories of hope and opportunity while learning practical and proven methods for their congregations, parishes, and communities to become part of the solution to this current epidemic, called the "Opioids Crisis," which is plaguing our communities. Daryl Strawberry and his wife will be one of the presenters. **For more information, talk with Pastor Steve or Susan Lopez. If you are interested in attending, sign up on the "I Worshiped Today" sheet.**

WELCA SPRING GATHERING: The WELCA Dayton Conference will meet **April 7, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at Peace, featuring Rev. Mary Laymon, of Tikkun Farm, Mt. Healthy, OH. The theme, "Life's Transitions with God's Grace," aims to strengthen our relationships with God and others. Please call in advance for child care request: (937-546-2024). The cost is a \$2.00 donation for the soup and salad lunch and in-kind gifts for Peace Lutheran's food pantry (non-perishable foods especially pancake mix and syrup).

WHERE YOUR HEART IS

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Joyce found her own way to nurse's training. It was 1944. The government promised to pick up the cost of anyone who would volunteer for duty upon graduation. She jumped at the chance.

It was difficult. The studies, the long hours, and distance from the family. Her duty on a psych floor in Kansas brought home the reality of war and initiated her into her profession.

Fifty years later, a lifetime of caring with hands and heart had passed. In her community, people knew her. She had cried with parents who had lost a child to meningitis. When a family came in burned by a house fire, she rode in the ambulance, consoling and comforting with words and actions. She started the local Hospice program, spent 10 years walking 200 students through LPN training at the local vocational school, and educated the community on the concerns of aging before she was done. Person after person would remember her kind care during a difficult time. They would stop her on the street to thank her.

When Joyce had heart trouble, it was her turn to be on the receiving end. The word went out. Joyce's birthday. Would you send a card? They arrived. Collected in secret until they could be poured out on the table, onto her lap, spilling card after card onto the floor. Not quite bags and bags, but enough to get the message across.

Thank you, Joyce, for hearing the call, packing your suitcase, and getting on that bus. A bountiful harvest from a life bountifully lived.

FINANCIAL STANDINGS

January 2017

GOAL	\$63,607
INCOME	\$52,224
EXPENSES	\$58,407

January 2018

GOAL	\$62,768
INCOME	\$53,738
EXPENSES	\$62,187



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:15 p.m.

Praise Service

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

Heritage Service

9:30 a.m.

Faith Formation Education
Hour

10:45 a.m.

Celebration Service

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