

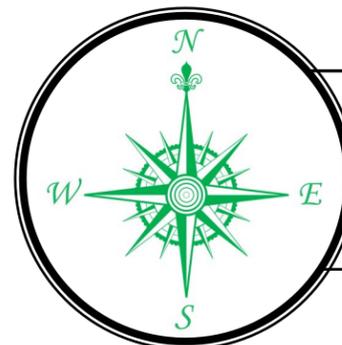


Peace Lutheran Church

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, April, 2019

FROM PASTOR STEVE

He has risen! This is the cry of Christians around the world on Easter morning. But what does that mean for your daily life? How does this news change the way you look at the world. How does this news impact the way you love your neighbor? This question is at the heart of why we are Christians.

Christ conquered death to let us know that ultimately God has and is the last Word. Christ conquered to give us hope! Christ conquered to free us! Christ conquered to draw us into relationship with him! Christ conquered to give us life. Christ conquered for us! In many ways Christ conquering becomes God's "YES" to the world.

Yes, God loves you. Yes, God is with you. Yes, God is for you. Yes, God forgives you, not matter where you have been or what you have done. Yes, God claims you as his even before you were knit together in your mothers womb. So as we face the troubles, difficulties and frustrations of daily life, God's Spirit is with you. Rely on God's Spirit. Allow God to lead and guide you. Make prayer a constant in your life. Allow it to transform you and transform your days.

Remember, He has Risen!...and this changes everything!

EASTER EGG HUNT AND FELLOWSHIP

Easter Sunday is April 21, and there are several fellowship opportunities;



Following 8:15 a.m. Heritage Service – Easter Brunch

9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation Education

10:00 a.m. – Easter egg hunt, meet in the fellowship hall

If you would like to donate pastries or help with set up and clean up for the Easter brunch please sign up on the "I Worshipped Today" sheet on Sunday morning.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS AND PREP: We are in need of 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 Sunday, April 7.** Come and help stuff Easter Eggs in the youth room on **April 7 from 9:30-10:30a.m.** and on Wednesday, **April 10, from 6:30-7:30p.m.**

SPRING OUTDOOR CLEANUP

PLC 2019 SPRING OUTDOOR CLEANUP is Saturday, **April 13, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.** The property board would like to bring church members and/or their friends and/or family together as multigenerational teams (Share Christ) in a joy-full atmosphere to clean up the church landscape. The backup rain date is Saturday, April 27. Hot dogs and drinks are provided. Clean up will include trimming and/or pruning hedges and/or bushes, removal of debris, weeding, mulching, some edging and Preen applications. Please bring appropriate tools.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:15 p.m.

Praise Service

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.

Heritage Service

9:30 a.m.

Faith Formation Education

10:45 a.m.

Celebration Service

Church Office: 937-426-1441

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Our Ministers: Every Member

Senior Pastor: Stephen Kimm

Associate Pastor: Carey Hovland

Youth Ministry Leader: Deacon Dan Jacob

Parish Administrator: Kevin Pyle

Director of Music: Linda Hill Lally

Administrative Assistant: Christa Clelan

Custodian: Brad Saunders

Nursery: Melissa Ellis and Lindsay Hoskins

Wedding Coordinator: Robin Jones

MAKING DISCIPLES THROUGH OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

In our Affirmation of Baptism the pastor asks:

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

We are called through God's Word, our Baptismal covenant, and our mission statement to Go and Make Disciples! Part of making disciples is Teaching God's Word and helping others see the relevance of God's Word in their lives. One way that Peace chooses to engage in the ministry of making disciples is through our Vacation Bible School Program.

Vacation Bible School offers you an opportunity to disciple children within our congregation and community. VBS also gives you an opportunity to invite children 4 years old - 5th grade to come and join us on a week-long adventure where faith and God's Word are seen through bible storytelling, crafts, recreation, science, and snack as we build relationships with one another. It is a great opportunity for youth from Peace and the community to learn leadership skills as they work alongside of our adult volunteers and help shepherd, teach, and build relationships with the children. But Vacation Bible School is not just for children and youth it is a great opportunity for adults to continue to grow in discipleship we model faith through our teaching and shepherding.

This year our theme is To Mars and Beyond where we will "Explore where God's power can take us!" as we focus on the theme verse "*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!*" – Ephesians 3:20

We will see God's presence as

Daniel Trusts God in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)

Queen Esther Takes a Stand (Esther 4-9)

The Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow Traveler (Luke 10:25-37)

Jesus Heals 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

Jesus Comforts Friends on the Way to Emmaus (Matthew 24:13-35)

Vacation Bible School gives us all a space and time to care for our youngest disciples, help foster leadership in our youth and become visible models of faith.

If you would like to participate or volunteer please fill out a VBS registration form online or a paper registration form which is available at the welcome center and return it to the church office. If you have questions please contact Jen Dean or Pastor Carey at pastorcarey@peacebeavercreek.org.

PEACMAKERS

PEACEMAKERS will gather on Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a lasagna dinner. Our program will be presented by Rev. Pete Rudowski. Rev. Pete is a retired ELCA pastor from Cincinnati. His topic will be "*Easter is God's Victory over Evil*". We will celebrate April birthdays. Please check the "*I Worship Today*" sheet for your reservation. **Reservation deadline is April 8th.** For info and cancellation call, Marilyn Elliott ([848-8397](tel:848-8397)), Helen Haun ([427-0741](tel:427-0741)) or Robin Jones ([429-2997](tel:429-2997)). Donation is \$5. You are a Peacemaker if you are 50+. Come and join us for a great program and dinner.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIF QUILTS

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with completing quilts for LWR. We were able to complete 14 quilts.

We received word that the quilts sent in 2018 were sent to Iraq and Rwanda. The personal care kits were sent to Dominca.

The quilters meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Peace. We are accepting donations of twin size or larger flat sheets and cotton fabric. All are welcome to help. Contact Jan Fix at janfix@infinet.com or 307-9497 with questions

LIVING AND GIVING GENEROUSLY

Most Americans make their contributions to charity by writing checks or even setting up automatic payments from checking accounts or through credit cards. **Peace Lutheran** is happy to receive your gifts however you choose to make them.

If you have any appreciated stock or mutual funds, you can likely benefit tremendously by gifting the appreciated asset directly to the church. As a church, we do not pay capital gains taxes. You, as the donor, get the opportunity to deduct the value of the stock on the date you give it to the church if you are able to itemize your deductions.

Here is a illustration of how this can work

	Giving Cash	Giving Appreciated Stock
Value of Gift	\$5,000	\$5,000
Tax savings with deduction at 24% rate	(\$1,200)	(\$1,200)
Tax savings from no capital gains (15% rate)	N/A	\$300
Net cost of cash gift	\$3,800	\$3,500

Of course, you should check with your tax advisor to discuss your personal situation to determine if this scenario works for you.

We are able to receive your stock gifts here at the church. Contact Kevin Pyle (kevin.pyle@peacebeavercreek.org) to learn how to transfer the stock directly to the church (Unless you are giving away a capital loss, you should likely not sell the stock yourself. Instead it should be transferred from your account directly to the church account).

YOUTH EVENTS

YOUTH COLLECTION DRIVE: During this Lent, the Peace Youth Group is collecting new hygiene and household items as well as used cellphones for the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County. Check the youth tab of the church website for a collection flier. Items may be dropped off in the bin below the yellow collection poster in the narthex.

YOUTH LOCK-IN: Mark your calendars for a 6th-12th grade Lock-in **May 3-4**. The event runs from **7:00 p.m. Friday to 9:00 a.m. Saturday**. Youth not wishing to spend the night may be picked up at 11:00 p.m. Friday. Friends are welcome at this event as long as they have completed a consent form available on the youth tab of the church website.

UPCOMING AT PEACE IN APRIL

April 11	Thursday at 5:30PM	Peacemakers Dinner
April 13	Saturday at 10:00AM	Spring Outdoor Cleanup
April 13/14		Palm Sunday worship
April 18	Thursday at 7:00PM	Maundy Thursday worship
April 19	Friday at 7:00PM	Good Friday worship
April 20	Saturday at 5:15PM	Easter Saturday worship
April 21	Sunday at 8:15AM	Easter Sunday Heritage worship
April 21	Sunday at 9:30AM	Easter Brunch
April 21	Sunday at 10:00AM	Easter egg hunt for children
April 21	Sunday at 10:45AM	Easter Sunday Celebration worship

FINANCIAL STANDINGS

February 2018	
Budget	\$54,922.00
INCOME	\$38,824.73
EXPENSES	\$66,863.01
February 2019	
GOAL	\$60,522.00
INCOME	\$62,549.47
EXPENSES	\$65,949.11