

# Peace Offerings

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*Our Mission: We are a family of Christians called, equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed through God's holy Word and Sacraments.*



## To my Peace family

Christmas and New Year's blessings to all! It has been a blessed filled year and as we begin the new Church year, we give praise and thanks to God for His love and care that He showered upon us in 2017. And, we already look forward into the new year with anticipation and joy.

I want to take time to thank everyone for giving of your time, talents and treasures in 2017 to continue to do God's kingdom work here at Peace and in our community. We can be sure that God will continue to give us opportunities to help and share in

2018 and the more hands involved the more we can get done. We will be filling out our volunteer sheets on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and I hope each of you will prayerfully consider how you might be part of God's workers here at Peace. We serve not because we have to but out of grateful hearts for all of God's blessings showered upon each of us. Making excuses why we can't help is easy, stepping up answering God's call into service should also be. It is my wish and should be all of ours that we can be a blessing as we have been blessed.

Pastor

**Peace Lutheran Church Council  
Meeting  
November 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Present:** Garry Kurth, Hope Kurth, Jan Barker, Rebekah Williams, Steve Cassan, Rita Cowan, Ron Cowan, Rev. Terry McKee.

President Garry Kurth called the meeting to order and Pastor Terry opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence: None.

The minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted.

**Reports:**

Financial Secretary: Becky Williams Fund Summary report was accepted.

Treasurers Report: Rita Cowan's Reports were accepted.

Trustees: Steve Cassan reported that we would need to get the lawn mower transmission fixed sometime before the rainy season. He will go to Sears and ask for assistance in finding a repair shop.

SCRIP: The SCRIP order for November was \$2,690.00. The profit was \$137.75. The balance in the checking account is \$1,815.91.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Asked the council if we want to order Gift cards for Holiday Assistance like we did last year.

**Motion:** Hope Kurth made a motion to purchase eighty \$25.00 Walmart Gift Cards, (totaling \$2,000.00) to be given out to the needy during the holidays. The \$2,000.00 will be taken

from the Mission fund. Jan Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor Terry stated that George Daniels family donated a set of Martin Luther collector plates. They will be hung in the Church library. Pastor also reminded us of the Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00. Lastly, he suggested buying an annual calendar so that all of our events can be written on the calendar. This hopefully will help keep the dates of our events organized.

**Old Business:**

The Church Council approved the Spending Guide for 2018. Becky Williams made the motion to accept the Spending Guide. Hope Kurth seconded the motion.

Nominating Committee: Jerry Robertson will run for Elder. Linda Ryun will run for Council Secretary. Rita Cowan has agreed to continue as Treasurer. These are all two-year terms.

Becky Williams has been in touch with the Dunnellon Chamber regarding the maps. They have been delayed. Once they are completed, the church will receive 25 maps.

**New Business:**

Becky Williams advised she has been shopping for new silverware for the Church. She showed the council a box from Walmart. Each box is \$15.88. Becky suggested buying 50 boxes, which would provide 200 place settings. The total cost would be \$794.

**Motion:** Rita Cowan made a motion to purchase the new silverware. Hope Kurth seconded the motion. The motion passed. Becky Williams suggested having a potluck lunch after service on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Church will provide the ham and the drinks. All council members agreed. Becky Williams will coordinate the dinner. Pastor Terry has been asked by Dunnellon Church to use our facility for a Dave Ramsey Financial class starting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It is a nine-week class. The cost for the class is \$129. Much discussion followed.

**Motion:** Ron Cowan made a motion to offer our Church facility for the Dave Ramsey Financial class. Hope Kurth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Annual Voters Meeting will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> following worship service.

We will be decorating the Church and putting up the Christmas tree on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Hope Kurth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Cowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned with prayer and the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Barker, Secretary

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### Scrip Cards

**Thanks you to everyone who placed orders for Scrip Cards in November. Although we had fewer participants, we had one of our biggest orders and profit to Peace Church. Hopefully everyone will take advantage of gift cards for Christmas giving and place your orders on December 3rd.**

**Barbara Miesen  
Scrip Coordinator**

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### Financial Secretary

Thank you for faithfully giving to the Lord's work at Peace during 2017!

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Our counting teams and I truly appreciate your indicating the amount of your offering in the designated space on your personal numbered envelopes and, if your contribution is by check, writing the check number in the upper right-hand corner of the envelope;

likewise, if your donation is in cash, please write "cash" in that corner. This may seem like an unimportant thing, but it is of great help to our counters who otherwise have to do that. It speeds up the counting process and assures accuracy for them and for me as I input the information into our Shepherds Staff program.

Year-end statements of your 2017 contributions will be issued as early as possible in January.

Envelopes for 2018 will be distributed in late December. You may not necessarily have the same number as the one you have this year. You do not need to be a member of Peace to have envelopes. You may request a set by checking that item on a pew envelope or asking me for one. If you don't know me, please ask any member to point me out to you.

If you would like to be part of a counting team, please let me know. The procedures are posted on the bulletin board in the Library. They may help you to make an informed and prayerful decision as to whether you will be willing to serve in this needed ministry. Training will be provided.

Teams generally serve one Sunday a month in rotation; however, when there is a fifth Sunday or there are midweek or other special services, having another team would help a great deal. Substitutes are always welcome, too!

Becky Williams

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### **Altar Flowers**

Two bouquets will be present every Sunday, with the exception of Sundays in Lent. When you sign up for flowers, please indicate whether you want one or both bouquets for that date. Each arrangement is \$20. If there is a particular flower you'd like included or you have a color preference, please let Becky Williams know so that she can honor your request when she places the order for the month. The designers at A Floral Occasion would be delighted to meet your personal floral needs! Give them a call at 352-547-4959.

Becky Williams

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**Best wishes on your Special Day**

**To:**

**Birthdays**

12.02	Jean Bozak
12.03	Robert Boggess
12.09	Diane Rochette
12.12	Douglas O'Hara
12.13	Janice Scheib
12.14	Peggy Dow
12.15	George Daniels
12.20	James Tobin
12.21	Gene Lutz
12.25	Donald Conner
12.29	Jeremy McKee

**Anniversaries**

None

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***The ladies of Peace L.W.M.L.***

***November 2017 2017***

**DORCAS CIRCLE (LWML)**

Hello, all ladies of Peace!

We have begun our new Bible study from “Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply”. The books cost \$8 each, and we’ve ordered enough so ladies who can’t come to our meetings but who want to follow along with our studies can do so. If interested, Becky Williams has the books and Thelma Grams collects the money.

Thank you to all who helped make our LWML Sunday a success again this year! It came up so fast, we didn’t get envelopes into the bulletins, but we did get \$55 in mites from the Mite Box- thanks to all who collect their change! If anyone would like a mite box, there are usually some empty ones in the big purple box in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. Talk to Sheryl if you can’t find one, we’ll get you one. If you’d still like to donate to our unit for LWML Sunday, you can either give it to Thelma, or place it in the collection

plate marked LWML in the memo. Again, thank you! We send mite money up the line to fund the grants we've voted on, or non-mite money is sent out at Christmas to charities who have asked for our help. This year we are sending \$50 each to Food4Kids and Toys4Tots.

Our December cookie and goodie plates will be filled and distributed at our December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, so if you'd like to bring goodies, you can bring them Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, or come to our meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> and have some fun! (there are often some broken cookies we can't give out, so they have to be eaten then and there).

God's Blessings to all!

Sheryl Lutz, Secretary

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## READY, SET, RECYCLE!

Your LWML is collecting *empty inkjet printer cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, laptops, digital cameras, e-Readers, tablets, GPS systems, and Scientific Calculators (please include power cords for everything if possible)* to redeem for cash. The cash will be used to pay for some of the expenses associated with hosting the LWML's National Convention to be held in Mobile, AL in 2019. Just bring your contributions to church and put them in the box (on the back table in Fel-

lowsip Hall). It's easy and it's good for the environment, too. See Sheryl if you have any questions.

We (as a church) also collect can tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses & used eyeglasses for Nicaragua (also on back table), aluminum cans (outside back door) and paper- money used for Toys 4 Tots (dumpster in parking lot). Everything we collect brings in money for our community or us and helps the environment, too.

Thanks- I've got about 20 pounds again, so will be turning more in!

Sheryl

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## **PEACE CHOIR**

Wow! Advent and Christmas are upon us. What a joyous season, especially for singing. We are so delighted and blessed to have two new choir members, Jean Methlie, & Jae Ann Witzgall. We really could use some more men. If you enjoy singing and have a willing heart, that is perfect for our choir.

If you play any kind of musical instrument, please let me know and we will include you in our worship services.

*"God doesn't call the qualified,  
He qualifies the called."*

We normally meet at 6:00 pm Wednesday evenings. During Advent we will meet earlier, 5:30 p.m. so you may attend the Advent services at 7:00 pm.

*"Sing for joy to the Lord, all the earth; praise him with songs and shouts of joy! Sing praises to the Lord! Play music on the harps! Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Lord, our king."*

*Psalms 98: 4-6*

In God's Service,  
Lu Ann Cooke

## **Thrivent Message**

By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent. If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider directing them to Peace Lutheran Church.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836, and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

Many of Peace members already contribute. If you are a member of Thrivent, you are eligible to contribute.

Jackie Hucker

## **Thank You**

I want to thank everyone for all their prayers, calls, visits and cards while I was in rehab recovering. Also I want to thank everyone for the beautiful prayer quilt. It is with me all the time reminding me of your caring and love.

Thelma Gram

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## **Those Serving in December 2017**

### **Sunday, December 3, 2017**

Ushers: Ken Buschman & Doug O'Hara  
Communion assistant: Jeremy McKee  
Greeters: Linda Ryun & Carla Ruttinger  
Lay reader: Sam McKee  
Counting team: Sheryl Lutz & Jean Methlie

### **Sunday, December 24, 2017 Day**

Ushers: Garry & Hope Kurth  
Communion assistant: Jerry Robertson  
Greeters: Jae Ann & Dennis Witzgall  
Lay reader: Bob Sullivan  
Counting team: Bill Langstaff & Rosemary Sheahan

### **Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Ushers: Ron & Rita Cowan  
Communion assistant: James Spiegelberg  
Greeters: Tricia & Trina Ruttinger  
Lay reader: Barbara Miesen  
Counting team: Steve & Sharon Cassan

### **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017**

Ushers: Jeremy & Sam McKee  
Greeters: Rita & Ron Cowan  
Counting team: Bill Langstaff & Rosemary Sheahan

### **Sunday, December 17, 2017**

Ushers: Gene Lutz & Dennis Witzgall  
Communion assistant: Samuel McKee  
Greeters: Sharon Zavertnik & Bill Langstaff  
Lay reader: Ken Buschman  
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Linda Ryun

### **Sunday, December 31, 2017**

Ushers: Sharon Zavertnik & Bill Langstaff  
Communion assistant: Doug O'Hara  
Greeters: Pat & Ron Doan  
Lay reader: Hope Kurth  
Counting team: Jackie Hucker & Becky Williams

### **Altar Guild December 2017**

Jan Barker & Linda Ryun

