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New Year's Blessings to all.

As we quickly approach the beginning of another new year, there is again that feeling of hope and optimism that the new year will bring a year of health, wholeness and happiness. In short, it is a prayer that next year will be better than last year. But do you also realize what that means? That means things will have to be different than last year and that means things will need to CHANGE (the most hated word in the minds of most of us Lutherans).

While it may be true that we are not the only folks who resist change, it is never the less a challenge for us to embrace. We are much more likely to desire to keep doing the same thing over and over in the same way and expecting a different result. Of course, you are also probably aware that that is the definition of insanity.

For us here at Peace, change is not an option in 2019! It not only is the year that we eagerly await the arrival of a new full-time regularly called Pastor, but you have also had the added alteration of several staff changes which has forced the reality of modifications at hand. But the good news is that change is not always bad and something to be feared. While it is hard to say goodbye to old friends and co-workers, especially ones who have shared in good ministry here at Peace, the fact is, that such change can lead to new opportunities, new vision, and new growth in ministry.

Psychology tells us that people resist change because we are afraid that what lies ahead will be more painful than what we are currently experiencing, and that we are not likely to embrace change until such time that we can see that the "new" which lies ahead cannot in anyway be more painful than what we are currently feeling. In the case of staff turnover, we have no choice, but we do have a choice of how we will embrace the change. While there are some who feel that "it will never be the same again" (which is true), the fact is that there is every reason to believe that while it will never be the same, **that it can be better than it was**. I certainly believe that this is a very real possibility for Peace and your future, but it will mean everyone being open to the possibility and a willingness to let go of the past and embrace what the future will bring.

As we look at the history of the world, and especially our own lives, there isn't one of us who can deny that change is actually the norm of life and if we would be more open to embracing change rather than fearing it and trying to hold it off, we might well have more days of peace and contentment. While there are days that I joyously reflect back on the first days of my grandson's life and the joy of holding that tiny baby, I am also extremely grateful to see the vast changes which we see in him every time we visit, and I can look with longing for the changes that will come to him in the years ahead. Yes, there will certainly be times of "growing pains", and there are times that behaviors are not a blessing, but all that is a part of the process of change and growing. This is most certainly true as we reflect on the birth of the babe in the manger: as much as we want to hold on to the sweet innocence of the baby, the real good news of the celebration is that this child born is born to die for us and that is what we long for and need so deeply.

This is my prayer for Peace: that 2019 will be a year of change which will be reflected in positive growth and proclamation of the Gospel: that "Trusting in God's love, we grow, celebrate, care and serve".

God's Peace be with you all.

Pastor Jim Heckman

EPIPHANY



Notice that the magi's gifts to Jesus come before an illustrious career—before he has preached the Sermon on the Mount or healed crowds of people. Lutherans, and many other Christians, baptize infants with a similar understanding of God's grace. In bestowing God's promises of grace on children at the beginning of their lives, we proclaim a love that is received apart from our accomplishments. In faith, we can celebrate things that have not even happened yet on the basis of these promises. With a similar faith, consider celebrating a new year in your ministry before it has begun. Celebrate children born in your setting in the last year with honors fitting future leaders of the church.

On Sunday, January 6, we are invited to bring a gift we would like to give to the New Born King. What gift will you bring?
(Clothing, food etc. will be donated to FISH. If you bring your Tuba to play, you may take it back home with you.)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday December 30, we welcomed new members to Peace.
They are the following: **Alexa Gorowska,**

Jim, Amanda & Garrett McKenzie:

The McKenzie family come to us from Florida and but grew up in the Detroit area of Michigan and now living Hilltown Township. They enjoy hanging out as a family- bike riding, apple picking, and attending Philadelphia Union games. Amanda's hobbies include Yoga, Photographic Art, and knitting & crocheting. Garrett is an avid reader, enjoys playing drums and guitar and soccer. Jim is typically found doing home improvement projects and enjoys gardening and cooking.

Mary Snyder

Mary is blessed with 3 adult children, 8 Grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She is retired after working 25 years at the Thompson Organization as a Finance Manager. She Lives in Quakertown.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates. Please keep praying for Peace, the committee and the candidates during this process.

call the Church When...



- *A member becomes hospitalized or shut-in, needs prayer, is having a baby, getting married or moving.
- *You have spiritual questions to explore.
- *You are curious about God's call to you.

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FUND RAISER AT THE PERK

The Outreach Team is having a fundraiser at The Perk in Perkasio on Monday, January 14, 2019. Proceeds from the event will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response to assist people who were affected by the 2018 Hurricanes. Please come dine from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and 10% of the sales during that time (not takeout) will be given to Peace Lutheran Church to forward to this important support organization.



COUNCIL CORNER

Happy New Year! As we leave 2018, we are reminded of the changes we have witnessed here at Peace. Our Transition Team that worked diligently and tirelessly on readying us for the call process has given way to the Call Committee,

which is working diligently and tirelessly to complete it. We have begun, and in some measure, completed constitutional changes to comply with both synod requirements and suggestions and recognize our changing world. Our investments have been moved from a stalled, and even regressive, portfolio to a new manager with plans for measured and opportunistic, but considered, growth. We have updated our mission statement to reflect and proclaim our commitment to celebrate, grow, care, and serve. We have said goodbye to staff members Grace, Ed, Eilene, and Amanda and we welcomed Julia and Nicole. Peace has lost members and friends and gained new ones. To every season...

We start 2019 with a renewed purpose and will. We resolve to continue to work to make things better, to get passed what has held us back, and to endure that which we must. In an effort to meet those resolutions, Peace will be holding a Leadership Conference on January 12, 2019. All who wish to attend should: congregational leaders (both present and prospective), committee members, staff, and anyone else interested. We will gather to learn and support - to discuss what role we see for ourselves and our (present and future) pastor.

We also start 2019 with a recognition that our best laid plans, or at least hopes, have not come to fruition. Yes, I write of the "B" word - the budget. We are well into the process and, as we all have seen from the financial information provided in this newsletter, we have not met the goals we set forth at the outset of 2018. This will necessitate some (more) hard choices in the new year and during our congregational meeting in February. I take this opportunity to invite your participation and suggestions.

I also take this opportunity to remind us all that we are in the middle of the call process (not that we need reminded). It is exciting to know that the Call Committee is receiving names of prospective pastors and interviewing candidates, but we must know our limitations in what we can know (and ask). The Call Committee will continue to publish and make known what it can in the bulletins and newsletter. I ask you again to be patient and considerate of their duty of confidentiality. I understand that we all wish to know what is going on - the Call Committee understands this, too - but we all will find out what is going on when we are supposed to. None of us congregants need to know anything more than any other congregant; we will find out together how things are progressing.

Many things have changed this year, for good and bad, but, in some respects, we have ended 2018 right where we began it. May you remain in Peace.

Lawrence Beck
Council President

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES

As we did last year, Peace will be collecting items for A Woman's Place during the month of January. Items needed: gift cards, new female adult underwear and bras, new children's underwear, new boys pajamas, disinfecting wipes, paper towels, bedbug covers, large trash bags, diapers (newborn, size 1, size 2), baby wipes, toilet paper, dishwasher detergent pods. You can view their website (awomansplace.org) for more information.



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE.

Calling all youth group members! January 21st is the Martin Luther King Day of Service and we'll be taking time out to volunteer to collect food items at Landis Super Market from 1-3 pm to donate to FISH. It's a great way to give back to the community.

PUPs



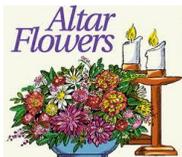
This month's meeting will be Saturday January 19th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. It will be Game Night - all 1st through 5th graders are invited for an evening of fun. **This is a drop-off event - parents can drop their kids off and pick them up. Snacks and water will be provided. Please contact Deb Beck (damlcb@verizon.net) for details.**

January Birthdays

- 1 - Eli Benner
- 2 – Donna Donelon
Morgan Lutz
- 3 – Madelyn Gerth
Larry Schenk
- 5 – Paula Richards
- 7 – Mike Tyburski
- 10 – Donna Lemon
- 12 – Eric French
Nicholas Erney
- 13 – Dorrie Daikeler
- 14 – James McKenzie
James Michener
- 15 – Martin Renshaw
- 16 – Weston Reiss
Paul Stever
- 17 – Avery Burkett
- 18 – Julie Caporaletti
Gary Schaeffer
- 19 – Dakota Lloyd
- 21 – Jack Woehr
- 23 – Walter Herrmann
- 24 - Scott Schneider
- 25 – Chip Kramer
- 28 – Elizabeth Thomas
- 30 – Zachary Schoch
Lindsay Souder
- 31 – Lucy Bartosiewicz
Anthony Caporaletti
Sally Greer

January Anniversaries

- 7 – John and Ellen Shelly
- 19 – Paul and Lola Stever
- 25 – Barry and Ann Grim
- 28 - Kenneth & Cathleen Miller



- 6 – John & Ellen Shelly in
honor of their wedding
anniversary
- 13 – OPEN
- 20 – OPEN
- 27 - OPEN



WELCA will meet on Monday, January 21st at 7PM in Fellowship Hall. Linda Beck will lead a program combining history and religion, which should be very interesting.

All ladies are welcome to attend any of our meetings. Please join us when you can for fellowship and refreshments!

We are continuing to collect clean, empty, plastic bags for the ladies at Rockhill Community, from which they make sleeping mats for the homeless. Thank you very much!

Prayers for St. John, Quakertown, and Holy Closure

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Quakertown, a congregation in the Upper Bucks Conference, **will hold their final worship service on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 2:00 pm** with Bishop Davenport presiding. Rostered leaders and congregational members of the SEPA Synod are welcome to attend a service of thanksgiving for the life and witness of this congregation to the Upper Bucks Community since 1860. Rostered leaders not participating in worship leadership are invited to sit in the congregation.

Please remember in prayer the saints of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Quakertown as they prepare for their final worship service. We join with them in being a death and resurrection faith community as we give thanks for more than a century and half of faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their legacy lives on through the lives impacted by the congregation and gift of assets to the SEPA Synod for the building up of the kingdom of God in this region of the church.

Our Home bound Members

Anna Bishop
Rockhill Mennonite Community
Personal Care – Room 105
3250 State Road
Sellersville, PA 18960

Alice Brad
Brookdale Dublin
160 Elephant Road
Dublin, PA 18917

Mary Dunlap
Cedarbrook Nursing Home
350 S Cedarbrook Rd.
Rm #614A
Allentown, PA 18104

Marion Engelmann
Meadow Glen at Phoebe
108 S. Main St., Apt. 130
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Helen Poust
200 S 9th Street
Cottage #7
Perkasie, PA 18944
Winter: 4596 CR#305
Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

Jean Scholl
2301 North Fifth Street
Perkasie, PA 18944

Gloria Shannon
Rm 57 108 S. Main St.
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Marlene Shilling
The Birches
691 Main Street, Room 28
Harleysville, PA 19438

Shirley Slozer
Hidden Meadows on the Ridge
The Laurels Room D1A
340 Farmers Lane
Sellersville, PA 18960

Luke Stever
Meadow Glen at Phoebe Richland
108 S. Main St. Apt. #122
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Paul & Lola Stever
12 Lutheran Home Drive
Room 412
Telford, PA 18969

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUMMARY TREASURER'S REPORT
1/1/18 through 11/30/18**

Operating Budget		
	November	Year To Date
Revenue		
Current Expense	\$8,470	\$99,481
Building Maintenance	\$828	\$11,185
Benevolence	\$1,341	\$15,752
Flowers & Bulletins	\$252	\$3,061
Special Envelopes	\$355	\$3,430
Plate Offering	\$215	\$2,814
Nase Funds	\$0	\$55,892
All other	\$315	\$3,974
Total Revenue	\$11,776	\$195,589
Less: Total Expenses	-\$18,628	-\$265,994
Revenue (Under)/Over Expenses	6,852.53	-\$70,404
Funding Transfers (Actual & Pending)	\$1,390	\$46,163
Rev (Under)/Over Exp Transfers	-\$5,462	-\$24,241

Designated Benevolence-YTD 11/30/18	
Advent Quarter Card	\$10
Ash Wednesday	\$400
Good Friday	\$431
Harvest Home	\$390
Lenten Quarter Card	\$115
Lutheran Charity Appeal	\$1,103
Lutheran Disaster Rresponse	\$180
Mid-Week Lent	\$574
Missionary	\$94
Sleepout for Homeless	\$80
Sunday School Missionary	\$75
Thankoffering	\$514
Thanksgiving	\$202
Telford Home	\$640
Dawn Herman 5k Run	\$259
World Hunger	\$132
VBS Benevolence	\$1,010
Total Designated Benevolence	\$6,209

Fund Balances-YTD 11/30/18	
BearCreek Summer Camp	\$475
Buck Estate	\$98,198
Maintenance Investment	\$35,952
Concert Series	\$1,982
Discretionary Fund	\$1,245
Education Fund	\$89,782
Endowment Fund	\$251,658
Financial Statement Entries	\$274,023
Future Building Fund	\$764,940
General Fund	\$38,690
Lewis Memorial Fund	\$174,347
Memorial Fund	\$36,463
Music Fund	\$3,015
Music Investment Fund	\$56,181
Youth Group Fund	\$5,251
Youth - Mission Trips	\$185
WELCA	\$461
Total Fund Balances	\$1,832,848

THE 2019 ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE

Please pick up your envelopes from the
table in the Narthex.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the members of Peace for the gift given to me upon my retirement. I especially thank you all for your support and love over the last four year. If anyone wishes to go zip lining with me we can set up a trip. I also thank Pastor Jim for his patience and humor while we trudged through our everyday office duties. I am glad you will be left in good hands with Julia Erney. Please give her the cooperation and support she will need as she enters this new adventure in her life.

With much love, Grace

JANUARY 2019

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SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	New Year's Eve	1 	2 6:45 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm New Spirit	3 6:30 pm Junior GS	4	5
6 1 st Epiphany of Our Lord 8:15 am Worship, communion 9:00 am Faith & Fellowship 10:15 am Worship, communion 6pm N/A	7 9-12 Office Hours 6:30 pm Cadet GS 6:30 pm Faith & Fellowship Comm. 7:30 pm Outreach meeting	8 7:00 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm GS Troop 2309	9 9-12 Office hours 7:00 pm Bells 8:00 pm Senior Choir	10 7:00 pm Property committee 7:30 pm Executive committee	11 9-12 Office hours 10am Staff Meeting 7 pm Finance Mtg	12 8:00 am Men's Study Group 9 - 12 Leadership Summit
13 Baptism of Our Lord 8:15 am Worship, Communion 9:00 am Faith & Fellowship 10:15 am Worship 2:00 pm St. John LC final worship 6pm N/A	14 9-12 Office hours 5 - 9 pm Fund raiser At the Perk	15 7:00pm Church Council	16 9-12 Office hours 6:45pm Youth Choir 7:00pm New Spirit	17 6:30pm Junior Girl Scouts 7:30 pm Thirsty Thursday	18 9-12 Office hours 1:30pm To Live again.	19 PUPs 6:30 at church At Church
20 2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany 8:15am Worship, Communion 9:00am Faith & Fellowship 10:15am Worship, New Spirit 6pm N/A	21 9-12 Office hours 6:30 pm Cadets Girl Scouts 1 - 3 pm Youth Group -MLK day of service. 7:00 pm WELCA	22 6:30 pm GS Troop 2309 7:30 pm Pub Theology	23 9-12 Office hours 7:00 pm Bells 8:00 pm Senior Choir Newsletter deadline	24	25 9-12 Office hours	26
27 3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany 8:15am Worship, Communion 9:00am Faith & Fellowship 10:15am Worship, 6pm N/A	28	29	30 6:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm New Spirit	31		

GREETERS

6th – Linda Gonet

13th – Mary Snyder

20th – Scott & Kathy Dages

27th – Beverly Azzalina

ACOLYTE

Cole Reiss

Makenzie Wilfong

Ella Powell

CRUCIFER

Lili Beck

Toby Clark

Garrett McKenzie

LECTOR

Teresa Kramer

Holly Grace

Bill Markland

ASSISTING MINISTER

Kathy Lindsay

Melissa Yates

Chip Kramer

NEW SPIRIT SERVICE

Head Usher –Phil Deck

Altar Guild –Beverly Azzalina & Kathy Deck

Blood Pressure Screening – Linda Gonet