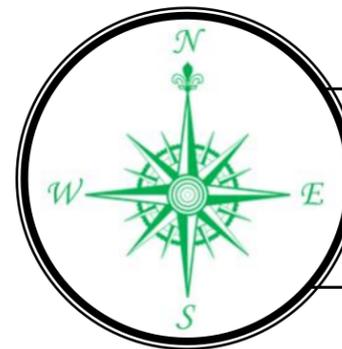




Peace Lutheran Church

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The Compass of Peace

Peace Lutheran Church, September 2020

MOVING INTO A NEW NORMAL

We all are finding a new normal. We all are figuring out how to interact and move around in this Covid Pandemic. At this time, I would like to thank all the hard working volunteers at Peace for all their work from behind the scenes and behind their masks! We continue to live our mission to Share Christ, Serve Community and Grow Disciples, albeit in different ways than even a year ago.

We continue to offer opportunities for face-to-face worship and YouTube worship.

Currently, we have two services outdoors, 5:15 p.m. Saturday and 10:15 a.m. Sunday worship, and one service indoors at 8:15 a.m. Sunday. Last month, we sent out a policy that shares how we will adapt if the Covid count goes up and our county is placed at a level 3 or 4. Thank you for being willing to be flexible. We need to be flexible in this wilderness called, Covid-19.

Going forward, as the weather gets cooler, we will need to move inside for worship. This means things will change. What I am about to share has been discussed at council and worship board. When we come inside we will be requiring reservations for worship, as are many other churches. We will be using a reservation software that will send out emails and/or texts to our members on Mondays. You will need to click on the email, the service or services you hope to be at on the weekend. The registration time frame will be open from Monday to Friday. The opportunity to register for worship will be available on our webpage, as well. Registration will help us to have a list of names of people if needed by the county medical board. It will also help us to have the right number of people for the space, in order to provide social distancing and appropriate air flow. There is no problem if you register and then are unable to attend.

The “in-person” worship times, when we move inside, will remain the same: 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 8:15 a.m. Sunday and 10:15 a.m. Sunday, since we have no education hour on Sunday. However, we will be moving the YouTube Worship reveal to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Finally, the renovation process is moving forward on time. We expect to be able to use our new space indoors some time in the middle to late October. It is at this time, we will adopt the registration process and move the YouTube worship time to 11:00 a.m. Sunday on our “Peace Lutheran Beavercreek” YouTube channel.

Peace,
Pastor Steve

NAMING CONTEST

With the renovation, the plans created a new space. We have a lounge/café/coffee -bar type space being created as the old kitchenette is moved 90 degrees into one of the rooms of the old nursery space. This fellowship space will be important for the life of this community going forward. We want to name it! For example, something like: “Holy Grounds Café.” Use your creativity! Submit a name by sending it to the church office or on the “*I Worshiped Today*.” The renovation committee will pick three names to be voted on by the end of September. We will vote on it early in October as we get ready to come into our renewed space for worship.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE At Pavilion

Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

In Fellowship Hall

Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

YOU TUBE CHANNEL

PEACE LUTHERAN BEAVERCREEK

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Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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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:	Mary Haller
Custodian:	Brad Saunders
Nursery:	Melissa Ellis and Lindsay Hoskins
Wedding Coordinator:	Robin Jones

YOUTH NEWS

Socially Distanced Picnic Recap

Several families took part in our picnic in August at Rotary Park. 21 people gathered for Pandemic Bingo and Bible Charades but, more importantly, to enjoy each other's company under a beautiful blue sky. Youth got prizes for their creative masks and parents received a special chocolatey treat.

Youth will have a chance to gather again at our second Virtual Campfire on September 11 or for Virtual Confirmation and the Heroes of Scripture and Screen Bible Study starting up in September. They can also take part in our collaborative Many-Canvas Mural art project. Details for these events have been shared with families over email.

VBS Check-in

Peace Lutheran Church wants to thank again all the families who took part in making our online VBS possible this summer. The website remains online and up-and-running for any families who wish to use its videos, music, art projects, science projects, games and stories. Since the site was launched in June 25 families from PLC have taken part and 256 families from across the Southern Ohio Synod and far beyond have utilized what we made available, and that number keeps growing.

Confirmation During Covid-19

Confirmation lessons begin again on September 13. Families have already received their intro letters and other materials and will continue to receive updates over email. In 2020, all confirmation lessons are being conducted online over GoToMeeting. Lessons are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons and rotate through a series that covers the Small Catechism, the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Lutheran Theology.

In addition to the lessons, confirmation students are expected to take part in fellowship events, faith formation, service activities, and to offer worship leadership and complete worship reflections. During this time, students are able to complete reflections using the google form provided online. There are many ways for them to lead worship including reading and ushering, operating the PowerPoint or video camera, singing or playing in the band, or communion assisting. Students can even take part from their own homes in the upcoming Dramatic Gospel Readings (more info to come).

There are many ways to continue taking part in fellowship events like the recent picnic and upcoming Virtual Campfire. Confirmation youth can join in the Heroes of Scripture and Screen Bible studies for faith formation. They can also read their Bibles. Every hour spent reading the Bible counts towards faith formation. Pastor Carey and Deacon Dan would love to talk to you about where to start reading the Bible or how to set up a Bible reading schedule or journal.

When it comes to service activities, we encourage youth to get creative in ways that they can serve their community. We have numerous At-Home Service Projects listed on our website and at the online VBS. Any youth who lead their family in one of those projects and talks about it with Deacon Dan or Pastor Carey can receive confirmation credit. Those projects include making masks and care packages or conducting book and clothing drives.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions about confirmation or ideas about how to fulfill expectations.

WHAT DOES YOUR ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE DO?

The Committee manages the fund and distributes a portion of the fund per church constitution on an annual basis. Since 2014, Peace Lutheran has donated over \$40,000 to deserving organizations. The Committee is always looking for worthwhile organizations which model Peace's mission to do community outreach.

The Committee is excited to showcase the Victory Project of Dayton in this article. Peace Lutheran, through the Endowment Committee, has donated \$9,000 to the project over the last 4 years. The Project is a privately funded after-school program, mentoring disengaged young men in North Dayton. Their areas of concentration are:

EDUCATION - Weekly, individualized homework assistance and tutoring. The facility includes a computer lab and library,

ENTREPRENEURSHIP - A micro-enterprise, Victory Landscape Management LLC, is operated by the youth and business mentors. The program's participants receive real world experience of having a job and paying taxes. The young men not only learn the value of labor, but also help manage the business from which they acquire a sense of empowerment,

ENLIGHTENMENT - A dinner is served five nights a week, building a trusting, loving environment which is reinforced during the weekly Bible Studies.

The Victory Project creates an environment so valuable the disengaged student modifies his behavior to maintain membership.

If you would like to be a part of Peace Lutheran's Endowment Fund, which helps support the Victory Project and other organizations with diverse mission statements there are several options:

- * Become a member of **The Peace Dove Society**. This involves including Peace in your estate planning. This option ensures the mission of Peace will continue into the future. Information about our Dove Society can be found on our website, as well as, available in the church office.
- * Consider the **Endowment Fund** in your annual giving. Gifts of all sizes are important. Memorials are a great way of remembering someone special.

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THANK YOU



I am a teacher at Parkwood School. I wanted to reach out and say thank you for the letter and portable prayer card. I put it on my filing cabinet next to my desk. The thoughtfulness and prayers sent by your church are very appreciated as we start this school year.

Ms. Kelly Clark

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Counters are needed and your volunteer time would help the church immensely. If you can donate a few hours every six weeks as a counter, it would be a superb way to help Peace keep timely deposits going to the bank. Please contact Ed Cohrs at edcohrs@earthlink.net or 937-427-3609 for more information.



**OFFERING
COUNTERS**

FINANCIAL STANDINGS

<u>JULY 2019</u>	
BUDGET	\$63,187.00
INCOME	\$56,478.35
EXPENSES	\$65,609.64
<u>JUNE 2020</u>	
BUDGET	\$64,196.97
INCOME	\$38,322.02
EXPENSES	\$63,419.31

RENOVATION PROJECT: PROJECT MANAGER'S STATUS REPORT

Greetings! It's been a busy three and a half months since I last spoke to you on the steps of the church, urging you to vote to approve the renovation project and accept a construction loan from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Thank you for approving both motions and letting the renovation project proceed this summer. While you may not be able to see all that is happening, especially inside the building, I hope the status I share with you here makes you as excited as I am for the project to be finished and for us to begin using our new space.

We accomplished a lot already and are still on track for completion in October. With God's blessing, to date we avoided COVID-19 exposure, bad weather, and competition for our work crews from other construction projects, and we pray these things do not hamper us in the future. Exterior work is nearly done. The ramp to the main entrance is finished except for lighting. The two oldest HVAC units were replaced. The parking lot is being resurfaced this week. A new digital street sign and fresh landscaping near the main entrance will be installed in September. Even before the interior work is completed, these exterior improvements will create a more accessible, inviting "curb appeal" for our church.

Progress on the interior of the church is even more impressive. The office is reconfigured to make better use of the space available. The new gathering area is taking shape, and when finished promises to be a comfortable, café-like space for fellowship whenever COVID-19 social distancing restrictions are lifted (by the way, we're looking for a name for this room other than simply "gathering area." Do you have any good ideas?). The new family-friendly restroom, and improvements to other restrooms and the nursery, are also making good progress and present no challenges. My attention has shifted to the sanctuary, where significant work is ongoing and will likely continue to the end of the project. The floor at the front of the sanctuary was leveled and filled in, new front walls are framed, and wiring for new light fixtures is being installed. During September and October, the new bema (where the altar rests) and audio/video/lighting control desk will be constructed, light fixtures and audio/video systems will be installed and tested, ceramic tile and carpeting (outside the sanctuary) will be laid, new sanctuary doors will be installed, and our new altar, ambo, pew chairs and other furniture will arrive. Be on the lookout for an invitation to help unload and install our pew chairs from the truck when it arrives.

We have been blessed with a certain amount of good fortune along the way. Some of the subcontract bids came in lower than expected, helping to keep project costs under control. We found homes for many of the pews. When concrete was poured for the ramp and surrounding sidewalk, we were able to replace broken sections of the front sidewalk too, eliminating a separate repair project for the Property Board. Because we're installing instant water heaters in each of the upstairs restrooms, we were able to replace the old, large hot water heater with a smaller, more economical unit directly attached to the boiler that only needs to provide hot water to the kitchen and downstairs restrooms. And because we're installing modern HVAC system controls, we'll be able to eliminate old, failure-prone controls for some of our other infrastructure systems.

In full disclosure, we also had a couple of unpleasant surprises along the way. When we removed the old carpet from the sanctuary, we found tile underneath (ironically). But it was asbestos tile, so that caused a week-long delay for testing and remediation -- during which time no other work could be done in the sanctuary. Also, the upstairs refrigerator died last month so we must buy a new one for the gathering area (or whatever we name that room). Overall, however, we accomplished a lot in three and a half months with very few issues.

With God's continued blessing, we will have a nicely renovated worship space, gathering area, and infrastructure ready to aid our spiritual renewal whenever COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Your servant,

Doug Tryloff, Renovation Project Manager

CALLING ALL NEW AND RETURNING A/V TECHS!

Are you interested in serving in a new way when we return to worship in the sanctuary? Are you looking forward to returning to serving on the A/V team but not having to climb the stairs to the balcony anymore? It is time to start thinking about how you can help serve in worship in a more "behind the scenes" position. The new A/V booth will be located on the main floor of the sanctuary so no more stairs to access the equipment making it easier for people to become involved. All training will be provided for using our sound system, projection system, new lighting system, and new camera system. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please email Linda at linda.lally@peacebeavercreek.org.



MISSION TRIP TO TANZANIA:

Have you ever wanted to help someone else in an amazing way? Travel to Africa to make a difference in people's lives?

There is a Swahili proverb that says "*Kidogo kidogo hujaza kibaba*" or "People working together can do great things." The International Health Partners, want you to come and help so that we together can do great things in the lives of children.

Our 2020 trip was cancelled due to covid but it has been reschedule for July 24 – August 7, 2021. We will be traveling to the first stand-alone Pediatric Hospital located near Zinga. The International Health Partners team is dedicated to provide the best care for both mothers and their children. They have both outpatient and inpatient units and are able to treat children with both acute and chronic illnesses, including malaria, respiratory illness, viral infections, cerebral palsy, malnutrition, anemia, and congenital malformation. They continue their work on a NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) and are finalizing their work on the Mary Ellen Kitundu Memorial Birthing Center. They have also begun work on a PICU (pediatric intensive care unit).

This mission trip is an amazing opportunity to join in and help serve the needs of the hospital in a variety of ways. There is a current need for qualified medical care, administrative support, and construction muscles (big and small). This is an opportunity for people of all ages and skill levels to work together to do great things and change the quality of children's lives by making medical care possible.

We will have a virtual informational meeting on **Saturday September 19, 2020 at 9:00am on GoToMeeting**. Please email Pastor Carey at pastorcarey@peacebeavercreek.org to be sent an invitation with the meeting link.

For those who want to participate but not travel to Tanzania, don't worry we will have several fundraising opportunities so that you too can make an impact one the lives of children and mothers in Tanzania.